Pittsburgh Gazette

THURSDAY.....MARCH 5, 1864.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

From Yesterday's Evening Gazette

The City Finances.

The report of the City Controller, John McCargo, Esq., as presented to Councils, exhibits the following summary:

The receipts were $354,029.55—of which there was expended, on appropriations, $226,-821,98; paid into sinking fund, $26,434.06; taxes refunded (being overpaid), $53.91, and for Treasurer's commission on vehicle license collected, $141.65—leaving a balance in the treasury of $38,537.92.

The amount of warrants drawn and paid was $356,855.15—including $124,324.91 for interest and tax on city loans.

The municipal indebtedness has been reduced from $1,126,000, four years ago, to $863,835 at the present time. Last year bonds to the amount of $27,615, issued for municipal purposes, were redeemed. To the reduction of this indebtedness has been applied exclusively, the grading and paving assessment of 1857, amounting to $185,000, which was made payable in five years. Some $12,000 or $15,000 remain uncollected.

Up to the first of February $693,000 of railroad bonds, issued to various railroad companies in payment of city subscriptions to stock had been lifted, or compromised, for which $582,187 five per cent. bonds, and $282,153 of four per cent. bonds were issued in exchange, by these exchangers nearly two-thirds of the judgments obtained against the city have been satisfied. The cost of the judgments settled, consisting of lawyer's fees, court costs, stamps, &c., has been about $25,000, which has been paid out of the city treasury.

The balance in the Sinking Fund, on the 2d of February, 1863, was $5,484.55; the transfer to it from grading and paving assessment, in 1863, amounted to $27,153.47; from appropriation No. 19, $5,100, and from the Fifth Ward Market, $1,231.49 (collections of '62 and '63)—making a total of $39,019.51, of which $37,615 was used in cancelling overdue municipal obligations, leaving a balance, to be used for the same purpose, of $11,464.51.

A New Railway Project.

A bill has passed the House of West Virginia, and is now before the Senate, to incorporate the West Virginia Railway Company. The act authorizes the company to construct a railway from the Pennsylvania line, near Joseph Carroll's, in Preston county, by the way of Brandonville, the mouth of Muddy creek and near Kingwood, in the aforesaid county; the junction of Three Fork and Raccoon Creek, in the county of Taylor, Buckhannon, in the county of Kanawha, thence to the mouth of Sandy river in the county of Wayne, and to provide everything necessary for convenient transportation on the same. The capital stock of said company shall be five millions of dollars, divided into shares of fifty dollars each; and books may be opened by the said corporators, or any three of them, to receive subscriptions to the said capital stock, within two years after the passage of this act, at such places as said corporators, or any three of them, may designate. If after the organization of the company herein provided for it be good be ascertained that the purposes of the company can be better attained by a change of route, the Company is authorized to change the route so as to commence anywhere on the Pennsylvania line in the counties of Monongalia or Preston, and extend the same up any of the streams of the Monongahela river or elsewhere to the waters of Elk river, thence by way of Charleston to the Kentucky line. The work shall be commenced within five years after the passage of this act, and one-fourth of the work must be completed with two years after it is commenced.

City Fines and Forfeitures.

Mayor Lowry has made return to the City Treasurer of the amount of fines and forfeitures collected by him during the month of February—the first month of his term. The whole amount returned is $732.83. In addition to this he paid in $3.50 dramatic and pawnbroker licenses; and $49.65 gommittment fees of cases arrested by the night police, which fees now go into the city treasury—making a total return of $1,092 28.

On looking over the cash book, we find that the amount of fines and forfeitures returned by Mayor Lowry, for *this single month*, equals the amounts returned by Mayor Sawyer for the preceding *seven months* of his term!

During the month of February, 1863, Mayor Sawyer paid $105.20 fines and forfeitures, or $627.33 *less* than the amount returned by Mayor Lowry during the same period of this year. Business is *rapidly* wonderfully at the Mayor's office.

Tribute of Respect.

At a meeting of the members of the Signal Corps, held February 24th, at Chattanooga, Tenn., to pay tribute to the memory of Harry S. Black, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to take from our midst our esteemed friend and companion, Harry S. Black, therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Harry S. Black we have lost a valued friend, a beloved companion, and the country a brave and faithful soldier.

Resolved, That we tender to his bereaved mother, mourning family, and to his large circle of friends our heartfelt sympathy, and to his memory a place in our hearts.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the Pittsburgh *Gazette* for publication, and a copy of the same be sent to his family.

WASHINGTON SCHNEER, JAMES H. KELLY,
Vice President. President.
J. B. NEWMAN, J. M. KINSEY,
Asst. Secretary. Secretary.

Jefferson Township Institute.

The Teachers' Institute of Jefferson township held its last meeting for the present school year, on Saturday, the 27th ult. There were in attendance a large number of persons, consisting of teachers, directors, parents and scholars. The exercises on the part of the teachers consisted of review, class-drill, select reading, and essay. On the part of the scholars, they consisted of concert, reading, select dialogues and select orations. At noon a very bountiful repast was furnished by the ladies, which was received with much gratitude and dispatched with eager zest. Near the close of the exercises, an animated discussion was participated in by John H. Barker, and Thos. Irwin—Subject, "Should prizes be awarded to scholars as an incentive to study."

City Mortality.

Dr. George L. McCook, Physician to the Board of Health, reports the following deaths for the week commencing Feb. 19, and ending Feb. 26:

White.....15 | White.....24 | Total.....25
Females.....10 | Colored..... 1 |

Cancer, 1; Anasarca, 1; Old Age, 1; Typhoid Fever, 3; Illiac Abcess, 1; Consumption, 3; Disease of the Heart, 1; Pyemia, 1; Paralysis, 1; Abcess of the Kidney, 1; Pneumonia, 3; Complicated Diseases, 1; Measles, 2; Asphyxia, 1; Enteritis, 1; Still Born 1; Diptheria, 1; Disease of the Lungs, 1; Scarlatina, 1.

The Appointment of Mr. M'Cullough.

We have received from the Executive Committee of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway Company and Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad, the following official announcement:

PITTSBURGH, March 1, 1864.

The Executive Committee, by virtue of the authority conferred by paragraph "fifth" of the agreement between the Companies, have this day appointed R. M. M'Cullough, Esq., General Superintendent of both roads.

By order of the Committee.

W. H. RAHM, Secretary.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.—A newly recruited soldier attempted to commit suicide, yesterday, in the guard rooms connected with Provost Marshal Foster's office, by cutting his throat with a knife. He was discovered before he had succeeded in inflicting a mortal wound. He had been drinking immoderately for some days previous, and the consequent depression is supposed to have caused him to attempt the rash act. The wound, although severe, will not prove fatal. He was removed to the Military Hospital, in the Ninth Ward.

CHRISTMAS.—The inmates of the Western Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane, at Dixmont, made contributions to the Sanitary Fair at Cleveland, Ohio, to the amount of one hundred and fifty dollars. These contributions included an Arkansaw cabin, hair wreath, fancy nets, picture frames, India ink sketches by Styles, mats, cane, hats and rice baskets, by Styles, mats, cane, hats and rice baskets, worsted patriotic pictures, Wheeries, linen vases, patriotic pictures, shell and morocco screens, specimen penmanship, shell and morocco screens, specimen penmanship, shell and morocco screens, etc., etc.

Sales of Stocks by Davis & McIlwaine, Auctioneers, at the Commercial Sale Rooms, No. 56, Fifth street, on Tuesday evening.

10	Pittsburgh Gas Company	65	50
1	Pittsburgh Gas Company	65	75
4	Bank of Pittsburgh	62	50
1	Mechanics' Bank	60	00
1	Manufacturers' Bank	59	00
1	Commercial Manufacturers' Bank	55	25
1	Birmingham Gas Company	31	75
1	Allegheny Insurance Company	26	25

First Ward, Allegheny.

A mass meeting of the citizens of this Ward was held at the Hope Engine House, on Tuesday evening, to take into consideration the question of filling the quota of the Ward under the second call. The number of men enlisted under the auspices of the bounty commissioners to fill the first call, was sixty-five—of whom but five were re-enlistments of veterans. Of the 735 enrolled men of the Ward, only 211 appear to have contributed towards the bounty fund at all, showing that 524 of the enrolled men have, thus far, done nothing. The principal object of the meeting was to learn whether these 524 enrolled men intended aiding their fellow-citizens in raising a fund sufficient to place in the service of the remaining quota of forty men? A list was opened at the meeting, and some $1,200 subscribed. An adjourned mass meeting of the citizens of the First Ward will be held at the freight shed of the P. Ft. W. and C. R. R., Federal street, on Thursday evening, to decide finally, in regard to this important subject.

A NARROW ESCAPE.—A veteran soldier recently formed an ardent attachment for a young lady in Wheeling, but was forbidden the house by her parents. On Wednesday night last, by previous arrangement with the girl, he was about crawling through a back window, when he was discovered by the father, who, being exceedingly nervous, and afraid of thieves, fired a pistol at him. The ball passed through the crown of the soldier's felt hat, shaving the hair off his head, and continuing its course, lodged in the body of a house cat, killing it almost instantly.

ALUMNI ANNIVERSARY.—The Alumni Association of the U. P. Theological Seminary, Allegheny, will celebrate its first anniversary on Tuesday evening, March 15th. The programme of exercises will be announced next week by the Committee of Arrangements. The anniversary address will be delivered by Rev. R. D. Harper, D. D., of Xenia, Ohio. It is hoped to have a general attendance of the Alumni of the Seminary.

CHARLES WEISEL, residing in the vicinity of Loschburg, has been committed to jail here, to answer a charge of embezzling a package containing a book, from the post office at Shaner's Cross Roads, Westmoreland county. The information was made before Commissioner Bailey, by Daniel Lober, and Weisel was arrested and brought down by officer Shore.

COMMITTED FOR A FURTHER HEARING.—Edward Acker, who is accused of committing a forgery on the Allegheny Savings Bank, had a hearing before Mayor Alexander this morning, which resulted in his being committed to jail for a further hearing on Monday next.

ACCIDENT.—Joseph Brown, pilot, of Phillipsburg, accidentally fell on the wharf, yesterday evening, and sustained a fracture of the right leg.

J. M. KENNEDY, Esq., was on Saturday, on motion of A. H. Miller, Esq., admitted to practice in the several Courts of Allegheny county.

It is reported that Gottschalk is to be married to [illegible] avenue, New York.

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PITTSBURGH

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WEDNESDAY

GRAIN—WHEAT continues ve[illegible] quote from wagon at $1,50 for [illegible] White. The stock in the hands [illegible] large, but the mills are all well supp[illegible] reported from store.

CORN—is firm, in consequen[illegible] ight s[illegible] prices are not quotably higher [illegible] from sta[illegible] at $1,10, and $1,15 at the

BARLEY—has declined to $[illegible] $1,60 for Fall. The season for [illegible] over.

RYE—is dull and nominal, a[illegible] in the absen[illegible] large, we omit quotations.

OATS—may be quoted steady at 73 to 80c fr[illegible] wharf and depot, and 85@86c for small lots fro[illegible] store.

PROVISIONS—Bacon is firm with an upward tendency. We note regular sales at 10½@10¾c for Shoulders, 11¾@12c for Sides; 13¾@13¾c for Plain Hams, and 14¾@14¾c for Sugar Cured. Lard is steady, with small sales of prime city at 13@13½c. New York is quiet and nominally unchanged. Dried Beef is selling at 14c.

GROCERIES—Sugar is firm with sales at 11@11½c for Cubs, and 10@10½c for New Orleans. Refined Sugars remain unchanged. Coffee is firm with moderate sales at from 20¾@21¾c for common to prime Rio. Molasses steady with regular sales at former rates. We understand that Teas have advanced largely in New York and other eastern markets.

BAGS—Continue very firm, and some descriptions have again advanced. We note sales at 40c for army oats Sacks; and 60 to 70c for Seamless. Four bushel linen Corn Bags, and extra heavy do at 75c.

FISH—Steady with sales of 10 half bbls No. 1 Large Mackerel at $6,25; 10 half bbls Medium do at $5,00, and 20 half bbls Lake Herring at $5,50. White Fish are now held at $7,00 per half bbl, which is an advance.

BUTTER & EGGS—Prime Roll Butter is scarce and in demand; we quote at 30c to 32c for prime, and to choice. Eggs, also, are firmer, with sales at 20c.

SEEDS—Clover Seed is still but unchanged; small sales at $5,00 to $6,00. Timothy Seed is dull at $3,00 to $3,25. Flax Seed is in good demand and sells readily at $2,12@2,50.

HAY—Continues quiet and dull, with a drooping tendency; we note sales of loose from scales at $27a 28 per ton. Baled Hay is nominally unchanged.

POTATOES—The supply is light, but as the demand is limited, the market is quiet and rather dull; small sales from store at 90c to $1,00 per bushel, as to quality.

FLOUR—is quiet and dull but unchanged. Sale of 1,120 bbls from store at $8,50 for Extra, and $7,00a 7,37 for Family.

Pittsburgh Petroleum Market.

March 2—There is a moderate local demand for small lots of Crude, especially low grades, but there is but very little of this description offering in the market. Holders of first grades are firm at 75c@$1,00, for fair to choice lots of Shoniders, and 105@ 107½c for salted Hazel in bulk. Sugar picked Hazel, in bbls and tcs, 114@115; rough Hides held at 95@97½c for medium to extra heavy, in bulk. Mess Pork held at $19,50@20,50 for good to choice brands of country and city, but few of any description over $20 for best brands. Cumberland saddles held at 96@10c; short ribbed 9¾@10c; long cut hams at 10½@11¾c in tcs. Lard very dull and prices drooping at 11¾@12¾c for prime, but there are few buyers at outside prices. Flour dull and nominal. Wheat more active at $1,05@1,06½ for No 2, and 1,14@1,18 for No 1 spring, at favorite wheat houses, closing firm. Old Corn dull and nominal; new firm and more active, opening at 71c, and closing at 73¾@74c. Oats quiet and steady at 68@69c for No 1. Barley unchanged. Rye quiet. Seeds dull. Highwines firm, opening at 24c, and closing at 25c. Corn Meal dull and lower.

Dressed Hogs lower, with sales at $8,75@9,75 for light to heavy. Live Hogs steady and unchanged, with sales at $6a7,50 for light to heavy weights.

Cattle in fair demand and steady at $5@6 for common to extra Beeves.

The British Iron Trade

WOLVERHAMPTON, Feb 11.—Prices have begun to give way in several quarters. Pigs that were held in several hands are now offered at 74 6d, and even as low as 10s, below the prices quoted a fortnight ago, by the makers of the same quality. A few makers also are consenting to take lower terms. Sales took place yesterday at 5s reduction, the iron to be made, and in a day or two 7s 6d reduction will be accepted. The first-class foreign hematite and the large admixture makers of this district have not yet entered. The orders for finished iron have fallen off perceptibly. The foreign competition is being felt. Some Belgian makers of plates have just entered home with a large list of orders for plates at £11 10s in London; and certain German houses are taking some north of Europe orders for sheets that would have come here if our prices were not so high. Some sheets are passing from second hands here at 2s 6d and 5s below list rates. Most bankers are still busy upon old orders. Mr. W. Foster, M. P., still declines to submit to the dictation of the Puddlers Union, and hitherto no strike or stoppage. The rise of 3d a day given to the colliers in the Bradley district is being gradually obtained by the masters in the Bilston, Wolverhampton, and Willenhall districts; but some masters are firm in their refusal to give more than 2s 3d.

Imports by Railroad.

WHEELING PER MINERVA.—3 bbls apples, Logan & Gregg; 19 do do, Jno Herbert; 31 do do, 25 bales hay, 1 box butter, 1 do eggs, Greene & Kennedy; 5 bbls apples, Jamison; 79 do do, Fetter & Armstrong; 15 do do, Cornes & Blake barley, W W Andrews; 174 sacks wheat; 5 B Liggett & co; 60 do do, J L Nobler; 6 plows & castings, Jno Graeter; 1 sack flour, Burke & Barnes; 100 bags nails, Shoenaker & Lang; 9 bbls oil, Wm Oppenheimer; 1 box scrubbrs, W L Standish; 1 horse, David Cook; 50 bbls whiskey, D Mooney; 94 bbls flour, M M Mooney; 120 bbls do, Brewer Burke & co; 95 do do; Mosier, Gaskill & Co; 150 bbls pepper, Gaskey & Clarke; 400 do do, J R Weldon; 1 bbl tobacco, Gleason; 15 kegs tobacco, Wm Perry; 19 pkgs sundries, 27 bbls whiskey, Graham, Fleming & Moore; 1 bbl wine, Chas Schleis & co; 25 bbls whiskey, Wm Mitchell; 25 do do, Jno Graeter; 2 bbls pepper, 1 box tobacco, Neal Metzger; 1 bbl whiskey, Thos Irwin; 1 box tobacco, Wood