LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Trial of Frederick Brenninger for the Murder of Matthias Frank.

Court of Oyer and Terminer.

Before Hon. W. B. McClure, President Judge, and Gabriel Adams and John S. Parke, Associates.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, January 9.

MORNING SESSION.—At nine o'clock this morning the Court convened: the jury took their seats, the prisoner was placed in the box, and A. M. Caldwell, Esq., commenced the argument for the defence in an able review of the evidence, occupying more than an hour. He appeals to the jury at the close of his summing up, in a strong impress on on the jury. H. and followed on the H. Brenning, Esq., who re viewed the evidence, and endeavored to show that the testimony of Weshbine and Geitz was not reliable. His theory was, that if the prisoner had committed the homicide, which fact had not been proven, it was in self defence, and he was justifiable.

Mr. Collier, the District Attorney, followed in a brief, but straightforward and very effective speech. Mr. C. always seems to be in earnest, and his arguments tell upon a jury.

At the closing of the arguments, Mr. Honor. Judge M'Clure, proceeded to charge the jury. He thought the only question was whether Brenninger should be convicted of manslaughter or acquitted. The legal definition of the word manslaughter, is killing without malice. If the evidence was clear to the minds of the jury that the blow was struck in self-defence or when in fear of bodily harm, it was justifiable homicide. On the other hand, if he struck in the heat of passion, without great provocation, it was manslaughter.

The jury then retired, and the Court adjourned until half past two o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.—At half past two o'clock the Court convened and the Court House was crowded with people, all anxious to hear the verdict of the jury. The prisoner was brought in placed in the box, and on the Clerk asking the usual question, the reply was "not guilty," was NOT GUILTY. The immense audience composed of people in attendance forgot the proprieties of the Court room; there was a general clapping of hands and stamping of feet. The prisoner was discharged, and congratulated by scores of friends, who seized upon him, and immediately carried him away from the Court House.

"A Pittsburgh Jersey Institution"—An Editorial Truth Sound for Dollars.—A Mrs. Dollards is the proprietress of a private boarding establishment on Front street, and one Benjamin Hitch, a gentleman possessing specimens of humanity, in the form of [illegible] from his own acknowledgment, for [illegible] three months, and, the aforementioned Mrs. Dollards, [illegible] Samaritan, butter, leather boots, [illegible] clothes and pocket-book [illegible] and [illegible] that time, he has always deferred settlement, [illegible] promises instead. Could he expected [illegible] from home, & —until Mrs. D. [illegible] and seized upon Benjamin's trunk for her [illegible] Benjamin tried to prevail her to deliver up the trunk, and appealed to her [illegible] for several days; but she was inexorable and immovable, which circumstances of nature endowed her repudiating friend [illegible] still adhered to [illegible] before Esquire Fisher, for unlawful detention of his property.

When the magistrate's office the trunk was opened and found to contain two soiled and worn-out shirts, a pair of dilapidated pantaloons, a hat that looked as if it had been engaged for a long period in the brick carrying business, a number of newspapers, and several antiquated books of a nondescript pattern. When Mrs. D. learned what were the contents of the trunk, she of course felt no desire to retain it, and could not imagine why her boarder had been so anxious to regain possession of it, unless it would assist her in his poverty. The effort to prove, by one of the counsel employed, that the trunk belonged to an officer, and must have been dishonestly obtained by the plaintiff, was unsuccessful, and as neither the magistrate nor anyone else could make anything of the case, it was dismissed, the landlady paying the costs.

We take the above from the Cincinnati *Enquirer* of Saturday. We know of no person in the neighborhood answering to the name of Hitch, and there must be some mistake about it. We hope nothing of the sort of occurred that the *Enquirer* so great moral character belonging to our member. [illegible]

Ladies' Aid Society.—The annual meeting of the above Society was held in the First Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday, January 5th. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and adopted, after which the following officers and managers took place with the following result:

President—Mrs. Denny.
Vice President—Mrs. Dr. Bell.
Treasurer—Mrs. A. B. Fleming.
Secretary—Mrs. M. M'Leod.
Managers—Mrs. Laughlin, H. B. Bell, W. Semple, W. Thaw, C. Bowan, J. M'Cleary, L. Greer, J. Brown, Barclay, Childs, Snodgrass, L. Irwin, Chambers, Mrs. James Laughlin, Morgan, Misses L. A. Laughlin, Fahnestock, A. Thaw, S. M'Cormick, Gunn ing, I. Magee, Babcock, A. M'Clochlin, H. Brooks, E. Smith, Hare.

The New Fire Plug.—We were present at the trial of Lacey's new fire plug, on the corner of Market and Water streets on Saturday afternoon. It is certainly far superior to any apparatus for the same purpose we have seen. Three streams were thrown from the plug at once through three quarter inch nozzles, a distance of over two hundred feet, or a single stream from an inch and three quarter nozzle about one hundred and fifty feet. If these plugs were introduced throughout the city they would be much more serviceable than those in use at the present time.

The Acquittal of Brenninger.—There was quite an uproar, during the spectacle at the Court House on Saturday afternoon, when the verdict of the jury in the Brenninger case was announced. A large number of the friends, friends of the accused, were in attendance, and he was almost overwhelmed with their congratulations. The accused has always borne an excellent character, and we believe the verdict of the jury to be a righteous one, as no evidence was adduced which could fix the crime upon him. So far as we can learn, the verdict has given general satisfaction to the community.

The Orphans' Fair.—This Fair closed on Saturday evening, after being open for two weeks. We understand it has been very successful, and that the proceeds will relieve the Asylum largely. On Thursday afternoon and evening the Hall was crowded, the articles which had been put up at auction were to be disposed of by lot. We are glad to know that the enterprise has been successful, as the class for whose benefit it was held are worthy objects of benevolence.

The Society for the Increase and Diffusion of Useful Knowledge held their annual meeting on Friday evening. The following are the officers elected for the ensuing year: President, Jno. H. M'Clelland; Vice President, Robert A. Cunningham; Secretary, Graham Scott; Treasurer, James D. Kelly; Librarian, Samuel Alfleck. Trustees, Sigmud Ward, Wm. Shore, H. Isenbrede.

Mayor's Office.—Nothing worthy of notice occurred at the Mayor's Office on Saturday. In the morning there were six ordinary cases from police. Four were committed, and two paid the fines. At their Aldermen's office there was nothing doing.

Off the Track.—The train going west on the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad on Friday was thrown off the track by the breaking of an axle. No one was injured, but the train was delayed several hours in consequence of the accident.

Trial by a Wholesale.—The Wholesale murder trial will be taken up in the Court of Oyer and Terminer. This will be the last case the Quarter Sessions of this term. Let's see with pertinacity as more interest than any case which has been tried this term.

We have received from Chas. A. Milner, Masonic Hall, the Pittsburgh Almanac for 1858. It contains a variety of useful information, pertaining and commercial.

U. S. D. C.—Causes to be tried for trial on Saturday, 16th inst., Wilson, charged by a [illegible] Peter with keeping a gambling house.

The Weather.—The [illegible] of the above widely advertised event, have been woven into aromatic form by a gentleman in the city, and are to be produced this evening for the first time at Miss Rosenberg's Theatre. The entertainment will [illegible] in overturning [illegible] with it, the extravagance of the episode in nature in which it is to be [illegible] the fact that the [illegible] and the [illegible] and the [illegible] locations in Pittsburgh, is to be depicted with the accuracy that belongs to the [illegible] of the artist. [illegible] Another [illegible] will be brought the offering [illegible] in view of developments that are to succeed it, the most immense gathering ever seen within the walls of the Pittsburgh Theatre. The incident of a park saved from ruin by means of the performance of "a few farewells," may find a parallel in our own community.

Accidents.—The Theatre was tolerably well filled on Saturday evening. Mr. and Miss Sefton made their last appearance this season, the former for the benefit. At the Opera although there was no star the house was well filled.

We call the attention of our readers and target the complimentary benefit to Governor Foster this evening. He appears as Napoleon Bonaparte, a character in which he has seen fully successful. The other features of the ballads ultra true, and we expect to see a house commensurate [illegible].

Lectures.—We will be sure by an advertisement noticed where that [illegible] Phillips will deliver a lecture before the Young Men's Christian Association of this city [illegible] of evening. The object is not announced, but we presume the evening will be devoted to any subject he may take up.

The Ladies' Store, of choice descriptions, [illegible] sale to-day" see on advertisements, for sale [illegible] Two-day morning at 10 o'clock, will be open [illegible] examination of wares in this store room, on the corner of the new marble buildings, on Fifth street.

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