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CITY AND SUBURBAN.

THE COURTS.

District Court—Judge Williams.

THURSDAY, December 19.—Court met at the usual hour, ten o'clock.

In the case of Martin vs. Martin, motion by Bruce & Negley, representing Hood, Bonbright & Co., of Philadelphia, to stay execution to await action of the United States Court on a petition to declare the defendant in the execution a bankrupt—reported yesterday—the Court refused to interfere with its execution. Judge Hampton will write the opinion in the case.

John P. Gilson vs. the Ardesco Oil Company. Action to recover damages sustained by injuries received by the explosion of stills in defendants' refinery. The jury had not agreed upon a verdict at adjournment.

James Kiegg and other owners of the steam tug Mary Dawson vs. W. H. Brown. Action to recover on a contract for towing coal, the difference between the parties being half a cent per bushel on the coal, twenty-five dollars on the barges, and responsibility for loss and damages to barges. On trial.

Following is the trial list for this day:

141. R. Forrester & Co. vs. Jennings and White.
142. Same vs. Same.
143. H. Baldinger vs. Jeremiah Knox.
146. Jos. Patterson vs. Jos. McPherson.
148. W. W. Wallace vs. David Becket.
149. Edmund Henry vs. Windlass.
152. Robert Sterrit vs. F. Schild.
153. Th. J. Power vs. Superior Iron Co.

Quarter Sessions—Judge Stowe.

THURSDAY, Dec. 19.—Court met at the usual hour, ten o'clock.

ROBBING A FRIEND.

Patrick Owens, brought from prison for trial on a charge of larceny, put in the plea of "guilty, but drunk"—or such was the argument to the jury. A verdict of guilty was rendered, the jury leaving to the Court to consider the matter of drunkenness. The prisoner, on the 4th of October last, was on a "bender" with one John Riley, and in peregrinating about the city they stopped at a clothing store on Liberty street, yielding to the persuasion of an Israelite to "buy some clothing." Riley doffed his coat and vest, and while he (Riley) was trying on garments in the store, Owen's fingers round their way into his friend's vest pocket, and took therefrom a five dollar bill, which he was about transferring to his own pocket on the sly, when Roger O'Mara, who had observed the movement, stepped up and arrested him. This was the whole case. Patrick was sentenced to thirty days imprisonment in the jail.

STEALING LEATHER.

Daniel O'Brien was brought from prison for trial on a charge of stealing a roll of leather, the property of J. S. Hakes, on Nov. 14th. He put in a plea of guilty, and was sentenced to one year and three months imprisonment in the Penitentiary.

LUCAS, THE HORSE-THIEF.

Morris Lucas, colored, who obtained some notoriety by his escape from the county prison some time since, by assuming the name and clothing of a prisoner whose time had expired, thus to all appearances being regularly discharged, and who was recaptured a few days ago, was brought from prison for trial on a charge of horse stealing, or larceny. The indictment charges that on the 14th of July last he stole two horses, of the value of two hundred dollars, the property of Christian Holy. The jury convicted, and the prisoner was remanded, there being another case pending against him.

STOLE A WATCH.

Frank Washington, colored, aged sixteen years, plead guilty to the larceny of a gold watch, the property of Mrs. Gen. George W. Cass. The watch was taken about the first instant, while the prisoner was engaged at service at the house of Gen. Cass, in Allegheny City, and being missed simultaneously with the disappearance of the prisoner, and it being ascertained that he had gone to Chicago and was returning eastward, he was arrested by telegraph at Fort Wayne, Indiana. He confessed the theft, and the watch was recovered from a colored woman at Chicago. Washington told a straight-forward story, and said it was his first offense. Previously he had many opportunities to steal, but had resisted them. In consideration of his frankness, and apparently sincere penitence, the Court sentenced him to the House of Refuge.

RESULT OF A "DRUNK."

George H. Mitchell was arraigned upon an indictment for malicious mischief, Sarah Hall prosecutor. The parties reside in Allegheny, in "Carson's Country." The defendant it appeared came home at an unusual hour on a Saturday night, in an intoxicated condition, and in passing through the door or four feet alloy to reach his residence he encountered an obstruction in the shape of a wheelbarrow tumbling over his shins. He was enraged beyond measure, and to evince his ire knocked the wheelbarrow. Going into the house he procured a hatchet, ax or like weapon, and returning, as he supposed, to the object of his wrath, proceeded to demolish it. Instead of the wheelbarrow, however, he attacked the wash tub of his neighbor, Mrs. Hall, and left not a stave of it together. Some little boy observed the proceeding, and on the morning day after (Sunday having intervened) complained of Lord Mitchell, which he said she was not able to bear in her poor circumstances, and stated that she would be satisfied if the article was replaced; the cost of which would be but a dollar and a half. The defendant refused to buy her another tub, and hence was unlucky enough to be sued for damages. The defendant now raised whether the defendant knew the article he destroyed belonged to Mrs. Hall, and whether he destroyed it out of malice toward her. The Court held that if the defendant did not know to whom the tub belonged, and then did, the jury could not convict, as the charge was maliciously destroying property of the prosecutrix—having reference to the owner not against the thing destroyed. The jury found a verdict of not guilty, *defendant* to pay the costs.

SELLING ON SUNDAY.

Patrick Daly, of Robinson township, plead guilty to selling liquor on Sunday, September 1st, 1867, and was sentenced to pay a fine of thirty dollars and to undergo ten days imprisonment.

George Hoffman, residing on the road leading to McKeesport, plead guilty to selling liquor on Sunday. Not sentenced.

HARNESS THIEVES.

In the case of Jacob Lang and Jacob Hasley, charged for stealing harness &c., from John Schleper, near Otto Kreutz, Lang entered a plea of guilty. Sentence deferred. Hasley will be tried to-morrow (to-day.)

ANOTHER PLEA OF GUILTY.

John Kelley *alias* John Gouglin, indicted for larceny on calls of John Gouglin, put in a plea of guilty. He was charged with stealing, on the 14th of October, one hundred and fifty dollars in greenbacks and five franc pieces. Sentence deferred by request, to enable defendant to adduce proof of character.

Court adjourned at an earlier hour than usual, owing to crowded state of business prepared for the day having been shortened by defendants unexpectedly pleading guilty.

Chief of Police Scott.—In noticing the argument on the motion for a new trial in the case of James Brown, convicted of highway robbery, in the Criminal Court, a few days since, we are indulged to the assertion of counsel for the defense that the officer who made the arrest in his testimony sought to attach to himself credit for shrewdness, by stating that he made use of a description given of the accused by the prosecutor, when such was not the fact. We are assured by counsel for the prosecution that Mr. Scott, the Chief of Police, who arrested Brown, did not testify that he made use of any such description given of the person by the man who was robbed, and that the prosecutor was purposely not asked to describe the person who robbed him, for the very substantial reason that he (the prosecutor) at the time he was robbed was so much intoxicated as to preclude the idea of his being able to give any such description. It was not our design to reflect upon Mr. Scott, intending simply to give an outline of the argument for a new trial made by Mr. Mackrell, to which there was no reply, except by Col. Duff, the District Attorney, whose brief remarks were confined to a legal point raised. The remark "tall swearing" may not have been used by counsel, but in what said they was certainly implied quite as much as that term conveys. No one who has known Mr. Scott as long as we have would for a moment attribute to him such baseness, as to testify to so unimportant a circumstance for the purpose of securing credit for shrewdness in police matters, or that he would under any circumstances willfully falsify.

Attempted Outrage.—Jemima McGraw, an Irish girl, made information before Alderman Butler, charging Joseph Price, a colored man, with assault and battery with intent to commit rape. The defendant keeps an oyster saloon on Grant street opposite the St. Nicholas Hotel, where it appears the defendant was employed. She alleges that on Tuesday night the defendant broke open the door of her room and attempted to outrage her person. The accused was arrested yesterday morning by officer Little and held to bail for a hearing.

Lecture.—Col. Cleaver will deliver a lecture on the subject "Religion in Politics" in the Fifth street Church, corner of Washington and Webster streets, this evening at 7½ o'clock. We have not the least doubt but this peculiar, important and interesting subject will be handled in a masterly manner by the Reverend Colonel. These attending will have the pleasure of hearing a good lecture for the moderate price of twenty five cents, which is to be applied to a worthy purpose, the Sabbath School Library.

Admitted to Practice.—On motion of Thos. M. Bayne, Esq., Col. John Glenn was admitted to practice in the various Courts of this county. Col. Glenn is a young man of fine abilities, and will no doubt rank among the most promising of our young attorneys. For his success he has our best wishes.

Amusements.

MRS. LANDER.—Last night the Academy of Music was occupied by an uncommonly brilliant audience, on the occasion of the great historian's interpretation of "Mary Stuart." The audience was delighted with the rendition, and frequently gave evidence of their appreciation by storms of applause. To criticise Mrs. Lander is to praise her. She has given deep study to all the characters she attempts to portray on the stage, and with nicety and force she works out all the prominent points. Tonight she appears for the first time in Pittsburgh in "Media," and in the third act of "Mary Stuart." The translation of Media adopted by Mrs. Lander has been embellished, and is the most attractive in the English language. She is the only fit representative of the character on the American stage, and, indeed, we cannot except History, the Italian Queen of Tragedy. Her glory must fade in the rendition of this character before Mrs. Lander's keen conception and marvellous execution. As tonight will be the occasion of the benefit of the gifted representative of the histrionic art of America, we trust that she will be made to feel that she is appreciated in our city, which is proverbial for paying just homage to true worth, merit and nobility.

OPERA HOUSE.—Emily Melville, the charming little actress, had a very fair house last night and appeared to excellent advantage. She is decidedly a great favorite here and we trust to-night, the occasion of her benefit, will be embraced as a fitting opportunity for paying due recognition to her claims upon our affection and admiration by a crowded audience.

At this popular place of amusement next week we are to have the young and talented artist Mlle. Marietta Ravel. We can safely commend her to the public as inferior to none of her contemporaries and greatly superior to many who have presumed to attempt the peculiar range of characters she sustains. Mlle. Ravel has been feared from Europe by those rigid disciplinarians, the famous Ravels, who are too well known to be criticised. The management has acted wisely in engaging her, and will no doubt be amply rewarded for the judgment displayed.

Federal Street and Pleasant Valley Passenger Railroad.

An adjourned meeting of the stockholders and friends of the Federal street and Pleasant Valley Passenger Railroad was held at Mr. Gray's Hotel, Wednesday, 18th inst., at 3 P. M.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, Mr. McCreery was elected Chairman and W. S. Taylor, Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Price, the reports of Committees were deferred until the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. J. Gallagher, a Committee of six was appointed to meet and confer with the Committee of Councils on right of way, &c.

The following gentlemen were appointed by the Chair: Messrs. Wm. Russel, J. Gallagher, H. J. Price, R. Gray, R. Carey, J. McCreery, and W. S. Taylor.

After a free interchange of opinions and remarks from Messrs. McCreery, Gallagher, Gray, and others, the meeting adjourned to meet at the same place subject to the call of the permanent committee.

From the interest manifested by those present there can be no doubt of the speedy success of this important and worthy enterprise.

Larceny.

Dr. S. D. Lindsay made information before Mayor Morrison, of Allegheny, yesterday, against William McFarlan, charging him with larceny. The facts of the case are as follows: Tuesday evening last, the Doctor left his horse and buggy standing in front of his office, on Penn street, this city, while attending to some business, and when he came out a fine buffalo robe, which was in the buggy when he left it, had been stolen. Subsequently the robe was found in Allegheny and identified by him as the one taken from the buggy. The property was in those possession it was found said that he had purchased it of McCredrick, who was arrested and, after a hearing, committed to jail in default of the necessary bail for his appearance at Court.

Universalist Fair.

The Fair, at City Hall, last night, was a complete success. The chances in the various articles to be disposed of were taken freely, and the voting was quite interesting. The voting for the next handsome lady President was very lively, Miss Anna Dickinson and Miss Kate Stickney receiving the most votes. The parties assisted by Mrs. Baber and Miss Buffum, preside at the Booth where the Gentle Fair President is done, at the small sum of five cents per vote. At this Booth will also be found the magnificent Bible headed cane, which is to be awarded to the Reporter having the highest number of votes. The promenade night was a Delightful affair. The company, although quite numerous, was select, and the union was charming. The house will be crowded to-night.

False Pretence.—Michael Matter made information before Alderman Taylor yesterday, charging Samuel Scherer with obtaining board under false pretences. Matter is the proprietor of Switzer Hall, in the Fifth ward, where it is alleged the defendant obtained boarding to the amount of twelve dollars, by false and fraudulent representations, and afterwards refused to pay for the same. He was arrested and taken before the Alderman, where the matter was amicably arranged by payment of the board bill and costs by the defendant.

Returned Home.—The gentlemen who so ably and satisfactorily represented the interests of the State and our city in the Manufacturers' National Convention, at Cleveland, returned home at an early hour this morning. They were highly pleased with the proceedings of the Convention, and are hopeful that their labors have not been in vain. During their stay in Cleveland the Pittsburgh delegation visited all points of interest, and received the attention due the importance of the vast interest which they represented.

Committed for Trial.—Philip Schoneck, who, it will be remembered, was arrested several weeks since charged with the larceny of $1200 from a basket in a buggy near Perrysville, the property of Frederick Schild, had a hearing before Mayor McCarthy yesterday, which resulted in his being held in $2,000 bail for his appearance at Court, in default of which he was committed to jail.

River Items.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

LOUISVILLE, December 19.—River falling with five feet three inches in the canal by mark. Weather misty with thermometer at 38 degs.

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ARTHUR KIRK.
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We will have some new choice
S. C. Hams and Dried Beef
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50 " Porto Rico do;
25 " South & Sugar Syrup;
25 " Sugar House do;
20 " Syrup do;
20 " Refined sugars;
25 " Sugar House sugar;
25 hhds. Porto Rico sugar;
20 " Cuba do do;
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We are now prepared to convert the
SECOND AND THIRD SERIES 7-30's
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New 1867 5-20 Gold Coupon Bonds.
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IRA E. McVAY & CO.,
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We will give holders of JUNE AND JULY SEVEN-THIRTIES the interest at 7-10 per cent. to January 1st, and give them in exchange
5-20 BONDS OF 1867,
Interest IN GOLD at 6 per cent. from that date.
IRA E. McVAY & CO.

FINANCE AND TRADE.
OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, THURSDAY, December 19, 1867.
Wire pulling, in the double meaning of the word, has extended even as far as the other end of the Atlantic Telegraph. For several days the cable has furnished official dispatches pretending to give true quotations of the European markets, which now prove to have been given in the interest of gold gamblers, quoting bonds low at to induce operators for a rise to making heavy purchases, and so rise vers. So, in consequence of lower quotations for Five Twenties in London, gold advanced again to 134 late in the afternoon. The market opened at 133¾, advanced to 133⅞, declined to 133⅝ and closed at 134—market strong. The volume of the business is considerably decreased, and the rates for money are expected after January next, few have the courage to sell short at present quotations, yet holders of coupons are anxious to obtain present quotations and willingly consent to a small discount for the advance of the surplus.

Bonds were firm to-day, but heavier on advance in 1864's, the market was steady, as soon as the outstanding speculative sales are covered, the market is likely to experience a decline, partly in consequence of a disposition to pay such a high premium on bonds after so many a decline in the gold premium, and secondly from the change of funds. The purchase of the gold disbursements will require about forty millions of currency to carry that amount of bonds.

The stock market is firm, with slight improvement in some of the stocks where a dividend is prospect.

The sales were 320,000 shares, including Cumberland 25¾@25¾, Wabash 25¾@25¾, Rock Island 108¾@108¾, Fort Wayne 99¾@99¾, Western Union 29¾@29¾, New Central 117¾@117¾, Erie 73¾@73¾, Pacific Mail 117¾@117¾, Atlantic and Pacific 29¾@29¾, Union Pacific 29¾@29¾, Ohio and Mississippi 29¾@29¾, Ohio Southern 29¾@29¾, Ohio Central 29¾@29¾, Ohio Coal 29¾@29¾, Pittsburgh and Cleveland 29¾@29¾, Pittsburgh and Fort Wayne 99¾@99¾, Pittsburgh and Chicago 99¾@99¾, Allegheny Valley 29¾@29¾, Pittsburgh and Connellsville 29¾@29¾, Cleveland and Pittsburgh 29¾@29¾, Cleveland and Toledo 29¾@29¾, Cleveland and Erie