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CONSOLIDATION.

We give place this morning to a correspondent signed "Shaler," who opposes the consolidation of the cities and suburbs with great zeal. Although we dissent from most of the positions of the writer, some of which are monstrously extravagant, we have no hesitation about giving him a hearing on this the most important local question that has ever agitated this community. Let it be well discussed; and we will only say at present to the opponents of the measure that possibly there is quite as much honesty of purpose, virtue, truth, and perhaps wisdom, on the part of those who favor as those who oppose the measure. It is a question upon which the best men may honestly and properly differ. "Shaler" seems to have forgotten this; and yet, owing to our regard for the writer, we give his article a place.

A GOOD MAN GONE.—It will be seen from our obituary column that RICHARD BARD, a well known and highly esteemed leather merchant of this city, died yesterday morning. We publish elsewhere a brief sketch of his character, contributed by a Reverend and venerable friend who has known him from childhood. Mr. BARD was distinguished chiefly, in the business community, for his common sense and his uncommon honesty. We can express no better wish for his survivors than that they should so emulate his virtues while living that they can possess his faith and hope when they come to die.

THE *Genius of Liberty*, of Uniontown, Pa., an organ supported by the Democracy of Fayette county, and one devoted to the cause of Sharswood against Williams, comes to us this week with a charitable and generous allusion to the martyred President LINCOLN. It says:

"The contributors to the Lincoln monument, are demanding to know what has become of their money. No matter what has become of it. *It cannot be put to a more disgraceful purpose than building a monument to such a man as Lincoln, whose life was a withering curse to his country.*"

SOME of the Nicolson pavements in Cincinnati did not turn out satisfactorily, and they have had an investigation into the manner in which it was put down. Some of the witnesses who assisted in the work testified that some of it was put down in mud and water, and that it was impossible to nail the strips on account of the water. We think from what we read that that failure does no discredit to that mode of paving if properly done.

THE Cincinnati *Gazette* remarks:

"Secretary Stanton remains in undisturbed possession of the War Department, and is in receipt of great encouragement and approval from the loyal men throughout the country. It has now come to light that the secret of the President's enmity to him is because he was mainly instrumental in causing Congress to meet in summer session, and thus thwarted some pet and dangerous schemes which he had information the President intended to consummate in case of a long adjournment.

GENERAL NEWS.

—One man boasts in Indiana, that he gets a new wife and a new divorce every quarter.

—Five school houses and two thousand four hundred bar rooms are the latest Chicago improvements.

—Reverses in business and four feet of rope were the causes of death in the case of a Milwaukee merchant.

—The best definition of cholera is Beecher's last. He says that cholera is God's opinion of nastiness.

—Consider well before you take a glass of brandy and water, says Mr. Prentice, the subject is a good deal "mixed."

—House rents have slightly declined in New York, and one of the papers of that city reports that many houses are empty.

—Nine Chicago editors and nine printers not a man on either side ever having played before, are to have a grand game at base ball this week at Dexter Park, "for the belt."

—Only three wholesale firms in Louisville last year did a business exceeding $1,000,000. The heaviest house in the city made sales amounting to $1,400,000. Nineteen firms sold between $500,000 and $1,000,000.

—Steel boilers, it is said, are coming into use on French locomotives. Twelve express engines, with steel boilers, are employed on one railway leading out of Paris, fifteen on another, and several on other roads.

—Dr. Raimbert, a French Doctor, practices a new method of introducing medicine into the animal economy, viz: by the nostrils. He has done so with morphine, which, it seems, introduced in that way, will cure violent headaches.

—The little county of Jersey, Ill., with an era of only fifty-three square miles, raised last season one million bushels of corn, and this year will doubtless exceed these figures. Its yield of wheat generally borders on the marvelous, both in quality and quantity.

—Charleston is recovering from the effects of the war. The newspapers of that city state that the "burnt district" is being improved with great rapidity, and in other parts of the city old houses are being torn down and replaced by new and more modern structures.

—Yancy, a colored inmate of the jail at Valparaiso, Ind., wrenches off iron handcuffs, chains and manacles as if they were pack thread fetters. The county has expended $80 on irons for him, but he has twisted them all off and is now clear of all clanking adornments.

—The Power Swing, designed to combine amusement with usefulness, by working washing machines or similar light machinery, and at the same time provide a pleasure swing, has been invented in Trenton, New Jersey. Several of these swings are now in use in Philadelphia.

—Driving tandem is described to be the driving of two or more horses, one ahead of the other. It is a Latin word, which means "at length," and has rather a far-fetched application. Now, the horse fairs have a new term, which is "tri-dem," as applicable to three horses. This term is even more forced than the other.

—Anything cool is refreshing in this weather, and the following anecdote from New Orleans is about as cool as could be desired: "A passenger got into one of the street cars and began to smoke. The driver objected, saying this was among the forbidden things, and hinting that if he permitted it he would be discharged. 'If so,' said the smoker, 'I'll engage you immediately.'"

—The reason assigned for Mr. Tennyson's abandonment of his beautiful residence, at Ferrington, Isle of Wight, and his retreat to Hashmere, in Surrey, is, that he was tormented by the obtrusive attentions of the "lion hunters," who hung on his palings, peeped through his gates, and fairly crammed Freshwater Church on Sunday in the hope of seeing how a poet laureate said his prayers.

—At present there are eight benefices in the Irish Church, worth on an average more than £900 a year each, and containing an average church population of more than five thousand souls, whose incumbents are under the protection of the Court for Insolvent Debtors. During the last twenty years a large proportion of deans, archdeacons and other dignitaries, holding large livings, have been insolvents.

—A company has been formed in France which proposes to supply the towns in the south and centre of France with ice from the sides of the Savoy Alps. The principal glaciers from which the supply is to be drawn are those of the Mer de Glace and Bossons. They descend to the level of the Valley of Chamounix, and are the most easily accessible of any in the whole Alpine chain. The ice, transparent as crystal, may be loaded at the foot of the glacier upon vehicles drawn by oxen, and so conveyed to the Geneva railway station.

FIRST EDITION.

MIDNIGHT.

THE SURRATT CASE.

Judge Fisher Receives a Communication from the Jury.

ONE OF THE JURORS VERY ILL.

NO VERDICT LAST NIGHT.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, August 9, 1867.

There is no indication of the Surratt jury coming down from their room into Court, or of having agreed upon a verdict. The prisoner was visited at jail this morning by his brother, Isaac Surratt. He is hopeful and in good spirits. He has not been brought from jail since Wednesday.

At 4:15 o'clock, Judge Fisher received a communication from the jury and sent a written reply. The subject of correspondence has not transpired, but as the Judge handed his reply to the Bailiff, he was heard to remark "Tell him I will see about it before nightfall." He then got on a car and started for Georgetown. During the evening quite a crowd assembled in and about the Court room and upon the steps of City Hall, in full expectation of a verdict or some other disposition of the case to-night.

The principal theory now is that there is a majority on one side and they refuse to ask to be discharged, but have made up their minds, and are determined to worry the minority out. It is very certain a number of the jurors are very unconcerned about the matter, as this evening they were for an hour engaged in singing a favorite tune. It seems to be "Home, sweet home."

Mr. Birth, one of the jurors, has been very sick all day, but is somewhat better this evening.

At 8:45 o'clock a deputy marshal cleared the court room and closed the doors, it being understood nothing definite will be known to-night from the jury.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, August 9, 1867.

ALLEGED PLOT TO RESCUE SURRATT.

Some of the Washington detectives have reported the discovery of a plot to rescue the prisoner Surratt, which may have had some foundation, but it has been nipped in the bud. It is certain that the hotels in the immediate vicinity of the Court House have been unusually crowded, and that their guests have mainly been Baltimorians, and citizens from the rebel counties of Maryland adjoining the District. A man who has been arrested as ringleader in the supposed plot, asserts that big things might be expected last night, and is presumed to have referred to an attempt to take the prisoner from the guard of four policemen who accompany him to and from the jail, after the reception of the disagreeing of the Jury, which was expected to-night. The jail is located about four hundred yards from the Court House, and the avenue leading to it runs through a park, and is lined on each side with rows of trees.

GEN. GRANT AND GEN. SHERIDAN.

It has been ascertained that General Grant has virtually been responsible for the delay in the issue of the order removing General Sheridan, as he has objected to the transfer of officers of the rank required by the reconstruction acts from the duties in which they are now engaged, on the ground that the exigencies of the public service demand that they shall be retained in their positions. It is certain that the President's friends advising him not to remove Sheridan has had some effect, and it is probable that the order may be further delayed; but it is asserted by those who should know, that it will be issued before the 15th inst.

THE SECRETARY OF WAR IMBROGLIO.

The *Intelligencer* says the statement that the President has ordered no further communication to be held with Mr. Stanton is inaccurate. So long as he is permitted to remain in office, official relations must exist. It does not follow, however, that he will attend Cabinet consultations. These are not held in virtue of law, but are purely discretionary with the President, who is neither obliged to confer with his Secretaries in formal meetings, nor is he restricted to the heads of the Departments in seeking advice upon public affairs. We learn from an unusually well informed source that it is the purpose of Mr. Johnson to allow the whole matter to remain in abeyance for a few days, giving time for reflection on the part of Mr. Stanton and his friends who advise him as to the course he should pursue. If in two or three days he shall still persist in his refusal to resign, the President will suspend him by giving him notice substantially that he is hereby suspended from the further execution of the functions of the office of Secretary of War, and that the reason of this suspension will be submitted to the Senate at the next session of Congress.

INDIANS IN ARIZONA.

A private letter from Arizona says, the Indians are worse than ever. They are constantly engaged in killing settlers and stealing cattle. In all the depredations they have committed thus far, but one Indian has been killed, and that was done by a Mexican.

FROM NEW YORK.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

NEW YORK, August 9, 1867.

HANGED.

Jeremiah O'Brien was executed to-day.

ARRIVED FROM CALIFORNIA.

The steamship San Francisco, from Greytown, with California passengers, arrived to-day.

COSTLY ASYLUM.

The Catholic community of New York are erecting a new male orphan asylum, corner of Fifty-second street and Madison avenue. The building will be a very handsome one, costing about $275,000.

ALLEGED ROBBERS ARRESTED.

John Hoyt and Theodore Shultz were arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the robbery, in January last, of the porter of Maas & Co., of United States gold certificates to the amount of over $10,000. Hoyt alleges he bought one of the bonds at Schultz office or one W. J. Sharkey, who has not yet been secured.

CABINET MEETING.

All the members of the Cabinet were present at the meeting to-day, with the exception of Attorney General Stanberry, who is still absent from Washington, and Secretary Stanton, who remained at his Department transacting business.

AN OHIOAN SWINDLED.

McConstand, of Dayton, O., was swindled by an emigrant agent, Patrick McDonald, yesterday, but through the agency of the police recovered his money, some $800.

ESCAPE OF COUNTERFEITERS.

Adrain Harcy and Charles E. Ulrick, expert counterfeiters, have escaped from King's County Penitentiary.

PURCHASED HER HOMESTEAD.

Clara Louise Kellogg, the opera singer, purchased her old homestead, at New Hartford, last week, and after her return from Europe this fall will retire from the stage to private life there.

THADDEUS STEVENS AND CONFISCATION.

Thaddeus Stevens writes he will offer a bill at the next session, providing for the confiscation of the estates of those rebels and slaveholders who discharged negroes for voting the Republican ticket.

DEATH OF A SUPREME JUDGE.

Judge Schougham, of the Supreme Court, of this State, died at Yonkers to-day.

FROM ST. LOUIS.

Indian Affairs—Spotted Tail's Band Dispersed—Libel Suit—Steamboat Explosion.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

ST. LOUIS, August 9.—An Omaha dispatch says: General Sully and Colonel Parker arrived from the mountains last night. Spotted Tail's band of Indians were broken up; part of them crossed the Platte yesterday, and were reported to have joined the Cheyennes on the war path. The settlers are fleeing to North Platte station for protection. The steamer Antelope lies above Fort Benton completely riddled by bullets fired by the Sioux.

A man named Wm. O. Robinson sued the *Democrat* in this city for libel, in stating that he attempted to kill his child with a hatchet while in a cross fit. He claims ten thousand dollars. The wife of Robinson says the statement is true, and that she received a severe wound in the arm while trying to shield the child from assault.

ST. LOUIS, August 9.—The steamer Gem burst her boiler heads Tuesday evening, in the Illinois river, near Naples, by which two employees were instantly killed and two others so badly scalded they probably cannot live.

Search for the Broken Atlantic Cable—New Telegraph Lines.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

NEW YORK, August 9.—The *Herald's* special from Heart's Content says: Her Britannic Majesty's surveying steamer Gulnare arrived from St. Johns this forenoon, having on board a party charged with the duty to thoroughly examine and report the soundings of and around the spot where the cable of 1866 was broken on the 29th of July.

The New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company is now engaged in building telegraph lines between this place and Nova Scotia, to be in connection with the Western Union Telegraph line of New York.

Convention of Ex-Officers and Soldiers.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—The *Herald's* Richmond special says: A convention of ex-officers and soldiers of the Federal army now residing in Richmond, will be held here on Saturday, for the purpose of taking preliminary steps towards calling a grand convention of all the discharged soldiers of the Union in the State of Virginia.

Lives Lost in a Gale.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

PHILADELPHIA, August 9.—The schooner Mary McKee arrived here, having lost her Captain and two men in a gale on the 2d instant.

SECOND EDITION.

FOUR O'CLOCK, A. M.

IMPORTANT FROM EUROPE.

Terrible Railroad Casualty.

EIGHT PASSENGER COACHES PRECIPITATED INTO THE SEA.

Only One Passenger Escapes Alive.

THIRTY PERSONS KILLED OUTRIGHT.

FRENCH FORCES IN CHINA.

British Troops for Canada.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

ENGLAND.

TROOPS FOR CANADA.

LONDON, August 9.—The Government will immediately dispatch a large body of troops to Canada to repel the threatened Fenian invasions from the United States.

CHURCH RITES.

In the House of Lords last evening the bill to abolish Church rites was rejected by a large majority.

DEATH OF MAXIMILIAN'S DAUGHTER.

LONDON, August 9.—Dispatches received here announce the death of Marie Sophie Amelie, daughter of Maximilian, Joseph, Duke of Bavaria, and ex-Queen of Naples.

TERRIBLE RAILROAD CASUALTY—FRIGHTFUL LOSS OF LIFE.

LONDON, August 9.—A terrible railroad casualty occurred at Bray Head, Wicklow county, Ireland, to-day. The express train from Dublin for Wicklow, when at the above named locality, ran off the track and eight passenger coaches were precipitated into the sea. The railroad at that point runs along the summit of a high bluff. The loss of life was frightful. Only one person on the whole train, a man named Morris, escaped alive.

POSTAL TREATY WITH THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, August 9.—*Evening.*—In the House of Lords this evening, the Government submitted the new postal treaty with the United States, for reducing the postage between the two countries.

KILLING OF A BRITISH OFFICER IN THE UNITED STATES.

In the House of Commons this evening, in answer to an enquiry, Lord Stanley, Foreign Secretary, said Sir Frederick Bruce, British Minister at Washington, had been empowered to investigate the matter of the recently killing of Capt. Spear by a United States soldier.

THIRTY PERSONS KILLED.

Thirty persons were killed outright by the railroad accident at Brag Head to-day.

FENIAN PRISONERS.

Right Hon. G. Hawthorn Hardy, Home Secretary, in the House of Commons this evening, in reply to a question, said the Fenian prisoners were treated better than any of the others.

THE REFORM BILL.

The Reform Bill having been returned from the House of Commons, a motion was made to-night in the House of Lords to reconsider its action upon disagreeing to the amendments. After some debate the consideration of the subject was fixed for the 12th inst.

FRANCE.

FRENCH OCCUPATION IN CHINA.

PARIS, August 9.—Dispatches received here confirm the previous announcement of the occupation of three provinces of Cochin China by the French forces.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, August 9.—*Evening.*—Consols closed at 94¼; Erie, 45¾; Illinois Central, 77¼; 5-20s, 73¼; Atlantic & Great Western bonds, 20.

LIVERPOOL, August 9.—*Evening.*—Cotton is firmer, though quotations are unchanged; sales of 10,000 bales. The Manchester market for Goods and Yarns is firmer with more business. In Breadstuffs the market is quiet and steady. Corn is firm at 38s 6d. Provisions are generally quiet. Lard, however, has advanced to 50s per cwt. for American. Pork, 72s. Bacon, 44s. Produce is quiet, and quotations are without material alteration.

ANTWERP, Aug. 9.—Petroleum has advanced to 42½ francs for standard white.

FROM CALIFORNIA.

Political Affairs—Operations Against Indians in Arizona—Central Pacific Railroad—Sandwich Islands, &c.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

SAN FRANCISCO, August 8.—The Independent Union Committee nominated Caleb T. Fay, a merchant of San Francisco, for Governor, and B. B. Nickerson for Secretary of State. The regular Union ticket is gaining strength.

More troops are being sent to Arizona. Operations against the Indians will be more vigorously pressed.

The receipts of the Central Pacific Railroad, for July, amount to about $175,000 in gold.

Advices from the Sandwich Islands to July 13th say the King had named William C. Lunalilo as successor in case of his death. The Fourth of July was enthusiastically celebrated at Honolulu.

There was great excitement at Valparaiso and Lima on July 2d and 13th, over the news by the French mail, confirmed overland from Buenos Ayres, that the Spanish fleet under Mendez Nunez had left Cuba to renew hostilities against Chili and Peru.

FROM HAVANA.

The Laying of the Cable From Florida to Havana Commenced.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

HAVANA, August 5, VIA NEW ORLEANS, August 9.—The steamer Navarre, engaged in laying the Cable, has arrived. She started from Key West on Saturday morning and laid two and a half miles of three sizes, buoyed at the end. The average rate of paying out the cable was four miles per hour.

The United States men of war, Tohoma and Fountain, and the Spanish vessel Francisco de Asisco, accompanied, but no assistance was required. The Navarre will begin operations at five o'clock in the afternoon and starts to-morrow for Key West.

Collision of Steamers—One of them Sunk—Passengers Drowned.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

BALTIMORE, August 9.—The steamer Wilson Small, plying between this port and Chaptank river, collided last night with the steamer Mary Augusta, off Poplar Island, the former sinking in thirty minutes. It is reported three of her passengers were drowned. The remainder were safely landed on Poplar Island. The Mary Augusta arrived this morning in tow of the steamer Louisiana. She is badly damaged and was compelled to throw overboard about seven hundred boxes of peaches to prevent sinking. The passengers of the Wilson Small were brought by the Louisiana and Mary Augusta. The statements are conflicting. The Captain of each steamer blames the other for the accident. The Wilson Small was valued at $25,000, fully insured.

Saratoga Races.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

SARATOGA, August 9.—The first race, three year olds, one mile and a half, was won by McDaniel's Lexington Colt. Time, 2:41½—the fastest time in this country by three year olds, with one hundred and ten pounds up. Sleety and Bonny Doon were competitors. The Lexington colt and Sleety ran almost head and head throughout, but the former at last won by four lengths.

The Saratoga stakes, for two year olds, distance three-fourths of a mile, were won by Morris' Filly, sister to Ruthless, after a splendid race, by a head, beating Northumberland and four others; time, 1:21.

The third race, two and a half miles, was won by Capt. Morris' horse Beacon, beating Ear Ring; time, 4 min. and 45½ sec.

Cotton Crop Advices—Ravages of the Worm—Plantations Abandoned.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

MEMPHIS, Aug. 9.—Cotton crop advices from the lower river parishes of Louisiana and counties of Mississippi are quite unfavorable. In all the lower parishes of Louisiana the worms are at work to an alarming extent. In Point Coupee the destruction was so complete and thorough that some of the plantations were abandoned. Another statement says that from the Tinsas river gloomy accounts are received. Not only every plantation is suffering, but those in safety to-day are looking for the visitation to-morrow.

Postoffice Clerk Arrested—The International Rowing Match.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

BOSTON, August 9.—Henry J. Murray, clerk in the Postoffice, was held for trial, in $5,000 bail, charged with stealing money from letters.

A letter from New Brunswick says it is not the victorious Paris crew who are to pull against the Ward brothers, at Springfield, but a crew of amateurs who are now being collected for the purpose.

The Austrian Delegation En Route.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

MEMPHIS, August 9.—Admiral Tegethoff and party arrived this evening by the Memphis and Louisville Railroad, and are stopping at the Overton, awaiting a boat for New Orleans.

Effects of the Heat.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

BUFFALO, August 9.—Four men were prostrated with sun stroke yesterday afternoon. One, a German named Peter Kuif, died.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND LINCOLN'S ASSASSINATION.

Singular Alleged Plot Revealed by Sanford Conover.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, August 9, 1867.

Assistant Attorney General Binckley has furnished the President with an opinion in relation to the application for pardon of Chas. A. Dunham *alias* Sanford Conover, which is recommended by A. G. Riddle and Joseph Holt, on account of services rendered to the prosecution in the trial of Surratt, and which was evidently inspired by J. M. Ashley. Mr. Binckley gives the petition and also a long letter addressed, subsequently to July 29th, to the President by Mr. Durham, in which he reveals an alleged plot on part of Ashley, Butler and others to implicate the President in a plot for the assassination of Mr. Lincoln, which he says is capable of proof by the most irrefragible evidence. He says Mr. Ashley explained the kind of evidence he thought most advisable to present, namely: that Booth had on several occasions paid familiar visits to Mr. Johnson at the Kirkwood House, that Johnson corresponded with Booth, that the placing of Atzerot at the Kirkwood House was only a sham, though Atzerot was not aware of it, to make it appear Mr. Johnson was intended as a victim and thus distract all suspicion from Mr. Johnson conniving at President Lincoln's murder; that Booth stated on the 4th of March, to an intimate friend in New York, whom he had endeavored to enlist in the conspiracy, that he was acting with the knowledge of the Vice President, and that it had been arranged to kill Lincoln on the day of the inauguration, which would account for Mr. Johnson's strange conduct on that occasion, and that Mr. Johnson expected the tragedy to be enacted then, and had taken several potations to compose and nerve him for the event. Dunham says he assured Ashley he should have no difficulty in finding persons of good standing and moral character to prove these matters, and that it was agreed he should do so soon as released. Mr. Ashley and Mr. Butler pressed him to send for two or three persons of intelligence, which was done, but Mr. Dunham being in jail, it was found necessary for some one else to act as their preceptor, which was, with slight hesitation, by Ashley, on Dunham's assurance that the parties were radicals, dyed in the wool, and men of honor, in whom he could safely repose confidence. The statements they were desired to make were revised and corrected by Mr. Ashley, and they were assured by him that in case it should be determined to examine them before the Committee, they should be splendidly rewarded. Subsequently the parties were presented to Mr. Butler, and introduced by him and Mr. Ashley to several Radical members of the House.

Several papers accompanied the foregoing, including some statements about the visit of a Mr. Allan to Richmond by Johnson, though as in connection with Booth, and some personal letters from Ashley to Dunham.

FROM MEXICO.

Foreign Ministers Unmolested—Correspondence Between Secretary Seward and Minister Romero.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

NEW YORK, August 9.—Mexican advices state that the foreign Ministers in the City of Mexico were still unmolested, awaiting orders from their respective Governments.

The diplomatic correspondence between Secretary Seward and Minister Romero is published, in which Seward acknowledges the receipt of a letter signed by Santa Anna, stating that he went ashore at Sisal voluntarily.

Boiler Explosion in Philadelphia—Loss of Life.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

PHILADELPHIA, August 9.—The boiler at the Acton Iron Foundry, Ninth, below Wharton street, exploded this afternoon. Jacob Gibson, killed, leaves a wife and three children. John A. Pollock and Matthew McKnight seriously, and Joseph Martin slightly injured. All the above-named persons were members of the co-operative firm, and owned and run the establishment, which they had recently started.

Negro Police in Mobile.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

MOBILE, August 9.—Fourteen negroes were appointed on the police force to-day by the Mayor. One of them was made a Lieutenant of the day police.

Encouraging About the Corn Crop.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

MEMPHIS, August 9.—Accounts of the corn crop in Mississippi and Arkansas are very encouraging. Most planters will make corn enough to last for two years.

Killed by Lightning.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

EPHRATA, PA., August 9.—The out-buildings attached to the Ephrata Springs Hotel, were struck by lightning to-day. Two colored servants were killed.

Death of an Anti-Slavery Advocate

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

CONCORD, August 9.—Abby Folsom, for many years conspicuous at anti-slavery and other progressive meetings, died in Rochester, yesterday.

New York Constitutional Convention.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

ALBANY, August 9.—In the Constitutional Convention to-day, a motion to extend the gubernatorial term to four years was rejected, 27 against 50.

To the Citizens of McClure, Ross, Reserve, Shaler and Indiana Townships.

MESSRS. EDITORS GAZETTE: An association of gentlemen, styled the Board of Trade of the City of Pittsburgh, managed last winter to effect the passage of a law annexing large portions of your respective townships to that city, to form part of it, and to be governed by its laws and ordinances. Your approval of this proceeding was not asked or desired; in truth, it was not wanted, the attempt being made to hurry the passage of the law through both branches of the Legislature before effective objection could be raised at home. Senator Bigham, who introduced the bill, being also a member of the Board of Trade Committee and very jealous in the matter, would have succeeded in forcing its passage, as reported, as but slight, if any, opposition was made to it by the other representatives of Allegheny county. Fortunately, however, the vigilance of a few independent citizens of Allegheny City wrung from Mr. Bigham and the other managers of this most iniquitous proceeding a reluctant consent to insert in the act a provision requiring a vote of the citizens within the bounds of the proposed city, to be taken at the ensuing October election, to determine the question, so that unless a majority of the voters of the district north of the rivers vote against consolidation with Pittsburgh, you will soon find yourselves hampered by city laws and ordinances entirely unsuited to your condition as farmers and gardeners, and country residents.

You will soon be visited by the Assessors who will increase the valuation of your land by dividing it into building lots instead of estimating it by the acre, as heretofore. You will be required to pay a yearly tax of from five to fifteen dollars for each wagon, cart, buggy, or vehicle of any description you happen to own.

You will be taxed heavily for the purpose of building a new City Hall and Goal—a special tax of one half per cent. is now being collected by the city, for that purpose—this will go but a short way towards accomplishing it.

You will also be taxed heavily for the purpose of erecting new water works. Located as you are on the hills and distant valleys, they never can be of any advantage to you whatever. That, however, will not prevent your being taxed alike with the persons most benefitted. The City Councils having power, may extend, open, grade or pave a street or road through your land, and *at your cost, too*, without asking, or caring for your approval or dissent. A contractor in want of a good job will have more influence with the Councils or its Committees, than the distant farmer or gardener possibly can have.

You will know by your annual visits to the County Treasurer's office, that your share of the county debt is sufficiently burdensome. Now, are you willing to be united to a city loaded down with a heavy railroad and other debt? Can you be made to believe that you will be kept free from it? Would any man in mercantile life—however shrewd he might be—enough, indeed, to be a member of the Pittsburgh Board of Trade—form a partnership in business with another who was encumbered with an enormous debt? The answer is obvious.

But if all this amount of taxation is not sufficient, and I have not enumerated all to which you will be made liable, you will also be taxed for the purpose—for it is a part of the law—of buying the six bridges over the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers and making them free. These bridges could not be built at present prices for less than *two million of dollars*—their owners, doubtless, would not sell them for less. The average yearly expenses for watching, lighting, repairing, taxes and insurance of the bridges, is not less than fifteen thousand dollars. Under city control it would be doubled. Scarce a tax payer in your district but would have his taxes greatly increased for this purpose alone, far beyond the amount he now pays for occasionally crossing to Pittsburgh; and then, too, he must be taxed to make free bridges he may never cross at all. Nor is this all. Once embarked in the bridge business, where will be the limit to it? Other localities along the river will demand bridges—at Irwin street, at the Point—the tripartite doubtless will be revived. Vote yourself a bridge will become a party cry, and an additional debt of one or two hundred thousand dollars saddled on the taxpayers for a new bridge by a majority of one vote in the City Councils. If you think this view extravagant, recall to your minds the way the railroad debt of the city of Pittsburgh was fastened on it by the Councils. Remember that if made part of that city your share in its government will be a subordinate one. In fact from your distance from the council chambers you could not be represented at half the meetings, as they are always held at night. What possible interest can you have in the weal affairs of St. Clair, Peebles and other townships across the rivers, or in Birmingham, Temperanceville, or East Liberty? or their citizens in your local affairs. The whole business is foully wrong—it will not bear examination. A large majority of the citizens of Allegheny City are hostile to the whole scheme. They are unwilling to drop the name under which they have grown and prospered, to sink their independence, and become a fag end of Pittsburgh. Do as they will do—go to the polls and *vote against Consolidation*.

SHALER.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

FOURTH PAGE.—*The fullest and most reliable Money, Oil and Produce Market Reports given by any paper in the city, will be found on our Fourth Page.*

"The South Side Boroughs."

Under this caption one of the "locals" of the *Dispatch* "does up," most effectually, the boroughs on the south side, to which he gives out he paid a visit on Thursday. Reading his observations one must conclude "Birmingham, South Pittsburgh, and adjacent boroughs," are indeed uninviting places, health and comfort considered. He avers that much as has very properly been said concerning the filthiness of Pittsburgh and Allegheny, the boroughs referred to are "infinitely worse." He first takes exception to the matter of grading, and says "that in some places the grades are steep and precipitous," that "there may be two streets parallel, with not more than five hundred feet between them, and yet, because of the steep grading, a person has to travel almost half a mile in the one before he can cross over to the other." He does not seem to include East Birmingham, but, applying his remarks to Birmingham and South Pittsburgh, which he names, one familiar with the streets of those boroughs will not give the *Dispatch* man credit for accuracy in his observations. In Birmingham there are no "precipitous" grades. In South Pittsburgh Carson and Bingham streets run parallel, and the few cross streets intersecting them may be "rather steep," but not so much so as that *half mile* tramp the *Dispatch* man speaks of. This stretch of imagination outdoes "greenhorn" in the "chimerian darkness" of a coal pit. Beside those "steep and precipitous" grades, he says, there are other disadvantages, "too numerous to mention," but expresses the belief that councils will "before long have to alter the grades," and sagely advises "the sooner the better."

Thursday was hot; it was not agreeable for the "local" to observe whereof he wrote. But it was required of him to "do up" the boroughs, and he set to his task. It is a failing with some of the craft to "pitch in" on all occasions, and the coal pit adventurer, in writing up his South Side trip, gratified this inclination with more than usual recklessness. We sympathize with the Southsiders in their infliction, particularly in respect to their sanitary condition, as depicted by "green horn." Hear him:

"But what shall we say of the foul, dirty state of the streets in general! Of the pestilential odors that arise from the heaps of putrefied vegetable and other matter crowded into their very centres! Of the mounds of dried earth and coal ashes, planted opposite the doorways of the residents! In short, of the hundred and one other nuisances alike disgusting to the eye and offensive to the smell! Can nothing be done to remove those terrible invitations to the awful scourge which there is such alarming reasons to apprehend! Where are the borough authorities, or does there exist no ordinance by which this fearful nuisance can be mitigated!"

Southsiders! will you rest under this withering castigation. As one of them, we say no. The streets of Birmingham may not be kept as clean as they should be, and there may be some filthy back yards, but we maintain that in respect to cleanliness, Birmingham will compare favorably with Pittsburgh or Allegheny. As to "steep and precipitous grades," and half mile tramps to get from one parallel street to another, the assertion is too ridiculous for consideration.

Bigamist Arrested.

George Printer, of Mansfield, Penna., was arrested Thursday evening, at his residence, by officer Sharpe, on a charge of bigamy, a warrant having been issued by Alderman McMasters, before whom an information was made by Hezekiah McDowell, whose sister is one of the accused's victims. It is alleged by the deponent that in November, 1863, the accused, after an acquaintance of several months, married his sister, who is said to be a worthy and estimable young woman, residing in the neighborhood of Wood's Run, with her parents. The marriage was solemnized by a Catholic clergyman in the Cathedral of this city. Shortly after the marriage, the vile history of the husband developed itself in ways too revolting to mention. It is even alleged that he approached a physician, who was attending the unfortunate wife, with offers of a bribe, if he would poison her so that he might be rid of her.

The father and brothers of the wife, hearing these facts, became indignant at the wretches conduct and drove him from the premises, forbidding his return, the wife remaining at her father's house, as above stated.

During the early part of last spring, Printer met the widow of the late Colonel McLain, at the house of a friend in Allegheny, where he formed an acquaintance which soon resulted in a wedding, in March last. He informed the lady that he had engaged a preacher in Allegheny to perform the marriage ceremony. She went with him to a house across the river where they found a man who promptly married them, and they went at once to the lady's house at Mansfield, where they have remained since. Mrs. McLain, the second victim, owns a considerable quantity of property and occupied a high social position in her community, and has a family of several children.

The first wife and her friends hearing of the second marriage, the brother came before Alderman McMasters and made information as above stated. A warrant was issued and placed in the hands of officer Sharpe, who proceeded on Thursday to Mansfield and made the arrest. The second wife was frantic with surprise and grief at the arrest, and refused to believe her husband's perfidy. She changed her mind this morning. The prisoner was lodged in the tombs until yesterday morning, when he was brought before the magistrate for a partial hearing. At the office he was confronted by both the women whom he has so foully wronged, and both detailed their stories. The second wife, on hearing the true state of affairs, as put forward by the first, threw off her allegiance and now expresses herself anxious that the prosecution shall go on. The prisoner, throughout the hearing, maintained a defiant demeanor. At the conclusion of the hearing, in default of one thousand dollars bail, he was committed for a further hearing on Tuesday next.

He says he will be able to clear himself of the charge against him, as the second marriage was a sham, the person who performed the ceremony being neither a clergyman, magistrate, nor any other person authorized to perform such a ceremony.

He is about thirty years of age, is of rather fine personal appearance, and is well calculated for the business he has engaged in, having an easy address and remarkably smooth manners.

Inquest Upon a Child.

Thursday afternoon, at the house of Rev. John Stout, on St. Patrick's alley, Eighth ward, a child died suddenly and under circumstances which rendered an inquest necessary, in the opinion of those acquainted with the facts. Coroner Clawson was accordingly summoned and held the required investigation. Albert and Veronica Benoit, married eighteen months, were the parents of the child, born about two months since. The father, from lack of, or through lack of employment, or other cause, was earning but little money, and some three weeks ago the wife gave notice that she would leave him and go to her parents, also leave the infant in his charge, as she could not support it, having one child by a former marriage to maintain. Subsequently, however, she took the child with her, and entered suit before Alderman Alberts against the father, for the child's support. It was agreed that the defendant should pay five dollars per week for the child's maintenance. This was not thought sufficient, and another suit was entered before Alderman Thomas. This suit resulted in the father being required to pay three dollars per week. The same evening the mother of the child came to her husband's house, and left the infant, saying she would not keep it and he might do the best he could with it. He took the child to the house of Mr. Stout, and left it in charge of the family. On Monday evening the father and mother visited the child, and when she left, the babe seemed ill. It continued to grow worse until three o'clock Thursday afternoon, when it expired. The people of the house charged the sickness and death of the infant on the mother, and she, on the other hand, ascribed the death to the want of proper care on the part of those having charge of it. At the inquest Dr. Cowley, who attended the child, stated that in his opinion death resulted from natural causes. Drs. Murdoch and McMahon corroborated this opinion, and a verdict was rendered accordingly.

The Minstrels.

La Rue's original Carnival Minstrels continue to draw crowded houses. The audience last night was unusually large and respectable. Mr. De Rue will close his engagement here with a grand matinee this afternoon, and an entertainment this evening, when an entire change of programme will be presented. Hernandez, who has a world wide reputation in his profession, met with an accident while performing with this troupe at Cincinnati, which disabled him for a short time. Having recovered from his injuries, he will make his first and only appearance in this city this evening. The entertainments of this troupe are of a different character from those usually given by travelling companies, being entirely free from that stale, low, vulgar wit, so characteristic of the fraternity. Their jokes and witticisms, while of the most laughable character, are perfectly free from all obscenity; in fact we have seen nothing in their entertainments calculated to "offend the taste of the most fastidious or refined." The music, both vocal and instrumental, is truly excellent, is all new, and rendered in a manner not excelled by any troupe now travelling. Go and hear Fredericks he is one of the best vocalists in the "business."

Mortuary Report.

Dr. A. G. McCandless, Physician to the Board of Health, reports the following interments from July 28 to August 4, 1867.

Burned 1, accident 1, diarrhea 4, disease of stomach 1, typhoid fever 2, cholera morbus 2, disease of brain 5, pneumonia 1, inanition 1, consumption 1, fracture of skull 1, marasmus 1, cholera infantum 4, whooping cough 1.

Of the above there were under one year eight; from one to two, four; from two to five, two; from ten to fifteen, two; from twenty to thirty, five; from fifty to sixty, one; from sixty to seventy, two; from seventy to eighty, two.

Males, fourteen; females, twelve; white, twenty-five; colored, one. Total, twenty-six.

Remember the sale of lots takes place this afternoon at one o'clock, by A. McIlwaine, auctioneer, at a few rods from Sharpsburg, on the Allegheny Valley Railroad. A train of cars will leave the depot at one o'clock to convey all who choose to attend the place of sale, free of charge. Such an opportunity for procuring homes on liberal time will seldom or never again occur.

A Model Engine House.

Few organizations in this neighborhood rank higher in the estimation of the community at large than the old and time tried Vigilant Fire Engine and Hose Company. Its membership has ever comprised our most worthy citizens, our leading business men, successful manufacturers, men of genius in the mechanical walks of life, talented and public spirited professional men, and respected clerks. It has ever been cited as one of the few associations in which we centered a large share of local pride, and keeping pace with the growth and importance of the city, the company has steadily increased in membership and usefulness, till to-day it will rank with the first organizations of the character in the country. Its name is synonomous here with all that is commendable, and abroad among strangers it means hospitality. No fire company or delegates from a company have ever come hither from contemporary cities, who have not been made feel the courtesies and hospitalities of the "Vigilant boys." They keep the latch string always out for the stranger and possess the knack of making all comers feel at home in our goodly old city, and send them away with new born ideas of the social and elevated character of our firemen. This much in deserved praise to our Vigilant Company will serve as an introduction to a brief outline of the great improvements made in their house since last Spring, and which are just finished.

BEST IN THE COUNTRY.

The "Vigy" boys have traveled somewhat, and have had keen eyes for observation. They found abroad palaces devoted to the "machine," which had no equal in this section of the State, and returned home resolved, at one day, to eclipse anything of the character in the country. Through voluntary subscriptions from the members, active and honorary, a large sum was obtained, and the work of transforming the old substantial house into a magnificent one, was at once commenced. As we found it yesterday it certainly excels any engine-house in the country, and will reflect the highest credit upon the taste and liberality of our city firemen. The building is a three story brick, ornamented beautifully on the outside and presenting a neat and chaste appearance. It is situated on the southern side of Third between Market and Wood streets, one of the most important localities of the city. On the first floor is kept the engine, one of the most beautiful and substantial ever manufactured in America; and the neat hose carriage. This main room is broad, airy and commodious, possessing all the accommodations and conveniences which suggested themselves to the intelligent committee having the remodeling of the house in charge. As you enter, on the left are the equipment wardrobes, a continuous row of encased apartments with richly moulded and varnished doors. In the centre of each door is an oval space, forming as it were a frame, in which is fixed the photographs of the members owning or occupying that particular wardrobe. This room is ornamented with choice works of art, in the way of paintings and engravings, and contains marble wash stands, mirrors and other articles of use and adornment. In the rear is the stable, where are kept the three superior horses owned by the company. This is cleverly arranged, combining many new ideas, and we dare say equal to any horse-quarters in use anywhere. The second floor, which is approached by a broad flight of stairs, carpeted with the richest of Brussels, held down by elegant brass rods, is occupied as the bunk room. It is of splendid proportions and is furnished in the highest style of art. It contains six large double beds of magnificent workmanship, highly ornamented, and equipped with bedding good enough for the Sultan of Turkey or any other royal personage. The floor is covered with elegant Brussels, the walls papered in the richest style and adorned with the most costly engravings and paintings, and the furniture throughout of the most approved and elegant character. Here there is an attachment to the Alarm Telegraph, so that the members on duty bunking in the room are promptly alarmed and awakened during the night should their services be needed at a fire. This apartment is the neatest, best furnished, and most comfortable fire engine bunk room in America, and we almost envy the active members the possession of such a luxurious sleeping place. There are large windows in front, which supply light by day, while at night it is brilliantly illuminated by two massive chandeliers holding six burners each.

THE FORAGE ROOM.

This apartment adjoins the bunk room, and in it is kept a supply of fuel for the horses. It is connected with the stable beneath by trap doors through which the feed is supplied the stalls. It is well adapted for the purpose to which applied. The drivers' room, furnished neatly, carpeted, painted and papered, adjoins the apartment.

THE PARLOR.

We ascend to the parlor on the third floor by another flight of broad and well carpeted stairs and in the entrance way find a hat rack, umbrella stand and all the conveniences usually found in a well furnished house. The parlor, or more properly speaking, the reception room, is really magnificent, is grand. It contains the riches of modern furniture, mirrors, sofas, tete-a-tetes, centre tables and all the appurtenances which rare good taste might suggest. A broad, spacious room, well lighted and ventilated, and so elegantly furnished, it is certainly an attractive feature and must astonish the firemen abroad, who have never attempted anything of the kind on so grand a scale. A magnificent square grand Steinway piano, purchased at a cost of nearly one thousand dollars, occupies its place on one side of the room. This is a necessary article for the enjoyment of the Vigilant members, many of whom are skillful players, and all of whom have cultivated tastes and can enjoy sweet music and believe it to be proper in every place.

THE CELLAR.

The cellar contains a water closet, a bath room, mechanical department, and a hose trough. It is lighted by gas, and floored with white pine boards. The hose trough is used to wash the hose after having been in use at a fire. So soon as the hose carriage enters the house, after a fire, the hose is taken off and thoroughly washed in the trough with hand brushes. Each section is then taken to the

DRYING TOWER.

This is built at the rear of the building, and is twenty feet long by sixty feet high. The separate sections are hanged up by means of tackle and permitted to dry at leisure. The hose is thus preserved with good care, and will last much longer than if carelessly used. A huge stove heats the tower in winter. We believe this is the only tower of the character in the country, and the credit of its construction is due to Mr. Robert Elliott, one of the most efficient and never tiring members of the company.

Upon the whole, the Vigilant Fire Engine Company is one of the most complete in the country and reflects the highest credit on the entire city department, and the enterprising members who have defrayed the expense of refitting and furnishing it.

Pulmonary Consumption

is not an *idiopathic* disease, but merely a manifestation in the lungs of a general diseased condition of the fluids and supplying organs of the body. This is fast becoming daily more apparent to all close observers of the diseases of the lungs and Pulmonary organs. Dr. KEYSER says that the same morbid condition of the body which produces ulcers on the lungs, will produce them on any other part just as surely, if the part is in a weakened or debilitated state—thus, weak limbs will have ulcerated legs. If the membranes of the throat are over used, you will have ulcerated sore throat, such as singers and those who use the vocal organs much are predisposed to.

Sometimes the disease will manifest itself in the nose, producing nasal catarrh with a soreness of the lining membrane of the nose, and an increased offensive discharge therefrom. This is nasal catarrh—a very disagreeable but readily curable disease. DR. KEYSER'S PECTORAL SYRUP will cure most of these cases in the beginning. It will always cure a recent cough or cold. We have known Dr. Keyser's Pectoral Syrup to cure a cold in the head in one night, and it does so by drawing off, by the channels appointed by nature, the morbid matter which causes the cough or cold. The public will be greatly benefitted by paying attention to what we say. The great remedy is to take DR. KEYSER'S PECTORAL SYRUP early in the disease, before the disease is allowed to settle and fasten itself on any vital part. It can be swept out of the system with a few doses in the beginning, but if allowed to seat itself it will take weeks and months to remove.

The cure of a disease is much more easily accomplished at its start than when it has got under way. Like an invading army, a few hard blows in the commencement will stop its progress; but when once under way it attacks and breaks down every barrier, until finally the constitution itself is made to succumb to its ravages. This is plain common sense, and ought to strike every one at the first glance. What is proposed with DR. KEYSER'S PECTORAL SYRUP is to cure all lung maladies in the beginning. It will do it with unerring certainty. When they become chronic and of long standing, and when the powers of life are gradually being narrowed into and worn away, then it will take something more of a healing and plastic power to renew and revitalize the blood and establish the standard of health over that of disease. DR. KEYSER'S PECTORAL SYRUP is now sold by most respectable druggists and at the proprietor's, 140 Wood street. Consultation and examining rooms, 120 Penn street.

Water, Gas and Steam Fitting.

Among those who have had long experience in the Plumbing, Gas and Steam Fitting business in this city, is Mr. T. T. Ewens, whose well known establishment is located at No. 163 Wood street. He has long been recognized in the front rank of those following the business, and his work has been subjected to the severest tests without taking away anything from the high reputation he enjoys. Practical himself, giving personal supervision and attention to all work entrusted to his care, and employing none but the very best mechanics, he has made an enviable record as a mechanic. He attends to all descriptions of plumbing work, to gas and steam fitting, at the most reasonable prices. Orders from the country districts are promptly attended to, and competent mechanics are dispatched to all parts to execute new work and repair the old. At his store, in addition to a large and carefully selected stock of gas fixtures, chandeliers, pendants, oil lamps, globes and ornaments, will be found a very excellent assortment of iron and wood pumps, hydrants, bath tubs, enclosed wash-stands, sink basins, and everything pertaining to water fixing. For any work in this line we can safely commend Mr. Ewens to the patronage of our readers. Remember the place, No. 163 Wood street, near Sixth.

Killed by Lightning.—Robert Sturgeon, of Union township, Lawrence county, was instantly killed by lightning, on Thursday afternoon last. He was out in the field at work when the shower came up, and together with his nephew, went under a tree for shelter. The lightning passed down the tree, killed Mr. Sturgeon, and stunned his nephew.

A Serious Fall.

Mr. Samuel Drake, a contractor on the stone work of the Third Presbyterian Church, Sixth street, met with a serious accident about nine o'clock Thursday evening. Mr. Drake was coming down the stairs of the building, which are in an unfinished condition, with a bucket of water in his hand, and when within ten or fifteen feet of the lower floor, there being no hand railing to the stairs and no light in the building, he stepped off and fell to the floor with such force as to dislocate some of the small bones in his right foot. He was discovered by some of the workmen who carried him to his house, and Dr. Donnelly being summoned attended to his injuries. Although his injuries are of a very painful nature they are not serious, and the Doctor thinks he will be able to be about in a few days with the assistance of a crutch, so that the progress of the work will not be interfered with.

Natural Law.

Natural Law is defined by Sir William Blackstone to be "a rule of action, prescribing what is right, and prohibiting what is wrong," a definition that has stood for ages and is destined to stand for ages to come. Many of our readers are more interested in matters which come under the head of Municipal Law, which we will not attempt to define, but would respectfully refer all who need legal advice, to Joseph Hays, Esq., at 114 Fifth street. Mr. Hays' legal abilities are unquestionable, and having made the Bankrupt Law a special study, is fully prepared to attend to that branch of the business. He also has the reputation of being a prompt and efficient collector, so that any business entrusted to him will be promptly and satisfactorily attended to.

Abused a Child.

James Campbell made information before Alderman Mullen, of Allegheny, charging Andrew Hillim with assaulting his child, a little boy about six years old. He alleges that Hillim struck the boy and then caught him by the ears and pulled them violently.

Delilah Campbell, wife of the prosecutor in the above case, also made information against Andrew Hillim, charging him with assault and battery. She alleges that the defendant struck her, knocking her down and cutting her face in a frightful manner. He was arrested and held in the sum of five hundred dollars in each of the above cases for a hearing.

The Crops.

The grain crops for the present year throughout the county are said to be larger than for many years; the wheat crop in particular, is exceeding the most sanguine expectations of the farmers generally. There will be a large influx in this and surrounding counties which will have to be shipped, and a wide field will be opened for speculators. Persons having grain to sell will find it to their advantage to consign it to some reliable commission house, and we know of no house in this city or elsewhere that enjoys a higher reputation than the firm of McHenry & Hood, grain commission merchants, 355 Liberty street.

Boy Run Over.

Yesterday evening, about seven o'clock, a little son of Mr. Andrew Gibson, residing at No. 211 Leacock street, Allegheny, met with a very painful accident, which may be attended with fatal results. The little fellow was "on behind" a wagon passing in front of his father's house, and dropped off to run to the pavement as a buggy was coming rapidly in the opposite direction. He was knocked down by the horse, and the wheels passed over his head, bruising it very severely, and lacerating his face terribly. No blame is attached to the driver of the buggy.

Serious Accident.—Mr. Wm. McOwen, formerly residing at 677 Liberty street, was seriously injured Tuesday, by being thrown from a wagon. Mr. McOwen was moving his household goods to Duquesne borough, and when at the corner of Liberty and Harrison streets the horses took fright at the cars which were passing at the time, and ran down Harrison street at a fearful pace, throwing Mr. McOwen from the wagon, fracturing his left arm and dislocating his left ankle. The horses ran into a feed store on Harrison street where they were checked. The wagon was considerably damaged and the driver slightly injured. Dr. Herron was called and attended to the injured man, who is doing as well as could be expected under circumstances of the case.

A Bold Robbery.—Robberies are almost an every-day occurrence, in the city at the present time, and the success the thieves are meeting with appears to embolden them, as every attempt made is more daring than the one that preceded it. The boarding house kept by Mrs. Hunter, on Third street, between Smithfield and Wood, was entered by a "sneak thief" Thursday morning, while the inmates were at breakfast, and several of the rooms pillaged. A lady member of the family had fifteen dollars and a pass on the Pennsylvania railroad taken from the pocket of a dress, which she had left hanging in her room. Several of the boarders sustained slight losses. As usual, there is no clue to the thief.

New Counterfeit.—A new and dangerous counterfeit five dollar national currency note recently put in circulation is thus described. On the left end of the note the wrist of the left arm of Columbus is scarcely visible, whereas in the genuine it is distinct. At the top read "This note is secured by bonds." The letters "B" and "Y" are too far apart, and the "O" in "bonds" is under the "Y," whereas, the "O" in the same word is immediately under the "T" in the genuine. The general appearance of the bill is a close imitation of the genuine.

Alleged Rape.—Alderman Taylor yesterday, in default of bail in the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, committed for a further hearing William Seibert, aged seventeen years, on a charge of having outraged, on the 6th inst., Elizabeth Meninger, a little daughter of Joseph Meninger, residing in the Fifth ward. It is stated that the little girl sustained severe injuries from the violence to which she was subjected. The hearing in the case is fixed for Tuesday next.

Illegal Liquor Selling.—John Burke made two informations before Alderman Lynch, yesterday, against John Mitchell, charging him with selling liquor on Sunday and with selling to minors. The accused keeps a drinking house in Birmingham. Warrants were issued in both cases.

The funeral of Ex-Gov. Porter took place at Harrisburg on Tuesday afternoon, and was largely attended. Gov. Geary ordered all the public offices to be closed, as a token of respect to the memory of the late Ex-Governor Porter.

Buy Your Bats and Balls where you have the largest variety to select from. That place is universally admitted to be the Base Ball Headquarters, Pittock's O. P. P. O. Everything in the Base Ball line can be obtained there.

Threatened to Kill Her.—Mary Eagan appeared before Alderman Lynch yesterday, and made information against her husband, David Eagan, for surety of the peace, alleging that he threatened to take her life. Warrant issued.

Mr. John Stouffer, Sr., an old and much respected citizen of Guilford township, Franklin county, died very suddenly, of apoplexy, at the residence of his son-in-law, near Franklin, on Monday.

On Tuesday Evening a child of W. A. Orbison, of Huntingdon, was dreadfully scalded about the face, chest and body by the accidental upsetting of a tin of boiling milk. It will recover.

Resigned.—James Barclay, Esq., has resigned his position as Cashier of the First National Bank of Franklin. He is succeeded by R. L. Cochran, Esq., late Cashier of the Franklin bank.

Snake Bite.—A Mrs. Vinzier, residing below Newport, Perry county, was bitten by a copperhead snake last week. She is recovering from the effects of the bite.

Gone.—Asa Keeler, postmaster in a village of Wyoming county, recently deceased, was appointed by President Monroe. He was the oldest in the business.

A Cow belonging to a Mr. Wasson, in Crawford county, has had seven calves since 1865. She gave birth to twins three times in succession.

The Base Ball clubs of this city will be represented at the State Convention of gamists, to be held on the 10th of October, at Harrisburg.

There are connected with the three East Pennsylvania Baptist Associations, 20,703 members, or nearly half the Baptists in the State.

Maggie Cowles, of Jefferson, Ohio, broke her thigh bone by falling from a bridge into the creek, whilst endeavoring to walk blindfolded.

Crazy, a chap who escaped from the West Virginia Penitentiary has been caught in Washington, D. C., and returned to his quarters.

The Titusville *Herald* says that a very small per centage of those made wealthy by oil speculations have retained their wealth.

Black Snakes over five feet long are growing fat in the blackberry patches of Bethlehem, Pa. Several have been killed.

Sebastian Shaffer fell down a stairway in Warren, and was instantly killed. He was ninety years of age.

Whortleberry parties are going out in great numbers in sections where the delicious fruit abounds.

Mr. Lefferd Haughawant, of Juniata county, aged 80 years, mowed with a hand scythe, this season, 32 loads of hay.

The Corner Stone of the West Virginia Normal School will be laid at Fairmont on the 15th inst.

Gold and steel spectacles of American manufacture, for sale by J. R. Reed & Co., No. 68 Fifth street.

The new well on Shaffer Run, near Oil City, is producing about seventy-five barrels per day.

Quite a respectable village has grown up at the terminus of the Allegheny Valley Railroad.

Four Members out of one family died at New Castle, last week, of the dysentery.

David Tidball, the new Postmaster of New Castle, has entered upon his duties.

New Castle, the miniature Pittsburgh, is rapidly improving as a manufacturing place.

Abused his Wife.—Emily Whalen made information before Alderman Taylor, against her husband, Michael Whalen, charging him with assault and battery. The parties reside at No. 12 Factory street, and the prosecutor alleges that her husband has abused her at divers times, and that on Thursday last he beat her in a shameful manner. After a partial hearing the case was compromised, the defendant paying the costs.

The O'Hara Fraud.—Michael O'Hara, Esq., who was committed on Thursday, on a charge of fraud, was taken out yesterday on a writ of habeas corpus, and after a hearing before His Honor, Judge Williams, was held in $20,000 bail, $10,000 in each case. He procured the bail and was released.

Cold Sparkling Soda Water at J. T. Sample's Drug Store, No. 33 Federal street, Allegheny.

Glorious News.—Manchester is rapidly improving. The operation of laying water and gas pipes is going on rapidly, and dwelling and business houses are going up very fast in all parts of the city. All those having houses erected, and wanting hydrants or their houses fitted up with hot and cold water, would do well by calling on N. S. Biddle & Bro., the well-known practical Plumbers and Gas Fitters. While they do their work in a workmanlike manner, their charges are extremely low. Their establishment is on Beaver street between Franklin and Chestnut.

The Best Known Tonic—Caswell, Mack & Co.'s Combination of Iron Phosphorus and Calisaya, known as Ferro-Phosphorated Elixir of Calisaya. The iron restores color to the blood; the Phosphorus renews waste of the nerve tissue, and the Calisaya gives a natural, healthful tone to the digestive organs.

One pint contains the virtue of one ounce of Calisaya and one teaspoonful a grain of Iron and Phosphorus. Manufactured by CASWELL, MACK & CO., NEW YORK. For sale by all druggists.

N. S. Biddle & Bro., Practical Plumbers, Gas and Steam Fitters, Beaver street, between Franklin and Chesnut, Manchester, Pa., have on hand Chandeliers, Pendants, Brackets and all kinds of Gas Fixtures, Lead Pipe, Sheet Lead, Bar Lead, Gum Hose, Hydrants, Shower Baths, Water Closets, Bath Tubs, Lift, Force and Ale Pumps, Hydraulic Rams, Vitrified Drain Pipe for Sewers. All work warranted to give satisfaction. TTS

We sell Dry Goods both at wholesale and retail, and are, as a consequence, enabled to keep a larger and much better assorted stock, to sell cheaper, and give the goods in more accommodating quantities than exclusive jobbing houses. Retail merchants are invited to examine our stock.

J. W. BARKER & Co.,
59 Market street.

Pittsburgh Base Ball Headquarters, Pittock's, O. P. P. O.—"The only *Live Base Ball* House in the *West*." City and Country Clubs desiring Outfits will find it to their interest to patronize the "Headquarters," where they will have an opportunity to select from the largest and most varied assortment of Base Ball goods in the West.

Henderson's Carminative.—A certain cure for Diarrhea, Cramp in the Stomach or Bowels, Cholera Morbus, &c., contains nothing irritating or injurious to the stomach. It is cheap and infallible. Every family that tries it once will keep it on hand ready for immediate use. Sold by all druggists. au3:2w.

Col. J. D. Egan, the enterprising and popular book and news dealer, Sixth street, below Smithfield, advertises a collection of choice books, to-day, which will be sold at great bargains. Nowhere else in the city can books be purchased to better advantage.

Deafness, Discharges from the Ears, Catarrh, Diseases of the Eye, and all affections of a chronic and obstinate character successfully treated by Dr. Aborn, 134 Smithfield street. Office hours from 9 o'clock A. M. till 4 o'clock P. M.

Best in the World, so says the Paris Fair, 1867—the Weed sewing machine. It received one of the highest medals. For what being so perfectly adapted to all kinds of work. Call and examine it, at 112 Grant street.

No Place Else in the City—Can better or cheaper Boots, Shoes, Balmorals and everything else in this line, be found than at the time honored store of James Robb, No. 89 Market street.

A. Pershing, Esq., of Bullskin township, Fayette county, aged threescore and ten years, built seventy-four loads of hay this harvest. The old man makes hay while the sun shines.

Go to Fleming's Drug Store, No. 84 Market street, for the best Potash and Soda Ash in the city—at lowest prices.

Go to Fleming's Drug Store, No. 84 Market street, to get Pure North Carolina Tar, at the lowest prices.

Good, cool and refreshing lager beer on draught, at Frey's popular hotel, No. 4 Diamond, Allegheny.

Cold Sparkling Soda Water at J. T. Sample's Drug Store, No. 33 Federal street Allegheny.

Drowned.—L. M. Kreman, of Elk county, was drowned in a mill dam a few days ago.

Meadville rejoices in the possession of a steam fire engine. It is a tip top "masheen."

Wm. Carter, of Uniontown, is just recovering from a severe stroke of apoplexy.

A Horse Race for $100 a side took place on Thursday, at Brookville.

The Farmers about Clearfield are suffering from sheep killing dogs.

New Castle had a hail storm of some note on Wednesday evening.

Clearfield County has not yet decided to hold an agricultural fair.

Blackberries are cheap and plenty in the mountain districts.

Pithole boasts of any quantity of rattlesnakes this season.

Horse Thieves are operating in Clarion county.

Pearson Reynolds, of New Castle, is dead.

Waynesburg denies that it has the small pox.

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Difficulties in the Collection of Taxes in North Carolina.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

WILMINGTON, August 9.—The Sheriffs and Tax Collectors report unexampled difficulty in the collection of State and county taxes. Some parties still refuse to pay State taxes on the ground that the State Government has no practical existence, and believe the Sheriff will not be allowed to destrain for non-payment of taxes.

Heavy rain all day; much suffering among vegetation.

Destructive Fire.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

BANGOR, ME., August 9.—Grover's steam works, Gillis & Merrill's furniture manufactory, Hill's theatre, and a considerable amount of other property, was destroyed by fire this morning. Loss, $30,000. No insurance. Several firemen were injured by over work.

DIED.

BARD.—On Friday morning, at 9½ o'clock, at his residence in Allegheny City, after a protracted illness, RICHARD BARD, Esq., in the sixtieth year of his age.

Funeral from his late residence, No. 151 North Avenue, Allegheny City, at four o'clock P. M., SUNDAY, August 11th.

He was a native of Franklin county, Pa. He was the son of Capt. Thomas Bard, who commanded a volunteer company, hastily enlisted in his immediate vicinity, and marched them to the defense of Baltimore against the threatened attack of the British. The Captain and his wife being exemplary members of the Presbyterian Church, of which the Rev. Dr. Elliott, of Allegheny, was then the pastor, Richard was early instructed in the principles of the christian religion as contained in the Word of God and set forth in the symbols of the Church of which his parents were members.

While a young man, Richard removed with his parents to Washington county, Maryland. After some years he removed to Bedford county, Pa., (now Fulton.) During his residence there he ably represented that county two terms in the State Legislature. In 1835 he removed to Pittsburgh, where he has been actively engaged in business up to the time of his death.

Few men have left behind them a purer or more unexceptionable character than Mr. Bard. Frank, generous, affectionate without disguise, of unquestioned and unquestionable integrity, he acquired and retained the confidence and respect of all who knew him sufficiently to comprehend his true character. Although not highly educated, he possessed much good sense and clear apprehensions of what was right and proper to be done, and was firm and unswerving in its maintenance. His patriotism was well known. He cheerfully gave three of his sons to the army, for the defense of the national life against those who sought its destruction, one of whom died in the public service.

But the crowning excellence of Mr. Bard's character was that of love to Christ and his cause. Although at an early period of his life he was in danger of being corrupted in his principles and practice, through the influence of gay companions, God was pleased to arrest him on the threshold of danger, and to lead him to Christ. The conflict, as he told the writer, was long and painful, but by the grace of God, he was brought to accept of Christ, in whom he found deliverance from the guilt and the dominion of sin. From that time until he yielded up his spirit to Him who gave it, he esteemed it his highest honor and greatest pleasure to serve the Lord Christ. For a number of years he held the office of Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian church, and was honored and respected by all those for whose spiritual good he labored and prayed. He died as he lived, trusting in the Saviour, whom he loved. He rests from his labors, and his works do follow him.

LITTLE.—At his residence in Oakland, on Wednesday evening, at 7 o'clock, Mr. THOMAS LITTLE, aged 80 years.

Funeral from his late residence, on SATURDAY, the 10th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M. Carriages will leave from the corner of Grant and Fifth streets, at 1 o'clock P. M.

SAMSON.—On Tuesday evening, August 6th, at Pulaski, Oswego county, New York, ELIZABETH SAMSON, aged 62 years, mother of H. and Dexter Samson, of this city.