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CITY COUNCILS.

Appropriation for 1868—Proposed Act for a Loan of One Million Dollars to Erect New Water Works—Board of Health election—Ordinance Increasing Police Force and Making Other Regulations, &c., &c., &c.

Select Council.

President James McAuley, presiding. There were present Messrs. W. R. Brown, A. M. Brown, Cochrane, Coffin, Coyle, Dickson, Dunn, Gallaher, Gross, Herdman, Jones, Kehew, Morrow, McClelland, McClintock, McKibben, Ogden, Phillips, Rafferty, Rees, Shipton, Turner, Wainwright, White and Clerk E. S. Morrow.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1868.

Mr. W. R. Brown offered the following ordinance making appropriations for 1868:

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained and enacted by the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Pittsburgh, in Select and Common Councils assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same*, That the revenue of said city, for the year 1868, arising from the Taxes, Loans, and all other sources, together with any moneys in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, are hereby appropriated for the following purposes:

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1868.

Approp'ns listing No. 1	Interest	$72 000
" " 2	Salaries	28 710
" " 3	Printing	8 200
" " 4	Fire Engines & Hose	20,000
" " 5	Night Police	80,000
" " 6	Water Works	40,000
" " 7	City Offices	20 000
" " 8	Contingent Fund	20 000
" " 9	Street Repairs	18 000
" " 10	Macadamizing	6 000
" " 11	Sidewalk Fund	4 000
" " 12	High Bridge	1,000
" " 13	Cemeteries	10,000
" " 14	Board of Health	500
" " 15	Loan due and falling due	300,000
" " 16	City Property	38,000
" " 17	Guidon's Warrants	2,000
" " 18	Finance Fund	25,000
" " 19	Sinking Fund	135,000
" " 20	Fifth Ward Sinking Fund	2,000
" " 21	Fire Alarm Telegraph	2,000
" " 22	Rents, new Bills	10 000
		$1,125,150

ESTIMATES OF RECEIPTS FOR 1868.

City Tax, 10 mills	$300,000
Real Estate Tax	110,000
Water Tax	180,000
Allegheny Wharf	4 000
Monongahela Wharf	16,000
Liquor Tax	14,000
Mayor's Office	11,000
Board of Health	500
Sub-Inspector	2,000
City Hall	15,000
Vehicle License	1,000
Passenger Railways	1,500
Wright Scales	1,000
Rifle Range	1,000
Loans due and falling due	300,000
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SECTION 2. That for the purpose of providing revenue to meet the ordinary expenses of the city, and pay the interest on the Corporate Bonds authorized by Act of Assembly, to become due the first day of April, 1868, and the ordinance of Councils, passed in pursuance thereof, the rates of taxation are hereby increased above what is authorized by Power and Assembly, and for the year 1868 they shall be as follows:

On all property taxable for State or County purposes, sixteen mills upon the dollar of valuation.

2. Upon the annual yearly sales of all goods, wares, merchandise and articles of trade and commerce, including as an article and other wares, ten mills on the dollar.

3. Upon the annual yearly sales of each and every person or firm engaged in the trade, business or occupation of retailing for his, her or their benefit, wines, fermented or distilled liquors, ten mills on the dollar, and on the annual yearly sales of each and every person or firm engaged in the business or occupation of an auctioneer, five mills on the dollar; and according to the classes of business, as specified in the schedule of Assessor's Schedule, which shall be two and one-fourth mills on the dollar.

4. On the average quarterly business of Forwarding and Commission merchants, ten mill on the dollar; on the average quarterly net cash of brokers, banks and banking institutions, twelve mills on the dollar; on the average quarterly receipts of insurance companies, other than State Agencies, Express Companies and Telegraph Companies, five mills on the dollar.

And all the above rates the City Assessor shall assess into valid taxes.

SECTION 3. That the rates of Water Rents for 1868, shall be the same for 1867.

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, with are hereby repealed.

Mr. Shipton moved that clause two, of section second of the above be made 15 mills on the dollar instead of 21 mills, and presented the following petition:

To the Honorable Select and Common Councils of the City of Pittsburgh:

We, the undersigned, Individuals and firms doing business in the city of Pittsburgh, would respectfully call the attention of your honorable bodies to the burdensome and unequal workings of the city business tax, and respectfully ask that you devise some means of relief from the same.

Believing, as we do, that this very onerous tax is working injudiciously to the best interest of the city, it being one of the reasons given by some of our largest firms for withdrawing their business from the city, several having removed and others contemplating doing so, we believe it also prevents others from locating here. We would also call attention to the fact that many of our professional men and others, having larger in comes than business houses, paying a tax of from $300 to $1,000, do not pay a single cent of tax to the city, while others pay the trifling tax assessed on their occupation, yet they derive their income mainly from the city and are entitled to bear a part of its burdens.

[Signed,]

McCandless, Jamison & Co., J. Painter & Sons, Morgenstern & Bro., Graff, Byers & Co., Arbuthnot, Shannon & Co., John Gill & Sons, John Orr & Co., R. H. Weldin & Co., D. Gregg & Co., Dilmy, Gregg & Co., R. H. Hartley & Co., J. L. Kauffman, Carr, McCandless & Co., P. H. Hunker, R. Reed & Co., Jackson & Free, Joseph Liebler, Chas. C. Bair, Jas. Lyons, Dezouche & Co., Elsner, Phillips & Co., Evans, Dallas & Gilmore, Strang, Graham & Co., Joseph Graff & Co., Cunninghams & Inmen, Singer, Nimick & Co., Reiter & Co., Graff, Bennett & Co., Park, McCurdy & Co., McKee & Bro., Pape, Zellers & Duff, James M. Lindsay, Jr., Fry & Scott, Wolf, Howard & Co., R. H. Cunniff & Son, Michels, Roebling & Co., Bakewell, Pears & Co., Bryner, Bantman & Co., William McCully & Co., Lyon, Shorb & Co., Lowe & Wightman, Joseph Woodwell & Co., Bryce, Walker & Co., W. S. Haven, D. McCallister, R. Edwards & Co., W. Pickergill & Co., Boyd, Murray & Stewart, R. C. Loomis & Co., W. G. Johnson & Co., Duncan & Hague, T. T. Myler & Co., Patterson & Bullock, B. L. Fahnestock & Co., R. H. Palmer, J. J. Gillespie, W. E. Schmertz, Zug & Co., Baird & Bell, F. H. Eaton, James Taylor, H. Childs & Co., Graff, Hague & Co., Mitchell, Stevenson & Co., J. P. Barclay & Co., Carroll & Snyder, Kirkpatrick Brother & Co., Wm. Cooper & Co., T. W. Miller, Russell & Co., Little & Mehling, Kirkpatrick, Herron & Co., Schemaker & Lang, W. H. Kirkpatrick & Co., Carter McGraw & Co., R. Robinson & Co., Knox & Co., John T. Renshaw, Henry Bea Jr., S. Ewart & Co., Wm. McKee & Son, J. L. Adler & Co., Robert Woods & Co., W. P. McLaughlin, John D. W. C. Bidwell & Co., Union Iron Mills, (per H. Phillips,) Joseph Horne & Co., Macrum, Glyde & Co., Richard Bard, Henry Getty, Gardner & Stewart, Hill, Barker & Co., C. H. Love & Bro., Shellabe & Barclay, Watt & Wilson, Robert Burke, Jr., J. George & Co., Hartshorn, McDonald & Co., A. Wood, W. B. Hays & Son, T. C. Jenkins, W. M. Gormley Gay & Welsh, Arbuckle & Co., J. Henderson & Bro., J. H. Voight & Co., G. N. Hoffstott, M. Delange, J. H. Myers & Co., P. G. Craighead, A. Garrison & Co., T. & J. McCance, H. Anshutz & Sons, Shipton & Wallace, McCord & Co., Penn'a. Salt Manufacturing Co., per C. Pembertons, J. P. H. Hecla, Macrum & Carlisle, O. McClintock & Co., White, Orr & Co., Davis, Clarke & Co., Steel & Metzgar, T. H. Lanfman & Bro., Fahnestock, Albree & Co., Samuel Fahnestock, George Albree, Son & Co., Steinmetz & Co., Wharton Bros. & Co., M. B. Sloan, J. L. Reed, McElroy, Dickson & Co., Logan, Gregg & Co., Whitmore Wolf, Duff & Co., McLain, Audey & Allison, Wallace, Cavitt & Co., A. Bradley & Co., Everson, Preston & Co., J. S. Dilworth & Co., George H. Anderson & Co., Little, Baird & Paton, R. E. Sellers & Co., Beck, Phillips & Co., McFarland & Collins, H. H. Collins, John H. Baylis & Co., T. A. Evans & Co., Park Bros. & Co., Moorhead & Co., James Dalzell & Son, Bryant & Caughey, Isaiah Dickey & Co., Hallman, Rahm & Co., Lewis, Oliver & Phillips, Colwin & Schwenil, Means & Coffin, Lippincott & Bakewell, A. & D. H. Chambers, James B. Lyon & Co., Wood, Matthews & Co., James Wood & Co., Martin, Brickell & Co., Nimick & Co., Jones & Laughlins, Chess, Smyth & Co.

In support of the argument of the above the following letters were read:

CINCINNATI, Jan. 24th, 1868.

Messrs. Arbuckle & Co.:—Yours of 22d received. The only city tax we pay is on real estate and personal property, either individual or by the firm. We are not taxed on our business except by the United States Government. Y. S.—

PROCTOR & GAMBLE.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 24.

Gentlemen:—Upon making inquiry among our friends we learn that there is no city tax imposed here. There is a State license tax of $50 on sales of $50,000 and upwards, which, with United States tax, is all they are required to pay.

PEABODY, LAWRENCE & Co.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.

Gentlemen: There is no tax here on our business, except the United States Internal Revenue. No city tax.

DUNMOR & LALLY.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 24.

Gentlemen: There is no business tax in Philadelphia for municipal purposes.

We think the State and Government taxes are enough, for sometimes we transact business a whole year without making a dollar and have to pay those odious taxes on amount of sales all the same.

McBRIDE & Co.

The motion of Mr. Shipton was almost unanimously voted down, thus disposing of this highly respectable petition.

Dr. Gross moved that the appropriation ordinance be read item by item, and so acted upon. Carried.

The several items were then considered separately.

Mr. Morrow moved that appropriation No. 10 be increased from No. 5, $10,000. Lost.

Mr. Gross moved that Appropriation No. 22 be increased from $10,000 to $20,000.

Mr. Dickson offered an amendment by striking out Appropriation No. 22 entirely, and to add that amount to Appropriation No. 7. Lost. The motion of Dr. Gross was also lost.

Mr. Rafferty moved that $5,000 be transferred from No. 7 to No. 22. Lost.

Appropriation No. 22 occasioned considerable debate, the new members maintaining that it would cost more money to keep the roads in proper order than it will require for the streets in the city, and that the amount appropriated ($10,000) was wholly inadequate for the purposes. They claimed that it was a great injustice in the old city proper to vote that insignificant amount. They asked nothing for their districts but what they fully paid for.

The appropriations and estimates of receipts were adopted finally as printed above.

A petition appealing from the report of the viewers on the Pikeslreet sewer from W. M. Darlington was read and accepted.

Mr. Phillips presented the following copy of an Act about to be presented to the Legislature for action:

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH TO BORROW MONEY.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted, &c.*, That the City of Pittsburgh be and is hereby authorized to borrow a sum of money not exceeding Ten Hundred Thousand Dollars to be used for the purpose of improving and extending the Water Works of said city, and for no other purpose whatever; to be borrowed at such times and in such amounts as the Councils of said city may by ordinance direct.

SEC. 2. That the City of Pittsburgh shall be and is hereby authorized and empowered to issue coupon bonds for the payment of any sums of money which may be borrowed in pursuance of this act, in sums not less than one hundred dollars, bearing interest at a rate not more than 7 per cent. per annum, to be executed in said form and in such manner, and payable at such times as Councils may by ordinance direct; provided, however, that none of said bonds shall be sold for less than par value thereof. And provided further, that all bonds issued in pursuance of this act shall be exempt from taxation for city purposes.

SEC. 3. That the loan authorized by this act shall be known as the "Water Extension Loan," and all bonds issued in pursuance hereof shall be kept separate and apart from all other indebtedness of said city.

SEC. 4. That the Councils of said city of Pittsburgh shall annually, at the time of other appropriations are made, appropriate out of the revenue from water rents a sum sufficient to pay the interest accrued to accrue during the year, upon all outstanding bonds, and a further sum of not less than two per cent. of all bonds which may have been issued in pursuance of this act, to be set apart as a sinking fund for the extinguishment of said indebtedness.

SEC. 5. The interest coupons of any bond which may be issued in pursuance of this act, shall be received in payment of any water rents which may be assessed in said city.

SEC. 6. That the Controller of said city shall, in the month of November of each year, give public notice for at least ten days, by advertisement in the newspapers authorized to do the city printing, of the amount of money in the sinking fund herein provided, and that he will, on the first day of December following, pay such bonds as may be presented in the order of this presentation. If the number of bonds presented should not be sufficient to exhaust such fund, the balance may be estimated in the revenue for the next ensuing year, or invested in such manner as Councils may, by ordinance, direct.

The act was approved.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

A communication from the President of the Board of Health was read, announcing the expiration of the term of service of Messrs. David Fitzsimmons, James Chambers and David Hutchinson as members of the Board.

In pursuance of the act supplementary to an Act to incorporate the City Board of Health, requiring the election to take place on joint ballot of Councils on the first Monday of January, joint session was held.

SELECT COUNCIL RESUMED.

Mr. McClelland presented a petition for the paving of Smallman street, Ninth ward. Read and referred to the Street Committee with instructions to report an ordinance.

Mr. McClelland also presented a petition for the opening of Mulberry alley, Ninth ward, from Smith street to Taylor street. Referred to Street Committee with instruction to report an ordinance.

Mr. Phillips offered a resolution providing for the selling of the Presidents' and Clerks' desks and unexpired stationery. Referred to the Finance Committee. Carried.

Mr. White presented an ordinance for grading, paving and curbing of Liberty street from Carson to Clymer streets. Read and laid over under the rules.

Mr. Ogden presented the copy of an act providing for the appointment of a Meat Inspector. Read and approved, and Clerk ordered to send copy to Legislature.

On motion adjourned.

In Common Council.

Members present—Messrs. Ahlborn, Barnhill, Barton, Batchelor, Beales, Berger, Bopp, Brush, Carkey, Daub, Davis, Davis, Fitzsimmons, Friday, Hare, Hemphill, Herron, Hillerman, Jeremy, Kremer, Mawhinney, Meyer, Moorhead, McCleane, Rebman, Reed, Reynolds, Robb, Roswell, Scott, (Lawrenceville), Scott, (Fifth ward), Sims, Torley, Trefz, Verner, Verner, Vick, Weldon, Welsh, Zern and President Tomlison.

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Mr. Hare presented a petition from John M. Ross, the owner of a lot on Pennsylvania avenue, at the corner of Logan street, praying to be relieved from the payment of certain assessments on his property for the paving of the sidewalk opposite. Referred to the Street Committee.

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The resolution being adopted the following members were appointed from the Common Council: Messrs. Reynolds, Batchelor, McClean and Torley.

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Mr. Hare presented a bill amounting to $143 92, for repairs effected on the Allegheny Engine House, by Messrs. Gordon and Stewart. Referred to Committee on City Property.

Mr. Torley offered a resolution providing for the erection of hat racks in the council chamber, and asking for an advance of files for the published accounts of the proceedings of Council.

A number of the members dissented, and Mr. Reed called for a division, but the Chair decided the motion was made too late, and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Weldon offered a resolution authorizing the erection of a gas lamp on the corner of Dropsico Way and O'Brien's alley. Referred to the Committee on Gas.

Mr. Jeremy presented a petition praying for a better drainage of Fulton street. Referred to Street Committee.

Mr. Hillhouse presented a petition from a number of merchants praying for a reduction of the business tax. Referred to Finance Committee.

Mr. Vick read a communication from the City Assessor relative to the increase of his labors, consequent on the recent consolidation, and asking for a consideration of salary. Referred to Finance Committee.

THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.

The President next read the appropriation ordinance from Select Council.

On the fourth clause in the second section there was a concurrence in the action of Select Council, after which Mr. Batchelor moved for a division, which the Chair deemed out of order.

The decision of the Chair was appealed from, and the question being put, the Chair was sustained.

THE SECOND AVENUE SEWER.

The action of Council on the petition praying that the construction of the sewer on Diamond alley be deferred was concurred in by the Select Council, Common Council adhered to its action.

THE OATH OF OFFICE.

Mr. Batchelor said there was a section in the consolidation bill which required that all the city officers declare in their oath their willingness to support the Constitution of the United States and that of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This had been omitted when they were sworn, in and in view of this Mr. Batchelor submitted the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the attention of Counsels be called to an oversight, in omitting to administer the oath according to the twenty-fifth section of the "Act Extending the Boundaries of Pittsburgh," inasmuch as the section requires the officers elect to swear that they will support the Constitution of the United States and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and that the Select and Common Councils are requested to meet in joint session at the next meeting for that purpose.

SELECT COUNCIL BUSINESS.

The ordinance with reference to the loan for the water extension was next read by the President, and the action of Select Council concurred in.

The Dimmond water pipe petition was again brought up, the Select Council having adhered to their former action.

On motion, the C. C. adhered to its former action, and asked for a Committee of Conference.

Mr. Brush offered the following:

Resolved, That the Clerks of Councils prepare copies of the bill passed by the Assembly for the water extension loan and transmit the same to the Representatives of Allegheny county for their action.

On motion, adjourned until Tuesday next.

JOINT SESSION.

Councils met in joint session in the Common Council Chamber, President McAuley in the chair, for the purpose of electing three members of the Board of Health.

The following nominations were made for members of the Board of Health, with the result annexed:

Dr. Gross, 36; Dr. Fitzsimmons, 43; Jas. Chambers, 16; Geo. A. Jones, 2; D. Hutchinson, 26; Dr. A. H. Gross, 52.

Messrs. Fitzsimmons and Gross were declared elected.

A tie vote occurring between Pierson and Shaw, a new ballot was taken, when third member, resulting as follows: Pierson, 24; Shaw, 22; Hutchinson, 7; Chambers, 1.

Gen. Pierson was declared elected.

Messrs. Fitzsimmons, Gross and Pierson were then sworn by Mr. Morrow, declared unanimously elected.

(The members of the Select Branch then withdrew to their Chamber.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following are transfers filed with Recorder Sinclairy January 25th, 1868:

W. M. Abrams to John Steinbrenner, April 16, 1867, 10x29 feet on Manhattan street, Allegheny, for a term of 99 years, buildings $1,500

Joseph Kirkpatrick to William Clifford, July 15, 1867, lot on Ohio avenue, 22x100, Charters street, 22 by 133 feet, with buildings 8800

John A. Strain to Patrick McCullough, January 24, 1868, lot on Grant street, near the Third Presbyterian Church, 20 by 120 feet, with buildings $8,600

Michael Reibenhoerger to Matthew H. Hamm, May 28, 1867, lot in Birmingham, 40 by 90 feet $800

C. H. Tarte to Elias P. Palmer, July 1, 1867, lot 30 feet square on Center avenue, Fayette township $600

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THE COURTS.

United States Circuit Court—Judge McCandless.

This Court met Monday, at eleven o'clock. The list of Grand Jurors summoned was called over, and but seven answered. Sixteen being required to organize, those in attendance were dismissed until ten o'clock Tuesday morning. The traverse jurors were next called, and after disposing of the cases on the calendar. The Court announced that owing to the unusual amount of business, attorneys would be required to be ready with their cases when reached, and so arrange their business in the county courts.

The case of the United States vs. W. J. Bryan, civil docket, was discontinued at the costs of the Government.

A *non pros* was entered in the case of S. W. Owens, indicted for carrying on the business of a commercial broker without license.

Court adjourned till ten o'clock Tuesday.

District Court—Judge Williams.

MONDAY, Jan. 27.—In the Armstrong county ejectment cases—Bradford vs. Guthrie et al.—the jury have not agreed upon a verdict. They have been out since Friday at two P. M.

John Young vs. Little Saw Mill Run Railway Co.—Action for damages. Plaintiff received an injury on defendants road, May 29, 1866, of such a nature as to require the amputation of his left leg. The accident is alleged to have resulted through the carelessness of defendants.

Following is the list for Tuesday:

169. Hanna, Hart & Co. vs. Pittsburgh, Brownsville and Geneva Packet Line.

2. Thos. J. Sheck vs. Wm. Reed.

3. Isaac Rodman et ux. vs. Nancy Amor's estate.

4. Patricks & Friend vs. Wills & Coyle.

6. City of Pittsburgh vs. Christopher Zug.

8. James H. Galer vs. H. Riddle.

17. J. C. Patterson & Co. vs. Building Committee Pittsburgh Savings Bank.

29. Cyrus Miller vs. Fuller & Eastman.

Common Pleas—Judge Kelton.

MONDAY, January 27.—Court met at the usual hour.

Robert Cadwell vs. John McLaughlin and wife. Appeal from Alderman Nicholson, who gave judgment for plaintiff for $50. Verdict for defendant.

Michael Hagmeier vs. Adam Hergenrother and John Nanz, partners. Action for work and labor done in hauling leather, at 25 per bill rendered, amounting to $209,30. On trial.

Following is the list for Tuesday:

20. Gillespie vs. Scott.

22. Graham vs. McAfee.

27. West Branch Ins. Co. vs. Franz.

31. Pearce vs. Smith.

32. Cameron et al. vs. steamer George Allbee.

34. Thompson vs. Rice.

34. Porter et al. vs. McDonald.

35. Kerwin vs. Graham et al.

36. Anderson vs. Patterson et ux.

39. Fleming & Co. vs. DeKnight.

Quarter Sessions—Judge Stowe.

Court met Monday morning at the usual hour, ten o'clock.

In the case of Joseph Miller and Wm. Hierholzer, indicted for assault and battery, on oath of Mrs. G. Hildebrand, the jury found defendant not guilty, defendants to pay the costs.

Henry Miller was indicted for assault and battery on oath of Jacob Shaw. Verdict not guilty, prosecutrix and defendant, each to pay one-half the costs.

Mary Miller was indicted for the larceny of a silver cup, on oath of Mary E. Shaw. Verdict not guilty.

Leon Westerfield, of Westbrook, a lad, was convicted of the larceny of an overcoat from Stephen Cavanaro, on Indiana, and committed to the House of Refuge.

Rose Cassell was tried for the larceny of a watch from Eleanor Kane, and convicted. Sentence suspended.

Michael Shelly and William Dixon plead guilty to an indictment for larceny, on oath of Wm. C. Hawn. They were sentenced, the former to the penitentiary, the value of two dollars. Sentence deferred.

William Wagner, of the Third ward, was convicted of fornication, bastardy, constable, for selling liquor without license during August last. Verdict not guilty, county to pay the costs.

Wm. Wegner was tried upon another indictment, charging him with selling liquor without license during the months of October last. Verdict not guilty, defendant to pay the costs.

Charge of Assault and Battery.

Barbara Brawdy was placed on trial on an indictment for keeping a bawdy house, on oath of Mrs. Ann Lynch, third ward. The indictment was found at the September term, with others of similar nature, the grand jury having made a special presentment on the subject. As it was evident the trial would occupy the balance of the session, it was announced from the bench that the attendance of jurors not impanneled would not be required after Friday morning. If the Court, designed by the action to relieve citizens, summoned as jurors, or witnesses in cases pending, from the pressure, the room being crowded, the good intention was fully appreciated, for not a man stirred. The recital of the indecencies enacted at Mrs. Brawdy's, was sufficient to deter from the attraction, jurors with others remaining to listen thereto up to the moment of adjournment. Mayor Pearson and Jane Morrison were the chief witnesses called. They had been at Brawdy's, and testified to sufficient to establish the character of the house to be as charged in the indictment. The former, in answering the question as to whether she had any ill feeling toward the defendant, said she had a vague remembrance of the fact (as she averred it to be) that Mrs. B. had on a certain occasion drugged her and robbed her of her money. Other witnesses were called, and as the details were inquired into by counsel, the respective parties, there were frequent outbursts of laughter, which sounded strangely to the serious. It was constituted that description of the lowest depth was the subject of merriment. The case was not concluded at 5 P. M.

A "Stuck" Jury.—The jury in the Armstrong county ejectment cases, which occupied the attention of the District Court last week, came into Court on Friday afternoon last, had not agreed upon a verdict last evening. They stand, one for the plaintiff, and another the "eleven stubborn ones" are for the plaintiff, and the balance were equally with certainty. One of the number has been so ill as to require the attendance of a physician, and it was thought at the last report was that he had strength sufficient to "hang out" another night.

Rich Tract.—The English tract of coal near Kinzua, Warren county, comprising about eighteen hundred acres, is attracting considerable attention from capitalists. There are two veins of good coal, the upper one being about five feet in thickness, which are separated by a seven foot vein of fine clay.

Large Yield.—The new well struck a mile and a quarter in lease No. 30 of the Woods Farm, Crawford county, is producing from one hundred and fifty to one hundred barrels per day. The property interest is owned by Messrs. J. W. Irwin and M. L. Stewart.

Large Tax.—Three of the divisions of the Twenty-fifth Congressional District, comprising the principal oil fields, paid a revenue tax on oil alone, in the month of December, amounting to $43,832.12. The divisions are the second, eighth and ninth.

Councils yesterday held session from two o'clock to seven o'clock P. M. The daylight meetings are very unpopular with the members, as they consume so much valuable time which might be employed to individual interests.

Foghin.—A remonstrance has been sent to the Legislature by some of the anti-improvement citizens of Tidioute, asking that the bill granting the borough authorities the right to vote money for fire purposes, be quashed.

Family Trouble.—John Stewart, of Lower St. Clair township, yesterday appeared before Alderman McMasters, of the Third ward, and charged his wife with desertion. A warrant was issued.

Opened.—The Union School House in Tidioute borough was formally opened on Monday last, and children and parents rejoice greatly.

Creditable.—The Old Folks give a concert at Titusville to-morrow night, the entire receipts of which are for the benefit of the poor.

The election to supply the vacancy in Common Council from Oakland township was held yesterday. We did not hear the result.

Burned.—The refinery of Mr. Walton, on Bull Run, Crawford county, was burned on Thursday last. The loss is about $500.

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

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The gold market was rather excited to day, the opening quotation being 140¾, declining to 140¼, advancing gradually to 141¾, and closing quiet at 141¼. The introduction in Congress of a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue bonds to the extent of the amount of greenbacks withdrawn seems to be the principal cause of the advance, coupled with the discontent of the Southern States regarding the manner in which reconstruction is to be effected. In a commercial point of view, gold should rather decline than go up under the falling off in imports and the limited demand for shipments to Europe.

Government bonds sold rather higher this afternoon than in the morning, despite the proposed increase in the issue of new bonds; but the desire to earn interest on money is so great, and Eastern banks and bankers are compelled to earn all the interest possible on balances left with them, that the high price of national securities is lost sight of and purchases are made that will result in losses. The turning point in Governments is near at hand; a quotation of five-twenties in London at 72½ would send down all issues dealt in at the continental money markets.

Stocks opened at a decline, but in the afternoon all the leading roads recovered and sold above the highest quotations of last week. The excitement in stocks is great, but the outside public now keep aloof; the inevitable panic may set in sooner than expected. Business is exceedingly dull, but some people do not seem to realize their own financial condition.

Clearing New York quotations, received by Phillips, Shortridge & Co., report having realized 500 head during the past week at 8½@9c gross.

Rothschilds & Dyers report having retailed 1[illegible] head during the past week at 7@9½c.

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