The Nittsburgh Gazette.

EPHEMERIS.

-Mark Twain is again in Cleveland. -Montevideo is playing plano in Mon-

-Spain seems to be in rather a Primitive condition just now. -Very nearly 800,000,000 cigars were

smoked in Paris last year. -A British naval officer has been chosen Superintendent of the Persian navy.

-Snow is two feet deep on portions the Grand Trunk Railroad in Canada. -The private coachmen of New York gave a grand ball on Wednesday night. -Three millions of dollars is what her

public schools cost New York last year. -In New York during Christmas week there were 367 deaths, 333 births, and 156 weddings. -An exchange says it costs five dollars

and court expenses to wink at a lady in Oshkosh. Wis. -Chicago no longer looks with curiosity

upon velocipedes, because they have become so common. -Insects are supposed to have done at

least \$105,000,000 damage to the crops in France this year. -A Boston paper thinking of the snow lying about, says it is ploughing time now,

with the railroads. -Governor Mikkeel, of New Mexico, thinks a common school system might be a good thing out there.

-A Broadway store has started the fashion of renting wedding presents, and has

receives for the Fifth Avenue hotel. -Queen Olga, of Greece, is said to be the leader of the war party in that kingdom,

for some other man who wants to get rid ten thousand dollars.

-Martha Higby, a servant girl in Philadelphia, poured coal oil on her kitchen fire on Sunday to make it burn more quickly, and succeeded in exploding her oil can and burning herself to death.

-The Ohio River has new ghosts, for report says that ghostly blue lights flit hither and and thither over the water which flows over the sunken barracks of the steamers United States and America. -The trial of Mrs. Twitchell, for murder,

is soon to come off in Philadelphia. As is soon to come on in runagermia. As the serious, and that the cards somewhat changing the style of the cards somewhat the husband was convicted of murder in so that the teacher could record on them, the first degree, she will probably be also for the parent's inspection, the grade of the found guilty in perhaps a less degree. -The Boston Post and other Democratic

journals are still hard at work insinuating and asserting malignities concerning Thaddeus Stevens, deceased. A dead lion is not a very dangerous enemy, as these papers well know. -Helmbold's new landau is called the

most elegant establishment in New York. It is a four-in-hand team, with light leather, gold mounted harness, manned by two black coachmen, over six feet tall, with huge beards, and brown cloth suits.

-The Water street prayer meetings have left the inhabitants of that classic neighborhood as deplorably wicked as they found them. Yet the Water street meetings made notoriety for some people, and probably thus fully accomplished their main object.

-Frank Blair, a man who a long time ago was very bitterly talked about, and indeed talked very bitterly himself, a man who wrote a certain letter known as the Brodhead, but who has now sunk into insignificance, is stopping in New York. -Miss Topp has sent home to her aged

mother, in the Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg, five thousand dollars and a very pretty letter—the former a part of the profits of her concertizing tour. Charity with Topp of course begins "to hum."-Philadelphia

-A Bucyrus, Ohio, paper says that "Senstor Morton is what we have heretefore named him, a Hoosier Slubberdegullion, and he will yet be rated as such everywhere and by everybody." This may be prophecy on the part of the Bucyrus man, but before everybody can so rate him everybody must know what Slubberdegullion means.

-The President of the Philadelphia Common Councils during a long and able speech, delivered as an inaugural address, remarked that "Number One" very frequently looks so large to the officials of our city government, that it shuts out of view "Number Eight Hundred Thousand," with all their interests, their comforts, their personal safety, their health, their lives: This was of course only meant for Philadelphia

Councilmen. -A destructive fire visited the little city of Bangor, Me., on the 1st of January, by which much of the business portion of the city was destroyed, including ten wholesale stores, three law offices, and a Doctor's office. The stores all contained heavy winter stocks, which were severely damaged by are, and many of the neighboring warehouses had their contents ruined by water. The loss as nearly as can be ascertained is \$300,000, with about half of it covered by insurance.

THE Baraboo (Wis.) Independent says: "Upon the bluff in the southern part of our county, there has sprung up, since the fires have not been allowed to run, a vast amount of young hickories, both of the sweet and bitter nut varieties. This is an observation in proof of spontaneous production, as there are none, or but few parent trees in this region; yet, in many places, it would require a thousand bushels to the section to produce the plants that are now growing upon it, with perhaps not a parent tree within the limits. Let him who disavows the doctrine of spontaneous production account for this nomenon.

THE ALLEGHENY SCHOOLS.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Control-Reports of Local Boards—Election of Teachers—The City Superintendent Que-tion—Eighth Ward Taxes Again, &c., &c. A regular monthly meeting of the Allegheny Board of Control was held Tuesday evening in the Common Council Chamber, City Building.

President Clark occupied the chair, with Mr. R. B. Francis as Secretary. Rev. Joseph King opened the meeting

with prayer. The roll was then called, when the following members answered to their names.
Messrs. Boyle, Barker, Brown, Borland, Messrs, Boyle, Barker, Brown, Borland, Chadwick, Eaton, Francis, Kollock, Kimball, King, Loomis, Les, Lockhart, Moul, Mussler, McRoberts, McClinton, McConnell, Pitcairn, Sutton, Thorn, Torrence, Tremble, Walton and President Clark.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and environed. read and approved.

BEPORTS FROM LOCAL BOARDS. The Local Boards from the various wards reported the schools in a flourishing con-

dition.
The Second Ward Board reported the election of Misses Witherow and Porter as teachers in the primary department. The election was confirmed. The Sixth Ward Board reported the election of Miss Maggle M'Quigg as teacher in the primary department, which was also

The colored schools were reported in

flourishing condition. THE CITY SUPERINTENDENT QUESTION. Mr. King, from the special Committee appointed to consider the propriety of electrons. ing a City Superintendent, reported that they had "been at pains to obtain information from cities, both East and West, that have Superintendents as to the value to the public schools of the service of such an the public schools of the service of such an officer. So far as heard from the testimony is decidedly favorable. For example, Springfield, Massachusetts, a city of less than twenty thousand inhabitants, has had a Superintendent four years. They pay him a salary of \$2,800, and the Chairman of the School Committee writes thus: "We have found by experience a most

built up a lucrative business.

—Ninety-six thousand six hundred and forty dollars at year is the rent Mr. Eno

the School Committee writes thus: "We have found by experience a most decided benefit to our schools arising from the services of this Superintendent. We should not extend for a most disclosure of the services of the services of the superintendent. the services of this Superintendent. We should not entertain for a moment the idea of dispensing with his services." Cincinnati has had a Superintendent since 1850. He is paid a salary of \$3,500, and perhaps the best evidence of the value of his services is the fact that he has been retained so and she uses all her influence in every way against the Turks.

—It is suggested that the reward offered for the arrest of the murderers of Rogers, in New York, be deducted from the pay of the policeman on that beat. The plan would work admirably.

—A young woman in Mississippi got ten thousand dollars recently, out of a breach of promise case, and is now ready for some other man who wants to get rid

Allegheny city, and that the Superinten dent should one be chosen, be made the principal of this school. Second, The Com principal of this school. Second, The Committee suggest that after the organization of the new Board a new Committee be appointed, consisting of one from each ward, to consider further this matter, and that the self Committee when appointed the the said Committee when appointed, be authorized to fix the salary, name the candidate, for office, define his duties, and report the whole to the Board for confirmation.

The report wis accepted and ordered to Mr. Kollock, from the Committee on Printing reported that they had ordered the printing of 15,000 cards for the use of the schools, and had taken the liberty The action of the Committee was con

Several bills were presented, and warrants for their payment ordered to be drawn.
Mr. Eaton presented a communication
from Prof. S. A. Neale, of the colored
schools, asking leave of absence for
four days, in order that he might attend a
Convention in Washington City. On motion, the request of Mr. Nealo was granted.
Mr. Pitcairn offered a resolution to raise
the salary in the higher medium department of the First ward schools to a corresponding amount equal to the grade in Several bills were presented, and war-

sponding amount equal to the grade in other schools. Adopted.

Mr. Eaton, a resolution instructing the Secretary to prepare from the monthly reports of principals a tabular statement exhibiting the smallest average attendance of pupils, and that the same be read at each meeting of the Board and published with its proceedings. Adopted.

HIGH SCHOOL. Mr. Kollock offered a resolution authorizing the appointment of a committee to prepare an act of corporation for a High School in the city. The resolution was adopted, and Mesars. King, Boyle and Lea appointed said Committee.

THE COLORED SCHOOLS. Mr. Eaton offered a resolution authoriz-ing the Principal of Colored Schools to purchase books to an amount net exceeding twenty dollars, to be loaned to such children as are not able to purchase for them-

considerable discussion ensued on this resolution.

Mr. John Brown, Jr., was opposed to the resolution. He thought too much money was being spent on the colored schools. They were receiving more than their due

Mr. Barker was in favor of the resolu-tion. He thought we should do all we could to advance the interests of the schools, and the measure seemed to be one of practical utility.
Further remarks were made in favor of the resolution by Messra. Eaton and Bar-ker, and in opposition by Messrs. Chad-wick, Brown, Francis, and the President. A yote being taken, the resolution was

decided lost. EIGHTH WARD TAX QUESTION. Mr. McConnell called up the question of taxation for school purposes in the Eighth ward. This subject has been before the Board several times, and no further definite knowledge was obtained on it during the disensaion. he discussion. Mr. Brown, from the Finance Committee,

reported the payment of \$75 to Miss David-son, former Principal in the Sixth ward. The action of the Committee was con-Mr. Kollock offered a resolution instructing the Secretary to file away among the other papers and documents belonging to the Board, three hundred copies of the first annual report, for future use. Adopted.

On motion adjourned.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The Bluff Brewery in Quincy, Ili., was destroyed by fire on Monday. Loss \$12,000;

General Young seized one hundred and twenty-one barrels of whisky yesterday, at Cincinnati, for violation of the law.

-The destitution in the Red River Territory is increasing. Only two pounds of food is granted to each person per week. Vigilance committees are being organized in most of the wards in New York city for the purpose of bringing rogues to

The schooner Spy was wrecked off North Point, near Milwaukee, yesterday morning. She struck a rock and filled im-mediately. No lives were lost. -Sewell's morocco factory in Charles town, Mass., was burned on Monday night, with the stock of morocco and machinery.

Loss, \$29,000; partially insured. LOSS, \$20,000; partishly instruct.

The Boston Traveler reports that Mr.
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