The Pittsburgh Gazette

Two Months in Jail for Pulling a Man's Nose.

Judge Scudder, in the Superior Criminal Court, on the 21st, rendered his decision in the matter of the Commonwealth against Daniel S. Curtis, who was accused of assault and battery against J. M. Churchill, and had appealed from the lower Court. Judge Scudder remarked that the position of the defendant at the bar, together with all the surrounding circumstances of the case, seemed to warrant the Court to take time to consider all the facts before imposing sentence. The evidence in the case was then recapitulated, and the social standing of both the complainant and defendant briefly considered. The law points involved in the case were then eliminated. The Court observed that the matter of private injury belonged to another tribunal, but in this matter it was the Commonwealth that was concerned, and the penalty in the case, so far as possible, should be in proportion to the offence committed. The defendant pleaded *noto contendere*, but that act of retraction did not justify or lessen the nature of the crime committed. The object of punishment is for the prevention of crime. The manner of punishment was stated, and all of which were embodied in a sentence in a spirit of exact justice. No person should be punished to excess for the benefit of others, yet that punishment should be in proportion to the offence committed and the character of the defendant carefully considered at the same time. Different modes of punishment have different effects on different individuals. What would be a punishment to one person might not be to another. A short term of imprisonment might prove more of a punishment to one man than a long term would to another man; and a small fine might be heavy to one individual, and a large fine no punishment to another individual. The Court then alluded to the position assumed, and still assumed by the defendant, in making the assault to defend his honor, which he believed had been insulted.

That, however, had nothing to do with the Court, and it was but proper for it to discuss it, for if the assault was justifiable defendant might assume to have a right to repeat the assault. The law has only to deal with the individual. And social position and intelligence should be no excuse for the acts of the defendant. On the contrary, they only aggravate the matter. In conclusion, the Court said it was at a loss to find any excuse, justification or extenuation in the matter, and there was no reason why the defendant at the bar should be treated any differently than any other party under like circumstances; and therefore the Court saw no reason why the punishment of the Court below was not correct and why not demanded to answer the ends of public justice.

Judge Scudder then imposed sentence, which was that the defendant, Daniel S. Custis, be imprisoned in the common jail for the term of two months.—*Boston Traveller, Aug. 21.*

The Colliery Accident in Saxony.

The *North German Correspondent* publishes the following report of this disaster, of which we heard by telegraph lately: We regret to have to report one of the most terrible and melancholy accidents that has happened in Germany for many years. The colliers of the Burg colliery in the Plauenschen Grund, near Dresden, assembled, as usual, for prayers on the morning of the 2nd of August, and afterwards dispersed to their work. In a short time a terrible explosion occurred. At about a quarter to six o'clock a thick column of smoke was seen to issue from the mouth of the Segen Gottes shaft. This was followed in ten minutes' space by a similar one from the Hoffnungs shaft. Numbers of workmen, together with the wives and families of those that were below, assembled around the various entrances to the mine, but the smoke and vapors frustrated all attempts to enter for some hours. After nine o'clock it was at last found possible to descend. Three dead bodies were lying near the mouth of the pit, and their condition, as well as the state of the cars, which were broken into a mere heap of fragments, bore witness to the force of the explosion. This renders it highly improbable that any of the 326 men who were engaged in the two shafts should still survive, with the exception of two or three who were close to the mouth of the pit. Their death must have been instantaneous, and many of the bodies are so disfigured that they cannot be recognized. Some are much charred and burned. It is calculated that at least 321 colliers perished, two-thirds of whom had families dependent upon them. No blame is attributed to the arrangements in the mine, but it is supposed that the heat of the weather prevented the foul air escaping by its usual channels, and that it therefore collected in the passages no longer used, and was ignited by the carelessness of one of the unfortunate colliers. The warmth and sultriness of the external air may also have prevented the workmen from noticing the oppressive character of the atmosphere in the shafts. But few bodies have yet been recovered, as the ventilation of the mine has not yet been restored, and, since competent authorities declare it to be utterly impossible that any of the unfortunate sufferers should have survived the shock and the foul air, it is considered wise not to risk any more lives.

PATRICK PURCELL was seated on the track of the Mount Carbon Railroad, overlooking the turbid waters of the Mississippi. He had been seated there but a few moments when along came Mathias Schaefer, a German resident of the place, who accosted Pat in this wise: "Mr. Purcell, I've a notion to drown myself!" "Well, if you want to drown yourself," coolly replied Pat, "why don't you go along and do it?" "If you don't come," rejoined Schaefer, "I'll do it sure—you'd better come"—saying which he proceeded to the edge of the water. "Go on with the show," was the answer, "it's none of my funeral." "Come quick, if you are coming. I tell you again, you'd better come," was Schaefer's final appeal to the imperturable Pat, who maintained his seat on the railroad track. "Proceed with your exhibition," came from Pat again, whereupon the determined Schaefer waded out into the stream, sat down, and actually drowned himself. Pat mentioned the circumstance to a passer-by a few moments after, and when reproved for not rushing in and rescuing the foolish man, retorted with some spirit, that if he wanted to drown himself it would go pretty hard with the man that might attempt to interfere with his arrangements.—*Cairo, Ill., Bulletin.*

SNEAK THIEVES.

The following discription of various kinds of sneak thieves is from an article on "Our Criminal Population" in the *Galaxy* for September. The article is from the pen of Mr. Edward Crapsey, who has made some reputation by similar sketches in our magazines before. He is well known as an industrious reporter of police matters, and probably no one in the country better understands the subject than does he:

Damper sneaks are a little company not more than one hundred in number. By "damper," a thief means a safe, for the reason that it is supposed to put a damper upon his hopes. Hundreds of business men in New York can tell from costly experience how damper sneaks operate. A man of intense respectability of dress and demeanor, enters a broker's office, and asks to look at the directory, or sometimes to write a note. Permission being given him, he takes care to put himself inside the railing and as near the safe as possible. If its door is ajar, he stands examining the directory, or writing for a moment or two, when two of his confederates enter, and the broker is immediately engrossed by the pressing needs of his new customers. While he is thus engaged, the first sneak, seeing his opportunity, and whatever valuable he can lay his hands upon passes out of the office, always pausing as he goes to thank the broker for his courtesy. Presently the confederates leave, to make further inquires before concluding a bargain, and it is always some moments, and often hours, before the broker discovers his loss. Robberies of this kind are constantly being perpetrated, and the damper-sneaks probably have a more certain and a larger income than any other class of thieves. Bank-sneaks steal far greater amounts at a time; but their thefts are less frequent because their opportunities are more rare. Tin boxes, containing large amounts in bonds, are not habitually left exposed to the grasp of the bank sneaks, who have been following them for hours, perhaps, and from place to place, but the damper-sneaks can safely count upon a carelessness of the business community which it seems impossible to cure. Safe doors are left open during business hours, and while bankers persist in leaving their valuables thus exposed to the enterprise of a most adroit and active class of rogues, they yet join in the hue and cry against the police when a robbery is committed which their imprudence alone has rendered possible.

Safe blowers do not have more than seventy-five names upon their muster rolls, but the little army is far more dangerous to the hoarded wealth than its numbers indicate. Commonly known as burglars, their skill is first called on to gain entrance to a building, which is generally accomplished by means of false keys made from impressions in wax, previously taken from the genuine keys. The "blowers," being in the building, proceed with a rapidity and an attention to detail made possible by long experience. First, they lower the windows of the room about an inch to prevent the breakage of glass, and next they wrap the safe in wet blankets to deaden the noise of the expected concussion. The preliminaries thus arranged, they drill holes in the door of the safe near the lock, and these having been filled with powder, a fuse is attached; the explosion takes place, the safe is torn open, and three minutes suffice for the operators to seize its contents and escape from the building. This is the most hazardous of all robberies, and is never resorted to unless the outlaws are sure that the contents of the safe are sufficiently valuable to compensate for the risk incurred. Hence, it is always prefaced by a careful, and often protracted, scenting of the selected premises, with the design of obtaining exact information of the profits to be expected of the contemplated adventure.

Second-story sneaks are not more than one hundred in number, and owe their name to a recently devised expedient for reaching the coveted valuables of honesty. Formerly they worked what was called the "eatable lay," and for a time a quite profitable "lay" it was. Generally working in couples, they chose for their operations the hour when the dinner table was spread, and sauntering through some quiet, respectable street, selected a house where the basement door was ajar. One posting himself there, the other ascended the stoop and rang the front door bell. Up went the servant, and while the ringer detained her with persistent inquiries for some mythical Jones or Smith, asserted to reside in the neighborhood, his confederate below walked into the deserted dining room, and walked out again with the spoons and silverware concealed under his coat. But the metropolis has so advanced, and the basement floors of houses having silver are now so infested with servants, that the "eatable lay" has fallen into desuetude, and second story sneaks have arisen. They can only work in secluded streets; and during the season when the dinner hour of six o'clock is after dark. While the inmates of the house are all down stairs at dinner, the sneak boldly scales one of the pillars of the stoop, and thus reached a second floor window, which he opens with an admirable little apparatus specially prepared for the purpose. Once within the house, he has usually an easy task before him, for he finds the doors unlocked, and roams unimpeded through all the upper rooms, rummaging all the closets and bureaus, and siezing whatever he can find. Having gathered all that is portable and valuable, he goes down the pillar again, or sneaks down stairs and makes his exit by the front door, to rejoin his "pal," who has meantime been engaged in an operation which he styles "piping off the cop," by which he means that he has been watching the movements of the policeman, in order to intercept him with some plausible device if he should give signs of approaching the house while the sneak is working it. This sort of robbery has lately become quite common, and the diamond thefts in dwellings, which seemed so inexplicable, were all done by these sneaks.

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Dr. Schenck, in his treatment, does not try to stop a cough, night sweats, chills or fever. Remove the cause, and they will all stop of their own accord. No one can be cured of Consumption, Liver Complaint, Dyspepsia, Catarrh, Canker, Ulcerated Throat, unless the liver and stomach are made healthy.

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LIZZIE E. PERCHMENT, Administratrix of A. Perchment, deceased. au5:n11-TH

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION of "The Hopewell Old School Presbyterian Church, of Findley Township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania" for a Charter of Incorporation, at No. 604 September Term, 1869.

Notice is hereby given that the "HOPEWELL OLD SCHOOL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, of Findley Township, Allegheny county, Pa.," have made application to the Court of Common Pleas for a

CHARTER OF INCORPORATION,

And that the same will be granted at the next term of Court, unless sufficient reason should be shown to the contrary.

au2 J. H. WALTER, Prothonotary.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY, ss:

In the Court of Common Pleas.

In the matter of the application of the Reformed Presbyterian Congregation of Pittsburgh for a Charter of Incorporation.

No. 743, of September Term, 1869.

And now, August 14, 1869, petition and instrument of writing presented in open Court and ordered to be filed; and the Court direct that notice be published in the Pittsburgh GAZETTE for three weeks, setting forth that the said Congregation has made application to said Court for a Charter of Incorporation, and that the same will be granted at the next (September) Term, unless sufficient reason be shown to the contrary.

(From the Record.)

JACOB H. WALTER, au19:n54-TH Prothonotary.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, of Allegheny County, No. 427 of September Term, 1869. In the matter of the Incorporation of "THE ARTISANS BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION OF ALLEGHENY CITY, PA."

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of July, 1869, application was made to said Court to grant a Charter of Incorporation to said Association; and that if no sufficient reason be shown next term of said Court, the same will be granted at the

D. W. & A. S. BELL, JULY 19, 1869. Attorneys for Petitioners. jy20:m35

WESTERN DISTRICT OF Pennsylvania ss.

At Pittsburgh, the 22d day of July, A. D. 1869.

The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of JOHN A. EMERY and EDSON EMERY, of Pittsburgh, in the county of Allegheny, and State of Pennsylvania, within said District, who have been adjudged bankrupts upon their own petition, by the District Court of said District.

JOHN H. BAILEY, Assignee. jy22:m45TH Attorney-at-Law, 89 Grant street.

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