LOCAL AFFAIRS.

WEDNESDAY MORNING:.....MARCH 26, '56.

Court of Quarter Sessions.—Hon. Wm. B. M'Clure, President Judge; Hon. Gabriel Adams and Wm. Boggs, Associate Judges, on the Bench.

TUESDAY, March 25.

Commonwealth vs. Peter M'Coy; indictment, assault and battery, with intent to kill, on complaint of **Robert Armstrong**. The assault complained of grew out of a difficulty which occurred between the parties a few days ago, relative to the possession of a house on Prospect street. The defendant, it was alleged, assaulted the prosecutor several times, and also attempted to strike him with a pick. The jury returned a verdict of guilty of an assault. The defendant was sentenced to pay a fine of five dollars and costs.

Commonwealth vs. Clemont Hetzell and Jacob Schwamly; indictment, larceny. The defendants were charged with stealing a silver watch, chain, and several pieces of money from Andrew Baker. The robbery was perpetrated at the beer house of the prosecutor in February. The watch, with the chain attached, was hanging on the wall, behind the counter. During the absence of Baker, the defendants went into the house, and after their departure, the articles were missed. The watch was afterwards given up by Schwamly, at the time of his arrest, and said it had been taken by Hetzell. Schwamly plead guilty. The testimony against Hetzell was insufficient to connect him with the robbery, and a verdict of not guilty was consequently rendered by the jury. As there is another charge pending against him, he was remanded to jail. Schwamly was sentenced to four months' imprisonment.

Commonwealth vs. Mrs. Eliza M'Gaw; charge, surety of the peace, on complaint of Mrs. Bridget Delaha. Defendant sentenced to pay costs.

Richard Davis plead guilty to an assault and battery upon Mary Ann Young, and was sentenced to pay costs.

Commonwealth vs. James Burger; indictment, selling liquor, contrary to the Act of 10th April, 1855. Stewart Haney testified to having purchased liquor twice in the defendant's house—on Christmas, and the day following. The defendant was unable to bring any testimony on his behalf, and created considerable amusement by cumbering and arguing his own case. He attempted to prove the unconstitutionality of the law under which he was indicted, by quoting from the Bible, the Constitution of Pennsylvania, Edmund Burke, Junius, and a variety of other authorities, not generally recognized in our Courts. The speech was a ludicrous medley of all sorts of absurdities, and was about an hour and a half long.

It failed to convince the Court and Jury, however, and a verdict of guilty was rendered. The defendant moved for a new trial.

Special Meeting of Councils.—A special meeting of Councils was held last night.

In *Common Council*, a communication was received from Mayor Bingham, stating that in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance authorizing him to borrow $70,000, he had signed Bonds for that amount, of $1000 each, with coupons attached.

A resolution, requesting our Representatives in the Legislature, to procure the passage of a law giving the city power to increase the rate of taxation to any amount necessary to meet the city's liabilities on bonds issued to Railroad Companies, was read and referred to Finance Committee. In Select Council, non concurred in, and referred back to the above named committee, with directions to report at next meeting.

The report of the special committee appointed to consider the communications received from Senators Wilkins and M'Clintock, relative to the Pittsburgh and Steubenville Railroad, was read and adopted, and the clerk authorized to transmit a copy to Harrisburg. In C. concurred in.

A resolution instructing the City Solicitor to report at an ut meeting of Council whether the Pennsylvania Railroad has refused to pay any of their taxes due the city, was read three times and passed. In Select Council concurred in.

A communication from Ralph A. Young, resigning the office of Weigh Master, in the Market House, was read. On account of the insufficient [illegible] upon the table for one week. In connection with the above, a resolution was passed authorizing the Mayor and Comptroller to procure bids for the erection of a building the amount of rent charged upon the stand occupied by the Weigh Master.

A number of petitions, communications, &c., were disposed of, after which Council adjourned.

In *Select Council*, the ordinance [illegible] relative to the sale of coal by weight, passed its second and third reading, was [illegible] concurred in, and sent back. The C. C. adhered to their action, and a Committee of Conference was appointed.

A resolution ordering the office of Weigh Master at the Market House vacant, and [illegible] at a joint meeting of Councils to elect a person to fill the vacancy, was read [illegible] and passed. In C. non concurred in.

Extensive Robbery.—The [illegible] of Smith's store, on St. Clair street, between Penn and Liberty streets, was entered by burglars on Monday night, and clothing, vestings, &c., to the value of $700 or $800 stolen. A hole was [illegible] through the front door, sufficiently large to allow the insertion of a man's hand, by means of which the fastenings were broken, and admission gained. The boldness of the robbery precludes [illegible] the store is one of the most frequented [illegible] next door to the St. Clair Hotel, where during nearly the whole night, and yet the burglars seemed to have pursued their operations without meeting the slightest molestation. The watchman on that beat also appears to have been in a state of ignorance of the affair, and [illegible] he will report to Mayor to [illegible] to give some account of his whereabouts.

Since the above was in type we learn that about one third of the goods stolen, consisting of [illegible] were found in a [illegible] alley. The property, after being identified by Mr. Gray, was taken back and [illegible] and officers Kay and Hamilton detailed to watch it. About seven o'clock last evening, a young and well dressed man came upon the premises, and while engaged filling a carpet sack with the stolen goods was arrested. He was taken to the Mayor's office, and locked up for examination to-day. He gave his name as George Howard, and states he is from Philadelphia. It is supposed he belongs to a regularly organized gang of burglars from that place, who have been operating pretty extensively in this city lately.

Jail Calendar.—The following is an classification of the various crimes for which the prisoners at present in the county jail, have been committed:

Larceny, twenty-nine; [illegible] and [illegible], two; malicious mischief, one; arson, one; [illegible], one; burglary, one; [illegible], one; [illegible] house, three; assault and battery on [illegible], one; fornication and bastardy, one; [illegible], one; bigamy, one; [illegible], one; [illegible] house, three; assault and battery of the peace, one; costs, one; buggery, one. The number is not large as usual upon the opening of Court.

Theatre.—Miss Mary Provost appeared to a full house on Monday night, in the character of Constance, in the play of Love Chase, and at once established herself as a favorite. Her performance was very satisfactory to all present, and elicited the warmest applause. She is possessed of considerable personal attractions, a fine voice well cultivated, and other natural advantages which cannot fail to insure her success in the profession she has chosen.

Steamer on Fire.—The steamer Grand Turk, Capt. A. B. Gadsden, which left this port on Monday afternoon, caught fire on Tuesday, when opposite Randolph, Miss., and was run into the shore, when the flames were speedily subdued by the application of sundry buckets of water. The only damage done was the burning of the out-shell in the vicinity of the stove, a coal from which set the material on fire.

A Grand Terpsichorean Soiree will be given at Lafayette Hall, on Friday evening, April 4th, by a number of gentlemen, who are making arrangements to insure it a first class affair. A splendid supper will be prepared by Pittock, at Market street, who is unequalled at the business. Col. Jim Scott's celebrated Quadrille Band has been engaged to furnish the music.

Variety Store Robbed.—The toy and variety store of W. P. Baum, a few doors below Penn street, on St. Clair, was broken into by burglars on Monday night, and revolvers and pistols to the amount of thirty or forty dollars abstracted. The burglar entered through a back window, and attempted to break open the safe, but fortunately did not succeed.

Presentation of a Cane.—A beautiful gold headed cane, made out of wood from Old Fort Duquesne, was presented to Captain C. F. Pratt, last night, in the Common Council Chamber, by Hiram M. Marshall, Esq., on behalf of the [illegible] and other citizens, alledged the presentation as a characteristic speech.

We call attention to the [illegible] of Samuel Fahnestock, who has opened [illegible] hardware establishment on Wood street, No. 56, between Diamond alley and Fourth street. Readers [illegible] do well to call upon Mr. Fahnestock, who can and will sell them, in a polite manner, and upon reasonable terms.

Larceny.—A man named Nicholas Scully was committed to jail, yesterday, by Mayor Bingham, for stealing a pair of boots from the shoe store of Thomas Phillips, on the corner of Sixth and Liberty streets.

The eastern cars brought in yesterday nearly four hundred passengers, which is about the average number for the past ten days. If the Pennsylvania Central Railroad don't make money now, it ought to shut up.

Hon. Horace Mann lectures in this city on next Friday evening, for teachers and the public. Subject—Education.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 19, 1856.

Messrs. Hostetter & Smith, No. 56, Penn street, Pittsburgh:

We anticipate that HOSTETTER'S BITTERS will soon become as popular in California as they have in the other States of the Union. Every party that have tried them wants more, and dealers who have bought them from us have not failed to renew their orders. As the demand is daily increasing, we desire that you should ship us via New York 50 doz. per month until further notice. We have orders on file from Humboldt, Sandwich Islands.

Very truly, yours,

PARK & WHITE,
Whol. sale Druggists.
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Chickering's Pianos.—Mr. Meller has received his new Spring stock of splendid Pianos, from the manufactory of Chickering & Sons, Boston, as will be seen by his advertisement

Clark's Stomach Bitters are acknowledged by all who have tried them to be the best family medicine of the age, for the cure of Dyspepsia, Costiveness, and a disordered state of the Liver and Stomach. They have no rival. The proprietors do not pretend to caution people from using other preparations that are palmed upon the public under the name of Stomach Bitters, for they have found that only one trial was needed to render such caution unnecessary.

For sale, wholesale, by OLLUM & CLARK, Third street, between Wood and Market; GEO. H. KEYSER, 140 Wood street; and by Druggists generally.

42- Stockings and Hosiery for Winter.—If you don't want your feet punched with bad and short Stockings, you will take our advice and go to C. DAUB'S, corner of Market alley and Fifth street, and buy some of those elegant fine Stockings, that make your feet feel nice and comfortable. DAUB also makes and sells every variety of Hosiery that you can mention, at wholesale and retail.

Remember the place, corner of Market alley and Fifth street.

THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE ODD FELLOWS' HALL ASSOCIATION are hereby notified that the FIFTEENTH INSTALMENT OF FIVE PER CENT. on the Capital Stock has been called in, due on and after the NINTH DAY OF APRIL, 1856.

J. P. HENDERSON, Secretary
CITIZENS' DEPOSIT BANK,
Pittsburgh, March 22, 1856.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the stockholders of the Bank will be held at the Banking House, on MONDAY, the 7th of April, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M., at which time and place an ELECTION for one President and six Directors will take place

mh24:td E. D. JONES, Cashier.

SHIRTS AND COLLARS.—We have now on hand, and are daily receiving, from the Factory, NEW STYLES OF WHITE AND PRINTED LINEN AND MUSLIN SHIRTS AND COLLARS.

42- Shirts made to order, as usual.

mh24 L. HIRSHFELD & SON,
70 Wood street.

SILK TIES AND SCARFS—Just received, the latest styles of Ties, Scarfs and Cravats, at

mh24 L. HIRSHFELD & SONS,
No. 70 Wood street.

DRESSING ROBES of every description now on hand at

mh24 L. HIRSHFELD & SONS.

CEMETERY MARBLE WORKS—MATTHEW LAWTON, Practical Marble Mason, No. 85 LIBERTY street, below Wayne. mh21:1y

DRAYMEN BOYS' GREASE, in cans, the best article in use for drays, carts, wagons, &c., for sale by mh24 HENRY H. COLLINS.

LINSEED OIL—15 bbls. for sale by mh24 HENRY H. COLLINS.

FEATHERS—A prime article for sale by mh24 HENRY H. COLLINS.

GREEN APPLES—Received and for sale by mh24 HENRY H. COLLINS.

BEANS—10 sacks Small White for sale by mh24 HENRY H. COLLINS.

CODFISH—200 lbs. this day received and for sale by mh24 HENRY H. COLLINS.

MAGAZINES FOR APRIL RECEIVED and for sale by H. MINER & CO., 72 SMITHFIELD street.

Harper's Magazine,
Godey's Lady's Book,
Peterson's Magazine,
Harper's Story Book,
Various others.

For sale by H. MINER & CO.,
mh22 Smithfield st.

CONCENTRATED LYE—The best article now in use for soaping. Has [illegible] and will make [illegible] soap in [illegible] quantities, and for sale by

FLEMING BROS.

HAIR BRUSHES—Large supplies of English Hair Brushes just received by

mh24 JOS. FLEMING,
Corner Market st. and Diamond.

CANES GELATIN—2 gross patent refined sparkling Gelatin just received by

mh24 JOS. FLEMING,
Corner Market st. and Diamond.

HAIR DYES.—Large supplies of Batchelor's and Grahame's Hair Dyes just received by

mh24 JOS. FLEMING,
Corner Market st. and Diamond.

THE SATISFACTORY REMEDY. From [illegible] the city [illegible] South [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]