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CITY AND SUBURBAN.

THE COURTS.

United States Court—Judge McCandless.

MONDAY, February 3.—Court met at ten o'clock.

The first case called was that of the United States vs. Joseph Harris, otherwise called "Yankee Joe," indicted for having in his possession and passing U. S. Treasury notes and fractional currency. The defendant was a resident of Northumberland county. On the 26th of October last J. P. Rockey appeared before U. S. Commissioner Hepburn, of Williamsport, Lycoming county, and made information charging the defendant with having in his possession and offering for sale counterfeit money. He was arrested in Clinton county, and removed to this city for trial. The testimony for the prosecution established the fact that defendant had in his possession counterfeit fractional currency, and had passed it. The jury found a verdict of not guilty on the first count, and guilty on the second. The defendant was remanded.

The case of Daniel B. Miller, indicted for having in his possession with intent to pass counterfeit national currency notes. The defendant was arrested at New Haven, where the offense is alleged to have been committed. On trial.

The Grand Jury returned the following true bills:

U. S. vs. Michael Thigpen, indicted for illegally brewing ale, and using counterfeit stamps on the barrels.

U. S. vs Samuel M. Barton, indicted for embezzlement of public moneys.

U. S. vs. Henry Ristoh, indicted for making and distilling without having paid a special tax.

U. S. vs. Robert Black and William A. Thompson, indicted for robbing the Pocoolice at Pittsburgh.

District Court—Judge Williams.

MONDAY, Feb. 3.—Court met at ten o'clock.

City of Pittsburgh vs. Christian Zog. Action to recover $1,249.50, amount upon defendant for the paving of that portion of Walnut street, from Pike to Allegheny river. Payment was refused on the alleged reason that the paving was not properly done, and notice submitted, workmanlike character. The case is still on trial. D. F. Slagle, City Attorney, appears for the City, and M. W. Acheson for defendant.

Following is the list for Tuesday:

S. H. Galer vs. H. Riddle.

J. C. Patterson vs. Allegheny Savings Institution.

Petrolea Oil Co. vs. Jas. Benny, Jr.

Cyrus Miller vs. Fuller & Eastman.

Steamer Dolphin vs. McCloy & Bro.

McStein et. al. vs. Jas. Benny, Jr.

Wm. Voight vs. Eli Wycoff.

G. W. Irwin et. ux. vs. Roland H. Smith et. al.

Common Pleas—Judge Mellon.

MONDAY, February 3.—Court met at ten o'clock. [illegible]

The first case called was that of Geib & Co. vs. Frank Hardt, owner, and John Grady, contractor, for the building of a frame dwelling house on East Lane, A't ghany. This was an amicable agreement—lien—contractor $375 alleged to be due plaintiffs for work done. The jury found for the plaintiffs in the sum of $264.52.

John Koppitz vs. Wm. Hagaman and Ad. appeal from a judgment given against Hagaman by Justice Ammon for $33 alleged to be due. The jury found for the plaintiff in the sum of $34.33.

Hellborn & McMahon for use of John McMahon vs. Kelt, Foster & Keirl. Action to recover damages for alleged breach of contract, and twenty per cent. of moneys retained by defendants as security for the completion of the work of constructing a railroad on Sandy Creek. On trial.

Following is the trial list for Tuesday:

51. Schulz & Danner vs. Ham Hon.

67. Pare vs. Gray.

75. Robertson vs. Dilworth.

80. Hare vs. Riebel.

72. Boyle vs. Barnes's exrs.

74. Kelly et al. vs. Shirk.

76. Gillespie et al. vs. Wachter.

77. Overhart vs. Wier & Co.

79. Miller vs. Coward.

80. Same vs. Same.

81. Hill, Oxford vs. A. V. R. R. Co.

82. Taylor vs. Pitts'g Ft. Wayne & Chicago R. R. Co.

84. Bell vs. West Transportation Co.,

Quarter Sessions—Judge Sterrett.

Court met at the o'clock Monday. A new panel of jurors was in attendance, the fifth during the term.

SHARPSBURG SEDUCTION CASE.

The first case taken up was that of the Commonwealth vs. Peter Kiel, indictment seduction under promise of marriage on oath of Eleonora L. Kline. Robert Roberts and Jesse R. Butterfield, Esqrs., appeared as counsel for the prosecution, and M. Swartzwelder and F. H. Collier, Esqrs., for the defense. The parties reside with their parents in Sharpsburg, the prosecutrix is now twenty-one years of age, and defendant about the same, from his appearance. Miss Kline testified as substance: That seduction took place in January, 1867, at her father's house, and she child was still-born in September last. The engagement of marriage, which was conditional—that is, the marriage was to take place when defendant was twenty-one years of age—was made in February, 1867, originating through a valentine received from defendant, and subsequently arranged at a sleigh ride out "the Butler road." From that time up to the date of the seduction—Jan. 20th, 1868—and subsequently, defendant spent many and unrespended with her whilst he was absent in Green county. Although she received some letters directly from him, the correspondence was mainly under cover to another young woman—defendant writing letters to Mrs. McCauley, who was in Greene county, to his (McCauley's) intended wife, and including notes in the same envelope to Miss Kline. The mother of the defendant, with the knowledge of Miss Kline, was strongly opposed to the match. Although she sent sleighriding on two occasions, and defendant was in the city, they did not go in company. Miss K. going once with a Mr. Patterson and again with her brother, and defendant being with a "Burnt District lady" on account of the op'sition of defendant's mother, who it was feared would "raise a row." On the arrest of the Kline family there was no objection to the "match," they being aware of the "engagement" and intending it the subject of conversation when defendant was visiting at their house, which was nearly every Sunday night, and occasionally during the week. He became organist in the Lutheran church, after which his visits were made later on Sunday evenings. At the time of the seduction he declined to be two years or more of age, although he said his parents fixed his age two years less. In March, 1867, when Miss Kline became aware of her condition consequent upon the seduction, she informed defendant of the fact, and he (defendant) would make her his wife when he was twenty-one years of age.

John Eberle testified that he saw defendant in Greene county in December, 1864, engaged in oil operations on Dunkard Creek; was employed there until August, 1865, keeping books for witness' business; had spoke of matrimonial matters, and of receiving letters from Miss Kline, and that he calculated making her his wife; McCauley and defendant wrote letters together; defendant had a likeness of Miss Kline hanging in his room while in Greene county.

A number of other witnesses, citizens of Sharpsburg, were called and testified to the good character of the prosecutrix. They had never heard it called in question until the present case came to light.

The case was not concluded at adjournment.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

WHEREAS, Two several bills are now pending before your honorable bodies, each of which has for its object the incorporation of a Passenger Railway Company, the route of which lies along Liberty street, in the City of Pittsburgh, we, the undersigned, citizens of said city, do hereby respectfully remonstrate against the passage of the same, for the following reasons, viz:

First, Liberty street is now the only street leading eastwardly out of the city of Pittsburgh, that is unobstructed by passenger railways, and it is very desirable, as well as greatly to the interests of the business community, and those traveling in their own conveyances, that there be at least one unobstructed thoroughfare leading eastwardly out of said city.

Second, Liberty street is not now entirely unobstructed on one side of the way, already occupied by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and any further occupancy of the street by a passenger railway would be greatly detrimental to the interests of the public.

Third, No necessity exists for a passenger railway along either of the proposed routes, inasmuch as the demand for public conveyance along such routes is fully supplied by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Fourth, The Councils of the City of Pittsburgh, by a resolution passed March 26th, 1866, instructed their Senators and Representatives at Harrisburg to oppose the passage of any bill giving the right to lay a passenger railway track upon Liberty street, and your remonstrants believe that the many objections exist to laying such track now as existed at the date of the passage of said resolution.

Samuel McCleaves, Wm. McCully & Co., Wm. Thaw & Co., Wm. Metcalf & Sharpless, J. D. Lippert & Co., Alexander Speer, Wm. Robb & Son, Jos. Woods & Co., Alexander Mosgrove, Wm. Phillips, Jr., Thomas Wilson, A. French, W. D. Moore, James Graham, S. H. Floyd & Co., Wm. Eichbaum & Co., Wm. Thompson, Jr., Thomas Mitchell, Jr., Wm. Smith, Shoemaker & Lang, Wm. Lang, Jas. Kay, Jr., & Co., Jas. Reed, Thomas Mitchell, Alexander Speer, Jr., Thomas McCleave & Co., Wm. McKee & Son, Wm. Smith, Shoemaker & Lang, D. M. Stewart, James Taylor, A. J. Fairman, John Davis, Wm. Eichbaum, Wm. Steel, James Kenney, Reed & Metzger, Kirkpatrick, Herron & Co., Wm. Smith, Shoemaker & Lang, Wm. Lang, Jas. Kay, Jr., & Co., J. S. Ramsey, Thomas Mitchell, Alexander Speer & Bro., J. K. Thomas, James Graham & Co., Wm. Eichbaum & Co., Wm. Thompson, Jr.,