CITY AND SUBURBAN.

The alarm of fire at midnight from box No. 32 was false.

We direct attention to the Bank notices and statements on our fifth page this morning.

A heavy rain and wind storm passed over the city last night between eight and nine o'clock.

Removal.—The office of the *Evening Mail* has been removed to No. 49 St. Clair street. The paper is in a flourishing condition.

Personal.—Gen. J. K. Moorhead left for Harrisburg last night. We believe Hon. Thomas M. Marshall does not propose being present during the Senatorial struggle.

Petroleum V. Nasby, (D. R. Locke, Esq.,) was greeted by an overwhelming house last night on the occasion of his lecture under the auspices of the Mercantile Library Association. The lecture sustained the reputation of the eminent gentleman.

Oil Association.—There will be a meeting of the Petroleum Association this afternoon, at three o'clock, to hear the report of a Committee appointed to present some plan to govern the trade in making future sales.

Railroad Accident.—At nine o'clock yesterday morning, Engine No. 3, drawing the mail train on the Allegheny Valley Road, ran into a land slide at Tarentum. The train was detained in consequence two hours and a half.

Drowned.—Yesterday afternoon, about three o'clock, a negro named Brugous, fell off the steamboat Kenton, in the Monongahela river, at the foot of Wood street, and was drowned. Body not recovered. The unfortunate man was intoxicated at the time of the accident.

Free Lecture.—Prof. Hutchings, the celebrated "lightning calculator," who is regarded as a wonderful mathematical mystery, will deliver a free lecture this evening at the Iron City College audience room. The lecture will be intensely interesting, and we advise a full attendance, especially by young men and accountants.

Secured the Prize.—The Singer Sewing Machine, offered as a prize by the managers of the Eagle Fire Company's ball, at City Hall, on New Year's eve, was secured by Miss Josephine Tatnall, of Second street, Sixth ward. It could not have been awarded to a more worthy lady, and she feels truly grateful over her good fortune.

Pocket Picked.—Alderman Lynch, of the Fifth ward, while coming out of the Criminal Court room yesterday afternoon, had his pocket picked of a wallet containing sixty-three dollars. In the dark passage leading from the court room to the rotunda, past the Sheriff's office, he was jostled by two individuals, to whom he attributes the honor of the skillful theft.

Sunday Liquor Selling.—Jacob Abby was picked up on Sunday, on Ohio street, Allegheny, "dead drunk." Yesterday morning he stated that on Sunday he drank twelve glasses of adulterated fusil oil, otherwise whiskey, at the saloon of Arthur Hoffman, on Chestnut street, in the Third ward. Hoffman was arrested and held to answer at Court for illegal liquor selling.

The Division of Ohio Township.—In the Court of Quarter Sessions, yesterday, an order was made, on motion of N. W. Shafer, Esq., fixing the time for holding the election for the division of Ohio township on Tuesday, January 26, 1869. The election will be held at Kilbuck School House, and at Duff's Mills, these being the voting places respectively of Precincts Nos. 1 and 2 of said township.

Arrested.—George Barnes, of Allegheny, was arrested yesterday, in that city, by officer Gamble, charged with participating in the assault committed upon George Bothwell, on the night of the 12th of October, in the Second ward, Allegheny. The offense will be remembered as being political in its origin. Barnes was held by Mayor Brum to answer a charge of aggravated assault and battery.

The Week of Prayer.—It is hoped that the noon-day prayer meetings held by our young friends of the Young Men's Christian Association at their rooms, No. 23 Fifth avenue, will evidence the interest with which our Christian public enter into the observance. These days are signalized by the most earnest Christian men in all lands where one common religion is represented, by special prayer. Ladies, as well as gentlemen, attend the meetings to which we are calling particular attention.

Good Invention—Our friend J. Y. McLaughlin, Esq., has just had patented an axle for railroad cars which has excited much attention, and which will, in all probability, supercede all others in use. The patent axle is seven independent bars of wrought iron joined together, securing great strength and providing against accidents. All of the seven bars must break before the car is let down to the track. Being of wrought iron, the axle will bend and twist before breaking in rounding a curve.

Drowned.—On Thursday evening last as the steamer Storm No. 2 was towing the hull of the Minneapolis from Wheeling to Pittsburgh, the clerk of the former, Mr. W. L. Hamilton, of Rochester, Pa., fell overboard and was drowned. The Storm and her tow reached the wreck of the Ingomar near "The Sisters" about five o'clock in the evening, when Hamilton was observed to go down on deck, and that was the last seen of him. The unfortunate man was about six feet high, bushy hair, and had on dark clothes.

Sidewalks in West Pittsburgh.—A *Chronicle* correspondent, residing in West Pittsburgh, complains bitterly of the condition of the sidewalks in that borough. The board walks are broken in numerous places, and are covered nearly entirely with a thick coating of mud. A lady was very seriously injured a day or two since by stepping into one of the holes, and he fears that more accidents may occur if some effort is not made by the Council to improve the walk. A new board walk is needed, and should be constructed as soon as possible.

A Pittsburgh Lecturer.—We clip the following complimentary notice of a lecture delivered by Rev. D. R. Kerr, senior editor of the *United Presbyterian*, of this city, from the Rochester (New York) *Democrat*, of the 31st ultimo. "Rev. David R. Kerr, D. D.—A brim full house assembled in the United Presbyterian Church—Rev. Mr. Sanky, pastor—last evening, to listen to this eloquent and distinguished preacher. His subject, 'Martin Luther and his Time,' was handled in a manner that deeply interested all present. The lecture was, indeed, one of marked ability; and Dr. Kerr is a pleasant, earnest and eloquent speaker. We are pleased to learn that the lecture financially, too, was a success. We hope Dr. Kerr will visit our city again soon as a lecturer."

Notice.

The Managers of the Women's Christian Association desire to state to the public that the Fair, recently held in City Hall for the benefit of the "Home for Destitute Women," netted $7,569.00.

In addition to the cash receipts, 300 yards of muslin, 40 yards of carpet and a large quantity of provisions were sent to the Home.

The entire debt on the property, No. 45 Chatham street, amounting to $2,090.00, has now been paid, and the surplus funds have been invested for the support of the Home.

Thanks are extended to all who in any way contributed to the success of the Fair.

CITY COUNCILS.

Meeting and Organization of the New Councils—Election of Presiding Officers, Clerks and Messenger in Each Branch—Canvass of the Votes Cast for Mayor, Controller and Treasurer—Declaration of the Result—The Oath of Office Administered to Hon. Jared M. Brush, the Mayor Elect.

The members elect of the Select and Common Councils met at the City Building, in their respective Chambers, yesterday morning at ten o'clock. This was the first meeting of Councils under the new apportionment. Considerable interest was manifested in the proceedings, and the corridors of the City Building and the Council Chambers were througed with spectators.

Select Council.

A quorum of the members of the Select Council having assembled in the Council quarter o'clock by E. S. Morrow, Clerk of Chamber, it was called to order at ten and a the last Council. The Clerk then submitted the returns of the election for members of Council, embraced in the certificates of the election officers of the various wards. The returns were then read by the Clerk and approved by Council.

The Clerk stated that the first business in order was the election of a President.

Mr. Wm. N. Ogden nominated James M'Auley.

The nominations were closed, and on motion of Mr. S. Morrow, Mr M'Auley was declared unanimously elected.

On taking the chair, the President thanked the members for the honor; stated he relied upon their assistance to discharge the duties impartially to all, and he trusted that if he ever erred, his action would be promptly revised by Council—he would regard the correction as a favor to himself.

The oath of office was administered to President M'Auley by Mr. John Shipton, after which the members were sworn in by the President.

Mr. E. S. Morrow was unanimously elected Clerk of Council, and Capt. Samuel Cooper, by the same unanimous vote, chosen Messenger. These officers were sworn in by the President.

The roll was called and the following members found to be present: Messrs. Ahlborn, Ahl, Brown, Burgwin, Coffin, Craig, Dickson, Edwards, Gallaher, Hailman, Hartman, Holmes, Herron, Jones, Kane, Kehew, Kirk, Laufman, Little, Lloyd, Marshall, Morrow, Murray, Murdock, McEwen, McMahon, Ogden, Phillips, Quinn, Rafferty, Rees, Rush, Scully, Shipton, Schmidt, Torrens, Wainwright, Z., Wainwright, S. J., Wilson, White, Zern, and President McAuley.

Mr. Ogden moved that the rules of the last Councils be adopted for the government of the Council.

Mr. Holmes moved an amendment to the rule requiring Councils to go into an election of city officers to-morrow, so that the election should take place on Tuesday, the 12th inst. The amendment was accepted, and the original motion adopted.

Subsequently a reconsideration was moved by Mr. Phillips, and the rule making the Presidents of Councils *ex-officio* members of all Committees, was changed so that they should be *ex-officio* members of the Water and Finance Committees only. The rules as thus amended were again adopted.

The amendments to the rules were nonconcurred in by C. C.

Mr. Shipton called the attention of Councils to the fact that there should be a redrawing for seats, so that the new members would be placed on equality with the old. Twenty-three numbers were placed in a hat and the wards called alternately, commencing with the First, then the Twenty-third, and so on. The members selected their seats in the order of the numbers drawn from the hat.

The Select Council then proceeded to the Common Council chamber to meet in joint convention, and after returning to their own chamber adjourned to meet on Tuesday of next week.

Common Council.

The members elect of Common Council assembled in their chamber, and shortly after ten o'clock were called to order by H. M'Masters, Esq., Clerk of the preceding Council.

The Clerk laid before Council the returns of the late election for members of Common Council, as set forth in the certificates of the election officers of the various wards.

On motion of Mr. Batchelor, of the Twentieth ward, the returns were approved.

The Clerk announced that the first business in order would be the election of President.

Mr. Batchelor moved that W. A. Tomlinson, of the Fourth ward, be elected by acclamation.

Mr. Moorhead nominated Dr. A. G. McCandless, of the Eleventh ward, for President.

Dr. McCandless respectfully declined the nomination, but nominated Mr. John P. Penney, of the Twenty-first ward.

Mr. Penney said he had no ambition to come into Councils and assume the duties and responsibilities of presiding officer. He would therefore beg leave to decline.

Mr. Tomlinson being the only candidate in nomination, he was elected by acclamation, and the oath of office was administered by Mr. Batchelor.

Upon taking the chair Mr. Tomlinson returned thanks for the honor conferred upon him and promised to discharge the duties of the office to the best of his abilities.

The roll was then called and all the members answered to their names, except Messrs. Barton, Boggs, Hutchinson and Jamison. The oath of office was then administered by the President to the members present.

On motion of N. P. Reed, H. McMaster was unanimously re-elected as Clerk to Council.

S. Cooper, on motion of Mr. Rebman, was unanimously re-elected as Messenger.

The oath of office was then administered by the President to the Clerk and Messenger, and they entered upon the discharge of their duties.

On motion of C. W. Batchelor, the rules governing the preceding Council were adopted.

Mr. John McClaren, member elect from the 5th Ward, presented a communication setting forth that since his election to Council he had been appointed Notary Public, and he desired to have Council make an expression of opinion as to his eligibility prior to taking the oath. On motion, the communication was referred to the City Solicitor.

The Clerk was then directed to notify the members of Select Councils that the Common branch was ready to meet them in joint session. At the conclusion of the joint session, the members proceeded to select seats by lot, after which, without transacting further business, a motion to adjourn until Tuesday next was adopted.

Joint Convention.

Both branches of Councils met in joint convention in the Common Council chamber to canvass the votes cast for Mayor, Controller and Treasurer, to declare the result and administer the oath of office to the Mayor elect, Hon. Jared M. Brush.

The returns from the various wards were announced by President McAuley and recorded by Clerks of Council, from which it appeared that the official vote for city officers at the election in October last was as follows:

FOR MAYOR.	Votes.
Jared M. Brush	7,287
James Blackmore	5,739
Majority	1,548
FOR CONTROLLER.	
Robert J. McGowan	7,422
Thos. W. Wright	5,554
Majority	1,878
FOR TREASURER.	
A. J. Cochran	7,474
Wm. F. McBride	5,133
Majority	2,341

The returns were accepted and approved as correct by Councils.

On motion of Mr. Quinn, of the S. C., a Committee of Five was appointed to wait on the Mayor elect, and escort him to the Council Chamber. The President appointed as such Committee Messrs. Quinn and Lloyd of S. C., and Messrs. Hare, Morgan and Batchelor of the C. C.

As soon as the canvass of votes had been concluded the Committee appeared in the Chamber, accompanied by the Mayor elect, Hon. Jared M. Brush, and the Mayor, Hon. James Blackmore, who were received with enthusiastic applause from members of Councils and the spectators present.

The oath of office was administered to Mr. Brush by President McAuley.

Mayor Brush then delivered the following brief remarks:

"*Mr. President, Gentlemen of the Select and Common Councils, and Fellow Citizens*—The obligation I have just taken to well and truly perform the duties of the office of Mayor of the city of Pittsburgh, I shall endeavor to discharge to the best of my ability; but without your cooperation and aid I shall fall far short of your expectations and my own desires. Relying upon your encouragement and assistance, therefore, and with a determination to adhere to what I conceive to be right, I shall hope to merit, in some degree at least, the approbation of my fellow citizens."

The Joint Convention then adjourned until Tuesday afternoon, of next week, at two o'clock.

HOUSE OF REFUGE.

Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Contributors—Report of the President and Board of Managers—Election of Officers and Managers for 1869.

The contributors of the House of Refuge for Western Pennsylvania held their Fifteenth Annual meeting at the office of the institution, No. 67 Fourth avenue, at ten o'clock yesterday morning.

James B. D. Meeds, Esq., called the meeting to order, and upon his motion Robert C. Loomis, Esq., was called to the chair, and Charles S. Gill, Esq., appointed Secretary.

Immediately after the organization the Board went into an election for officers and managers for the ensuing year.

Messrs. Charles S. Gill and H. L. Ringwalt were appointed tellers to conduct said election.

While the balloting was in progress the Secretary read the report of the President of the Board of Managers, as follows:

To the Contributors of the House of Refuge of Western Pennsylvania, and the Legislature:—In presenting our Fifteenth Annual Report, we would acknowledge the blessing of Divine Providence, which has attended our labors during the year, and would again express our renewed confidence in the success and importance of the work committed to our care.

For information respecting the statistical, sanitary and financial condition of the institution, we would respectfully refer you to the reports of the Superintendent, Principal, Teachers, Physician and Treasurer, which are herewith submitted.

The Board of Managers feel deeply impressed with the responsibility of the work in which they are engaged, and it is their constant effort, while the interests of the unfortunate inmates make their confinement a necessity, to render the Refuge, as far as possible, a comfortable and happy home.

A much larger number of children have been indentured during the past year than in any year since the opening of the Institution, and we are happy to say that in no former period have the children, who have been discharged, done so well; indeed, those who have again relapsed into their evil habits are rare exceptions. The employment of an agent of the Board, whose duty it is to visit, counsel and encourage the discharged inmates, has been productive of most salutary influence.

The Indenturing Committee have labored with the kindest solicitude in the discharge of their duties; it is owing to their efforts that so many of our children have been provided with comfortable homes, and afforded the opportunity of obtaining the knowledge of some useful trade or occupation.

The discipline and instruction of the inmates receive the cordial approval of the Board, and it is hoped that the moral and religious training which our children have received will be the means, through the blessing of our Heavenly Father, in leading many of them, who have hitherto been the subjects of vice and evil influences to a life of honor and virtue. Our thanks are due to those clergymen in the vicinity who have kindly volunteered their services in the chapel exercises during the year and who have thus aided the institution in the religious instruction of those committed to our care.

To the Superintendent, officers and employes, who, by their fidelity in the discharge of their duties, have afforded valuable aid in accomplishing the objects of the institution, the Board desire to express their kindest acknowledgments.

Submitted by order of the Board of Managers. WILLIAM DILWORTH, President.

On motion of G. L. B. Fetterman, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the report of the President and officers be referred to a committee for publication.

Messrs. B. C. Loomis, H. L. Ringwalt, C. S. Gill, and R. N. Avery, Superintendent, were appointed a committee under the resolution.

Communications were received from the Commissioners of the following counties, appointing the following named gentlemen to represent their counties in the Board of Managers:

Allegheny County—Hon. John E. Parke, Josiah King, Esq., John Dean, Esq., Felix C. Negley, Esq.

Armstrong County—Alexander Reynolds, Esq., of Kittanning.

Fayette County—Dr. R. M. Walker.

Washington County—Samuel K. Weleish, Esq, Washington.

A resolution was then adopted that the polls close at twelve o'clock noon, at which time the Teller announced the following persons as having received a plurality of the vote and were elected:

Wm. Dilworth, President; John Phillips, Vice President; James B. D. Meeds, Secretary; Calvin Adams, Treasurer.

Board of Managers—Jas. Schoonmaker, G. L. B. Fetterman, B. L. Fahnestock, Wm. A. Herron, T. J. Bigham, C. Yeager, Jos. Woodwell, Joseph Kirkpatrick, James Mc Cooper, W. W. Patrick, Thos. Wightman, Wm. Rinehart.

The new Board will meet for organization on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the office of the Institution.

The meeting then adjourned.

Death of Col. Stafford Graham.

Yesterday morning the body of Col. Stafford Graham, a native of this city and son of John Graham, Esq., late President of the Bank of Pittsburgh, was consigned to its last and final resting place in Allegheny Cemetery. The deceased died suddenly at Shelbyville, Missouri, where he had been residing. He was a gentleman of many noble qualities of head and heart and was highly esteemed, both here and at his late home. He had a brilliant army record, serving with distinction under Gen. Grant in the Southern States.

The father of the deceased is in a precarious condition of health at Shelbyville, and it would be a heavy blow to this community should he not recover, as few gentlemen have more warm personal friends and admirers.

Amusement Directory.

OPERA HOUSE.—Mr. and Miss Couldock, in Chimney Corner, a touching picture of domestic life, to conclude with farce of Swiss Swains.

THEATRE.—To-night will witness the last appearance of the popular variety troupe. The Gregory combination appear to-morrow night.

MASONIC HALL.—Blind Tom's second grand concert.

ORPHANS' FAIR, basement of the Cathedral.

FAIR in the Mission Church, Allegheny City.

THE COURTS.

District Court—Before Judges Hampton and Kirkpatrick.

The ejectment case of Appel, lessee of E. F. Denny vs. Woods' heirs, previously reported, was resumed before Judge Hampton yesterday morning. It has not yet been concluded.

Judge Kirkpatrick is holding a branch of the District Court in the Law Library Room. The case of Wm. D. Williams vs. Reuben Bartley was taken up. This was an action in ejectment for a piece of property on Beaver street, Sixth ward, Allegheny. Jury out.

Frecke vs. Hartzell & Moul; action on a mechanics lien. On trial.

Ralya & Robinson vs. the National Refining and Storing Co. Verdict for plaintiff in the sum of $1,438.62. The verdict was rendered by the jury in the preceding case by consent of parties.

The following is the trial list for to-day:

116. Gibson vs. Ardesco Oil Co.
118. O'Leary vs. Green.
119. N. A. Oil and Mining Co. vs. Ardesco Oil Co.
120. Owners of tow-boat Nellie vs. Edgerton.
121. O'Hara vs. Pa. R. R. Co.
130. Fell & Bros. vs. Schulz & Danner.
131. Lander vs. Spence.
134. Wagner vs. Jones et al.

The following is the trial list for to-day:

202. Allen vs. M'Kee.
117. Vandahorn and Blackney vs. Jones et al.
121. Kennedy & Bro. vs. Rahe.
122. Long vs. Smith.
123. Deitz vs. Duncan et al.
125. Doyle vs. Altmeyer.
128. Fleming & Co. vs. Bushnell.
136. Daurr vs. Wycoff et al.
138. O'Brien vs. Holmes.
154. Mitchell et ux. vs. Stager et ux.
162. Horn vs. Abbott.
166. Sullivan & Brown vs. Thomas.
175. Ellnough vs. Miller & Co.
178. Quigley vs. Hutchinson & Rookenhauser.
188. Anderson et al. vs. Pickensgill & Co.
107. Bongers et ux. vs. Emmerling.

Court of Common Pleas—Before Hon. J. P. Sterrett.

Thomas Grogan vs. Lewis Falkenhazen. Verdict for plaintiff in the sum of $160.

Nimick & Co. vs. Dravo & Donnelly. The jury found for the plaintiff in the sum of $648.38.

Haun & Moore vs. John McClarren. The jury found for plaintiff in the sum of $249.60.

Matthew Anderson vs. John McClarren. Verdict for plaintiff for $150.

Jacob Ziegler vs. Pittsburg Grain Elevator Company. The jury was withdrawn and plaintiff took a non-suit.

Henry Tressel and wife vs. Phillip Petrel and wife. This action was for slander. Non-suit entered by order of the Court.

Quarter Sessions—Before Judge Mellon.

The Court met yesterday morning, but owing to the non-attendance of parties to suits, there was very little business transacted.

On Wednesday the Grand Jury will visit Dixmont. Gen. Cass, of the Fort Wayne road, has extended the courtesies of his road for the occasion.

Probable Homicide—The Late Outrage in McClure Township.

In the GAZETTE of Thursday last we gave an account of a brutal outrage perpetrated on the Tuesday night preceding, at or near Wolf's tavern, in McClure township, in which a stranger named Peter Miller was beaten, as it is charged, by Wolf, the keeper of the tavern, and left on the roadside in an insensible condition. Since we noticed the affair, Miller has grown much worse; so bad, indeed, that it is apprehended he will not survive. He has become insane in consequence of his injuries, and one of his feet, which was frozen the night he lay on the roadside, has mortified so as to necessitate amputation. Yet the physicians are unwilling to perform the operation at this time, owing to the feeble condition of Miller, consequent on his exposure and other injuries.

R. H. Kerr, Esq., of McClure township, is investigating the case, and yesterday held Wolf, the alleged assailant of Milller to bail in two thousand dollars. Miller was yesterday removed to Passavant's Infirmary, by order of the Directors of the Poor. Nothing is known of his antecedents further than that on the night he was assaulted he told 'Squire Kerr he was from Virginia.

Wolf denies that he committed the assault, but circumstances developed in connection with the case justified Justice Kerr in holding him to bail to await the result of Miller's injuries.

Clothing and Custom Work at Reduced Prices.

Messrs. E. Houston & Co., No. 107 Fifth avenue, have marked down their entire stock of ready-made clothing and furnishing goods to prices closely approximating the original cost, in order to close out their entire line of goods to make preparation for the spring trade. The stock is large and complete, embracing everything in the way of men's and boys' clothing of the latest and most stylish fashions and cuts, and will prove attractive to the purchaser. The firm have also reduced their prices for custom work, and with enlarged facilities are prepared to make to order in most fashionable and endurable styles, and at the shortest notice, garments of all descriptions at prices which will forcibly remind the purchaser of days of yore. Having had long personal acquaintance with the members of this firm, we unhesitatingly commend them to the patronage of our readers.

Defaulting Jurors in the District Court.

Attachments for the following defaulting jurors were yesterday directed to be issued by Judge Kirkpatrick. He also directed the Prothonotary to disallow pay to all of those jurors who answer at roll call in the morning and do not respond throughout the day when wanted. Such a course seems absolutely essential, as yesterday, although a reasonably full panel was present, when wanted there were not enough to be had to fill the jury box, and the last case called had to be tried before ten jurors. The names of the defaulting jurors are as follows: Alexander Bradley, foundryman, Liberty township; Joseph Graff, shovel manufacturer, Collins township; A. S. Radford, contractor, East Birmingham; D. C. Ihmsen, glass manufacturer, Birmingham; Wm. Porter, carpenter, Tarentum borough; Joseph Woods, tanner, Snowden township.

The attachments were placed in the hands of the Sheriff, and these gentlemen will now have the pleasure of serving, with fines and costs added.

Can it be possible that over Five Million Bottles of PLANTATION BITTERS have been sold during the past year? It is almost incredible, nevertheless it is absolutely true, and is the most convincing proof of their wonderful medical and health-restoring qualities. Every family should be supplied with these Bitters, at whatever cost or trouble it may be to obtain them. Be careful that you get the genuine, and that you are not imposed upon by a spurious article.

MAGNOLIA WATER.—Superior to the best imported German Cologne, and sold at half the price. TH.S.T.F.

Kenwood Boarding School for Boys.—Four vacancies on January 6th. Apply to Rev. J. P. Taylor, New Brighton, Pa. 2w.

The place to get White Lime, Calcined Plaster, Hydraulic Cement, is at Ecker & Caskey's, 167 First street.

NEW BRIGHTON.

Sunday School Union Meeting.

[Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

NEW BRIGHTON, January 4, 1869.

The Sunday Schools of New Brighton held their semi-annual union meeting in the United Presbyterian Church yesterday afternoon.

Dr. John Sargent, Secretary of the county for New Brighton, called the meeting to order, and on motion, Rev. Wallace, pastor of the U. P. Church, was elected to preside at the meeting.

The Secretary, Dr. Sargent, then read a very interesting and encouraging report of the schools of the town, in which he gave the following statistics: Whole number of children in attendance, 712; reading the scriptures, 564; number of officers and teachers, 103.

There are eight schools in town. All were represented but the Episcopalian and Roman Catholic.

Three of the schools—Presbyterian, United Presbyterian and First Methodist—reported $331 collected for missionary purposes.

The schools are generally self-supporting and in prosperous condition.

The meeting was addressed by the President of the County Association, Dravo, Revs. Crowther, Critchlow and Ross, of Missouri, interspersed with singing and prayer.

Upon the whole the meeting was a very pleasant one, and we trust profitable to all. The friendly feeling existing between the churches and schools is especially noteworthy as a favorable sign of the times.

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BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

—Over twenty thousand emigrants arrived at Chicago last year.

—The total receipts of articles received in the Chicago market last year was $397,550,000.

—Joseph Haine, of Marsh Plato, aged 25, shot himself dead in Elgin, Ills., last Wednesday.

—The Louisiana Legislature met yesterday. A quorum was present in both Houses.

—The warrant for the execution of Wooley, at Freehold, N. J., on the 7th inst., has been issued.

—The annual meeting of the American Social Science Association will be held in Albany, New York, in February.

—The London press generally approve of the treaty between China and England, recently concluded by Lord Clarendon and Minister Burlingame.

—Col. Wynkoop, Indian Agent, having changed his resignation so as to make it unconditional, it has been accepted by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

—Commodore W. S. Saltar, U. S. Navy, died at Elizabeth, N. J., on Sunday, after a lingering illness, of rheumatism of the heart. He was 74 years of age.

—Hon. John C. Weed, of Eastport, Chester county, a member of the Connecticut Legislature from Greenwich, mysteriously disappeared on Saturday night last.

—The Wisconsin Senatorial contest between Carpenter and Washburn is waxing warm. The former's chances are the better. The legislature meets on the 13th inst.

—Ellen Kane was found dead in the gutter in front of her residence, in Chicago, yesterday morning. The jury returned a verdict of death from exposure and intoxication.

—The Albany and Susquehanna Railroad will be formally opened on the 13th inst., at which Gov. Hoffman, members of the Legislature, Erie Railway officials and others will be present.

—For stating in a police Court item that Daniel Lynch kept a disorderly house, the injured individual has commenced a libel suit against the Chicago *Tribune*, claiming ten thousand dollars damages.

—The steamer Great Republic sailed yesterday from San Francisco for Hong Kong via Yokohama, with 480 tons freight, 500 passengers, and $754,000 treasure, $572,600 for China and $182,000 for Japan.

—In view of President Johnson's amnesty proclamation of December 25th, Jeff. Davis, John Slidell, James W. Mason, Dudley Mann, and other ex-rebels, now in Europe, are preparing to return to the United States.

—A dispatch from Jefferson, Texas, reports that Capt. Wm Perry, an old and prominent citizen of that place, was shot and killed on Sunday night. The deed is supposed to have been done by soldiers through mistake.

—The Helena *Post* says that in the famous Union Mine there are one thousand tons of excellent ore ready to be crushed, and ten thousand tons of equally good quartz in sight, and that the ledge contains quartz worth five million dollars.

—Sunday night, about eleven o'clock, a Chicago saloon keeper named Horner, after alighting from a street car, was attacked by three men, who stabbed him severely in his side and then relieved him of his watch and ninety-five dollars in cash.

—The McLean County, Ill., Soldiers' Monument, at Bloomington, has been completed and accepted. It is fifty feet high, of white Lemont stone and Vermont white marble, and cost fifteen thousand dollars. It will be formally dedicated next spring.

—R. W. Hobson, ex-Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue of the Danville District, Va., was brought to Richmond on Saturday, charged with defrauding the revenue by not accounting for $26,000 received by him. He was held in $10,000 bail to answer the charges.

—The steamboat A. G. Brown collided with the Bremen steamship Teutonia, between New Orleans and the mouth of the Mississippi, on Wednesday last, and soon turned bottom up. The Brown's money and everybody on board was saved. The Teutonia was injured but proceeded on.

—A Washington special reports that an alleged spurious railroad company has obtained six millions of dollars and an enormous amount of land grants from Congress, and also that two distinct corporations are claiming the subsidies granted to the Western Division of the Union Pacific Railroad.

—The New York Legislature meets today. Gov. Hoffman's message will be sent in after the organization, which will probably be effected without delay. The Republican Assembly caucus nominated Truman G. Younglove for Speaker. The Democratic caucus nominated Hon. Wm. Hitchman for Speaker.

—Coal in abundance and of excellent quality has been discovered half a mile from Argenta, on the line of the Central Pacific Railroad, four hundred miles from Sacramento, furnishing the Company a much needed supply of fuel at the point desired. Notwithstanding the recent heavy rains in the valleys and snow storms on the mountains, trains on the Central Pacific Railroad arrive at Sacramento on time.

—Private letters from Cuba do not confirm the recent reports from that country relative to the reverses of the revolutionists. It is stated the insurgents outnumbered the Spanish garrison in the island, and that there is every prospect that they will be successful. It it thought that if they can hold out till March independence is certain. They contemplate the total abolition of slavery, and will not favor annexation to the United States, unless as a final resort.

—John McDevitt, of Chicago, on Christmas day wrote to Phelan and Collender, of New York, surrendering to them the champion billiard cue of America, in order that it may hereafter be competed for, with the push shot barred. Phelan and Collender have returned the cue to Mr. McDevitt, as the one most deserving of it. McDevitt now challenges any player in the world to compete for the golden cue, at five thousand dollars a side, American game, fifteen hundred or two thousand points, second size four pocket standard table, two and three eighths inch balls, the challenge to remain open thirty days.

—The report of the State Treasurer of Missouri shows that from February 4th 1865, to December 21st, 1868, the amount received into the State Treasury has been $22,113,654. During this period there have been State bonds and coupons retired to the amount of $7,0 9,575. Auditors' warrants paid $7,262,643. Union military bonds and defense warrants paid $531,789. There is now about one million dollars in the Treasury, which will soon be increased to about $2,800,000 by the reception of taxes. The amount of State bonds retired since October, 1867, is $5,023,000. The State bonds outstanding Jan. 1st, 1868, amount to $18,654,000.

—The New York *Times* says: The whole country expects to see General Grant enter at his accession upon a bold, resolute and determined crusade against bad government, and the bolder the more completely will he be supported. The Tenure-of-Office bill ought to be repealed. General Grant should be left entirely free to undertake and execute such reforms in the civil service as may be required. If Congress sees the wisdom of making good behavior the sole tenure-of-office, let it adopt Mr. Jencke's Civil Service Bill, but until some general provisions of this sort are adopted, General Grant should have full power over appointments and removals which the Constitution gives him.

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