GAZETTE—CITY DEPARTMENT.

PITTSBURGH:

MONDAY MORNING, NOV. 26, 1855.

THE METHODIST FEMALE COLLEGE.—This admirable institution held its monthly examination on Friday evening, in the Chapel of Christ's Church, Penn street.

The audience was composed of many of our first citizens with their ladies, parents and friends of the pupils.

The services opened with a hymn, and prayer by the Principal, Professor Yourtee. The young ladies of the institution then read a number of very creditable compositions on subjects such as "Time and its Devastations," "To-day, to-morrow and Music," "Dress makes not the man," "The end of Life," "Pic-Nic Papers," &c.

A monthly periodical entitled "the Ladies' Garland," containing many very excellent literary efforts was also read.

We adopt the views of the *Chronicle* in saying that the President and Professors of the institution have good reason to be proud of the pupils under their charge. The college has been opened under the most favorable auspices. But a month has passed since the opening commenced, and one hundred and twenty pupils have been received into the institution.

The President and his associates appear to be at home in the great work of training the youthful mind, and their success will, we doubt not, come up to the most anxious expectations of the friends of the institution. Professor Yourtee fully maintains his reputation as a master preceptor, and looks to the true interests of all placed under his care. The Trustees of the institution may congratulate themselves on the happy choice they have made in their selection of President and Professor.

THE EJECTMENT CASE IN THE U. S. CIRCUIT COURT.—The case of Murray Hoffman vs. Ross et al., ejectment for nineteen thousand acres of land in Cambria county, was concluded in the Circuit Court on Saturday. This ponderous case was begun before Judges Grier and Irwin on the 18th instant; and consequently it has occupied the Court during eleven days.

The evidence was concluded on Friday. Judge Shaler opened to the Jury in a speech of some length on behalf of the plaintiff. Thomas Williams, Esq., and Hon. Henry D. Foster, of Greensburgh, followed for the defendants. John G. Miles, Esq., closed for the plaintiff on Saturday.

Judge Grier charged the Jury at four o'clock. After an absence of about an hour and a half returned a verdict for the plaintiff.

THE unparalleled success of Bullard's Panorama in this city has induced the proprietors as well for their own interest as for the accommodation of the citizens of Allegheny to give them a better opportunity to see this really meritorious painting. It is to be exhibited at Exposition Hall every evening this week, and we urge upon our readers to attend. There are few exhibitions that combine the useful with the agreeable as to great an extent as does this panorama. As a matter of information, all the young people should see it and those of more advanced years who have never visited Gotham will be pleased. Go and see it, Allegheanians! Public exhibitions rarely have succeeded in our sister city, but Bullard's Panorama *will* succeed, beyond preadventure.

SUPREME COURT.—Before all the Judges.

SATURDAY, November 24.

The morning was devoted to the argument of a motion to set aside an admiralty order granted by Justice Woodward in the case of the Erie and North East Railroad Company vs. Carey, and the Cleveland, Painesville and Ashtabula Railroad Company vs. the same defendant.

Messrs. Stanton, Walter and Meredith appeared for the railroad companies and Judge Thompson for the defendant, all of whom made arguments in the case. The decision has not been rendered.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.—A meeting of the Temperance Association of Allegheny city, will be held this, (Monday) evening at 7 o'clock, in Dr. Swift's Church, Beaver street, for the purpose of rallying the friends of prohibition, in a united effort to sustain the law against this distroying evil.

Rev. Wm. Collier, of the Methodist Protestant, Rev. A. Cookman, of M. E. Church, Penn st.; and Rev W. Yourtee, Principal Christ Church Female Seminary, will address the meeting.—Friends and opponents of the law are cordially invited to attend. R. H. DAVIS, Sec'y.

NEW EATING SALOON.—Mr. Alexander Grubbs has leased and fitted up in an elegant style, the room on the corner of Fifth and Smithfield sts. as a first class eating house, and as the location is a most eligible one, we predict that he will soon have an extensive business. All the substantials and the luxuries will be found on his tables as well as oysters in every variety. We recommend the Custom House Eating Saloon to all our readers.

PITTSBURGH YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—The regular monthly meeting for November will be held at the rooms of the Association, corner of Market and Third streets on 2d. floor, entrance from Third street, on this (Monday) evening at the usual hour.

The public generally is invited and all members, Active and Associate are hereby requested to attend, in view of the approaching termination to our operations for the year 1855.

GEO. D. HALL, Rec. Sec'y.

THE CASE OF HUGH SCOTT.—District Attorney Roberts, on Saturday, entered a *nolle prosequi* in the case of Hugh Scott under indictment for false pretences. Mr. Roberts stated that the defendant had paid all the costs, which he thought was sufficient punishment as they amounted to five times the value of the carts alleged to have been disposed of by false pretences.

MALICIOUS MISCHIEF.—A man named John Warner was committed to jail by Mayor Adams, on Saturday, on a charge of malicious mischief, preferred by E. E. Parker, a barber who resides in the Fourth Ward, Allegheny. Warner went into his shop on Thursday, broke looking-glasses, pulled down gas fixtures; and smashed furniture generally.

ALD. WILSON committed an insane man to jail on Saturday. He had been threatening to drown himself. The officers had a rough time of it in conveying him. The jail is a poor place to confine the insane. There ought to be an institution where they might be properly cared for, if not permanently, at least for the time which invariably elapses before they are sent to Harrisburg.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A child of Mr. McClintock, of McKeesport, died on Saturday from injuries received by its clothes catching fire. The were informed, and heard the cries of her mother passed the house on an errand, we child, but she supposed it was merely on account of her absence.

FOUNDLING.—Early on Friday morning, a female child about six months of age was found on the steps of a house on Penn street. It was a very pretty little innocent clean, neatly-clad, and snugly ensconced in a basket. The person who found it took it in charge and intend to adopt it.

THE District Court meets this morning to take up the Argument List. On Monday next, the Trial List will be taken up. The Court ordered the Prothonotary to make out a trial list to be taken up on the first Monday of January, 1856, or as soon thereafter as the present list is disposed of—the list to consist of three hundred cases.

MURDER.—John Doyle was tried in Washington last week for the murder of Daniel Colis on the 10th of April last in Hopewell township, and was acquitted, but held to bail to answer a charge of assault and battery with intent to kill.

APPLICATION was made on Saturday for the appointment of a viewer to assess damages on Ridge street, Allegheny, in place of R. E. McGowns, resigned.

DIVORCE.—Ellen Campbell applied to the Court of Common Pleas, on Saturday, for a divorce from her husband, William Campbell, on the ground of ill treatment.

THE house of James Patterson, on Federal street, Allegheny, was entered on Friday night, and $10 taken by the thieves.

EXCELSIOR HALL, ALLEGHENY.—Bullard's Panorama of New York City exhibits at the above Hall every evening this week at *eight* o'clock, and Friday, and Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

In the District Court, on Saturday, in the case of the O. & P. R. R. Co. vs. Lightner et al., George E. Warner, George Albree and James Thompson were appointed viewers.

WE understand the Thanksgiving Festival at Lafayette Hall for the benefit of the Ninth Ward M. E. Mission Church, realized about a thousand dollars.

A man named Steinheim came near losing his life on Thursday last by being kicked by one of his horses at his residence on the Noblestown road.

A large stock of seasonable Dry Goods will be sold this morning at 10 o'clock at Davis' auction rooms.

THE Democratic County Committee meets next Saturday.

HON. WM. M. MEREDITH, of Philadelphia, was present on Saturday in the Supreme Court.

THE people in Fayette city will make strenuous efforts this fall for a new county.

A PETITION from William Young, John Bissell and William M. Semple, of Collins township, was presented to the Court of Quarter Sessions, on Saturday, praying the appointment of viewers to vacate a road leading through their property, which road the petitioners allege to be entirely useless.

IN the Court of Quarter Sessions on Saturday, the report of the viewers appointed to lay out a road from the mouth of Kilbuck Run in Ohio township to a point at or near the Blackburn M. E. Chapel in the same township, was approved absolutely. The road is to be thirty three feet wide.

PEN PENS.—We have used with much satisfaction steel pens manufactured for and sold by W. S. Haven, Pittsburgh. A box of his assorted pens affords facilities so satisfactory as scarcely to leave anything more to desire for the purpose of writing.

DIRECTORS OF THE HEMPFIELD ROAD.—The Stockholders held a meeting in Washington last Monday, and elected Messrs. Colin M. Reed, Wm. M'Kennan, Esq., and Alex. W. Acheson, Esq., of Washington; Jas. C. Clark, of Greensburg; Sobieski Brady; Thos. Sweeny, and Jas C. Achison of Wheeling, for Directors.

PICKPOCKETS ABOUT.—Five or six gentlemen while standing in the crowd, in front of the Theatre last night, before the doors were opened, had their pockets picked of various sums of money. One individual lost some $25.

THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY

NOW OFFERED TO SELL

A FEW TWO MILLIONS OF ACRES SO SELECTED

In Tracts of 40 Acres and Upwards,

To suit purchasers, on long credits and at low rates of interest.

They were granted by the Government to encourage the building of this Railroad, which runs from the extreme North to the extreme south of the State of Illinois. It passes through the richest and most beautiful portions of the State, dividing here and there the Prairies of the State, destined by the recent opening of nearly 600 miles of this road throws open the finest land in the world. They are scattered from one to fifteen miles on each side of the road, through its entire length.

The soil is dark rich mould, from one to five feet in depth. It is gently rolling, and peculiarly fitted for grazing cattle and sheep, and the cultivation of the newly broken prairie, usually pays the cost of ploughing and seed time and harvest. Wheat now in market will average sixty bushels per acre, and Corn very large crops. One man with a plow and two yoke of oxen will break from one to two acres per day. Years of rotten will have passed away before the land will require to be manured. Orchards can be made for breaking, ready for corn or wheat, at $2 to $2,50 per acre.

Improved farms are offered, among the first, and under a high state of cultivation the second year.

The large yield on the cheap lands of Illinois, over high priced lands in the Eastern and Middle States, is known to the whole world, and the difference of to be much more than sufficient to pay the difference of transportation to the Eastern market. The rapid increase of population and villages and towns, and the consequent growth of flourishing towns and villages on the line of this road afford a growing home demand for farm produce.

Coal and wood are delivered along the road at different points, at from $1,50 to $2 the cord or ton.

Further having in view, those who may take contracts for their future homes, should take into consideration that the country west of the Mississippi is destitute of railroads, that the convenience by transporting grain and produce from farms on the line of the Illinois Central Railroad, direct to the great Eastern market, is sufficient for the farmer to pay the investment at from 20 to 30 per cent higher than in a government lands in Iowa. In other words, that it costs as much more to get produce from the interior of the country west of the Mississippi to the Eastern markets, that the farmer will find it much more profitable to locate on the line of this railroad.

TERMS AND TERMS AT PAYMENT.

The price will vary from $5 to $15, according to location, quality, &c. The following is the plan of sale:

One year's interest must be paid in advance, but it first two years' interest must be paid in advance, but it is understood that one hundred dollars annually thereafter shall yearly be credited on account of principal.

Six per cent. per annum may be negotiated for, for the first section of the Act of the Legislature, approved the 10th February, 1851, these lands are free from taxation until they are sold for, and a deed of conveyance granted to the purchaser.

INTEREST WILL BE CHARGED AT ONLY TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM, during the period of the non-fulfilment of the conditions of sale.

As a security for the performance of the contract, it is required that one hundred dollars in cash, and evidence of having in his employ at least one hundred laborers, or purchase money to make himself independent of labor, be paid to the Company before the title deeds will be delivered. Twenty per cent. of the purchase money will be required for each.

It is believed that the price, long credit, and low rates of interest, unchanged for these lands, will enable a man with from one hundred dollars in cash, and evidence of having in his employ one hundred laborers, or purchase money to make himself independent of labor, to become rich. In the mean time the rapid settlement of the country will produce a large increase in the value of the lands before they are sold. They required as experienced person will accompany applicants to give information and aid in the selection of lands.

Large Plats, showing the precise location of Lands throughout the State, may be seen at the office. Small pocket Plats, as a guide to any part of the State, containing information relative to the Sale of the Lands, and Pamphlets, containing information relative to the Lands, and Pamphlets, containing information relative to the Lands, and Pamphlets, containing information relative to