GAZETTE—CITY DEPARTMENT.

PITTSBURGH:

TUESDAY MORNING, JAN. 22, 1856.

COUNCILS.—A special meeting was held last evening.

Common Council—President Marshall in the chair.

Members Present: Messrs. Bennett, Duncan, Dalzell, Errett, Evans, Fitzsimmons, Glenn, Herdman, Hill, Hodkinson, Hutchinson, Kammerer, Klos, Kelly, Lare, Layton, Little, Miller, Quinn, Scott, President.

The minutes were read and approved.

The object of the special meeting was stated by the President to be the election of representatives of the stock held in the Ohio & Pennsylvania Railroad by the city, at the coming election.

Mr. Miller presented the following resolution:

Whereas—The Committee appointed by Councils in 1855 to vote the stock of the city of Pittsburgh in the Ohio & Pennsylvania Railroad at the election for Directors to be held on the 24th of January A. D. 1856, has ceased to have legal existence.

And whereas, any vote which might be cast by said Committee would be illegal and void, and could not be legally counted by the officers of said election, therefore be it

Resolved, That the President of Councils be authorized to appoint a committee of five, two from Select Council, and three from the Common Council to vote and otherwise represent the stock of the said city at the election to be held on the 24th of January, 1856, for Directors of said road.

He proceeded to say that the Councils for 1855 had no right to appoint a Committee for 1856; and the Committee so appointed had no power to act, their authority ceasing with that which appointed it.

Mr. Griffin said that he had voted twice for the city, and inquired whether they were legal.

Mr. Miller was decided in his impression that they were not.

Mr. Errett inquired whether all the stock had not been voted since the inauguration of the present Councils. He thought they had.

After some further discussion, a motion to lay on the table was made by Col. Scott. The question being put, the chair decided that it was lost; whereupon the yeas and nays were called on the division, with the following result:

Ayes—Brown, Duncan, Errett, Griffin, Kim, Kelly, Lare, Layton, Quinn, Scott, 10.

Nays—Bennett, Dickson, Dalzell, Evans, Fitzsimmons, Glenn, Herdman, Hill, Hodkinson, Hutchinson, Irwin, Kammerer, Little, Miller, McClintock and President, 16.

The resolution came up on the second reading, when a lengthy and very interesting discussion ensued.

The resolution was laid over on third reading.

A bill from *Gazette* office for $98,75 was presented and referred to the Committee on Printing.

After concurring in the action of the Select Council, adjourned to meet this evening.

SELECT COUNCIL—President M'Auley in the Chair.

Members present—Alexander, Clarke, Jones, Lambert, Murdoch, M'Cutcheon, Pollock, Reed, Smith, Taylor, Varnum, Weaver, President.

The minutes were read and approved.

Mr. Clarke, from the Finance Committee, presented a report with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Police Committee be and they are hereby authorized to fit up a room in Wilkin's Hall to be used as a permanent office for the City Treasurer, the improvements to include a vault which shall be so constructed so as to be used both by the Mayor and Treasurer.

Report accepted and resolution read three times and passed.

Mr. Smith, from the Street Committee, presented the following resolution:

Resolved—That the Senators and the members of the House of Representatives at Harrisburgh be and they are hereby requested to oppose as detrimental to the interests of the City of Pittsburgh, the passage of Bill No. 10 of the Senate file, entitled "an act deferring the liability of the city of Pittsburgh, for damages arising from the alteration of the grades of streets and alleys in said city and that the clerks of Councils are hereby instructed to forward to the Senators and members aforesaid a certified copy of this resolution.

The yeas and nays were called on the third reading with the following result: Ayes—Clark, Galway, Jones, Lambert, Murdoch, Mcentcheon, Pollock, Smyth, Varnum, Weaver, President 11.—Nays—Alexander, Kincaid, Read, Taylor, Wall—5.

Mr. Wade presented a petition from L. Wilmarth, asking for the laying of water pipes on Miller street; read and referred to the Water Committee.

Mr. Wade also offered a resolution, instructing the Committee on streets, grading and paving, to enquire into the expediency of placing a culvert in Walnut street, Fifth ward, from Liberty street to the Allegheny river, and in such other streets crossing Penn street, above Walnut, as require it; in order to render that great thoroughfare, Penn street, passable at all seasons of the year; and to report thereon to the Councils. Read and referred to Committee on streets.

Mr. Lambert offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the Select and Common Councils are hereby constituted *ex officio* members of standing committees on Finance and Water. Read three times and passed.

In all of which action the Common Council concurred.

On motion adjourned until this evening.

ANIMATION IN THE BEER INTEREST.—The quiet and cosy manner of drinking Lager Beer as initiated by our German citizens, brought with them from Fatherland, had almost become an "institution" among us; the various saloons were visited by the same people, night after night, the beer consumed, cigars smoked, and the conversation kept up in an animated but decorous manner. If ever there was an interest destined from appearances to oppose a determined front to the progress of the age, it was the lager beer interest, and if there ever was amusement doomed to undergoing routine, this was the one. But how suddenly are the steadiest and slowest old-fogy ideas overturned; seized with a congestion of the brain or a disease of the heart, the stoutest of them yield without a struggle.

Within a week past some eastern Germans; with "speculation in their eye," opened a large Hall for the sale of Beer, fitted it up with a stage and engaged musicians, vocalists, and bar-maids. The very first night the old saloons were depleted to gurge the new one, and every night since the latter has kept up an uninterrupted success. Competition is the life of trade, and another German has started an opposition on a larger scale. Instead of burlesque operas, English dances are enacted. Between them they will break up the old houses, if they themselves are not broken up.

Under the new dispensation of Beer, the beverage is consumed in shorter time, consequently the *habitues* become intoxicated. The rush is so great that pick-pockets abound. We prophesy "one grand row" very shortly, if the police, by their vigilance, do not prevent it.

DISTRICT COURT.—Before Judge Williams.

The Court convened at ten o'clock, when the trial list was taken up.

Robert Hays vs. James H. Hays No. 112, July term, 1849. Plaintiff takes a non-suit.

Clement Noble vs. Palmer C. Root, No. 17, July 1852. Plaintiff non-suited.

Martin Lewis & Co., vs. George Howarth. No. 215, January, 1855. Action on a promissory note. Action withdrawn, and case stated by the Counsel.

C. Johnson vs. Negley & Mohan. Action on a promissory note. Verdict for plaintiff for $762,63.

James Lemon vs. William Algeo. Action on a book account. Verdict for plaintiff for $769,55. Defendant moves for a new trial and in arrest of judgment.

COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER, QUARTER SESSIONS, &c.—Judge M'Clure and Associates on the Bench.

John McKee was arraigned to answer for passing a counterfeit five dollar bill on the Mechanics' Bank of Philadelphia, upon Sarah Potts on the 8th of December, in payment for a quantity of butter, receiving $5,00 in change. The defendant alleged an *alibi*. The Jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

Adam Grassman was tried and acquitted of a charge of passing a five dollar counterfeit bill on the Farmers Bank of Kentucky, upon Nicholas Smelzer, in payment of an account. The prosecutor was sentenced to pay the costs.

TRACT ANNIVERSARY.—The Anniversary of the Parent Tract Society of the Methodist E. Church will be held in this city, on the 17th, 18th, and 19th of February. Rev. Dr. Jesse T. Peck, of New York, Corresponding Secretary of the Society, and several distinguished ministers, from different portions of the country, connected with the church will participate in the exercises. On Sunday, the 17th prox., the various Methodist pulpits of this and Allegheny city, will be occupied generally, by strangers, who will preach on the Tract cause. On Monday, the anniversary proper will, most likely, be held in the City Hall.

PROTRACTED MEETINGS.—The *Christian Advocate*, issued yesterday, says that at Liberty Street, Christ, Smithfield and Wesley chapel churches the series of protracted meetings now in progress have been crowned with signal success.

In South Common church, under the charge of Rev. Mr. Mitchell, great numbers have sought conversion, and about fifty, we understand, have joined the church.

KEEPING A FEROCIOUS DOG.—A warrant was issued by Mayor Adams, yesterday, for the arrest of a man named Rainor, a baker, residing in the Third Ward, Allegheny City, to answer for keeping a ferocious dog. The animal attacked and bit a cow belonging to the prosecutor,

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—The anniversary of the association will be celebrated in the First Presbyterian Church, Wood street, next Friday evening. Revs. Bishop Simpson and W. D. Howard will deliver addresses, instead of the gentlemen advertised. The annual report of the Board of Managers will be read.

In yesterday's paper we announced the meeting for last night. We were misled by the advertisement.

We know of no other store in this city, where every kind of dry goods can be purchased as cheap as at A. M'Tighe's, corner of Grant and Fifth streets. Mr. M'Tighe buys and sells exclusively for cash, and we believe in this lies the secret of his selling so much cheaper than others who sell on credit. He is now selling off at reduced prices, preparatory to enlarging his store, so that those who call on him may rely on getting good bargains.

MEETING.—The Committee of Arrangements of the, Horticultural Society will hold a meeting on Wednesday morning at Franklin Hall. The members of the committee are Messrs. Knox, McKain, James Murdoch, C. Lockhart, Goehring, Gilmore, Ringwalt, Dunn, J. S. Negley, Robert Cummins, Bookstore and Henderson.

FIRE.—About three o'clock on Sunday morning, a stable belonging to Mr. John Johnston, Grocer, corner Sandusky and Isabella streets, Allegheny, was fired. Before the engines reached the ground the building was destroyed, though the exertions of the firemen prevented a further spreading of the flames. The loss is trifling.

CAUSE CONTINUED.—The misdemeanor case, Com. vs Supervisors of Ross township, alluded to by us yesterday, was continued by Judge M'Clure in the expectation that an act in relation to the road in question will be passed at the present session of the Legislature.

THE anniversary of the Young Men's Christian Association was postponed till Friday evening, the 25th inst., at 7½ o'clock, to be held in the First Presbyterian Church, Wood street. The speakers will be Dr. Howard and Bishop Simpson.

UNPROVOKED ASSAULT.—Alderman Parkinson issued a warrant yesterday for John Yeast and Augustus Smith, charged with making an unprovoked assault upon Joseph H. Pfeifer, on Sunday evening. The parties were arrested and held to bail.

MAYOR'S OFFICE IN ALLEGHENY.—The Police Committee of Allegheny, yesterday, were engaged in examining various buildings, with a view to a Mayor's Office, as it is the intention to abandon the one now occupied, on the 1st of April.

CORRECTION.—Walter Kirkpatrick, *senior*, is the newly appointed watchman at the Aqueduct.

THE Market Committee met last night and elected Mr. John M'Ilwaine, late street Commissioner Clerk, of the Markets.

THE MAYOR'S OFFICE.—Mayor Bingham had before him yesterday watch-house cases only.

TELEGRAPHIC.

ONE WEEK LATER FROM EUROPE.

ARRIVAL OF THE WASHINGTON.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—The steamship Washington from Southampton arrived at four o'clock this afternoon, bringing dates from London to the 5th inst. The news is of no special importance. Consols at 11 o'clock on Saturday were at 87¼

The Naples Correspondent of the London Times mentions a report that the King of Naples had become favorably disposed towards the exiles, and that the Emperor and the English Government are determined not to abate one iota of the terms on which peace would be accepted.

CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON CITY, Jan. 21.—SENATE.—A number of petitions were presented from retired and dismissed officers of the Navy, complaining of the action of the Navy Board,

Mr. Bell, of Tenn., while approving of the action of the Board, thought Lieut. Maury's eminent services should have exempted him from a sentence which he considers a mark of degradation.

Mr. Mallory said that Lieut. Maury had been assigned a position on shore at his own request.

Mr. Bell agreed that Lieut. Maury had served nearly ten years at sea and was entitled to consideration accordingly.

Several gentlemen participated in the debate discussing remedies for the mistakes the Navy Board may have committed.

The Senate then adjourned till Thursday.

HOUSE.—Mr. Boyce made an ineffectual motion to rescind the resolution prohibiting debate for one week unless a Speaker shall be elected except by unanimous consent.

Mr. Faulkner offered a resolution that if no Speaker shall be elected by Monday next, the members shall resign and an adjournment ensue till the second Monday in May. The resolution was laid on the table by 26 majority.

Mr. Sneed submitted a resolution that the supporters of Mr. Banks select one candidate from the friends of Mr. Richardson; that the supporters of Mr. Richardson select one from the friends of Mr. Fuller, and one from the friends of Mr. Banks, and that the supporters of Mr. Fuller select one from the friends of Mr. Richardson and one from the friends of Mr. Banks, and that the members so selected shall be considered the only candidates nominated, the lowest on each only candidates nominated, the lowest on each only candidates nominated, the lowest on each