GAZETTE—CITY DEPARTMENT.

PITTSBURGH:

MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 14, 1856.

Kansas Aid Association.

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ACCIDENT ON THE CENTRAL RAILROAD.—About 11 o'clock on Saturday morning, the express train, Major Adams, of the Central Road, coming West, and the mail train East, which left the city at 7 o'clock, A. M., came in collision at Dornick Point, three miles West of Johnstown, caused by the negligence of the Conductors, in not conforming to the rules of the Road. Four passenger cars, one bagage car, and one Express car, were damaged. Two passenger cars, one baggage and one express car, were badly damaged.

No one was killed, and the injuries received were slight.

William Fleming, of Brownsville, Pa., received a flesh wound below the knee, and was otherwise bruised. He was taken to the residence of friends in the Fifth Ward. Not serious.

John Allen, Express Messenger. Several flesh wounds not serious; resides in the city.

Richard Allen, Engineer of Mail Train, jumped from his engine; shoulder slightly bruised, not serious.

David Garrett, brakesman, jumped from the car, ankle badly sprained. Dr. McCook attended the above.

Miss Mary McKernan, of Allegheny City, slightly bruised. Returned to Johnstown.

Both locomotives were considerably broken. Damage about $400.

A Telegraph was opened at the spot, and the track was cleared by seven o'clock P. M. We are indebted for the above to the politeness of Col. T. A. Scott, the efficient Assistant Superintendent of the Western Division of the Road.

ARGUMENT FOR A NEW TRIAL IN THE OBAK CASE.—On Saturday Col. Black filed reasons for a new trial, and in arrest of judgment in the case of Commonwealth vs. William A. Greatrake, convicted of the seduction of Miss Mary S. Murray.

The main reason was, that in the charge of Court the jury were instructed that the marriage of the prosecutrix was alleged as a fact by the defense, and it devolved upon the defense to establish that fact to their satisfaction. This the counsel urged, was against the law. As this was a penal offence created by statute the material parts must be made out by the commonwealth, and the fact of marriage was one of the material points, set forth in the indictment; as much so as were the promise of marriage, the illicit connection, and the fair repute of the prosecutrix, all of which were set forth affirmatively by the prosecution.

Col. Black commented upon the Sullivan statute very severely, considering that so far from being an act to restrain seduction, it was rather a law to encourage perjury. In arrest of judgment the counsel urged that the indictment was defective in not setting forth the birth and existence of the child and its sex, because as this contemplates also a conviction for bastardy, it requires these necessarily to be set forth.

Mr. Swartzwalder, for the Commonwealth, replied, that the policy of the law was not in question; the indictment was drawn verbatim from an indictment in 5th Harris. In regard to the reason for a new trial, Mr. S. contended that the fact of the marriage of the prosecutrix was a matter for the jury, and they decided that she was not married. It was a fact for the defense, because the Commonwealth had no mode of proving it.

The Court reserved its decision.

PROPOSED MEETING.—The *Chronicle* of Saturday states that a call is in circulation for a meeting of delegates, to be elected by the taxpayers of the different townships, to take into consideration the financial difficulties "present and prospective, in which the county has been involved by the action of the Commissioners and others; to investigate the circumstances connected with the same and to adopt such measures as the exigencies of the case seem to require, against their undue exercise of power in the imposition of taxes, either by an increase of valuation or the rate per cent., and generally to adopt the best means to protect the tax-paying interest from all expenditures which may be likely to increase the existing burthen."

HIGH WIND.—About six o'clock, on Saturday evening the wind blew a perfect tornado, filling the air with dust, tearing down signs, window shutters, and awning posts; prostrating fences and in some cases pedestrians; and blowing off roofs and chimnies.

The fire bells rang lustily in the midst of the hurricane, and the streets were soon crowded with anxious citizens, fearful of another "Great Fire." We are happy to say the alarm was false, having its origin in the blowing in of the gable end of a house in the upper part of Allegheny.

PATENTS TO PITTSBURGHERS.—Among the patents granted for the week ending April 8th, are the following:

Andrew Patterson, of Pittsburgh, for improvement in door locks.

Michael Nickermann, of Pittsburgh, for chuck for lathes.

Also, patent for additional improvements in grain binders for harresters to George W. N. Yost.

Also, patent to James Lincoln, of Uniontown, for improvement in machines for sowing seed broadcast.

THE UNIVERSITY.—The next term of the Western University will begin to-morrow. The faculty is now fully organized, with Rev. D. McLaren, D. D., a gentleman of great accomplishments, as President. Professor Griggs and McDonald have charge of the Classical and English Departments. Of the former we speak knowingly in assigning him a front rank among instructors for ability and power to impart knowledge. Hon. R. Grierson will be connected with the University. Professor Danze is tutor in French and Pro. Bachman in German.

DEATH IN THE CARS.—A man named James P. Williams, of New Brunswick, New Jersey, was found dead in the cars, on the train which was passing through the city, on Wednesday last. When about two hours from Philadelphia night. When about two hours from Philadelphia his head was observed hanging out of the window, and blood running from it. It is supposed that it came in contact with a water tank, or that it came in contact with the other track. The wife and child of the deceased were sleeping on the same seat, with him at the time of the accident.

KEEPING A HOUSE OF ILL FAME.—Emma Lemon and Margaret Williams were arrested on Saturday for keeping a house of ill fame on Fourth street, near Smithfield. The complaint was made by a woman named Leslie before Alderman Donaldson, by whom they were held to bail to answer the charge at the next term of Court.

SUITS WITHDRAWN.—The *Connellsville Enterprise* says that Sr. T. M. Power, who had caused to be issued writs of ejectment to be served on numerous wealthy citizens of that borough, on claims for a large portion of the property on which the borough is built, has withdrawn the suits, and paid the costs.

ACCIDENT.—*Loss of Life!*—A man by the name of Fullerton, employed in the paper mill of S. & C. P. Markle, lost his life on Wednesday last, by being caught in the machinery while at work in the mill. He leaves a large family of young children who were dependent on him for support.

A ROAD CASE ARGUED.—The remonstrance against the confirmation of the report of the viewers of a road in Shaler township petitioned for by some twenty persons, was argued on Saturday by J. H. Hampton, Esq., for the remonstrance and Col. Black for the petitioners. Decision reserved.

PETITION GRANTED.—Judge McClure granted a petition on Saturday to call a jury to determine the lunacy of Martha Black of West Deer township, and appointed Wednesday, the 23d inst., for the inquest. A property has descended to her, and in order to have trustees appointed, it is necessary to have the lunacy legally proved.

DECREES OF DIVORCE.—The Court of Common Pleas granted a decree on Saturday for the divorces of John F. Day from his wife Catharine Day.

A decree of divorce was also granted to Ann Barber from her husband Stephen H. Barber.

THE BOARD OF LICENSERS.—The gentlemen composing the Board of Licensers will meet in the District Court room to-day, to classify themselves in accordance with the provisions of the law under which they were appointed.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL.—The annual meeting of the Contributors will be held at the Hospital on Tuesday, at 3 o'clock, P. M. Important business will be brought before the meeting.

SENTENCE IN THE CRIMINAL COURT.—Esquire James McCleary, of Wilkins township, convicted of Misdemeanor in Office, was sentenced on Saturday by the Court to pay a fine of $10 and the costs of prosecution.

THE *Journal* of Saturday announces the death at Detroit, on Friday, of Mrs. Maria Wilkins, wife of Hon. Ross Wilkins. She died of congestion of the brain.

COMMITTALS SINCE THE 1ST JANUARY.—Since the first of January there have been 282 committals for Court offences and 689 on summary convictions.

CLEANING FIFTH STREET.—We are glad to announce the fact that the street Commissioners have at length manifested their existence in this section of the city. Fifth street was partially cleaned on Saturday, both sides of the street were lined with mounds of dirt scraped off the cobbles ready, to be carted off.

COUNCILS.—A special meeting of Councils will be held this evening, to take action upon the question of the right of way of the A. V. R. R. into the city.

A WINDY DAY.—Saturday was a very disagreeable day; a high wind prevailing and the streets being covered with dust.

THE DISTRICT COURT.—Owing to the illness of Judge Hampton, the District Court was not in session on Saturday.

THE Great Russian Remedy.—PRO BONO PUBLICO.—Every mother should save a box to this house handy in case of accidents to the children.

BEDDING'S RUSSIAN SALVE.

It is a Boston remedy of thirty years' standing, and is recommended by physicians. Life a sure and speedy cure for Burns, Piles, Boils, Corns, Felons, Chilblains, and Old Sores of every stage; for Fever Sores, Ulcerated Sore Head, Tetter, Rash, Bunions, Sore Nipples, (recommended by nurses.) Whitlows, Tetter, Factory Fire Bites, Spider Stings, Mosquito Bites, Salt Rheum, Scurvy, Sore and Inflamed Eyes, Sore Lips, Scalds, Wounds, Ulcers, Fever Cracked Lips, Sore Nose, Warts and Flesh Worms. It is a Cracked Lips, Sore Nose, Warts and Flesh Worms. It is a most painful remedy and cures when all else fails. Prepared by Bedding, who has used it in the city of Boston and surrounding country, with the most astonishing success. For the last thirty years, which can be testified to by Clergymen, Lawyers, Doctors, Merchants, and others of the highest standing in society. Physicians, who have used it in their practice, pronounce it the best remedy for Burns, Scalds, Piles, Boils, Corns, Felons, Chilblains, and Old Sores of every stage; for Fever Sores, Ulcerated Sore Head, Tetter, Rash, Bunions, Sore Nipples, (recommended by nurses.) Whitlows, Tetter, Factory Fire Bites, Spider Stings, Mosquito Bites, Salt Rheum, Scurvy, Sore and Inflamed Eyes, Sore Lips, Scalds, Wounds, Ulcers, Fever