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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1866.

EDITORIAL BREVITIES.

OYSTERS sell for 50 cents to $1.75 per bushel at Baltimore.

MISS CLARA BARTON, the soldiers' friend, has entered the lecture arena.

FIFTY THOUSAND persons crossed the new suspension bridge at Cincinnati on Saturday last.

NOAH ABBOT, of Baltimore, who was recently accidentally shot, died from his injuries on Saturday last.

IN connection with the fire alarm telegraph in Baltimore a clock for city use will be placed in the bell tower.

THE *Dollar Newspaper*, of Burlington, N. J., advocates the election of John W. Forney to the Senate from Pennsylvania.

NEWSPAPER men are so partial to the eight hour system that they generally manage to double it each day—working sixteen hours.

JOHN Q. GROOME, of Maryland, who was the democratic candidate for Governor in opposition to Thomas Holliday Hicks, died last week.

DURING the past six years the negro population of Mississippi has decreased fourteen per cent. of the popula ion of 1860; or in figures, 64,000.

MR. HITE, a drover from Barbour county, West Virginia, was swindled out of several hundred dollars by a confidence man, in Baltimore, on Monday.

THE Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company has leased the Central Ohio Railroad, making a continuous line from Baltimore to Columbus. Over this new line the distance between Baltimore and Columbus is three miles nearer by way of Wheeling than by way of Pittsburgh. Is this arrangement to be regarded as a "settler" for the Connellsville Railroad?

THE resolution introduced in Congress asking for the correspondence in the hands of Seward and Johnson relative to John H. Surratt's arrest, is said to mean more than the public imagine. It is charged that Mr. Johnson and Mr. Seward connived in the escape of the notorious accomplice in Lincoln's assassination. As low as both of these gentlemen have sunk in the estimation of the people, we can attach no credit to this story.

THE directors of the Union Pacific Railway Company, (the Omaha or Platte river road) at a meeting in New York, on Saturday last, adopted what is called the "Lone Tree and Crow Creek route" across the main summit of the Rocky Mountains, on a parallel distant about one hundred miles north of Denver. This decision renders it probable that the Union Pacific Railway, Eastern Division, (the Kansas valley road) will cross the same mountains through a pass almost directly west of Denver, and that the two roads will not meet this side of Salt Lake.

MR. KELLEY, of Pennsylvania, introduced in Congress on Monday a new Revenue bill which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means:

The first section provides that there shall be one Commissioner with a salary of $6,000, a Deputy at a salary of $2,500, two assistants, salaries each $3,500; Solicitor and Cashier, salaries each $3,000; Auditor, salary $4,000; Chief Clerk and seven heads of divisions, each $2,500; and not more than 250 clerks. Section second provides that the Commissioner shall be appointed by the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court by nomination of the Chief Justice. Section third authorizes and requires the Commissioner to appoint all his own deputies and clerks, and also all assessors, collectors, revenue agents, inspectors, and generally to exercise the power now vested in the President and the Secretary of the Treasury for this purpose. Section fourth provides that all incumbent officers shall remain in office for sixty days after the passage of this bill, unless sooner relieved. This bill is not intended as a political measure for the purpose of weakening the President or diminishing his patronage, but the office is clearly a judicial one, and requires an able executive head. This security is believed to be demanded by the financial and commercial interests of the nation.

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Correspondence Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2, 1866.

The action of the House to-day fully sustains the impression created by the tone of the Republican caucus.

Mr. KELLEY's bill to organize a Department to be called the Department of Internal Revenue is an evidence of increased stiffness not to be overlooked. By this bill it is proposed to separate the collection of Internal revenue from the disbursement of it; to have the new Department presided over by a Commissioner appointed by the Supreme Court—the Chief Justice to nominate, and the Associate Justices to ratify—and upon this Commissioner is conferred by to appoint all the officers to serve under him throughout the country. This proposition is strictly in accordance with the Constitution as it stands, but whether it will prove acceptable to the Houses cannot yet be determined. However this may be, it may be taken for granted that the President will, in some form or other be stripped of the dispensation of patronage which he enjoys, not necessarily, but by acts of Congress, and which he has shamefully abused.

Mr. Stevens's bill to regulate appointments to and removals from office by the President has a much wider range, and, if passed into a law, will ensure to persons appointed continuance until the expiration of their respective terms, except removals for valid causes.

Mr. Boutwell's resolution, in reference to the capture of J. H. Surratt, is designed to probe the rumor that the Administration has known of his whereabouts for many months past, and could have brought him to justice if it would. There are sinister whispers, which may have no foundation, that impunity granted him is in some way connected with the conjectured complicity of leading men in the assassination of President Lincoln.

But Mr. Boutwell's bill providing for the regular sale of specie and the investments of the proceeds in interest bearing bonds—looking at once to a return to specie payment and the creation of a Sinking Fund for the extinguishment of the National Debt—has a much wider practical bearing.

Very significant is the vote of the House, 111 to 29, to repeal the law authorizing the President to pardon rebels before conviction. It is about time the pardon brokerage was stopped.

The appeal to the people has not been without consequential effects. Instead of the hesitancy and doubtfulness that marked congressional action at the last session the country may now look for directness and energy. E.

CITY ITEMS.

THE MUTUAL LIFE Insurance Company OF NEW YORK.

E. S. WINSTON, President.

ASSETS OVER $17,500,000, AND EXCLUSIVELY CASH.

Annual Dividends Available Immediately,

TO INCREASE THE INSURANCE OR REDUCE THE PREMIUM AT THE OPTION OF THE ASSURED.

Policy-holders and other persons interested in the subject of LIFE INSURANCE are invited to call on the undersigned, Agent of the Company, who will cheerfully give them full information as to the merits and practical working of the Company.

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$30 Reward,

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OUR MOTTO.

We use such Balms as have no strife,
With Nature or the Law of Life;
With our blood our hands we never stain,
Nor poison men to ease their pain.

Our Father, whom all goodness fills,
Provides the means to cure all our ills;
The simple herb beneath our feet,
Well used, relieve our pains complete.

A simple Herb, a simple Flower,
Called from the dewy Lee—
These, these shall speak with touching power,
Of change and health to thee.

Office—No. 194 Liberty street, between Sixth and Market, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Ladies' Furs.

The finest assortment of Ladies' and Misses' furs in this country may now be seen at the first class Hat, Cap and Ladies' Fur House of William Fleming, No. 120 Wood street. The reputation that this house has for many years maintained as a first class fashionable Ladies' Fur House; also, the extensive stock, and the low prices at which this establishment has always sold all grades of goods, from the cheapest to the finest sorts, should induce those who want any thing in the fur line to call at William Fleming's, No. 120 Wood street, before purchasing elsewhere.

Men Will Use Tobacco.

Their wives and sisters can find Christmas presents fit for their husbands, brothers and beaux at R. & W. Jenkinson's, Allegheny, third door from Suspension Bridge, where there will another to be found, besides all the common varieties, a very choice selection of meerschaum, briar wood, and other pipes, cigar holders, &c., of neat and ornate design; a large and varied stock of smoking and chewing tobacco, and many of the popular brands of Cuban and American cigars.

The Howe Sewing Machine

Must certainly take the lead of all others in a short time. It was awarded five premiums on work, at the World's Fair, 1862; four premiums for work and on the machine, at the New York State Fair, 1865. See the *Methodist*, of September 8th. A premium on the machine at the Ohio State Fair, 1865. See the Dayton *Journal*, October 19th. The only agency for its sale for Western Pennsylvania, is at No. 4 St. Clair street, Pittsburgh.

Hazard & Caswell's Cod Liver Oil.

The Purest and Sweetest Cod Liver Oil in the world, manufactured from fresh, healthy livers, upon the sea-shore. It is perfectly pure and sweet. Ask for "Hazard & Caswell's Cod Liver Oil," manufactured by

CASWELL, HAZARD & CO., New York.

Sold by all druggists. nw

The Enterprising Proprietor

Of the Opera House Shoe Store spends most of his time in the East buying up novelties and bargains and superintending the manufacturing of his popular priced stock now selling cheap. No. 60 Fifth street.

Good Prunes,

Raisins, Currants, Citron, Orange and Lemon Peel, Figs, Jellies, Canned Fruits, and Mixed Candies, at 115 Federal street, Allegheny City. A call is solicited. GEO. REAVENS.

Cheapest in the City.

Poplin Plaids, Empress Cloths, French Merinoes, and Fine Dress Goods, at Gardner & Schlciter's, 92 Market street.

Black Cashmere Long Shawls.

Fine Brocha, Paisley, Black Thibet, Stella, Fancy Plaids, Woolen Shawls, cheaper at Gardner & Schleiter's than elsewhere in the city.

You Can Buy

Foreign Liquors of all kinds at Joseph S. Finch's Distillery, No. 189, 191, 193 and 195 First street, Pittsburgh.

Go to Fleming's Drug Store,

No. 82 Market street, for the finest assortment of Brushes of all kinds, and Toilet Combs.

Go to Fleming's Drug Store,

No. 84 Market street, for Clark's, Harvey's and Cheesman's Female Pills—Sole Agent for the city.

Go to Fleming's Drug Store,

No. 84 Market street, for the best Potash and Soda Ash in the city—at lowest prices.

The Opera House Shoe Store

Leads the van, regulates the prices and has the first styles of the season.

Read, Read, Read,

Gardner & Schleiter's advertisement, and go there to buy your Dry Goods, 92 Market street.

Chinchilla Cloths.

New stock, cheaper than ever, Gardner & Schliter, 92 Market street.

Pittsburgh Female College

Winter term opens, December 5th. Apply immediately.

No Other House

In the city can compete with the Opera House Shoe Store.

You Can

Be suited in every respect at the Opera House Shoe Store.

Beaverlea Cloths,

Beautiful goods, only fifty cents. Gardner & Schliter.

Black Silks.

New stock cheaper than ever, Gardner & Schliter.

A Bargain

For all at the Opera House Shoe Store.

You Can Buy

98 per cent. Alcohol at Joseph S. Finch's.

You Can Buy

New Hops at Joseph S. Finch's.

(By the Merchants' National Telegraph Co.)

FROM PITTSBURGH AND THE ALLEGHENY.

OIL CITY, December 4.—The river is five feet nine inches and rising slowly. The weather is sleety and cold. The oil market is dull.

FRANKLIN, December 4.—The river at Franklin measures six feet six inches, as Oil City. Six feet and rising at Oleopolis, five feet at a stand.

SECOND EDITION.

FOUR O'CLOCK, A. M.

VERY LATEST TELEGRAMS.

LATEST EUROPEAN ADVICES.

The Neutrality Commission.

SUMMARY OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE RECEIVED.

French Medal to Mrs. Lincoln.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

(BY THE CABLE.)

LONDON, December 4—*Evening.*—The Royal Commission to consider and report what changes are necessary in the neutrality laws of England is now in session. It is composed of fifteen members. An organization has been effected, and the business for which the Commission was framed will be entered upon immediately.

Rumors have been current to-day of a spl't in the British Cabinet, but there is high authority for pronouncing them false.

A summary of President Johnson's message has been received by the Atlantic cable, and was published to-day. It had a decided effect upon the prices of English or American securities.

PARIS, December 4.—*Evening.*—The French subscription medal for Mrs. Lincoln obtained temporary lodging at the house of Mr. Hook. He did not seem very seriously sick until yesterday morning, when he grew suddenly worse and died at nine o'clock. Dr. A. Percument examined the remains and expressed the opinion that death resulted from excessive inflamation of the stomach and bowels produced by neglect of a severe cold. The jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

Jewelry for the Holidays.

The up town trade need not enter into the heart of the city to purchase jewelry for holiday gifts so long as our growing and enterprising friend Will. T. Wiley No. 6 Wylie street, keeps such an excellent stock on hand. We yesterday called in and looked through his choice assortment of rings, pins, armlets, sets, studs, watches, chains, guards, silver ware, clocks and fancy articles, and were pleased to find that it compares more than favorably with that of any other house in the city. Mr. Wiley has had the good fortune to secure an eligible business stand where the original cost of his profits have not to be expended in paying an exorbitant rate, and he can consequently sell at the lowest rates. He warrants every article to equal the representation made at time of sale. We cheerfully commend Mr. Wiley to the holiday patronage of our friends, knowing him to be fair dealing and honorable, and content with a reasonable margin of profit upon his jewelry. If desirous of making a purchase look through his stock, and if not satisfied then one must indeed be hard to please. Remember the place No. 6 Wylie street near Fifth.

Amusements.

PITTSBURGH THEATRE.—Yankee Locke, one of the best and most popular delineators of the Yankee and humorous element of creation, held forth last night to a large and fashionable audience at the Theatre. He is well sustained by the new Stock Company of the Theatre. To-night he appears in his best parts.

NEW OPERA HOUSE.—A very fair attendance greeted Mr. J. W. Wallack, the popular tragedian, who is now playing a very successful engagement at the New Opera House. He is announced in a favorite role to-night—Shylock, in the great Shakspearian play of the Merchant of Venice. Mr. Wallack's conception of the grasping, avaricious money lender is remarkably good, and none of our readers should fail being in attendance to-night.

MASONIC HALL.—The world-renowned Ethiopian Serenaders and Minstrels had a splendid audience last night at Masonic Hall. Some of the performers are the best artists in their line, and they carry, while taking the troupe altogether, it is superior to any travelling. A splendid programme is offered for to-night, and we advise all who can enjoy minstrelsy to be in attendance.

Committee Meeting.

A meeting of the Acting Committee of the Allegheny County Prison Association was held yesterday morning in a room of the First Presbyterian Church, on Wood street, Mr. Joseph McKnight, the President, occupying the chair. The principal business of the meeting was to appoint to the committee members who could devote themselves actively to the work in the place of some whose business would not permit them to attend. A committee, consisting of Messrs. Robert Orr and Jas. D. Carlisle, was appointed to confer with the County Commissioners for the purpose of procuring a suitable room in which female prisoners in the jail may be kept, in a proper manment, under the supervision of ladies who have volunteered to attend. The time for the meeting of the committee was changed from nine o'clock in the morning to seven o'clock, to take place on the first Tuesday of each month. There being no further business to transact the meeting is adjourned.

Another Foothill Thief.

The meat store of Mr. Gedekep, in East Birmingham, was entered on Monday, by a person named Henry Staughlegard, who, it is said, took advantage of the temporary absence of the proprietor, and robbed the till of the store. He succeeded in abstracting about five dollars in bills and currency. Shortly after committing the larceny he was arrested and taken before Justice Ammon for a hearing. He made a full admission of his guilt, and in consequence of his youth the Justice committed him to the House of Refuge. The course on the part of the Justice does not have been strictly just, but it was thought that when the youth of the accused was considered, and the evil results which might have followed an incarceration in the county jail, the court would not interfere in the matter.

Bail Entered.

A few days ago we noticed the committal, by United States Commissioner Sproul, of D. J. Link, on a charge of perjury. He was, as will be remembered, charged with having obtained about one hundred and fifty-seven dollars from the government, by falsely swearing that his son, who died in the army, from wounds received on the battle of Gettysburg, was unmarried, when in fact he had a wife living, she having subsequently presented a claim for the back pay and bounty due her deceased husband. Link had a final hearing yesterday before Commissioner Sproul, and was held in three thousand dollars for trial. The required security was given and the prisoner released.

Bold Robbery.

On Saturday night last Mr. Boyton, a dealer in shells, corals an l cameos, put up at a store in Connellsville and displayed his stock of sea curiosities to the purchasing community of that town. On Sunday night the store was entered by burglars, who obtained access by cutting away the panels of the front door, and robbed of stock worth over $200. Mr. Boyton could obtain no clue to discover the robber, and, as he informs us, he could find no authority in Connellsville who could receive any information of the burglary or assist him in detecting the thieves. The robbery was a bold one, and some steps should be taken to arrest the guilty parties.

Arrest of a Female Shoplifter.

We noticed, in the early part of last week, that a woman had entered the shoe store of W. C. Borland, on Market street, on Saturday week, and stolen from thence several pairs of shoes. She was pursued, dropped her booty and escaped. Suspicion attached to one Mary Ann Snyder, a woman residing in the Third ward, Allegheny, but she could not be quite identified until yesterday, when the identification was made complete. The woman was arrested and brought before the Mayor. The hearing resulted in her being held to bail for a final hearing to-morrow.

Violation of Ordinance.—Messrs. Sheriff & Laughlin, plumbers, were before Alderman Strain on Monday to answer a charge of violation of a city ordinance. It was alleged that some time ago they removed a portion of the paving of Wylie street near Fifth for the purpose of putting down some pipe. They purpose of putting down some pipe. They neglected to replace the pavement, but in so imperfect a manner that the stones speedily became loose and the street had to be repaired by the Street Commissioners. The hearing resulted in the defendants being ordered to pay a fine of $10 and accused being ordered to pay the costs of the case.

Almost a Fire.—The alarm of fire from box No. 23, last evening, was not quite a false one, a circumstance which is becoming somewhat remarkable. It was occasioned by the upsetting of a lamp in the Old Ferry Hotel, at the corner of Liberock street and Duquesne way. The burning oil endangered the premises to a great degree, but fortunately the flames were extinguished before any material damage had been done. The engines were on hand with their accustomed promptness, but fortunately their services were not needed.

Counterfeiters Captured.

For a considerable time past our city and neighborhood have been remarkably free from the disturbing presence of the "shovers of the queer." Recently, however, a couple of adventurers in that line have been trying their luck, and inflating the currency of the city by unwarranted additions. Last week business circles became aware that spurious ten dollar greenbacks, and counterfeit postal currency were multiplying in their midst. Alderman Strain and his efficient officer, Seth Wilmot, determined to trace the matter to its source, and so set diligently to work. It was ascertained towards the last of the week that the shovers were two men from Ohio named respectively J. R. Bruner and G. H. Williams. Meantime the shovers left here on Thursday or Friday, and on Saturday officer Wilmot left in pursuit of them. He traced them to Ravenna, Ohio, and there captured them, they making no resistance. He arrived in the city with them yesterday afternoon and took them before Alderman Strain for examination on the charge of passing counterfeit money. The prisoners were conveyed to the lock-up to await a hearing this afternoon at four o'clock. The evidence against them will be strong, as a considerable quantity of spurious money was found on their persons.

Court of Common Pleas.

Court met at the usual hour yesterday morning, Judge Sterrett on the bench.

The case of Thomas Lindsay vs. Thomas W. Lindsay, George G. Negley, J. N. Bertin and James S. Negley, which was taken up Monday, was resumed. This is an action to recover $6,985, alleged to be due on a contract for the purchase of a tract of oil territory located in Wood county, West Virginia. The contract was made in 1863, the price agreed upon being $10,000, and the sum in hand paid two dollars. The parties contracting to purchase failed to do so, and hence the suit. The defendants allege that the tract was not oil territory, as represented, and that they were not obliged to consummate the purchase. The case went to a jury before the hour of adjournment, and the verdict has not yet been rendered.

The next case taken up was that of J. Masters against George Gross. This is a case of alleged fraudulent dealing. In the month of May, 1865, the plaintiff purchased some oil of defendant, with the understanding that the oil was to be the same as some which he had examined and sampled. On the delivery of the oil it was discovered to be of a quality very inferior to that of the sample. The case is still on trial.

Child Hurt in a Fight.

Monday evening a disturbance of a serious character occured between a number of colored men and women and some white persons, on Overhill street, in the Seventh ward. At the commencement of the affair it was hand-to-hand work, the closest stones, bricks and other dangerous missiles were hurled promiscuously into the excited crowd. A little girl named Keplar, aged nine years, daughter of Adam Keplar, residing on Overhill street, while sitting at the door of her father's house, was struck on the head, immediately above the left eye, with a flying missile and quite severely injured. Mr. Keplar was absent at the time, and on returning home and hearing of the occurrence, started in pursuit of an individual whom a number of persons stated they saw throw the stone which struck the child. An information will probably be made against the party as soon as his whereabouts is ascertained. The fight lasted for a considerable time.

United States District Court.

District Attorney Carnahan filed a certificate on Monday in the United States District Court, setting forth that a grand jury would be required at the session of the United States District Court to be held in Erie on the first Monday of January, upon which Judge McCandless made the following order:

"As an act of Congress, passed the 29th day of July, 1866, provides that the District Judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, shall hold two terms in every year at the city of Erie, on the first Monday of July and January in each and every year, beginning on the July or January which shall next succeed the passage of this act, it is ordered that a venire for twenty grand and forty petit jurors be, returnable on the first Monday of January next, at the city of Erie, and the Marshal is directed to make the necessary arrangements for holding said Court."

Charged With Perjury.

On Monday John Heppard made information before Alderman Strain, charging one Mr. Needham, a clothing dealer in this city, with perjury. He alleged that on the 4th of September last the accused purchased, in the city of New York, a bill of goods consisting of cloakings, woolen goods, &c., of the firm of Spinella Brothers, of which firm the complainant is a member. The purchases amounted to $1,152.25, and the purchaser agreed as is alleged, to pay the cash in sixty days, but failed to pay at the time agreed. Suit was accordingly brought in a New York Court for the purpose of collecting the bill. In the affidavit of defense prepared by the defendant, he swore that he had purchased. The accused had a partial hearing yesterday afternoon and was held in the sum of $1,000 for a further hearing.

A Confirmed Wife Beater.

Yesterday Justice Ammon, of Birmingham, had before him Gerhardt Schmall, charged with committing an assault and battery upon his wife, Mary Schmall. Gerhardt was released from jail some two months since, after an imprisonment of nine months for a similar offense. He was required by Court to enter into security at the time of his trial for his good behavior in the future, but being unable to procure bail, was compelled to remain in jail. After a hearing before Justice Ammon, yesterday, he was committed to jail, for trial, in default of $300 bail.

Monongahela Insurance Company.—Yesterday afternoon the stockholders of the Monongahela Insurance Company of this city, held an annual meeting for the election of officers, to serve during the ensuing year, with the following result:

Jas. A. Hutchison, John M'Devitt, William Rea, George A. Berry, Robert Dalzell, John Atwell, William Means, James Woodburn, H. Kleber, Thomas Robinson, Wm. Caldwell, John B. Canfield, R. H. Palmer, D. S. H. Gilmore, and James M'Candless.

Presentation to be Made.—We desire to call the attention of our readers—the firemen particularly—to the fact that, at the fair and festival of the Plymouth Church, which commences at City Hall on the 11th inst., a fancy hose carriage harness will be presented as an estimable token by the fire company that receives the highest number of votes. The harness is of exquisite make, and the contest for it will undoubtedly form one of the most exciting episodes of the fair.

Wagon vs. Buggy.—Alderman Taylor was waited upon yesterday by Robert S. Mackey, who preferred a charge of malicious mischief against A. Miller. Mr. Mackey alleges that a few days ago he was taking a ride in a hired buggy, in the neighborhood of Bullock's Run, when he met Miller, who wilfully drove a heavy wagon against the buggy, taking off a forward wheel of the light vehicle, and otherwise injuring it. A warrant was issued.

Stole Oysters.—Last evening a little boy named Wm. Burke, purloined a half can of oysters from the store of Mr. Daub, on Smithfield street, near Seventh. The boy was arrested and taken before Mayor McCarthy. His Honor, in consideration of the fact that the boy had no home and indicating his disposal a proper subject for the action of the Court, committed the youthful abstructionist to jail in default of bail.

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Obstructing the Gutter.—Street Commissioner Filson yesterday made information before Alderman Morrow, charging Messrs. Hill, Patterson & Co., of Penneylvania avenue, with obstructing the gutter of the avenue by piling their lumber thereon. The accused plead their lumber thereon. The accused plead their lumber thereon. The accused plead