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PITTSBURGH:

TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 13, 1856.

Kansas Aid Association.

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Those having business with the Society, or looking for information concerning it, apply on either of the above named persons, either personally or by mail. Office of the Recording Secretary, Fourth street, near Smithfield.

DISTRICT COURT.—Judge Williams on the Bench.

Samuel Garrison vs. Thomas Howard, Esq., settled and defendant confesses judgment for costs of suit.

John N. Straub vs. H. M. Breckenridge; defendant confesses judgment for $109,62, with costs of suit.

Margaret Glynn vs. Patrick F. Howley; plaintiff takes a non suit.

Mrs. Mary A. Way et al. vs. David Gilleland, adm'r of J. B. Irwin, dec'd; defendant by his Attorney, Mr. Robb, confessed judgment in open Court in favor of plaintiff for $6852, with costs of suit.

John Darcy vs. The Pittsburgh & Steubenville Railroad Company. Action to recover damages for injuries received by falling into an excavation about 25 or 30 feet in depth, made by defendants on the line of their Railroad, which occurred about five miles from the city at the mouth of the tunnel, last fall. The plaintiff has not yet recovered from the injuries sustained, and the witness produced by him fully proved the fact of his having fallen into the cut, but upon cross-examination stated that Darcy was drunk. Defendants made this fact a point in their case, and the Court charged the Jury that if they believed that Darcy would not have fallen into the cut had he been sober, then the plaintiff was not entitled to recover. After a short absence the Jury returned a verdict for the defendant.

John Mueller vs. Joseph Zollhoefer. Action to recover damages for sending a letter through the Post Office to plaintiff, containing a libel—It was written in the German language, and was entirely too vulgar for publication. On trial.

MELE. PARODI'S CONCERT.—This concert was crowded to the utmost capacity of the hall. It appears that the Parodi excitement does not subside, for she was most enthusiastically received and applauded. We must say that she deserves it. Our critical ear could not detect one failing in all she attempted. We have heard the part of Fides sung by almost every living singer. Its expressive music, so full of complicated harmonies and difficult intonations, renders it no easy task—even for the most accomplished artists. Mme. Vierdot, Malibran's sister, and Parodi, are the two who have maintained Meyerbeer's sense and expression, but Mme. Vierdot's voice is scarcely ever true, and Parodi's never varies a hair's breadth in its tonation. The torsetto, from Don Giovanni, delighted the *classics*, and showed that, after all, neither Mozart or Don Giovanni can never grow old. Mr. Harrison Millard showed to great advantage in this terzetto by his careful and smooth style. He has studied well and under good masters, and his voice is pure and sweet. Mme. Strakosch, whether alone or with Parodi, is always deserving of applause. "We met by chance," is one of her best things; no one sings it as she does. The great feature of the evening was the "Marseillaise," at which the audience can no longer contain themselves. We are not surprised that Parodi was requested to leave Turin after singing it—she looks and sings like the goddess of Liberty herself, and would, no doubt, soon sing the Italians into a revolution. They only want some such kindling spark.

We have just heard that, at the request of a number of Mlle. Parodi's friends and admirers, she will give another concert, on Wednesday evening next, at Concert Hall. This has been accomplished, with great difficulty, by her indefatigable agent, Mr. Grau, who, desirous of obliging the public, would not believe in impossibilities, and conquered the Hall from all competitors for Wednesday next, when, to complete our admiration for Parodi, she will sing "The Star Spangled Banner."—*Phila. Times.*

THE BOARD OF LICENSERS.—The Court was opened yesterday, in pursuance of advertisement, to hear applicants for license, all the members of the Board in attendance.

A large crowd of applicants and lawyers were in attendance, who were anxious to see the mode of transacting business adopted by the Board.—In the cases heard yesterday, the Board adopted the following manner of procedure: The applicant was sworn as to his citizenship and accommodations. Witnesses were then called to set forth anew all the facts required by the law.—This testimony was taken down by the Secretary of the Board.

We do not deem it necessary to burden our columns with the testimony elicited in the cases. It will be some time before the Board make their decisions.

The applications of the following persons from the First Ward, Pittsburgh, for tavern license will be taken up on Tuesday the 13th inst., and in the order as follows:

William Adams, Wm. Bennett, Francis Blunt, Abraham Greenwood, Dan'l. Herwig, W. S. Kerr, James Lindsay, C. Lyons, Andrew Leenders, Michael Laughlin, A. Nicholson, F. Nicholson, T. Patterson, C. O. Steele, John Savage, Hugh Sallie, H. Veirheller, Christian Weriug, Margt. Zephel, T. Owston, I. Sheudlemire, & Co.

THE COUNTY FINANCES.—A statement was published in several of the City papers, in which the county debt of county purposes is placed at $500,000. This is very far from being correct, as will be seen by the figures below given us by Mr. Gormly, the attentive and efficient clerk of the Commissioners:

County debt for county purposes on 5th Jan. 1856	$164,277 96
Since, which there has been paid...	7,400 00
Leaving the debt at present, ...	$156,877 96

We are also furnished by the same gentleman with the following statement:

Debts due by collectors Jan. 5, '56,	$37,919 23
County funds now in county Treasury,	25,216 79.

DIED.—With great sorrow we announce the decease of Mr. James E. Norr at the residence of his parents, near McConnellsville. Mr. Nott was only twenty-seven years of age, was possessed of much talent, and of qualities of the heart that endeared him to a large circle of friends in this city. He was for several years foreman of the *Gazette* office. During his residence in Pittsburgh he was a member of the Duquesne Grays.

Though his death was anticipated by himself and his friends for several years, yet the event causes a deep sensation among his old companions, who feel they have sustained a loss not to be easily repaired.

CRUEL TREATMENT OF A HORSE.—Two young men, named Alfred Hardcastle and Mathew Melton, were arrested and fined five dollars each by the Mayor yesterday, for cruelly treating a horse which they hired on Sunday at Patterson's. The animal cannot be taken from the stable for ten or twelve days in consequence.

In addition to the fine, one of them has a blackened eye, received as a part of the chastisement the proprietor of the stable thought he deserved.

THE ALLEGHENY GAS WORKS.—The annual meeting of the stock holders of the Allegheny Gas works was held yesterday.

Henry Irwin, Esq., was elected Chairman.

R. H. Davis, Esq., was elected as Secretary.

The business transacted was not of much public interest.

The election resulted as follows:

President—Thomas F. Dale.

Managers—Thos. M. Howe, R. H. Davis, Jas. Marshall, Joseph Breading, James Parke, Jr., William Walker, James Ray and Robert Dunlap.

A HOLIDAY.—The German Citizens of Pittsburgh yesterday celebrated Pfingst's day (Pentecost) in grand style. The great majority went to the woods, and the programme of entertainment was shooting, wrestling, dancing, music, and lager beer and wine drinking. We hear of no difficulties on the ground.

The Germans celebrate Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, as they also do in Easter week.

THE annual meeting of the Pittsburgh and Allegheny Orphan Asylum, will be held this evening in Excelsior Hall, Allegheny City, at seven o'clock. Addresses will be delivered, and the children will sing a hymn, and recite scripture. The friends and patrons of the institution are requested to attend. By order of the managers. N. W. CAMPBELL, Secretary.

GRAND CONCERT.—Our readers will see by the advertisement which appears in another column that Mr. D. SHAYOCK will give a grand Concert on Thursday night, in the City Hall, in which *one thousand* children will be the performers.—This rare entertainment will draw a crowded house.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.—The May term of this Court was opened yesterday, but as the trials in the District Court were not completed, the Jurors were discharged until Monday the 26th inst., when the trial list will be taken up and disposed of.

INSTALLATION.—Rev'e. R. Gracy and J. G. Brown will to-day, at 10 o'clock, instal Rev. J. C. Bissle, Pastor of the 1st Associate Reformed Church, Manchester. Much opposition is anticipated.

PARADE FOR INSPECTION.—The Second Battalion, 1st Brigade, 18th division of Pennsylvania militia, commanded by Lieut. Col. J