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WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 4, 1860.

CITY AFFAIRS.

METEOROLOGICAL Observations for the *Gazette*, by G. P. Shaw, Optician, 55 Fifth St.—corrected daily:

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9 o'clock A. M.	90	71
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Republican Headquarters for 1860,
CORNER WOOD AND FOURTH STS.
Entrance on Wood street.

FREE READING ROOM open every day, (Sundays excepted,) from 9 A. M to 10 P. M. English, German and Welch Newspapers from all parts of the Union on file, and Republican Campaign Documents for distribution. The public generally and strangers visiting Pittsburgh are cordially invited to call.

The Executive Committee of the Club meet EVERY WEDNESDAY at the Rooms at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

DEATH OF J. W. HALLMAN, ESQ.—Yesterday morning terminated the mortal existence of Mr. J. W. Hallman, who was probably one of the most extraordinary business men to be found in the commercial circles of Pittsburgh. He began life in Green county, which was probably the place of his birth, as a merchant, having embarked in business at the unusually early age of fifteen. It may be remarked in passing, that many of our affluent citizens, who started in the world with the last generation, began their mercantile career at a similarly early period. Such instances are exceedingly rare among the present generation. The preparation Mr. Hallman had for his avocation was a thorough English education, and a limited acquaintance with classical literature, obtained during a brief attendance at Washington College, Pa. Shortly after he got out of his teens, he removed to Pittsburgh and engaged in the wholesale grocery business, in partnership with Mr. Burbridge, now of New Orleans, under the firm of Hallman, Burbridge & Co. After prosecuting this business for some time, his health began to fail, and he removed to Baltimore, under the impression that he would there enjoy a more favorable climate. After a year or two experience, however, he found himself mistaken in these expectations, and removed back to Pittsburgh, where he reorganized the wholesale grocery business in company with Mr. Jennings, now of the firm of Singer, Hartman & Co. In this business relation he continued until 1846, when in connection with Mr. Coleman and some others he built the Duquesne Iron Works—an establishment in which, during the various changes of its partnership, he always retained an important interest, from the time of its erection until its death, and contributed largely towards its success and prominence among the commercial institutions of the Iron City.

Few men have figured in Pittsburgh possessing more capacity in a business point of view. Having determined to be a merchant at an age when most youths have an utter distaste for any serious pursuits, he began on the principle of self-reliance, and discharged his duties with an ardor and enthusiasm which nothing could baffle. Under these circumstances he was able, at a very unripe age, to conduct business operations of great magnitude, such as almost any persons of the same age and experience would now be discouraged from attempting. He had a most accurate knowledge of accounts, a habit had so quickened his perception in this regard that he could at a glance discern the solution of the most complex problems. His ability as a financier was also of the highest order, and in this sphere, principally, he exercised his fine talents of late years.

As is generally known, he was a very high MASON, having been for several years District Grand Master of Western Pennsylvania. He will be buried with Masonic honors. During his tour to Europe for his health, in 1840, he visited the Island of Malta, the storied home of the Masonic order; and, we understand, was dubbed a Knight of Malta. He was President of the Masonic Fund Society, was one of the best read men in the order, and took great interest in all its concerns.

For the last 20 years he had been struggling with the ailments which yesterday terminated in his death—dyspepsia and bronchial sore throat. During this time he was never absent from his post on account of sickness, except on one occasion, when he laid up a couple of days. His devotion to his chosen pursuit under such adverse circumstances, proves that he was actuated by the highest impulses of duty, and furnishes an example of self denial rarely met with. It is scarcely necessary to add, that in all his business transactions he exhibited the most unblemished integrity. At the time of his death he was President of the Pittsburgh Life, Fire and Marine Insurance Company. We are not aware that he was officially connected with any other commercial institutions. He left a large estate, estimated at about $200,000.

INTERESTING WITH OFFICERS.—A day or two since a young woman named Brown, residing, we believe, in the Sixth Ward, appeared before Alderman Lewis and preferred a criminal charge against a young man named Jackon Perphator, of the First Ward, Allegheny. A warrant was issued and placed in the hands of Officer Gow, who, in company with another policeman, proceeded on Monday evening to the house of the defendant for the purpose of arresting him. They knocked at the door, which they found was locked, when the father of young Perphator came to the window and told the officers they had better not attempt to come in the house; if they did, it would be at the peril of their lives, or something to that effect. Under these circumstances the officers were in a quandry as to what course they should pursue. After consulting together for a few moments, however, it was agreed that one of them should go and see a lawyer and ascertain whether or not they would be justified in breaking in the door, while the other would remain at the house and see that the prisoner did not escape. While this arrangement was being carried out, the defendant succeeded in getting on to the roof of the house, without being observed, from which by some means or other he succeeded in making his escape.

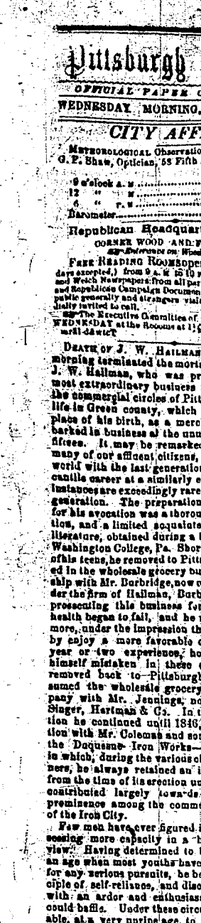
Yesterday morning Officer Gow made a complaint before Alderman Scott against W. W. Perphator (father of the accused) for interfering with him in the discharge of his duty. Perphator was arrested, and gave bail for his appearance at Court.

AT a competitive examination of the students of Duff's Mercantile College, Pittsburgh, held in the College Hall, on Tuesday, over $100 in premiums were distributed by the enterprising proprietor. The examination was conducted by the principal and professors, assisted by W. B. Hatch and R. S. Davis, esqs.

The first premium in book-keeping was awarded to W. T. Beatty, Washington Pa. The second to J. Y. Boice, Pittsburgh, Pa. The third to T. A. Predescux, Cumberland, Pa.

The first premium in penmanship was awarded to J. Y. Boice, of Pittsburgh, Pa. The second to C. Jones, Letart Falls, Ohio. The third to W. C. Rafferty, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The first premium in Commercial Law was awarded to J. M. Teese, Brownsville, Pa. The problems in Book-Keeping were [illegible]



[illegible] of Mr. A.D. Armstrong, grocery on the corner of [illegible] Streets, Allegheny, while [illegible] morning, had her pocket [illegible] gold and silver. She did not [illegible] until she reached home, when [illegible] pockets for her purse, but to her [illegible] and mortification, it had very [illegible] peared. As a matter of [illegible] the remotest idea as to who

[illegible], by J. G. Davis, [illegible] Rooms, No. 81

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