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CITY AFFAIRS.

METEOROLOGICAL Observations for the *Gazette*, by O. E. Shaw, Optician, 53 Fifth St.—corrected daily:

	IN SUN.	IN SHADE.
9 o'clock A. M., rain	60	60
12 " M	104	79
6 " P. M		68
Barometer		29 1-10

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DR. J. H. SCHENCK, of PHILADELPHIA.—This gentleman, whose advertisement we have put aside for sometime back, proposes to visit Pittsburgh on Monday and Tuesday, June 11th and 12th, and will be prepared to examine patients at that time well known Drug Store of our friend Dr. GEORGE H. KEYSER. Dr. Schenck is the proprietor of Schenck's RESPIRATORY for examining lungs, and will also give advice in cases of Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint and other chronic diseases. Dr. S. has cured some very difficult cases of long disease, as well as dyspepsia and liver complaint. Those who call on him will meet with a skillful physician who understands these ailments thoroughly. His medicines are "Pulmonic Syrup," "Seaweed Tonic" and "Mandrake Pills."

HEARING OF THE CHARTERS HIGNES.—The hearing of James Patterson, James Moles, David Brown, George Lewellen, Hugh Sweeny, John Parfater, Anthony Thompson, and Wm. Kernton, the persons charged by Michael Smith, of Birmingham, with riot, came off yesterday afternoon, at 2½ o'clock. It will be remembered that they attempted to ride him on a rail, for deserting his sick wife to live with a woman of bad character; but he escaped and came to the city, where he made the information against them.

The prosecutor, Smith, testified that he was surrounded, near Mrs. Kain's house, by the defendants, and after some threats to take his life, etc., Moles and Brown brought a rail and laid it down a few feet from him, where it was tarred by Patterson, who said they would either ride him on the rail or take his life; while they were engaged in tarring the rail, he managed to escape into the house and then to the city. He said he had heard a portion of the house Mrs. Kain lived in, for 12 months, and had resided there.

The counsel for the defense here asked him if the neighbors had not warned him that if he did not stop going into Mrs. Kain's part of the house, they would stop him; and that it was a shame that he should leave his sick wife and children to starve, as he was doing, while he was living with a woman of bad character? Smith would at first return no answer, but on being told he must answer, said they told him he must stop at home, and only that.

After identifying all those present as the persons named in the information, he left the stand, and Hugh Brogan was called. His testimony in relation to the riot was similar to that of Smith.

Mr. Pepper, the counsel for prosecutor, asked him, after he had finished, if he thought the rioters were *all* Lincoln men. Amidst loud laughter he answered he thought they were.

Mrs. Anderson testified she had seen the men Moles and Brown bringing the rail, and had heard threats made by them against Smith's life.

For the defense, John Carrington was called. He said he was walking down the street, with his grand-children, when he heard Smith, who came out of Mrs. Kain's house, balloing to Patterson; the latter went over, and stood talking with Smith, until Mrs. Kain came to the door and commenced blackguarding and abusing him. A crowd soon collected, and several boys brought a rail to ride Smith on.

He escaped to the house, when, keeping with a knife, he threatened to kill any one who would dare to lay hands on him. Patterson got a stick, and going up to him, said, with an oath, "drop that knife," which he did and left the place.

A number of witnesses corroborated this, among them, James Carnahan, who said Mike Smith came out of Mrs. Kane's and hallooed something to Patterson, who was on the opposite side of the street; the latter went over and commenced talking to him, until Mrs. Kane came to the door, and blackguarded him. Smith then said they should not ride him on a rail; just then one was brought and Patterson said "Where's the tar;" got blue oil instead of tar; Patterson greased the rail; he then said "Mike, come on;" Smith went into the house then, and came out with his hand in his pocket; Patterson went up to him and said, "come on;" Smith pulled out his knife; Patterson said he'd make him drop it; picked up a stick, and backed Smith to Brogan's door, where Patterson stopped.

Mrs. Brogan—Brown came over with the pole to the middle of the road, but did nothing more. George Duallan neither said or did anything; Perfater did nothing; Mr. Carrington came across the road with a child in his arms; no one but Patterson laid hands on Smith; he was in no danger from Patterson.

Cross examined—If the men would ride Mike Smith on a rail, they would ride the woman on a rail also.

The Mayor, after hearing the testimony, fined Patterson $100, and each of the others $5, for disorderly conduct. An information will be made against Smith for adultery.

SHOT.—A difficulty occurred between some men in a grog shop, on Federal street, near Lowock, Allegheny, on Monday night, which made it necessary to send for the police to quell the disturbances. When they arrived they proceeded to arrest the men; one cried out, "Boys, you won't see me arrested, will you?" A man named McElfresh then knocked officer Long against the wall, and drew a pistol, seeing which, officer Jamison drew his revolver and shot at him, the ball taking effect in his side and passing through to the back bone, where it lodged. No blame can be attached to Mr. Jamison, for if the row had not been thus suddenly stopped it might have ended fatally; as it was, it will only disable McElfresh for a while, and at the same time teach him better than to resist officers while in the discharge of their duty.

CORRECTION.—In the hurry of making up a news item from the Washington *Reporter* we unintentionally stated, the other day, the contested railroad tax case recently tried in Washington county—wrongly, to the effect that Mr. Buchanan suffered the defendant, who is constable of Cross Creek township, to levy upon and sell property of his sheep to pay this tax, and upon his doing so, brought his action of trespass against him before a justice of the peace for Mt. Pleasant township. The justice gave judgment, for the plaintiff, awarding $90 damage, the full amount claimed. Still the defendant appealed to court, and the sustained the judgment."—This was an error. The court *reversed* the judgment of the justice and sustained the validity of the constable's sale, thus in effect deciding that sales of property for railroad tax are legal.

THE CASE OF ALDERMAN JONES.—We noticed yesterday the grave charge brought against Alderman Jones, of the Fifth ward, by Edward Eakin—that of not making a return to the City Treasurer of $5 he received from the prosecutor as a fine for violating one of the ordinances, that of firing a gun within the city limits, and we expressed our opinion at the time that it was probably a mistake, and so it seems to turn out. The ordinance of October 6th, 1859, relative to returning fines to the City Treasurer, says that on the first days of January, April, July and November the Mayor and Aldermen shall make a return of all the fines collected by them, to the City Treasurer. This fine was received on the 8th of May, and therefore was not to be paid until the 1st of July, at which time it would have been paid.

RIBALT & MURDER.—Moses Lusel made information before Alderman Jones, of the Fifth Ward, Monday afternoon, charging Mary Buhra with committing an assault and battery with intent to kill his son Alexander, a boy about 14 years of age, by throwing a keg on his head.—He was so badly injured that it was thought at one time he would die, but the following note from Dr. McCook would seem to show he was out of danger now: "I visited the boy in Dr. Duncan's office and dressed his head. I do not think that there is any danger of his life, although there is a traverse fracture of the front part of the skull. I do not hesitate to say that he will recover." Mrs. Buhra was held in $2500 to answer this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

SALES OF STOCKS at the Commercial Sales Rooms, No. 54 Fifth street, by J. G. Davis, auctioneer:

117	Shares Bank of Pittsburgh	$62 50
132	do Mech'rs' & Manufact'rs Bk	57.00
5	do Exchange Bank	61 00
6	do Mechanics' Bank	56 12
15	do Allegheny Bank	55 25
15	do Citizens' Bank	55 25
10	do Allegheny Bridge Co	30 75
5	do Monongahela " "	25 00
20	do Monongahela Insurance Co	35 00
15	do Penna. Ins. Co., 29 92 paid in	13 50
5	do " " 29 00	12 50

355 shares.

LYON'S NEW BUILDING.

Hunt & Miner's Literary Depot.

COL. FRICKER'S RESTAURANT.

It must be a source of considerable gratification and pride to those who feel an interest in the prosperity of our city to observe the number and character of the iron fronts which have been and are being erected. Some of these are of colossal proportions; others are remarkable for their beauty; but all are an indication of progress in a community hitherto not conspicuous for a liberal spirit of enterprise.

One of the new erections to which the foregoing refers is Lyon's building, on Fifth street, adjacent to the Custom House. This magnificent structure is 80 feet wide by 120 feet deep, and rises 84 feet above Fifth street, while its massive foundations are sunk near the rear end over 30 feet below the level of the sidewalk in front. These foundations have been built with extraordinary care and strength, on account of the great weight they have to support, and to resist the lateral pressure of the earth against their outer side. The basement is 12 feet 6 inches high in the clear, has a cut-stone front on the street, and in the rear an open iron front towards a yard 30 feet square. It is lighted and ventilated by 7 windows on the side, and numerous flues. The floor is of heavy Youghiogheny flags, laid in a thick bed of gravel concrete, and trimmed around the edges with flagstone shirting, so as to make it impossible for rats or vermin of any kind to get under it. In the forepart of the basement in a large well, sunk many feet through the gravel, and as deep as the bottom of the Monongahela river below the bridge. It is covered with a large flag, having a strainer secured to its bottom to prevent any rubbish from getting into it, while the well itself acts both as a receiver for waste water used in washing floors, etc., and for draining the ground under the floor. In the latter particular it has already proved to be valuable, having carried off the water in a couple of hours which flowed in from the Dispatch building adjoining it, when the cellar was flooded in consequence of the late fire there. Another well of larger dimensions, in the rear serves a similar purpose for the yard, for water closets, and for the waste water of the boiler, which is located in a spacious vault below the rear of the basement, and heats the whole building. Another vault alongside answers for a cellar, and is separated from the former by a double brick wall, with an air chamber between, to prevent the heat from the boiler penetrating it. A similar precaution—the erection of an additional brick wall along the entire length of the side wall of the basement, and at a little distance from the stone foundation—is calculated to prevent the moisture of the surrounding ground from reaching the interior of the building. The basement is gained by a fine flight of stone steps leading down from the sidewalk, under which are arranged two vaults, in one of which Col. Fricker keeps his oysters and in the other his ale.

Crossing a gently rising stone flag, which, avoiding a step, forms a bridge over the area which leads to the basement, the first story is entered, now occupied by Hunt & Miner as a Book and Stationery Store. This story is 28 feet wide by 18 feet high in the clear. It is richly decorated with handsome carving and stucco work, and is most admirably provided with lights. Besides the front windows, which are each filled with a single pane of massive French plate glass 13 feet 6 inches high by 61 inches wide and 7/16 thick, there are seven large windows on the side and four openings in the rear, which, excepting the three iron pillars which support the wall, is sash from side to side and from floor to cornice. The carpenter and stucco work of the latter, as well as of the story above, is of a very rich and novel design, and in character with the corresponding parts of the front. The portion under the stairs leading from the street has been fitted up with an additional floor, so as to make store rooms, etc., in two stories. These stairs, which ascend to the second story, are constructed entirely of white sab, each piece selected on account of the richness of its grain. The second story is 20 feet high, and is finished in a style resembling the first story. Water closets are arranged in its rear, on the landing of the outside stairs, leading from the dining room down to the yard. They are now being constructed of an elegant and light pattern, the material being entirely wrought iron, excepting the cast iron columns intended to support the whole. Water is supplied near the front for the bar, in the centre for washstands, (with hose attachments for use in case of fire,) and in the rear to ensure expeditious use in the water closets. Another flight of stairs leads from the second to the third story and then turning to the right ascends to the fourth story, dividing each into a large front room of sufficient size for a ball room, and into a back room connected with the other, about 28 feet square. These stories are 17 feet high in the clear, and are richly adorned with carpenter and stucco work.

All the coils of steam pipes in the house (which will measure ¾ of a mile in the aggregate) are screened by a beautiful casting of the architect's own design, and are so arranged that the hot water formed by the condensation of steam flows back to a regulating apparatus that feeds the boiler, thus rendering a less supply necessary from the street pipes and economizing very largely the consumption of heat and fuel. The whole building, thus complete and substantial, was planned by Mr. Barthergar, the architect, and is a chef d'oeuvre of its kind—little another star in the list of noble buildings erected by the same architect, who within the last eight years has built the Cathedral, First Presbyterian Church, Odd Fellows' Hall, the Iron Front Bank Block, Iron City Bank, Citizens' Bank, besides a vast number of churches, schoolhouses and splendid country residences outside of this city.

The store room on the first floor, as has been stated, is occupied by Hunt & Miner. These gentlemen are now enjoying the fruits of a princely business, which their exertions during the past few years have built up and established. On entering the store a number of ornamental cases, stained with oak graining, will be observed, containing a large portion of stock. There are six on each side, and their contents may be enumerated as follows:

The first case contains the Tauchnitz edition of the British authors. This work is published in Germany, imported by Hunt & Miner for their own trade, and sold at a less figure than the cheap New York publications. The volumes are bound in the size of a small quarto, so that they can be readily held in the hand; the paper is good and the typography remarkably neat and legible. The second case contains works of fiction, annuals, albums and autograph books, a very fine assortment and bound in all styles. In the third case the most prominent English and American poetical authors figure in every description of binding. Number four contains Masonic and Old Fellows works, Law and Form books, Mechanical, Scientifical and miscellaneous. Number five contains Biographical and Historical works, Foster & Vail's publications, and Jones's books. Number six contains German works and Dictionaries, agricultural, school and classical books, cook books and books of game.

On the other side, number one contains books, writing desks, maps, bills, bibles, presentation books, encyclopedias, portfolios, &c. There are several sorts of writing desks—walnut, mahogany and $600 gilt the first year of Mr. Buchanan's administration. Mr. Barthergar, the architect, was also the architect of the Custom House