

M'GIRK IN THE DOCK.

HE IS COMMITTED TO STAND TRIAL FOR THE HEADS MURDER.

An Old and Bloody Mystery Revived—Testimony of the Lady from Erie—What Came of a Deceased Confession.

Theodore J. McGirk, alias "McGirk, the Liar," was given a final hearing yesterday noon at the Central Station, before Magistrate Smith, on the charge preferred against him on the strength of a confession which he is alleged to have made, while sick, to Mrs. Jennie Sandborn, of Erie, Pa., to the effect that he was the man who murdered the colored porter, Needs, at White's dental depot, in this city, in October, 1865.

The court room was not uncomfortably crowded, owing probably to the fact that the time the hearing was to come off had not been made public. A fair sized gathering of politicians, ex-police officers and others who had known McGirk in his criminal days, however, was present. The prosecution was conducted by Assistant District Attorney Read, and the prisoner was represented by Benjamin L. Temple.

The case being called McGirk was led into the room by two officers and placed in the dock. He seemed either dazed from loss of sleep or nervous at his position, for he would glance up at the magistrate and down at the bottom of the dock, and at brief intervals push his fingers through his hair as though trying to brush from his head some unpleasant thoughts.

The first witness called was Dr. J. W. White, of Twelfth and Chestnut streets. Mr. White is by reputation an editor. He testified that in 1865 he was connected with White's dental establishment, No. 525 Arch street, and knew James Needs, the murdered porter. It was Needs' business to sweep over the place, carry packages, &c. Mr. White recollects the facts of the murder on October 6 or 7, 1865. At that time the establishment was robbed of about \$5000 worth of precious metals, chiefly platinum. On the morning of the murder Mr. White said he arrived at the store about half-past seven o'clock, and saw the marks of violence upon the floor. There were two or three contusions, one over the right eye and one on the side of the head. He was not at the store that morning when Needs went on duty.

Under cross-examination by Mr. Temple the witness said that he knew nothing about the prisoner in connection with the murder, but he was positive as to certain articles missing from the store. At the conclusion of Mr. White's testimony Mr. C. H. Porter, the night watchman who had been employed at the dental establishment in 1865, was called to the stand and gave a distinct recollection of the morning of the robbery and murder, and told his story in answer to Mr. Read's questions as follows: I went on duty at nine o'clock at night, and went off as soon as the first man came in; sometimes half past five, sometimes six, and sometimes six and a half. I remember the morning of the murder: I left the establishment that morning about ten minutes before six o'clock. I did not see James Needs that morning at all; I went out the back way on North street; the store had an entrance on the street and on the south street; there was nobody in the store when I left; when I left there George Morgan, Mr. Carey and a young man named James Gary were in the back part of work; I came back between seven and eight o'clock, as I had been sent for while I was at the Spring Garden market.

On cross-examination the witness repeated that he left that morning about ten minutes before six o'clock; nobody could get in the store without entering on Arch street; he saw no evidence of burglary; he saw Needs dead, did not see the prisoner. George Morgan testified that he was in the employ of White in 1865; that he saw Needs that morning at about ten minutes after six o'clock in the part where the engine is located; go him to the store and saw the marks of a key to breakfast on North street in the rear of the store, and while eating was sent for and told of the murder.

On cross-examination he said: I have control of all the keys; I let Mr. Porter in at nine o'clock at night, and then I returned the keys; I let him out. Andrew W. Carey, a clerk at the dental depot, testified that he arrived at the store on that particular morning about five o'clock; was admitted by the night watchman, but did not see Needs until after six o'clock; a witness was at work in the basement at the time; he knew nothing of the occurrence until he was summoned, when he saw Needs gagged and bound hands and feet.

The next witness called was the principal one, Mrs. Sandborn. She is about thirty-five years of age, single, has a fair complexion, a well-developed figure, and is of a gentlemanly bearing. Her features are regular in outline and rather interesting. She was attired in a full suit of mourning, and spoke every word in her testimony with a calm, though slightly sad air, and with distinct enunciation. She testified that she lived in Washington town near Erie county, where she had resided three years; that prior to that time she lived at the Homeopathic Hospital in this city; that she knew the prisoner, whom she just saw, in the spring of 1877 at the hospital; that he was there as a patient; that she was a patient; that he left there on the last day of May; that she next saw him the following 20th of July at her father's house; that he remained there until the following March; he then went away for a week, and returning stayed there until October 5; she was in the room at the time in reference to the killing of a man at White's dental depot was made while he was sick and under fear of death.

A chair was then brought for the witness and seating herself she went on as follows with the understanding that she was to give the language used by McGirk: He said he did not want to die until he confessed a crime he had committed, and he wanted to tell me to find if there was any hope for him, he said Hugh Mara and I planned to commit a burglary at White's dental depot. He seemed to be very nervous, and we went to get a watchman named Needs; we found we were immediately recognized; upon entering we did not intend to kill any one—it was a very wealthy establishment and one could get a large amount of dentists' material and valuable instruments and other things used by them; on entering we found that we were recognized, and knowing what the result would be if we were taken, we had been there, and that dead men tell no tales, we immediately gagged him, knocked him down and bound him, and fearing that if he lived he would reveal our names, we killed him; I asked if Hugh Mara had not assisted him; he said, "No; I committed this crime; I killed him; Hugh Mara did not help me; I did this crime myself; I killed him." I asked if Mara saw him do it, he said he was there, but did not assist. He further said that they feared that the man might live and fire a pistol, so they struck him with something and killed him. I again asked if Hugh Mara helped him in this deed; he said, "No; I killed the man; I committed this crime myself; that the next day he saw the accounts in the papers; that he never had been suspected, and that another man had been arrested for the crime; he said that this man's face haunted him all through

his life; that his last look, appealing to him, followed him day and night.

Witness then said that he made these statements during the hours of twelve and two o'clock, August 13, 1879.

She stated, on cross-examination, that she was a widow; she had sent McGirk to her father's place because he was in trouble. Mr. Temple wanted to know what the trouble was, but Mr. Read objected, and the magistrate sustained the objection.

Witness said that she had made no memorandum of the confession. McGirk had on several occasions subsequently spoken of this confession, and said that he felt he ought to go and deliver himself up to the Philadelphia authorities. Mr. Temple then wanted to bring in the confessions with reference to other things, and argued that he ought to be allowed that much, because he might have confessed to things which never occurred. In that event, such a thing would do far toward assisting a magistrate in arriving at a conclusion.

The magistrate overruled the offer, and committed McGirk to answer at the next term of court.

Board of Health.—At the meeting of the Board of Health yesterday the Lazarus physician reported that the brig Nellie Worcester had been permitted to proceed up the river. He had taken from the ship Winnifred Captain Brown, of the schooner Brown, who was suffering with malarial fever.

Communications relative to a filthy lot at Seventeenth and Jefferson streets, and Locust street, between Fourth and Fifth, were referred to the inspector.

A communication from the Kater Market Company was read, in which they state they manage up at the magazine, and have the board, with the exception of retaining a drain, which would require about \$1000 or \$1200.

Mr. Kneass offered a resolution that the warrants for removing garbage in the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-sixth Districts for the month of July be issued.

Mr. Hirst opposed it, and said that the Street Cleaning Committee had smothered a resolution of his for amusement when he was absent. This Mr. Gray denied, and General Kiseey read the minutes of the committee to show that every thing Mr. Hirst had said about the committee was false.

Mr. Hirst talked about calling men to post-mortem account for what they say, but Mr. Kiseey insisted on reading the records.

Mr. Gray said that the records of the board showed that Mr. Hirst never voted to annul Mr. Black's contract, and he accordingly acknowledged having received favors from Mr. Black. He (Mr. H.) would get Mr. Black into committee and then unaccountably let up on him.

The motion to approve the warrants was lost by a tie vote.

The Death of the Late Christian Schussel.—At a meeting of the Directors of the Academy of Fine Arts, held yesterday, James L. Claghorn, Esq., president, in the chair, the following resolutions were adopted, after suitable remarks from Mr. Claghorn: Whereas, The board has heard with unfeigned regret of the decease of Professor Christian Schussel, the head, for the last eleven years, of the instruction department of the Academy; and its members feeling desirous of recording their estimation of his exceptional talents as an artist, do hereby

Resolved, That we hereby thoroughly recognize the importance of the services of deceased in organizing the system of instruction in the schools which promises to be pro-beneficial to the future of this city, and in the advancement of art not alone in our midst, but in the country at large. With a singular aptitude of imparting a knowledge of the principles of art so thoroughly understood and practiced by himself, Mr. Schussel's purity of character and gentlemanly manner endeared him to all, and his precepts and example had a power to stimulate and bring out the best efforts of his pupils. Dying comparatively young, his works, not numerous in consequence of the bodily infirmities of his later years, will be valued as exponents of a pure heart, a refined intellect and professional ability of a high order.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be communicated to the family of the deceased, and that they be spread upon the minutes and also published, and that the board attend his funeral in a body.

Atlantic City Pleasures.—The setback "the season" at Atlantic City received from the storm a week ago has been fully made up for by the hot spell that began on Thursday, and the Camden and Atlantic Railroad Company will doubtless have its extra Saturday trains crowded this afternoon to their utmost. People are gradually beginning to learn that the pleasantest time of year at the seashore is that upon which we are now entering. The bathing is delightful, and the air more invigorating than in midsummer. The Councils of Atlantic City having refused to replace the board walk on the beach, the hotel keepers and cottagers have gone active to work, and are gradually all replaced by this time. There have been no mosquitoes at Atlantic City this year, owing, probably, to the filling up and grading of the low places on the beach front and throughout the town. The houses are still doing a prosperous business, and will continue to do so for two or three weeks yet at least.

Obituary.—Mr. George L. Young, president of the Board of Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, died between eleven and twelve o'clock yesterday at his residence, Thirteenth and Green streets. He had been ill for some time, suffering with a carbuncle on his neck, which, attacking his spine, resulted in death. He was a member of the firm of Lewis Thompson & Co., marble and mahogany works, Ridge avenue, near Eleventh street. Mr. Young was highly esteemed in the neighborhood, and he took an active part in school matters in the Fourteenth Ward. He was elected January 31, 1869, a member of the Gas Trust by Common Council and held the position altogether for about nine years. On the death of Nathan I. Jones, president of the board, in May last, Mr. Young was elected to fill the vacancy.

Coney Island.—With a view to affording Philadelphians an opportunity to witness the manifold evening attractions of this wonderful resort at a nominal expense the Pennsylvania Railroad Company contemplate running a special excursion to Brighton early in September by special train or trains to either South Amboy or Jersey City, and thence by their magnificent steamer Richard Stockton to the new Island, leaving Philadelphia about noon and Coney Island at ten o'clock P. M., making the journey in each direction in about three hours. It is proposed to charge but \$2.50 for the entire round trip, with half-fare for children, and to so perfect every arrangement as to make the affair the event of the season. Ample accommodations will be provided both on cars and boat, and the sale of tickets will be limited to fifteen hundred, about one half the capacity of the steamer.

Progress of Education in Japan.—Rev. B. G. Northrop, of New Haven, widely known by his connection with the organization and wonderful development of the educational system of Japan, is in this city, the guest of Mr. Nelson F. Evans, and on Sunday morning will speak at the Convention of the Congregational Church, Eighteenth and Green streets. This is an unusual opportunity for those especially interested in Japan to hear one who speaks from personal experience, and a knowledge acquired in a prominent and intimate relation with that government.

Lavinia Roach's Suicide.—The singular circumstances connected with the case of the miserable young woman who committed self-murder last Saturday, by jumping from the steamer's deck into the waters of Long Island Sound, have made it one of extraordinary interest. Already the main facts concerning her career have been related in this paper, but the following additional points will be found readable: She came here five years ago as a maid for the daughter of the proprietor of the mill where she was employed, at Cornwall, England. On the 25th of September, 1875, she gave birth to a boy, who is now living with a family named Stager, who kept a sort of baby farm, No. 338, Ludlow, in Camden. The child is nearly four years of age, and is a fine-looking boy. His name is Harry.

The father is a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, and resides in the South. Miss Roach attempted on two or three occasions to kill this boy, and was continually planning to get him off her hands.

The real object in going to New Jersey last Saturday is said to have been to meet an officer with whom she sailed on her recent return from Europe. He had sailed in the morning, and it is supposed she intended to meet him at the act of suicide. This she had often threatened to do, and those who knew her intimately in this city were not surprised when they heard she had fulfilled her threat. She had numerous lovers, one of whom was named Armstrong, and it was from him that she received the ring with the initials "A. A. to L. R." He had deserted her a year ago.

Langfield, it is said, had not seen her for five months, and her letter to him is attributed to a drunken freak.

The latest news from New York yesterday concerning the body is as follows: The remains of Lavinia Roach, which were recovered on Wednesday morning from the waters of the Sound, lay all day yesterday in Undertaker Donnelly's shed at Finishing. In the morning Dr. Badger, by instructions from and in the presence of Coroner Burns, made a post-mortem examination of the head, and found that there was no fracture of the skull; that the pericranium was uninjured, and the wound over the frontal bone was incapable of causing death.

From this examination the coroner is inclined to infer that the lady, contrary to the theories so strenuously insisted upon by the captain and officers of the steamer Bristol, was still alive when she struck the water, and died as a result of the shock which she received by those on board, and in consequence of the Bristol. Coroner Burns expresses his determination to investigate the case so far as his authority extends, and not alone to find out whether the people on the Bristol were guilty of manslaughter, but also to discover for public satisfaction the real cause of the lady's melancholy end.

The coroner's deputy will probably undertake a fuller post-mortem examination before the inquest is held, so as to be able to give the jury information relating to the exact physical condition of the deceased at the time of her suicide.

An INQUIRER-reporter yesterday ascertained that Mrs. Clayton, of No. 910 Green street, who went to New York to claim the body for burial, will not bring it to this city, but will have it buried from the undertaker's office in New York.

Mrs. Russell, with whom the unfortunate woman lived for a time, at No. 1103 Callow hill street, has consulted counsel, and by his instructions will take out letters of administration for the property left by her deceased friend. Mrs. Russell, her counsel states, is using her position as creditor merely to secure the valuable personal effects for the benefit of little Harry Roach, son of the drowned woman. Mrs. Russell claims nothing for herself, and is willing to let the executors of the Bristol take care of the estate, but that the personality left by the child's mother shall be converted into cash, and the proceeds expended or invested for the boy's benefit.

Central Station Hearings.—Magistrate Smith, at the Central Police Station yesterday, disposed of the following cases:

Robert Harrington was held in \$1000 bail for his appearance at court. He snatched a pocket-book, containing \$10, from Margaret B. Sheldon, of No. 609 Morris street, at Seventh and Lombard streets yesterday morning. He was pursued and captured with the stolen property in his possession.

The mother of Edward Horner lives in the house of Mrs. Emma Keller, No. 220 Williamson street. Edward has been in the habit of visiting the place frequently, and upon several occasions articles of jewelry, &c., have been missed. As he was seen in the house one day when the family were absent, suspicion rested upon him. Finally, several articles, including jewelry, clothing, knives, &c., were recovered from young women in the neighborhood, to whom Edward had presented them. He was held in \$250 bail to answer.

John Whalen, who gave his residence as at the William Penn Hotel, on Market street, was held to answer the charge of beating John M. Bugles, of Merchantville, N. J., out of \$2 by means of the "gyp" game. Whalen proposed to have a horse for sale. Before he could dispose of it one of his pals, pretending that the latter had cheated him once before, The pal offered to give Bugles \$175 for the horse if he could buy, getting \$2 to bind the bargain. When Bugles looked for the men they were gone, but Whalen was caught a day or two after.

Edward Myers was arrested on Thursday afternoon by Twenty-second District Policeman Watson for selling pawn tickets. Before Magistrate Smith, Myers said he bought the tickets in the course of his business as a diamond and watch dealer. The magistrate told him, "We know your little game. If people are fools enough to buy those tickets they must take the consequences. I'll have to discharge you this time."

Yesterday morning Policeman Lehman saw three men sitting on a bench in the neighborhood of Water and Market streets, and the alleys running to Delaware avenue. Thinking a burglary was on foot the policeman secured the aid of brother officers, and arrested them. They were taken to the Central Station, where they were held until this morning, when they were recognized as old offenders. The third man was Edward Smith. There was no evidence against them, and Magistrate Smith reprimanded and discharged them.

Police Notes.—The house of a deaf mute named Houseman, on Franklin street, above Folk road, Frankford, was broken into on Thursday, but the thieves failed to secure anything of value.

Early yesterday morning Henry Roberts and William Hamilton were arrested while attempting to force their way into a coal yard at Twenty-fourth street and Washington avenue. They were held for trial by Magistrate Collins.

On Thursday the house of Leonard Danenhauer, No. 905 North Eighth street, was thoroughly ransacked during the absence of the family. A safe was broken open. It is not known what has been stolen.

Almost a Success.—The enterprise, undertaken by Miss Emily L. Aertsen, of this city, to raise ten thousand dollars for the purpose of building a school house for colored people in Knoxville, Tennessee, has been nearly completed. Eight thousand, six hundred dollars of the required amount has been raised, in sums varying from five dollars to one thousand dollars, and an appeal is now made to the friends of the colored people to furnish the remaining fourteen hundred dollars. Contributions of any amount will be welcome, and may be sent to Miss Emily L. Aertsen, care of William G. Crowell, No. 510 Walnut street, Philadelphia.

INTO DEATH'S JAWS.

FINDING WHO CARRIED THE NARROW GAUGE VICTIMS THERE.

The Superintendent's Violation of Rules, the Engineer's Stubbornness and the Criminal Carelessness of Redman and Ewings.

Yesterday morning Justice Cassidy, at Camden, continued the investigation as to the recent accident on the Philadelphia and Atlantic City (Narrow Gauge) Railroad.

The first witness called was Conductor Cheyney, the man who had recommended John Ewings as capable of taking care of the freight train on the day of the accident. He said he had been employed by the Narrow Gauge line for about two years. He was the conductor of the freight train on the 13th of August. His testimony went to show the stubbornness of the engineer, Johnson.

Dr. George H. Kohler was called. He said he was on the passenger train on the day of the accident. On the day of the coroner's inquest, he had had a conversation with Conductor Ewings, who told him he had had orders to lay off at Dick's Switch, and would have done so but for the stubbornness of the engineer.

Patrick McGovern, a road man, testified that, knowing the extra train was coming, he ran to the freight train and beckoned with his hands to stop, but no attention was paid. This was three-quarters of a mile from the accident.

The regular conductor of the train testified that the engineer was disposed to disobey orders, and that only the day before he had trouble with him.

Dwight Grover, Jr., said he heard Conductor Ewings on the day of the accident, talk to Mr. O'Malley about the different switches and their lengths. He also told witness that he would lay off at Cedar Brook. "I heard," said the witness, "the engineer say he could make Dick's Switch, to which Ewings replied, 'You ought to go to the devil, and fly your wings.' Ewings did not want to go any further than Cedar Brook, but Johnson insisted on going on further.

Walcott Zimmerman, a section hand, repeated the conversation which occurred between O'Malley and Ewings in relation to the length of the different switches, and the remark of O'Malley that the freight train could go no further than Cedar Brook with safety. The engineer at that time was on the engine. The conductor and O'Malley compared watches. John Miller, a fireman on the freight train, stated that on the day of the accident he heard the conductor tell the engineer at Hammond that an extra No. 4 would leave Camden at two o'clock. The conductor said he was going to Cedar Brook. "When we got there," continued the witness, "down brakes was blown, and then the brakes were blown off and the train went on. I was told that the idea was to go to Dick's Switch."

At this point Prosecutor Jenkins addressed the magistrate and said: "This investigation is a family. This responsibility must be fixed either upon Mr. Ellis Clark, Mr. Vertz or Mr. Redman, the operator; Mr. Ewings, the freight conductor; Mr. Johnson, his engineer, or Mr. Pennypacker, the engineer of the passenger train. There is nothing whatever to show neglect or responsibility on the part of Mr. Ellis Clark. He made rules which, if carried out, precluded the possibility of accidents. He was careful in the selection of his assistant, and shows that he omitted or committed no act that would have avoided this calamity. But Mr. Vertz stands in a very different light. He is the executive officer and the despatcher. He knowingly and avowedly violated a vital rule, which, if obeyed, might have avoided this accident. This was the one regarding the writing of train orders. I, therefore, think he should be held to answer before the grand jury. The question of the responsibility of Redman, the operator, is a question of veracity. He endeavors to place the blame on Verts and Johnson. There can be no doubt that he contributed to this calamity, and should be held to answer for it. The evidence that points to negligence on the part of Pennypacker, the engineer of the special train. He showed forethought, and showed great presence of mind, and it is due to his coolness, no doubt, that more lives were not lost. In the event of any accident on the freight, the evidence is conclusive. He seems to have been sensible all while of the great risk he was running, and proceeded into the very jaws of death. The action of Johnson, the engineer of the freight, to me is perfectly incomprehensible. He is truly one who should be taken before a jury."

Mr. Jenkins then spoke on the question of bail, contending that Mr. Vertz should be required to give greater bail than the others, who occupied more humble positions in the community.

Mr. Scofield, representing Mr. Vertz, said his client was willing to enter bail and have the question of his responsibility determined in court. Any one who had listened attentively to the testimony could not say that Mr. Vertz had, in any manner, neglected his duty or contributed to this fatal accident.

Ewings' counsel asked that small bail be fixed, and he was willing to let the case go before the grand jury. He wanted to say that Ewings acted conscientiously, and to the best of his ability in the light he had that day.

The case was then continued until Monday at noon, so that Judge Woodhull could designate the amount of bail for the appearance of each of the parties in court. The charge, if anything, will be manslaughter, and a justice, by the laws, cannot accept bail in such a case. Therefore, to save those whom the justice regards as amenable to the law from incarceration, the hearing was continued to the time specified.

The special officer of the train, a young man named Heidrick, produced the papers which had been taken from the body of Conductor Worthington after he had been killed. Among these documents was the train order given by Mr. Vertz to him just before the departure of the excursion train. This was written in pencil and was in these words: "CAMDEN, S. 14, 79.—Conductor and engineer extra No. 4. Run to Elwood for orders. Keep lookout for freight train. At Williams-town junction they have orders to keep out of your way. "J. S. VERTZ."

Cases of Various Deaths.—Jurors impaneled by the Coroner yesterday investigated the cases below mentioned, and returned the verdicts indicated: Charles Dean, fifty-two years old, of No. 119 Elliptic street, who fell dead at R. R. Bringham's undertaking shop, at Eleventh and Arch streets, from ossification of the aortic valves of the heart; Hannah Hall, eighty-one years old, of No. 213 East Chestfield street, general debility; Bernard C. Nolen, of No. 302 North Second street, found drowned at Pier No. 11 North Wharves, and an unknown man found drowned at Noble street wharf.

Making Regular Trips.—The steamer Brigantine has been reported ashore. This statement, however, is incorrect. On the contrary, she has been making regular trips to Brigantine Beach, carrying a large number of passengers daily. She made a trip during the heavy storm on Monday, and rode the waves in perfect safety. She is liberally patronized by pleasure seekers.

United States District Court.—John Philip Fisher, a showman, was placed on trial yesterday, in the United States District Court, charged with passing a counterfeit ten-cent silver piece of Mrs. Link, whose husband keeps a sago store at No. 822 Arch street, on August 6. He purchased a piece of Rebecca tobacco from her and gave in payment a silver dime. She pronounced it a counterfeit and handed it back. Fisher said that he had received it from Mr. Link the night previous. She went back and asked her husband, but he was too busy to attend to the matter. Fisher insisting on his story, she took the coin and gave him his change. When he was arrested he told two different stories to the officers; first, he said he had received it from his wife, but afterwards he said Mr. Link had given it to him. On the stand he attempted to explain this by stating that when he was arrested he was frightened and did not know what he said. No speeches were made on either side, and the jury acquitted the accused after staying out for a few minutes.

The jury in the case of Michael Barry, charged with passing a counterfeit dollar in the northeastern part of the city, were unable to agree, and were thereupon discharged.

Charles Boyle charged with passing a counterfeit dollar bill at Tenth and Locust streets was not so lucky. His jury returned a verdict of guilty.

The case of Albert Chancellor was continued, and then District Attorney Valentine announced to the court that there were no more cases to try. Jurors and witnesses were then discharged.

The attention of the court was then called to the case of John Redstone. He had some months ago been tried and convicted in the District Court of attempting to scuttle the ship Elizabeth Hamilton.

After the trial counsel made the point, on a motion for arrest of judgment and for a new trial, that each of the four "counts" in the bill of indictment were defective, for the reason that they charged an offense exclusively triable in the Circuit Court. After argument three of the counts were quashed, decision only remaining to be made as to the last count. Judge Butler had incidentally remarked a few days ago to the counsel for Redstone that the court might run a great risk if the remaining count were quashed. He thought that the question might arise as to whether an indictment could lie in the Circuit Court, where, upon a conviction, the court would be obliged to pass a sentence of death, sentencing a man to the gallows.

Redstone, in consequence of the uncertainty, signified his willingness to have the motion for a new trial withdrawn. This leaves him to be sentenced.

Miscellaneous.—The weather was sultry and hot in this city yesterday, and the thermometer climbed up to 90 degrees in the shade in the afternoon.

Joseph T. Bailey, Esq., of Bailey, Banks & Biddle, has arrived back in the city from Europe, where he made extensive purchases for the firm's fall and winter trade.

Arrangements have been made for a sweep-stake regatta on Monday, to start from Dickerson street wharf, and sail to Chester bay and return, between the tugsups W. S. Douglas, Hugh Boyle, Thos. LeMay, and Jas. S. Mitchell, each yacht entering \$25.

The death of John D. Clark, an attacke of the post office in this city, was erroneously announced in some of the papers yesterday as having occurred on Thursday at Atlantic City. Mr. Clark, at last accounts, was rapidly recovering from the effects of the injuries he recently sustained while diving.

The steamship Lord Clive of the American Line, sails for Liverpool to day at 1:30 P. M., and takes out a cargo valued at \$183,445. The new Young America Cricket Club will open their new ground for play on Wednesday and Thursday next, for which occasion a match has been arranged with the Champion Hamilton Club, of Camden.

Sparks from the stack of a hoisting engine in the street yesterday set fire to the roofs of the dwellings Nos. 429 and 431 Lombard street, by the flames being extinguished before any serious loss resulted. The engine is used in the excavation of the culvert being constructed along Lombard street.

Dr. Casper Wister, of No. 1803 Arch street, was knocked down and seriously injured yesterday morning by a horse that had got beyond the control of its rider, a boy.

At the Schutzen Park on Monday the English games will come off, and \$600 are offered in prizes, the contests being open to all. There will be running, walking, jumping, vaulting with the pole, climbing, wasslebarrow races, quoits, &c.

Hospital Items.—The following cases were admitted to the Pennsylvania Hospital yesterday: John Roth, aged twenty years, residing at No. 1311 South Front street, right hand mangled at the old Navy Yard.

Martin Craunton, aged forty-two years, residing at No. 900 Carpenter street, right hand cut with a tin snip.

John Williams, aged fourteen years, residing at No. 1305 Sansom street, left hand severely injured with a circular saw.

Mary Morris, aged twenty-eight years, residing at No. 502 South Fifth street, cut and beat on the head by a man named James McFongal at Locust and Duponceau streets.

Paving the Eleventh Street Market Place.

The Chief Commissioner of Highways yesterday opened bids received for the contract for paving the vacant plots on South Eleventh street, formerly occupied by market sheds, the Highway Committee of Councils being present. The bids were as follows: Messrs. Cunningham & Nichols, at \$1 per square yard; R. Cunningham, 58c.; W. Conklin, 56c.; McConnell, 65c.; Murray & Brooks, 66c.; W. Crowl, 73c.; James Deeham, 73c.; Joseph Donnelly, 80c.; Michael O'Rourke, 73c.; and Owen Wickens, 61c. On motion of Mr. Moran the subject of awarding the contract was postponed for consideration at the next meeting of the Highway Committee, as the bill providing for the paving of the plots provides the work shall cost the city nothing, and it seems that the property owners along Eleventh street do not want to bear the expense.

Saturday Travel to the Capes.—There will in all probability be another Saturday rush to the seashore to-day, and the scenes at Cape May will recall forcibly to mind those attendant upon the height of the season. The usual express trains on the West Jersey railroad will be ready for their patrons, leaving Market street wharf at 9 A. M., 2:30 and 4 P. M., and to-morrow at 8 A. M. In addition there will be the regular Sunday excursion train at 7 A. M., the round trip rate for which is but \$1.25.

OVER THE RIVER.

Recovered.—Some of the personal effects of Conductor Worthington who was killed by this accident on the Philadelphia and Atlantic (Narrow-gauge) railroad, at Clementon, on the 14th instant, were supposed to have been stolen, have been found, and given into the custody of the Coroner. Special Officer Heidrick, who was on the train, says he took from the dead conductor his effects, consisting of \$13 in cash, a knife, keys, gold sleeve buttons and train orders. These he gave to Coroner Jefferis. The missing finger ring, the officer says, he did not get. D. M. Worthington, brother of the deceased, says that the conductor had \$43 in his possession at the time of the accident. Efforts are in progress to recover the balance.

Found in a Helpless Condition.—Late on Thursday night a man, who subsequently gave his name as Henry Volke, from Switzerland, was found in the Sixth Ward, sick and helpless. Officer Hart conveyed him to the station house, where he was properly attended to. The physician who attended him pronounced the disease neuritis of the heart, and thinks it will prove fatal. Yesterday, however, he was much better, and it was ascertained that on Wednesday he had left the St. Francis Hospital, in Trenton, where he had been for some time, and walked from there to Camden. He was taken back to that institution in the afternoon.

Burglary.—On Thursday night, during the temporary absence of Mrs. Eugene Ayers, who resides on Second street, above Arch, Camden, burglars effected an entrance and stole about twenty five dollars in money, twenty-three of which Mrs. Ayers had secreted between the mattresses of her bed, and about two dollars were found in a drawer. The burglars had also packed up a lot of goods ready for removal, which they left behind, having been, it is supposed, frightened away.

Colored Camp Meeting.—On the 27th inst. a colored camp meeting will commence in Stoy's woods, a short distance from Merchantville, on what is known as the old "Whisky road," under the charge of the elders of Matchtown and Jordantown. These meetings were formerly for many years held at Jordantown. The woods there had been cut away, and hence their removal to the grove designated above.

Filling a Vacancy.—Rev. Dr. Garrison, rector of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, of Camden, is strongly urged to the position of bishop recently made vacant by the death of Right Rev. Bishop Odenheimer. Mr. Garrison has been pastor of St. Paul's Church, Camden, for about twenty-three years, and is one of the most learned divines in that denomination.

Regatta.—On Monday next a regatta, under the auspices of the South Camden Yacht Club, will take place between boats of three classes, for a prize of \$75 each. The course will be from Kensington Water Works wharf around the Chester buoy and return to Kaighn's Point. The entries were all completed yesterday.

Again Committed.—Mary Giberson, who has spent, during the past year or two, a considerable portion of her life in the county jail and under bonds for bad behavior, is again in the county prison on two charges, having been committed by Justice E. W. Budd, for disorderly conduct, and also for keeping a disorderly house.

Pleuro-Pneumonia.—All the cattle crossing the ferries to Camden from Pennsylvania are now subjected to rigid examination on their arrival at the ferries before being allowed to cross the river, in order to prevent, if possible, the spread of pleuro-pneumonia.

Burtoning County.—A day or two since a small lad, son of William Hutchinson, of New Sharon, was drowned in a pond at Perrineville, by the upsetting of a wagon while crossing a bridge. The horse was also drowned.

During the late storm of rain, which caused heavy freshets in the streams of this county, the bridges on the North Pemberton road and at Birmingham were badly damaged. The mill dam of Mr. Haines, between Lambertton and Medford, was swept away and the bridge damaged. A bridge used for wagons, near the station at Lambertton, was also partly swept away.

On Wednesday afternoon the dwelling houses of Samuel Williams and Jonathan W. Hill-yard, in Rancocas, were struck by lightning during the thunder storm and considerably damaged.

On Thursday Officer Stanton arrested John Donnelly on a charge of stealing a horse belonging to George W. Brown, near Beverly. He was committed to the Mount Holly jail. An unknown man, supposed to have been a tramp, was found dead at Cinnamon on a day or two since. Deceased was quite respectably clothed, but nothing indicating his identity was found on his person.