

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Notice to Our Readers.—Parties moving, or who intend to move on or before April first, should have the number of their present residence, and the number of those they intend moving to, at our counting room, so our carriers can leave their papers promptly and miss no numbers.

Councils.—A regular meeting of the City Councils will be held next Monday afternoon.

The Survey Committee of Councils will meet at the office of the City Engineer on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock.

Allegheny Councils.—A regular semi-monthly meeting of Allegheny Councils will be held this evening at 7 o'clock, in their chambers, City Building.

Appointed.—Mr. Philip Hoerr has been appointed Postmaster of Brimfield (Buchanan), the present incumbent, E. G. Krehan, declining to longer serve in the office he has so faithfully filled.

Attempted Burglary.—Thomas Parks, negro, was arrested in the Twenty-third ward, yesterday, on a charge of attempting to break into the house of Mr. Thomas H. Rulligan. He was brought to the lock-up, where he awaits a hearing.

Needs Attention.—The sidewalk on the east side of Irwin street, between Duquesne way and Penn street, should be considerably improved by a little attention from the Street Commissioner. As present it is an almost impassable condition.

Personal.—Vice President Colfax, with his wife, sister and brother-in-law, arrived at the Union Depot Tuesday evening. The party remained until yesterday morning, when they departed for Andover, Ohio, the former home of Mrs. Colfax.

Coroner's Inquest.—Coroner Clawson yesterday held an inquest on the body of Mahala Gordon, a colored infant about six months old, which had been found dead in bed yesterday morning, at the residence of its parents, in Reserve town-ship. A verdict of death from accidental smothering was returned.

Elsewhere we publish the advertisement of Messrs. Tustin & Rice, Real Estate Agents, No. 87 Grant street, first floor. The property offered is all desirable and should readily find purchasers. We commend this firm to our readers who may desire to buy or sell real estate, as they know them to be fair-dealing, prompt and careful in all their business transactions.

A Bad Eye-Glass.—Tuesday evening James McCommonds entered a saloon in the Diamond and succeeded in short time in raising a considerable amount in himself and the bartender, Chas. Tiernan. During the altercation McCommonds, according to his allegations, was struck in the eye with a glass tumbler by McCommonds, the wound inflicted being of a dangerous and painful character. A warrant was issued by Alderman McMasters for the arrest of McCommonds on a charge of assault and battery.

Almost a Conflagration.—About nine o'clock Tuesday evening considerable alarm was created among the inmates of the Optic Saloon, on Fifth avenue, by the discovery of a slight fire in the ceiling at the point where the stove pipe passes through. The fire was extinguished, however, before any material damage was done, by the application of a few buckets of water. An alarm was struck and Fifth avenue, which brought the department out. Their services, however, were not required.

A Show Case.—Henry Kennedy made information before Alderman McMasters yesterday against John McGraw, for larceny. It is alleged that McGraw occupied a store on Hand street, and failed to pay the rent for the same, when his goods were sold to make up the deficiency. The city articles disposed of was a show case, which Kennedy claimed as his property. After the show case had been sold he refused to pay, but failed; hence the information against McGraw. The accused was arrested and gave bail for a hearing to-day.

Unsuccessful Attempt.—Some time during Tuesday night an unsuccessful attempt was made by burglars to enter the food store of Voegtly & Kopp, on Ohio street, Fourth ward, Allegheny. A panel was cut out of a door in the rear of the establishment, but the operators found their game blocked by an inside lining of sheet iron, which had been placed over the door especially to prevent access to the interior by such means. Some months ago the store was robbed by thieves, who gained entrance by cutting through the door. The firm subsequently placed the sheet iron over the door, thus profiting by experience.

An Ungentle Man.—Maggie E. Murphy is a domestic, employed at a boarding house on Third street. Yesterday she had the good fortune to offend John Casey, one of the boarders in the establishment, who manifested his disapprobation of Maggie's conduct by grasping her by the hair, pulling her down two or three flights of stairs and finishing the performance by severely beating her until she was completely exhausted. This is Maggie's story. John's statement has not been heard yet. He was arrested and gave bail for a hearing to-day before Alderman McMasters.

A Hard Shell.—Some time ago a bundle containing sixteen hides was stolen from the tannery of J. C. Lappe, Seventh ward, Allegheny, but though every effort was made the thieves escaped detection at the time. At a late hour Tuesday evening, one of the Allegheny Police picked up Josiah Schell, on Ohio street, in an intoxicated condition. He was locked up for the night, but notwithstanding his intoxication he managed to abstract from the pockets of his cell-mate, a five dollar bill, the loser next morning made a great deal of money, and succeeded in compelling the Schell to disgorge the money, although when it was returned he refused to prosecute. From several suspicious circumstances the Mayor was led to believe that Schell was one of the parties implicated in the robbery of the tannery mentioned. After some conversation, Schell acknowledged he had taken three hides, but stoutly disclaimed any knowledge of the remaining thirteen. Upon this confession, he was held for a hearing, on a charge of larceny.

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THE COURTS.

District Court.—Judge Hampton.

WEDNESDAY, March 24.—In the case of Archibald M. Marshall vs. James Anglin and Craig, and that of Thompson Bell vs. the same defendants, which have been on the trial since Monday, the jury yesterday rendered the following verdict: That in the case of Marshall against Andrews & premises described in the writ, and six cents damages and six cents costs, the defendants did not pay the same until interest until the 24th day of March, 1889, and that the plaintiff is entitled to the same six cents damages and six cents costs. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for use of Wm. E. Marquis et al. vs. John Ches and J. R. Smith. Verdict for the plaintiff to recover the amount of a bill of exchange for \$1,250, with interest on the same from the 24th day of March, 1889, and that the plaintiff is entitled to the same six cents damages and six cents costs. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for use of Wm. W. Brown vs. Jacob Needy et al. Action to recover borrowed money. On motion of the defendant, the case was dismissed.

RELIEF ENGINE HOUSE. The Relief Engine House on Fifth avenue, in the Sixth ward, was first visited by the Committee on Tuesday afternoon, on the premises. The house is in good order and in fit condition for service. The engine consists of an Amoskeag engine and one hose carriage and one hose carriage. The house is in good order and in fit condition for service. The engine consists of an Amoskeag engine and one hose carriage and one hose carriage. The house is in good order and in fit condition for service.

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DUQUESNE. The next place visited by the Committee was the Duquesne Engine House, on Smithfield street. In the Second ward, where everything is in good order except the stable. The present stable is entirely too small, but as the Committee on City Property have purchased an adjoining lot in the rear of the engine house, fronting twenty feet on Second street, it is probable that a present stable will be erected on the present location. There are twenty-six feet of serviceable hose in the hands of the company, and the apparatus consists of a hose carriage and an Amoskeag engine, of the latest pattern, and three hoses.

VIGILANT. Having made a thorough inspection of the premises and apparatus at the Duquesne, the Committee visited the Vigilant Engine House, on the corner where they were met by Capt. Elliott, who showed them through the establishment and gave them all the details of the formation. The house and apparatus were found in good order. The latter consists of a line Amoskeag engine and hose carriage, and twenty feet of hose, ten of which only are serviceable. The engine house is in the best kept and most perfect in its appointments in the city, and everything is ranged in the most perfect order.

EAGLE. The next place visited was the Eagle Engine House, Fourth avenue. The engine house proper and the apparatus were all in excellent order. The apparatus, consisting of a steam engine, one hose carriage and twenty sections of hose, were in good condition. The facilities for stabling the horses, of which there are three, are very inferior, and a new stable is greatly needed. The city owns a lot in the rear of the engine house, upon which it is probable a stable will be erected as soon as the coming season. The new ladder truck purchased by the committee in Philadelphia, last fall, is housed in the shed in rear of the Eagle Engine House, not yet having been assigned to any company, as contemplated by Councils when the Committee were instructed to purchase it. It is an admirable arrangement and would be a most valuable apparatus in the Department if put into the hands of competent men. It should be put into service immediately.

ALLEGHENY. The Allegheny Engine House was next visited by the Committee. The engine was undergoing repairs, but we were informed by some of the members that it had not been out of service and would not be, as the repairs were about completed. The hose carriage was in good order, and there are in sections of good serviceable hose on hand. The horses, which there are three, are in good condition. The engine house, although it cost the city about \$18,000, nearly double that of any other engine house, is not well adapted to the purposes for which it was intended, and is inferior to most of the houses in many respects.

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