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CITY AND SUBURBAN.

THE COURTS.

District Court—Judge Williams.

On Tuesday the case of William Bell vs. L. R. McAboy and Ed. S. Wright, already reported, was resumed. The evidence for the plaintiff having been concluded, the defendants moved for a non-suit, contending that the plaintiff had failed to make out a sufficient case. Court adjourned until nine o'clock this morning, when the motion will be argued.

Following are the first cases on the trial list:

166. Joseph Patterson vs. George McPherson.
148. W. W. Wallace vs. David Beckst et ux.
153. T. J. Power vs. Superior Iron Co.
154. Allegheny City vs. Wm. Dawson.
155. G. W. Nash vs. John Ryan et ux.
160. John Young vs. Little Sawmill Run Railroad Co.
161. E. D. Rose vs. Ricketson's adm'r.
164. Hugh McShane et ux. vs. B. McLain & Co.

Common Pleas—Judge Mellon.

TUESDAY, Jan. 7.—William Cashdollar vs. William Rich and H. R. Gillingham, administrators of Daniel Rich, deceased. Action to recover $600.75 for services rendered. Verdict for defendants.

Elias Cashdollar vs. same defendants. Similar action to recover $1,545.75. Jury out.

Following is the daily list:

17. National Bank Lawrence county vs. Hedgeston's adm'r.
18. Heister vs. West, Transp. Co.
19. Andrews vs. Saine.
20. Smith vs. Bryan.
22. People's Line vs. Boyd.
23. Lynch & Co. vs. G. P. & H. Vierling.
25. Gunther vs. Afferbach.
28. Adoy, Williams & Bartly vs. Shuis, Danner & Co.
29. Ward vs. C. T. Ewing.
31. McQuade vs. Nicholson et al.
32. Casey vs. Fox.
60. Woodford vs. Rush.
66. Everson, Preston & Co. vs. Pitts. & Cond. R. R.
4. McGahan vs. Semple.
7. Watson, for use, vs. Montgomery.
10. Byrnes vs. Dalkingh.
16. Tradesmen's National Bank vs. Rickets on's adm'r.

Quarter Sessions—Judge Sterrett.

Court met at ten o'clock Tuesday forenoon.

In the case of G. Fiegel, indicted for assault and battery with intent to rape Barbara Auth, who keeps a saloon in the borough of Birmingham, where defendant resides, occupying the position of dict of not guilty, and also that Prosecutor Kaufelt, who was the prosecutor, be required to pay three-fourths of the costs, the defendant to pay the remaining fourth.

Patrick Kennedy was indicted for fornication and bastardy on oath of Bridget Monaghan. The infimacy, which resulted in the birth of a child at the City Farm, took place, the prosecutrix testified, about Christmas, 1867. The defendant proved that he was too weak to work during that week, and a Miss Scanlon testified that she saw Bridget in a suspicious situation with a fellow who was not Patrick. The jury found a verdict of not guilty, Prosecutrix to pay the costs.

Morris Stern was placed on trial charged with the larceny of clothing and other goods from freight cars of the Pennsylvania Railroad, at the transfer depot, in the Ninth ward. The defendant was in the employ of the company as Night Car Inspector, and resided with his family in Lawrenceville. Suspicion having been attracted to him, a watch was kept upon his movements, which resulted in his apprehension and the finding at his house of a considerable quantity of goods, which had been taken from boxes after passing into the possession of the Railroad company for shipment. The case was on trial at adjournment.

The Schools of the State.

We are in receipt of a copy of the "Annual Report of the Superintendent of Common Schools of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the year ending June 3d, 1867," and make a brief abstract.

The number of districts in the State (exclusive of Philadelphia) at the close of the year was 1,888, an increase of 25 over 1866; number of schools, 22,561, an increase of 238; pupils in attendance, 690,163; increase, 10,546; average attendance, 414,537; increase, 1,858; average cost of tuition, eighty-five cents, an increase of thirteen cents; whole number of teachers, 9,209, of which 6,619 were males, and 2,590 were females, an increase of 455 males, and a decrease of one hundred and seventeen females. Average salaries of teachers per month, twenty-seven dollars and fifty-one cents. Total cost of tuition $2,482,512.83—an increase of $276,301.23—for fuel and contingencies, $601,681, and for purchasing building, renting and repairing, $458,310—an aggregate increase in these particulars of $432,252. The State appropriation was $355,000; paid to county superintendents, $26,221—an increase of $6,419. Whole amount of taxes levied and State appropriation, $9,971, 30, an increase of $907,325. The levied in eighteen hundred and eighty-nine districts, $5,616,283, an increase of $622,327.

In Philadelphia (not included in the above abstract) there are three hundred and seventy-four schools under State superintendence—four high schools, sixty grammar, sixty-nine secondary, one hundred and eighty-nine primary and fifty-six unclassified schools; seventy-nine male, and twelve hundred and thirty-five female teachers; number of pupils belonging to the school at the close of the year, 77,164; average attendance, 56,233; amount paid for salaries of teachers, $645,522.77; lots, houses, additions, &c., $27,646; books, &c., $189,588—total for school purposes, $1,102,757.

School accommodations and teachers were provided for 24,626 more pupils than attended regularly—the average attendance on the whole number being only a little more than sixty per cent. This irregularity (says the Superintendent,) in attending schools necessitates the unproductive expenditure of an immense sum of money, and this is scarcely the worst of its effects, for it everywhere deranges the school and cripples the teaching. From facts that have come to the knowledge of the School Department, it is believed that quite a large number of children, of proper age, in all parts of the State, never attend school. Hope such are to be found in almost every rural district, and every village, and thousands, it is feared, could be hunted up in our large towns and cities. Some thing should be done to bring these neglected classes into the schools, and, as a preliminary step, it is suggested that provision be made by law to take the census once every three or five years of all the children in the State, between the ages of six and twenty-one.

Only eleven high schools made reports to the Department. This is but a small proportion of the whole number in the State, as there are now 2,147 graded schools, and every system of graded schools must, in some sense, have high schools. The number of public high schools is increasing rapidly, and wherever well managed they are meeting with favor from the people.

The past has been a prosperous year for the State Normal schools, and the State is reaping a large return of profit for her liberality towards them. The number of students attending them increased from 2,099 to 2,185, the number of their graduates from forty-three to forty-six, the volumes in their libraries from 5,550 to 6,286, the total value of their property from $161,376 00, to $246,338 00, and their whole financial condition has been somewhat improved.

In addition to the State Normal Schools, some twenty private Normal schools or Normal institutes were in operation in different parts of the State. Probably two thousand students attended those institutions for a longer or shorter period of time. Better than anything else, they indicate the want of more State schools and their proper location. The prospect is that several more State schools will ask for recognition within a year or two. The State will of course encourage them in the same way it has aided those already established.

Here are the great facts of the Pennsylvania Common School system:

The whole number of schools,		18,455
" " teachers,		16,628
" " pupils,		789,939
The average attendance of pupils,		(391,870
Total cost of tuition,		$1,628,065 79
Total cost of building,		1,252,796 08
Total cost of contingencies,		790,675 33
For tuition, building, &c.,		6,961,536 71
For all school purposes,		3,150,750 17

Atlantic and Great Western Railroad—Election of Officers.

The annual election for Directors of the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad Company, which was held at the office of the Company, at Meadville, yesterday, resulted in the choice of the following gentlemen without opposition:

Hon. Henry G. Stebbins, J. E. Eldridge, Gen. A. S. Diven, T. W. Kennard, E. F. Satterwhite, W. A. O'Donnell, Samuel Wann, John Gardner, C. F. Blakesly, Gen. R. C. Hawkins, Timothy G. Churchill, John H. Layton, Alex. McAndrew, Mortimer L. Mackenzie, New York; T. Haskins Dupuy, Tallow John Jackson, Philadelphia; Chas. Day, Henry Martin, Buffalo; Jacob Ribbit, Galion, O.; Jacob Crall, Ashland, O.; Wm. Lee Randolph, New York.

The whole number of shares represented at the election was 180,603. After the election the Board was organized by electing Hon. Henry G. Stebbins, President, and T. Haskins Dupuy, Vice President.

Assault and Battery.—Bridget McLaughlin made information before Justice Kelley, of Temperanceville, yesterday, against Mary Farrell, charging her with assault and battery. The parties reside at Walker's mills. It appears that they were indulging in neighborly quarrel, which resulted in a regular fight, in which hair pulling, scratching, biting, &c., was the principal business. A warrant was issued.

Larceny.

George Berger, who was arrested by officers Rigley and Strain on Saturday evening, charged on oath of John Lafferty, of Snowden township, with the larceny of $700, had a hearing before Acting Deputy Mayor McMasters yesterday, and in default of $1,000 bail was committed for a further hearing. The facts in the case as adduced at the hearing were in substance as follows: Sunday, the 8th of September, the prosecutor locked up his house and went to church, and on his return discovered that he had been robbed of $700. The defendant was seen in the vicinity of the house during the absence of Mr. Lafferty, and subsequently he had been well supplied with money. He purchased a mule in the neighborhood, for which he paid a $100 bill, and this bill was identified by the prosecutor as a part of the money taken from his house. The bill had been torn and pasted by Mr. Lafferty, which enabled him to identify it.

Didn't Want Him.

James McAfee yesterday made information before Alderman Strain, charging Henry Hall with obtaining board under false pretenses. He alleged that the accused procured boarding for himself, wife and sister, to the amount of $23.00, representing that he owned real estate which he intended to sell in a few days, when he would pay the bill. It appears he didn't have the real estate, and did not pay the bill. A warrant was issued and placed in the hands of officer Barry, who went in search of the delinquent boarder and found him in the Fifth ward confined to his bed with small pox, which the officer considered sufficient bail for his appearance, as he did not insist upon the accused accompanying him or procuring bail; nor did the Alderman insist upon the execution of the warrant. The prosecutor was anxious to get his money, but he did not wish to take any small-pox with it, and consequently did not insist upon the arrest of Mr. Hall.

Post 21, G. A. R.

At a regular meeting of Post 21, Grand Army of the Republic, held at their Hall, No. 127 Lacock street, Allegheny, Monday evening, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: J. P. B. Crumpton, I. V. C.; Alex. English, Post Adjutant; Wm. G. McKelvey, Post Quarter Master; Dr. Kirker, Surgeon.

The following gentlemen were appointed delegates to represent the Post at the State Convention to be held at Philadelphia, January 29, 1868: D. L. Smith, T. Gibson and A. J. Fenton.

Malicious Mischief.

John Heck yesterday made information before Alderman McMasters, against Bernard Graham, for malicious mischief and cruelty of the beast. Heck it appears keeps a bakery and confectionery in Lawrenceville, and he alleges that Graham came into his establishment and threw a quality of cheyenne pepper over his pies and cakes, and because he remonstrated with him, Graham threatened to whip him. A warrant issued and after a hearing was held to bail for his appearance at court.

The Shaler Township Teachers' Institute was held according to adjournment, at Etna Public School House, on Saturday. After devotional exercises the programme, as previously announced, was carried out. The class drill in Practical Grammar occupied the forenoon. In the afternoon class drills on the Constitution of the United States, and Written Arithmetic, followed by a lecture by Mr. G. Hurd. The exercises throughout were interesting and profitable. The teachers' seem fully alive to the importance of the Institute as a means of aiding in the school economy of the district. The programme for the next meeting, Saturday, January 18, 1868: Class drill in Arithmetic, Home Geography and United States History. Teachers from adjoining districts are cordially invited to attend.

Janauschek.—This great actress was last night greeted by one of the largest and most fashionable audiences we have ever seen together at the Academy of Music. She appeared to admirable advantage in the character of Mrs. Adrienne, the actress." What Historian Lamartine, Lander in English, Janauschek is in German language. These three artistes form the great historical trio of our century. To-night she will appear for the last time in this city in her specialty, the character of Mary Stuart, a role in which she is remarkably fascinating and brilliant.

No Quorum.—Last evening was the time for holding the regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Controllers of Allegheny, but owing to there being no quorum present, and consequently no meeting was held. A special meeting has been called for Monday evening.

Survey of the Fraction.—Frank McConaghey made information before Alderman Lipp yesterday against Gotleib Hoff for the survey of the same. The parties reside in Lawrenceville. A warrant was issued for the arrest of the accused.

False Alarm.—The alarm of fire which proceeded from box 4, about six o'clock last evening, was occasioned by the burning of a chimney on Short street. No damage done.

Arrested on a Process.—William H. Snyder was arrested on a process yesterday, charged with affiliation, and committed to jail for trial.

CITY ITEMS.

Six Pts.—Poets—Painters—Preachers—Players—Printers and Politicians—all suffer from Dyspepsia. Nervousness, Loss of Appetite, Liver Complaint and Bilious disease which they may cure or prevent by the use of Plantation Bitters. If those sufferers took these Bitters, Poetry would be purer, the Acting truer, the Painting grander, the Sermons livelier, the Printing easier, and the Politics honester. This splendid tonic invigorates the system, and enables the brain to work healthily.

Perhaps no article was ever so well endorsed by all who have used it.

MAGNOLIA WATER.—A delightful toilet article—superior to Cologne—and at half the price. NEWSF

Chapped Hands, face and all roughness of the skin, certainly cured by using the Juniper Tar Soap, made by Caswell, Hazard & Co., New York. It also removes all other remedies, as it will prevent roughness of the skin, if used during cold weather. It is wonderfully agreeable, avoiding all the trouble of the greasy compounds now in use. It can be used by ladies with the same success, and even without irritation or pain, making it soft and clear. Sold by the Druggists generally.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is the prescription of one of the best female physicians and nurses in the United States, and has been used for many years with never-failing safety and success, by millions of mothers for their children. It relieves the child from pain, corrects acidity of the stomach, relieves wind colic, and, by giving rest and health to the child, comforts the mother. Beware and call for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, having the *fac-simile* of Curtis & Perkins on the outside wrapper. All others are base imitations.

Great Inducements are offered to persons desiring anything in the way of boots, shoes, hats, caps, or ladies' furs, at Snodgrass & Ross', No. 24 St. Clair street. TWS

If you want bargains in ladies and misses furs go to Wm. Fleming's, No. 139 Wood street.

Big better specials can be found than Wilson's Pills. Dyspepsia, Sour Stomach, Costiveness, and Torpid Liver, are instantly relieved by them. All the druggists in the United States keep them.

Ladies, your attention is invited to the high-cut Napoleon Boot, full trimmed, (adapted to the wants of those who enjoy the ton) which are being rapidly disposed of at Snodgrass & Ross'. Buy a pair.

Great Closing Out Sale of ladies and misses furs at Wm. Fleming's, No. 139 Wood street.

Call and Examine the large and complete stock of Ladies' Furs, at William Fleming's, No. 139 Wood street. tf

Snodgrass & Ross are now disposing of their large stock of goods at reduced prices, at 24 St. Clair street. TWS

Clerithician Water is a certain cure for Diabetes and all diseases of the kidneys. For sale by all druggists. WWF

Going Out.—That large stock of ladies' furs at Wm. Fleming's, No. 139 Wood street.

Do not fail to call and examine the large stock of goods at Snodgrass & Ross', 24 St. Clair street. TWS

Buy your hats, caps, boots, shoes and gaiters at Snodgrass & Ross'. TWS

Grand Promenades at City Hall from 10 to 12 every evening this week. TF

Wargains in ladies and misses furs at Wm. Fleming's, No. 139 Wood street.

Hazlewadd Fair and Festival at City Hall every night this week. TF

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Forks, Card Cases,
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We will give holders of JUNE AND JULY SEVEN-THIRTIES the interest at 7-3-10 per cent. to January 1st, and give them in exchange
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We warrant our No. 1 Lard Oil equal to the best Sperm or other brands, and propose to sell it as low as chemically pure Lard Oil can be afforded. No. 2 Lard Oil or adulterator cannot be sold.
Paint Grease Lubricating and standard brands of Carbon Oil constantly on hand.
Railroads and Manufacturers will find it to their interest to give us a call before ordering Lard Oil from the West.

FITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, TUESDAY, January 7, 1868.

There is no material change to note in the general markets. Trade, generally, continues very dull, as the demand for almost all the leading articles is confined to supplying immediate wants, but we are in hopes, notwithstanding the indications at present are not very bright, that an improvement is near at hand. The stringency in money matters is having its effect in restricting business and preventing anything like a speculating feeling, and causes dealers generally to do what is familiarly termed, "a hand-to-mouth business."

GRAIN.—Winter Wheat comes in very slowly, and is taken on arrival by the mills at $2.65 for prime Red, and $2.75 for prime White. Barley is scarce and wanted; Malsters are paying $1.60 for Spring, and $1.70@1.75 for Fall. Oats quiet and unchanged; we continue to quote at 62c. on track, and 65@67c. in store. Corn is in good supply and dull; new may be quoted at 80@85c. in bags, and $1@1.05 Shelled. Rye is in rather better demand, and we can report sales at $1.40@1.45.

FLOUR.—Spring Wheat Flour is firm, with an upward movement in sympathy with the advance in Wheat in Chicago, while Winter Wheat, although firmer, is unchanged. We now quote at $10.50@11.50 for the former; $12@ $17.50 for the latter, and $16@18.50 for family brands. Rye Flour is unchanged at $8.50 per bbl. Buckwheat, owing to the failure of the season and increased arrivals, is dull and lower; we now quote at $4@4.25 per cwt.

BACON.—In steady with a fair jobbing trade at 11@11½c for Shoulders; 13½ to 15½c for Ribbed Sides; and 16½@17c for Sugar Cured Hams.

LARD.—Is quiet, and unchanged at 12c for prime kettle rendered in tierces; 13½c in bbls and 13½@13½c in kegs.

MESS PORK.—Old Mess is quoted nominally at $21, and new at $18.

LARD OIL.—Is still quoted by manufacturers at 95c for No. 2, and $1.05 for No. 1.

APPLES.—The arrivals are again increasing but with a steady demand, and prices are unchanged, ranging from $2@4.50 per bbl. for good to choice.

POTATOES.—A little dull but unchanged; small sales in store at $1@1.10 per bushel, and $2@2.50 per bbl.

BUTTER.—Under the influence of increased arrivals, is dull and drooping; prices are lower. Roll cannot fairly be quoted above 37@38c.

EGGS.—Unchanged at 27@28c.

HOMINY.—Is still scarce from country wagons at $3 @3, as to quality.

BEANS.—Dull at $4@5.

DRIED FRUIT.—Is still dull at 17@17c.

CRANBERRIES.—Quoted at $14@15.

New York Produce Market.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

NEW YORK, January 7.—Cotton opened dull and lower on local account, with sales of 200 bales at 16¾@16¾c for Middlings. Flour; receipts, 11,000 bbls.; sales 6,000 bbls.; State and Western unchanged; Canada dull and drooping; sales of 300 bbls. at $6.90@7.60 for common to choice extra. Southern dull and unchanged; sales of 300 bbls. at $8.30@13.50 for extra State. Receipts of Wheat, 20,000 bush.; sales, 30,000 bush. at $2.75@2.77 for R. H. G. $2.80@2.85 for good to choice extra do; closing steady at $2.77@2.78 for No. 2 Milwaukee;