GAZETTE—CITY DEPARTMENT.

PITTSBURGH:
THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 26, 1856.

## INTERESTS IN THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH.

| FROM JUNE 16 TO JUNE 23, 1856. | Adults. | Children. |
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| Bronchitis | 1 | 0 |
| Still Born | 0 | 3 |
| Congestion Brain | 1 | 0 |
| Dropsy | 0 | 1 |
| Unknown | 0 | 1 |
| Inflammation of Bowels | 0 | 3 |
| Scarlet Fever | 0 | 2 |
| Measles | 0 | 1 |
| Cholera Infantum | 0 | 1 |
| Marasmus | 0 | 0 |
| Consumption | 3 | 1 |
| Convulsions | 0 | 2 |
| Cramps | 1 | 0 |

| OF THE ABOVE THERE WERE | |
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| Under 1 year | 4 |
| " 2 to 5 | 3 |
| " 5 to 10 | 0 |
| " 15 to 20 | 2 |
| " 30 to 40 | 1 |
| " 40 to 50 | 1 |
| " 50 to 70 | 1 |
| " 70 to 100 | 1 |

Males, 12. Females, 11. Whites, 22. Colored, 1. Total, 23.

By order of the Board of Health
A. C. MURDOCH,
Physician of Board of Health.

### Mary Crosby Found.

We have been furnished with the following statement, which will sufficiently explain itself:

"It appears that on Saturday last, after the departure from the city of the mother and stepfather of this child, two persons brought her to St. Paul's R. C. Orphan Asylum. They said her name was Mary A. O'Connor, and gave the statement which will be found below.

"The Sisters of Mercy never receive children into the Institution without an order from the President of the Board of Managers, but as he was not in town, on the recommendation of another Member of the Board, she was received until the Board would have time to act officially.

"The Sisters of Mercy in the meantime thought they had some reason to fear that some imposition had been practised, and they notified the President of the Board, Rev. T. S. Reynolds.—He requested some more interrogatories to be put to her, and the opinion that she was Mary Crosby was confirmed. Before seeing her, however, he wrote to the Mayor, informing him of the above facts, and requested him to institute an inquiry, as every one connected with the Institution is most anxious that no person be received under circumstances such as are alleged to exist in her case.

"On yesterday at 3 o'clock P. M. the Mayor, accompanied by High Constable King, Rev. T. S. Reynolds, President, with some other Members of the Board, Bishop O'Connor and Mr. Umbstaetter, attorney at law, invited by the Board as their solicitor, visited the Asylum, Webster street.

"The Sisters in charge of the Institution were first introduced. They gave the statement above alluded to, that she was brought to the Asylum by a Miss Turner and a Miss Ritchie, the former representing herself as a Catholic, the other as a Protestant.

"They said the child was very badly treated where she last lived, that both parents were dead. The child herself had stated last evening, when questioned by the Sisters, that she had come from Belleville, near Lancaster, was brought here by her aunt Mrs. Toner, of Philadelphia, &c., repeating the same account as given above. It having now become evident that she was giving expression to a false account, suggested to her by others, the Bishop, with the Mayor's concurrence, appealed to her to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth, that the parties there know her history well, but wished to hear it from herself. She was asked then to tell how she was brought there, by whom, &c.

"After a long struggle, during which she cried loudly, she admitted that she had been taken away from the cars at the Allegheny Station, on last Monday week, by a man whom she called a washman, and remained in some house in the city, which she could not describe, until last Saturday. That this man's motive for taking her away was the cruel treatment by her mother and step-father; that the mother had beaten her there cruelly, as also the step-father—and she cried aloud and said her mother would kill her, if she went back to her. She frequently almost shrieked when she began to think she was going to be sent back to her mother. She said her step-father also treated her cruelly, but only when he was drunk.

"She was pacified and assured she would be well cared for and was then taken charge of by Mr. King, and removed from the Asylum."

It is to be remarked that almost all excitement on this subject had died away before she was brought to the Asylum. Those in charge of it were thus thrown off their guard. The child was timid and seemed pained at every allusion to her antecedents. The Sisters were unwilling to push enquiries regarding her affairs until she should feel more at ease. She was only four days in the Institution, and as soon as suspicion was excited, a thorough investigation was instituted. This would have been done at any rate, by the Board, when they came to act officially on the case. But it was thought best that the Mayor should be present at the very first interrogatories put to the child, which resulted as above stated."

I do certify that the facts set forth in the above statement, so far as being notified by Rev. T. S. Reynolds, of his suspicions, and the statement made by the Sisters, and also the statement made by the said Mary Ann Crosby are true, as made in my hearing.

W. BINGHAM, *Mayor.*

*Mayor's Office, Pittsburgh,* June 25, '56.

The following is the letter addressed to Mayor Bingham by the President of St. Paul's R. C. Orphan Asylum:

PITTSBURGH, June 25th, 1856.

To the Honorable W. Bingham, Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh:

SIR:—Four days ago two ladies, one representing herself to be a Catholic, and the other a Protestant, brought a child to St. Paul's Orphan Asylum, whose name they gave as Mary A. O'Connor, and stating her to be an orphan of Catholic parents. They represented her to have been living of late with strangers, by whom she was very badly treated, and asked her to be received into the Institution. At the recommendation of one of the members of the board, she was provisionally received by the Sisters of Mercy, until her case would be brought before the President of the Board. Circumstances have since occurred to make the Sisters fear that the account given of her is a fabrication, and that probably she is the Mary Crosby whose abduction from her parents was reported in the papers in the beginning of last week. The undersigned being informed of these things, requested the Sisters to make further investigation, and this has only confirmed the suspicions already aroused, though there is yet no certainty of their being well founded. Before proceeding any farther, however, he requests you to have the kindness to come up to the Asylum and examine the girl, or attend at the examination which is intended to be made.

The Board as well as the Sisters of Mercy will be glad if you can attend at the very first formal interrogatories that will be put to the child.

President of the Board of Managers of St. Paul's R. C. Orphan Asylum.

UNFORTUNATE.—The residence of Rev. Prof. L. D. Williams, Meadville, Pa., was destroyed by fire on Friday morning last.

Prof. Williams has for more than ten years occupied the chair of Natural Science in Allegheny College, during which time he has devoted himself to the collection of a mineral cabinet. This is destroyed, as is his large and valuable library. In short, everything was burned. The loss is estimated at $5000. No insurance.

ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO KILL.—A man named Richard Butler appeared before Alderman Parkinson yesterday, and made oath that one John Duffy struck him on the head with half a brick, tramped upon him and otherwise abused him, with intent to kill him. The accused was held to bail to answer at Court.

The accused instituted a cross suit on a similar charge before Alderman Donaldson against Butler, and he was arrested and held to bail.

MALICIOUS PROSECUTION.—A man named John Crosby, appeared before Alderman Parkinson, yesterday, and made oath that a man named Jacob Poe did conspire with Michael Rice, to maliciously prosecute the complainant, and cause him to be thrown into jail, the said Poe declaring that he had nothing against him, but that he wanted to prosecute the complainant for revenge, because he had brought suit against Rice. The accused was arrested and held to bail.

HUMAN REMAINS FOUND.—We are informed by Mr. Samual Chadwick, of Collins township, that last week, while excavating a road in that township, the bones of a human being were found in an angle formed by two rocks. They were much decayed. The inference from the position of the bones was that the deceased was killed by the falling of the rocks.

PROCURING BOARDING UNDER FALSE PRETENCES.—A man named William Dalzell, was held to bail by Alderman Parkinson, yesterday, for obtaining boarding under false pretenses, from Peter Baughman.

JOHN BROWN, the notorious horse thief, and receiver of stolen goods, who was tried in Indiana county last week, was convicted and sentenced to the Penitentiary for three years.

ORPHAN'S PIC NIC.—A pic-nic will be held at Danby's Grove, on the 4th of July, the proceeds of which will be applied to the benefit of St. Paul's R. C. Orphan Asylum.

ELIZABETH NESBITT, residing on Poplar alley, in the Sixth Ward, fell dead from disease of the heart on Tuesday afternoon.

INTERESTING TRIAL OF MOWING MACHINES.—There was quite a gathering of the farmers of this county, at Wilkinsburgh, yesterday, to witness a trial of Mowing machines, on the farm of Mr. Kelly, as this was comparatively a novel exhibition for our farmers, many of whom had never seen a machine cut grass. The trial was had under the directions of the County Society.

The machines that were entered for the trial, were,

1st. Ketchum's mower, exhibited by Howard & Co., manufacturers and proprietors, Buffalo, New York.

2d. Mr. Ball's machine, made by Ball, Aultman & Co., Canton, Ohio.

3d. Allen's machine, exhibited by Mr. Owens.

4th. Deitz & Dunham's machine; made by Wardrop, Stout & Williams.

At an early hour, the machines were on the field, and the competitors busily engaged in setting forth the merits of their respective machines, and canvassing the qualities of the others. We cannot of course give all the points of merit claimed by the proprietors of the machines. All seemed to do the work in the best style.

The Judges, MESSRS. J. E. McCabe, O. P. Shiras, John Murdoch, Jr., A. Speer, and John McCluskey, having made their arrangements, Col. McCabe summoned the competitors around him and announced to them the regulations to govern them. The spectators were not to follow the machines; each competitor had a portion of ground assigned him. If the driver alone attended to the machine, that would be a point for favorable consideration.

The drivers took possession of their respective portions of ground, and commenced to work, when a tremendous shower stopped operations for the time. The spectators took refuge at Harbaugh's, where a fine dinner awaited them, and at other taverns in Wilkinsburgh. About two o'clock, the clouds having broken, the company repaired to the field. The grass was wet, and every knife was clogged; allowance for which, was of course made by the Judges. Much excitement was manifested by the friends of competitors, and a great degree of interest was manifested by all the spectators.

We give below the report of the Judges:

To the President and Board of Managers of the Allegheny County Agricultural Society:

The undersigned, the Committee appointed by your Board, to decide upon the merits of different mowing machines, and to award a silver medal to the machine covering, in the judgment of your Committee, most of the points of merit in the scale of points adopted by your Board, do respectfully report:

That we have unanimously decided that Ball's Patent Mowing Machine, covers most of the points of merit in the scale adopted by the Board, and have therefore awarded the silver medal offered for the best machine, to the said mower. Below is the amount of power in operating the machines on trial as shown by the dynamometer:

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| Ball's Patent | 800 lbs. |
| Dietz & Dunham's do. | 380 " |
| Allen's do. | 800 " |
| Ketchum's do. | 880 " |

Your Committee would congratulate the Board upon the interest manifested by the farmers and other citizens of the county in this matter, a larger number being present yesterday than upon any previous similar occasion. The heavy shower in the afternoon interfered much with the mowing, but as a whole the trial seemed to give general satisfaction.

P. E. MCCABE,
A. SPEER,
JOHN MURDOCH, Jr., } Committee.
O. P. SHIRAS,
JOHN M'CLUSKEY,

The trial of the harvesters will be had on or about the 15th of July, on the farm of Mr. James Kelly, Wilkins township. Due notice will be given in the papers of the exact date.

WE would invite attention to the sale of valuable Real Estate, at the corner of Smithfield and Second streets, and on Liberty street, Ninth ward, this evening, at Merchants' Exchange, by Mr. Davis.

FIRE IN CANONSBURG.—The residence of Gen. Calohan, situated on Main street, Canonsburg, was destroyed by fire on Sunday last.

FREDERICK HAAS, a young German, was drowned on Saturday last, while bathing in the canal near Meadville.

THE MANCHESTER CHURCH DIFFICULTY.—The difficulty in the A. R. Church of Manchester, in relation to a pastor, came up before the Monongahela Presbytery, which is in session in Mount St. Clair township, on Tuesday. Much warm feeling was manifested.

LARCENY.—Sarah O'Brien was yesterday committed to jail by Alderman Thompson, charged on oath of James Clare, with larceny. A dough tray, tea kettle, and some other articles which she had stolen from the prosecutor, were found in her possession.

DR. A. T. KING, who was lately appointed to the Chair of Theory and Practice of Medicine, in the Pennsylvania College of Medicine, having finished his course of Lectures for the Summer, has returned to Greensburg where he will remain until the first of October.

The Great Russian Remedy.—PEB BONO PUBLICO.—Every mother should have a box in the house health depends upon it. See advt.
*REDDING'S RUSSIAN SALVE.*

Dr. Reddings Russian Salve is healing, and is recommended by physicians. It is a sure and speedy cure for Burns, Piles, Boils, Corns, Felons, Chilblains and Old Sores of every kind. Also Fever Sores, Ulcers, Itch, Scald Head, Nettle Rash, Hemlock, Sore Nipples, Ringworm, Tetter, Scurvy, Sore and Inflamed Eyes, Blotches, Pimples, Blains, Spider Stings, Frozen Limbs, Salt Rheum, Scurvy, Sore and Inflamed Eyes, Warts and Fleah Worms. Sore Throat, Chronic Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sore Breasts, Chilblains, Chafes