

manner or has refused or neglected to perform his daily labor and task, or to obey and keep any of the rules and by-laws of the said corporation, the said trustee may direct such moderate correction, not exceeding twenty lashes for any one offence, as the nature of the case may require; or may compel such offender to wear upon the right sleeve of his upper garment, in an open and visible manner, the letters "P. S." cut in red or blue cloth, during the pleasure of said trustees.

P. L. L., (1860,) art. 19, sec. 23.

**23.** Any trustee may in writing direct the admission of any poor person into the said almshouse.

Ibid. sec. 24.

**24.** Any justice of the peace for said county, or any person authorized by him, may apprehend or cause to be apprehended and committed to said almshouse, any rogues, vagrants, beggars, vagabonds and other idle, dissolute and disorderly persons found loitering or residing in said county, who follow no labor, trade or occupation, and have no visible means of support, there to be kept at hard labor for any time not exceeding three months.

Ibid. sec. 25.

**25.** If any person shall sell or dispose of any strong liquor or other thing to, or purchase anything from, any inmate of said almshouse, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars.

Ibid. sec. 26

**26.** All sheriffs, constables and other officers shall aid the said trustees, and the officers and servants appointed by them, in the discharge of their respective duties.

Ibid. sec. 27.

**27.** If any person shall be sued or prosecuted for anything done by him in pursuance of this sub-title of this article, or any matter or thing therein contained, he may plead the general issue and give the special matter in evidence; and if upon trial verdict shall be given for the defendant, or if the plaintiff shall be nonsuited or discontinued, the defendant shall recover treble costs;