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FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 16, 1860.

CITY AFFAIRS.

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

	IN SUN.	IN SHADE.
9 o'clock A. M.	00	32
12 " M.	68.	50
6 " P. M.		45
Barometer		29 7-10

☞ See advertisement of situation wanted in another column.

PARTICULARS OF THE CONFLAGRATION.—We give this morning full particulars of the destructive fire which occurred in Allegheny on Wednesday night. It broke out, as is well known, in the large carpenter shop of Abram Patterson, originally built for a canal warehouse, corner of Locock and Anderson streets, in the Fourth Ward, between 10 and 11 o'clock. One gentleman passing along Locock towards Anderson street about half an hour before the flames were discovered, detected the smell of burning wood, and looked around in every direction to ascertain where it came from, but was unable to discover the source. Another thought he scented something like the odor of burning straw. Had a thorough examination been made in the neighborhood, the disaster might perhaps have been prevented. The fire originated in the centre of the frame building occupied by Mr. Patterson as a carpenter shop, and the flames made such rapid progress and raged with such appalling fury that in a short time every thing on the lot, lumber and buildings, was destroyed. Mr. Patterson's loss is very heavy. We have been unable to obtain an accurate estimate of it. His insurance on the shop and dwellings adjacent had expired on the 9th of this month and had not been resumed. The three story brick house on Anderson street, next to the canal, owned by Mr. Robert C. Clark, and occupied by him in the millinery business, was nearly destroyed. The inside of the house was almost totally burned out, leaving nothing of any value but the walls. Loss about $500. Insured for $1200 in the Citizens' Company. The two houses on the northeast corner of Locock and Anderson streets, were more or less damaged. The corner building was owned and occupied by Dr. M. R. Trevor, and was injured as much by the water as by the fire, the latter being confined to the upper story. The roof was of slate, and probably saved the building, as its position was much exposed. Loss between one hundred and two hundred dollars. The other house belonged to Mr. J. A. Knox, merchant, and was occupied by Dr. Findley, M. D. The damage to the building was considerable. The roof was burned badly, leaving a hole for the access of water that was thrown on it, which did much mischief to the interior of the building. Dr. Findley's furniture was also very much injured. Loss about two hundred and fifty dollars.

The steeple of the Reliance engine house, on the south-east corner of Lescock and Anderson streets, caught fire, but the flames were extinguished without material loss. On the south-west corner, a large three-story building, extending along Lescock street, the front part occupied by Thomas Woodsides & Bro., druggists, and the back part by Thomas Arnold, as a dwelling, was much damaged by water. The window shutters were badly burned, showing the intense heat of the fire. The property belongs to some parties in Philadelphia, for whom Messrs. Penney & Sterrett are agents. Loss between $100 and $200, covered by insurance. The next on Lescock street was a two-story brick house, the property of Hon. George Darsie, occupied by his son-in-law, Geo. H. Anderson. Damage mainly by water; loss about $150, covered by insurance. Two other dwellings in the same block, the one occupied by Mrs. Stackhouse and the other by C. W. Ernest, were badly injured. The roofs of both houses were burned through and the floods of water that were poured on them to effect their preservation, deluged every room in the front buildings down to the first floor, destroying the plastering, furniture and carpets. Loss about $500, covered by insurance. John S. Stackhouse, a son of Mrs. Stackhouse, confined to his bed by consumption, was carried from the house during the hottest of the fire. Mr. Frank Robison, while on the roof of Mr. Ernest's house, trying to check the flames, fell through into the garret, but was not hurt. The next house was owned by the heirs of Isaac Patterson, dec'd, and occupied by Mr. R. C. Stevenson, the agent of the Ft. Wayne road. This house was damaged most by the water; the paints on the wood work outside were very much blistered. Adjoining Mr. Stevenson's residence was a large yard, and the fire extended no farther on this side of the street.

On the other side, adjoining the yard of the carpenter shop, was a frame dwelling belonging to the estate of Alex. Patterson, and occupied by a workman named Baldwin. This was wholly burned up, with the larger portion of the furniture. Adjacent to it was a two story brick dwelling belonging to the same estate and occupied by Mr. Thomas Little, of this city, wholesale grocer on Second street. This building was much injured by fire and completely drenched with water. Mr. L. lost the most of his furniture. On the other side of the canal, the frame building owned by Mr. McClurg, and occupied as a coal depot, was in imminent danger, but was fortunately saved. The brattle work of the Ft. Wayne railroad was considerably burned and will have to be repaired. A row of new brick buildings fronting on Church Avenue were scorched by the intense heat, but no other mischief was done to them. The tools of the hands employed in Patterson's shop were all destroyed, with an immense quantity of building material. The loss of the mechanics who had their tools burned will be about $100 each. In endeavoring to remove a small safe from the office, containing books and valuable papers, Mr. Joshua Patterson had his hands and neck badly blistered by the fire. A stream of water was kept playing on the safe and its contents were probably saved.

The fire is believed to have been the work of an incendiary. There is no other hypothesis by which to account for the fire. We believe there was no fire kept in any part of the building. The villain who could perpetrate such a crime against the life and property of a citizen deserves the severest punishment known to the law.

FEMALE COLLEGE.—We enjoyed the pleasure of a brief attendance upon the delightfully interesting exercises had at the Pittsburgh Female College, on last evening, being the occasion of a reunion of the Literary Circle of the Institution in parting with their beloved Principal, J. H. Knowles, who leaves to-day to assume the chair of mathematics in Genesee College, Lima, N. Y. We found the hall densely crowded by the young ladies of the institution, their parents and invited spectators. The whole programme was appropriate and interesting, the performances creditable and the music charming.

Professor Knowles is a great favorite in our city, and especially so among the young ladies from whom he took his final separation last evening. As an evidence of the high esteem in which he is held, and as a slight token of their appreciation of his services as the Principal of the College, the young ladies presented him with a complete and very superb set of the Works of Washington Irving. This valuable souvenir possesses the greater value from the fact that it was an impromptu offering of grateful and appreciative hearts to a beloved preceptor, whose wise counsels, judicious discipline and profitable teaching had endeared him inexpressibly to the fair young donors. He bears away with him the kindest wishes and prayers of many tender and ingenuous hearts.

The brother of the President, D. S. Knowles, Professor of Languages and the higher mathematics, was also the recipient of a beautiful and appropriate memento a very elegant, complete and ornamental Writing Desk. This presentation was also a surprise, and was made by four charming young ladies of his Virgil class. These pleasing incidents delightfully vary the monotony of College life and we note them as heart-cheering episodes in the assiduous and toilsome life of the College Professor. These affectionate tokens of kind appreciation and esteem, will be of perennial remembrance in the future lives of these good men, whose high mission is not always suitably recognized or rewarded.

President Rev. J. H. Pershing will assume the duties of Principal at the opening of the next session. We shall have more to say of this fact and of the institution itself, at another time.

DEATH OF JUDGE MERRILL.—The death of the Hon. Gilbert Merrill was announced in the Warren County Court on the 7th, as having been just ascertained. The deceased had been a prominent member of the Warren Bar, and had served as Prosecuting Attorney and as the Judge of the Judicial District which includes Warren county. A meeting of the Bar was held and resolutions adopted expressive of the regret felt on account of this sad visitation and of the high appreciation entertained of the character of the deceased as a man of integrity, benevolence and fidelity to duty. The Court, which was in session, adjourned, and it was determined that the members of the profession should attend the funeral in a body.

NATIONAL BANK NOTE REPORTER.—This valuable "money guide" is out for March. We have examined it thoroughly and find it to be the most reliable of its kind, and most cheerfully recommend it to our patrons. It contains a minute discription of all the latest counterfeits, together with an elaborate list of all current and concurrent monies. This Reporter should be in every counting room. Office in the *Dispatch* building, Fifth street.

THE exhibition of the Gymnastic Association on Thursday evening, was a perfect success, and the large audience dispersed perfectly delighted with the performance.

THE joint committee on Organic Science, of the Academy of Science and Art, was held on Thursday evening, at Brewer's Hall—Dr. Reiter in the chair; Dr. J. King Secretary *pro tem.*

It was announced that at the meeting of the committee, on next Thursday evening, Dr. Reiter will deliver a lecture on the subject of "Histology"—(Greek, *histos*, a web; *logos*, discourse;) —the ultimate tissue of organic bodies. The lecture will possess much interest, and no doubt there will be a large attendance.

Rev. A. M. Stewart delivered an elaborate and interesting lecture, on the subject of "Entomology," dwelling chiefly on the elements of the science. He described minutely the habits and general characteristics of various insects—their mechanism, etc. His discourse was listened to with much attention throughout, and he will continue the same subject on next Thursday evening.

PIKE'S PEAK.—The recent favorable news from the mines at Pike's Peak has revived the feeling to emigrate to that Eldorado. Quite a number of persons in this vicinity are preparing to leave during the next few weeks, with the intention of embarking their fortunes there. Last week a party of four or five left on the steamer Hawkeye State; and officer Teets, of the Allegheny police, with Mr. James Reed, toll-keeper on the new suspension bridge, both old residents of Allegheny city, contemplate an early departure, all bound for this modern Ophir. The fortunes of those who have abandoned their homes on errands of this kind have been various. Some have returned with a princely supply of the glittering metal, others in an almost impoverished condition. We hope the present gold seekers may meet with the success of the former class.

THE CONCERT LAST NIGHT.—The M. E. Church on Smithfield street was filled with a large and delighted audience last night. The music was well performed by Prof. Eberrali's well trained choir of singers. The instrumental accompaniments on the piano and bass viol, evinced very great skill in the performers. Every piece was admirably performed and highly applauded. We were exceedingly well pleased with the execution of the following charming pieces: "Rock Beside the Sea," "Homeward Bound Whaleman," "Ella Leene," and "Washington's Birth-day."

The concert was given for the benefit of Simpson Chapel, in Duquesne Borough, and deserves the highest praise both for its object and for its success.

POLICE MATTERS.—Alex. Hunter and Joseph Aurenix, two respectable citizens, brought cross suits before Mayor Wilson, on Thursday, for surety of the peace. It appears that they quarreled about money matters, and made violent threats towards each other.

Ald. Taylor committed Thomas Rincelf for assault and battery upon, one Catharine Smith.

Ald. Rogers committed James Scott, on the above charge, on oath of Joseph Brookins.

Justice Cooharance, of M'Keesport, committed Malcom Williams, on a charge of committing an assault and battery upon a woman named Mary Daugherty, by striking her with a chair, when she interfered to prevent him beating his wife.

WAR EAGLE.—At the Pittsburgh Theatre this evening for the benefit of Miss Denvil, whose performance during the week have been received with marked approbation by large and appreciative audiences, "Ireland as it Was" will be given, with Mr. G. Brookes as "Ragged Pat," together with a new band of Negro Minstrels. We hope the lady will receive such an overflowing house as the double bill and her own merits deserve.

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200 shares Iron City Bank Stock—cost	10,000 00
200 do Exchange Bank Stock—cost	11,808 83
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Mortgage 12,000 00
110 shares Mechanics' Bank Stock—cost 6,160 00
100 do Citizens' do do do 5,175 00
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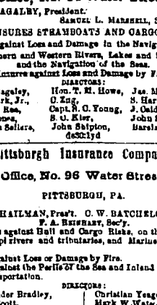

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