

CITY BULLETIN.

CITY COUNCIL.—A stated meeting was held yesterday afternoon.

SELECT BOARD.—Mr. King offered a resolution instructing the Clerk of Select Council to print five hundred copies of the report of the Gas Trust investigation for the use of the Chamber.

THE RESOLUTION passed, with an amendment to refer the matter to a special committee of five, to revise and correct it.

THE ANNUAL REPORT of the Girard Estate Committee was presented. An appropriation ordinance appropriating \$37,400 for the expenses of the next year was adopted.

MR. SMITH moved for a return to this Chamber of the bill passed by them at a recent meeting, taxing fire insurance companies upon their business receipts. Agreed to.

MR. WAGNER offered an ordinance requiring passenger railway companies using bridges belonging to the city to keep the flooring and roadway in good repair.

A bill which increases to \$50 per annum the tax upon each passenger car, payable to the city, was passed.

MR. WAGNER offered an ordinance requiring property owners in Fifteenth street, between Thompson street and Columbia street, to pay their proper proportion of the expense of their culvert. Adopted.

An ordinance from Common Council, authorizing Henry Bickley for cleaning the streets in the northern section of the city was taken up.

MR. BARLOW stated that the contractors for cleaning the streets had handsomely performed their duty, and that the Mayor was in favor of renewing the contract with Henry Bickley.

MR. VAN CLEVE denied that Mr. Bickley had done his work well. The streets of the district are not clean.

MR. BARLOW said that the Mayor's authority for what he had done is not the authority of the police, and if ever any complaints were made the evils in question are removed immediately. Mr. Bickley is present in person every morning, examining and taking notes whenever any complaint is made or when any service is required of him.

DR. KAMERY said that the streets are as dirty as they can be, or as they ever were, the gutters were blocked up and many of the inlets are choked.

MR. HOPKINS moved to refer the bill to the committee, because it states what is not true. His own Ward was in a very bad condition. Level the dirt in Poplar street, and it would be four inches deep from curb to curb.

MR. BUNN expressed great satisfaction with the work of Mr. Bickley. In his own Ward he had never known the streets so bad as now, though they were left by Hill & Smith in a very bad condition. The streets of no large city can be kept immaculate until all the people are dead. As to the contract with Bickley, he is incomparably the best man we have ever had.

MR. FREEMAN objected to giving the contract for five years, the years is long enough. By the end of that time the contract doing the work will be, very probably, much less than now.

MR. HODGSON showed that for \$150,000 a year no man could afford to take up the contract, except like Mr. Bickley, he owned a hundred carts. The other contractors lost money because they had to hire their carts. It should be retained by the city, and the streets are being paved, and the area of Mr. Bickley's work is largely expanding.

The bill was ultimately referred to a committee.

The bill to sell the interest of the city in the Pine street wharf now came up.

MR. HODGSON opposed the sale of the wharf, on the ground that the value of it was greater to the city than to any one else.

The bill was referred, in order that a plan of the wharf may be presented to Councils for examination.

The sureties of Mr. Lynd as City Solicitor were then approved.

Also, the bill releasing the securities of George F. Conner, late Chief Inspector.

A resolution was offered by Col. Page requiring the heads of departments to make reports on the first day of every month to Councils as to the amount of pay and expenditure made by them for the period named. Referred.

A bill to pay \$500 to R. A. West, photographer, who reported the value of the investigation, was passed.

The bill authorizing the paving of a part of Ninth street with the Nicolson pavement was referred.

Also, the ordinance making the annual appropriation for lighting the city.

Common Council.—A communication from the watchmen on the several bridges, asking for an increase of pay, was referred to the Committee on Highways.

Several petitions were presented and referred to appropriate committees.

The bill making an appropriation to the Department of City Property was called up, and the item of \$6,000 for improvements to Fairmount Park, after which the bill passed.

The ordinance making appropriations to the Guardians of the Poor, Department of Cleaning the Streets of the City, Department of Police, and to Board of Revision of Taxes were passed without amendments.

to the Legislature that the five per cent. tax on delinquent tax-payers be repealed, passed.

The Market Appropriation bill and the ordinance making an appropriation to the City Controller were passed.

The bill making an appropriation to the Law Department passed.

An ordinance making an appropriation of \$27,656 25 to the City Commissioners for 1867 was next considered and adopted, the principal items being as follows: Supreme Court Fees, District Court, \$15,884; Common Pleas, \$8,070; Quarter Sessions, \$120,091 25.

The ordinance making an appropriation to the School Department for 1867 was postponed and made the order of the day for Thursday next.

The ordinance appropriating \$331,950 to the Department of Water for 1867 was next considered.

A motion was made to amend the bill, so as to make the salary of Chief Engineer of the Water Works \$5,000, but before any final action was taken, the Chamber adjourned.

THE GIRARD ESTATE.—In Select Council yesterday Mr. Freeman, from the Committee on Girard Estate, submitted a statement of the condition of the Trust now, with a glance at the prospects of the estate. When the committee took charge a large debt was due by the "residuary estate" to the "beneficiaries of the fund." The committee therefore closed the doors of the College to further admissions until the condition of the estate can be obtained. The interest on the rents of the property belonging to the estate.

The row of dwellings on Chestnut street has been sufficiently changed by the alterations of several of the houses into stores to make certain the future change of the whole row. The revenue from the row, when the alterations shall be completed, will be 500 times as great as it was in the beginning of 1865. All of the leases of stores heretofore made contain provisions forbidding the tenants to place any goods or signs, or obstructions of any kind upon the footway, or place any projecting sign from the houses, so that the pedestrians will be permitted to have one business square unobstructed, and our citizens generally will be led to demand the same unimpeded footwalk along all the other portions of Chestnut street.

The Trust comprises large bodies of coal and timber lands in Schuylkill and Columbia counties. Upon the lands there are now in operation nine collieries. In former times about \$20,000 were expended in opening a colliery in those regions, and the amount was the same which in the lease of a tract was agreed upon, to be allowed to the collier. Experience has shown how small a sum compared with the cost of the real cost to which these tenants have been subjected. Several of the collieries have been leased upon these leases in improvements which will fall to the city, between \$150,000 and \$200,000. The committee have given these coal properties very close attention, and they recommend a continuation of the just and generous policy now in vogue.

In 1868 the gross revenues will be over \$300,000, and out of these revenues the deficiency of the College, amounting to nearly \$24,000 can be paid; also the remainder of the debt upon the estate, now near \$100,000, also that the pupils can be increased in number to 500, with over \$130,000 appropriated for their support.

It may not be out of place in the committee to invite the attention of Councils and the public generally to the importance of Girard College. The visitor from other lands or from other parts of our country seeks this institution as one of the chief attractions of Philadelphia; more than this, the orphans who have become the children of the city have a right to expect careful training at the hands of their foster parent. To keep up the reputation of the institution, and to meet the increasing capacity for usefulness, require that from its management mere partisans shall be excluded, and that only the wisest and most virtuous of our citizens shall be entrusted with the training of its pupils.

The increasing revenue of the estate will permit a large increase of pupils in 1868, and to the increased accommodation the necessary attention of the managers is required. The chapel is full with pupils, and is much crowded with 600 scholars. It will not be long before double the latter number can be supported, and every effort should be exerted to make this magnificent benefaction, the first and thus far the greatest of all American charitable bequests, as far-reaching and successful as its founder could have hoped.

THE INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND.—The annual meeting of the corporators and members of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind was held yesterday afternoon at the Institution, corner of Race and Twentieth streets.

The annual report of the Board of Managers was presented, and on motion referred to the Board of Managers, to be elected, with authority to publish the same. The report showed that there were about 181 inmates in the house, all of whom are taught in the various professions by competent teachers.

The institution is in a flourishing condition, and commends itself to the attention of a benevolent public. The managers feel grateful to the Legislature of Pennsylvania for its enlightened liberality.

As shown in previous reports of the institution, the number of blind persons in the State needing education and employment is comparatively very limited. In the whole United States, in 1860, there was, by careful estimates, less than 1,500 between the ages of 20 and 30 outside the institutions, and proper persons to be received at the public expense; of these, there were in Pennsylvania 154. The whole number of blind persons in the United States in 1840 was 5,030, which is thought to be a low figure; in 1850, there were 7,927; in 1860 it was estimated that there were 10,725. The increase from 1840 to 1850, 50 per cent; from 1850 to 1860, 34 per cent. The proportion of the blind to the whole population is as 1 to 2,519; that of Pennsylvania 1 to 2,610.

ELEGANT AND SCIENTIFIC CHRISTMAS GIFTS.—The attention of the readers of the BULLETIN, who are in search of Christmas presents that are at once elegant, scientific, amusing and instructive, is commended to the advertisement, in another column, of Mr. William Y. McAllister, the well-known optician, No. 728 Chestnut street. Among his goods that are especially adapted to the holiday season are opera glasses, and spectacles, gold eye glasses, stereoscopes, microscopes, drawing instruments, magnetic lanterns, bottle lenses, waltzers, tobacco jars, and a variety of other useful and elegant scientific toys. The reputation of this house is so widely known and so well established, that it is only necessary to direct attention to their wares, without any comment upon their excellence.

LARCENY.—Yesterday, before Alderman Beiler, and J. Finch had a hearing on the charge of larceny as bailer, John Sperry testified that he placed in the hands of the defendant a diamond pin and shirt studs, to hold until inquiry could be made as to their value, and upon going to his place of business he discovered that the diamonds and studs were missing. The explanation of the defendant was that the prosecutor did not call at the time agreed upon, which was admitted on the other side. The accused was held for his appearance at Court.

CHARGED WITH FORGERY.—George W. Brown, a fugitive from justice, who stands charged with having committed a forgery in this city some time ago, and who afterwards fled to Canada, arrived last evening in the custody of Detective George H. Smith, who succeeded in capturing him at Burlington, Vermont.

THE CROSBY ART ASSOCIATION.—As an earnest of the near approach of the day fixed for the final award of the premiums of the Crosby Opera House Art Association, we would mention that committees from each of the leading cities have been selected to go to Chicago to co-operate with the committee there in the distribution to be made on the 21st of January. We learn that Mr. Wm. E. Thomas, Caleb H. Needles and Richard Smith, of the firm of L. Johnson & Co., have been appointed a committee from this city.

On the whole, the committee should be a guarantee of the entire fairness and honesty of the proposed award. Mr. T. B. Pugh, the agent of the association in this city, informs us that the sale of shares has been unprecedented, and that the books will probably close soon after the holidays. A great number of certificates have been disposed of within the past few days as Christmas presents. Indeed, what could be more appropriate than one of the handsome steel engravings of the collection, with a certificate or share entitling the holder to a change in the great award of premiums, including the Opera House itself.

RUBBER BOOTS, SHOES, TOYS, &c., FOR CHRISTMAS.—We call attention to the advertisement of Goodyear's, No. 308 Chestnut street, for Christmas Toys, Rubber Boots and Shoes, for men, women's and children's wear, with a large variety of interesting Rubber Toys. They are sold at the very lowest market rates, both wholesale and retail, and those in search of Christmas presents cannot do better than drop in at Goodyear's.

ACCIDENT.—Joseph Watson, aged fifty years, followed a flight of stairs at his residence, on Twenty-third street, near Pennsylvania avenue, yesterday morning, and fractured his collar bone. Taken to Pennsylvania Hospital.

FINE UMBRELLAS FOR CHRISTMAS.—Persons desiring to purchase a nice and largely selected lot of umbrellas, will do well to call on the undersigned, who has a large stock of umbrellas, of all the latest styles of the season, and which are sold at the very lowest market rates. The umbrellas are made from superior materials, and are of all the latest styles of the season. They are made from the finest materials, and are of all the latest styles of the season. They are made from the finest materials, and are of all the latest styles of the season.

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FROM FANCY GOODS.—You can find a complete assortment at reasonable prices, at Dixon's, No. 21 South Eighth street.

FOR THE SEATING PARES!—That is, for those who desire to sit in the seats of the opera, call on the undersigned, who has a large stock of seats, and is selling them at very low rates. He has a large stock of seats, and is selling them at very low rates. He has a large stock of seats, and is selling them at very low rates.

FRESH VARIETIES OF CAKES.—Fresh daily, at Mitchell & Felicer, 216 N. 2d St.

A NOVELTY! A NOVELTY!—A Beautiful Upright Piano—blue and gold—built expressly for one of our customers, and is now on hand for a few days only, at our warehouses, 112 Chestnut street.

A FACT WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION.—Having occasion to purchase some articles in the confectionery line yesterday, we called up to the old established house of J. H. Burdsall's Confectionery, and were much surprised to find their prices much lower than those of the other houses. This is the reason why we recommend them to all who are in search of good confectionery. They are made from the finest materials, and are of all the latest styles of the season. They are made from the finest materials, and are of all the latest styles of the season.

CHOICE ARTICLES FOR GENTLEMEN.—Such as the Fur Coat, the Hat, the Gaiter, etc., at the Furnishing Dept. of C. Henry Love, N. 2d St. and Chestnut street.

LADIES, leave your orders for Christmas Cakes at A. Upham's, 60 Pine street.

A TRULY ELEGANT DISPLAY OF CONFECTIONERY.—The confectionery trade is now in full blast, and the manufacturers are anxious to see their goods in the hands of the consumers. Messrs. Burdsall & Co. have a large stock of goods, and are selling them at very low rates. They are made from the finest materials, and are of all the latest styles of the season. They are made from the finest materials, and are of all the latest styles of the season.

POULTRY AND GAME, of all kinds, for sale at Robinson's, Eastern Market, Fifth street below Chestnut.

THE MOST MAGNIFICENT BOOK OF THE SEASON.—The "Illustrated History of the War," containing One Hundred Large Views, and Fifty Colored Plates, in two thick volumes, elegantly bound in leather, and illustrated by the most celebrated artists of the age. It is now on hand for a few days only, at our warehouses, 112 Chestnut street.

HOLIDAY GOODS.—Clothes, hosiery, Blacking Cases, Walnut Folding Ladders, Carvers, stoves, and a large variety of other goods, at the Furnishing Dept. of C. Henry Love, N. 2d St. and Chestnut street.

SOME NEW.—Gentlemen are invited to call and examine the "Bar Malt," an entirely new beverage, which is sold at very low rates. It is made from the finest materials, and is of all the latest styles of the season. It is made from the finest materials, and is of all the latest styles of the season.

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HIGH HATS AGAIN POPULAR.—Get a Silk Hat from H. K. Ford, 216 N. 2d St.

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BLACK CAKE, 60 cents per pound, at A. Upham's, 60 Pine street.

AN IMPORTANT REMOVAL.—Messrs. Rogers & Son, the well-known clothiers, have removed their recent goods to their new store, 129 Chestnut street. Their stock of ready-made clothing is still as large as ever, and they are anxious to obtain the most rapidly disposed of at prices regardless of cost. Gentlemen have an opportunity to obtain the most fashionable clothing of the best materials at extraordinarily low rates. Call and see for yourselves.

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