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PITTSBURGH:

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 29, 1858.

"OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

City and News Items.

MEAN TEMPERATURE.—Observations taken at Shaw's Optician Store, No. 58 Fifth st., Dec. 28th.

	IN SUN.	IN SHADE.
9 o'clock, A. M.	00	43
12 " M.	cloudy	47
6 " P. M.	"	37
Barometer		29 4-10

☞ DAILY PRAYER MEETING will be held on every evening of this week (Tuesday and Wednesday excepted,) in the *Second United Presbyterian Church*, on Sixth street, (Rev. Jas. Prestley's) commencing at 7 o'clock, and continuing one hour. This prayer meeting is conducted on Catholic-Protestant principles. Ministers and members of all evangelical churches, and all other persons, are cordially invited to attend.

☞ DAILY UNION PRAYER MEETING, at Masonic Hall, Fifth street, commencing at 11½ o'clock, A. M. All are cordially invited to attend.

The exercises to-DAY will be conducted by Rev. James M. Thomas.

OUR BOOK TABLE

A MEMORIAL OF THE FUTTEGURH MISSION AND HER MARTYRED MISSIONARIES, with some remarks on the Mutiny in India. By Rev. J. Johnston Walsh.

We are indebted to Mr. Culbertson, the efficient laborer in the cause of Christ at the Presbyterian Book Rooms, for a splendid copy of this valuable book, which is well printed and substantially bound, and which must find a large and ready sale, especially in this city. One of the Martyrs, whose history is here related, was Mr. Albert Osborne Johnson. He was a graduate of Jefferson College and of the Allegheny Theological Seminary, where he graduated and was married on the same day, May 9, 1855, to Miss Amanda J. Gill, of this city. She was a teacher here, and a member of Rev. Mr. Paxton's church. Mr. J., with his wife, went to India in July, 1855. This portion of the book alone will secure it thousands of readers in this city and vicinity, and we are sure Mr. Johnson's story of sacrifice and of love is but one among those of a score of sufferers and laborers in the Missionary field in India. Buy the book by all means.

Messrs. Hunt & Miner send us old Blackwood, which is as fresh and as solid as usual. A great variety of reading, pleasant to those who like something to chew upon may be found between the brown covers of Old Ebony for December.

R. M. De Witt, New York, has just published a book, for sale by Hunt & Miner, with the above title, which is on our table. A committee was appointed by the New York Legislature, a year ago to examine into and report upon the condition of the Tenant Houses of New York City. All intelligent readers will remember the horrible tale told by the dry detail of figures from that report as it appeared in the metropolitan journals. The writer of this book has seized upon the facts there disclosed and used them to "point a moral" in the present book. A mass of respectable testimonials has from time to time appeared in reference to the character and objects of this volume, from which we have present space for the following from Rev. Sam'l Osgood of the Church of the Messiah, New York:

"R. M. DE WITT.—*Dear Sir*, I have read with interest the story just from your press, entitled 'The Tenant House.' It treats with great power and pathos the tragic fact of our modern city life—the fact of rent and rented houses for the poor. It is written in a Christian spirit, and with obvious marks of an observing mind, a large experience, and vivid imagination."

STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION FOR WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA.—On Tuesday morning, the 28th inst., in pursuance of recommendation of the Allegheny County Teachers' Institute at its meeting in August last, a number of teachers assembled in the Hall of Iron City College for the purpose of organizing a State Teachers' Association for this portion of the State. The attendance was quite limited, the number present being made up mostly of the teachers of this and the adjoining city.

On motion of A. Burtt, of Fifth Ward Public School, D. M. Kerr was called to the chair, and W. W. Reddick, of Uniontown, was chosen Secretary. B. M. Kerr then, the proceeded to deliver an address of welcome to the teachers present. The remarks of the gentleman were highly appropriate, well conceived and eloquently spoken.

A committee of five was appointed to report officers for the permanent organization of the meeting, as follows: W. W. Bickham, of this city, W. W. Reddick, of Uniontown, Thos. Berry, of Lawrence, Alex. Clark and R. N. Avery, of this city.

Mr. Dickson moved that all present be considered as members for the present. Adopted.

A general discussion on the necessity of the proposed institute was then carried on between Messrs. L. H. Eaton, of Allegheny, Burtt, McLain and others. At noon the further discussion was postponed, when the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to report a constitution: H. C. Hitchock, Bidding the place of establishing the institute, God speed. Thos. H. Burrows, also wrote, regretting his inability to be present. A letter from S. P. Bates, who is to be present today. Meeting adjourned till 2 o'clock.

Afternoon Session.—The meeting reassembled at two o'clock: when Prof. Dickson from the Committee on organization, submitted the following report:

President—Thomas Berry, Lawrence County.

V. Presidents—S. B. M'Cormick, Cambria Co. F. F. Thickstun, Crawford co., R. Morton, Allegheny; T. F. Lehman, Pittsburgh.

Secretary—A. D. Simpson, Allegheny.

Executive Committee—Rev. S. Findley, A. Burtt, R. N. Avery, J. Wenzell of Pittsburgh, and H. Stewart of M'Keesport.

The report was adopted and Committee was discharged.

No business performed, the question was taken up for discussion—"What can be done to improve our Common Schools?"

The discussion of this question was opened by Mr. Kerr, who spoke briefly to the point, that if we the teachers would improve ourselves more, our schools would be better. He was succeeded by Mr. Burtt, who began by reading the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that our Common School system would be rendered more satisfactory and efficient by so amending the Acts of Assembly relating thereto, as to embrace the following provisions:

1st. That the authority to examine teachers and grant certificates which is now exercised by the County Superintendent alone, be vested in a Committee consisting of the County Superintendent and two practical teachers appointed by the County Court.

2d. That the principal duties of the County Superintendent shall be to visit schools, deliver public lectures on education, call teachers' institutes and give instruction to teachers in the art of teaching.

3d. That the proviso in the present law which empowers the County Superintendent to cancel teachers' certificates without assigning any cause, be repealed, and it be made the duty of the Superintendent to furnish the teacher whose certificate he shall annul with a written statement of the charges against him; and further, that the accused shall be entitled to a trial by a competent committee of professional teachers.

A lengthy discussion on these resolutions ensued, which was not concluded at the hour of adjournment.

The evening session was occupied by a lecture on Mnemonics from Prof. Dickson.

EATING OYSTERS AGAINST TIME.—An individual hailing from some of the little towns along tide-water—very proud of the products of the land of his nativity—stepped into Col. Fricker's Restaurant, on Christmas afternoon. He amused himself by examining the pile of shell oysters, and began making some insidious remarks about the relative merits of the Colonel's oysters, as compared with those "where he came from."—He next commenced bragging about his ability at opening oysters, and then spoke about his ability at eating. He talked about having eaten two hundred and fifty oysters at one time. The Colonel thought that rather stiff, and promptly offered to bet $20 that he had a boy in his saloon who could open oysters faster than any man he could find, and $20 more that he could not eat *one* hundred of his (Col. Fricker's) oysters. The man from tide-water, confident of his powers of digestion, promptly covered the Colonel's $20.00, and kred himself for the contest, twenty-five minutes being allowed for the job.—He got *forty-one* stowed away, and wisely abandoned his stake, leaving the other fifty-nine bivalves in a state of pleasant unconsciousness of the fate they had escaped.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE.—We received the January number of this magazine from our literary friends of Masonic Hall, too late for notice in Saturday's paper. It is a number which will well repay a careful perusal. The opening illustrated article, descriptive of the conception, charter, surveys, difficulties and final triumph of the Panama Railroad, is graphic. The next is also an illustrated article, entitled "The People of the Red River," describing the country, manners and customs, of the Pembinese, Selkirkers, Bois-Brulians, etc. Quebec, illustrated, is an article which will also be read with interest. Hunt & Miner have received large additions to their Holiday stock of Books and fancy articles, and are still prepared for a rush of customers.

POSTPONEMENT.—The Concert of the Chestnut Street Mission Sabbath School, Allegheny, which was to have been held next Thursday, has been postponed until Thursday, the 13th of January next. It will be held in Wesley Chapel, on Liberty street, opposite Woods' Brewery. We trust it will be well attended, as the proceeds will be appropriated to the Sabbath School, which is really in need of funds, for rent, the purchase of a library, &c. This is a cause which is, in every respect, worthy of Christian sympathy, and the call for aid should meet with a general response on the part of the public.

CORRECTION.—[illegible] typographical error, the vote of Mr. Coleman, President of the Gymnastic Association, was made 189. It should [illegible]

THE CHARGE AGAINST MR. MASON.—We gave publicity on Saturday last to a statement which we clipped from and credited to the *Chronicle*, but which, we are convinced, did injustice to Mr. Mason, though we by no means charge any intention of the kind upon the *Chronicle*. The following, which we are assured is the correct state of the matter, we find in the *Post* of yesterday:

"ANOTHER PHASE.—In our last issue we gave one version of an affair in which Mr. Mason, now of the firm of Potter, Mason & Co., New York, was arrested on a charge of fraud. There is another view of the case, and as we gave currency to the other side, we feel in duty bound to set Mr. M. right. We accordingly give the following statement, which shows that Mr. Mason was innocent of any intention to defraud. Mr. Craig, it appears, was indebted to the firm of Potter, Mason & Co., and the account recently coming due, the period of payment was extended. On Thursday last, shortly after this arrangement was made, Mr. M. learned that judgments for various sums had been entered against Craig, and called with our informant, to get goods, if nothing better, in liquidation of his claim. Mr. M. took several watches, at the instance of our informant, who desired to buy some; and half an hour afterwards was called on by the Deputy Sheriff, who told him that Craig's goods had been levied on, and that the watches must be returned, or security given for their value. Mr. M. entered into the required bonds, and, believing that Mr. Craig would be delighted at the opportunity thus given him of paying his debts in merchandise, thought the matter settled; but he was destined to disappointment, for steps were taken for the recovery of the watches, which Mr. M., rather than be detained in the city, surrendered. We may here state that Mr. Mason is not one of the firm of A. A. Mason & Co., nor has he been for three years."

ANTI-TAX MEETING IN SHOWDEN TOWNSHIP.—According to notice, a large and enthusiastic meeting of the citizens of Showden tp., convened at the house of Peter Boyer, on Saturday, the 25th inst., to take in consideration the very important question of Railroad Taxation. The meeting was organized by calling Wm. Wilson, Sr., to the chair, and appointing L. McCoy Larimer, Secretary.

On motion, L. McCoy Larimer, Samuel Woods and William Stewart were appointed a Committee on resolutions.

The Committee reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The extraordinary and unjust demands of the Railroad Bondholders, and the still more extraordinary and unjust decision of our Supreme Court, call loudly for the citizens of Allegheny county to look to their rights and interests, and assert them in such a way that they will be heard. Therefore,

Resolved, That for the perpetuation of our rights, and to get a full expression from the people, we must have a County Convention; and for this purpose we would urge the different County Committees to put forth a united call to the people to meet in their different districts to elect and instruct delegates to a People's County Convention, to be held not later than the 1st of February next.

Resolved, That to get a full expression of the people, we recommend not less than six delegates from each district.

L. McCoy Larimer and Samuel Woods were appointed to have the proceedings published.

On motion, adjourned, to meet at the call of the County Committees.

WM. WILSON, Sr., Pres't.
L. MCCOY LARIMER, Sec'y.

MEETING OF TAX PAYERS.—At a meeting of the Tax-Payers of Findley township, held at the house of Wm. Dilkes, on the 25th of December, George Burns was elected President, and Jas. H. McNall, Sec'y.

On motion, the following committee was appointed to draft resolutions, as the sense of this meeting, in regard to Railroad Taxation: Wm. Irwin, Henry Strouse, Daniel Crane, McA. Arbuckle, John Moody.

Committee reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Man by nature has certain inalienable rights, and government is formed to protect those rights, among which is his right to life, liberty and property; therefore, when government ceases to protect the citizens in their rights, they are released from all obligations to obey either Legislators, Courts or Commissioners, who are nothing but servants of the people.

Resolved, That we will cheerfully pay our State and county tax, but a tax for railroad debts is unjust and unconstitutional, and we will resist the payment of it to the bitter end.

Resolved, That having elected our Commissioners under solemn pledges not to levy a railroad tax, we will sustain them in carrying out their pledges, and we will not support any man for office who will countenance in any form the collection of a tax so unjust and fraudulent as the British Railroad tax, which we are now called on for railroad debt, nor any county paper that is disposed to sacrifice our rights for the benefit of railroad corporations.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in all papers in the county opposed to railroad tax.

Resolved, That this meeting adjourn to meet on the 8th of January, at one o'clock, for the purpose of electing delegates to attend a County Convention JAMES H. MCNALL, Sec'y.

COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS.—Before Judges McClure, Adams and Parke.

The first case taken up on Tuesday morning was that of the Com. vs. Joseph E. Robinson, Rebecca Robinson, Alexander Hanna and Catharine Hanna, charged with surety of the peace, on oath of Sarah A. Stevens and Nancy Stevens. The testimony did not support the charge, and both Sarah and Nancy were ordered to foot the costs.

Com. vs. Wm. McMullen and Catharine McMullen; charge, surety of the peace, on oath of Maria Mulvey. The prosecutrix did not appear when called, and the defendants were discharged.

Com. vs. A. Seneigo; charge surety of the peace, on oath of John Andisio. John pays the costs.

Com. vs. Ann Gray; charge, surety of the peace, on oath of Sarah Kirk. The prosecutrix was not present and was ordered to pay costs, while the defendant was discharged.

Com. vs. John Hersh; charge, surety of the peace on oath of Patrick Murray Patrick pays costs.

Com. vs. Reese Davis; charge, surety of the peace, on oath of Charles Winters and Anne Davis. The prosecutors were ordered to pay the costs.

A VALUABLE WORK.—We recently had the pleasure of examining a set of *Lord Kingsborough's Mexican Antiquities*, 9 vols, imperial folio; four of these immense volumes are filled with illustrations on India proof, in the highest style of art, the remaining volumes being occupied with letter-press descriptions of the illustrations. The whole forms one of those elaborate works, the production of which would occupy most of a lifetime, and the cost of which would appal modern publishers. A large edition of the work was sold to subscribers, when first published in 1833. At this time but *one copy* remains for sale in the Union, and the publisher, Mr. Bone, of London, has but *four sets* for sale. The work being out of print, and the cost of publication being so enormous, it is not likely that a second edition will ever appear. Those curious to examine so valuable a work may be gratified by calling upon J. L. Read, 78 Fourth street, who is the fortunate possessor of the *only copy* for sale in this country.

DRAGOON PARADE.—The Allegheny Dragoons, Capt. Vierheller, turned out on parade Monday. They are a handsomely uniformed and well mounted company, and presented a fine appearance as they trotted through the principal streets. The turn-out was smaller than usual, as the company is numerically strong. They wound up their day's performance by a pleasant ball at Lafayette Hall in the evening. The application of the company for side arms is treated with unjustifiable neglect, as they are fully entitled, by mount and equipment, to receive them. As it is the only mounted company in the two cities, the Adjutant General should attend to the matter, and have them armed properly as soon as possible.

We learn that a meeting of citizens was held a few days since in Moon township, and that John D. M'Cormick, Thomas McFadden, Samuel Stevenson and Edward McGinnis were elected to attend a County Convention to be held in this city at some day to be appointed. The object of the meeting was the consideration of railroad taxes, and a series of resolutions were passed as we are informed.

SEVERELY INDISPOSED.—We regret to learn that F. H. Collier, Esq., District Attorney, has been confined at his residence in Sharpsburg for some time, from a severe attack of pneumonia. His condition was critical for a few days, but he is now in a fair way of recovery. J. H. Miller, Esq., will act in his stead during the present term of the Criminal Court, and will be assisted by A. M. Brown, Esq.

THE exhibition at the Gymnasium, for the benefit of Mr. Passavant's Infirmary, will take place to-morrow evening, at which time we expect to see a large assemblage of people present. The exhibition itself, aside from the object of it, would be worth seeing, and when taken in connection with the noble charity which the money goes to sustain, it ought to draw the largest house of the season.

SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS.—John Zimmerman and David Anderson were committed for thirty days each as suspicious characters, on Monday. They were seen to enter several houses without any apparent motive, and the Alderman believing that their calling was not an honest one, dealt with them as above stated.

JAYNE SUIT.—[illegible]

AT the close of the meeting of the Common Council, Monday evening, Capt. Pratt was presented with a well filled pocket-book, as a testimonial from the Council for the faithful discharge of his duty as messenger to that body. The Captain responded in one of his neat and appropriate speeches.

TRUSTEES ELECTED.—The following gentlemen were elected Trustees of the Masonic Fund Association, yesterday: William Phillips, A. M. Shidle, Thomas Davage and J. W. Hallman. The Board, as now constituted, is the same as last year.

MCKEESPORT BANK.—The assets of this institution, on the 25th inst., amounted to $91,435, of which $47,986 71 was in discounted bills, and $7,791 cash in vault. The circulation of the Bank is $25,165, and the amount on deposit $1,189 64.

WE have been informed that after this week the Daily Union Prayer Meeting will be held in the First Methodist Protestant Church, Fifth street—the Trustees having very kindly consented to give the use of the church.

METROPOLITAN MINSTRELS.—This band will open a short engagement of three nights at Masonic Hall, on to-morrow evening. We are assured that the entertainment will be chaste as well as amusing.

A YOUNG MAN named Kern, was beaten to death near Allentown, a few days since. Sixteen Irishmen have been arrested, charged with the murder.

THE Hope Cotton Factory resumes operations on the 3d of January, and will run full time. Cheering news this, for the operatives of the concern.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE.—The venerable and generous custom which has come down to us and is, we are glad to know, still punctiliously recorded, of making the "Christmas time" a period of gifts, will be religiously observed in this, as in former years. It has become a part of the "universal religion," and there is no person, whether Jew or Gentile, Greek or Roman, but recognizes it as almost a duty. It is a noble practice—an institution in no sense insignificant—fraught with results influencing the happiness of thousands. It would make a vast theme for the historian, as it has outlived many of the proudest empires, and is interwoven with the character of every people. In each age it has been moulded to the spirit which was abroad, and in this, though none of its poetry has been surrendered, the UTILITARIAN is its marked feature. Baubles—mere toys—things which can be prized for the moment only for their beauty—have been ignored. Worth—inherent value—usefulness—are vital considerations now, when the custom is to be celebrated. In this connection we will be pardoned for remarking that the most appropriate present of which we can think, particularly for a family, a "gift" which will be most highly valued by every lady who occupies the position of