CITY INTELLIGENCE

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AN ORGANIZED SYSTEM OF FORGING BANK CHECKS IN OUR CITY.—Within the past two weeks some of our leading banks and business men have been victimized by the adroit operamen have been victimized by the adroit operations of counterfeiters, who have ably organized together for the successful furtherance of their nefarious operations. They have thus succeeded in perpetrating a large number of forgaries upon the banks of our city, over five thousand dollars of forged checks having been lately presented to be cashed. In some of these cases, owing to the admirable execution of the signatures, the parties were successful.

Only yesterday several forged one thousand dollar checks were offered at different banks. In one instance a check for a considerable amount was paid, the counterfeited signature being so perfect as to deceive the close scrutiny of the experienced teller.

One artifice resorted to by these forgers is to sell small quantities of gold to prominent brokers for the sole purpose of obtaining the signatures to their individual checks, whereupon those signatures are accurately forget to larger amounts.

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In this manner a check was forged upon Mr. J. G. Boyd, a well known broker on Third street, for the sum of \$1950. The name was so perfectly written, that it seems impossible for the most experienced eye to discriminate between it and the genuine signature.

Another check was forged upon Mr. H. Flanner for the sum of \$195. In this case the most trivial cause alone prevented the teller of the hank where it was presented from cashing it. Not the slightest exception was or could be taken to the signature; but the cierk hesitated about paying it, not liking the stamp, which he thought had a dim look. He said he would rather send it around, and the man who offered it replied, "you may send it around now and I it replied, "you may send it around now and I will wait, it makes no difference." The clerk did send it around, and to his astonishment it was returned as a forgery, and the cool-nerved presentor of it was found to have disappeared

in the meantime.

It should be widely known and constantly borne in mind that there are at this present time a large number of noted forgers in this city who are pursuing their business in a most systematic manner. Many of these, who have been heretofore arrested and convicted of formers have been heretofore arrested and convicted of formers. gery, have either lately served out their terms, been pardoned, or set loose in one way or an-other, and are now pursuing their old designs other, and are now parsuing their old designs of plundering the community upon whom they are let loose. The proper authorities are now watching some parties suspected of being thus implicated, and the probabilities are that in a few days some rich developments may transpire. By special request we withhold the names of our banks who have been drawn upon by these operators. Other facts have come to our knowledge which are withheld, as it is not deemed advisable to enter into any minutes. deemed advisable to enter into any minute of detail at present.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE. - BEFORE UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER SARGEANT,—James Mc-Reown was before United States Commissioner sargeant, yesterday morning, on the charge of Sargeaut, yesterday morning, on the charge of distilling without keeping a record, which he is bound to do according to law. The only witness examined was M. L. Harwood, Deputy Collector of the Fourth District, who testified that the defendant had paid the usual tax as a rectifier, making his license good till May ist, 1867. Witness had no knowledge of his place of business. He was held for a further hearing in the sum of \$1000.

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SNEAK THIEVES.

William Andrews, Charles McGinley, Frank Brooks, John Baker and Robert Williams, arrested by Detectives Joshua Taggart and Geo. H. Smith, in a house on Shippen street, above Third, about a week ago, had a further hearing before Alderman Beitler yesterday afternoon. Mr. Taggart testified that the prisoners were known as sneak thieves, and while they were at large complaints were frequently made at at large complaints were frequently made at the office of the loss of bundles, boxes,&c., from store doors, but since their arrest not a case has

been reported. Only Williams, of the party, had been identified. John Deboor, a witness, was then called.—He testified that on the 7th of last November he hired a messenger to remove some six hundred dollars' worth of goods from Tenth and Ches-nut streets to Second, above Market. Instead of taking the property to the place directed, the messenger removed it to Sixth and Fitzwater streets, where he met Williams, and they both made sale of it. The messenger was arrested, and the party receiving it was also taken into custody. The receiver was convicted, and the messenger pleaded guilty, but has not been sentenced. The witness desired a further hearing in the case, in order to produce his witng in the case, in order to produce his wit

messes.

Williams was held in \$1500 ball for a further hearing on Thursday next, and the other defendants were required to enter ball in \$1000 for their future good behavior. Not obtaining bail, they were of course committed. To Messrs. Taggart and Smith is due the credit of arresting the sneak thieves, and being instrumental in ridding the community of their appearance for some time to come. some time to come,

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN UNION OR THE M. E. CHURCH assembled last evening at the Book Rooms, No. 1018 Arch street, for the purpose of witnessing the mauguration of the following officers:—President, Altred Cookman; Vice-Presidents, Professor J. W. Barnhart, Dr. Owen Osler, and J. W. Baker; Recording Secretary, James G. Salter; Treasurer, Frank M.

After the opening religious services, appropriate addresses were made by the newly installed President, Rev. Alfred Cookman, and Professor Barnhari, of the Fairmount Female

College, and others.

The room for the meeting of the Union is in the second story of the building, and has been nited up in a neat and comfortable manner.

LARCENY AS BAILEE .- Before Recorder Eneu, yesterday, Mary McGinnis had a hearing, charged with larceny as a bailee. The complainant was her father-in-law, Daniel McGinnis, of advanced age, who testified that from time to time he had placed his earnings in the hands of Mary McGinnis for safe keeping. hands of Mary McGinnis for safe keeping, until they amounted to \$162; that he had made a demand for the money, and she had denied that she held any of it, saying that he had bought groceries of her which he had not paid her for to the full amount. This, the old man said, was not true, as he had never got a cent's worth on credit. Mrs. McGinnis was bound over for

Hospital Items -Ann Quinn, fifty years old, residing at No. 1233 Brinton street, fell of the ice on Monday night and broke both legs. David Williams, sixty years old, residing at Twenty-second and Chesnut streets, had one of his hands severely cut, yesterday, at the United

John Carrick, sixteen years old, residing in Fleming street, near Twenty-first, had one or his hands badly cut yesterday, at a bakery at Nineteenth and Market streets.

MEETING OF RETAIL GROCERS.—Last evening a meeting of retail grocers of this city was held at the Moyamensing Institute, S. E. corner of Eleventh and Catharine streets. About one hundred gentlemen were present. A free discussion and amicable interchange of opinious was had in regard to a concert of action for closing the stores at eight P. M. on all evenings but Saturday. No objection was made to the proposed reform, all appearing to consider the change a lightly desirable one. From the unnilmity of spirit manifested, probably but a short time can chapse before the early closing movement will be the governing rule of the whole trade. MEETING OF RETAIL GROCERS .- Last even-

MEETING OF TOBACCONISTS.-Last evening a meeting of the tobacco and segar interests this city, was to have been held at the Board of Trade rooms, for a general expression of views relative to their interests, and for the purpose of electing delegates to the Convention to be held in Washington February 6th, 1857. Owing to the small attendance, the session was adjourned until next Friday, at 71g P. M., at the same rights.

WOMAN STABBED. -James Fletcher, a coloreman, had a quarrel with Sidney Johnson, a negress, in Hurst street, yesterday afternoon, from jealousy it is believed. The contention culminated in his stabbing her in the side with a knife, indicting a very serious wound. He was arrested and tagen to the Fifth Ward Police Station with she was removed to the Police Station, while she was removed to the Pennsylvania Hospital.

ACCIDENT BY A FALL. - About 6 o'clock last evening, Joseph Philps, aged 60 years, fell on the total Thirteenth and Cherry streets, and broke his leg. He was removed to his resi-dence, No. 1220 Carlion street.

THE MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL - The Finance Committee of Councils have agreed to report an item in the bill making an appropriation to the Board of Health, providing for a resident phy-sician at the Municipal Hospital, on the Lamb Tavern road.

TO BE USED AGAIN,-The gallows upon which Probst, the murderer, was mug, has been pro-cured by Sheriff Beysher, of Montgomery county, and will be used at the execution of Joseph Hoddapp on the 6th of February.

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OF THOMAS NELLL.
The Auditor appointed by the Court to audit, settle and adjust the final account of GRORGE B RELY.
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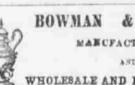
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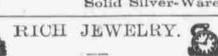
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