The Pittsburgh Gazette.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

THE COURTS.

Quarter Sessions—Judge Sterrett.

This Court met on Friday at the usual hour. The following business was transacted:

PROPERTY OF DEFENDANTS.

The Court made the following order:

"And now, October 18, 1867, it is hereby ordered that in all cases hereafter tried in the Quarter Sessions and Over and Terminer, where property is found in the possession of any defendant and taken from his custody by any committing magistrate, or other person, having control or charge of said defendant, previous to the trial of said defendant, in either of said Courts, and the same is produced in Court upon said trial, such property shall be left in charge of the Clerk of the Courts, to be by him safely kept until the owner thereof, or some person duly authorized by him, shall call for the same, except when such person shall appear in Court at said trial and receive the same, unless otherwise ordered by the Court."

THE LIVERY CASE.

In the case of Finley Graham, indicted for misdemeanor under the livery stable act, on oath of Robert T. White, of Allegheny, the jury found a verdict of guilty. Sentence deferred.

FALSE PRETENSE CASE.

Samuel Woods was indicted, on oath of Henderson Wilson, for obtaining seventy-two dollars worth of goods under false representations, stating that he was working for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, had a month's pay due him, and would pay for the goods in thirty days. The offense was laid on the 12th of September, 1863, and the bill found September 20th, 1867. A little more than two years having intervened, the statute limitations was held to apply, and the accused thus escaped. A *nolle pros equi* was entered and the defendant discharged.

SELLING ON SUNDAY.

James Goukler, saloon keeper on Liberty street, was indicted for selling liquor on Sunday, on oath of Thomas Smith. The question in this case was one of time. The prosecutor testified that he was into the house *after* twelve o'clock Saturday night, and, in pursuance of instructions of the Mayor, ordered the place to be closed. The clock at the bar indicated fifteen minutes short of twelve o'clock, but Smith contended that the clock was slow. A dispute arose, several parties in the saloon producing their watches, and contending that the clock was but *ten* minutes slow, making the time *ten* minutes before twelve. Smith was persistent in arguing that the time was after twelve o'clock, to such an extent that Mr. Goukler, proprietor of the saloon, ordered him out, and refusing to go, had him arrested and taken to the lombs. The weight of the evidence went to show that Smith was anxious to make a case against Goukler, and, failing in a drink at the bar himself in order, as he thought, to secure *prima facie* evidence. He had been at another saloon just previously (the Sirwell House) and was there refused a drink, and there was some evidence that he was intoxicated. There was no other evidence of drinking *after* twelve o'clock (according to Smith's time) except a glass of ale called for and paid for by Smith himself.

The jury doubtless not impressed with the consistency of Smith's conduct as an officer, found a verdict of not guilty, the prosecutor (Smith) to pay two-thirds the costs, and the defendant the remaining one-third.

MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL.

In the case of James Brown, constable, and Charles Simmons, convicted of larceny, (reported yesterday) M. Swartzwelder, Esq., counsel for defense, moved for a new trial, on the following reasons: 1st, That the Court erred in excluding from the jury evidence as to the question of self-defense; 2d, that the Court erred in excluding from the jury evidence of conversations and expressions of defendants indicative of their intent, very shortly before the commission of the alleged offense; 3d, that the Court erred in charging the jury that there was evidence showing that the defendants had been in the store of prosecutor prior to the evening of the 28th July, and that such evidence militated against the theory of the defendants.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY.

Ann M. Mutter, wife of a saloon keeper, in Allegheny City, was indicted for assault and battery, on oath of Philip Bellstejb, but it appearing that the husband of the defendant was present, (one witness even stating that he ordered the wife to make the assault), the Court directed that a verdict of not guilty should be found, but the jury might pass upon the question of costs, which they did, directing that the prosecutor and defendant each pay four-half of the same.

Court adjourned. Jury discharged until Monday.

United States District Court—Judge Hetzandless.

FRIDAY, Oct. 18.—Arguments were heard on motions for preliminary injunctions in patent cases. The first case was an application of Josiah Kirby for a preliminary injunction restraining Peter M. Hayden from infringing on a patent machine for the manufacture of bungs. Wm. Bakewell, Esq., Judge Collier, Mellon, and Judge Cadle, of Cincinnati, appeared for the plaintiff, and T. M. Marshall, Esq., for defendant. The Court granted the preliminary injunction, restraining Hayden from the manufacture, use and sale of said patent bungs until further order of the Court.

The next was the application of James Woods to restrain Messrs. Harbaugh, White & Gaston from infringing on a machine for the manufacture of iron nuts, and also to restrain the New Castle Manufacturing Company from using a machine infringing on the rights of the same patents in the first case. Messrs. Bakewell and Christy appeared for the plaintiff, and Messrs. White and Slagle for the defendants. In the other case, Judge Collin, of Cincinnati, and Messrs. Kirkpatrick and Mellon appeared for the defendants, and Messrs. Bakewell and Christy for plaintiff. The plaintiff claims the right under a patent issued in 1851 to Kinan, Carter & Reese, and the defendants are operating under a patent granted to Leopold Thoma in 1863, known as the Eureka machine. The defendants submitted an affidavit sworn and subscribed to by one of the members of the New Castle Manufacturing Company, in which it was set forth that in a conversation with the plaintiff he had admitted to affiant that the Eureka machine did not interfere with his (plaintiff's) patent, and that was the reason no steps had been taken against the Eureka of the right. After the affidavit had been presented, Mr. Bakewell asked that the argument be postponed, in order that he might have the opportunity to procure a re-hearing affidavit from the plaintiff. The request was granted and Court adjourned until ten o'clock Saturday.

Common Pleas—Judge Sterrett.

FRIDAY, Oct. 18.—In the case of Burns vs. Hunter—action for slander—the jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for one hundred and fifty dollars damages.

Before Judge Mellon.

George Lysle et al. vs. Owners of the steamboat "Shark." Action to recover damages alleged to have been sustained by the sinking of coal barges and coal belonging to plaintiffs, through carelessness and mismanagement of defendants' servants, near plaintiffs' landing. On trial.

District Court—Judge Hampton.

FRIDAY, October 18.—Charles Knapp and J. R. Poynter vs. J. Charles Dicken, garnishee. Jury ent.

A New Romance.

Purchasing at fair prices the manuscript of distinguished authors, for publication in a weekly journal of Pittsburgh, a few years ago was considered a proceeding entirely out of the limits of newspaper enterprise. The journals were filled with light stories, republished from eastern contemporaries, or gratuitously furnished by aspiring unknown writers. The *Leader*, however, in perfect accordance with its significant title, broke through the old lines, and at great expense furnished original romances from the pens of America's most gifted sons and daughters. The experiment was not a failure, but, on the contrary, a grand success. The proprietors, encouraged by their increased circulation, made during the publication of late romances, have made another bold business stroke, and have secured, over eastern competitors, a brilliant romance, fresh from the brain of that most accomplished and pleasing writer of fiction, Esther Serlo Kenneth, entitled "Revenge; or, A Woman's Secret." The publication of this great effort of the authoress commences with to-morrow's issue of the *Leader*, and will run through several numbers following. We have been courteously furnished with advance proofs of the romance, and can promise a great intellectual treat to its readers. Do not fail to procure the initial chapter of the story, but buy a *Leader* to-morrow and judge for yourself of the ability of the talented writer.

An Appeal is made to the charitable on behalf of the sufferers from the fire in Allegheny on Wednesday morning last. The sufferers, a poor but industrious family, consisting of a widowed mother and three daughters, by the name of Gallagher, had, by their united efforts, succeeded in getting a little home, humble but every way sufficient, and by the indulgence and Christian kindness of Mr. George A. Kurtz, the builder of the house, were getting along very well in paying for it, saving a certain sum each month, which they paid over promptly. In this way they expected soon to pay the last dollar on their property. But by no fault of theirs the fire alluded to consumed their house, and now they are homeless. A trifling contribution from the charitable to help make up the great loss they have sustained will be thankfully received by George R. Riddle, Esq., at the Franklin Saving Bank, Ohio street, Allegheny.

The State Christian Convention.

We earnestly trust that our friends will bear in mind the State Christian Convention, which is to be held in this city next week. It will convene on Tuesday evening, at seven and a half o'clock, in the First Presbyterian Church, (Rev. S. F. Scovel, Pastor,) on Wood, between Fifth and Sixth street, for Organization, Conference and Prayer. The Convention will continue in session on Wednesday and Thursday, and on Thursday evening the anniversary exercises of the Young Men's Christian Association will take place.

The Preliminary Business Committee, to whom was referred the selection of topics for discussion in the Convention, have reported the following:

I. THE CHRISTIAN.

How can we increase our personal devotion and sense of responsibility, and best secure preparation for Christian work?

II. THE CHURCH.

How shall we develop the individual Churches, manifest our essential unity, and improve devotional meetings?

III. THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD.

How shall we ascertain destitutions, reach special classes, carry the Gospel to remote neighborhoods, so improve church arrangements as to secure larger attendance, and overcome the special difficulties arising from the temptations and excitements of city life?

IV. THE CHURCH AND CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS.

What are the relations, primary aim and object of Young Men's Christian Associations; their best method of operation, with instances of their adaptation and efficiency?

V. THE CHURCH, CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS, AND OUR COUNTRY.

What special demands do the vastness of our territory, our increasing population, and the character of the numerous immigrants, make upon all Christians and Christian organizations in this land?

The Preliminary Business Committee consists of the Rev. S. F. Scovel, Hon. Henry W. Williams, Major William Frew, M. A. Woodward, Esq., and J. W. F. White, Esq.

George H. Stuart, Esq., of Philadelphia, R. L. Moody, Esq., of Chicago, H. Thane Miller, of Cincinnati, and other eminent Christian workers, with delegations from Cincinnati and other cities, have promised to be present.

Every city church, in sympathy with the objects of the Convention, is requested to send a delegation of its pastor and a number of lay members, and to unite in constant prayer for the Great Head of the Church for the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The audience will, from present indications, be large, and it is therefore necessary, in order that accommodations may be secured for delegates, that the members of the different churches report immediately to the Church Committee, in order to go into correspondence, with full particulars as to names and residence, and the number of delegates to be expected. Those who come to no Church Committee the report may be sent to A. B. Riggs, Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, at No. 25 Fifth street. Parties who would prefer it can contribute for any number to be provided for at some of the hotels, under arrangements made by the Association.

The Church Committee will hold their last meeting at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, on next Monday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, when final reports will be received.

The public are cordially invited to attend all the discussions and proceedings of the Convention.

On the 25th and 26th the Allegheny County Sabbath School Teachers' Institute will also hold their annual Convention in Christ Methodist Episcopal Church, Penn street.

General Conference of the Evangelical Association.

General prayer meeting met at the usual time. General attendance of delegates, and exercises interesting. The Evangelical Association is a member of the great Methodist family, and in doctrine, discipline and institutions very much resembles those of the M. E. Church. Dr. Nash, a member of the delegation of the M. E. Church, presented the christian greetings and fraternal salutations of the General Conference of that church, and addressed the Conference, on the necessity of closer unity of action in the prosecution of the various enterprises of the two churches, especially in the publication of christian literature and the sustaining of institutions of learning. He also spoke of the organic union of the two churches, and assured us that the M. E. Church is favorable to such a union, provided we can see a providential indications in that direction.

Professor Roshevaller also spoke of the German work in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and especially of their Missionary Institute in Germany, and desired that the candidates for our ministry in Germany might prosecute their studies at their Institute there.

Referred to a Committee of Five, including both Bishops.

Closing with the usual services by G. W. Secher, of the Illinois Conference.

Afternoon session opened by J. Adams, of the Pennsylvania Conference. The interests of the Printing Establishments claimed the attention of the Conference. Several measures have been adopted to promote the interests of the establishment. The Committee on Public Worship reported as follows:

ENGLISH CHURCH.

Pennsylvania Avenue M. E. Church, S. G. Rhoads, J. M. Young; Ross Street M. E. Church, G. S. Fahnestock, Shull; Smithfield Street M. E. Church, M. Carothers, S. W. Seibert; South Pittsburgh M. E. Church, C. H. Adams; Wesley Chapel, W. Yost, C. M. Reinhold; African, Wyliestreet, M. E. Church, S. Kohn; Liberty Street M. E. Church, J. Young; Simpson Chapel, Duquesne, F. Kreskin; Second Methodist, T. Bowman; Reside Church, Rev. Mr. Wolf; First Cumberland Presbyterian, J. Hornberger, J. L. W. Seibert; South Common M. E. Church, Rev. Mr. Smith; Trinity M. E. Church, S. Snyder, T. G. Clenell; Robinson's Church, R. Boyd; Bethel Church, Allegheny, Lechleny, J. D. Hollinger, H. J. Bowman; Ames Chapel, A. Swartz.

GERMAN.

High Street, Dr. W. Nash, M. W. Stefy, R. Dube; East Lane, Alleghany, S. Seitz, A. G. Rhoads, G. W. Spreng; Germantown, Rev. Mr. Birmingham; A. Nicoly, W. Oresseler.

Closed with the usual services by W. F. Stockton, of the Northwestern College, Plainfield, Illinois.

The Soldiers' Home.

MESSRS. EDITORS.—The notice which appeared in your paper of Oct. 6th, reflecting upon the management of the "Soldiers Home," is calculated to create a prejudice against the "Home," which all familiar with it know to be under the management of a faithful and conscientious Board and Superintendent, and it is only to those not acquainted with that fact that an explanation is required.

One of the rules of this institution, with which all are made acquainted when they enter, is that drunkenness will not be tolerated, and that any inmate who gives himself to that condition shall forfeit his claim to the privileges of the establishment.

The inmate referred to by "A late Soldier," as a "victim of the caprice of the rulers of the Home," was discharged for the very reason that his habits of intoxication, and, as his discharge states, by his own request, as he was conscious of having forfeited his claim to remain in the institution.

Your correspondent has recommended a guard house as the proper means of treating drunkenness. If he has been a soldier, as he claims to have been, he is probably aware that guard houses are peculiar to military organizations, and as this "Home" is not of that character, of course the absurdity of the suggestion is evident.

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Tin, Copper and Sheet Iron Ware.

Elsewhere will be found the advertisement of the well known and practical mechanics, Messrs. Graff, Schwartz, wholesale and retail manufacturers of tin, copper and sheet iron ware, and dealers in cooking stoves and house furnishing hardware, No. 118 Smithfield street and 24 Wylie street. The firm have on hand a large stock of goods peculiar to their trade, which has been manufactured in the highest style of workmanship. Their stock of parlor, office, and cooking stoves will be found unusually attractive, embracing all the desirable styles, patterns and novelties. Tin roofing and job work of every description is attended to on the shortest notice in the best manner. We commend these gentlemen to the business patronage of our readers as they are in every respect worthy unlimited success and confidence.

Ammunition.—At the Opera House, this afternoon, a grand fashionable matinee will be held, on which occasion the Octoroon will be presented. To-night the young tragedian, Frank Mayo, makes his final appearance.

Tuthill's Varieties Theatre.—A great bill is offered at this favorite place of amusement for to-night. Those who would spend an hour or two in genuine enjoyment should be present.

Rev. Alexander Clark, of the First Methodist Church, on Penn street, will preach a sermon before the Young Men's Christian Association, to-morrow evening. The regular discourse of the Sabbath evening series, now being delivered by the pastor, will be adapted to the occasion, and addressed to the Young Men. Services to commence at half past seven.

Dedication.—The Methodist Church at Amity, Washington county, Rev. J. D. Herr, pastor, will be dedicated to-morrow. Rev. Alexander Clark and Rev. Robinson, of this city, will assist on the occasion.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

—Efforts are being made to establish a woolen mill near Parkersburgh. All such efforts should be encouraged to success.

—William Gans, of Springhill township, Fayette county, fell through a haymow in his barn on Saturday, October 5th and received such injuries as to cause his death on Monday. He was seventy-nine years of age, an upright, useful and respectable citizen. He leaves a large circle of relatives and friends to lament his painful and unexpected death.

—The Indiana, Pa., *Messenger* says: On Friday night of week before last, some unmitigated scoundrel, being tired walking, rode off a fine horse of Mr. W. D. Ferguson, of White township, and turned him loose near Centreville, where he was found by Mr. Ferguson. This inhuman practice is becoming very common in this county. Some of the scamps will try it too often one of these days.

—About 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, the tank of the Mary Ann Well, situated on the side hill of the Beaufort Farm, opposite Funkville, burst, throwing the waters in every direction, and precipitating over four hundred barrels of oil upon the side hill. A party of men who were at work a short distance below were on the hill, but were unable to escape, and were thrown down and partially covered with the stream of oil, but fortunately escaped without injury. The loss will be about $1,500. Messrs. Newton & Andrews are the sufferers.

—Mr. A. P. Barger, of Clearfield county, was killed last Tuesday while driving a wagon load of boards to town. The horses became unmanageable while being driven down a hill, and he sprang out, but some part of his clothing catching on the stay chain, stuck on the front of the axle of the wagon, and he was dragged for some distance down the road until the terrified horses turned into the woods, still dragging the unfortunate man over stumps and rocks until they became entangled in the thicket. The remains when found were shockingly torn and mangled. Mr. Barger was one of the most respectable young men in the county, and leaves a wife and family to lament his loss.

—The New York *Tribune* says: Joseph and Rella Perry, who recently left Mercer county, Pa., to go to their native country, England, were enticed into James McCarron's ticket office, No. 75 Bobbinson street. The woman allowed McCarron to count $1,500, which also possessed, and he returned only $1,300. Shortly after McCarron received a $100 bill, which he pointed out to her lying on the floor near the counter, but the object of the counterfeiter in thus doing. On being taken before Justice Dowling, he consented to give her $100 on condition that he should be released. The offer was accepted.

—The Reading *Dispatch* says: About four o'clock on Monday afternoon, as John Wilhelm, a German, employed in hauling stone from Penn's Mount, met with a bad accident. In descending the hill with a loaded wagon, Mr. W. was in the rear of the vehicle, to attend to the brake, and in going down a steep turn, the stone rolled from the wagon, striking him on the hand and arm, crushing them in a horrible manner. The arm was broken in two places below the elbow. A physician was summoned who attended to his wounds.

—George Miller, of Eberly's Mills, Cumberland county, was killed at Williamsport, Lycoming county, on Tuesday last. As the evening train for Harrisburg, on which he was a passenger, was being switched off at the depot, Mr. Miller in some unknown manner, got on the track, and was run over, the car wheels passing over his head. About four hundred dollars in money was found in his possession.

—While a little negro sweep was engaged in cleaning a chimney at the Mansion National Bank, in Erie, some thoughtless person lighted a fire in a stove. The hot air and smoke instantly strangled the boy, who let go his hold and fell to the bottom of the flue, and was almost extricated, but he died Friday morning from the effects of hot air.

The Dauphin County Soldiers' Monument (says the Harrisburg *Telegraph*) is to be erected. The contract (for $11,000) has been awarded to Mr. Henry Myers, of Harrisburg.

LANCASTER.—On the 3d inst., David Waldman was suffocated to death by inhaling the foul air, while at work in a well on the premises of Henry Graybill, in Lartville.

TILTON.—George Finonff, of McConnelsburg, last week caught in a trap a young bear, weighing over forty pounds.

RICHMOND, VA.

Gen. Imboden and Reclistration—Political Views of Republicans and Conservative Meetings.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

RICHMOND, Oct. 18.—General Imboden, with a view of making Schofield a defendant in the *mandamus*, and to exhaust all remedies under the reconstruction act, under advice of counsel appealed from the decision of the Registration Board. Gen. Schofield replied, sustaining the action of the Board.

The canvass is being vigorously conducted by both parties, and both profess to be sanguine of success.

A grand Republican meeting is being held in Capital Square this evening. It is now being addressed by Hunnicutt, Conway Robinson, of the Conservative Committee, and others also addressed the meeting.

The Conservatives are also holding a meeting.

Not Murdered, But Robbed.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

PHILADELPHIA, October 18.—James Rush, a watch peddler, went to Camden yesterday afternoon, with five watches and jewelry, supposed large amount of money. His dead body was discovered last evening in Ralphersville, a negro settlement below Camden. There was no marks of violence on the body, but he had been robbed of all his valuables. He apparently died from an apoplectic fit.

North Carolina Convention Nomine.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

WILMINGTON, N. C., October 18.—The Republicans have nominated General J. C. Abbott and S. S. Ashley, white, and H. H. Galloway, colored, for the Convention. The nominations are dissatisfied because there are not two of their color on the ticket.

The Largest Oysters.—The Oyster season has commenced in right good earnest, and our friend Holtzhimer, of the popular Continental Dining Rooms, Fifth street, next door to the Postoffice, daily receives fresh supplies of the delicacy from the best markets. Call in and try a chafing dish, or have them served up in any style you may desire. They are cosy. The largest, best and finest oysters in the city are those at Holtzhelmer's.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF NINTH WARD SCHOOL FUND.

MARK IRWIN, Collector, in account with Ninth Ward school Board. Dr.

To Special Duplicate for 1866 ..... $ 5,720 15
To Yearly Duplicate for 1867 ..... 27,717 58
$33 561 7.

1866
Oct. 12—By cash ..... $ 317 15
Nov. 12—By cash 94 00
Dec. 12—By cash 6 00
1867
Jan. 12—By cash 2,000 00
Feb. 1—By cash 250 00
" 7—By cash 2,000 00
" 27—By cash 1 00
March 4—By cash 2,000 00
April 1—By cash 200 00
May 1—By cash 2,000 00
June 1—By cash 100 00
July 2—By cash 4729 19
" —By collections on Special Duplicate 474 20
" —By commissions 2 per cent. on $23,729 19 ..... 99 58
" —By collections on Yearly Duplicate ..... 4,992 15—$16,952 92
Balance due Board ..... $ 616 25

Treasurer of Ninth Ward school Board in account with Mark Irwin, Collector. Cr.

1867
April 1—To balance on hand ..... $ 19 27
1867
Aug. 22—To cash from J. S. Negley 492 87
Aug. 24—To cash from Jas. S. Irwin, Treas'r Ninth Ward 1,000 1
Aug. 29—To cash from James Irwin, Treas'r Ninth Ward 5,000 00
$6,511 72 6

Cr.
By cash paid Janitor ..... $ 237 75
" " " for coal 1 75
" " " for Clerk's Office 117 04
" " " for incidentals 48 21
" " " for rent 125 00
" " " for Janitor 15 00
" " " for Janitor's salary 1,000 00
" " " for A. A. Fahnestock & Co. 1,213
" " " for A. A. Fahnestock & Co. 2,000 00
" " " for J. W. Johnston & Co. 50 00
" " " for Mr. Hunter 75 00
" " " for Mr. Hunter 75 00
" " " for Mr. Hunter 75