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Why Should It Not?

While we think that there should be a free exit allowed to the petroleum of the state to the gates of commerce, yet we see no good reason why Pennsylvania should not reserve to herself the profit of refining this great product of her soil and obtain a large revenue from its taxations.

Lake Erie, the Allegheny, Delaware and Susquehanna rivers and the canals furnish ample outlets for the oil that is conveyed to their banks. Why then should not the pipe lines, that are chartered by the state and given its right of eminent domain, with which to force their way to navigable waters, be confined to terminal points upon navigable waters within the state? Why should Pennsylvania oil chiefly be refined in New York and Ohio? The Standard oil company, an Ohio corporation, has so manipulated the oil trade as to carry out of the state the business of refining nearly the whole of this peculiar product of her soil. Is Pennsylvania defenseless under its duty not to interfere with free commerce between the states? We certainty think not.

The Legislature is perfectly aware that the state is not getting the revenue it should derive from a mineral supply of which it has practically a monopoly. Nor are its citizens getting the profit which it forbears collecting. A tax on the oil issuing from the wells would be borne by the foreign consumer, and its imposition would be no detriment to the oil producer, though it would be an embarrassment to the speculator whose capital would be locked up in the tax. The state has a perfectly legitimate opportunity to make the people of the whole world, who are the consumers of its petroleum, pay the cost of its government. Why should it not avail itself of it? What good reason exists for abstaining from the imposition of a large tax on crude oil? It would be a tax readily collected; it would be widely diffused; would bear lightly on the individual consumer and would fall mainly on other than our own citizens. It would be proper to make the foreigner bear it; he gets a cheaper and better light in petroleum than he can find in anything else, and as Pennsylvania gives it to him can he complain that the state gets a profit from it?

And why should not our Legislature increase the business and wealth of the state by providing that the peculiar facility of conveyance possible for the oil in pipes, which is so much cheaper than its transportation on railroads, shall be permitted to it only when it delivers the oil to water transportation within the state? The Legislature has control of the matter, since no one can lay down these pipes without obtaining its authority. Those who ask for a charter for such purpose may properly be limited to do such things as the Legislature considers to be for the interest of the state and its people. It may demand proper equivalents for its grants and impose proper restrictions upon their exercise. Would it not be proper to enact that the oil pipes shall terminate in Pennsylvania? They are authorized to begin there, and why may they not be limited to end there?

The water communications of the state with the world are amply sufficient to give free exit to the oil. The pipes may carry their contents to rail or water; but why should Pennsylvania be permitted by its Legislature to be a mere conduit for the passage of the product of her soil to manufactories in other states, when she has within her own borders equally as good points for the location of refineries and the exportation of their manufacture? Why should she permit the manipulation of a foreign corporation to divert from its natural location upon her own soil the manufacture of its own product? Once Pennsylvania refined and exported nearly all its oil, but now only a small part of it; and this result is due not to natural but to artificial causes, set to work by a few men of another state, who have managed to control a product of Pennsylvania which its Legislature holds in the hollow of its hand. Will not the Legislature use its power to recover for the state and its people the revenue and profit which is justly theirs? There ought to be no hesitation in making the attempt; and with men so intelligent and earnest in seeking the interest of the state as our present representatives, there should be no difficulty in righting a matter which is manifestly wrong.

Marvellously Miserable.

President Arthur has our congratulations. He started on a pleasure trip to Florida a couple of weeks ago and has got as far as Savannah on his return; which point being within the precincts of a respectable civilization and an inhabitable country, his journey into the wilderness may be considered over and congratulations on his safe deliverance are in order. The president has had our sympathy in his travels, as every one has who descends in the spring time into Florida. Their sufferings are usually great and their experiences exasperating. They go to get away from the winter's cold, and they go when the winter is over. The doctors tell them to get away from the variable temperature of our spring, and they strike one just as variable in Florida, if not more so; the thermometer does not go down so slow, but it rises higher. The sudden plunge into the heat is not agreeable; the insects are not agreeable; neither is the malarious air to those who do not love the idea of shaking their bones out of their body. The president seems to have had even an unusually unlovely time. It was hot as blazes; and they transported him on hot little steamboats through devious ways, amid barren sands, in search of fish, which would not bite; and poor Mr. Arthur, sun-burned and hot, gave up the fish and the boat, and allowed himself to be hauled to some young orange groves, which are about as interesting a place as a young peach orchard; and his last estate was worse than his first. Then he threw up the sponge and started for civilization and St. Augustine, which is a nice old Spanish town, which has a ruined fort and an artillery station, and a harbor that is ornamental but not useful, since it has no commerce and no boats. But there was the Tallapoosa that had struggled in over the bar, and whose pilot was afraid to take out again over the shallow bar. But the president had enough of the land of Florida and was bound to take to the sea, if he went to the bottom. He has reached Savannah safely, but was seasick by the way. We doubt whether his excellency had a happier moment in his life than when anchor was cast in the Savannah river. And next time he goes away for pleasure in the spring time he will not go to Florida.

MATTHEW ARNOLD insists that in revising the Old Testament beauty and power shall not be destroyed, even to obtain a more correct rendering, and that even where the meaning is not at all clear the charm and music of the old words shall remain.

THE "bosses" and the "halls," of New York, are in great commotion over the impending distribution of patronage by Mayor Edson, who is bound within the next fortnight to nominate no fewer than six big-salaried commissioners, or heads of departments, to take the place of a corresponding number whose terms are about to expire. It is easy enough to nominate, but it is not so easy to persuade the alderman to confirm, unless candidates pledge themselves in advance to take care of the respective followers and retainers of the city fathers.

SENATOR HUMES, in the vigorous prosecution of his inquiries into past state treasury management, will introduce a resolution calling upon the state treasurer to report why he has not certified to the sinking fund all money in the general fund in excess of $500,000, as required by the act of 1874. Humes says that the report for April 1 showed in the hands of the state treasurer from moneys of general revenue, apart from the amounts payable to the sinking fund, $2,835,903.40. Under the most liberal construction of the act, Humes holds that the state treasurer should at once certify to the sinking fund at least $1,500,000.

THE advance statement issued by the treasury department, of domestic breadstuffs exported for the nine months ending March 31 last, shows an increase over the corresponding nine months of the preceding year of nearly $20,000,000, the valuation for the nine months of the current fiscal year being over $167,000,000. Most of this increase was in wheat and wheat flour. The excess over last year was over 16,000,000 bushels, and in value nearly $10,000,000, while in wheat flour the excess was nearly 3,000,000 barrels and in value nearly $13,000,000. In Indian corn there was a falling off of nearly 17,000,000 bushels and in value a decline of nearly $10,000,000.

APROPOS of the deadlock in the Illinois House of Representatives, owing to the refusal of Rook, one of the Republican members, to vote with his party on a contested election case, a telegram from Springfield told the following story: "It is currently reported this morning that an attempt was apparently made last night by certain Democratic members and leaders to induce him to leave the city, and he was taken to the Wabash depot, some distance from the business portion of the city. Two Republican members followed in a hack, and, after some words, prevented Rook's leaving. The latter is said to have been in such a mental condition as not to be a free agent. Rook was taken back to the city and followed about all night by watchers from both political parties through various disreputable places, and early this morning both contestants were claiming Rook's vote."

FEATURES OF THE STATE PRESS.

The Reading *Times* puts no reliance on sensation dispatches.

The Wilkesbarre *Record* deems the Republican party purged by adversity.

The Pottsville *Chronicle* wants less jaw and more work the balance of the session in the House.

The Altoona *Tribune* insists upon parents giving their children something useful to do during school vacations.

The West Chester *Republican* wants Blaine and Conkling back in the active party leadership.

The Altoona *Tribune* congratulates the Christian women of that town on organizing into temperance societies.

The Johnstown *Tribune* is apprehensive of the tendency of people to swarm into large cities.

Sansom's Indiana *Democrat* is for George Irwin, of Harrisburg, for the Democratic nomination of auditor general.

The Wilkesbarre *Union Leader* is for the Wallace arbitration bill, without any tinkering.

The Reading *News* calls attention to the fact that the House has acted finally on over 200 bills.

The Pittsburgh *Dispatch* foresees the irrepressible conflict between the dressed beef shippers and the butchers.

The Pittsburgh *Post* is hopeful that the next Democratic national convention will not make a fool of itself on the tariff issue.

The Harrisburg *Telegraph* and Lancaster *Examiner* have discovered that the Democracy of 1856 were for free trade. The Republicans of the same year were for slavery.

Ex-Senator Kellogg's Case.

Mr. Charles H. Reed, who figured prominently as one of the counsel of Guiteau, visited the court house at Washington, D. C., Thursday, for the purpose of getting a copy of the indictment found on Wednesday against ex-Senator Kellogg, for whom Mr. Reed will appear as counsel. Mr. Reed artfully dodged a question as to whether a motion would be made to quash the indictment under the statute of limitations. "The trial," he said, "will be a very interesting one and will be very short. It ought not to take more than a week. I think the case will be brought into court very soon, as Mr. Merrick told me that the government was ready for trial at any time." Mr. Reed said that Mr. Kellogg was still at Washington, and would remain as long as he was advised to do so by his counsel.

TRADE AND LABOR.

INDUSTRIAL NOTES HERE AND THERE.

News of the Day—Calamity and Crime—Miscellaneous Matters—Striking Operators Will Quit Work.

The railroad coal operators met at Pittsburgh yesterday, and unanimously decided to reduce the mining rate on April 23d from 3¼ cents to 3 cents per bushel. The miners will meet on next Tuesday to take action in regard to the reduction.

Delegates from over sixty shoe shops in New York held a secret meeting last night, at which, it is said, resolutions were adopted advising agitation for the eight hour system, with a half holiday on Saturdays.

The journeyman plasterers of Pittsburgh met last night and decided to demand an advance of 50 cents per day after May 1st, and to strike if the demand is refused.

A general strike of the coal miners of the Hocking Valley, in Ohio, began yesterday against a reduction amounting to 30 cents per day.

The cigarmakers of Wheeling, W. Va., resolved yesterday to demand advance of 25 cents per thousand on all grades of cigars. It is said that manufacturers will refuse the demand.

The cigarmakers of Chicago have given formal notice of their intention to strike on the 7th of May against certain firms in that city who have not yet granted their demands. The firms say they are awaiting the action to be taken by the New York manufacturers on May 1st.

The places of a number of the striking tanners in Pittsburgh were filled yesterday with non union men. All night the strikers gathered riotously around the tanneries, but trouble was prevented by the police.

The works of the Akron iron company, in Ohio, have been closed.

CRIME AND CALAMITY.

Progress of the Indian Troubles.

It is stated that General Crook, with two hundred Apache scouts and one company of cavalry will move into the mountains of Mexico next Sunday, and that the Mexican troops will co-operate with him. Fears are entertained of a fight between tha Apache scouts and the "Rangers" from Tombstone, Arizona, who are reported to be on their way to attack the San Carlos Indians. The war department has sent seven hundred recruits to the various regiments in the department of Columbia, Arizona and the Indian territory.

A dispatch from Hermosville, Mexico, says: "The detachment of troops which followed the Apaches from Southeast Ures had several running fights with the Indians from Ures to Gambies, and claimed to have killed nearly the whole band. After losing the trail of the rest, some of the soldiers visited Gambies, where one of the number in the campaign last year recognized L. N. Streeter, formerly a United States agent, as the man who at that time was with the Indians acting as chief. For more than two years he has been the leader of a band of Apaches. Governor Torres ordered him to be brought to Hermasillo, but it is doubtful if he will be alive when the order reaches the troops."

General Crook has ordered 300 scouts to be in readiness for a long scout into the Sierra Madres.

Tragedies in Different Sections

News has been received at Fort Smith that U. S Marshal Lyman has been murdered by roughs in the Indian territory, and his prisoners have been released.

Thomas Pfeiffer, a young man, yesterday shot and killed his 15 year-old cousin, Mary Deinhardt, and then committed suicide, near McDade, Texas.

During a gust at Williamsport, Pa., last evening, two boats in which men were returning from a boom on the river were capsized. Three young men naned Herman Hartman, Del Rhoads and Grant Moore, and a boy, named Wilts, were drowned.

Four Swedes were drowned by the upsetting of a boat on Lake Washington, Washington territory, on Wednesday.

A "scale-eaten" boiler in Donald McCleary's planing mill, as Portland, Oregon, burst on Wednesday, blowing out the front of the mill and killing the engineer. Two other men were injured.

Mary Ayres, ten years of age, was burned to death at a bonfire in Falls Village, Connecticut, on Wednesday evening.

The robbing of the pillars in the Tunnel colliery at Ashland, Penn'a., caused a house to settle and sink yesterday. Other houses in the vicinity are being removed. The occupants of the houses removed some weeks ago.

Losses by Fire.

One thousand acres of woodland in Milford and Hopkinton, Massachusetts, were burned on Wednesday night, and several hundred cords of cut wood were also destroyed.

The paper mill of McCready & Co., at Catawissa, Penna., was destroyed by fire last evening. The loss is estimated at $75,000. The mill employed 150 hands.

An incendiary fire in Bethany, Missouri, on Wednesday night, destroyed nearly two blocks, including two banks and several stores.

The old parliament building in Quebec, a wooden structure, was destroyed by fire last night. Very little of the valuable library was saved.

Other Disasters.

A snow storm prevailed yesterday at Montreal and other points in Canada. The ice between Montreal and Quebec remains firm.

General Hazen yesterday telegraphed to the weather bureaus in the West Indies to make no more reports on cyclones after the 30th inst, Congress having failed to make appropriations for the purpose.

The Mississippi Rise.

A partially restored levee, three-quarters of a mile in extent, protecting an area of cotton lands immediately south of Helena, Ark., the aggregate annual yield of which amounts to $400,000, gave way Wednesday night, submerging and laying waste for this year the entire belt. Thus it will be seen that even where prompt efforts at the restoration of waste places in the levees have been made they have proved of little avail, the earth of which the embankments are constructed being light alluvial soil, easily succumbing to the pressure of the water. The river continues rising one inch per day, enough water having flowed into St. Francis basin, above, to maintain the present gauge there for at least four weeks, with a certain rise yet of fifteen inches.

Anniversary Celebrations.

Flags were generally displayed at Newburgh, New York, yesterday, it being the centennial of "the celebration by Washington's army at Newburgh, over the declaration of the cessation of hostilities between the United States and Great Britain." At noon a salute of 13 guns was fired at Washington's headquarters, and was answered by a salute of 13 guns at West Point, by order of the secretary of war. Church bells were rung and a salute fired at Fishkills.

The 108th anniversary of the battles of Concord and Lexington was observed yesterday in those towns by the firing of cannon, the display of flags and the parade of the local military organizations.

France and America.

M. Challemel-Lacour, minister of foreign affairs, presented to the Chamber of Deputies at Paris yesterday the draft of a convention concluded between France and the United States fixing the idemnity for losses sustained by French subjects during the civil war in America.

A Paris Sensation.

The Boulevard des Italiens in Paris was the theatre Thursday evening of a murderous scene, by which the lives of three people were imperilled and for which no serious explanation can be given. About half-past four a Prussian named Atocholler, who is known on the Bourse, drew a revolver on a police agent named Maroselli, who was standing in front of the Passage de l'Opera, and would have shot him but for the interference of the bystanders, who threw themselves upon him. He contrived, nevertheless, to discharge six shots, by which three persons were severely wounded. Their names are MM. Cussac and Feard and Mme. Allaire. All three were dangerously wounded. From inquiry which has been instituted it appears that after quitting the Bourse Atocholler repaired to a shooting gallery in the Passage de l'Opera, where he practised until four o'clock. Then he loaded his revolver and attacked Maroselli on leaving the Passage without any explainable motive. It is supposed that the attempt was committed in a moment of mental derangement caused by losses in the Bourse. When in the hands of the police the prisoner kept repeating that the French were dogs and that he was glad he had killed one of them.

Italian Tobacco.

During a discussion in the Chamber of Deputies at Rome, Thursday, on the subject of tobacco culture, Signor Magliana, minister of finance, declared that the government firmly intended to encourage the home cultivation of that plant and would grant large bounties for the purpose, but the people, he said, must not delude themselves that Italy would ever overcome American competition in this branch of competition.

PERSONAL.

SECRETARY FOLGER has returned to Washington in improved health.

SENOR DON ENRIQUE ESTRAYULAS yesterday presented his credentials to the secretary of state as charge d'affairs of the Republic of Uruguay.

BARON VON PUTTKAMER, the new German vice consul, arrived in Chicago yesterday and assumed the duties of his office.

DR. EDWARD BETMAN TURNIPSEED, a distinguished surgeon, and inventor of many surgical instruments now in use, died yesterday, in Columbia, South Carolina, aged 52 years.

ADMIRAL BALDWIN will go to Cronstadt in the U. S. steamer Lancaster and from there to Moscow, where he will represent the United States government at the coronation of the czar.

ARTHUR and party arrived at Savannah yesterday morning on the U. S. steamer Tallapoosa. The president is the guest in Savannah of Captain Henry Botts. He will leave on the Tallapoosa this afternoon for Fortress Monroe.

PROFESSOR'S HENRY'S statue in the grounds of the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, was unveiled yesterday with appropriate ceremonies. President Noah Porter delivered an address. A large and distinguished assemblage was present.

CHARLES H. REED, who was counsel for Guiteau, will defend ex Senator Kellogg in the trial of the latter on the criminal indictment against him for conspiracy. Mr. Reed intimates that he will urge the applicability of the statute of limitations to the case.

CAPTAIN PRATT, superintendent of the Indian training school at Carlisle, Pa., writes to the chief clerk of the Indian bureau that he has collected about $4,000 for the extension of the workshops of the school, $2,000 of which was subscribed by the pastor of a church in the vicinity.

BISMARCK, it is said, was much affected by the news of Prince Gortchakoff's death. "Beaconsfield and Gortchakoff," he remarked to those around him—"the only men whom I could becomingly recognize as antagonists—both disappeared! Friends, my turn is coming!"

MR. HENRY M. STANLEY'S mother is an innkeeper at the little Welsh village of Cross Foxes. The explorer's step-father is a thatcher and tiler in the village, and had never seen London until his adopted son brought him thither, when the African explorer was the lion of the day.

PROF. SIMON NEWCOMB was elected vice president and Prof. Asaph Hall home secretary of the National Academy of Science. The following members of the council were elected: Prof. S. F Baird, W. Gibbs, Cambridge, Mass.; Gen. M. C. Meigs, F. Rodgers, Philadelphia; Prof. C. A. Young, Princeton, and Prof. Hilgard.

THE OPERA.

"La Perichole" at the Opera House Last Evening.

Offenbach's comic opera, "La Perichole," was produced in Fulton opera house last evening, by the Winston Gordon opera company, to almost the complete satisfaction of the fair sized audience which assembled to hear it. Airiness and smoothness are characteristic of Offenbach's productions, and in "La Perichole" they are palpably present. The story is that of a street singer with whom the Spanish viceroy, at Lima, falls in love The man, however, whom the girl loves is a street singer also, and they are kept asunder by a stringent financial condition incompatible with the laws of the land relating to marriage. By a combination of various ludicrous incidents and laughable situations the lovers are finally brought together to the happiest satisfaction. As *La Perichole* Miss Gordon is notably, pleasing and vivacious, perhaps rather too much inclined to allow her ebullitions of mirthfulness full range when quieter expression is appropriate; albeit, she is charming in the frivolity in which she indulges unrestrainedly and her vocalization, not marked by any unusual compass, is decidedly clear and expressive. Miss Jennie Winston, as *Pequillo*, made an attractive figure and acted with a naturalness that enabled her to give a very just rendition of her role. Her singing, which was most favorably received, combines a good measure of brilliancy and skill, with clear tones that mark with emphatic effect the impressive features which abound in her part. Both ladies received several encores and were called before the curtain. The character of *Don Andres*, the viceroy, has a satisfactory impersonator in W. A. Morgan, who gave a fine conception of his part in the way of acting, and sang with an ease and finish which left little to be desired in the rendition of a role that does not give any exceptional opportunity for a display of power in vocalization. The remainder of the leading characters of the opera gave able renditions, but a marked weakness in the chorus did much to detract from the really high excellence of the other performers.

Annual Commencement.

The seventh annual commencement of the Strasburg high school will be held in Massasoit hall on Thursday evening, May 3. This school, which is under the able principal, Prof. Chas. B. Keller, is making rapid and substantial progress. Their annual commencements have always been a grand success in the past, for that reason a rare treat is anticipated by all. Music will be furnished for the occasion by the Strasburg Philharmonic society, a flourishing organization.

Receiving Stolen Goods.

Howard O. Clare, of Mastersonville, charged with being accessory before the fact to the larceny of cigars, and of receiving stolen goods, gave bail for a hearing before Alderman Spurrier on Monday next at 10 o'clock.

CRIMINAL COURT.

PROCEEDINGS IN QUARTER SESSIONS.

The Dennis Question—Other Cases Disposed of—A Safe Case—Proceedings at Last Evening's Session.

Thursday Afternoon—The case of John B. Dennis, charged with forgery, was called. The counsel for the defense asked for the continuance of the case until a decision is obtained from the United States court in which Dennis will have a hearing to-morrow morning, on a writ of habeas corpus, when it will be decided whether he is to be tried here at once or taken to Missouri. The court decided that the process of the governor takes precedence, and if the United States court decides that he goes to Missouri to-morrow, of course, he must be given over to the authorities of that state. If he is discharged he must be brought back to Lancaster on the process now in the hands of the sheriff to be tried on the charges against him here.

Com'th vs. Mary Stevenson, larceny. The defendant, who is a colored resident of Columbia, was charged with stealing eight yards of carpet from Mrs. Maria Hogentogler, of the same town. The property was recovered in the house of Mrs. Devan, where defendant boarded. The defense was that shortly before the time of the alleged larceny Mrs. Hogentogler went away and asked her to take care of her house and feed her cats, promising to pay for her services; when she returned she said she had not been as successful on her trip to Philadelphia as she expected; she would therefore give her the carpet in payment for her services. The defendant accepted the carpet and used it, never attempting in any way to conceal it. Verdict not guilty.

The jury in the case of John Sentman, charged with larceny, rendered a verdict of guilty.

Comt'h vs. Jacob Fisher. The defendant was indicted under the common law for malicious mischief. The evidence showed that on the 27th of January Mr. Levi Myers, of Mountville, attended the sheriff sale of the effects of the Fidelity insurence company, at Elizabethtown; he purchased a safe with a combination lock for $140. The defendant had been in the employ of the insurance company and he locked the safe to show Mr. Myers how it worked. He then told Mr. Myers that he would set the lock at a certain number and send him the number so that he would know how to open it. Mr. Myers ordered the safe to be shipped to this city; the safe arrived in this city, but it was locked and Mr. Myers was unable to open it. Fisher was written to several times about the safe and he replied that he would open the safe if paid $25 and upon no other condition. It was shown that the defendant at the request of Mr. Hackenberger changed the combination of the safe. He was to have given the figures of the change to Mr. Hackenberger; he gave that gentleman a paper with figures on, but afterwards told him they were not the right ones; he said no one could open the safe. [It was not shown when the change was made.—REP.] To several other witnesses he said he would not open the safe unless paid $25.

The defense as shown by the defendant was that on the day of the sale he locked the safe at the request of Mr. Myers; he reversed the combination, telling Mr. Myers that he should look at him; he then shut it as requested and did not touch it again. The defendant occupied the room in which the safe was kept as a place of business, and Mr. Myers was notified several times to remove it, as it was an encumbrance. It was there for a couple of weeks; Myers wrote several times for the combination; defendant told him that he wanted money for storage. W. A. Wilson, as his counsel, wrote several times to defendant, who finally replied, telling him that he had forgotten the combination and could only give one number. Witness does not know the combination now and has made several attempts to open the safe, but could not do it. He never tampered with it. On trial.

License Transferred.

The tavern license of George Erisman, at Graeff's landing, was transferred to Isaac Heiney.

Thursday Evening—After a few witnesses had been examined on the part of the defense in the case against Jacob Fisher, indicted for malicious mischief, the commonwealth abandoned the case and a verdict of not guilty was entered.

Samuel Baily and John Green were indicted for the larceny of two bushels of wheat from the barn of Emerson Walton in Bart township, on March 11 last. The commonwealth proved that the wheat was stolen and taken to the mill of J. F. Reed by the accused.

For the defense a number of the members of the families of the accused testified that the wheat was given to them by William Eckert, hotel keeper. Jury out when court adjourned.

Lewis Wood was convicted of fornication and bastardy, the prosecutrix being Phœbe Roberts Killough, of Fulton township. The usual sentence was imposed.

C. W. Hunter, a colored man, was charged with stealing an overcoat on Jan. 28, from his cousin, G. W. Hunter, residing on North street, this city. The accused was given privilege to stay over night at the house of the prosecutor, and when he got up in the morning the defendant was missing and the coat was gone. The coat was recovered by Chief Deichler. The jury convicted the defendant. Sentenced to undergo an imprisonment of four months.

Daniel Styer pleaded guilty to attempting to pass a check at the Lancaster county national bank, to which the name of John Hildebrand had been forged. Sentenced to undergo an imprisonment of one year.

Grand Jury Return.

True Bills—Eilen Stewart, keeping a bawdy house; Daniel Styer, forgery; Amos M. Sourbeer, selling liquor on Sunday to minors; John Grimley, defrauding boarding house keepers; Jacob B. Good, et al., forcible entry; Henry P. Warner, carrying concealed weapons; Hery Haas, larceny; Daniel E. Howe, felonious assault and battery.

Ignored—Ann Carson, assault and battery, with prosecutor, Mary Campbell, for costs; Mathias Bush, larceny; Frank Nestel, assault and battery, county for costs; H. M. Tichnor, defrauding landlord, with John B. Slough for costs; Serena Trout, fraud, county for costs.

Friday Morning.—In the cases of John Green and Samuel Bailey, charged with larceny, the jury rendered verdicts of guilty. In this case it appeared that J. B. Amwake, esq., counsel for the defense, was unavoidably absent last night when the case was heard. He appeared in court this morning and asked for a rule for a new trial; he stated that he had additional facts to present in behalf of the accused and believed that a different result would be arrived at if they were heard. The rule was granted and at once made absolute, so the case will be heard over again.

In the case of com'th vs. John Myers, charged with larceny, the commonwealth could not produce sufficient evidence to warrant them in asking for a conviction, and a verdict of not guilty was taken.

Com'th vs. Annie Butcher, colored. The defendant, who resides on North street, this city, was charged with stealing money from the drawer of the store of Matthias Steinwandel. The evidence showed that upon several occasions the defendant visited the store to make purchases; after leaving money was missed from the drawer; a watch was finally set upon her and on the 16th of December she was caught leaning over the counter at the money drawer; after she had gone a silver 50c. piece, which was in the drawer before she came in, was gone. The defendant denied positively that she ever stole any money and produced a large number of witnesses who testified to her previous good character. Verdict, not guilty.

Verdicts of not guilty were taken in the following cases for want of evidence: Annie Butcher, larceny (second case), James Watson, malicious mischief, and John Grimley, defrauding boarding house keeper.

The grand jury returned the following bills:

True Bills.—Leander Lindermuth and James Cassel, assault and battery; Andrew Hauck, malicious mischief.

Ignored.—Adam Patterson and James Hughes, larceny.

George Berkenheiser plead guilty to the charge of larceny of a watch, revolver &c., from Amos Miller, of Safe Harbor, and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

Benjamin Butt plead guilty to stealing a large lot of rags from John A. Shober, and was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment.

FIRE IN MOUNT JOY.

Sourbeer's Furniture Factory Burned—Several Dwelling Houses Burned.

Shortly after 8 o'clock on Thursday evening, flames were seen issuing from F. M. Shurbeer's furniture manufactory, East Maine street, Mount Joy. Before the fire department was ready to cast water upon the building it was enveloped in flames. Four streams played upon the building, the firemen worked well, but the machinery of the fire apparatus at the reservoir not working to perfection, the streams were not very strong. The manufactory, a large two story frame building, together with its contents, consisting of furniture, coffins, paints and varnish, valued at $1,000 were entirely consumed. On the building there is an insurance of $2,000 in the Manheim mutual fire insurance company, and $1,500 in the Ephrata mutual. Mr. Sourbeer's dwelling adjoining was also burned with some of the furniture. Adjoining the manufactory on the west was the residence of H. S. Myers, a two story building, which was burned to the ground. It belonged to Miss Eliza Myers, and has an insurance of $1,000 in the Millersburg, Dauphin county, fire insurance company. A two-story frame house on the east side, the property of Mrs. Annie Myers, is ruined by the flames and water. The loss on this building is estimated at $400. Her son, Reuber Myers, occupied the building and some of his furniture was burned and $50 in money was either stolen or burned.

One of the rooms on the first floor of the building was occupied by Adam Root as a storeroom for western farm wagons. The door of the building being too narrow to get the wagons out without taking them apart, and there being no time to do that, the firemen hacked down the door jambs and bulk window, and safely removed the wagons before the flames reached them.

It is not known how the fire originated. When it was first discovered the flames were bursting through the roof above the paint shop, and as there was no fire used in the building the mystery surrounding its origin is all the more intensified.

In close proximity to the ruined buildings is a block of houses, including Breneman, Longenecker & Co.'s store, Union national bank, P. A. Pyle's drug store and the Exchange hotel. At one time it looked as if all these would be burned, but fortunately there was little wind, and it varied its course several times at the more critical periods and thus aided in saving them.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

Events Near and Across the County Lines.

A five year old son of John Miller, of Port Clinton, disappeared several days ago and all efforts to find him were unavailing. The little fellow's sight was seriously impaired. Last evening the dead body of the child was found in a creek close by his father's house.

The trial of William M. Derr, editor of the *Independent*, a weekly paper published at Lebanon, on the charge of criminal libel, preferred by Joseph Funk, was began yesterday. The alleged libelous matter was printed during the canvass for the Republican nomination for judge last summer, Funk being an aspirant, and Derr opposing his nomination. The case is exciting interest and the jury was obtained after much difficulty.

Dora Huls, aged seventeen years, who has been suffering from enlargement of the bone of her right arm, died yesterday at Reading. She was first afflicted about two years ago, when a small lump about the size of a walnut made its appearance on her arm between the elbow and shoulder. The lump continued to increase in size until the arm measured fully thirty two inches in circumference and weighed forty-two pounds. She visited Dr. Gross, of Philadelphia, some time ago, when she was advised to have the arm amputated, but this she declined to do, and said she would rather suffer death than have the arm removed. Hemorrhages from it ensued and she died from exhaustion. She never experienced any serious pain.

Delaware River & Lancaster Railroad.

West Chester Republican.

Dr. Laman of the firm of Laman, Walker & Co, of New York, contractors of the Delaware River & Lancaster railroad, with Mr. Doty, the sub contractor, arrived in Phœnixville on Monday, and Dr. Laman says the work will now be prosecuted with vigor. The bonds of the road have been placed in the New York market, and the financial status of the road is now all that could be desired. It has become necessary to change the line of the road in the vicinity of New Holland, as one smart farmer who thought he had the company foul, demanded $16,000 damages for going through his farm. A number of farmers two miles off from New Holland, clubbed together, offered a good rout and land free so the line will be changed and the New Hollanders will be left two miles away. They belong to the class who want the penny and the cake, and generally manage to lose both.

Got Hold of the Wrong Man.

Lititz Record.

At a late hour on Saturday night John Burkholder, residing west of this place, drove through a covered bridge crossing the Cocalico creek near Millway. He was smoking at the time and in the middle of the bridge he was hailed by a man who asked for light from his cigar. Burkholder stopped his conveyance and as the stranger was about to reach for the lighted cigar he made a grab for Burkholder's face or throat. Burkholder, however, proved himself equal to the occasion, and in an instant more left his fist fly into the supposed would-be robber's face with such force that he dropped, while Burkholder drove off as fast as he could.

Shooting Accident.

Manheim Sentinel.

Two sons of Daniel S. Miller of Sporting Hill, aged respectively ten and twelve years, while playing with a shotgun—not knowing it was loaded—the elder of the two held the muzzle of the gun in his hand, while the younger pulled the trigger, the charge entering the palm of the hand of the former and passing out some distance above the wrist, lacerating the soft part terribly and shattering the bones. The charge also passed close to the body, removing the skin over his abdomen. The lad is suffering much pain.

COLUMBIA NEWS.

OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE.

Events Along the Susquehanna—Items of Interest in and Around the Borough Picked up by the Intelligencer Reporter.

The Presbyterians are now engaged in the work of organizing a choir for the church, something which they should have had long ago, as there are a number of fine singers connected with the church and Sunday school.

The board of trustees of the above church held a meeting last evening, when a re-organization of the board took place. Mr. J. W. Steacy was chosen president and Mr. J. A. Myers secretary. The financial condition of the church was discussed and other matters of importance attended to.

Company C's Anniversary.

Company C will celebrate the sixth anniversary of its organization by a banquet in the armory, on Monday evening next. No one will be present but members, on whose invitations the following note is printed, which is self-explanatory: "Every member of the company is expected to be present in full uniform and overcoat, with arms and equipments complete. This is not only to be re-union, but a reorganization." Eight o'clock, sharp, is the time of meeting.

Rampage of Rowdies.

Union street, between Second and Third streets, was made hideous by the yells and curses of some drunken wretchs last night about 12 o'clock. Another man who was in the same condition soon joined the first and the spirit of the serenade was continued. The people of that neighborhood had their rest disturbed for almost two hours. If one person had had on with a good hickory club, the noisy fellows would have something beside a headache by which to remember their spree to day.

School Examinations.

The pupils of the grammar school passed the oral examinations yesterday with great credit to themselves. The reviews were in grammar, arithmetic, history, geography and spelling. The principal and vice principal, Mr. S. Hoffman and Miss Flora Pfoutz, deserve all the praise that can be accorded them for their thorough instruction of their pupils.

The oral examinations at the schools today were continued at Miss Beckie J. Sauber's school in the Cherry street building. To morrow they will be held at Miss Alice J. Bucher's school.

A Timely Lecture.

"What are our young folks reading," the subject of the Rev. Jesse B. Young's lecture in the M. E. church, last evening, attracted a large audience there. The evils of the pernicious and vile literature so much indulged in by girls and boys, and even young men and women, were plainly set forth by the lecturer. He stated that he had learned, by careful investigation, that most of the young convicts of the land are brought to their evil ways by this literature. The lecture was well received by all.

Put Out of a Blacksmith Shop.

Charles Smith was ejected from Mr. Harry Nolte's blacksmith shop yesterday by the owner, for being in there while under the influence of liquor and for abusing him. A lawsuit is the consequence, Smith charging the other with assault and battery. 'Squire Young heard the case and soon assured himself that Mr. Nolte had used no more force than was necessary to put the man out of the shop. He was then discharged. Suit was then entered by the late defendant before 'Squire Frank against Smith, and the latter must now prove that he was not a drunk and disorderly man before he can rid himself of the meshes of the law.

Personal.

Mrs. Wm. Metzgar and daughter left town to day for a visit to the upper Susquehanna.

Miss Agnes Wilson, of Chester county is visiting Miss Hannah Elliott, on Walnut street.

Mr. F. A. Bennett is entertaining at his Walnut street residence Mr. H. P. Post of Leadville, Col.

"Ole" Hardtimes, Columbia's celebrated dog catcher has left town. He will hereafter be numbered with the "loggers" of the forests on the upper Susquehanna.

A large number of invited guests were present at the meeting of the "German," last evening. The occasion was fully enjoyed by all.

The U. B. church festival opens to night in the armory and will conclude to-morrow night. No charge for admission.

An excursion will run to Lancaster on April 25, by the Pennsylvania railroad, to enable the people to see Forepaugh's show by a small sum of money.

Other Paragraphs.

A semi fore signal has been erected in the Pennsylvania railroad company's west yards here, by which the movements of arriving and departing trains of the Frederick railroad will be regulated.

William Gable appeared before 'Squire Grier yesterday, charged with committing an assault and battery upon Archie Snavely. The latter was not hurt during the melee, and the 'squire thought the former sufficiently punished by imposing the costs of the suit upon him.

A large number of young ducks were stolen from Mr. J. C. Stoner's hen roost on Wednesday night. About this same time last year the gentleman lost a number of ducks. As he resides in the country and the hen roost is some little distance from the house no noise can be heard there. The thieves had a fair field and evidently asked no favors. They took 'em.

THE PHARMACISTS.

Annual Meeting of the Pharmaceutical Society—Election of Officers.

The stated monthly meeting of the Lancaster County Pharmaceutical association was held yesterday afternoon in Grand Army hall, at which various topics of interest and importance to those present were introduced and discussed.

The committee on local formulas were not able to submit a complete report at this meeting but promised to do so by the next.

The annual report of the president, treasurer and secretary was presented and read, giving abstracts of the present condition of the society and the work accomplished during the year, in all a very satisfactory showing.

The annual election for officers also took place, resulting in the choice of the following: President, R. S. Ross, Elizabethtown; vice president, H. B. Parry, Lancaster; secretary, A. A. Hubley, Lancaster; assistant secretary, Jno. K Kauffman, Lancaster; treasurer, H. B. Cochran, Lancaster; executive committee, C. W. Hackenberger, Bainbridge; B. F. W. Urban, Lancaster; M. W. Raub, Lancaster.

Jewish Temple.

Divine service opens on Saturday evening, the eve of Passover Feast, precisely at 7 o'clock. Sunday morning service opens at 10 o'clock. An English sermon will be delivered by their Rabbi, Rev. Samuel M. Laski; subject, "The Decalogue." Friends and strangers are cordially invited.

More Wages Wanted.

The cigarmakers are inaugurating a move for an increase of wages. The hands of a manufacturer in the southwestern part of the city have notified him that after the first of May they will demand an increase of $1 per thousand. Workmen in other shops, it is said, will follow their example.