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...ITTSBURGH:

TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 15, 1856.

Kansas Aid Association.

President—GEORGE W. JACKSON.
Rec. Secretary—H. HAVEN.
Cor. Secretary—EDWARD HEAZLETT.

Meeting this evening, at the Office of the Association, for the purpose of obtaining information concerning the emigrants now on their way to Kansas. Office of the named persons, and all others interested, are requested to attend.

Sept 26 Fourth street, near Smithfield.

THE STORM on Saturday night.—The hurricane of Saturday night spread over a large territory, and left a track of much destruction of property in different sections. The sides of the new bridge at Kittanning were blown off, and now bridge at Kittanning were blown off, and were floated down the Allegheny until they reached the piers of the new Railroad bridge, where they lodged. At Alliance the storm was very severe. A number of houses situated on high ground were uncovered, and we understand that not a barn within twenty miles escaped injury. Miles of fences were also prostrated. A colored man was injured so badly by a tree falling upon his house and breaking it in that his life is despaired of. The trains from the east and west were delayed some hours by the trees which had fallen across the tracks.

In Beaver and Wellsville the storm was very severe. About ninety feet of the roof of the bridge was blown off, and the tin roof of the Methodist Seminary was also torn off.

In Bridgewater the gable end of the Methodist Church was blown in.

Reports of the disastrous consequences of the storm in Old Harmony, Butler county, reach us. We learn that one-half of the town was blown down, and that a man and a child residing on a farm, a short distance from the place, were killed.

Since writing the above, we have been kindly furnished with the following account by a gentleman of Kittanning:

"Yesterday (April 7, o'clock on Saturday evening, at Kittanning, a dark cloud arose in the west, and in a short time a tempest burst over the town more severe than any ever before experienced, accompanied with vivid flashes of lightning and some rain. The fine new bridge across the Allegheny river, which had only a few days before been opened to the public, was lifted by the wind bodily, as if it had been a straw, and thrown into the river below the piers, and the water being very high at the time, it floated off at once. Mr. Todd, the collector, and another gentleman were on at the toll-house, on the bridge. Mr. Todd escaped by springing upon the abutment, but the other gentleman was carried away with the bridge. He was plunged into the water when the bridge first struck it, but he soon mounted to the top, where he stood securely and coolly until rescued about a mile below.

"The steples of the Episcopal and Catholic Churches were blown off; several houses were unroofed, one new unfinished frame house and several stables were prostrated, and many trees and fences. For a while the scene was really terrific; and to add to the general alarm and excitement, the cry of fire was raised in the midst of the storm. This alarm arose from a burning tree or stump at the lower end of the town, which, fanned by the wind, flared up, and was mistaken in the gloom for a burning building.

"The loss of the bridge is a serious one both to the stockholders and the public. It will require some $15,000 to restore it. The stone work was not injured. A part of the superstructure is lodged against the head of Wainwright's Island, two miles below the city; another part against the Aqueduct at this city, and another part is said is aground at or near the Point.

"At Kittanning the storm partook of the nature of a whirlwind; as trees and roofs appear to have been thrown in different directions. A mile or two below, there was a strong west wind, but it did no damage. Both east and west of that town, however, in the line of the storm, houses and barns were prostrated and otherwise injured, and there were rumors of loss of life.—At Kittanning no person was injured."

—We learn through Rev. Mr. Passavant, that the storm raged with great violence in Zelienople and Old Harmony in Butler county. In Zelienople, barns and houses were uncovered. The Orphans' Home, (Mr. P.'s institution) stood in imminent danger of total destruction, the windows being broken, and the trees falling around it in every direction. Fortunately that was the extent of the damage.

In Old Harmony scarcely a house escaped.—Nearly every one was uncovered, and the streets were so covered with lumber from the dismantled houses that the streets were nearly impassible. The terror of the inhabitants approached the extreme, and they took refuge in their cellars.

The new roof the German Reformed Church was blown off, but singular to say, the old steeple built by the Economites when they occupied the town stood the storm uninjured. The School House was destroyed.

The roof of the large barn of Mr. Rapp, on the Economy farm, was blown off, and the gable ends were blown down, burying in the ruins the family which occupied it. When they were got out, the master of the family was found to be much injured.

On Sunday morning, the Pennsylvania was out bright and early with a pitchfork, raking among the ruins to find the post office.

There was not much damage done in the city. In Allegheny the gales were more severe. The roofs of the blacksmith and machine shops of the outer depot of the Ohio and Penn's Railroad Company were blown off, but no one was injured. The chimney of a frame house on the corner of Ohio and Beaver streets, owned by George E. Riddle, Esq., was blown down, crushing in the roof, rendering the upper part of the house uninhabitable. The gable end of a similary store in the Diamond was also blown down. The factory establishment of Messrs. Taggart and Hawks, likewise suffered severely from the gale. The deck of a new steamer, building for a Kanawha Company at the outlet took of the canal, was blown off.

—We have not heard of much damage in the country districts. In this county, in Franklin township, the Catholic Church was blown down.

—We have just heard the particulars of a sorrowful casualty caused by the storm, at Alliance, Ohio. During the height of it a young man took refuge behind a house, when the chimney fell upon and killed him. He was carried bloody and mangled into his mother's house, before she had any knowledge of the terrible calamity, the body being the first notification, and it so overcame her that she died outright.

The cyclone we presume has never been equaled in this section of the country—at least resulting in such destruction of property and life. As our country exchanges come in, we will doubtless find that half the extent of the storm has not been told.

—We are indebted to Mr. Cornelius, Conductor of the express train of the C. & P. R. R., for the following full account of the effects of the storm along the line of the road:

"The storm that swept over our country on Saturday was frightful in its magnitude, and disastrous in its results. It extended along the line of the O. & P. R. R. with particular violence from New Brighton to Canton. The fences most of the way are blown completely down, and the rails appear to have been buried with such force against each other and against that time. The trees, the stoutest and most firmly rooted, which had bid defiance to the howling storm and shivering blast and reared their majestic proportions so proudly and appeared to invite man and beast under their outspread and stalwart arms for security and comfort, have been torn up by the roots or entwined and broken off as upwards the strongest and most of their trunks, and laid prostrate on the ground. A very great many barns have been blown down and others uncovered. Outhouses have been generally leveled, and a great many dwelling houses have been uncovered. At Alliance some houses were blown down and several others badly injured. One man whose name I understood to be Johnston was killed while attempting to shelter himself behind a house. Some others were injured. One man saved himself by crawling under a culvert.—About two miles east of Columbiana I observed a log house which had most of the upper story taken away. It had a bedstead and clothing with the posts sticking up in the air, as if nothing was wrong; while the terror stricken inmates were standing and looking on in dismay, apparently determined to leave if another blast of wind came that way. Between Alliance and Salem, a house was moved in and all safe and his child was badly hurt, and a colored man who was in the house was supposed to be mortally injured. A gentleman who came from the country a little south of Alliance, told me that the stones and gravel were driven and flown about like feathers. The telegraphic line along the road will have to be rebuilt and repaired, and I venture the prediction that it will not be in working order in less than ten days, and it will require almost superhuman efforts to have it completed in that time. The storm appeared to be most severe south of the line of the O. & P. R. R., and I fear we will hear of terrible destruction along the valleys adjacent to the river.

"I myself to have given a more detailed account of the destruction along the road, but time will not suffice. D. CORNELIUS."

DISTRICT COURT.—Judge Williams on the Bench.

Lozens, Stewart & Co. vs John McMillan.—Plaintiff has leave to issue execution for $500 and interest and costs.

Anderson & Soo vs Leslie's administrators.—Rule to set judgment aside.

William Taylor vs. James McCully, No. 361, July 1855. Black & Mellon for plaintiff, Woods for defendant. Plaintiff called and non-suited.

Christian Harts vs Christina Geil, No. 385 April term, 1855. Rule to set aside judgment.

John McClosky vs owners of steamboat Federal Arch, No. 73, March 1855. N. P. & O. L. B. Patterson for plaintiff, J. B. Switzer for defendant. Action to recover $400 or $500 worth of oatmeal injured and spoiled on the boat.

THE CONSPIRACY CASE.—*Fourth Day.*—The case of the Commonwealth vs. James M. Walker, Mrs. Walker, T. C. Walker and Louisa Stoip, indicted for conspiracy upon oath of Mr. James Kelly, was resumed yesterday morning, in the Court of Quarter Sessions.

The defense called the following additional witnesses:

Maria Monk sworn—Am a sister in-law of Louisa Stoip; saw Louisa after she came from the Poor House; don't know the day. She gave me $100 to take care of; Monk got $500 from her; the money I got was not a part of the $500. [The witness testified to outlays of money by Louisa amounting to about $70.] I gave the $100 to Louisa last week, and she paid it out, but not to pay the bills for goods.

Cross Examined—All this I was told by Louisa herself, she told me to come down into the kitchen, that she had settled with "Jake;" I did not see the settlement; I don't know that Louisa gave my brother-in law $70 out of her money to pay the dry-goods bill.

Alexander Herron sworn—Brought Louisa Stoip in from the Poor House last January to Patterson's yard; helped her out of the wagon; Mr. Walker and others came up; did not hear Mr. Walker ask her about her leg.

Cross-Examined—Nobody came in but Louisa; Mr. Walker came in the day before, and Mrs. W. also, to buy the goods; when I had the wagon hitched up, she asked me whether she could go to town. I said yes, not having much of a load. That was the first notice I had; saw Mr. Ben Kelly and Mr. Chalfant on the other side of the street. Mr. Walker apparently was very anxious to have Mr. Kelly's matter settled; all these men stopped on the lower side of Liberty till the cars passed; I live at the Poor House now with Mr. Walker.

The defence offered in evidence the release signed by Louisa Stoip. The word "three" was erased and the word "seven" inserted, reading "seven hundred dollars" as the amount of consideration.

They also offered the obligation of Mr. Kelly to Louisa Stoip.

$300. 5 December 1855.

Due Louisa Stoip three hundred dollars for insults offered by her to me, which I promise to pay on demand. JAMES KELLY.

Col. Nathan Anderson called and sworn—Have known Walker for twenty years; his character for honesty and integrity is such that I would trust him in almost anything; he is a peaceable man and attentive to business; he was engaged at the Penitentiary a long time.

Cross-Examined—Walker left the Penitentiary about three years ago. He was there under the care of Mayor Beekham, the Warden. Have not heard of his character since he went to the Poor House.

Dr. Pressly sworn—I have been intimately acquainted with Mr. Walker for 20 years, and during that time was a ruling elder of my congregation; his character is unimpeachable for integrity and piety; know Mrs. W. and Calvin. Mrs. W. bears the character, as far as I know of a mild, amiable and peaceable lady; have little acquaintance with Calvin.

Cross examined—Since he went to the Poor House, he has attended my Church occasionally.

David A. Grier sworn—Have known Mr. Walker for from five or six years; I know his character for integrity and honesty, and as far as I know it is unimpeachable; Mrs. W's. character is also good.

Cross-examined—Don't know his character among his neighbors since he went to the Poor House.

John Dean sworn—Have known Walker for fifteen years; know very well his character while he lived in Allegheny. He was considered an upright man. Know nothing of Mrs. W. but that her character was good.

Cross-examined—Since he went to the Poor House he has dealt with me.

John Sterrett, William McElroy, James Robb, Rev. Ralst. Greasy and Robert Neely were called and testified to the good character of Mr. and Mrs. Walker, having been members of the same Church.

The defence rested here.

The following witnesses were called for the Commonwealth:

John McClosky sworn—I know Mr. Boyle; I live to Robinson township; I had some conversation with him in the winter; I met him in December, the first time I saw him after he was elected Director. He said he was getting along badly; they had got into a terrible difficulty there; the Directors were doing badly; that was all at that time. The next time I saw him I asked him what the difficulty was; he said Mr. Kelly had attempted to commit a rape on one of the old women at the Poor House; one of the paupers; (I said) that perhaps the report was not correct; he said no doubt of it, and Mr. K. had given $700 to effect a compromise; this was the first knowledge I had; he said Mr. K. had got the key of the woman's room and carried it out three weeks, and that Mr. W. had cast that up to him. I don't remember whether he said "stole" it.

Captain John Young sworn. I live in Robinson township, near Mr. Boyle; on the last Wednesday in February, returning home from the city, I met Mr. Boyle on the road coming into the city. I got into his buggy, and he told me that his urgent business was about the Poor House; he said they were getting along badly at the Poor House; Jimmy Kelly had got into difficulty. I asked him what it was; he said he was caught in the act of rushing or attempting to commit a rape on an old pauper woman. He said it was true, as Kelly had acknowledged it he compromised at $700, and received. I asked him if Kelly's place had been filled, he said not, that Varner could'nt agree. (The witness was stopped by the Court.) Here, the witness was stopped by the Court.) Here, the witness was stopped by the Court.) He remarked that Mr. Kelly spent much time at the Poor House than a man could afford at $25 a year. There was something said about getting into a room, but I don't recollect distinctly. I was under the impression that it was the key of the pauper woman's room.

Thomas Varner recalled. As a director, after the complaint was made to the Board, they let went out.

Cross-examined—Mr. Walker brought in a paper of writing. Mr. Boyle was present at the time.—Mr. W. read it. [Offer of Commonwealth to prove what Walker read in order to contradict Boyle, ruled out.] Part of the proposition Mr. Walker said was that Mr. Kelly should resign his post as Director. I was called back by Mr. B. to hear this proposition.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After this recess the Commonwealth proposed to put the question as to Mr. Walker's character as Warden of the Poor House.

The prodosition was overruled by the Court.

The Commonwealth then closed and the case went to the Jury, it being announced to the Court that two speeches would be made by the Commonwealth, and two by the defence. We shall not have space to give a full report of the speeches, and we prefer not to attempt a synopsis.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.—Rev. Mr. Douglass preached on Sunday night the annual Sermon before the Sabbath School Teachers' Association, in Rev. Dr. Aiken's Church, Sixth street. The Church was thronged. The quarterly meeting was held last evening in the First Associate Church, Seventh street.——Bishop Simpson is now in Newark, N. J., presiding over the deliberations of the New Jersey Conference, which commenced its session on Wednesday, the 19th inst. This Conference will conclude his first quadrennial term of Episcopal visitation, as the General Conference meets in May.——Rev. R. Fletcher, of Indianapolis, is in the city. Rev. Dr. Providence (Conference,) has been appointed to take charge of Wesley Chapel, Fifth Ward, while the Conference.....Professor Ward, while the Conference.....Professor Ward, while the Conference.....Professor