Pittsburgh Gazette.

TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 26, 1864.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

SCHEDULE OF ADVERTISING RATES.

STANDING MATTER.

	Daily. 1 sqr	Daily. ½ sqr	3 times a week. 1 sqr	3 times a week. ½ sqr	Once a week. 1 sqr	Once a week. ½ sqr
One time	$ 75	$ 50	$	$	$	$
Two times	1 25	75				
Three times	1 50	85				
Four times	1 50	1 15				
Five times	2 00	1 25				
One week	2 50	1 40	1 70	95	85	45
Two weeks	4 25	2 50	2 50	1 70	1 45	85
Three weeks	6 00	3 50	4 00	2 20	2 00	1 10
One month	7 50	4 00	5 00	2 70	2 50	1 35
Two months	11 25	6 00	7 50	4 00	3 75	2 00
Three months	13 75	7 00	9 25	4 70	4 50	2 35
Six months	20 75	12 00	15 25	8 00	6 50	4 00
Nine months	27 00	15 50	18 00	10 50	9 00	5 15
One Year	32 00	18 00	21 25	12 00	10 70	6 00

CHANGEABLE ADVERTISEMENTS.

For one square, changeable one time each week confined to the immediate business of the advertiser. All larger advertisements in exact proportion:

	Daily.	3 times a week	2 times a week	1 time a week.
One month	$ 9 25	$6 00	$ 4 75	$ 3 00
Three months	17 25	11 45	8 00	8 00
Six months	24 50	19 00	15 25	10 00
One year	40 00	28 00	24 50	14 00

☞ Flat notices double the above rates.

Death notices, each insertion	50 cents
Marriage notices	75 "
Steamboat advertisements, per trip	$ 2 00
Executors' or Administrators' notices	2 75

PRINTER WANTED.

A good newspaper compositor is wanted at this office. We pay 40 cents per 1,000 ems. Apply soon to Foreman Gazette, Pittsburgh."

Meeting of City Councils.

A regular monthly meeting of City Councils was held on Monday evening, April 25th.

In *Select*, present, Messrs. Allen, Brown, Herdman, Miller, McLaughlin, McMillon, McCarthy, Morrow, McClintock, Phillips, Quinn, Thompson, Reed, J. R. Reed, D. Reed, Wills, Young and President McAuley.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Mr. J. R. Reed presented a petition for a sewer on Virgin alley. Read and referred to the Street Committee.

Also, a petition from citizens, praying Councils to grant authority to the Oil Valley Telegraph Company to complete their line from the Allegheny Valley Railroad depot to the St. Charles Hotel. Read and referred to the Street Committee with power to act.

In connection with the above, the President read a communication from J. H. Robinson, for the Inland and Oil Valley Telegraph Companies, asking the right to put up telegraph poles along Grafton street, from Fifth to Liberty, and thence to the railroad bridge of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway Company; also from the corner of Fifth street, along Smithfield to Third, and thence to the St. Charles Hotel—which, in O. C., April 5th, was referred to the Street Committee.

On motion of D. Reed, S. C. non-concurred, and amended by adding, "with power to act."

Mr. Quinn presented a petition from the hairs of Irwin Reed, asking Councils to give them further time under a lien for grading and paving assessment. Read and referred to the City Solicitor.

Mr. McCarthy, a petition from Robt. Franklin, asking for the appointment of a Committee to adjust a claim alleged to be due by him for grading and paving—the petitioner alleging that no grading and paving had really been done, for which he was liable. Referred to City Solicitor.

Mr. Reese presented a petition from Wm. Lattimere, praying for a reduction of rent on the coffee stand occupied by him in the Diamond, "as it does not pay him to pay the rent he is now paying." Referred to Market Committee.

The President read a communication from the Finance Committee, relative to the claim against Andrew McMaster, deceased, and Jas. Cassidy, sureties for Robert Allingham, recommending the collection of the amount of Mr. Allingham's deficiency, without interest. The following resolution accompanied the report:

Resolved, That the report of the Finance Committee be accepted, and the recommendation in regard to the claim of Robert Allingham and his sureties be adopted, provided the said sureties pay the amount due by Mr. Allingham within six months of this date.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Mr. Thompson presented a bill for $100,10, for repairing the roof of the Niagara engine house, with a resolution to pay the same. The resolution was read three times and passed.

Mr. Allen, from the Water Committee, presented a report, which was accepted and authorized to be published.

Mr. J. R. Reed presented a revised ordinance, fixing the grade of the extension of Pennsylvania Avenue, and other streets.

Mr. Phillips presented a substitute, the main feature of which was, that it raised the grade of High street two feet, and left the grades of the other streets undisturbed.

After a very animated discussion, the substitute was voted down.

The question on the third reading and final passage of the original ordinance was then called, and the yeas and nays resulted as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Brown, Herdman, McLaughlin, McMillen, McCarthy, Morrow, McClintock, Quinn, Thompson, Reed J. R., Reed R., Wills, Young.—14.

Nays—Messrs. Miller, Phillips, Rees, McAuley, President.—4.

So the ordinance was declared adopted.

Mr. M'Carthy, from the Committee on Fire Engines and Hose, presented a report setting forth that they had carefully considered the bill which had passed the Legislature, creating the office of Fire Marshal for Allegheny county, and had found it to be very obnoxious.

The report was accompanied with a preamble and resolutions, setting forth that the bill, whether intentional or not, would be used for corrupt purposes, and as its passage was not demanded by the citizens, the Councils disapprove of its passage. The preamble and resolutions were read three times and passed, and the Clerks of Councils were ordered to send certified copies thereof to the Governor and our Representatives.

Mr. Brown, from the Special Committee to whom was referred the matter relative to the railroad pier on Duquesne way, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to confer with the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad Company, relative to the application of said company for the right to build a bridge pier on the Allegheny wharf, be and they are hereby authorized to negotiate with said company on said subject; and if they see proper, to grant said right for the consideration of $5,000, to be paid in cash and placed at the disposal of the Allegheny Wharf Committee, to be expended in grading and paving that part of said wharf lying between the St. Clair street and Hand street bridges.

The resolution was read three times and passed.

A petition, asking S. C. to concur with C. C. in the passage of the ordinance for the widening of Centre avenue, from Fulton to Miller street, was read and accepted.

Also, a petition against the widening of said avenue. Same action.

An ordinance for the grading and paving of Wilkins street in the Ninth Ward was read three times and passed. Not reached in C. C.

Also, an ordinance repealing that part of the ordinance for the widening and opening of Webster street, which applies to that portion of the street between Fulton and Roberts streets. Adopted. Not reached in C. C.

An ordinance fixing the grade of Washington street, from the south curb of Liberty street to the north curb of Webster street, was read three times and passed. Not reached in C. C.

Mr. Morrow offered a resolution instructing the City Solicitor to draw up an ordinance donating a portion of the "old basin lot" to the Central Board of Education, as a site for the High School, and to report the same to councils.

The resolution was read three times and passed. Not reached in C. C.

In *Common Council*—Present, Messrs. Ardray, Armstrong, Barclay, Beck, Collins, Colville, Davis, Dean, Dickson, Fryer, Hays, Mays, Holmes, Jeremy, Jones, Leonard, Mackey, Montgomery, M'Candless, M'Clelland, M'Cowan, M'Keown, O'Halloran, O'Haro, O'Neill, Patterson, Rebman, Snively, White, and Steel, President.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Hays presented a petition from the Night police, requesting an advance of twenty-five cents per night. Referred to Police Committee.

Mr. Davis offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be instructed to report an ordinance appointing an inspector of crude and refined oils for the city of Pittsburgh. Referred to the Finance Committee, with instructions to report the ordinance.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the ordinance in relation to the widening of Centre avenue was corrected by inserting the names of Geo. Hamilton, Harvey Robinson and James Chambers, in place of the former viewers. Adopted.

Mr. Colville presented an ordinance, increasing the salaries of the Street Commissioners from $500 to $700, which, after considerable debate, was adopted.

Mr. Barclay presented a communication from the Police Committee, with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Police Committee be instructed to prepare an ordinance increasing the pay of the day police from the present rate to the following, to wit: the Chief's pay to sixty dollars, and the other police to fifty dollars per month, they still retaining their perquisites.

A communication from the Mayor was also read, stating that the perquisites of the police for February and March amounted to $10.41 per month each.

Mr. O'Neill moved as an amendment that the salary of the Chief be fixed at $800 per year, and that of the police at $700.

The amendment was adopted. The resolution as amended was then passed.

Mr. McGowan offered the following:

Resolved, That the Street Committee be instructed to have Etna street graded and paved in front of the Water Works, and that said Committee report an ordinance to that effect.

Mr. Jones offered the following:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner of the Second District be instructed to repair Second street, which at the present time is almost impassable.

Read and referred to Street Committee.

The only items of Common Council business reached by Select, were the resolutions relative to repairs on Second street, and in regard to the paving of Etna street, in front of the Water Works.

Common Council concurred in all the business of the Select, except those items which were not reached.

Our Book Table.

JOURNAL OF THE DISCOVERY OF THE SOURCE OF THE NILE. By John Hanning Speke, Captain H. M. Indian Army, Fellow and Gold Medalist of the Royal Geographical Society, Hon. Corr. Member and Gold Medalist of the French Geographical Society, etc. With Map and Portraits, and Numerous Illustrations, chiefly from Drawings by Capt. Grant. New York: Harper & Brothers. Pittsburgh: for sale by Henry Miner, 71 and 73 Fifth street. 500pp. 8vo.

Its long-kept secret, which all the learning of the Egyptians, all the nautical and geographical skill and enterprise of the Phoenicians and Greeks, failed to discover, Africa has at length yielded up; and in the volume before us will be found the record of how, and when and where, an English traveller, after encountering and overcoming manifold difficulties, and braving innumerable dangers, became possessed of what the greatest kings had longed for in vain—the power to solve the mystery of the river of Egypt—to answer the questions which had been asked for thousands of years, and still remained unanswered—

"Where Father Nilus, who thy cause can tell?
Or in what lands thy fountains well?"

Such an achievement as that of Capt. Speke, were it not for the all-absorbing interest of the war, would undoubtedly have been every where a prominent theme of discussion in all the written and oral communications of intelligent men for months past—since first the surprising intelligence reached us, that the bold explorer had actually arrived at Khartum by sailing down the White Nile from its now ascertained source, the Lake N'yanza. But as it is, we have not by anticipation exhausted any portion of our interest in what Captain Speke has to tell us, and we therefore have the greater pleasure in store when the fresh pages are turned over with eager curiosity to trace, from day to day, and from place to place, the progress of the first successful explorer who has been able to solve this great problem—the age-enduring mystery of the sacred Nile—the hitherto unsolved problem and mystery both of modern and ancient geography.

We shall not—indeed we cannot, because we have not space for a volume, but only for a paragraph at our disposal—attempt to give an outline of Captain Speke's course through the remarkable region which he traversed, and the exciting details of which his book so ostentatiously, yet so effectively and delightfully describes. We have merely referred to the great geographical importance, and to the universal interest of the remarkable achievement which now stands indissolubly associated with his name; but we must ask the reader who would estimate the man and his work, to open Captain Speke's volume for himself, as no words we can use would avail to give anything like an adequate impression of its charming narrative, or of the valuable additions it makes to our knowledge of the African continent and its inhabitants. In point of fact, he will find that it justifies the account which an English reviewer has given of it, in saying that it is 'more enchanting than a fairy tale, more exciting than a novel.'

ILLUSTRATIONS OF UNIVERSAL PROGRESS. A Series of Discussions. By Herbert Spencer, Author of "The Principles of Psychology," "Social Statics," "Education," "First Principles," etc., etc. With a Notice of Spencer's "New System of Philosophy." New York: D. Appleton & Co. Pittsburgh: for sale by Davis, Clarke & Co., 93 Wood street. 446pp. 12mo.

The name of Herbert Spencer, though for many years very frequently mentioned in literary circles, both in Europe and America, has not perhaps hitherto attained much currency in the outside world, or with the reading public generally. But few readers could trace the authorship of some of the most strikingly original and thoughtful essays on various subjects, which have from time to time appeared in the quarterly reviews and other periodicals, to one whose name had never been paraded on title-pages or in publishers' announcements, as popular names are wont to be. Yet, even in this country Mr. Spencer has not remained till now altogether unknown to a considerable number of readers—though we believe only one distinct work of his has, up to the appearance of the volume now before us, been published in the United States. That work, however, was of such notable quality—was so remarkable for profound and practical wisdom—and presented such striking and valuable views on a subject of great and enduring importance—that it has elicited everywhere a large and continually increasing share of attention and interest. We refer, of course, to the work on 'Education' published some time ago by Messrs. D. Appleton & Co. As to the present volume—"Illustrations of Universal Progress"—it contains a serious of essays, or 'discussions,' on the following subjects:—Progress: Its Law and Cause—Manners and Fashion—The Genesis of Science—The Physiology of Laughter—The Origin and Function of Music—The Nebular Hypothesis—Bain on the Emotions and the Will—Philological Science—The Development Hypothesis—The Social Organism—Use and Beauty—The Sources of Architectural Types—The Use of Anthropomorphism. We do not intend in this brief notice to attempt to speak of Mr. Spencer's philosophical opinions, or to class him with any school, Franco-German or Franco Scottish;—suffice it to say, that he has been falsely called a Comtist, though his views more nearly coincide with those of Sir William Hamilton on some fundamental points, than with those of the brilliant but superficial generalizer, whose name is associated with Positivism. But call it a philosophical system what we may, no reader of these thirteen essays can fail to have his thought stimulated to greater activity, and to realize that he accompanies no ordinary mind, whether the result of his reading shall be to agree or to differ with the writer of them.

THE SISTERS ABROAD; OR, AN ITALIAN JOURNEY. By Barbara H. Channing. Boston: Crosby & Nichols. Pittsburgh: for sale by Davis, Clarke & Co., 93 Wood street. 254pp. 16mo.

We can cordially commend this beautiful and interesting volume, as being well adapted to give youthful readers a taste for the objects of art and the scenes of natural beauty, which 'an Italian journey' must necessarily deal with. It is written with such freshness and graceful ease, that, while it exactly suits the juniors, even the senior class of readers will find much amusement, and probably some touches of pleasant reminiscences, in going over its pages. It is neatly printed and contains a number of illustrations.

Religious.

Rev. Mr. Dunlap, Pastor Elect of the North Church Allegheny, will preach before the Presbytery of Allegheny City, on Tuesday the 26th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M., in Dr. Swift's church.

The Presbytery will also meet in the Chapel of the Western Theo. Seminary, at 7 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of Ordaining and Installing Rev. Mr. Dunlap Rev. Mr. Shields of Bridgewater will preach the Ordination Sermon. Rev. Mr. Lowry, of Beaver, will deliver the charge to the Pastor, and the Rev. Mr. Smith of Sharpsburgh will deliver the charge to the congregation. Rev. Mr. Dunlap will preach regularly every Sabbath at 10½ A. M., and 3 o'clock P. M., in the Chapel of the Western Theo. Seminary.

NOVELTIES.—Mr. J. P. Hunt, Masonic Hall, Fifth street, has received "The Ocean Rovers; or The Freebooters of the Isles."—a thrilling Romance of the Land and Sea. Also, "The Border League; or, The Camp, the Cabin, and the Wilderness." A romance of the West. The first is in the series of "Munroe's Ten Cent Novels," and the second in that of "Ten Cent Novelettes."

THE public are invited to inspect the beautiful assortment of confectionaries kept by George Beaver, at his Brass Rod candy stand in the Allegheny New Market House.

Municipal.

We publish below in full, two acts of Assembly, passed at this session and approved, which are of interest to our Allegheny readers:

AN ACT relative to additional water works in the city of Allegheny.

WHEREAS, The present facilities for the supply of water to the residents of the city of Allegheny are deemed insufficient, by the greatly increased consumption, and a necessity exists for the immediate enlargement of the present water works of said city, by the addition of new buildings and power. Therefore,

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, &c.*, That James Marshall, Joseph Kirkpatrick, Henry Irwin, J. L. L. Kaufman and William Smith, be and they are hereby appointed and constituted a Board of Commissioners of the water works extension of the city of Allegheny, with power to fill vacancies in their numbers, from whatever cause arising, and the said board shall organize by the election of a President and Treasurer from their number, the Treasurer giving bond in such amount, with approved sureties, as the said board may determine; and they shall have and use a common seal.

SEC. 2. That the said board be, and they are hereby, vested with full power and authority to contract for, and superintend the erection of, additional works for the said city of Allegheny, including buildings, engines, machinery, and all things necessary to the full and entire completion of the same for practical operation, upon plans to be approved by the Select and Common Council of the city of Allegheny, at a cost not to exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

SEC. 3. That for the purpose of defraying the cost thereof, the said board are hereby authorized and empowered to issue bonds, in the name of the Board of Commissioners of the water works extension of the city of Allegheny, signed by the President and Treasurer of said board, and having the real of the board attached, for such amount as they may deem necessary, not however exceeding the sum one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and to negotiate the same; the said bonds shall be of denominations not exceeding one thousand dollars, and have such times for their maturity as the said board may deem advisable, and shall bear interest at the rate of six per cent., payable semi-annually, at such place or places as the said board may determine.

SEC. 4. That for the purpose of defraying the cost of the erection of the contemplated additional water works, it is hereby made the duty of the said Councils of said city, to appropriate for the present year and annually thereafter, and of the Treasurer of the city to set apart, to the order of the said board, twenty thousand dollars out of the revenues of said city arising from water assessments or taxes until all the cost of the erection of said additional water works shall have been fully paid, including the redemption of bonds hereinbefore authorized to be issued, with arrearages of interest, and incidental expenses of the board, and said sum, so set apart annually, shall be drawn upon the order of the said board, signed by the President thereof, and attested by the Treasurer thereof, and said sum so set apart annually shall not be diverted by the said city, or the Treasurer of said city, or by said board, from the following uses, viz: first, to the payment of interest on any bonds issued by said board on the authority hereinbefore given, and second to the full and final extinguishment and payment of the debt contracted, in the erection of said additional water works, &c.

SEC. 5. That the accounts of said Board of Commissioners shall be audited by the committee appointed to audit the city accounts.

SEC. 6. That the said Select and Common Councils are hereby empowered to make such additional appropriations to the annual fund provided for in section four of this act, as they may see proper, and such additional appropriations shall be held to the same uses as therein prescribed.

SEC. 7. That when the said water works additions are fully and entirely completed to practical operation, the control of the said board over them shall cease, and they shall be thenceforth managed and operated by the city under such system as the competent authorities of the said city may see proper to adopt; but the said Board of Commissioners shall continue in office until the debt created by them as hereinafter provided shall have been fully paid.

AN ACT relating to sidewalks in Allegheny city.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, &c.* That it shall be the duty of the street commissioner of the city of Allegheny, whenever any part of any sidewalk of any street, lane or alley, or avenue in said city, is, or shall become out of repair, to give notice to the owner, or owners, of the said adjoining property, to repair the same, or cause the same to be repaired, or to his agent or agents, if he, she or they have any, or to the occupier or occupiers of the same, if there be any, in case owner or owners cannot be found, or is, or are unknown, to have the said sidewalk repaired or repaved, under his supervision, or according to his directions, within ten days after such notification, and in case of the default of the owner or owners to comply with such notification, it shall be the duty of the street commissioner to cause such repairing or repaving to be made at the proper cost and expense of the owner, or owners of the real estate fronting the sidewalk so repaired or repaved, and he shall make demand of the owner or owners, of his, her or their agent, or agents, or of the occupier or occupiers of such real estate, where the owner or owners cannot be found, or is, or are unknown, for the payment of the costs and expenses of such repairing, and if the same are not paid he shall, after ten days thereafter, file a statement thereof in the district court of Allegheny county, verified by affidavit, which statement shall be entered of record, and shall constitute a lien on all the premises and things therein contained, and said costs and expenses, shall be and remain a prior lien upon the real estate fronting the sidewalk so repaired or repaved, until the same shall be fully paid and satisfied, and the same shall be recoverable by writ of scire facias, in the name of the Commonwealth for the use of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Allegheny, as debts secured by mortgage are now by law recoverable.

SEC. 2. This line of municipal rates, levies and assessments of the city of Allegheny, shall not be devested by any judicial sale as respects so much thereof as the proceeds of such sale may be insufficient to discharge and pay.

Mr. Brunot's Lecture.

The following correspondence explains itself:

Messrs. W. H. Kincaid, Samuel A. Long and Thos. Bakewell jr., Committee on Lectures and Readings for the Sanitary Fair.

GENTLEMEN: I beg leave respectfully to request that you will make arrangements to procure a repetition, for the benefit of the Sanitary Fair, of the lecture of F. R. Brunot, Esq., on the subject of "Our Soldiers," delivered a few weeks ago, in one of the churches in Allegheny City, under the auspices, and for the benefit of the Ladies' Soldiers' Aid Society.

Some of the undersigned were present and heard that lecture, and can bear witness as to the power of the skill with which Mr. Brunot delineates the heroic character and noble qualities of "Our Soldiers," and their patience, courage, fortitude and suffering—the lights and shadows of camp, hospital and prison life, all of which he saw and felt in his own person. Many of the incidents he describes, and most of his graphic sketches, are drawn from personal observation; for few men have mingled more with our soldiers, or labored and suffered more, for them than he. We think, therefore, that nothing could be more fitting and proper than a lecture for such an object.

Very respectfully,

Thos. Bakewell,	Thos. M. Howe,
James Marshall,	T. B. Dale,
Josiah King,	John B. Clark,
John F. Jennings,	David A. Stewart,
Jas. M. Paxton,	Jacob Copley,
Jos. Kirkpatrick,	H. Childs,
A. M. Brown,	S. F. Von Bonhorst,
	and others.

April 20, 1864.

PITTSBURGH, April 23, 1864.

MR. FELIX R. BRUNOT—*Dear Sir:* The Committee take much pleasure in presenting you the accompanying request; and if our most prominent citizen for you to repeat your lecture entitled "Our Soldiers," for the benefit of the Sanitary Fair.

The noble subject of the lecture, and praiseworthy object for which the proceeds are to be applied, is an nobling both to the lecturer and to those identified in carrying out the wishes of our worthy citizens. If you will therefore accede to the request, we will most cheerfully make all the necessary arrangements for the repetition at as early a date as possible.

Awaiting your reply, we are respectfully yours,

W. H. KINCAID,
SAM'L. A. LONG,
THOS. BAKEWELL JR.
Committee.

HEADQUARTERS SANITARY FAIR, April 23, 1864.

W. H. Kincaid, Samuel A. Long and Thomas Bakewell jr.

GENTLEMEN: I comply willingly with the request of your Committee, only regretting that I cannot take time to rewrite the lecture and try to make it more worthy of the respect and of the kind words of the friends who ask me to repeat it.

Very truly yours,

FELIX R. BRUNOT.

The Courts.

Reported expressly for the Pittsburgh Gazette.

DISTRICT COURT—No business was transacted yesterday. The jury was discharged and the Court adjourned to meet Saturday, April 30.

COMMON PLEAS—To-day the remainder of the Argument List, comprising the following cases, will be taken up:

9. J. & G. Edwin vs. C. & P. R. R. Co.—Motion for new trial.
12. Thomas Wilson vs. J. G. McFarland—Motion for new trial.
14. John Crawford, for use, vs. H. Marshall et al—Reserved question.
15. Wm. Miller et al vs. M Hagmyer—Motion for new trial.
17. Leonard and wife vs. J. Gamroth—Motion in arrest of judgment.
19. L. Sargeant vs. John Blair et al—Motion to take off nonsuit.
21. George Park vs. Eliza J. Park—In divorce.

UNION MEETING IN SCOTT TOWNSHIP.—The Union citizens of Scott Township met agreeable to call at the usual place of holding elections on Saturday April 23, Col. Wm. Espy was chosen Chairman, and N. McDowell, Secretary.

Col. Wm. Espy and Jas. B. Glenn, was chosen Delegates.

The following Resolutions was offered by Col. Wm. Espy:

Resolved—That the Delegates be instructed to vote for Genl. J. K. Moorhead first, last, and all the time—and for unconditional Lincoln Delegates to the State Convention.

WM. ESPY, Chairman.
N. MCDOWELL, Secy.

WHAT DOCTORS, MINISTERS, AND PROFESSORS THINK OF THEM.—"I have never changed my mind respecting Brown's Bronchial Troches from the first, excepting to think better of that which I began thinking well of." Rev. Henry Ward Beecher. "Great service in subduing hoarseness." Rev. Daniel Wise, New York. "The Troches are a staff of life to me." Prof. Edward Newton, President of Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y. "Simple and elegant combination for Coughs, &c." Dr. G. F. Bigelow, Boston. "I recommend their use to public speakers." Rev. E. H. Chapin.

DRENWED.—Yesterday morning, a man named Peter Michaels, engaged on the steamer Minerva, while drawing a bucket of water on the lower guards, fell overboard, between the Minerva and Marmora, and was drowned. The body has not yet been recovered. The deceased was a native of Virginia, and had left that State to avoid the rebel conscription.

HEAVY ROBBERY AT FREEPORT.—On Saturday night the dry goods store of Mr. McConnaughy, in Freeport, was entered, and goods to the amount of $2,000 stolen.

Probable Homicide.

On Monday evening, about six o'clock, as two colored men named William Meeds and Allen Williams were returning home from work, they became involved in a difficulty with a party of white men at the corner of Webster and Chatham streets, who attacked them with stones, and forced them to make a hasty retreat. After they had run for some distance, Meeds either stopped or was overhauled by a young man named John Bradford, when he drew a large penknife and stabbed Bradford on the left side, the blade, which was about four inches long, penetrating between the fourth and fifth ribs. Meeds and Williams then fled, and Bradford was carried to his home on Webster street.

Alderman Butler's attention being called to Meeds, he ran after him, caught him and delivered him into the custody of officer Shore. He then followed after Williams, who had been struck on the head with a brickbat, and succeeded in apprehending him. The Alderman committed them both to jail for a hearing, which will take place this afternoon, at four o'clock.

The injured man is about twenty years of age. The wound is very severe, and may result fatally.

Stolen Goods Recovered.

Yesterday afternoon, a man named John McCullom was arrested by the Allegheny police on a charge of assault and battery, preferred by Mrs. Bottles, and was committed to jail in default of bail to answer the charge at Court. Suspicion having been attached to McCullom for some time as being concerned in recent robberies, a search warrant was issued and given to officers Wills and Gabby, who proceeded to the house and discovered $41,50 in counterfeit postage currency of the denomination of fifty cents, and a large lot of dry goods and notions. Among the goods found were four pieces of doeskins, one piece of black Union cassimere, one balmoral skirt, woolen hosiery, neck-ties, collars, nets, veils, trimmings, suspenders, three light shawls, combs, a box of gloves, three pairs of shoes, knives, forks, and some cheap jewelry. The officers seized upon the goods and took them to the Mayor's office, where they await identification. The value of the articles is about $100. Mrs. McCullom was also arrested and held for a hearing.

"The Press"—Great Sanitary Fair.

The members of the city Press held an adjourned meeting yesterday afternoon, to hear reports from sub-committees appointed at a previous meeting, to consult with the several publishers of newspapers in the cities and region round about, and with their employees, in a circular was prepared and sent to all newspaper offices in Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio, calling their attention to the objects of the great Fair, and urging the claims of the committee upon the public.

Several of the committees reported that the employees had agreed to give one day's labor, or its equivalent, as a contribution to the Fair.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT.—Before Judge McCandless. A special session of this court commenced on Monday. The only case disposed of was that of U. S. vs. Harriet M. Stewart, G. L. Barrett and A. P. Owens, action to recover amount of bond of $1,200. The jury returned a verdict releasing the defendants upon the payment of $174.15.

PARADE OF THE 102D REGIMENT.—At the request of the Mayor and other citizens, the veterans of the 102d Regiment will parade through the city on Thursday afternoon. The Fire Department of the city will probably turn out on the occasion. The regiment will leave for the seat of war on Friday.

RIVER INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.

Emma Graham, Z'ville, Marmora, Cincinnati.

DEPARTURES.

Minerva, Wheeling. Echo, Brady's Bend.

The river was about stationary at this point yesterday, with seven feet in the channel. The weather continues unsettled, with occasional showers of rain.

There was a fair amount of business done at the levee yesterday though there is still plenty of room for improvement. The offerings of freight continues rather light, while the receipts from below are limited.

The arrivals include the Marmora from Cincinnati, and the Emma Graham from Zanesville. There were no departures for below, aside from the Minerva for Wheeling.

A deck-hand on the steamer Minerva, named Peter Michaels, fell over-board yesterday while attempting to draw a bucket of water, and was drowned. The deceased had been on the boat but a few days, and shipped at Wheeling. The body had not been recovered at last accounts.

There are several boats due from below, some of which will doubtless be found in port this morning.

The Sallie List, from Cincinnati, bound for Nashville, took fire on Friday morning when about 18 miles above Louisville. It originated from the caving around the chimney, burning the bulk head out. The presence of mind exhibited by her officers, and through their great exertions the fire was extinguished, not without causing great alarm amongst her female passengers. Gen. Grant's order, causing barrels filled with water to be placed about the boats, no doubt saved her.

A Memphis paper, of a late date, noticing the arrival of the steamer Westmoreland at that place says:

The steamer Westmoreland touched at the landing yesterday on her way from Fort Pickering to Island 10 with a lot of contrabands, broke down mules, and other Government property. The boat presented a strange appearance, having about eight hundred negroes on board, who seemed to be packed in every available corner. Every part of the boat was occupied, and big and little nigger heads could be seen sticking out wherever there was a hole to poke them through.

The Jewess, Capt. Frazier, will positively leave for St. Louis to-day. The Reserve, Capt. List, will be ready to leave for the same point to-morrow, and the Empire City, Capt. Hastip, will follow on Friday.

For Cincinnati and Louisville, the Golden Era, Capt. Bryan, and the Maringo, Capt. Devinney, both great passenger steamers, are announced to leave to-day.

The prompt and popular Emma Graham, Capt. Moreo Ayers, is the regular packet for Zanesville, to-day, leaving at 5 p. m.

The New York, Capt. J. H. Lightner, is announced for St. Louis and the upper Mississippi forthwith.

SPECIAL LOCAL NOTICES

THOMAS PARRY, Plain and Ornamental Slate Roofer, and dealer in Pennsylvania and Vermont slate of the best quality at low rates. Office at Alex. Laughlin's, near the Water Works, Pittsburgh, Pa.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—The attention of our readers is directed to the brilliant assortment of Spring and Summer Goods just received by our friend Mr. John Weier, No. 126 Federal street, Allegheny. His stock comprises a great variety of Fancy French, English, Scotch and American Cassimeres and Cloths, and fine Silk and Cassimere Vestings,—all of which will be made up to order in the latest styles and in the best manner. A choice selection of Furnishing Goods also on hand and for sale, together with a full stock of Ready Made Clothing, well and fashionably made.

REMOVAL.—Samuel Graham & Co., Merchant Tailors, have removed to 73 Smithfield street, and would most respectfully call the attention of their friends and the public generally to their new stock of Spring and Summer goods, which they have just received. Their stock is of the very finest quality of English and French cassimeres, cloths, cassimeres and vesting. Also, a very extensive assortment of Scotch cassimeres. Don't fail to give them a call. Every garment warranted to give full satisfaction.

GRAHAM & MCCANDLESS, 73 Smithfield St.

DIARRHŒA AND DYSENTERY will decimate the volunteers far more than the bullets of the enemy, therefore let every man see to it that he carries with him a full supply of HOLLOWAY'S PILLS. They are in the Crimea saved thousands of British soldiers.

Holloway's Pills and Ointment are now retailed, owing to the high price of drugs, &c., at 30 cents, 75 cents and $1,10 per box or pot.

For sale in Pittsburgh by B. L. Fahnestock & Co.

For sale also by Geo. A. Kelly, Federal street, Allegheny city.

OMNIBUS and carriage calls will be taken at the Omnibus office, No. 410 Penn street, day or night. All orders left at the above place will be promptly attended to. All calls must be paid in advance.

EDGEWORTH SEMINARY opens May 2d. Address Rev. A. WILLIAMS, Sewickleyville, Pa. 1w

JOSEPH M. GAHAM, Attorney at Law, 98 Grant street. r:12m

C. SILL, Dentist, 248 Penn street, will attend to all businesses of his profession.

DIED:

DAVIS—On Monday at 12½ o'clock, DAVID J. DAVIS, aged 48 years.

Funeral on WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON at half past two o'clock, from his late residence, Franklin street, Birmingham. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

THE LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

THE LATE BATTLES IN LOUISIANA.

BANKS RETREATS AFTER SATURDAY'S FIGHT

The Enemy Left in Possession of the Field.

REPORT OF A FIGHT ON 10TH A MISTAKE.

THE REBELS STILL AT PLEASANT RIDGE

OUR ARMY AT GRAND ECORE.

GENERALS KIRBY SMITH AND SIBLEY REPORTED KILLED.

Steamer and Cargo of Cotton Burned.

BLOCKADE RUNNER CAPTURED.

Forrest's Entire Force Moving Towards Alabama.

Fight Between Some of Forrest's Troops and Grierson's Cavalry.

THE ENEMY COMPELLED TO RETREAT

A Number of Prisoners, Horses, Mules and Wagons Captured.

GEN. PRICE EVACUATES CAMDEN, ARKANSAS.

THE STEAMER IDAHO SUNK BY A GUNBOAT

&c., &c., &c.

ST. LOUIS, April 25.—Cairo dates yesterday by mail say the steamer Von Shul, from New Orleans on the evening of the 18th, had arrived. It seemed to be generally conceded that the results of the battles in Louisiana had been against General Banks, as while the enemy remained on the field after Saturday's fight, Banks retreated forty miles.

The transport Black Hawk suffered considerably from the enemy above Alexandria, besides having several killed and wounded.

The report of another fight on the 10th was a mistake.

The steamers Rob Roy and Mattie Stephens had arrived at New Orleans from Red River, having run the gauntlet of large numbers of guerrillas. The Rob Roy had four guns, and fought most of the way down. A cannon ball passed through the clerk's office. One soldier was killed and five wounded on the Mattie Stephens.

The rebels are still in the vicinity of Pleasant Ridge.

Our army at Grand Ecore are fortifying both sides of the river. Gen. Banks and Admiral Porter are both there. Only five feet of water is reported at Grand Ecore. The gunboat Eastport is aground there. All the large boats are below, but the light draughts are above.

Prisoners say that Gens. Kirby Smith and Sibley were killed in the recent battles.

The steamer Lacrosse, from Red river, for New Orleans, having stopped at a plantation to take on cotton, the crew and soldiers got drunk at a distillery on the place, when a company of the first Louisiana rebel cavalry made a descent on the boat. The passengers and crew after being robbed were paroled, and the boat and cotton burned.

The New Orleans cotton market has declined, the prices ranging at 62c for Low Middling and 76 for strictly Middling. Sugar is active, and has advanced from 11 to 23½c for Inferior to White Clarified. Molasses is scarce, at 55 and 80c.

The Galveston dates to the 4th inst say that the steamer Harry Bowley, with two hundred bales of cotton, was captured on the night of the 3d, while attempting to run the blockade. The Harriet Lane, the English steamer Isabella and a bark are lying behind the forts, awaiting an opportunity to run the blockade.

Messrs. Wade and Hooch, of the Committee on the Conduct of the War, arrived at Cairo on the 21st to investigate the Fort Pillow massacre. Gen Hurlbut and Chaplain Legget are also there.

About 2,000 bales of cotton have arrived at Cairo since the 23d, about 1000 bales of it for Cincinnati, 400 for Louisville and 250 for Evansville.

Memphis dates of the 22d say that Forrest's entire force is moving towards Alabama, followed by Grierson. Gen. Polk is said to be marching North. Forrest will probably join him.

On the morning of the 21st, Grierson's cavalry came upon some of Forrest's troops near Hudsonville, Miss. A sharp fight ensued, when the rebels retreated in the direction of Jackson, passing through Lagrange. We took a number of prisoners, horses and mules, loaded with the captured were taken to Memphis.

Gen. Price has evacuated Camden, Ark. Gen. Steele has occupied that place.

The Memphis cotton market is firm, with considerable inquiry, but lower keeping back their stock for higher prices. Receipts 160 bales. Prices ranged from 64@69.

The steamer Idaho collided with a gunboat and sunk at Paducah, on Friday. She can be raised.

About 100 guerrillas burned a large lot of wood near Warfield Point on Friday, and captured a number of citizens of Brownsville.

The steamer Golden Age, from Memphis to Owen, passed with five hundred bales of cotton for Memphis.

On the 23d, Grierson had picked up a few of Forrest's men; but if our most prominent citizens for you to repeat your lecture entitled "Our Soldiers," for the benefit of the Sanitary Fair.

The noble subject of the lecture, and praiseworthy object for which the proceeds are to be applied, is an nobling both to the lecturer and to those