GAZETTE—CITY DEPARTMENT.

PITTSBURGH:

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 19, 1855.

COURTS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS.—Before Judges McClure Adams and Boggs.

Thursday, October, 18.

Commonwealth vs. Edward McTiernan, Bridget McTiernan and Edward McLaughlin. Charge, surety of the peace, on oath of Patrick Murphy. The prosecutor and Edward McTiernan ordered to pay the costs.

Commonwealth vs. Walter Kirkpatrick and Thomas Berns. Indictment, nuisance, on oath of William Holland. The nuisance consisted in obstructing Forbes street. The Jury could not agree and were discharged.

Commonwealth vs. William B. Donaldson. Indictment; burglary and larceny, on oath of C. B. Handley.

Col. McCandless, for the defendant, offered an affidavit setting forth that Mr. Kearns, a material witness, was unavoidably absent, and the case was therefore continued until the January Term.

Commonwealth vs. Allen Cordell and Elisha McCombs. Indictment, assault and battery, on oath of ——Tiernan.

In consequence of the sickness of a material witness, the case was continued until the January Term.

Commonwealth vs. William Perry and William Boniface. Indictment, larceny. The prisoners have been in jail since the June Term. The prosecutor not appearing at this term, the Grand Jury ignored the bill and they were discharged.

Commonwealth vs. John D. Wilson. Indictment, forgery. Mr. Wilson has been in jail since June. The prosecutor did not appear before the Grand Jury, and they ignored the bill. He was discharged.

The Court being unable to get up another case for trial, adjourned at three o'clock.

SUPREME COURT.—Before Chief Justice Lewis, and Judges Black, Lowrie, and Knox.

Thursday, Oct. 18, 1855.

The Chief Justice sat after the case of Gilhooley vs. Millah.

Cortez et al vs. Evans; error to the Court of Common Pleas of Jefferson county; argued by Mr Jenks for plaintiff in error, and by Lucas for defendant in error.

Thompson vs. Hood; error to the Court of Common Pleas of Jefferson County; argued by Gordon for Plaintiff in error, and by Lucas for defendant in error.

Nicklin's adm'x vs. Miles; error to the Court of Common Pleas of Warren county; continued by consent.

Gilbertson vs. Willink; error to the Court of Common Pleas of Jefferson county; submitted.

Directors of the Poor and House of Employment vs. McFadden et al; error to the Court of Common Pleas of Crawford county; the Court declined hearing counsel for plaintiff in error; error argued by Mr. Farrell for defendant in error.

Rogers vs. Waterman, error to the Court of Common Pleas of Warren county.

McLanahan vs. Hunse, error to the Court of Common Pleas of Crawford county; argued by Mr. Derrickson for plaintiff in error. The Court declined to hear Church for the defendant in error.

Wade vs. Shontz; error to the Court of Common Pleas of Crawford county. This case was argued by Mr. Derickson for plaintiff in error and by Mr. Farrelly for defendant in error.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.—Before Hon. Thomas Irwin.

Thursday, Oct. 18, 1855.

The case of Henry Cummings occupied the Court all day. No additional evidence was offered for the United States. For the defence it was shown by Mr. Browne, of the Exchange Bank, that there might be two bills of the same denomination and the same number in the issue of a Bank, although the letter would differ.

R. P. Flenniken, Esq., opened to the Court and Jury for the United States in a very able speech. He was followed by John H. Hampton, Esq., for the prisoner, and Mr. H.'s argument was highly creditable to that gentleman's ability and ingenuity.

Col. S. W. Black closed for the defence with one of those powerful efforts, which have distinguished him in the criminal practice of this county. Judge Shaler closed with a telling and logical argument for the prosecution.

The case will go to the Jury this morning.

DISTRICT COURT.—Before Judges Hampton and Williams.

Thursday, Oct. 18, 1855.—In the case of Dugan vs. the Monongahela Bridge Co., the Jury had not rendered a verdict when the Court adjourned.

John Wilson vs. Sarah McCann and Adam Hoffman. Action of ejectment for 280 acres of land in Penn township. On trial.

THE TAX COLLECTOR OF THE SIXTH WARD.—We have for several days been cognizant of the fact that some charges had been made before Alderman Major against H. M. Philpot, Tax Collector of the Sixth Ward of this city. The charge at first struck us as being of a trifling nature, but the complaint has been but the forerunner to a series, and Mr. Philpot is thereby placed in by no means an enviable position, to relieve himself from which will demand the fullest explanation. The punishment for the offence is $100 fine in each case and expulsion from office.

On Monday last a person named Florence Sullivan made information against Mr. Philpot for having collected from him a greater amount of taxes than he was by law required to pay according to the assessment and the collector's duplicate. In that case Mr. Philpot alleged an error in copying from the duplicate as an apology for what he claimed to be a mistake. Since then other informations have been made against him for illegal collection of taxes—some of them by women who it seems have paid the taxes in the absence of their husbands from home.

The informations made on Tuesday and Wednesday are as follows:

Cambella Butler produces Mr. Philpots receipt for taxes as follows: city 28 cents, improvement 15 cents, poor 23 cents, and county 20 cents, in the name of her husband, John Butler, a colored man, who had been assessed at $60, which would make his taxes as follows: city 25 cents, improvements 10 cents, poor 10 cents, and county 20 cents, this is 50 per cent added to the amount of the duplicate, except on the county tax which is correct.

Harriet Woods produced the receipt for the taxes of her husband, William Woods, also a colored man who was assessed at $50, and paid to Mr. Philpot the same amounts as in the last case, each of them being increased by 50 per cent except the county tax which as before is correct.

Hetty Lewis, (also colored) produces the demand in writing for 70 cents from her husband, an old decrepid colored man, who peddles apples, and was only assessed at $20 and was required to pay 28 cents. This tax is not paid, but the usual printed notice with the amount filled in, was served, signed by Mr. Philpot.

Austin Lloyd also appeared and produced a demand for $1,70. At the time the notice was given, Lloyd, who is also a colored man, *had not been assessed at all*, and by a memorandum on the back of the notice, it appears that the dollar was for militia tax.

Elisabeth Griggs also produced the demand for 96 cents from her husband, James Griggs, who was assessed at $50, and was therefore required by law to pay 70 cents altogether, the same addition being made as in the two cases noticed above.

Ann Lewis, also colored, produced the demand for 96 cents against her husband, Amos Lewis, who was also assessed at $50, and required to pay 70 cents.

Yesterday, there were two additional complaints lodged against Philpot by Sarah Webb and another colored woman. An Irishman named Michael Kelly also presented his notice of a demand for taxes, which was correct, and his receipt for the same which showed that ten cents had been added to the County Tax since the demand had been made.

Mr. Philpot was required yesterday to give $200 bail on each of the charges which had been preferred against him. We understand Mr. Philpot is a watchman in one of our banks and a member of the Methodist Church.

MORE PIG METAL THIEVERY.—Mr. Jacob Painter, merchant, Liberty street, yesterday, received an anonymous note through the Post Office, dated at the Red Lion Hotel, St. Clair street, stating that the writer had seen in the morning papers of Wednesday, that a number of persons had been arrested for stealing pig metal and old iron, and mentioning his suspicions that a small umbrella store on St. Clair street, immediately opposite the Red Lion was a place of deposite for other persons engaged in pilfering that kind of property. The note also stated that at least fifty hundred weight of pig metal had been weighed and sent away from the house within two weeks.

Mr. Painter communicated the information thus received to the Mayor's Police. A search warrant was issued, and Officer Ralph Frost was deputied to make the search. In the house indicated in the note, he discovered a considerable quantity of pig metal. He arrested the occupant, an old German named Hermann Cesch, and took him before Alderman Buckmaster who is officiating as Mayor in the absence of that officer. Cesch was held to bail in three hundred dollars to appear for trial.

A SPLENDID CARPET STORE.—The firm of Robinson & Co. have recently occupied the magnificent store-room in the building of the Ohio and Pennsylvania R. R. Company on Fifth street between Wood and Market, and have opened a house with good and superior stock of goods in the very large and superior stock of goods in the very large and superior stock of goods in the very large