

## CITY AND SUBURBAN.

**Banquet.**—The Knights Templars of this vicinity propose having a grand banquet on the evening of January 21, 1899.

**The report of H. J. Moore, Esq., City Engineer to City Councils will be found on our fifth page. It develops the ability and capacity of that officer.**

**"Cursed be Canaan"** will be the subject of Petroleum V. Nasby's lecture before the Mercantile Library Association on Monday evening next.

**Fined.**—A drunken husband was fined twenty dollars and costs by Mayor Brown for beating his wife. In default of payment he was committed to jail.

**City Reports.**—On our fifth page to-day will be found the able and comprehensive annual reports of the City Engineer, Street Commissioners and of the Street and Survey Committees of Councils.

**Not a Candidate.**—Messrs. Editors: Please state that I am not a candidate for Director of the Poor of Allegheny City, and that I hope my name will be omitted from the slips of the several wards.

SAMUEL KIDWELL.

**Assaulted.**—Frank Wunderlin alleges that John Koehler knocked him down in a beer saloon on Ohio street, Allegheny, yesterday. Koehler was arrested on a warrant issued by Alderman Mullin, and after a hearing the case was settled, defendant paying costs.

**Fell Down.**—One of the horses attached to a wagon loaded with iron fell down on Penn street yesterday afternoon. It was sometime before he could be raised to his feet again, the street in the meantime being obstructed and the running of passenger cars interfered with.

**The Street Committee of Councils published a resolution complimentary to its Chairman, Mr. James G. Weldon. Were all the members of that branch of our municipal government as faithful, energetic and diligent as he, our city affairs would, indeed, be well managed.**

**Survey.**—Sarah Brown alleges that Frederick Winkle threatened to throw her into the run—a meandering stream which flows by her residence, and is known as Butcher's run. A warrant was issued yesterday for the arrest of Frederick Winkle for surety of the peace.

**Watery Assault.**—Miss Mary Trotter is said to have thrown a bucket of water over Mrs. Bridget McCoy, hence Bridget made information against her for assault and battery before Alderman Taylor, yesterday, upon which a warrant was issued. The parties reside in the Ninth ward.

**Abused Her.**—Caroline Fische, Charles of Temperanceville, alleges that Charles Rafferty came to her house yesterday evening and beat her in a brutal manner, and otherwise acted in a disorderly manner. Justice Ammon, of East Birmingham, issued a warrant for the arrest of Charles.

**Leg Broken.**—John Irwin, while engaged in a wrestling match with a friend in a beer saloon in the Twelfth ward, Tuesday, was thrown to the floor, breaking his right leg in the fall. A surgeon was called and set the fractured limb, after which the injured man was taken to his residence in the vicinity.

**A Suggestion.**—Now that Pittsburgh has purchased the Greensburg turnpike leading from the city, Allegheny might, with considerable advantage, imitate the example of her sister and do likewise with the Ferryville, or New Brighton, roads, two of the most important thoroughfares leading from her borders.

**Not Hurt.**—We stated on Monday morning that Mr. Alderman Chambers had been seriously hurt by being thrown from his buggy. It seems we were in error in regard to the circumstances. Mr. Chambers was riding along the road in his buggy, Tuesday, when he was thrown from the vehicle, colliding with him, breaking his vehicle, but not injuring the occupant.

**Street Commissioner Hunter's report to the City Councils shows an expenditure of \$167,632 for the past year, during which time the streets of the city were kept in the most satisfactory manner. Mr. Hunter is a clever and capable officer, who will, in all probability, be re-elected with an unanimous re-election, as no opposition has been manifested toward him in any quarter.**

**Want Them Removed.**—Residents on Herr's Island are agitating the question of the removal of the refuse dump located there. The island is now part of Allegheny city, and as no refinery, according to an ordinance, is allowed within the city limits. The complainants think the dump should be removed. It will likely come up before that body at their next meeting.

**The Allegheny Sewerage Question.**—Last evening the Sewerage Commission of the Allegheny Councils had a conference with the Committee of citizens appointed at a recent meeting of residents of the hill part of the city, in relation to the assessment of the sewerage tax. The Commission, after hearing the statements and suggestions of the Committee, deferred action in the matter until they could properly present it to Councils for consideration and instructions.

**Allegheny City Home.**—The members of the Allegheny Councils and a number of invited guests will visit the Allegheny City Home to-day, on a tour of inspection, by invitation of the Board of Directors. They will start from the depot of the Pennsylvania Railroad, at nine o'clock this morning. Those finding that train inconvenient, will start from the depot of the Erie and be on time. A large company will be in attendance, and the trip will be a very pleasant and enjoyable one.

**Price of a Quarrel.**—John Ewing and Thomas Crum entered the May Flower saloon, No. 74 Federal street, Allegheny, on Tuesday evening, and commenced quarreling, and when the proprietor endeavored to quell the disturbance, Ewing is alleged, drew a revolver and made sundry threats of vengeance. An officer was summoned and took the belligerents into custody. Yesterday morning, after spending a night in the lock-up, they were each fined ten dollars and costs. They paid the bill and were discharged.

**Newborn's Dinner.**—Mr. John W. Pitcock, proprietor of the Hotel, and previously the friend and patron of the newborns, will give the customary dinner to his youthful friends, at Lafayette Hall, on New Year's day. Mr. Pitcock is in life as a secretary, and through industry, enterprise and business integrity made his way up in the world and occupies a prominent position as a well-made man. His annual remembrance of the newborns is a grateful acknowledgment of his beginning, and does his head and heart much good.

**Carriage Overturned.**—On Tuesday afternoon as a funeral procession was moving along the Spring Garden Road, Eighth ward, Allegheny, the horses attached to one of the carriages became unmanageable and backed the vehicle over an embankment ten or fifteen feet in height. The carriage was demolished by the fall, but the occupants, Mr. Andrew Casper and family, miraculously escaped without injury. Neither of the horses were seriously hurt, and beyond the demolition of the vehicle, no damage was done. The accident occurred about three o'clock in the afternoon.

## CONVENTION OF DISFRANCHISED MEN.

**THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.**  
The Convention met at half past nine o'clock yesterday morning. President Garnett in the Chair, and was opened by prayer by Mr. Thomas, after which the convention sang.

"Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing,  
My great Redeemer's praise."

The minutes of the proceedings were read and approved.  
Mr. Conner arose to an explanation relative to his resolutions, adopted at a previous meeting, providing for the celebration of the emancipation of the colored race. On motion of Mr. Divine, the Finance Committee was instructed to pay the expenses incurred by the Convention.

Mr. Thomas moved that the delegates be instructed to collect the money necessary to defray their expenses from the immediate district in which they reside. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Anderson arose to a question of privilege relative to the resolution concerning colored business men. He condemned the passage of the resolution in the strongest terms, and in a most forcible and able manner.

On motion, it was resolved that Mr. Garnett should reply to Mr. Anderson, which gentleman attempted to do.

At the conclusion of Mr. Garnett's remarks, a motion that the discussion become general, was adopted.

Mr. Jackson took the floor, and talked in such strain that the attention of the convention became disgusted with the subject, and on motion of Mr. Johnson, the matter in question was postponed until the 21st day of Dec., 1898.

Mr. Neale moved that members of the Convention pledge themselves to respond to the call of the business committee money to defray the expense of printing the minutes.

Mr. Pulpriss moved to amend, by requiring the money to be paid in advance, and the committee instructed to furnish a copy of the proceedings when published.

The motion, as amended, was adopted.  
A considerable sum of money was collected, after which the convention adjourned, to meet in Allegheny City, on the 21st day of December, 1898.

The long meter Doxology was then sung, and the convention dismissed with a benediction.

**A New Game—Burglary on Penn Street.**  
The Burglar Arrested.

Tuesday night, the house of Robert Robb, Esq., on Penn street, was entered by a burglar and a gold watch and chain and an overcoat stolen. Sometime during the morning, a man came to the back door of Mr. Robb's house and asked for something to eat, making some one of the many statements men of his profession adopt as an excuse for his poverty. He was furnished with something to eat and took his departure. Late in the evening the same man returned and asked for supper, which was also given him, when he again left. The next morning Mr. Robb discovered that his house had been entered by burglars and the articles mentioned stolen. The back door had been broken or forced open with a "blow" and Mr. Robb reported to the Mayor's office and secured the services of officer Vanner, to whom he detailed the circumstances and gave a description of the man who had been at his house on Wednesday, as also of the property stolen. The officer, at himself to work, first visiting all the taverns and restaurants in the vicinity of the property, and instructions to have the party arrested, and then he started in search of his man. About one o'clock he was informed by Mr. Robb that a watch answering the description of the one stolen, had been received at his establishment. Mr. Robb, who had been taken in by his brother, who left it, and the description corresponded during his absence. He described the man with that given by Mr. Robb of the man who had visited his house on Tuesday. A short time afterward the vigilant officer discovered his man in Cheap John's auction store, on Smithfield street, and sent for Mr. De Roy, who identified him. The officer took him in custody and conveyed him to the lock-up, where he was searched for a pawn ticket for the watch and another for a coat was found on him; but the coat did not prove to be the one taken from Mr. Robb, and the thief, although admitting that he committed the robbery, refused to tell what he did with the coat.

The burglar, who had been extensively practiced in this city, and we would advise our readers to be on their guard against all persons who visit them under the guise of being in need of money, as it is generally only a ruse to make a reconnaissance of the premises preparatory to the perpetration of a burglary.

The burglar arrested yesterday refused to give his name, but states that he came to this city from Chicago. He will very probably be sent to the penitentiary, where he will learn a useful trade.

**Western University Annual.**  
The regular semi-annual meeting of this Association was held at the University Building on Tuesday afternoon last, with James W. Murray, Esq., President, in the chair, and Mr. W. J. Sawyer Secretary.

Quite a number of the members were present and the proceedings were of an unusually interesting character.

Letters regretting the inability of the members to attend were read and read from Hon. D. Agnew, of the Supreme Court; Rev. R. D. Harper, D. D. of Xenia, Ohio; Andrew Burke, Esq., of Perryville, Pa.; Hon. Joseph Buchanan, of Pittsburg, Pa., and others. Addresses abounding in wit, humor and instruction were made by Hon. Thomas Mellon, Rev. H. H. King, Esq., and Josiah King, Esq. Having decided to publish a catalogue of the Alumni, and a great amount of the data required, the Association decided to hold a dinner on Tuesday, December 29th, at the University Building, at 12 o'clock, to be attended by all the graduates of the University and its graduates as can be obtained.

A committee consisting of Messrs. J. B. Wigham, Joel S. Bigham and R. C. Moore was appointed to prepare a constitution and by-laws, and report the same for consideration at the next regular meeting of the Association.

After transacting considerable business and the appointing of a Committee on "Correspondence" and one to report nominations for an Orator and Poet for the exercises of 1899, and instructing the Executive Committee to consider the expediency of holding a "Re-union" at the next regular meeting to be held in June, 1899, the Association adjourned to hear the address of W. D. Moore, Esq., already reported in our columns.

**United States District Court.**  
In the District Court petitions for adjudication in Bankruptcy were filed by Robert W. Bulkeley, E. S. Torrance, Alfred H. Hofer, James and Hiram Harrington, of Crawford county; Samuel Durham, Francis W. Walker, Beaver county; Adolph Riedel, Allegheny county; T. B. Stewart, Blair county; S. B. Shafer, Huntingdon county; W. H. Hale, Lycoming county; F. D. Bonnell, Riga county; T. J. Penn, Northumberland county; Wm. H. Schlusbach, John H. Kleckner, Leonard R. Kupper, Columbia county; Josiah W. Asherhol, Joseph Asherhol, Thomas D. Conyngham, Chas. F. Ingham, Patrick De Lacs, H. K. Grant, Luzerne county; Chas. Betts, Susquehanna county; George S. Hays, Berks county; Allegheny county; Daniel Switzer, Indiana county.

## BRUTAL ASSAULT—A MAN KNOCKED DOWN AND BEATEN AND LEFT ON THE ROADSIDE INSensible.

A most brutal and unprovoked assault was perpetrated upon a peaceable and unoffending citizen on Tuesday night, as was Wolf's Tavern, in McClure township, and the victim left lying on the roadside in a dying condition. The facts, so far as we have been able to ascertain them, are as follows: Yesterday morning at an early hour two men from Messrs. Moore & Pollock's paint shop were going to McClure township to do some work, and when near Wolf's Tavern they found a man lying on the side of the road with his skull fractured, his face beaten and bruised, and his hands and feet frozen. He was insensible when they found him, and consequently unable to give any information regarding his condition. He was removed to Wolf's Tavern, and after the application of the proper remedies was re-conscious and partially restored to sensibility, when he stated that his name was Peter Miller. R. H. Kerr, Esq., was sent for and took the injured man's deposition which was taken as follows: He states that he had been in Allegheny City late at night, and then on his way to Wolf's Tavern, where he could stop for the night, and was directed to Wolf's Tavern. He went there and found the house closed; he knocked at the door, and was waiting for an answer when a man drove up in a buggy, jumped out, and without any provocation struck him on the head with the butt of a whip. It is alleged that he identified Wolf, the proprietor of the house, as the man who struck him. The stroke rendered him insensible, and he was unable to give any information regarding his condition. He stated that he was a painter by trade, and was on his way to Wolf's Tavern, where he could stop for the night, and was directed to Wolf's Tavern. 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