CITY AND SUBURBAN.

Local News.—On our Second and Seventh pages this morning, will be found various local items of importance, including the report of the meeting of the Stockholders of the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad, held yesterday.

The streets on the South Side are in very

The Pittsburgh and Birmingham Passenger Railway Company are having Carson street cleaned through South Pittsburgh.

The holidays are fast approaching now, and ladies wishing to know where to buy cheap goods, had better call at Macrum, Glyde & Co., 78 and 80 Market street.

Bankrupt Act. Inquiries are made as to the fifty per cent clause of this Act. For the information of persons interested, we will state that persons desirous of taking the benefit of the law cannot do so after the first of January next, unless their esamount of criminal business to be dispostates will pay at least fifty per cent. of

present system of solitary confinement will be held in the office of Hon. T. M. Howe, Bank Block, this afternoon at two o'clock. Messrs. Watt and Armstrong, of Howe, Bank Block, this afternoon at two o'clock. Messrs. Watt and Armstrong, of the charge is so serious or well founded as the Committee for investigating Penitentiaries, will be present.

The charge is so serious or well founded as to justify an investigation of the question of guilt or innocence of the party by a trial in Court.

Nomination.—At a meeting of the mem-Nomination.—At a meeting of the members of the Mercantile Library Association, held last evening at their rooms, the following gentlemen were nominated to serve as Directors during the ensuing year: Henry Holdship, Algernon S. Bell, W. P. Herbert, John G. Holmes, James E. Dickson, W. J. Radcliffe and James M. Bell.

"Across the Atlantic."--The above is the title of a lecture with which Mr. W. C. Smythe purposes to entertain the citizens of Pittsburgh on next Tuesday evening at

information before the Mayor, yesterday, charging John Evans, her husband, with assault and battery. The parties reside in the Fourteenth ward. The wife alleged that her husband beat and abused her in a most set ward. most shameful manner. The accused was arrested; and after some time the case was settled amicably.

New Holiday Goods at Macrum, Glyde & Co., 78 and 80 Market street. Watch Stands, Cigar Stands and Cases, Writing Desks, Necessaires, fancy Glove Boxes, ful assortment of Lace Goods, etc.

Fire Marshal's Report.—We are indebted to Fire Marshal G. W. Murphy, for the fol-lowing report of the fires in Allegheny lowing report of the fires in Allegaeny county during the month of November:
Number of fires, 20; Value of property destroyed, \$69,060: Covered, by insurance, \$48,760; Not insured, \$21,306. The largest fire during the month was the burning of the Vesta Oil Works, Sunday the 22d.

The Fair at City Hall will be kept open until te-morrow evening at ten o'clock. Donations to the lunch table are respectfully solicited, and a continuance encouragement so freely given to the asso-ciation. We hope our citizens will not weary in aiding this effort to provide a temporary home to destitute women, and a school of reform for those who need refor-

A Good Move.—Hereafter the ordinance relative to cleaning the sidewalks of Allegheny will be enforced by Mayor Drum, purpose, gheny will be enforced by Mayor Drum, purpose. The ordinance provides that the sidewalks prompt. Innocence, when coupled with poverty, does not lie for months in a loathshall be cleaned regularly every Saturday. shall be cleaned regularly every saturally, morning, and that during the winter season shall be kept free of slush, snow and ice. In case of delinquency a fine of three dollars will be imposed. The ordinance is certainly a good one, and its rigid emforcement should meet with the approbation of all good citizens.

Coroner's Inquest. Coroner Clawson held an inquest, yesterday morning, on the body of James Raub, an old man who died in the Homeopathic Hospital on Saturday evening. Deceased was a stone mason, and was employed at the new County Workhouse. Last week he was taken ill, and on Saturday was taken to the hospital, where he died the same evening. A ver-Last week he was taken ill dict of death from natural causes was rendered Deceased was about fifty years of age and came from Ireland, where he has a family living.

Tore it Down .- Thomas Connor, one of Alderman Strain's police, made informa-tion before that magistrate, yesterday, against Ludwig Boyer for obstructing a legal process. The officer states that having an execution to serve against the deing an execution to serve against the defendant he went to his residence, in the Third ward, Alleghens, and placed a bill of sale on the door. The bill had no sooner been placed there, however, it is alleged, than the defendant tore it down, at the same time using violent language toward the officer. A warrant was issued.

Probable Suicide.

Mr. Jacob Kimmel, proprietor of a notion store on Carson street, Birmingham, came to the Mayor's office last evening, making inquiry for his daughter, Emma Kimmel, a little girl about nine years of age, who he thinks has committed suicide by drowning herself. He states that some weeks since the girl stole some money from his drawer, and when he detected her in the crime he whipped her and threatened to have her sent to the House of Refuge if he ever knew of her stealing again. Sunday night it appears she again took some money from the drawer, and when the fact was discovered by her father yesterday morning, she left home and stated to some of the neighbors that she intended to drown herself. She started in the direction of the river and has not been heard of since. As soon as her father discovered that she was absent he institu-ted search for her, and learning that she had gone in the direction of the river, went nad gone in the direction of the river, went to the river bank and near the water's edge discovered as he supposed her tracks. Her father is terribly alarmed about the affair, and any information relative to the child will be thankfully received by him.

Coal Frauds-An Explanation.

On the 20th of last month in the GAZETTE was published an article, under the caption of "Coal Frauds," in which it was asserted that a prominent firm had been discovered in the work of defrauding the Monongahela House out of money by a system of light weights and false tickets. The public traced the matter to the Fort Pitt Coal Company, and that corporation has since then rested under the damaging imputation. The President of the Company used all due diligence at once to discover the faisity or truth of the charge, and has the country of the charge, and has shown as papers which not only exonerate the Company but likewise remove the faintest shadow of suspicion which might have been resting upon them. The Manager of the Berond Ward Scales, from whom our information was received, has freely eight a paper seknowledging that he was required in the rackfor, and chalenter that by signed a paper acknowledging that he was wrong in the matter, and claiming that by the publication it is now clearly apparent that the Company suffered unjustly. The engineer of the Monongahola House disthat the Company suffered united. The engineer of the Monongahela House discussed of the Monongahela House in the purchased on the liange in the purchased of the liange in the purchased of the field in dismay, and certainly the that there has been no deception practiced, so that on all hands the Fort practiced by the practiced prohibitions are proposed to the purchase of the practiced prohibition would seem to have about any additions to their size or numbers without any additions without any a

THE COURTS.

Charge of Judge Mellon to the Grand Jury. The December Term of the Criminal Court commenced on Monday morning,

Judge Mellon on the bench. The grand jury having been called and sworn, Judge Mellon delivered the follow-

ing charge: GENTLEMEN: You have been selected to act as Grand Jurors for the present term of this Court. As to the details of the business which will come before you, or the nature of the several classes of offenses, no special instructions from the Court are necessary. Under our system a law officer is provided who appears before the Grand Jury on behalf of the Commonwealth, and provides all necessary law forms, and produces the prosecutor's and Commonduces the description. wealth's witnesses, and manages the details

of the business before the jury.

The comprehensive conditions of you official oath sufficiently indicate the nature of your duties; and the vast and increasing of requires energetic action and expedition at the hands of both furies and C Prison Reform.—A meeting of those interested in the subject of modifying the
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But whilst there no longer exists any need for special instructions to the Grand Jury in regard to the details, a custom has existed time out of mind for the Court to make suggestions as to matters of general public importance, although such matters may not pertain to the immediate business of the Court or Grand Jury; and it has also been the custom of Grand Juries to notice in form of a presentment any mat-ters which they may deem of general public importance, whether directly connected with their official duties or not. This cusof Pittsburgh on next Tuesday evening at the Academy of Music. Mr. S. will doubtes handle his subject in a humorous and entertaining manner. A crowded house may be looked for on the evening specified.

Abused His Wife.—Hannah Evans made in the Music and Lorentian before the Music and Lorentian Lorenti walks of private life, and hence it is supwalks of private file, and neare he supposed proper that, as guardians of the public weal, they should in some form or other bear witness for the good and against the evil; and this may be the foundation of the custom referred to. It does not follow, however, that occasion will arise for the exercise of this function at every term of the court by either Court or Grand Jury.
Whether or not the occasion exists must always be left to the sound discretion of

> is a duty we owe to the people to freely exress our opinion. There is nothing unusual in our immediate community at the present time, calling for any special remarks. Some old grievances, however, still remain, and which will attract attention perhaps only by con

each of these bodies to decide for itself; but

when we believe the occasion calls for it, it

tinued importunity.
In the way of law reform, we are far behind the nation from which we derived our jurisprudence, and especially so in the administration of criminal justice. In England, at the present time, criminal law is administered with much less expense to the public, and less inconvenience and oppression to the suitors than it is, with us. Instead of crowding all cases of high or low grade of crime into the same Court, and grade of crime into the same Court, and trying frivolous and trifling cases with the same formality and with all the appliances of trials for the highest crimes, a Fortnightly Petty Sessions is provided, where all slight emeanors and trivial charges are promptly disposed of by a few ma some jail awaiting trial. Suitors and wit-nesses in the more serious cases in the higher Courts, are not kept waiting week after week about the purlieus of the Court for a trial; and the public is not saddled with the enormous expense of a full court sitting all the year round with its numer panels of jurors and its tipstaves, and all its other paraphernalia for the trial of petty ases, which could be so much better posed of in a more summary way, and by less cumbrous and expensive machinery. At the last term of this Court the grand jury, in view of the multiplicity of petry cases, which came before them, and the consequent burden to the public, and op-pression to suitors by the loss of time and delay, recommended the establishment of a pelice court. This would be a wise measure, if such court were established on the right principle. To establish another court with a jury, and all the usual appliances, would be of no public benefit; only multi-

plying offices without any corresponding benefit. Many yet remember our old May-or's Court, which was of this character and or's Court, which was of this character and of such questionable utility that it was abolished; and, on the other hand, to form a court of one or more magistrates, as in England, the salary or compensation of such magistrates must have no connection with the amount or result of the cases before them. With more honor and fewer emoluments the office of police magistrate might be filled with proper men to discharge its duties. Here, as in other countries, retired gentlemen of integrity and intelligence, in the decline of life, with time unoccupied in private business, coul-readily be had to fill the post, if it wer made an honorable one, but this can not be accomplished whilst the inducement of high gains is attached to it to attract the

flerce competition of political aspirants of

all classes of character.

Another subject of great public importance is prison descipline. As regards this, it is a matter of congratulation that a reform is actually in progress. The unnatural and cruel system of separate and solitary confinement is likely to be abandoned in our State prisons, for one more in conformity to the nature and wants of man: and the hardships attending imprisonment in our county jail by reason of its crowded condition will soon be relieved by the completion of a workhouse. The energy with which the excellent board of managers and Saturate that the state of the same and Saturate the saturate the same and saturate the saturate the saturate the saturate the saturate the saturat which the excellent boat of mandis having that important work on hand is pushing it to completion, deserves all praise, and the opinion of all who have examined the work and are skilled in the remained that the remained the work and are skilled in the remained that the remained the remained the remained that the remained the rema quirements of such institutions is uniform quirements of such institutions is uniform that the plan is unsurpassed for excellence. In the principles of its construction regard is had to the requirements of man's physical, moral sud intellectual nature. It seems to have been apprehended that criminality in man is abnormal, and that to bring him to his normal condition, a treatment is necessary, more in accordance with human nature than that, which would suit a wild

nature than that which would suit a wild beast. On this principle it is contemplated in the new prison to afford the inmates all the benefits to be derived from abundance of light, and fresh air, and social inter-course, and the healthful exercise to be derived from useful productive employment, and a proper stimulus to reform by graduating the term of continement to a

graduating the term of continement to a certain extent according to conduct.

The only other subject to which I would advert is the much hackneyed one of intemperance, and in regard to that very little need be said, as it seems to be a foregone conclusion that nothing can be done for it. This is the more to be deplored, as before you complete your labors you will have discovered that it is the immediate or remote cause of nearly all the criminality remote cause of nearly all the criminality which is brought before you. But for this prolific crime no new courts would be needed, and ample room could be had for light and ventilation in our present jails without any additions to their size or num-

simple, practical, and its execution placed in efficient hands. To possess these quali-ties it must be removed from the influence Criminal Court - December Sessions-

of party politics and official discretion. I amstill of opinion that these qualities can be measurably attained in the law which I have on other occasions recommended. That is to say: to allow the qualified voters of each and every ward, borough and township to decide for themselves annually at their municipal or borough and township elec-tions whether any license should be granted in their respective ward, borough or township, or not. This would be

or township, or not. This would be placing the power where it should be —in the hands of the people immediately concerned. Each neighborhood could then decide for itself, whether could then decide for itself, whether a grog-shop should be planted in its midst or not; and if one neighboorhood adopted and another rejected the liquor traffic, the good or bad effects of the differing policy of each could be readily perceived, and that policy appearing most beneficial would of course become the more popular and prevail. There is no reason why the people should not be permitted this privilege. No constitutional objection can be raised against it. Its salutary effects in some against it. Its salutary effects in some highborhoods I have seen. When the risdiction over the subject was vested in this Court it was the practice to refuse li-cense entirely in neighborhoods and boroughs where a majority of the people remonstrated against it, and the result was uniformly beneficial.

Hundreds of good, well-disposed and industrious men—especially in working-men's communities, such as are found about coal pits and iron works and facto-ries—are unable to resist the appetite for ries—are unable to resist the appetite of strong drink when the temptation is brought near them, and yet these same men would not go a mile out of their way to obtain liquor, and have no hankering after it when not in their way. In such ommunities I have seen the introduction of liquor shops do incalculable mischief, whilst the same men, in their sober mo-ments, would themselves vote to remove

the temptation far from them.

The jury retired, after which constables made their returns, and the County Register, Mr. Gray, presented a number of administrative and guardian accounts, which were confirmed nisi.

The remainder of the session was occu-

pied in hearing wife desertion cases. TRIAL LIST FOR TUESDAY. Commonwealth vs. Fred. Boiton.

" James Clinton.

" Micnael Mansfield. " Thomas O'Connor. Isaac Jones. Caspar Felener.

" Don. C. Kneeland.
" James Morrison. " Henry Gauzert.
" Wm. McCollough. " Louis Zeimer.

District Court-Judge Kirkpatrick. The jury in the case of J. S. Brown vs. Michael and Frank Hogle, action for damages alleged to have been sustained by an assault and battery committed upon the prosecutor, returned a verdict in favor of the former for \$10 and the costs of the suit. The case of the Ardesco Oil Company ys. Samuel Richardson and Theodore E. Tack, which has been previously reported, was concluded, the jury returning a yerdict in

favor of the defendants. William Thaw vs. Whitmore, Wolf, Duff & Co., was the next case taken up. This was an action for the right of way of in alley, running off Third avenue, in the rear of property belonging to the parties named, and which fronts on Wood street. This case was tried last June, but the jury failed to agree and were discharged. On trial.

Following is the trial list for to-day: No. 48 Williams & Co. vs. King & Co. 73 Finney vs. Bradley. 77 Donnelly for use vs. Dravo. 84 Adams & Hercenrother vs. Cole-

man, Forrester & Co. 88 Christy vs. McAleer. 90 Smith vs. Hemler. rotfend vs. Breitch. 95 Hill vs. Foreman. Common Pleas-Judge Sterrett. Commonwealth ex ret Phillip Mowry va.

Catharine D. Mowry. The question of the lunacy of the defendant was tried by a jury, who found a verdict to the effect, that she had been a lunatic for the past twelve years, which renders her wholly incapable of managing her estate. The balance of the verdict mentions the property which de-fendant owns and recommends that it be taken charge of by the proper persons.

Benair C. Sawyer vs. Edward M'Ginniss,
and Alexander and Charles Miller vs. the same defendant, were the next cases taken up. Both were actions of ejectment for cer-tain lands and tenements situated at the mouth of Cork's Run, Chartiers township, and are being tried together.

Amusements.

OPERA HOUSE .- The audience at the Opera House last night was reasonably large, notwithstanding the unpleasant weather. The entertainment consisted of "Wild Oats," with Mr. Adams as Rover, and the "Spectre Bridegroom" as an afterplece. This evening the "Dead Heart" will be pre-

PITTSBURGH THEATRE.-Mazeppa was played by Miss Kate Fisher at the Old Theatre last night, to a very fair house, considering the inclement weather. To-night she will play "Child of the Sun."

THE VARIETIES.—A good bill will be offered at the Varieties to night. Twelve young ladies will appear in the great minstrel scene, and the programme embraces all the old favorites. The evening's performance will conclude with the "Female Forty Thieves." THE MUSEUM.—Amid the other attrac-

THE MUSEUM.—Amid the other attractions in the way of amusements, with which the city is supplied at present, Burnell's Museum should not be forgotten. The best evidence of the character of the Museum is seen in the class of people who attend, and the length of time which it has been established. Open from 8 A. M. to

OLE BULL, the celebrated violinist, assis ed by several first class artists, will favor us with some excellent music on Friday and Saturday nights, the 11th and 12th inst., at the Academy of Music. The troupe were on board the steamer America, at the time of the terrible disaster, but we are pleased to state they all escaped without injury. The sale of tickets will compare the state of the sta mence Wednesday morning at Mellor's music store.

Specialities Offered this Day at Joseph Horne & Co.'s. 1,200 pairs real French Corsets at \$1,50, rorth \$2,50.

Hoop Skirts at half price. Gents Silk Handerchiefs, large assort-300 dozen ladies Linen Handkerchlefs. 200 dozen gents Linen Handkerchlefs. Linen Handkerchlefs, 5c. and upwards.

Gents Neck Ties.
The "Wallace Scarf." The "Victor Scarf." Neptune Bows and wide end Ties.

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Choice and new styles Lace goods.
Handkerchiefs in great variety.
Morison's Star Shirts.
Merino and Wool underwear for gents,
ladies and children.
Every department complete, and prices
greatly reduced.

The cheapness of the Patent Lounge, for sale by T. B. Young & Co., makes it come within the reach of all. Call and see it; 38 Smithfield street.

Holiday Presents.—The New York style

of Holiday Hate now ready at E. R. Wilson's, 118 Wood St. Best Patent Bed Lounge in the country at T.B. Young & Co's, No. 38 Smithfield

Ladies' Furs in great variety, and at low prices, at Wilson's, 118 Wood street.

In a Mix-New Yorkers in Pittsburgh. We stated in our issue of Friday last, under the head of "A Sensation," that Mrs. Eliza Bevins, accompanied by Mrs. Ada name of architecture, and that Americans Lynch, had arrived in this city the day previous from New York, and had made information against several members of a travelling dramatic company. Since that time exception, are termed chaotic and incomthe case has grown into a sensation in fact, but as the parties are all strangers in this local pride, to hear the church edifices we

publishing anything concerning the affair, preferring to await the developments that at Boston, or the City Hall at New York, would be made at the hearing, when we would be better able to give a correct statement of the affair, and by so doing prevent the publication of anything which might work injury to innocent persons. Since our first notice, several additional legal proceedings have been instituted, and we will, in order to give some idea of the

case, commence de novo.

Mrs. Bevins made information against John Nagle, manager of the company now playing at the old Theatre, and against Miss Kate Fisher, the star at the same place, charging them with obtaining money under false pretences. She also alleges that Geo. Hemmings, Treasurer of the company, had pawned a pair of diamond ear rings which she had placed in his possession for safe keeping, for one hundred dollars, but as that act was alleged to have been commit that act was alleged to have been committed in New York, of course the Mayor could
have no jurisdiction in the case. It is due
to Mr. Hemmings, however, to state here
that he admitted pawning the jewels,
and gave Mrs. B. the pawn ticket, which
appears to have been taken in her name,
but alleges that he pawned them at her request, and gave here seventy-five dollars
of the money he obtained on them.

Mrs. Revins. after the parties were ar-

or the money he obtained on them.

Mrs. Bevins, after the parties were arrested, asked that the hearing be postponed until next morning, as she expected her husband, who was an important witness in the contract when the particular than the contract when the contract were producted.

husband, who was an important when the case against Magle, to arrive at that time. His Honor very kindly acceded to the request, and the hearing was postponed. While at the Mayor's office Mrs. Bevins accused Miss Fisher with stealing her watch, which gave rise to another legal proceeding, as that lady, through her at-torney, sued out a capias for slander, upon which Mrs. B. was arrested and gave bail

which Mrs. B. was arrested and gave bail to answer, His Honor becoming responsible for her appearance. The time for the hear-ing, Friday morning, arrived and the de-fendants were all present, but the prosecuting witness, it was announced, was confined to her room at the Monongahela House, being slightly indisposed. At the request of her counsel, the hearing was postponed until Saturday morning, at which time, the prosecutrix still be-

ing unable to appear, another post-ponement was asked for and grant-ed. Nine o'clock Monday morning was the hour fixed for the hearing, and in the meantime another capies had been served upon the prosecutrix, at the suit of Magle, for false arrest. Yesterday morning at nine o'clock the parties put in an appearance promptly, but Mr. Bevins having failed to arrive, Mrs. B. through her ing issiled to arrive, hirs. It is though a continuance, which, although a very unusual proceeding, the Mayor granted, and the case was postponed until three o'clock this afternoon.

Mrs. Bevins yesterday afternoon made information against Magle and Hemmings for surety of the peace, alleging that they had threatened to kill her husband on his

arrival in the city. They were arrested and held to bail for a hearing, a proceeding they both processed against, demanding a hearing on the spot. During their stay in the Mayor's office the affair became decidedly interesting. All parties connected with the last cases named conducted themselves in a manner respectable persons would certainly condemn. Criminations and recriminations passed, and if one-half that either party said of the other be true,

they are verily a sorry set. they are verily a sorry set.

There is a romance connected with the affair undoubtedly, and it will in all probability transpire at the hearing, which His Honor will scarcely postpone again. There is some object other than the prosecution of these parties in view, but what it is we will not presume to say at present. It is not reasonable to suppose that a lady occupying the position in society which Mrs. Bevins claims, and having the wealth that she pretends to have, would come from New York to Pittsburgh for the paltry sum of these hundred and fifty dollars or aven of three hundred and fifty dollars, or even for the purpose of punishing the parties whom she alleges had fraudulently obtained it from her

tained it from her. Considerable interest is manifested in the case, prompted by idle curiosity, of course, and the names of several prominent men are being used by the "scandal mongers" in connection with the affair, and we would suggest to His Honor that the sooner it is disposed of the better for all parties con-

As to the nature of the charges against Kate Fisher and Magle, for false pretences, we can say nothing, not having heard the evidence, but the inclination of the prosecution to postpone the hearing would indi-cate that they are not well founded. The cate that they are not well founded. The money, it appears, was obtained in New York upon letters written by the accused from this city. If such is the case the fraudulent représentations would be the letters themselves, and the only evidence required would be the letters and proof as to who they were written by. We will reserve further comments for the next chapter.

Watches! Watches! Watches!-An extraordinary auction sale of gold and silver watches will be held at the auction house, watenes will be need at the auction noise, 159 Federal street, Allegheny, this (Tuesday) evening, at 7 o'clock. Several hundred of the best standard time-keepers will be sold for whatever they will bring.

stock, consisting of 100 family and pocket bibles, standard and miscellaneous books, holiday books, games, albums, paper, &c., &c., now open for examination. A. LEGGATE, Auctioneer.

Lease on Property in Manchester at Auction.—The lease of Longhead & Hare's property on Market street will be positive-ly sold on Thursday morning, at 10 o'clock. it consists of two dwellings and a carpenter A. LEGGATE, Auctioneer.

Deafness, Blindness, Catarrh, And all affections of the Throat, Lungs Heart, Stomach, Liver and Nervous Sys-tem, treated successfully at Dr. Aborn's Medical and Surgical Institute, No. 134 Smithfield street.

Lease of Allegheny Diamond Store at Auction.—The lease of that valuable and elegible located business house, No. 20, Diamond, Allegneny, is to be sold to-morrow, (Wednesday) at three o'clock.

A. Leggate, Auctioneer.

Skaters will do well to call and examine the fine lot of Caps at E. R. Wilson's, 118 Wood St.

The place to get White Lime, Calcined Plaster, Hydraulic Cament, is at Ecker & Caskey's, 167 First street. No House is complete without one of those Patent Lounges. For sale at T. B. Young & Co's, No. 38 Smithfield street.

Try Miller's Leather Preservitor for Boots and Shoes, sold at 240 Liberty street. Headquarters for Brushes, Blacking and Matches-Thompson's, 240 Liberty street. Call and see the Patent Lounge at T. B. Young & Co's, No. 38 Smithfield street.

Concerning Church Architecture. An able writer has asserted that Ameri-

ca does not possess anything worthy the are absolutely ignorant of the primary principles which govern architectural beauty. Our prominent buildings, with a rare plete. It is humiliating to our national and city, and many of their statements and al- have been in the habit of admiring termed legations being in our estimation of a absurd caricatures, wretched parodies and questionable character, we refrained from architectural follies. But if those who are interested in the fame of the State House need not attempt to defend that wonderful masterpiece, the Court House. Plainly, architecture is not our forte. We can furnish models for ocean-clippers, river steamers and industrial machines, but when we at-tempt to build an imposing edifice we im-mediately produce an architectural anomaly. So long as we build simply for pro-tection and adaptation, we acquir ourselves creditably; but the moment we attempt to borrow, or imitate, we construct ridiculous plagiarisms. An eminent author accounts "American has a great deal too much to do, and is in too great a hurry to do it, to submit to the long patient study and discipling requisites to machine or this peculiarity by remarking that an pline requisite to master any style of archi

now that the nation is seized with the mania for fine buildings, it would be a healthy symptom of progress were we willing to confess our deficiencies, and endeavor to remedy the evils alluded to. The sooner we accept and invite criticism, the sooner we will furnish examples of high art in architecture. Nothing would be more beneficial to the mechanical arts than such a course. It would enable us to thrust aside, at an early day, our imitations or copies of mean types of architecture. The fact that we are advancing in our appreciation of art, so far as to borrow the highest types of architecture in the construction of our church edfices, must be a

True architecture has been good omen. termed, not simply fancy, defending upon the caprice of its creator, but rather the "accumulated creative and constructive powers of several minds harmoniously working out a great central idea." Hence the best and most skilful mechanics are necessary to the achievement of success. necessary to the achievement of success. Painters, masons, sculptors, carvers, moulders, stainers of glass, mosaicists and carpenters, all must labor in unity. The result, as exhibited under the direction of a master mind, presents a grandeur and com-pleteness which it is impossible for human ingenuity to accomplish by any other process. Much as depends upon the durability and character of the material employed, still more depends upon the skill, taste and judgment exhibited in the ornamentation of the edifice, internally and externally. Stern granite, or adamantine rock, or ever marble, unrelieved by the graces of an ed ucated ornamentation, would possess little attraction for the eye. Instead of winning, it would only repel. We would turn from the gloomy, frowning stone to the simplest flower for relief. Hence the absolute necessity for church ornamentation. Here ve have a field wherein we may display our judgment and taste. Next to sculptor-

our judgment and taste. Heat to scutptoring, and before carving, we place the art
of the painter and the glass stainer. In
the majority of instances in our
American churches, the sculptor is
dispensed with. This leaves all the more to the stainers of glass. Hence the necessity for inquiring into the first object and aim of this art, in order to guide ourselves in its proper application. That glass staining is one of the fine arts that is beginning to be appreciated at something like its real value by Americans, is cause for congratulation. In this pursuit Pittsburgh bids fair to take the lead. This is as it should be, however. Pittsburgh is the glass mart of the country. Here are the facilities for prosecuting the art alluded to to its utmost limits. These facts were impressed upon the minds of one of our eading manufacturing firms, Messrs. Page Zellers & Duff, proprietors of the American Glass Works, who are justly entitled to the name of the pioneers in the business of manufacturing and staining glass. They combine both branches. Their facilities enable them to accomplish more in a week than the glass stainer alone can accomplish in months. Their attention is devoted, first, to obtaining a beautiful, clear, crystal sheet. Proceeding next to the second process, they employ the best artisans in the country, make themselves acquainted with the prominent features of the business as conducted abroad, and not content with this devote their attention to the development of new features. They perceive the needs of church ornamentation, and instead of merely striving to keep pace with the requirements of church architecture in its present condition, evince, by their variety of designs, and new applications of the principles which gave rise to the act, having already advanced beyond the require-

public buildings, should examine the work manufactured by Messra. Page, Zellers & Duff, and decide for themselves as to its merits. The manufacturers invite compar-Prenare for the holidays by buying you Furs, Lap Rugs, Foot Muffs and Gloves at E. R. Wilson's, 118 Wood street. Now is the time! Now is the time!! While the assortment is yet good.

ments of the times. Parties interested in church architecture, and all manner of

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McCREERY-On Monday the 7th inst., at 3 clock P. M., Mrs. MARY McCREERY, aged 75 Funeral at 9 o'clock on WEDNE DAY MORNING, to the Union Depot, from the residence of her so Wm. McCREERY, in Clifton. Carriages leave Jack-man's livery stable at 7 o'clock precisely.

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BURT-On Monday morning, December 7th, at 10 o'clock, Mr. JENNINGS BURT, in the 35th year of his age.

His funeral will take place from his late residence No. 47 Ann street, Allegheny, on WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, December 9th at 4 o'clock. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to

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