PITTSBURGH:
MONDAY MORNING, JULY 7, 1856.

THE FOURTH OF JULY.—At an early hour on the morning of the Fourth, the streets were crowded with men, women and children who had made their arrangements to celebrate the day in the country. Many extra trains were put on, on the different railroads, every omnibus was filled to its utmost capacity, and every carriage, buggy or other vehicle of the livery stables in the two cities, was pressed into service. We do not believe a single team could have been procured in the city for love or money. Such a stampede for the country we have never been called, we are afraid to state in figures our idea of the number of people who left the city. Thousands went on foot, we give below the number who took trains. Nearly every Sabbath School of the two cities and boroughs went out pic-nic-ing. The Associate School, of this city, spent the day in Dixon's beautiful grove, at Swissvale. The extensive grounds of the owner were thrown open to the free use of the company. The day was beautiful, the children in the finest of spirits, refreshments excellent and profuse, and the hospitality of Mr. Dixon and his family unbounded. The Associate Reformed Schools were in the same vicinity.

The German Societies, four Sabbath Schools and several private parties occupied Mr. Baum's Grove, near East Liberty. The R. C. Orphans' pic-nic was held at Denny's Grove, and was visited by thousands.

The mission school of Prospect street did not go to the country, but the excellent ladies and gentlemen who devote their time to the imparting of religious information to the children of that really benighted and heathenish part of the city, prepared a fine refreshment table at the school-house. Mr. R. H. Kelly and Rev. A. Cookman, made addresses, and the day passed off pleasantly.

SHOOTING MATCH.—Of the Allegheny School-fellows, spent the day in Snyder's Hollow, the South Common. Methodist School visited Robinson's Grove.

The German Turners spent the day in festivities on Voegbley's Hill. We cannot enumerate one-half the private, public, school and other pic-nics scattered through the woods. Wherever a gentle slope, well shaded with trees, could be found, there were ladies, gentlemen and children.

With all this crowding, rushing, and dragging, we have the satisfaction of being obliged to record that not a single accident occurred. But two or three fights disgraced the day.

In the evening, the weary thousands returned to the city in time for the display of fireworks. At an early hour every spare inch of room on the Allegheny wharf, the lower side of the St. Clair street bridge, Federal street, the Allegheny side of the river, and Schimerp Hill was occupied, and thousands were scattered over Coal Hill. Not less than twenty, or thirty thousand people witnessed the fine display from the river. Some were disappointed, but all who reflected upon the kindness of the gentleman who subscribed, were well pleased. From every hill fireworks were set off. A very fine display was made from Cliff street, and Mr. C. Paulson, of Allegheny, also set off a splendid exhibition in that line, we understand.

A very beautiful exhibition was made by Gen. Robinson, in his garden, on Federal street, and it attracted as much attention as the display on the river. The display at the Arsenal is highly spoken of, and thousands were present.

Now that the excitement is all passed we feel confident that three-fourths of our readers, their bones aching from their unaccustomed exercise, and their digestion impaired ("which we quote Mr. Wholes, "is highly respectable,") by their injudicious indulgence, will join with us in thinking that after all there is not nearly as much pleasure in the celebration of the Fourth, as in the anticipation, and resolve that it comes but once a year.

Mr. Morrison kindly furnished us with the following statement of business done at the office of the Penn'a. R. R. on the Fourth:

Tickets to Turtle Creek	103
" Belfield	55
" Braddock's Field	48
" Swissvale	454
" Wilkinsburg	220
" Liberty	2360
" Denny's Grove	3800
"	6560
"	$1181 65
Paid for through tickets	500 00
	$1681 65

With all the excitement, &c., not a single accident occurred. This is mainly owing to the excellent management of Col. T. A. Scott, who displayed much activity in passing to and from each point, in order to have his orders properly consummated. This is but another evidence of his efficiency as superintendent of the Western Division. Conductors Jackson, Beggs and Irwin also exhibited much precaution in their discharge of duty.

From the Allegheny Valley R. R. office, 600 excursionists procured tickets.

We will publish the returns for the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago road in Tuesday's paper.

ANOTHER STABBING AFFAY.—About ten o'clock on Thursday night, a man named Daniel Fitzgerald, a boss on the Allegheny and New Brighton Plank road, was badly cut at the house of Mary Burke, corner of Elm street and Poplar alley, Sixth Ward. It appears that the proprietress of the house had taken Fitzgerald's watch, which a difficulty ensued, in which a man named William Kernan knocked Fitzgerald down with a chair, and with William McDonald kicked and abused him. When he arose, McDonald cut him to the bone in the forehead, twice in the shoulder, and once in the left side. The knife glanced on a rib, and saved his life. The wounded man was taken to Alderman Major's office, where his wounds were dressed by Dr. Gallaher. The magistrate, and his police arrested Mary Youngblood, Sarah Evans, Alexander Grey and Patrick Morgan in the house. We neglected to mention that Fitzgerald had been kicked into the street. About two o'clock on Friday morning McDonald was found by the police, asleep in the Good Intent House. He was also committed to jail. Two whole party were re-committed on Saturday, for further hearing on Wednesday next. On the same evening they had been at a notorious house on Cherry alley, kept by Eliza Starr, where McDonald had beat, cut and abused one of the inmates. For this offence, on Friday morning, an information was lodged against him by Sarah H. Thompson, and also one for disorderly conduct, on oath of Frances White, on both of which charges commitments were lodged against him. Within two weeks we have had a cold blooded murder, and a very nearly successful attempt. The last should be dealt out severely to the offenders.

A GRAND FIZZLE.—Great preparations were made for a turn out of the masses of the Democracy on the Fourth at Dilworth's Grove, near Wilkinsburgh; platforms were erected, and tables and eatables prepared for the accommodation of thousands. The democratic papers of the city on the morning of the Fourth made due announcement of the great preparations, dinner, trains, and speeches by distinguished gentlemen. The chagrin of the getters-up of the affair may be imagined when instead of thousands throughing the grove, not over fifty persons were present at any time. We were informed on good authority, our informant having counted them, that the audience at noon numbered just *thirty-nine*. He admitted there had been forty one present, but two left the grounds as he arrived. We passed by in the cars in the afternoon, and saw a portly gentleman on the platform, slightly bent over, with one hand in the air, and the other under his coat-tail. We presumed he was making a speech, but the indifference of the twenty-five or thirty persons constituting the audience, who were talking in knots of two or three, must have been very discouraging to him. The great stretches of pine tables which were to have had thousands around them, made a very ridiculous appearance.

The leaders of the affair are, like Mark Tapley, trying to be jolly under depressing circumstances, and they treat the matter as a very good joke. The managers guaranteed $100 to the provider of the feast; whether the joke will be to them really as good as they represent it is a matter of doubt.

THURSTON'S NEW DISCOVERY.—Mr. Thurston's canvassers having made returns of the citizens of Pittsburgh, Birmingham, Lawrenceville, Manchester, West and South Pittsburgh, Duquesne borough and Mifflinville, he requests us to say that he will feel obliged, if any person in those districts have been overlooked, if they will send their name, occupation, residence, and business firm, to the office of the 'Pittsburgh Directory' corner 4th and Market st., 2d story, the Gazette Office, the Dispatch Office, or his residence, 47 Colwell street. Every person is interested in having their names in the Directory, and as the compositors are setting the type, we hope, if there are any omissions they will be promptly remedied.

The canvassers are still busy in Allegheny, and when they have finished that district, notice will be given that omissions, may be supplied.

COUNTERFEITING.—A man named Daniel Price has been arrested by Marshal Jenkins, of Philadelphia, and dies, metal and presses, for making half eagles were found in his possession. About a month ago, Price was boarding at Mrs. Drennan's in this city, and procured Marshall & Brown to make him a set of metal rolls, which are now in the possession of officer Hague. Mr. Jenkins came on to this city, to consult with Mr. Hague, and ascertain if possible, what Price's character was, and with whom he was connected. The U. S. Commissioner at Philadelphia, committed him for further hearing, when testimony from the West could be procured.

RE-ARRESTED.—We noticed some time ago that Mrs. Starr and six of her boarders, all women of bad character, had been lodged in jail for keeping a house of ill-fame. They were afterwards released, except Ann Bingham, who because she was not bailed, as they had promised her, brought another charge against them, and they were all again committed on Saturday by Alderman Major. Mrs. Starr claims to be the wife of John Luis, the murderer.

FRIGHTENED BY CRACKERS.—Some mischievous fellow threw a bunch of crackers ignited into the drug store of Dr. Smith, corner of Fifth and Smithfield, on the Fourth. The explosion frightened the horses attached to Mr. John Semple's carriage and caused them to run off. The carriage was occupied by three ladies and a gentleman, but they fortunately escaped. The driver was thrown between the horses, but was not hurt. The carriage was much injured.

FIGHT.—The harmony of the German Turners' Pic-Nic, on Voegtlley's Hill, Allegheny, on the *Fourth* was disturbed by a fight which promised at one time to be quite serious. One of the company had his face much cut with a tumbler. He fired a pistol at his assailant, and the powder, fortunately there was nothing else in it, burned his forehead very much. No arrest was made.

DROWNED.—A lad named Frederick Metziger, whose parents reside on Fourth street, was drowned on Friday evening about seven o'clock, in the Allegheny immediately below the St. Clair street bridge. He had gone to the spot to see the fireworks, and while running from flat to flat, fell between them into the river. The river was dragged on Saturday, but at the time we write the body of the boy has not been recovered.

SAD ACCIDENT.—At the union pic-nic of several Sabbath Schools of Allegheny, in Snyder's Hollow, above Allegheny, on the Fourth, the platform fell, injuring a daughter of Mr. John Chambers, of Allegheny, so badly that it is feared she cannot recover. She is about fourteen years of age. When taken home she was apparently lifeless. We are happy to learn that she is much better and is rapidly recovering.

ARM BROKEN.—The musician's platform, at the Orphan's pic nic, Denny's Grove, on the Fourth, broke down, while the performers were in the very height of a bewitching polka. Several notes of a discordant nature, not in the written music announced the catastrophe. One little child had an arm broken; fortunately none others were injured.

LOST HIS EYE.—On the Fourth, a lad about fourteen years of age, named Harvey Daniels, a son of the widow Daniels, who resides on Ross street, had one of his eyes totally destroyed by the accidental discharge of a pistol in the hands of a companion. His face was also badly burned by the powder. The accident occurred on Grant street.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.—A negro who was out gunning near Lawrenceville, on the Fourth, was accidentally shot by the premature discharge of his piece. The shot entered his upper part of the left arm near the shoulder, and passed entirely through. Medical assistance was promptly procured.

THE BOAT RACE.—The race between the four-oared row-boats, *Buckeye* and *Minnehaha*, came off on the morning of the Fourth. The purse of $50 was won by the *Buckeye*, it making the distance from the St. Clair street bridge to the Upper bridge and back in eighteen minutes. A large crowd witnessed the sport.

RUMORED MURDER.—We were informed by one of the Allegheny Independent Police that a man whose name had not reached them, had been beaten to death in Butcher's Hollow on the Fourth, by a party of rowdies. No legal information had been made.

A SHARP-UP.—A buggy occupied by a lady and gentleman was smashed up on an indefinite number of pieces on Penn street, on the night of the Fourth, by the fractiousness of the horse. The occupants were thrown out and slightly injured.

THE THIEF.—A boy named Pangan was arrested and taken before Mayor Adams on Saturday, for robbing the till of a German grocer named Gotlieb Rudolph, Ohio street, Allegheny. He was, after hearing, discharged, he promising to do better in future.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—The locomotive *Atlanta* jumped the track at Union Furnace, east of Altoona, on the Central road, on Thursday, smashing the baggage and express cars. No passengers were injured.

PIKE STREET.—The Officers of the Allegheny Valley Railroad will cause operations to be commenced on Pike street to-day, preparatory to laying of the rails.

FINGER BLOWN OFF.—A son of Mr. Henry Earls had a finger blown off on the Fourth, while firing a pistol. The barrel burst.

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