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SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 24, 1859.

CITY AFFAIRS.

METEOROLOGICAL Observations for the *Gazette*, by G. E. Shaw, Optician, 58 Fifth St.—corrected daily:

	IN SUN	IN SHADE
9 o'clock A. M.	00	18
12 " M.	00	24
6 " P. M.		22
Barometer	29 4 10	

A HUGE CANNON.—We have from time to time, for a good while past, dropped in at the Fort Pitt Works to see how they were getting on with the preparations for casting the great gun which they have named the "Floyd." Nicholas Wade, Esq., who was in Russia in the employ of that government during a portion of the Crimean war, and a junior member of the firm of Knapp, Reid & Co., made the drawings, patterns, etc., while the moulding, casting and general direction of the work have been under the care of Mr. Joseph Kay, of the 5th ward. The great work is at length consummated, and deserves to be celebrated in a poem like Schiller's Song of the Bell. If this is not the largest cannon in the world, then we are mistaken. Seventy eight thousand pounds of metal were used in the casting which is four feet two inches in diameter, and nineteen feet five inches in length. The work was completed yesterday in the space of about four and a half hours. The metal was melted in what are known as reverberatory air furnaces. The mould was a ponderous structure, and was placed vertically in a pit prepared for the purpose. The iron flask weighed thirty-one thousand pounds, and with the earthen mould, fifty-four thousand pounds. Its weight when filled with the iron was one hundred and twenty-eight thousand pounds.

This gun was most hollow, according to an invention of Capt. Rodman, of the U. S. Ordnance Department, and the job was done under his general supervision. The metal is cooled within in the hollow of the gun by means of a stream of water, which is passed through the earthen core. The cold water at the rate of about forty gallons per minute is passed in through a pipe at the top and in the centre of the core, and is discharged at the bottom. This stream is continued during the time the casting is cooling. The success which has attended this great undertaking so far, is a guarantee that the subsequent work upon this ponderous "thore" will be well performed. We believe that all the cannons hitherto made at the Fort Pitt Works have proved of very superior quality, capable of enduring a greater number of discharges than those made at any other foundry. These facts ought to direct the attention of Congress to this city as the favored point before all others for a National foundry, which we trust will be established here in due time.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Pittsburgh Insurance Company, held at the office of the Company, on Friday, Dec. 23d, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Divine Providence to remove from this life ROBERT GALWAY, Esq., late President of this Company, and it is proper that some suitable expression of regret for his decease and sympathy for his family should be made, therefore,

Resolved, That we have heard of his death with emotions of sincere and heartfelt regret, and that we deeply sympathize with the afflicted family of the deceased in their sudden and sad bereavement.

Resolved, That we attend the funeral of our late friend to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Resolved, That a copy of the above resolutions be transmitted to his family, and published in the city papers. ALEX. BRADLEY, Pres't.

F. A. RINEHART, Sec'y.

EIGHTH WARD.—Following are the preliminary nominations in the Eighth Ward. The primary election takes place at the school house to-day between the hours of 3 and 7 o'clock p. m.

Select Council—One to be nominated—Samuel Morrow.

Common Council—Three to be nominated—C. H. Benrmann, Robert Coward, Jacob J. Miller, John C. Hindley.

Alderman—One to be nominated—Robt. Morrow, Joseph Little.

School Directors—Three to be nominated—J. I. Hamilton, 3 years, John Glass, 3 years, John Bennett, 3 years, Watt Hawkins, 2 years, Thos. Neely, 2 years.

Assessor—One to be nominated—C. H. King.

Constable—One to be nominated—G. W. Shafer, John Phillips.

Judge of Election—One to be nominated—James Ewing, Edward D. Dithridge.

Inspector—One to be nominated—Francis Friedrich, William H. Everson.

IN COURT.—The case of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad, will come up for argument in the District Court this morning. This involves the important question of the extent of jurisdiction of the Court in Ohio, under which a sequestrator was appointed for the road, and has been a display of legal ability on the part of the gentlemen who are engaged in the case. Hon. A. W. Loomis, one of the most eminent lawyers in the State, and George P. Hamilton, Esq., a man of great legal attainments, appear in behalf of the road. We are not informed who are engaged on the other side.

The case of the Pittsburgh and Cleveland road will also be up. On Thursday an application was made by E. H. Hood, to whom the Company owe some $800, asking that a sequestrator be appointed to take charge of its revenues. A rule to show cause why the writ should not issue, was granted and made returnable to day, when a hearing will probably be had.

A SUITABLE HOLIDAY PRESENT.—Among the many popular Sewing Machines now before the public, there is none to which the Wilcox & Gibbs machine yields a preference, and certainly none which has a larger sale or gives more thorough satisfaction to purchasers. This machine is pre-eminent for its simplicity of construction, which scarcely admits of its getting out of repair; for the rapidity and excellence with which it performs its work; for the ease with which it is operated; for the fact that it performs the most intricate work as well as the simplest, with the same degree of satisfaction, and above all, for the low price at which it is offered—a price which brings it within the reach of the humble as well as the wealthy, and gives all a chance to procure it. A prettier, more useful, or more desirable gift can not be presented to a friend, and we therefore recommend our readers to call at No. 51 Fifth street, and examine them before buying elsewhere.

ACCIDENT.—Yesterday afternoon, a horse attached to an empty sleigh came rushing down Fifth street at a fearful rate. At the corner of Fifth and Smithfield streets the horse ran against a widow lady named Scully, who resides in Birmingham. The blow was so violent as to knock her nearly across the street. The result of this accident was a broken collar bone to the lady. She was picked up in a senseless condition and carried into Mr. Murphy's hat store, where she received all the attention that could be had.

ON Thursday evening, about 8 o'clock, as a couple of gentlemen of Allegheny were passing along Middle street, they observed a woman named Rachel Lake lying in the gutter, so drunk that she was unable to move, and very scantily clothed. They immediately took her to the office of Ald. Scott, who furnished her with lodgings for the balance of the night, and committed her to jail in the morning. It is more than likely that had not this poor wretch been discovered by these gentlemen that she would soon have perished, as the night was very cold.

THE WESTERN UNIVERSITY LECTURES.—The eleventh of the course of lectures upon that most practical of all sciences—Chemistry—was given last evening at the Hall of the University, to an excellent audience. The subject was primarily the Electric Telegraph, although in taking it up the whole subject of Voltaic Electricity was discussed. The lecturer commenced with magnetism, as existing in a certain ore of iron, called for this reason magnetic oxide. Black scales found after working iron are the same oxide. This being discovered first in the town of Magnesia, in Asia Minor, the property of attracting iron was called magnetism and the ore magnetic.

The Professor then turned to Voltaic Electricity, and related the history of its discovery in 1786, by Galvani, of Bologna. But Volta took up the subject, and in 1800 gave to the world the first voltaic battery. This was simply a set of disks, of copper and zinc, separated by a piece of wet cloth. The series would be in the order—copper, cloth, zinc, copper, cloth, zinc, and so on. The improvements since his time were then alluded to and explained—the more marked of these being Wollaston's, Daniell's, Grove's and Bunsen's batteries.

Coming now to the subject of Telegraphs, the Professor classified them under three heads. 1st, The Electro-magnetic; 2d, The Axial; 3d, The Chemical Telegraph. In our own country the representative of the 1st is Morse's; of the 2d, House's; and of the 3d, Bain's. The principles of these were then explained and the system was illustrated by telegraphing around the hall, using the Morse Register. The Boston system of Fire Telegraphs was described and illustrated with apparatus; also the burglar alarm, a bell being made to ring by electricity whenever a door or window is opened.

In the next and closing lecture Professor Barker intends to use the immense Galvanic Battery lately constructed here, which is the largest by far ever exhibited. The electric light from 100 zinc and carbon elements will be worth seeing.

SUICIDE.—A young woman between 15 and 16 years of age, named Minerva Denaven, committed suicide at the house of W. M. Duncan, who lives near Mansfield, about six miles from the city. On Thursday night Mr. D. and family were visiting at a neighbor's, and left the girl at home. In the course of the evening, a brother of Mr. Duncan's called and went into the house, where this girl was talking and playing with the children. He asked her after a little, to put some coal on the fire, which she did; she also got a hod of coal, placed it near the door and then went out. This was the last seen of her alive. When Mr. Duncan returned and she did not come back, the family became alarmed, and Mr. D. determined to take his horse and ascertain if she had not gone to a neighbor's at some distance, with whom one formerly lived. He went to the stable and the first object that met his eyes was the dead body of the girl, suspended by a rope, from a beam in the barn. She had placed one end of the cord around her neck, fastened the other to a beam, and jumped off. No one knows the cause of this dreadful deed.

STRANGE ACCIDENT.—A man, whose name we did not learn, who lives in South Pittsburgh, called on the Mayor yesterday afternoon, and stated that, on Thursday night, his wife, who has a nursing child, turned over in bed, felt something give way in her breast, and died in about ten minutes. He tried, and so did the neighbors, to resuscitate her, but in vain. She was dead.

He had proceeded to prepare for the funeral, but the neighbors thought an inquest should be held, which will take place this morning.

THE EDUCATOR.—This sterling Monthly, whose office is indicated by its title, for November is before us, a little behind the time but bringing goodly freight. The first article is entitled "Ocean Life," and is from the pen of Mr. Findley the Editor. It alone is worth the price of the volume for the year. All the articles are new matter, well written and appropriate to the object of the work. The number is well printed and in all respects well gotten up. The work must succeed.

TAKE CARE, BOYS!—We like to see boys enjoy themselves in sliding down hill, but they must not do this at the exposure of life and limb to people on the streets. We direct the attention of the police to the fact that the riding on sleds down the hill on Fifth street from the Cathedral to the Post-line, and on Seventh street, is a dangerous practice and a nuisance, and we ask that it be abated.

CHANCE'S SCHOOL VISITOR.—The New Year number of this paper, devoted to the noble interest of our public schools, is a fine holiday sheet, attractive to the eye and filled to the brim with choice productions adapted to the comprehension of children. Subscribe for it.

AN EXAMPLE.—The workmen employed in James H. Lyon & Co's iron works have presented to one of their number who is sick, the sum of $58.22. We also understand that J. P. Lyon Esq. will give the sick man a benefit of $3 per week.

THE Allegheny County Teachers' Institute will hold its regular monthly meeting this morning, in Iron City College Hall. See advertisement.

PRIMARY ELECTION.—The primary elections in the Seventh, Eighth and Ninth wards will be held to-day.

A VALUABLE collection of Books will be sold this evening by catalogue at the Commercial sales room, No. 51 Fifth street, by Mr. Davis.

FOR SALE.—Three *Scholarships* for a full course of Writing and Book-keeping (two unlimited) in the Birmingham Commercial College. Here is an opportunity rarely offered for any one intending to attend an institution of this kind, and one that should be taken advantage of as the above scholarships will be only very cheap. This institution has been in successful operation for over a year, and it is not surpassed by any similar one in this community. For further particulars apply at the office, where the scholarships can be had.

DISASTROUS FIRE.—Wednesday morning, Dec. 14th, about 1 o'clock, the keg factory of Edwin Bell, on the canal, at the foot of Phelps street, was totally consumed by fire, with its contents. The foundry and machine shop of Van Brocklin & Jones, on the opposite side of the street, was in imminent danger. Mr. Bell's loss is about $1000; no insurance.—*New Castle Gaz.*

ACCIDENT.—On Monday last, the little son of John Brown, junior, who is about six years old, slipped down upon the ice, breaking his thigh bone, and otherwise bruising him. The fracture was reduced by Dr. Almon Hawley, and the child is now doing well.—*Ashtabula Sentinel.*

DISCHARGES FROM THE EAR WITH DEAFNESS.—Letter from Mr. C. E. Sargent.

BOSTON, Nov. 13, 1858.

Messrs. N. L. CHASE & Co:—*Gentlemen*:—I have been troubled for upwards of eighteen years with running sores in my head, discharging at my left ear, as often as twice a week, a thick, slimy matter of the most offensive smell, also impeding my hearing so that I could not hear a watch tick. I have been doing more or less for six years to purify my blood, and thus remove the sores or boils, but without entire change, except seemingly for the worse. About two months since I commenced taking the Peruvian Syrup. In less than two weeks I began to improve. The discharges became less frequent, with an entire change in their appearance, being thin and watery. In one week more the discharges ceased altogether, and I have not been troubled with them since. My hearing is also improving, so that I can hear a watch tick plainly. My general health is much better, and I shall continue the use of the Syrup in the confident expectation of deriving further benefit from it. Yours, most gratefully, CYRUS E. SARGENT.

BOSTON, Dec. 1, 1858.

This is to certify that Mr. C. E. Sargent has been in our employ for several years, and we feel assured that any statement he may make in regard to the infirmity with which he has been afflicted can be relied upon as truthful and correct. MALLET, DAVIS & CO., Piano Forte Manufacturers, 502 Washington street, Boston, Mass.

PHILADELPHIA, August 17th, 1859. Washington House, Chestnut st.

To the Proprietors of the Peruvian Syrup:—Gentlemen:—After the date of my letter to you of the 12th Nov. last, I continued to use the Peruvian Syrup until my hearing was fully restored to me, and my health perfectly re-established. I have not taken any of the Syrup for several months past, and I have no doubt that I am permanently cured of the infirmity with which I was for so many years afflicted. Yours, respectfully, CYRUS E. SARGENT.

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LATEST NEWS.

BY TELEGRAPH.

RECEIVED AT THE DAILY GAZETTE OFFICE.

Thirty-Sixth Congress—First Session.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 23.

HOUSE.—Mr. Farnsworth, of Illinois, being entitled to the floor, was willing to give way for a motion to proceed to a vote for Speaker.

Mr. Ruffin, of N. C., and other Democrats objected, insisting on Mr. Farnsworth either proceeding with his remarks or abandoning the floor altogether.

Mr. Farnsworth said he made the proposition in good faith. He did not desire to place any impediment in the way of an organization. He and his Republican friends had been here for nearly three weeks desirous and anxious to vote for a Speaker. They had no disposition to discuss the slavery question now, but would wait until an organization had been effected. He spoke for himself, and did not want the Republican party held responsible for his utterance. He said they had been met here with speeches and resolutions in regard to Helper's pamphlet, and the speech delivered by Senator Seward. These things were thrust in their faces, with threatened dissolution of the Union on that account. It had even been threatened here that if the Republicans elected a Speaker, the Union shall be severed instanter. He proceeded to read extracts from the Richmond Enquirer, of June, 1857, and May and June, 1856, to show that that journal had used irrepressible conflict doctrines, and pronounced free society a failure, and further said that war between the two systems will rage everywhere until the one conquers and the other is exterminated. Mr. Seward, he said, never uttered irrepressible conflict doctrines half so strong as that. Senator Hammond, he added, had presented similar sentiments in regard to such a conflict.

He denied the authority of any members holding him responsible for endorsing Helper's book. It was none of their business; he read such books as he pleased. There was nothing in his part of the country which would not stand the test of free discussion and criticism. He proceeded to arraign the Democratic party for endorsing a book called Black Diamond, written by Pollard, of Va., and caused to be read various testimonials in its favor, adding that the writer advocates the going into Africa and seizing and deluding the natives to gain their consent to be shipped to this country by the middle passage, enslaved on their arrival, and after getting here to induce them to live in perpetual bondage. The writer admits that it would be an infraction and violation of the laws of the United States, but justifies it by the necessities of the case, and says that the Union could be preserved only by this so called conservative policy. Is this the sentiment of the Democratic party?

Mr. Cobb—I deprecate the re-opening the Slave trade question. Now, I speak out and say whether you endorse Helper's book.

Mr. Farnsworth would like to ask Mr. Miles the question whether he endorsed those sentiments?

Mr. Miles replied that he most heartily, utterly and from the bottom of his heart, deprecated any evasion of the law. [Applause.] He recognized the higher law of sentiment and honor which compelled him to obey the Constitution.

Mr. Farnsworth wanted to know whether he is in favor of re-opening the Slave trade, by the repeal of the laws?

Mr. Miles replied that he was not prepared to