REMARKABLE DISCOVERY. - This morning sevoral pedestrians on Third street discovered a large deposit of crystals of Chloride of Sodium lying deposit of crystals of Cilioride of Sodium lying along the railway track, and, strange to say, confined entirely to the fron rails. The conclusion was natural that one of the railway companies using that street, had been endeavoring to sprinkle "fifteen bushels of salt to the mile" during the night, but as this is clearly, against the law, more credulous people incline to the belief that there must be a sub-stratum of salt in the street, which broke out to the surface without any provocation. Others urgo that there the street, which broke out to the surface withont any provocation. Others urgo that there
must have been a meteoric shower directly over
the narrow line of Third street during the night.
The matter is an intensely interesting one, and
pending any scientific action on the part of the
Franklin Institute, certain experts at Fifth and
Chestnut streets, under the direction of High
Constable Clark and Chief Ruggles, are investigating it.

ROBBERY AND ASSAULT AND BATTERY .- Peter Sanford, John V. Brown and Henry Sparks were before Alderman Fitch last evening, upon were before Alderman Fitch last evening, upon the charges of robbery and assault and battery. The complainant was David Wilson. He alleges that the accused hired him to take them out sleighing. During the trip various taverns were stopped at and sundry drinks indulged in. Wilson says that he got drunk, and then the defendants robbed him of his pocket-book and money. Last evening he went to a saloon on Girard avenue, above Eleventh street, and while there the defendants came in. They pulled the chair from under him, and while he was on the floor struggling to get up they struck him on the head with the chair. The defendants were committed in default of \$1,000 bail to answer.

FIREMEN'S SQUABBLE.—There was quite a lively time among the firemen in the lower seclively time among the firemen in the lower section of the city last evening, owing to the election for Assistant Engineer of the First Division. About half-past claven o'clock, as the members and adherents of a company were passing along Third street near Catharine, rejoicing at the success of their candidate, they were attacked by the adherents of another company. For a short time there was a gay little fight, and several pistol shots were fired. As far as could be ascertained, nobody was hurt. A squad of the Second District Police soon arrived on the ground, but the rioters had dispersed and no arrests were made.

UNTROVOKED ASSAULT.-Yesterday afternoon, as John Carr was passing along Second street, near Callowhill, he was assaulted by two men mear Callowhill, he was assaulted by two men who were carrying a string of sleigh-bells. Without any provocation or warning, they struck Mr. Carr on the head with the bells. He remonstrated with the fellows, and they then attempted to bite his ear off. High Constable Danfield, who witnessed the affair, arrested the assailants. The prisoners gave their names as Wm. Warner and Charles Kleiber. They were taken before Alderman Toland, and were committed for trial.

CLEAR THE GUTTERS.—The weather has greatly moderated during the past forty-eight hours, and the snow in the streets is rapidly melting. It is important that the gutters should be opened, or there may be an overflow of the sidewalks and perhaps a flooding of cellars in some localities. Mr. Henry Bickley, the Street Contractor, has his men engaged in opening all the inlets, and citizens should see that the gutters in front of their houses are cleared.

VOTE FOR A FIRE HORN.—At St. Theresa Fair, now being held at the Assembly Buildings, a vote for a silver fire horn is being taken, and stands as Harmony Fire Company......50

SLIGHT FIRES.-Last night, about 12 o'clock, a fire occurred in the variety store of Theodore Houck, in the basement of the building northwest corner of Second and Vine streets. Less.

3100.
This morning, about eight o'clock, a fire broke out in the cooper shop at the brewery of Massey, Huston & Co., at Tenth and Filbert streets. The flames were subdued by the fire-extinguisher before any serious

LARCENY OF A TRUNK .- Morgan Chambers was before Alderman Toland, upon the charge of the largeny of a trunk. A gentleman who was in an anction etore on Second street, above Button-wood, recognized as his property a trunk stand-ing on the counter. He ascertained that Cham-hers had left it there to be sold, and had him arrested. The accused was committed.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT .- An election for Assistant Engineer of the First Fire Division was held last evening by the different companies James Pollock, of the Harmony Fire Company, was elected. The official vote will be announced at a meeting of the Board of Directors, to be held

RECKLESS DRIVING .- John Grindling, the driver of a cart, was arrested yesterday and taken before Alderman. Hurley, on the charge of reckless driving. It is alleged that he had been driving at an immoderate rate, and that the that of his cart struck and knocked down a man. He was held in \$500 ball.

Serious Accident.—A man named James Jordon, aged 34 years, fell through a hatchway at the Washington stables, Thirty-ninth and Market streets, last night, and had his back broken. He was taken to the hospital by the Sixteenth District police. It is supposed that he went into the hay-room for the purpose of sleeping.

THE MAENNERCHOR.-Mayor McMichael was last evening presented with a handsome certificate as an honorary member of the Maennerchor. Mr. Richard Muckle, one of the oldest members of the Society, was presented with a fine photo-graphic album containing the photographs of all

ANOTHER SERENADE. - Mile. Fanny Janauschek, the celebrated German actress, was seranaded last night at the Continental Hotel, by the Germania Orchestra.

SALE OF ELEGANT GILT AND BRONZE CLOCKS AND STATUARY .- Mr. B. Scott, Jr., will sell at the Art Gallery, No. 1020 Chestnut street, on Saturday morning next, December 21, at 10½ o'clock, an assort-ment of elegant gilt clocks, candelabras, gilt and bronze groupes, statuettes, antique vases, marble ornaments, choice Parisian fancy goods; Ac., Ac., all a special importation of Messrs. Viti Bros., (late Vito Viti & Sons). The collection will be ready for examination on Friday morning, with catalogue, and will comprise a very unique assortment, well adapted to the pres-ent season. The line of fine fire gilt clocks, candelabras, &c., is unusually large, and no pains has been spared by the importors to render the sale an attractive one.

ANDALUSIA COLLEGE.—There will be an interesting exhibition at Andalusia College to-morrow morning at 11% o'clock, on the occasion of commorning at 11% o clock, on the occasion of commencing the Christmas holidays. Quite an claborate concert has been arranged by the young gentlemen of this excellent school, which will be followed by an address from Bishop Stevens. The friends of Andalusia College, wishing to attend the exercises, can leave Kansington depot at 10.15 A. M., and return at 3 P. M.

A. D'HUYVETTER'S, ESQ., OF ANTWERP, SIXTH AND LAST GRAND SALE OF MODERN PAINTINGS, will take place at Scott's Art Gallery, 1020 Chestwill take piace at scotts art Gallery, 1929 Offest-nut street, on Thursday and Friday evenings, 19th and 20th inst., at 7½ o'clock. The collec-tion embraces 168 pieces, by the most celebrated artists of the English, French, Flemish and Dueseldorf schools; among which we notice the names of E. Verboeckhoven, H. Savry, De Vos, Verschutz Sidney Cooper, J. Hilbner, Laufont Names of E. Vercoecknoven, H. Savry, He Vos, Verschuur, Sidney Cooper, J. Hünner, Lanfont de Metz and others. We would advise all lovers of art to call in and examine the collection carefully previous to sale.

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