HOME MATTERS.

TRIAL LIST.—The following is the list of causes in the District Court for the week commencing Monday, December 4th, before Judge Williamson:—

122 Pentch vs Nimick	228 McClurkin, &c vs Miller
132 Lowry, use vs McCombs	240 Wilson, &c, et al vs Taylor
— Hopkins' admr vs Reed & Christy	252 Beer vs Dye
146 Miller vs Sterling et ux	261 M'Donald et al vs Bailey
149 Buchman vs Sourk	269 Hamilton, Craig & co vs Hallet, Hartupee & Co
167 Hutta' exrs vs Hickey's	296 Graham vs Bufford & Co
181 Johnston vs Fleming	302 Mundell et al vs Parker
184 Alexander vs McMaster	501 O'Connor & co vs Arms brandt et al
186 Same vs Mead	504 Mayfield vs McClure et al
196 Abell vs Fitzsimmons et al	512 Ramage vs Petersman
212 Rowan vs Parrell's admr	527 Nesbit vs Doughty
215 Geiger vs Christman	529 Same vs same
216 McKeown vs Wills & Co [et al	541 Barnes vs Bryan
219 Bowman vs Miller	542 Larkin & co vs Atkins, O'Conner & co
222 Baird vs Johnston Gar	548 Johnston et al vs McCal- lum
232 Little vs same	556 Mayfield's Admr vs Johnston et al
235 Berger vs Burns	557 Same vs Eaton
239 Henry vs Elder	
250 Smilton & Bell vs Patter son	
267 Smith vs Mosy et al	

ARREST OF AN INCENDIARY.—Robert Allison, watchman in the Eagle Steel Works, owned by M'Kelvy & Biair, on Saturday appeared before Alderman Parkinson, charging Richard Giles with setting fire to the above named works on the previous night. The alarm of fire was given, and Giles and a man named Yoest appeared on the premises, and it was soon extinguished. Mr. Yoest resides in the immediate vicinity, but Giles lives at a considerable distance from the works. The watchman suspected Giles of having set fire to that part of the works which was destroyed in the early part of last week, and has been watching him closely ever since. It seems, on the night of the first fire, that Giles said "the whole concern would be burnt down yet." It was proved that Giles had purchased a quantity of matches on Thursday, and on examining the fragments found on Friday night, they corresponded exactly with those kept by the man who sold the box to Giles. The window through which the incendiary escaped was smeared with a peculiar kind of clay from a grind-stone, and the pants worn by Giles were soiled with the same. Six witnesses were examined by Ald Parkinson, whose testimony fully corroborated the statement of Mr. Allison, and Giles was arrested and committed to answer the charge of arson. He is a married man and resides in the Fifth ward. He had been previously in the employ of Messrs McKelvy & Biair, but for some reason was discharged, since which time he has repeatedly made threats against his former employers.

REV. FRANCIS G. ZEISER.—Judge M'Clure, on Saturday, sentenced Mr. Zeiser to pay a fine of six and a quarter cents, and costs. Col Black remarked that the costs in this case were enormous—amounting to about $50—in consequence of the large number of witnesses subpœned. It will be remembered that this case was never before a jury—the summoner having been tendered before it was taken up. The Court remarked that it was not aware the costs were so heavy, and directed that only five witnesses—(the prosecutor, and two for defence and two for prosecution)—should receive fees. Jared M. Brush was appointed to settle and adjust the claims. It seems that seventeen witnesses had presented bills for payment: whereas, by a rule of Court, only two on each side are allowed to testify in cases of assault and battery. This great reduction in the costs will be fully appreciated by the people, who understand it is in but moderate circumstances, and has a large family dependent on him for support.

NOT DECIDED.—Judge M'Clure did not (as was generally expected on Saturday,) give his decision on the motion for a new trial in the case of Link, M'Donald and Carville, which was argued on the Saturday previous. Much anxiety was manifested on the part of the friends of the watchmen, who will have to wait at least another week.

EDMUND SAWYER, Esq., on behalf of the Jackson Independent Blues, appeared before his honor, Judge M'Clure, on Saturday, setting forth that the above named Company, in connection with the Duquesne Greys, had been ordered by the Sheriff to attend the execution of David Jewell, and had not yet received the amount due for services. He also stated that two respective Grand Juries had recommended the payment of the same; and he hoped his Honor would direct the Commissioners to liquidate the debt. The Court promptly answered that it had no jurisdiction in the matter, and thus it ends for the present.

SHOCKING ACCIDENT.—A child of Mr. Nesbitt, who resides in Temperanceville, was horribly burnt on Saturday evening. It was standing too near the grate, when its clothes caught, and before the flame could be extinguished, its face and stomach were burnt to a crisp. It was lying in great agony, and would probably not survive many hours.

THE HOME LEAGUE.—This Association, the object of which we notice a few days ago, held an adjourned meeting in the Allegheny Market House on Saturday evening. The meeting was organized by calling Mr. R. M. Reed to the Chair, after which addresses were delivered by Messrs. Alexander, Shinor, and others. The following gentlemen were appointed a Committee to draw up a Constitution and By-laws:—Jas. Walker, Jacob Shaner, R. M. Reed, W. W. Alexander, and Eugene McGeary.

Another meeting will be held during the present week, when the Committee will submit the Constitution for adoption.

THE Whigs of the Second Ward, are requested to meet on Tuesday evening, Dec. 5th, at 7 o'clock, at the Duquesne Engine House, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Ward officers. SECOND WARD.

WE have been requested to direct the attention of Merchants to the regular meeting of the Board of Trade to-night. It is so difficult to get a quorum, and business to-night of such importance that prompt attendance is requested.

ATTEMPTING TO PASS COUNTERFEIT MONEY.—A man calling himself Thomas M. Cadwallader, was on Saturday arrested, on information of Capt. Seeley of Market street, for attempting to pass two $5 bills on the Phœnix Bank, (Illinois) which were counterfeit. It appears that he had passed some of the same money at the hotel of Mr. P. M'Ginnis, on Federal street, Allegheny, the previous day. After undergoing an examination before Mayor Volz, he was fully committed to answer the charge.

THE LECTURE TO-NIGHT.—Those of our readers who desire a rare literary treat, will not fail to attend the lecture of Geo. W. Curtis, Esq., before the Young Men's Library Association, at Masonic Hall, this evening. The subject is—"Success."

BOARD OF TRADE.—The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trade will be held in their rooms this evening. As amendments to the Constitution will be proposed, a full attendance is desired.

DISCHARGED.—The jury trials for the present term of the Court of Oyer and Terminer and Quarter Sessions, having been disposed of, the Gentlemen in attendance as jurors have been discharged from further service.

ADJOURNED.—After disposing of a variety of matters, on Saturday, the Court of Quarter Sessions adjourned over until next Saturday, when it will again meet to hear arguments, motions, etc.

BY TELEGRAPH.

LATEST FROM CALIFORNIA.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.

The Star of the West arrived at 3½ o'clock, bringing 260 passengers and $737,000 in specie. She brings California dates to the 9th ult., brought by the steamer Cortez.

Among the passengers of the Star of the West are Senator Weller and the Hon. J. A. McDougall.

The news is of very little importance.

In commercial matters there is little change; fair business has been done in Gallego and Havalt flour, the market closing at $12,50@$12,75. Adamantine candles 22@23. Clear Bacon 16c. New Hams 16½. Lard 17c. Clear Pork 22.

The mining news is favorable.

The steam frigate Susquehanna was at Honolulu on the 20th October and was hourly expected at San Francisco, as was also the Mississippi.

Her B. M. ship Amphite arrrived at San Francisco on the 8th.

The British and French squadron is expected to leave soon after the arrival of the next mail steamer.

The vacancy in the Judgeship occasioned by the death of Judge Wells has not yet been filled by the Governor. Various candidates are spoken of; the most prominent is Judge Fields of Marysville.

The Senors from Panama arrived upon the 1st.

The official returns of the recent election show a combined Democratic majority of 12,345 on the Congressional vote.

Col. Woodlief was killed in a duel by Achilles Keenan.

The Mormons are ordered to leave San Francisco by the first of May.

Another insurrection occurred among the prisoners at Port Madeira on the 19th, who attempted to escape. They were overpowered by the keepers and one of the three were shot dead.

William Sherman is elected Comptroller of San Francisco.

The Alta-Californian is urging the establishment of a State mail route across the plains.

Admiral Despontes has dispatched the French brig-of-war Obligardo to Guyamos, San Blas and Acapulco. It is said the object is for prosecuting inquiry concerning the death of Count Boulbon.

The citizens of Carson's Valley are urging the annexation of that place to California.

The pioneer train of Adam's express to St. Louis by way of Salt Lake started for Los Angeles. The first attempt to re-open the overland express to Acapulco and Vera Cruz was temporarily frustrated by the refusal of Alvarez and his party in Acapulco to grant passports.

MOBILE, Dec. 1.—The sales of Cotton for the week were 6000 bales; sales 1200 bales steady; middling 8¼@8¾.

BOSTON, Dec. 2.—The Whigs of Cambridge have nominated U. J. C. Lovejoy for Mayor.—The Know Nothings support Z. L. Raymond.

Two hundred and seventy thousand dollars have been contributed for public charities by the citizens of Boston for the present year.

QUEBEC, Dec. 2.—Last night Lord Elgin gave a farewell ball at Spencer Wood; 700 guests were present. His excellency's speech was deeply affecting.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 2.—Seiden, Withers & Co., have assigned the assets of their late bank to Wm. Bayne and John English of Alexandria. The assignment does not cover the property of any party not already in the business of the Bank.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 1.—The city is filling with members. All the hotels are crowded. A full quorum is now present.

News was received to-night of the nomination of the Wise Democratic candidate for Governor of Virginia.

Intelligence has been received at Washington which states that the Bentonites in the Missouri Legislature have offered to coalesce with the Whigs in order to defeat Atchison.

BOSTON, Dec. 1.—The Rev. Theodore Parker in a discourse yesterday said he had received many honors during his life-time, but his arraignment on Wednesday was the highest honor he had yet received from his fellow-men.

It is stated that the State Bank at Benning-ton, which suspended last Monday, may ultimately redeem its bills, the Directors being held in bonds to the State to insure that result. The bills sell for 50 cents on the dollar. There are current reports that the Bank lost largely in Ohio.

RICHMOND, Dec. 1.—Dr. Thompson, charged with the murder of Miss Phar, of Covington, was acquitted; the jury being out about one hour.

UTICA, Dec. 2.—Navigation is apparently suspended on the Erie Canal, on account of the ice. On the Chemung Canal a number of boats were frozen in at various points.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 2.—A correspondent of the Richmond Whig represents the state of excitement as prevailing in the regular Democratic ranks. The proceedings are disorderly and tumultuous. Wise, it is thought, is aware of the nomination.

James Sallman & Sons, Grocers, of Baltimore have failed.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 2.—The President's Message has been despatched to all the principal cities. The message for Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Louisville left this afternoon.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 2.—The Louisville papers of this morning contain a report that a negro who kept a grog shop on a flat-boat at Cairo, having been sued for $50, and judgment rendered, threatened to shoot the magistrate if he refused to let him off. He afterwards armed himself and took a stand on his boat. The latter was surrounded by a number of people, when the negro fired into the crowd, wounding four persons. The boat was then fired and run down. It floated out in the river, the negro tied a weight around his neck, jumped overboard, and was drowned.

A public meeting is being held in the Exchange this evening, to take measures to resist the payment of unjust taxes assessed by the Auditor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Cotton declined ½, sales 1200 bales N. O. middling at 9½c. Flour steady at moving rates, with sales 6,500 bbls. State and 1000 bbls southern. Wheat a trifle lower; sales southern white at $1,80@1,85 per bushel. Corn a shade lower; sales 60,000 bush western mixed at 88@89. Groceries dull. Pork again better; sales 300 bbls mess at $13,25 and prime $11,87½@12. Beef firm. Lard firm and in demand at 9½@10c. Whiskey, Ohio, 40 in bond 41 dull at 79. Lead dull, with a declining tendency. Ky. Tobacco dull at 7@8¾. Sterling, lower; money unchanged; N. Y. Central R. R. 77; Erie 31½; Reading 8. 20@23; Galena and Chicago 90½; Virginia sixes 85.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 2.—Some inquiry for Flour, but the figures are below the views of holders; sales 1400 bbls Western Mills and Baltimore at $8,87½, and 200 bbls of the latter a shade lower. Rye Flour and Corn Meal: nothing doing of the former and the latter selling at $4,06¼. But little Wheat offering; sales 3,000 bus prime Southern white at $2,05, and a small lot of good red at $1,90; market bare of Rye, and wanted. Corn dull; sales 2000 bus old yellow afloat at 87. Oats dull; sales 2000 bus good Virginia at 48. In Groceries and Provisions no little doing. Whisky dull at 44.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 2.—The river has risen 5 inches and is 41 feet and rising. Weather fine. Flour dull at $7,50@$7,60. Sales 10,000 bus. Corn at 56. Whiskey, 31. Hogs firm at $4,00@$4,05, held higher, slaughterers paying 400@500 per head premium. Sales 200 bbls. prime Lard, at 9½, and 1000 kegs at the same. Green Hams 6½. Mess Pork 12. Increasing firmness in provisions. Eastern exchange dull, at ½ to 1 per cent premium.

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