

Legal Information.

POLICE COURT.

(Before Mr. Pater, S.M.)

MONDAY, 27th.

Sayton, charged with being drunk, was cautioned and discharged.

MAY 28th.

Hassan Ah Lee, a fireman on board the steamer Airline, was charged with stealing a watch and chain valued at £5 the property of Abdallah at Palmerston on 25th May.

Mr. Symes appeared for the defence.

The evidence in this case was very voluminous and so conflicting that the Court did not consider the charge substantiated and prisoner was accordingly discharged.

No costs were allowed.

James B. Allen, charged with being drunk, pleaded guilty, and was ordered to pay 2s., the cost of hire of handcart.

Joe Flick was further remanded for a week.

MAY 29.

Lee On was charged with assaulting Ah Sing.

Mr. Beresford for the defence; Mr. Symes for the prosecution.

Prisoner pleaded not guilty.

Ah Sing, sworn, deposed: I am a partner in Sun Yee Lee's firm, and am married to a woman formerly in Lee Lung's employ. I was married on the 11th inst, by Dr. Wood. After the marriage Lee Lung and his wife abused me, his wife principally. I had arranged to pay £30 to Lee Lung after the marriage. I received the document produced after I had paid the £30. They continued to abuse me, and asked for more money; we agreed to settle the matter by the storekeepers at the Joss house; the meeting was held yesterday morning; most of the leading Chinese storekeepers were present, and they decided that as I had paid the £30 I should be free from molestation from Lee Lung, on leaving the Joss-house, as I was going into Man Queong Law's store someone threw a stone at me; Lee On then came into the store, caught me by the queue, pulled me out the door, knocked me down, and hammered

me by the queue, pulled me out the door, knocked me down, and hammered me on the head with a stone; we were parted by others, and I then ran away; Lee Lung lives with Lee On, and is regarded as his son.

Three witnesses corroborated prosecutor's statements as to the assault.

For the defence, Ah Quong, sworn, said: Yesterday, about noon, there was a row between Ah Sing and Ah Tai; Ah Sing came out of the Joss-house and went to Man Quong Law's store; Lee On followed; I saw defendant pick up a stone and hit Ah Sing on the head with it; did not see him cut him; Lee On did not go into Man Quong Law's store, but he sat down outside; when Ah Sing came out prosecutor and defendant fought; Sing fell down and Lee On fell on top of him; they had hold of each other's queue; Lee Long wanted to take Lee On away, but the crowd said it was a fair fight, and let them go on.

There was no other evidence called for the defence.

His Honor considered the offence proved, and fined Lee On £5.

A cross-information, Lee On v. Ah Sing, was dismissed. Costs to be paid by Lee On, in all £2 5s.

Lee On, further charged with assaulting Ah Tie, pleaded guilty, and was fined 40s., and 20s. costs.

Paper is said to be the promised clothing of the future. In one establishment in the United States an extensive manufacture of paper garments is already carried on, and the material is stated to be equal to any other in style and durability.

The Marquis of Donegal has been declared bankrupt, liabilities over £500,000. He only succeeded to the title recently.

A commission of leading Russian engineers has approved of the scheme for the construction of a railway through Siberia to the Pacific.