

The Pittsburgh Gazette

A STIRRING SKETCH.

At the Crater of Vesuvius.

From the Pall Mall Gazette. Often as Vesuvius has been described, there is one set of impressions which are perhaps the most generally interesting of all, but which, from the nature of the case, cannot so frequently be recorded.

This is, in truth, the only way of getting an adequate knowledge of the horrors of a volcano. Without such a view, Vesuvius is often a little disappointing. It is nothing but a fine mountain, just like any other, says Mendelssohn. You may be a little disappointed as you see Vesuvius in the distance.

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Proposed Improvement.

The spirit of improvement which has been so apparent in our city during the past year, has not yet exhausted itself but on the contrary seems to have taken new life.

It has not evinced itself in public affairs only, but is widely disseminated among our citizens as is clearly evident from the many private or individual enterprises, in the way of fine buildings, throughout the city.

The latest enterprise of a public character is the proposition to widen Fourth avenue from Southfield to Wood streets by adding 4 feet to it from the lots on the north side.

The project is a very extensive one, it is true, but it appears to meet with very general favor on the part of those interested, and if it is ever to be done, can be accomplished at a less cost at the present time than at any future period.

The greatest portion of the banking houses in the city are now on that avenue; it can boast of the finest buildings in the city, and it is proposed to increase its width in order to accommodate a greater number of buildings, and to improve the view.

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NOTICES.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING. The annual meeting of the Allegheny County Agricultural Society will be held on Thursday, December 24, 1868, at 10 o'clock A. M. at which time an election of directors for the ensuing year will be held.

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BANK NOTICES.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK, PITTSBURGH, Dec 19, 1868. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BANK OF PITTSBURGH will be held on Wednesday, January 13, 1869, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 3 P. M.

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ORDINANCES.

AN ORDINANCE. Locating Bridge, Roup and Craig Streets. Sec 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in and by the Mayor, Council and Common Councils assembled, that the bridge...

AN ORDINANCE. Locating Webster Avenue. Sec 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in and by the Mayor, Council and Common Councils assembled, that the Webster Avenue...

AN ORDINANCE. Locating Duane Street. Sec 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in and by the Mayor, Council and Common Councils assembled, that the Duane Street...

AN ORDINANCE. Granting Messrs. Reed, Grant & Drail the Privilege of Putting in a Sidewalk. Sec 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in and by the Mayor, Council and Common Councils assembled, that the Messrs. Reed, Grant & Drail...

AN ORDINANCE. For opening Forty-Second Street, into Chestnut Street, Lawrenceville. Sec 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in and by the Mayor, Council and Common Councils assembled, that the Forty-Second Street...

AN ORDINANCE. For a Sewer on Pennsylvania Avenue, from Washington Street to Duwinitz Street. Sec 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in and by the Mayor, Council and Common Councils assembled, that the Pennsylvania Avenue...

AN ORDINANCE. For the Extension of the Sewer on Pennsylvania Avenue, from Duwinitz Street to the City Line. Sec 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in and by the Mayor, Council and Common Councils assembled, that the Pennsylvania Avenue...

PROPOSALS. The Building Committee of the WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA PENITENTIARY, in and by the Board of Directors, do hereby receive proposals for the construction of a public sewer on Pennsylvania Avenue, from Duwinitz Street to the City Line.

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AMUSEMENTS.

NEW OPERA HOUSE. Manager, W. W. HENDERSON. Miss Maggie Mitchell. Asisted by the talented Mr. JAMES W. McALEER.

PITTSBURGH THEATRE. In consequence of many not being able to gain admission to the first concert, the second concert will be given on SATURDAY, December 19th, at 8 o'clock.

BURNELL'S MUSEUM AND FANOR MANAGERIE. The Great Family Resorts. FIFTH AVENUE, between Southfield and Wood streets, opposite Old Theatre.

PAREPA ROSA. In consequence of many not being able to gain admission to the first concert, the second concert will be given on SATURDAY, December 19th, at 8 o'clock.

EDWIN BOOTH, COMMENCING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 21st, 1868. Grand Military Allegory of THE DRUMMER BOY OF SHILOH.

FAIR OF ST. BRIDGET'S, ELEVENTH WARD, NOW OPEN. Take Wylie street cars to Green street, Cars every fifteen minutes.

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FASHIONABLE DANCING ACADEMY. No. 75 THIRD STREET. Is now open for the reception of pupils. Class days and hours for Ladies, Mondays and Wednesdays, from 8 o'clock P. M. to 10 o'clock P. M.

OFFICE OF CITY ENGINEER. NOTICE: The Assessments for Grading and Paving RIVER AVENUE, late Bank Lane, from Duhan Alley to McFadden Street, also for grading and paving McFadden Street, from River Street to West Pennsylvania Railroad.

OFFICE OF CITY ENGINEER. NOTICE: Those interested with plans in the matter of opening LAUREL AVENUE in the city of Pittsburgh, as indicated by the notice published on or before JANUARY 1st, A. D. 1868, will be pleased to call on the City Engineer, at his office, on or before JANUARY 1st, 1869, to see the plans and specifications for the same.