CITY AND SUBURBAN.

Daily Prayer Meeting—From 12 M. to 12:30 o'clock at the Methodist Church, Fifth street, next door to GAZETTE office.

Meadville has a Grant Club.

Saengerbund.—This organization will hold a convention in City Hall, this city, on the first and second days of September next.

Will Meet on Monday Evening.—The Street Committee will meet on Monday evening next, at City Engineer's Room. A full attendance is requested, as much business will come before them.

Tearing Down.—Workmen have commenced to tear down the old building on the corner of Penn street and Trimble's alley, preparatory to the erection of the new house for the Young Men's Mercantile Library Association.

A violent rain storm, accompanied by heavy wind and thunder and lightning, prevailed last evening four miles from the city, on the Perrysville road, at about half-past six and lasting till seven. Singular the storm did not reach the city.

Harmony Street.—The workmen are engaged in preparing the curb stone to be placed on Harmony street, the dividing line between the boroughs of Birmingham and East Birmingham. The street will be paved as soon as the curbs are set.

Congressional Conferees of the Twenty-Third District.—The Conferees of the Twenty-Third District, comprising part of this county and Butler and Armstrong counties, will meet at Freeport on Monday next, to nominate a Congressman for that district.

Disorderly Conduct.—Mrs. Myers alleges that Margaret Neely, of Beech alley, in the Eighth ward, has been conducting herself in a disorderly manner, and yesterday she made information before Alderman Thomas, who issued a warrant for the arrest of Margaret.

Water Pipe.—The twelve inch water pipe which was laid on Liberty street, from Clymore to Smith, which we noticed yesterday, is being continued on Smith to Penn street, where it will connect with the twenty inch pipe to be laid on Penn street to Lawrenceville.

It is expected that repairs at Dam No. 2 on the Monongahela river, will be so far advanced by the 10th of this month that the packet boats will be able to come out. At present very light draft steamers are able to make occasional trips, the Zephyr arriving last night.

Assault and Battery.—Conrad Bohen made information before Justice Ammon yesterday, charging William Grupp with assault and battery. The parties reside in Temperanceville and were employed at Woods' iron mill. A warrant was issued for the arrest of Grupp.

Surety of the Peace.—James B. Faber made information before the Mayor yesterday against John Koffman, for surety of the peace. The parties reside at the junction of the Greensburg pike and Butler street, Lawrenceville. Koffman was arrested and held for a hearing.

Brutal Outrage.—A little girl ten years of age was brutally outraged at Sharon, Pa., by a fiend in human shape, named Charles H. Stewart. He was promptly arrested by two women but made his escape and was subsequently captured by the police and lodged in the Mercer jail.

Erratum.—In our report of the organization of the County Executive Committee, the name of our fellow citizen, Josiah Cohen, Esq., on the Committee on Naturalization was misprinted, and we make the correction, knowing that that gentleman will be one of the most active members of the Committee.

Assault and Battery.—Margaret Herman made information yesterday before Alderman McMasters against Henry Schapp for assault and battery with intent to commit a rape. She alleges that the defendant, on the 1st of July, knocked her down and attempted to commit the offence. He was arrested and held for a hearing.

Senatorial Conference.—The Conferees of the Senatorial District composed of Armstrong, Butler and Lawrence counties, will meet at the Monongahela House on Tuesday the 7th inst., for the purpose of selecting from among the three gentlemen put forward by the different counties a candidate to represent that district.

Trespass.—Mr. John H. Page made information before Justice Ammon yesterday, against James Leech, Wm. Gleuzing and Joseph Welser, charging them with malicious trespass. He alleges that the accused went into his orchard in East Birmingham and destroyed the trees and fruit. A warrant was issued for the arrest of the accused.

Malicious Mischief.—Michael Kiggers alleges that three boys, David Jones, Ebenezer and Nicholas Morris, maliciously entered his garden in East Birmingham and destroyed his potatoes and cabbage. He made information before Justice Ammon charging them with malicious mischief and trespass. A warrant was issued for the arrest of the accused.

Painful Accident.—Adam Slinger, an employe at the Crescent Tube Works of Evans, Clow & Dalzell, near Lock No. 1 on the Monongahela river, was very seriously injured by being carried around one of the large wheels in the establishment over one hundred times. His injuries, though severe, are not considered fatal, and it is thought he will recover.

Accidental Drowning.—On Wednesday evening, while a number of boys were bathing in a large pond located on the property of Mr. Bruce, East Liberty, one of them named William Wallace was seized with cramp and was drowned before assistance could reach him. Coroner Clawson held an inquest on the body yesterday morning, and rendered a verdict in accordance with the above facts.

Collision.—H. B. Gibson made information before the Mayor, yesterday, charging John Hanson with malicious mischief. The prosecutor drives one of Sumner's sewing machine wagons and yesterday his wagon was standing at the Duquesne Depot waiting for a load of goods, when, he alleges, the accused, who was driving a heavy iron wagon, run against his light wagon and damaged it to the amount of $5.50. A warrant was issued for the arrest of the accused.

A Bequest to the Church.—Last night about eight o'clock a fine little girl baby of but few days experience in this world, wrapped up in an old shawl, was carefully deposited on the door steps of the Episcopal residence attached to St. Paul's Cathedral. The little one was taken in and will be kindly cared for, although the good church people are not anxious to receive any further additions to the fold in such an irregular manner. No clue to the parents has been discovered.

New Discovery.—The Altoona *Tribune* says: Iron ore is found in great quantities near McVeytown; and no less than nine rich fossil ore banks, and five hematite banks are now opened. Some years since, a furnace and forges were carried on there, but on account of having to obtain their ore from Jack's mountain, a distance of eight miles, it was stopped. Ore is now found within three hundred yards of the place where the old Brooklyn furnace was located, and although they prospected for ore, at no time did they unearth to any depth.

Extensive Conflagration in Allegheny—Over Seven Thousand Dollars' Worth of Property Destroyed.

Thursday morning a fire broke out in a frame building owned by Mr. S. Marks, and occupied by Mr. John Slack as a carpenter shop, on Middle alley, near Sampson street, Second ward, Allegheny, which resulted in the destruction of over seven thousand dollars' worth of property, and threatened for a time to devastate the whole square in which it was located.

When the fire was first discovered it had not gained much headway, but such was the rapidity of its progress, that when the fire department reached the ground, although they had very promptly responded to the alarm, the whole building was a sheet of flame.

Next to the shop, on the south side, were two frame dwellings, also the property of Mr. Marks, and occupied by Fred. Lehman and Henry Landress, which quickly ignited and were destroyed, the occupants, however, fortunately succeeding in the removal of their household effects. On the north side was a large new frame stable, the property of, and occupied by, Smith & Co., carpenters and contractors, which, owing to the very combustible nature of its contents, was speedily reduced to ashes. There were in the stables at the time four horses and several sets of harness, a buggy, barouche and wagon, all of which were saved, though not without considerable difficulty. Immediately in the rear of the carpenter shop, on the property of Mr. Marks, was a small frame stable, in which were two buggies and a valuable horse and cow, which were removed without being injured. Through the almost superhuman exertions of the firemen, the large frame carpenter shop of Messrs. Smith & Co., fronting on Federal street and running back nearly to the stable, was saved from the fire, though about fifty thousand feet of lumber in the yard was so much damaged as to be of little future value. The firemen perceiving the impossibility of saving any of the buildings to which the fire had communicated, directed their efforts to prevent the spread of the flames, in which they were successful, having in a short time the fire under complete control.

The loss, as near as could be ascertained, is something over seven thousand dollars. Mr. Slack, in whose shop the fire originated, estimates his loss at six or seven hundred dollars, on which there is no insurance. Mr. Marks' loss will reach at least three thousand dollars, on which there is an insurance of six hundred dollars in the National Insurance Company of Allegheny. Messrs. Smith & Co. have insurance to the amount of three thousand five hundred dollars on their property, divided between the Etna and Lycoming, both eastern companies, which will probably fully cover their loss.

In regard to the origin of the fire various opinions are afloat, none of which, however, appear very plausible, and the affair will probably forever remain a mystery. The general opinion seems to be that it was wholly the result of accident, but how that accident occurred none can tell, as no person had been working in the shop where it occurred for several weeks previous. In closing our account we cannot refrain from awarding the highest praise to the firemen who labored like heroes to keep the conflagration from spreading. And had it not been for their tireless exertions, undoubtedly the loss would have been much greater.

A Burglar Shot—His Dying Confession.

Some four or five weeks ago a party of three burglars entered a clothing establishment in Ravenna, Ohio. They were overheard by a young lad sleeping in the store, who, seizing his gun, fired at them. With a sharp cry of pain from one of the thieves, who had evidently been hit, the party fled. Daylight showed blood to have been spilled, but a thorough search of the village failed to reveal the criminals. But three strangers had been observed loitering about the village the previous evening, by a citizen who, the next day, taking the cars for Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, was surprised to see the same party on the train just before reaching Pittsburgh. One of them had his face bound up and was apparently in much suffering. The citizen telegraphed the fact back to Ravenna, but if any effort was subsequently made to follow up the clue, in the interests of justice, it was ineffectual.

But, the same day, a man was brought to a hospital in this city, suffering from the effects of a gunshot wound. He received due care in this charitable institution, but it was unavailing. He lingered until last week, when, in his dying moments, he confessed the crime which he had attempted, and acknowledged the justice of its summary punishment, concealing his name to the last. His attendants succeeded, however, in divining it to be Hartzell. He refused to give the names of his companions in the affair, his confession being confined to his own share in the attempt which had brought him to an end so wretched. His dying confessions were made known to the parties concerned at Ravanna, through whom the facts have now transpired. The dying burglar heartily exonorated the lad who inflicted the wound, from all blame, commended his bravery in defending the property of his employer, and penitently resigned himself to the sad end of a wicked life, with evidences of a contrition so sincere as to make the deepest impression upon those who attended his last moments. Verily, the way of the transgressor is hard!

Fatal Accident.

Yesterday morning, about seven o'clock, a shocking and fatal accident occurred near Turtle Creek curve, on the Pennsylvania Railroad, about one mile east of Brinton Station. A gang of workmen, ten or twelve in number, under the direction of Michael Matigan, division boss, were proceeding eastward on a hand car. Just as the car turned the curve, the Latrobe accommodation train, due in this city at eight o'clock came in sight at the usual rate of speed. All of the men jumped from the car and escaped unhurt with the exception of John Redman, who remained on the truck, which was struck by the locomotive and thrown from the track, when he fell immediately in front of the engine on the track. The entire train passed over his body, mutilating it in a horrible manner and causing instant death. The accommodation train was running on its time, but it is stated that the watch of the boss was eight or ten minutes slow, and consequently he was not aware that the train was due. The deceased was about twenty-two years of age and resided at Cavitt's Mills.

Coroner Clawson was notified and went to Brinton Station yesterday evening at three o'clock, to hold an inquest, when the jury returned the following verdict: "That deceased came to his death on the 2d of July by being run over by the Latrobe Accommodation train on the Pennsylvania Railroad, and from the testimony of the witnesses the jury further find that no blame can be attached to the company or its employes."

Serious Accident.

Yesterday evening, about nine o'clock, an accident of a very serious nature occurred at the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Gist street, in the Eighth ward. Two gentlemen from Allegheny city, Geo. M. Blackstock and Matthew J. Hall, were riding in a buck wagon, driving a spirited horse, which took fright while passing down Gist street, and ran away. He run but a short distance, when one of the men either jumped or was thrown out, and slightly injured. The horse continued on down the street to the Avenue, running at a frightful rate of speed, when the vehicle collided with a heavy wagon, and was literally demolished. The driver was thrown out striking head foremost on the cobble stone pavement, receiving serious and perhaps fatal injury. He was removed to the house of Mr. Tustan, where he was attended by Dr. Batten.

Central Board of Education.

The Central Board of Education met Thursday afternoon, July 2d.

Present—Messrs. Covert, Craig, Getty, Harrison, Mays, Nobbs, Taylor, Wilson, and Erish, President.

Mr. Samuel Chadwick appeared and presented a communication, signed by Samuel Ross as President, and Charles W. Lewis as Secretary, of the Collins District School Board, stating that Mr. J. M. Little had resigned his seat in the Central Board of Education, and that Mr. Chadwick had been elected to represent said Board in the Central Board.

Mr. Benjamin W. Morgan, also appeared and presented a communication, signed by John B. Bell as President, and John McMaster as Secretary, stating that Mr. J. M. Little, representative to the Central Board of Education, had removed to the State of Maryland, and requesting that his seat be declared vacant. Mr. Morgan also presented credentials as Representative from Collins to the Central Board of Education.

Mr. Nobbs moved that the resignation of Mr. Little be accepted, which was agreed to.

Mr. P. H. Laufman presented credentials as representative from the independent district of Collins.

On motion of Mr. Getty, the credentials of Mr. Laufman were accepted, and he declared a member of the Board.

Mr. Wilson moved that the contestants from Collins be heard, which was agreed to. Mr. Morgan stated that he represented the Board elected in December last, and that the State Superintendent had decided that said Board was legal, and presented the communication from the Superintendent on that subject.

Mr. Chadwick stated that the election for School Directors last December had been held without notice, and had been regarded as void, and that a decision to that effect had been received from the State Superintendent in the case of another district.

On motion of Mr. Craig, the credentials and accompanying papers were referred to a Committee of three.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Craig, Wilson and Covert.

Mr. Wilson moved that a Committee of three be appointed who shall, at the next meeting, report the proper time for the organization of School Boards in such districts as have been divided by a late ordinance of Councils, which was decided in the affirmative and Messrs. Wilson, Getty and Taylor appointed.

The Principal of the High School presented a report of the result of the examination of the applicants for admission to the High School.

On motion of Mr. Getty, candidates holding cards with the following numbers were declared entitled to admission to the High Schools, viz:

No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 28, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 41, 42, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 55, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 100, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 112, 113, 114, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 123, 124, 125, 127, 129, 130, 133, 134, 136, 137, 138, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 153, 154, 155, 156, 162, 163, 165, 166, 168, 171, 172.

On motion adjourned.

Teachers Elected.

A meeting of the Sixth ward School Board, Allegheny, was held last evening, when the following teachers were elected for the ensuing year: Professor B. F. Gamber, Principal; Miss M. E. Baily, Assistant Principal. Teachers—Misses H. S. McCain, L. E. Wilson, S. E. Patton, Mary E. Kelly, M. J. Cruthers, S. M. Holler, Emma G. Boyd, Aggie Wilson, Amanda Bartley. Janitor, George Kirk.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fifth Ward Schools, the following teachers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

Principal—*Prof. Andrew Burt.*

Grammar Department—Miss Jennie Ralston, Maggie McCreight and Rebecca Munn.

Intermediate—Mrs. J. J. Yon, Misses Anna McClelland, Hannah Brooks, Hester Munn and Rosa McCleary.

Primary—Miss Maggie Dickson, Mary McCreight, Maggie Scott, A. A. Hoey, Ella Hamilton, Lizzie King, Melissa Burt and Mary Harris.

The Eighth Ward, Pittsburgh, School Board met last evening and re-elected their corps of teachers for the ensuing year, viz:

Principal—L. H. Eaton.

Ann Street Building.

Grammar Department—Misses Mary D. Garvin, Eliza W. Lompre, Emma D. Wallace.

Intermediate—Misses Chellnessa J. Bragdon, Alice J. Jackson, Mattie A. McMaster, Amelia Witherow.

Primary—Misses Caroline M. Hartley, Lizzie McClaren, Amelia McCreary, M. Agnes McFadden, Emma L. Neely, Jennie C. Simpson, Annie M. Sloss.

Second Street Building.

Grammar Department — Miss Mary I. Proudfoot.

Intermediate—Mrs. Verbena Burns.

Primary—Miss Annie M. Witter.

Diamond Pin Recovered.

Some three months since Mr. John McD. Crossan, proprietor of the Monongahela House of this city, lost a diamond cluster pin valued at $700, at the Opera House, an account of which we published in the GAZETTE the day following the occurrence. Chief of Police Green undertook to work up the case, and from the following which we clip from the *National Republican*, Washington, D. C., it will be seen that his efforts have been successful:

Our energetic and far-famed detective, John Clarvoe, assisted by Chief of Police Matthew Green, of Pittsburgh, succeeded in recovering a diamond cluster pin valued at $700, yesterday, which had been taken from the bosom of a gentleman, resident of the latter named place, while attending the theatre some three months back. Mr. Clarvoe found the pin in this city. Too much praise could not be accorded to these gentlemen for their energy and efficiency, and the dispatch with which they worked up this case will characterize them as the most efficient men in their line of business.

Tuesday's Storm—A Minister Killed.

A sad accident occurred in West Deer township during the prevalence of the violent storm on Tuesday last, by which Rev. A. G. Shaffer, a zealous and earnest Christian and pastor of the West Deer Township United Presbyterian Church, lost his life. It seems that Mr. Shaffer was standing in his house looking out on the storm, when the lightning struck the building a few feet from where he was, and a portion of the electric fluid, glancing off, struck him also, resulting in his instant death. The deceased, who was about fifty years of age, had been connected with the West Deer Church for the past twenty-one years, and was very much beloved for his many amiable virtues, not only by his own congregation but by all with whom he had intercourse. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, and was largely attended by the friends and acquaintances of the family. Had he lived until next Sunday, he would have celebrated the twenty-first anniversary of his taking charge of the West Deer congregation.

Settling an Old Dispute.

About seven o'clock last evening a couple of muscular young Pittsburghers retired to the metal yard in the rear of Marbury street, Fourth ward, for the purpose of settling an old dispute, in accordance with the last rules of the prize ring. After pummeling each other to their hearts' content, for about half an hour, they apparently became satisfied with the settlement and withdrew to the river to wash off the effects of the evening's occupation.

"The Publication of City Ordinances—A Screw Loose Somewhere."

Under the above caption the *Dispatch* yesterday made an unwarranted attack on the capable and efficient clerks of City Councils, because, forsooth, that journal experiences some little vexation in obtaining in good season the ordinances passed by our City Fathers. Aside from the injustice of the attack, we cannot see why the clerks should be subject to the will and wishes of our neighbor; nor can we discover any real cause for the sudden burst of wrath and undignified complaint which has been showered on the heads of these most correct and faithful amongst our municipal officers. The clerks, if they desire to do so, can retain in their possession all ordinances thirty days after their passage before handing them to the official papers for publication. This right and privilege they have never exercised, striving at all times to hand them in promptly and in good season for publication. The particular ordinance to which reference is made by the *Dispatch* was sent to their office in very good season for setting up, had it reached the mechanical department of that establishment instead of being left in the counting room awaiting the managing editor's return to give the order to send it to the composing room. The greater portion of the matter in proof was delivered at the *Dispatch* office *before* six o'clock, and the last instalment was in before ten o'clock. The *Commercial* received the proof at the same time and printed the report entire yesterday morning and we have heard no grumbling from that quarter. We hope the desire of the *Dispatch* to lay the matter before Councils will be gratified, and we will venture our customary wager of a big Pippin that both of the clerks will be fully vindicated on the charges of bungling and carelessness laid at their doors by our cotemporary.

First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Allegheny.

The congregation of the First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Allegheny, Rev. Dr. Sproull, pastor, have caught the spirit of improvement in Church architecture, which is specially active in our vicinity just now, and have commenced the erection of a new church edifice on the corner of Sandusky street and Strawberry alley, which they expect to have under roof this season, and which, when completed, will be an ornament to that part of the city in which it is located, and a standing monument to the energy and enterprise of the congregation. The building, which will be of pressed brick, fronts gothic in design, and two stories high, will front fifty-six feet on Sandusky street, with a depth of ninety feet on Strawberry alley. On the outside all the buttresses, arches over the windows and openings will be capped with the finest dressed Freeport stone, which, in contrast with the pressed brick work, will present a very neat appearance. The first floor will be taken up with the vestibule, lecture room and several smaller rooms in the rear. Winding stairs lead from the vestibule into the auditorium, which it is estimated, will furnish sitting room for eight hundred persons, including the gallery built across the Sandusky street end. The pulpit will be surrounded with the finest carved wood work, painted and grained in light oak imitation. One of Emerson's patent gasolites will furnish all necessary light. The ceilings will be painted and frescoed in diamond patterns. All the wood work throughout the building will be painted and grained in imitation of light oak. The estimate cost of the structure complete, without the furniture, is $30,000. James M. Balph, of Allegheny, is the architect, and Mr. William Anderson is superintending the building operations.

Cool Impudence.

An information was made before the Mayor yesterday, charging Joseph Walsencraft with larceny, which developes the coolest piece of impudence imaginable. The prosecutor, J. Goldstein, a clothier on Market street, alleges that the accused, in company with another person, came into his store on Wednesday to purchase some goods, and after looking over the stock for some time, bought and paid for a pair of pants and vest, which were done up and delivered to him; while looking at the goods, it is alleged, the accused succeeded in securing a pair of pants under his coat, which he carried away with him. On taking them home, however, he discovered that they were boys' pants, and entirely too small for him, whereupon he returned to the store Thursday morning from whence he had taken them on the day previous, and asked to have them exchanged for a larger pair. The prosecutor states that he missed the pants shortly after Householder left his establishment Wednesday, and recognized the impudent man was arrested and locked up for a hearing.

Explosion of a Boiler.

We learn from the Titusville *Herald*, of June 30th, that at about half-past one o'clock on Tuesday morning, the boiler at the Fertig well No. 2, Tullman Farm, exploded from low and bad water in it, causing the instant death of one of the engineers, Edgar T. Murray, and slightly wounding another, Frank Fertig, who had just come to relieve the former. Mr. Murray was standing in front of the fire-box, at the steam guage. He was blown about forty-five yards to the front, while the boiler went in the opposite direction about the same distance, tearing the engine house and derrick to the ground, and passing through a small tank of oil. Mr. Murray was a single man, about twenty-four years of age. His parents reside at Oil City.

Mischievous Children.

Mrs. Gibson, residing on Hancock street, alleges that the children of Mrs. Costona, a neighbor, are the cause of considerable trouble to her, by climbing over the fence and throwing truck and stones at the house, thereby to a considerable extent destroying the same and endangering the lives of the inmates. She states that she endeavored to talk to Mrs. Costona in regard to the mischievous conduct of the children, but that lady refused to consider the matter at all. Consequently the prosecutrix made information against them before Alderman Donaldson for malicious mischief. Mrs. Costana waived a hearing and gave bail for an appearance at Court.

Camp Meetings.

There will be a camp meeting for South-east Pittsburgh District on the ground occupied last year, near McKeesport, Pa. All persons desiring to have tents on the ground will please meet there on Tuesday, July 7th, to make the necessary arrangements.

The South Pittsburgh district camp meeting will be held near Monongahela City, commencing Thursday, August 27th. It is hoped that every charge in the district will be represented. Parties interested will meet on the ground Thursday, August 20th, at ten o'clock A. M., to prepare the ground, select sites for tents, &c.

Another Riot.

Michael Hacket made information before the Mayor, yesterday, charging James Campboll, Patrick Egan and Robert Deniston with riot. The accused are coal miners, and were on a strike for higher wages, and, it is alleged by the prosecutor, that they went to Armstrong and Mathews' coal works, where he (Mr. H.) and Peter Hamil were employed, and beat and abused them, because they would not join in the strike. He further alleges that they conducted themselves in a riotous manner. Warrants were issued for the arrest of the accused.

Local Inspectors' Report.

The quarterly report of the Board of United States Local Inspectors of this port, for the quarter ending June 30th, was presented in the U. S. Court yesterday.

During the quarter embraced in the report the Board inspected thirty-five steamers, with an aggregate tonnage of 7,184 tons. Of these ten were passenger boats, nineteen towing boats, four ferry boats, and two freight boats.

The board also granted licenses to fifty-eight engineers and ninety-one pilots; of the first six were original and fifty-two renewals, of the latter three were original and eighty-eight renewals. They also refused an application for license as second engineer, and declined to raise the grade of a second engineer to first.

Two cases of collision were investigated: one involving a loss of $1,000 is still undecided. The report also refers to the opening of trade with Fort Benton, and compliments the officers and men for the success which they have achieved in the enterprise. The Inspectors also refer to the coal interest, and state that upwards of one hundred steamers are now engaged in the business, the operations of which have been unusually successful during the year up to the time of the break at Dam No. 2. The whole amount of tonnage from this port during the year has never been exceeded. The report states that a number of defects were found in the boilers of steamers all of which were repaired promptly.

Munson's Copper Lightning Rod.

[From the Chambersburg Pa. Repository.]

CHAMBERSBURG, PA., June 1, 1868.

I take pleasure in recommending in the highest possible terms, Munson's Tubular Copper Lightning Rod. I know its merits thoroughly; it has been in use in Columbiana county, New York, for eight years or more, giving the most perfect satisfaction. A committee was sent from the new Episcopal Church, in Hudson, N. Y., to New York City, Albany, Troy, and various other places, to find the best possible rod. After full examination, and by the advice of scientific men, they decided to have this Rod, and one was put on their spire of 183 feet in height. I may also be allowed to say that I am personally acquainted with Profs. Brooks, Tyson, and Prest. Baird, of Baltimore, and have entire confidence in their judgment and scientific knowledge of the matter. I have taken great pains to examine it carefully upon the best known principles of science, to compare it with many, almost all other rods in use, and believe it greatly superior to any other. It is constructed so absolutely in accordance with scientific principles that practically it may be said to be *perfect*. I do but justice to the manufacturer and a favor to the community in speaking thus highly of what close examination and wide experience have led me to believe the most perfect lightning conductor yet brought before the public. REV. IRVING MAGEE, A. M., Formerly connected with the Astronomical Observatory at Williamstown, Mass., and Principal of the Spencertown Academy, N. Y., &c.

The Great Sacrifice Sale.

Never before in this city has there been such a grand opportunity for the purchase of general dry goods, carpets, rugs, &c., &c., offered than at the present great clearance sale of Messrs. Smithson, Vanhook & McClelland, Nos. 55 and 57 Fifth street. The stock held by this firm is very large and of the most desirable quality and style. It embraces seasonable dress goods, linen goods, cloths, cassimeres, towels, crash, table cloths and general housekeeping goods, men and boys' clothing, parasols, sun shades, straw bonnets and hats, and hundreds of other articles too tedious to mention. The firm have resolved to quit entirely this branch of their business, and are determined to close out their stock at a great sacrifice. Dealers who buy to sell again can obtain decided advantage in bestowing their patronage at the Masonic Hall Auction Rooms, while retail patrons will be afforded such bargains as never before prevailed in this city.

The Importance of Purchasing the Best Sewing Machines.

Many persons starting out to purchase a Sewing Machine are prejudiced in favor of some particular kind which they buy without examining others. Ater they have used it a while they find out that a little investigation would have enabled them to purchase a much better one at the same price.

A careful examination of all the different machines is the only true way to discover the best. No one should by any means look over Singer's new noiseless machine.

No matter how great your prejudice may be in favor of any other machine, a visit to Straw & Morton's, corner of St. Clair and Penn streets, and a careful examination will certainly convince you of the superiority of the New Singer. The most liberal terms to purchasers. Machines guaranteed three years, and instructions free.

The Minstrels.

Carncross & Dixey's Minstrels, now playing at the Opera House, are as much superior to the minstrel troupes which have visited this city within the past two years in their line as Edwin Booth is the superior of any ordinary stock actor. Their entertainments are free from the low order of jests characteristic of the profession, and the music, both vocal and instrumental, is of a very excellent character. The quartette club is decidedly the finest we have ever heard on the stage, and some of the solo singers are inimitable. The base and tenor solos were executed in the very highest style of the art. In fact we have heard many popular opera singers who could not compare with either of them in richness of tone or beauty of execution. The "Buffalo Boys" are worthy of special attention, and should be seen to be appreciated. Remember the matinee on the "4th."

An Excellent Arrangement.

The dry goods and trimming merchants on Market street have unanimously adopted an excellent arrangement, which we think might be carried out in other parts of the city with very wholesome results. Hereafter, until September next, all their stores will close at five o'clock every evening, a change which cannot fail to be very beneficial not only to the employes but to the employers themselves. We feel assured that this system will not in any way injure the business, as their customers will readily acquiesce in its object and make their purchases accordingly.

Trade Licenses.

It was advertised in the city papers that all business men requiring State licenses should have had them on or before this date. Notwithstanding the notice given more than one-half of those who should have procured licenses have not done so. It is a very unpleasant business to put people to unnecessary costs and trouble, but I will have to give all the licenses not taken up into the hand of Aldermen, in a few days, for collection, as I am directed by the State authorities.

S. ALLINDER, City Treasurer.

July 1st, 1868. 2t

A Grand Social Pic-nic will be held at McFarland's Grove, for the benefit of the poor, under the auspices of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul, St. Pauls Conference, on July 4th. Dinner and admission tickets, 50 cents; admission to the grove without tickets, 25 cents. Trains on the Pennsylvania Railroad will leave the Union Depot as follows: at 7:50 and 11:51 a. m., and in the afternoon at 3:05, 4:00 and 5:10 o'clock. Returning trains arrive at 9:15, 5:50, 7:15 and 9:30 p. m. The Oakland Passenger Railway cars run to the grove every half hour. 3t.

Try the cheap shoe house, 63 Fifth street, Diamond Front.

Wm. Semple, Nos. 180 and 182 Federal St., Allegheny.

Gratefully acknowledges the very liberal patronage bestowed on him by his friends and a generous public for so many years. It will be his endeavor in the future as it has been in the past, to meet their wants, and merits their continued patronage and confidence. On the fourth of July, the store will be closed during the entire day, but in order to accommodate his numerous customers, it will remain open on Thursday and Friday evenings till 9 o'clock.

On and after Monday, July 6th, till September 1st, the store will be closed at 5 o'clock in the evening, except Saturdays, when it will be closed at 9 o'clock.

"Spring is cheery,
Winter is dreary,
Green leaves hang, but the brown must fly;
When he is shaken
Lone and forsaken,
What can an old man do but die?"

Why, take Plantation Bitters, to be sure, and with them a new lease of life. The old are made young again, the middle-aged rejoice, and the young become doubly brilliant by using this splendid Tonic. Dyspepsia, Heartburn, Liver Complaint, Pain in the Side, "Crick in the Back," and all symptoms of Stomachic Derangement yield at once to the health-giving influence of Plantation Bitters. They add strength to the system and bouyancy to the mind.

MAGNOLIA WATER.—A delightful toilet article—superior to Cologne, and at half the price. MWF&F

The Goose Race.—A rich treat is promised our citizens on the morning of the Fourth by Messrs Bob Hart and J. C. Campbell, who will drive six geese each, harnessed to common washtubs. The race will take place on the Allegheny river, from the Hand street bridge to the Suspension bridge. As usual in such open-air exhibitions, the purse will be made up by a collection from the spectators. Let every one attending put twenty-five cents in their pocket, for it will be a treat and no mistake. The race will positively take place at ten o'clock a. m.

The Perrysville plank road, the favorite drive of this neighborhood, was thronged with vehicles of all descriptions last evening of persons anxious to escape the heat and dust of the city. The beautiful and popular resort of Mr. Joseph Keating was thronged, more than fifty couple taking supper there during the evening, while the other places along the route did a good business.

Private Sale This Day and Evening.—At Palmer & Phillips' Opera House Auction Rooms, 60 Fifth street. Boots, Shoes, Gaiters, Slippers, and Balmorals for Ladies, Gents', Misses', Boys', and Children's wear. Domestic Dry Goods, Quilts, Fancy Goods, Straw Goods, Cutlery and an endless variety of notions, all at auction prices. Call and secure bargains.

W. T. Wiley's Diamond Front Shoe House, 63 Fifth street, cheapest house in America.

The Starry Banner.—Unfurl to-morrow. The headquarters for Flags is at Pittock's, opp. Po.

Everything in Wiley's Diamond Front Shoe House is new and of the very latest style.

Jubilation.—To-morrow have flags displayed from every window, and get them at Pittock's.

Independence Day.—Celebrate it well. Get Flags at Pittock's.

No old trash at Diamond Front Shoe House, but new and sold cheap.

Flags at headquarters, Pittock's opp. Po.

Opp. Po., Pittock has flags all sizes.

MARRIED:

JONES—RUPLE.—On Tuesday, June 30th, by Rev. W. A. Davidson, D. D., at the residence of the bride's parents, Washington, Pa., Rev. J. J. JONES, Pastor of Pennsylvania Avenue M. E. Church, Pittsburgh, and Miss VIRGINIA A. RUPLE, of the former place.

CALDWELL—JOHNSON.—At Trinity Church, on Tuesday, June 30th, by Rev. Wm. Preston, Mr. W. S. CALDWELL, and SALLIE, daughter of Geo. Johnson, Esq., of Allegheny City.

DIED:

FARLEY.—On Thursday, July 2d, 1868, MATTIE A. FARLEY, eldest daughter of Thos. Farley.

Notice of funeral in to-morrow's paper.

UNDERTAKERS.

ALEX. AIKEN, UNDERTAKER, No. 166 FOURTH STREET, Pittsburgh, Pa., COFFINS of all kinds, CRAPES, GLOVES, and every description of Funeral Furnishing Goods furnished. Rooms open day and night. Hearse and Carriages furnished. REFERENCES—Rev. David Kerr, D. D., Rev. M. W. Jacobus, D. D., Thomas Ewing, Esq., Jacob H. Miller, Esq.

CHARLES & FEEBLES, UNDERTAKERS AND LIVERY STABLES, corner of SANDUSKY STREET AND CHURCH AVENUE, Allegheny City, where their COFFIN ROOMS are constantly supplied with real and imitation Rosewood, Mahogany and Walnut Coffins, at prices varying from $4 to $100. Bodies prepared for interment. Hearses and Carriages furnished, also, all kinds of Mourning Goods, if required. Office open at all hours, day and night.

ROBERT T. RODNEY, UNDERTAKER AND EMBALMER, No. 45 OHIO STREET, Allegheny, and No. 80 DIAMOND SQUARE, (by John Wilson & Bros.,) keeps always on hands the best Metal, Rosewood, Walnut and Imitation Rosewood Coffins. Walnut Coffins from $20 upwards, all Rosewood Coffins $30 upwards, all other Coffins in proportion. Carriages and Hearses furnished at low rates. Crape, Gloves, Plate and Engraving furnished gratis. Office open day and night.

A NEW SPECTACLE.

We have just received from the manufacturer,

A FULL ASSORTMENT OF

PERESCOPIC GLASSES,

IN FRAMES MADE FROM

PITTSBURGH STEEL.

They are the best yet offered to our trade.

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NEW SPRING GOODS,

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