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LOCOMOTIVES IN THE STREETS OF PHILADEL-LOCOMOTIVES IN THE STREETS OF PHILADEL-PHIA—MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMIT-TRE—EVIDENCE ELICITED.—At a recent session of the State Legislature a committee of five members of the House, consisting of Messrs, Hood, DeHaven, Quigley, Ghegan and Dono-hugh, were appointed to visit Philadelphia and make inquiries into the propriety of probibiting locomotives from required these the locomotives from running through the paved streets and built-up portions of the city, and reporting a bill to that effect to the Houseif ircumstances warranted the same.

This committee reached the city on Saturday last, and held a preliminary meeting at two o'clock P. M. on that day at Mr. Hood's office, No. 249 S. Sixth street. Mr. Hood acted as Chairman, and a secretary was appointed to take down all evidence that might be submitted. I'wo members of the committee, Mesars, Ghegan

and Donohugh, were absent.

As soon as the sommittee organized for the transaction of business, there being no witnesses present, a sort of general consultation was held as to what the modus operandi of the committee should consist of. It was suggested to take up the different lines of railroads on which locomotives run into the city in seriatim, visit the localities and confer with the residents as to the feasibility of the proposed problem, visit the localities and confer with the residents as to the feasibility of the proposed prohibition. It was also suggested that taxpayers and ettizens generally be notified that petitions would be received in relation to the matter and all evidence, pro and con, would be accepted by the committee in order that the subject might be fairly and fully ventilated. Mr. Quigley stated that he had already received a number of communications from citizens arging the prohibition of running the locomotives through the streets.

Three gentlemen then entered, who expressed a desire to give evidence. The first witness was Mr. Menko Stern, who was sworn, and testified as follows:—Resides at No. 660 N. Eighth street, and keeps horses and carriages at the stable of William Ash, on Coates street; has occasion to cross Ninth street, over the line of the Germantown and Norristown Raliroad. every day, and considers the running of the steam cars through that street a very great nuisance; finds himself much incommoded, and is often in considerable personal danger; horses get frightened every day; has known steam cars to run through the street where it is thickly populated at the rate of twenty miles per hour; it is almost impossible for horses and per hour; it is almost impossible for horses and vehicles to travel on Ninth street, above Green, owing to the railroad track and the constant running of steam engines; the street is not paved between the rails, and a high curb on either side of the railroad prevents vehicles from crossing between cross streets; vehicles sometimes are compelled to wait ten and fifteen minutes before they can cross Ninth street on the streets that intersect it, owing to the constant passage of steam cars, no interest. the constant passage of steam cars; no improve ments are progressing on Ninth street, and pro-perty can now be purchased on the line of the railroad at the same price it brought fifteen years ago; the smoke from the locomotives is also very annoying; considers the Germantown and Norristown Railroad as it stands at present decided nuisance, and the depot si removed at least as far north as Ninth and Co-

C. Colket, President of the Germantown and Norristown Railroad Company, who was present in the interest of his company, questioned the witness (Mr. Vaughan) regarding the rate of speed at which the cars run through the city, and stated that just enough speed was obtained to prevent children from getting on the

cars,
In answer to questions put by Mr. Colkert,
the witness stated that he was aware that
Ninth street was curbed on each side of the
railroad track to prevent vehicles from crossing the track between the cross streets, and also, that the streets that intersect the railroad cross the latter on a level with the same, and also that the Railroad Company purchased the

ground over which the cars run.

Mr. Colket then made a statement that the Germantown and Norristown Railroad had killed less people during its existence than many passenger railways have within a few The witness, in answer to another question by

Mr. Colkert, as to whether he considered the danger greater with cars drawn through the city with locomotives than with horses, stated that he considered the stone trains that came thundering into the city, without either steam or horses connected with them, more dangerons than either steam or horse cars.

The witness stated that he owns a house on

Ninth street, for which he receives only twelve dollars per month, and if the same house was on Tenth street, or on Eighth street, and beween the same streets, he could get four hundred per annum for it. In answer to Mr. Colkert, witness stated that he was aware that Ninth street was taken up, and built on before Eighth or Tenth streets

There being no additional evidence, the meetadjourned until next Saturday afternoon, at the same time and place.

OUR FIREMEN.-Notice has been given to the Fire Department by the Councils Committee on Fire and Trusts, that all companies

guilty of disorderly conduct will be put out of The following officers have been elected by the Columbia Fire Company:—President, J. F. Mooney; Vice-President, William McIntyre; Sec-retary, C. E. Burk; Assistant Secretary, J. P.

Conway; Treasurer, A. W. Auner.
The steam fire-engine built in this city for the Washington Engine Company, of Lancaster, will be tried on Thursday afternoon next, at Fourth and Wood streets.

The firemen connected with the "Baldwin's Fire Department," on Broad street, were pre-sented last week with a fire trumpet by the

Chief Engineer.
The Good-Will Fire Company have elected the following officers for the ensuing year:—G. H. Woodward, President; William J. McCley, Vice-President; John G. Hollick, Sr., Treasurer; John McCullough, Secretary; and Edward Showers, Assistant Secretary.

UNWHOLESOME WATER.-The complaint against the water supplied to our citizens is universal. The water has such a bad taste that we shall soon have to adopt the Chinese resort and drink nothing but tea or some other liquid, unless it is rendered purer.

The Schuylkill water is getting more and

more unwholesome every year. The Delaware Water Gap, seventy-two geographical miles north of Philadelphia, is, it is stated, seven hundred and fifty feet above the surface of the Delaware at Philadelphia. It is an inexhaustible fountain, and could be made to supply Phila-delphia and all other towns and villages between these two points with water clear as a crystal. It would require a very small amount of American ingenuity to accomplish this great

The Councils of the old "city proper" had the subject under consideration for several years prior to consolidation of bringing water from Last great natural fountain.

More School Houses.—A short time since we noticed the adoption by the Board of Constrol of a plan for a school house at Broad and Logast atfects, containing very decided improvements over all former school buildings, in the important matters of light and ventilation, ingress and egress, &c. Since then, plans on the same principle, made by Mr. J. C. Sidney, architect, have been adopted by the Board, and are to be commenced at once. They are located as follows:—One of twelve divisions, in the Twenty-seventh Ward; one of eighteen divisions, in the Fifteenth Ward; and one of fifteen divisions, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, We believe that the \$1,000,000 intrusted to the Board for the crection of new school houses will be economically and judiciously expended, and that the city will soon boast of buildings adapted for school purposes that will surpass those of any other city, either in this country or Europe. MORE SCHOOL HOUSES .- A short time since

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PICKPOCKETS ON THE CARS,-The platforms of our street cars are favorite resorts of the trateratty of "knucks." Our citizens should view the loungers at the doors with a careful eye. Between 11 and 12 o'clock on Saturday morning an elderly gentlemen got on one of the Second street cars, and when leaving the car, near Chesaut street, found that his packet-book was missing. The fellow who picked the pocket was recognized by a gentleman in the car, and before the rascal had got far away the old gentleman seized him and placed him in the hands of man seized him and placed him in the hands of a policeman. The fellow was searched, but the pocket-book was not found on his person. It vas subsequently picked up in an alley near the place where he left the car.

PROPOSED INCREASE OF TEACHERS' SALAouncils on Public Schools, hold on Friday a erroon, to consider the subject of an increase of the salaries of the teachers, it was unin-monsty agreed to recommend an advance of ten per cent. upon all salaries above \$450 and twenty per cent. on all salaries of \$450 and less. This proposed advance is but an act of common jus-tice, and it is to be hoped City Councils will confirm their action, thus approximating some-what nearer the ratio of salaries paid to public school leachers in other cities. school teachers in other cities.

HOUSE ROBBERY,-Quite an extensive baul was made at the residence of Mr. Battis, in Fitzwater street, above Twelfth, last Satur day evening. During the absence of the family the house was entered and robbed of three gold watches, silverware, and \$40 in cash, the whole estimated at \$900 in value. A bag containing about \$760 worth of jewelry was overlooked by the thief. An entrance was effected at the rear of the premises, by breaking a panel out of the

FATAL RESULT .- On the 10th of Janua difficulty occurred at the house No. Spafford street, between Amanda Minton (colored) and Oscar C. Crozter, during which Amanda received two stabs, from the effects of which she died on Saturday evening. alleged that the wounds were inflicted with a pocket-knife in the hands of Crozier, and on this charge he was arrested and locked up, to await the Coroner's investigation, which takes place to day.

ALLEGED ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE,-A young married woman, named Theresa Cloud, siding at No. 254 S. Sixth street, was admitted to the Pennsylvania Hospital last evening, suffering from the effects of landanum, taken, as is alleged, because of domestic troubles. The usual remedies were applied in her case, but she was thought to be in a critical condition at a late hour in the evening.

BURNED BY A LAMP EXPLOSION,-Last Saturday evening a serious accident occurred at the residence of Mr. Batel, in Brewery place. A fluid lamp exploded, setting fire to the dress of Mrs. Batel and to the clothes of an infant child. Mr. Batel attempted to extinguish the flames, and in doing so was severely burned. The infant was so badly injured that it died soon after, and Mrs. Batel's burns, it was feared would prove fatal.

Hospital Items.—Richard W. Conner, aged forty years, residing at No. 1731 Myers street, between Chesnut and Walnut streets, was severely cut on the head on Saturday by a brick which fell from a house that he was passing. He was taken to the Pennsylvania Hospital. A lad twelve years old, named William Mc-Garvey, was taken to the Hospital on Saturday with his head severely injured by the wheel of a cart, from which he had fallen, passing over him. He resides at Maiden and Long lanes, near Point Breeze.

A DARING HIGHWAY ROBBERY.-Last Saturday night, about 9 o'clock. George Hays was met by three men at Ridge avenue and Wylic street, knocked down, and robbed of eighty dot lars. Mr. Hays was cut in the face and severely bruised. The police of the Fifteenth Ward afterwards arrested Henry Poller, John Jones, and A. White, on suspicion of being the offenders, and held them for a hearing.

THE COMMITTEE ON RAILROADS .- On Saturday afternoon a meeting of the Committee on Railroads of Select Council was held, when it was determined to report the bill from Common Council, probibiting passenger railway compa-nies from salting the tracks, to Select Council next Thursday, and recommend its passage by

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