CITY AND SUBURANB.

A Diamond Cross Breast-Pin is advertised as lost in another column.

The streets were crowded with promenaders yesterday, a large proportion being ladies.

Small Cakes of ice, probably from some gorge above, floated in the Allegheny river yesterday.

The Public Schools show quite a large increase in the attendance of scholars since the holidays.

The Nicolson pavement on Sixth (late St. Clair) street, was relieved of its coat of mud yesterday by the "apostles."

The Rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association have been closed until Monday for renovation and repairs.

Residents on the north and east sides of the Allegheny Diamond object to having the view obstructed by a new public building.

Two Savings Banks and an Insurance Company have been started in Allegheny during the past month. Some enterprise there.

Cecil Alley, at its intersection with Penn street, has been furnished with a new flagstone crossing by Street Commissioner Hunter.

Fire.—The check house and part of the inclined railway at the coal works of Messrs. Kier & Co., at Ireland Station, were partially destroyed by fire on Wednesday evening.

Aggravated Assault.—Justice Elsessor, of Etna borough, yesterday committed Margaret Hays to jail for a further hearing on a charge of aggravated assault and battery, preferred against her by John Carroll.

Slight Fire.—Yesterday afternoon, about five o'clock, the roof of Hunter's blacksmith shop, on Ohio street, Allegheny, caught fire from sparks out of the chimney, but the flames were extinguished before much damage was done.

Defective.—Nora Cuff, committed by Alderman Stewart, of Allegheny, in default of payment of fine for selling liquor on Sunday, was yesterday released by order of the Court, the commitment being defective in not mentioning the name of the prosecutor.

Man and Boy Burned.—On Friday afternoon, at Alborn, Hartje, Wylie & Co's. enamel works, on River avenue, Allegheny, a man and boy, Germans, were engaged in pouring a flask and the metal ladle breaking they were severely burned, the man on the back and the boy about the neck.

G. A. R.—Post No. 3, G. A. R., meets this evening at Morris Hall, corner of Wood street and Sixth avenue. Punctual attendance of all members is desirable. All candidates who have received notice of election will attend for muster. By order of

W. B. COOK, P. C.
W. Y. HOOD, P. A.

Disorderly Conduct.—John Adams, an old man residing in the Fifteenth ward, made information before the Mayor yesterday, charging Henry Palmer, a butcher, with disorderly conduct. He alleges that the accused has on several occasions, when meeting him on the street, used abusive and violent language toward him. A warrant was issued for the butcher.

Alleged Misdemeanor.—Martin Rice made information yesterday before Alderman M'Masters against James Kelly, Justice of the Peace in Temperanceville, for misdemeanor in office. The alleged offence consists in a refusal of Kelly to receive bail offered by Rice in a certain case, and also the refusal to give a transcript of the case. A warrant was issued.

Proposed Improvement.—Several capitalists have leased the property on the north side of the Allegheny Diamond, extending from Federal street to the east side, and propose erecting, probably next season, a handsome and uniform block of buildings thereon. The improvement is much needed and will add greatly to the appearance of that section of the city, if completed.

Disorderly.—Elizabeth Link made information before Alderman Mullen yesterday against Joseph Lucas for disorderly conduct. The prosecutrix alleges that Lucas broke open the door and entered her house during her absence, frightening the children and threatening to throw them out of the window for crying. The accused was arrested and fined three dollars and costs.

Assault and Battery.—William Nelson made information before the Mayor yesterday, charging Samuel Casey with assault and battery. The prosecutor it appears was formerly in the employ of the defendant, and meeting him on the street yesterday morning asked him for some money which he alleges the defendant owes him, whereupon the latter struck him. Casey was held to bail for his appearance at Court.

Alleged Larceny.—Arabella Timmons was brought before Alderman McMasters yesterday, charged with stealing a quantity of men's wearing apparel and a carpet sack from the cabin of the steam tug Monitor, lying at the Allegheny wharf. The stolen articles were the property of the Captain of the boat, Uriah Walton, who made the information upon which she was arrested. She was held for a hearing.

Alleged False Pretence.—Mr. Eli Thomas made information before the Mayor yesterday, charging Lawrence Kessler with obtaining goods under false pretences. Mr. Thomas is a grocer, doing business in Allegheny City, and he alleges in the information that he obtained groceries to the amount of ten dollars by false and fraudulent representation, which was that he owned a house and lot in Indiana township. A warrant was issued for the arrest of Kessler.

Explosion.—Yesterday afternoon, about four o'clock, one of the large stills at Hutchinson's Oil Works, corner of Washington and Preble streets, Sixth ward, Allegheny, exploded, with considerable force. The still was partly filled with oil in process of refining, but fortunately it did not take fire. An alarm was sounded from box twenty-four, which brought the fire department out, their services, however, not being needed. No person was injured. We could hear no cause assigned for the accident.

The Unhapby Family.—John Smith, he of Milligan's row, Ninth ward, seems to live rather unhappily with his wife, if her statement can be relied upon. She states that every day for the past four weeks he had amused himself by whipping her, winding up each time with a threat to cut her heart out if she prosecuted him for the brutal treatment. She risked his anger at last, and yesterday made information for assault and battery and surety of the peace against him before Alderman M'Masters, who issued a warrant for his arrest.

About Smoking.—The habit of smoking is part and parcel of the American character, and the lovers of the delightful weed hereabouts are universal in their praise of the quality of cigars and tobacco always kept on hand at the popular headquarters of Mr. John Megraw, No. 45 Hand street. This house transacts annually an enormous business, and is constantly increasing its trade—the legitimate consequence of fair dealing, liberal advantages offered the trade and superiority of goods sold. Wholesale or retail patrons can purchase nowhere else to better advantage.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

Several Buildings Burned—The Loss and Insurance.

Yesterday morning about two o'clock one of the Allegheny night police while going his rounds discovered smoke issuing from the two-story frame building No. 150 Federal street, occupied as a grocery store by Messrs. McKnight & Smith. He immediately proceeded to the Central office and sounded the alarm, which brought the Fire Department in a few minutes after to the place. In the meantime the clerk employed in the store, who slept in the second story, jumped from one of the front windows and stated that the rear part of the store was in a blaze. He had been awakened by the smell of burning wood, but on going to the stairs leading to the lower floor found it impossible to descend that way on account of the heat and flames. In a very short time the fire had communicated to the buildings adjoining on either side, Nos. 146, 148, 152, 154 and 156. The structures were all frames, two stories in height, and burned very rapidly.

The building in which the fire originated, No. 150, occupied by Messrs. McKnight and Smith was entirely destroyed, together with the largest portion of the stock. The firm had an insurance of $7,000 on the stock, $4,500 in the Allegheny Insurance Company, and $2,500 in the Ben. Franklin. Their loss has not been estimated but it is probable that the insurance will cover it, or nearly so.

No. 148 on the south side of Messrs. McKnight and Smith, was occupied by Mr. A. J. Pentecost as a hardware store. The building was almost destroyed and the stock damaged by water to a considerable extent. Mr. Pentecost estimates his loss at $3,000, upon which there was no insurance, the policy having expired on the 3rd of the present month, and being unrenewed. Some of the stock has been removed in good condition, and a room, secured on Ohio street, next to the Emmel House, where the business will be continued for the present.

The corner house, No. 146, was occupied by Messrs. J. & N. C. Brown, in the first and second stories front as a wholesale and retail shoe store. Messrs. Cowan & Snyder and W. B. Rowland, painters, and Alderman Lindsay, occupied rooms fronting on the Diamond square. This building was saved from utter destruction by the prompt and energetic exertions of the firemen, who tore a portion of the front out to get full play at the fire. Messrs. Brown & Co.'s loss is principally from water. They have not made an estimate of the stock destroyed yet, but have insurance for $2,000 in the Western, of Pittsburgh, and $1,000 in the York, of Pennsylvania, which will probably fully cover the loss. Messrs. Cowan & Snyder and Mr. Rowland suffer somewhat from water, but not to a great extent. We understand Alderman Lindsay lost nothing of value, but the damage to his papers and records by the deluge of water will put him to some inconvenience. On the north side of the building in which the fire originated, No. 152 was occupied in the lower floor as a china and queensware establishment by Mr. Charles Reizenstein, and in the upper part as a dwelling by Mr. Wm. Hill. The roof of this building was nearly all burnt off, and Mr. Hill lost all his housenold effects, and had no insurance. Mr. Reizenstein's stock was damaged by water and breakage, but is covered with insurance in the Merchants & Manufacturers, Western, Ben. Franklin, and others, to the amount of $6,000, which is considerably more than his loss.

No. 154 was occupied by Mr. A. Goldberg as a hoop skirt and corset store on the first floor, with his dwelling above. The place was completely flooded with water, and had a part of the roof burnt off. Most of the furniture and clothing in the upper story were destroyed. The stock was also considerable damaged, but as the proprietor is absent from the city, no estimate of his loss could be obtained. We were informed, however, that he was fully insured in the Delaware Mutual.

No. 156, occupied by Mr. George W. Campbell as a dwelling and hat store, had the roof partially destroyed and the place pretty well soaked with water. His loss will probably reach $1,000, which is fully covered by an insurance in the Pittsburgh.

The buildings were all old wooden structures, built on leased property belonging to the Shields' estate, and the appearance of the street would have been materially improved had they been replaced long since with others of a more substantial character. Nos. 152, 154 and 156 were owned by Mrs. Isabella Wallace, and were each insured for $1,000, equally between the Cash and Western Companies of Pittsburgh. The other buildings, Nos. 146, 148, and 150, were owned by the Messrs. Frazier Bros., and were insured in the Lycoming Company for $3,000. They contemplated the erection of a new block of buildings on the grounds next season, which renders it very probable that the buildings will not be made tenable again.

The origin of the fire has not been definitely ascertained, but Fire Marshal Murphy is making a careful investigation of the affair, as there are rumors afloat that it was the work of an incendiary. It seems the fire was extinguished at one time but broke out afresh just as the firemen were preparing to depart. The young man who slept in the store where it originated lost nearly all his clothing, a valuable trunk and a considerable amount of money which was placed in the desk for safe keeping. Some person also was mean enough to take advantage of the confusion and pocket a costly revolver which he had laid under his pillow, but which fell out upon the floor before the engines commenced to play upon the fire.

The firemen, though moving quietly and with little fuss, labored with remarkable energy and promptness, and it is due to their faithful and unrelaxing efforts that the whole block of buildings was not totally destroyed.

Last evening about nine o'clock the fire broke out again, in the second story of McKnight and Smith's building, but the Fire Department was called out and extinguished it in a short time.

Dental.—The high reputation sustained by Dr. G. W. Spencer, the well known dentist, whose name has long been closely allied with dental science and its development, is the best evidence of his merit and capabilities. His office, No. 258 Penn street, has been visited by thousands of persons, and there has been such universal satisfaction afforded that Dr. Spencer is as popular to-day as he ever was with all classes of patrons. His terms are very reasonable, and we commend him in the most earnest manner to the patronage and confidence of our readers.

Sermon to Young Women.—Rev. Joseph King, the able and accomplished pastor of the first Christian Church, corner of Beaver street and Montgomery avenue, Allegheny city, will preach a sermon to young women to-morrow evening, at the church, at seven o'clock, selecting the following points. First—Neatness of person; Second—Cultivation of Mind; Third—Devotion of Heart. A rare intellectual treat may be anticipated by all who attend. The seats are all free and a cordial invitation is extended to members of all denominations to be present.

Literary Announcement.—The advertisement of Col. J. D. Egan, in another column, will prove very interesting to bookworms and all those interested in rare publications. The published catalogue affords no proper idea of the variety and extent of the stock held at the store No. 41 Sixth avenue.

The finest assortment of oil and gas chandeliers to be found in the city is at the wholesale and retail establishment of Messrs. Weldon & Kelly, corner of Wood street and Virgin alley. The stock embraces all the latest and most fashionable styles and is marked down to the lowest margin over cost.

THE CITY GAUGER.

MESSRS. EDITORS: An article appeared in the *Leader* of Sunday giving a statement of moneys paid to the city by the Gauger. The statement in its main features was correct, and the figures actually as returned to the City Controller; but given, as they were, without explanation, are calculated to form a wrong impression upon the public mind.

We quote the exhibit of moneys paid into the City Treasury in the article referred to:

1865—321,650 bbls gauged; $12,137.59 pd city.
1866—255,107 " " $9,636.46 " "
1867— 78,117 " " $2,963.95 " "
1868—(10 mos)—36,257 bbls gauged; $1,380. 17 paid to city.

As the *Leader* remarks, "the decline in the receipts is very noticeable," but to any person who has paid attention to the oil trade, it is not remarkable. In 1865 the major portion of the oil was brought to the city in barrels and landed upon the Allegheny wharf, and for measuring each barrel the Gauger received five cents, seventy-five per cent. of which was paid to the City Treasury. Now that trade has almost, if not entirely, ceased, as will be seen on reference to the account of the Allegheny Wharf-master, the decrease of moneys paid by that officer has been at least in a corresponding, if not a greater, ratio. In 1865 that officer reports as landed upon the wharf 411,570 barrels; paid to the city $8,231,40; in 1867 landed upon the wharf, 800 barrels; paid to the city, $160. But it will be remembered that the quantity of oil actually bought and sold within the city must be much greater, since consolidation than before, and that if it has not been delivered upon the wharf it has been elsewhere. Hence the argument that the fees should be equal if not greater than before. In 1865 the oil trade had not assumed the proportions it now has, and the mode of transacting business is now entirely different. Then it was conveyed chiefly in barrels, or separate packages; now it is brought in bulk, either in barges or car tanks, constructed for that purpose, and no one will possibly pretend to claim that a *pro rata* amount should be charged upon oil measured in that condition and which is delivered direct at the works of the refiner or dealer. The tax itself would amount to a great restriction upon the trade, were this view of the case a possible one. The dealer would be subjected to a tax upon each boat of at least fifty dollars, a tax which would be far too burdensome.

The authorities of the city have never made any law providing for fees to be paid for measuring boats, tanks or oil in bulk, consequently no greater cost has been placed upon the consumer than that of a remuneration for the performance of work actually done. To better explain this subject we quote the ordinance: "The Gauger shall, by himself or deputy, when called by the vendor or purchaser of any liquid merchandize (except beer, ale or porter,) bought and sold in this city, gauge the same, and mark by a scraper on the head of each vessel containing the same the full contents thereof in wine measure, and for his services he shall be entitled to charge and receive the following fees, viz:

"For any number of *barrels* or *casks* not exceeding two, fifteen cents *each*.

"For any number of *barrels* or *casks* exceeding two and not exceeding six, seven cents *each*.

"For any number exceeding six, five cents *each*."

The city having made no provision for fees for gauging oil in bulk, which before consolidation was unnecessary, as oil was then forbidden to be brought in bulk within the city, some law under the changed condition seemed necessary, and the gauger called the attention of Councils to this subject in July last, and an ordinance was prepared and presented, but failed to be passed and has never yet been finally acted upon.

Further: Much of the oil is now *purchased* at Oil City, or other points of production, and delivered by cars, in tank, direct to the purchaser. Such is not subject to be again gauged here, and is not.

Refined oil is also not subject to gauge, except such as is sold here, which is merely that used for home consumption, or but little more. The greater portion of refined oil is actually sold in Philadelphia, or other points of shipments. Hence the increase in the number of refineries makes but little difference in the quantity of that kind of oil gauged, the home consumption being in no way increased.

Another reduction in the Gauger's fees has been caused thus: All Whisky and spirituous liquors are gauged by United States Inspectors, for which they receive 20 cents per barrel, in consequence of which the City Gauger is seldom *called upon either by vendor or purchaser*, to perform that duty. The fees for gauging this description of liquids formerly constituted a considerable item in the Gauger's report. In 1865 the number of barrels was 9,547; in 1868, 2,276.

The Gauger having nothing he desires to conceal, he presents an exhibit of the total amount of work done within the limits of the city, as taken from his books, which are at any time open to the inspection of any citizen interested:

Amount received for tank cars	$2,865 00
" " for barges	3,545 00
Total of barrel work, 25 per cent. of which is Gauger's fees	460 05
Total receipts of the office	$6,870 05
Expenses for hire of Deputies, etc.	3,744 40
Balance for Gauger's own services and profits	$3,125 65

We desire further to call attention to the clause contained in the *Leader* referring to the County Gauger, which must have been written under a misapprehension of the facts.

The county gauging law was enacted about seven years since, and the gauger is an appointee of the Governor, and was considered an office of but little value, so much so that the first officer offered to permit the city gauger to perform the duties and receive the emoluments for something less than $200 dollars for the whole term of three years. So worthless was it then considered that he refused to give anything whatever as an equivalent. The present gauger has no such arrangement as that mentioned, viz: the payment to Col. Brown of one thousand dollars for the profits of the office. He simply does the work as any other employee would, for which he receives the sum of two cents per barrel, Col. Brown making his own returns to the County Controller, and paying to the Treasurer 33⅓ per cent. of the amount of money received for all work done in the county outside of the limits of the city.

The object of this communication is merely to make the public acquainted with all the facts. I therefore request you will give it a space in you columns.

Yours, very truly,
J. H. NOBBS, City Gauger.

Mortuary Report.

Dr. A. G. M'Candless, Physician to the Board of Health, reports the following interments in the city of Pittsburgh for the week commencing December 27th and ending January 3, 1869:

Disease of the Bladder, 1; Consumption, 3; Disease of Bowels, 1; Gastritis, 1; Pneumonia, 1; Disease of Heart, 1; Convulsions, 3; Unknown, 2; Disease of Brain, 1; Typhoid Fever, 1; Laryngitis, 1; Accident, 1; Marasums, 2; Intussesception, 1.

Of the above there were under 1 year, 8; from 1 to 2, 1; from 2 to 5, 2; from 10 to 15, 2; from 15 to 20, 2; from 20 to 30, 3; from 50 to 60, 1; from 60 to 70, 1.

Males..... 9	White.....18	Total..... 20
Females..... 11	Colored..... 2	

Preaching.—Rev. J. W. R. Sloane, Junior Professor in the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary, will preach in the First R. R. Church (Rev. John McMillan's) Allegheny, to-morrow (communion) evening at seven o'clock.

Linen Goods of all kinds, embroidered piano covers and embroidered stand covers, at Bates & Bell's.

THE COURTS.

Court of Oyer and Terminer Quarter Sessions—Judges Mellon and Stowe.

The Court of Oyer and Terminer convened at nine o'clock yesterday morning, Judges Stowe and Mellon on the bench. The jury in the case of Lewis Lane, indicted for the murder of his wife, Henrietta Lane, by means of poison, having agreed upon a verdict, came into court and by request of defendant's counsel were polled, whereupon each juror answered "guilty of murder in the first degree." The prisoner had been brought into court previous to taking the verdict, and passed through the trying ordeal without the slightest show of emotion. He was then remanded to jail. Mr. Haines, the defendant's counsel, made a motion for a new trial, and will fill his reasons this morning.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT AND BATTERY.

Joseph Patterson, indicted for aggravated assault and battery, James Wallace prosecutor, was placed on trial. It was alleged by the prosecutor that on or about the 17th day of September the defendant struck and knocked him down and then clubbed him. The jury returned a verdict of "guilty of assault and battery."

PERJURY.

William Ormsby, indicted for perjury, William Gilmore prosecutor, was next placed on trial. It appears that the defendant, who is a boy about fifteen years of age, made information before Alderman Humbert, of the Twelfth ward, charging the prosecutor, Wm. Gilmore, and his wife with keeping a bawdy house, which they allege to be false and untrue. Jury out.

NOT GUILTY.

Samuel Gally, indicted for the larceny of a quantity of ribbon from Eaton's store, F. H. Eaton, prosecutor, was placed upon trial. There being no evidence of the larceny, the case was submitted to the jury and a verdict of not guilty rendered.

Charles D. Allen, indicted for the larceny of clothing, Lewis Meyers prosecutor, was placed upon trial. The defendant has been in jail since July, and the prosecutor being absent, there was no evidence, and the jury were directed to return a verdict of not guilty.

Court of Common Pleas—Judge Sterrett.

The Court of Common Pleas met at ten o'clock yesterday morning, Judge Sterrett presiding.

The case of Bangers et ux. vs. Emmerling, previously reported, was resumed and is still on trial.

Amusements.

OPERA HOUSE.—Mr. and Miss Couldock, who have occupied the boards at the Opera House during the present week, took a benefit last evening, on which occasion the "Post Boy" and "Chimney Corner" were presented. The audience was quite large, and all present appeared to be delighted with the entertainment. At the matinee this afternoon Mr. and Miss Couldock will appear in the "Cricket on the Hearth," and in the evening in "Willow Copse."

PITTSBURGH THEATRE.—The Gregory Combination Troupe continue to draw full houses at the Old Theatre, and nightly astonish the audience with their wonderful feats on the trapez, as well as with their graceful and powerful acrobatic and gymnastic entertainments. The "little" circus, however, is the "biggest" thing in the show, especially for those who are fond of fun.

MUSEUM.—Everybody goes to see the great natural curiosities at Burnell's Museum, Franklin Hall, not merely because it is fashionable to do so, but because it is the most attractive place of amusement in the city.

THE ORPHANS' FAIR continues to draw large audiences, and is as attractive a place as we know to spend an idle hour. The booths are all tastefully arranged and in keeping of fair ladies. Considerable excitement is engendered by the friendly contests for articles to be awarded "most popular" individuals.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The musical people of this community patiently await the appearance of Miss Clara Louisa Kellogg, who, fresh from Europe and flushed with conquests made in the world of song, invites the admiration of all true lovers of music. Her appearance this season in America has caused a musical revival, and wherever she has given concerts brilliant ovations to her genius have been awarded out of a feeling of national pride. Her name fills the fashionable and cultured circles of the old world with admiration, and so swift and rapid was her march into popularity and eminence that no doubt was left of the conspicuous abilities of the sweet interpretor of song, whose name in her native country has long been cherished as belonging to an artist of wonderful power and promise. Her appearance here will doubtless awaken the same national spirit of pride, and in advance we can anticipate for the fair prima donna such audiences as have never before been gathered together in this city. She is to be accompanied by the eminent piano virtuosa, Miss Topp, Mr. Lotti, tenor, Mr. Petrilli, baritone, and Mr. Kopta, the famous violinist, forming altogether a brilliant combination of talent. The sale of seats for Miss Kellogg's concerts, Wednesday and Thursday evenings next, takes place at Mellor's music store this morning.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were filed of record before H. Snively, Esq., Recorder, January 8, 1869:

John G. Johns to Board of School Directors of the Fourteenth ward, Pittsburgh, Nov. 27, 1861; lot on Fifth avenue, Fourteenth ward $2,250
Jacob V. Bauer to F. L. Thomas, December 28, 1868; lot on Carson street, Birmingham, 20 by 70 feet 425 00
Francis Allsip to Fred Schroth, May 19, 1863; lot on Clay street, Sharpsburg, 100 by 125 feet 462
John H. Morrow to Amos Marks, April 1, 1868; tract of land in Marshall township, containing 50 acres 42 00
Malcolm Hay to Mary Ann Duncan, December 19, 1861; lot on the corner of Penn street and Irwin's alley, Fourth ward, Pittsburgh, 25 by 110 feet 41
James K. Hamilton Sr., to Mrs. Anna Smy, Dec. 12, 1868; lot on Third avenue, Second ward, Pittsburgh, 20 by 81 feet $4,000

MORTGAGES.

Nine mortgages were filed for record.

Grand Clearance Sale.

Mr. W. W. Moorhead's fashionable retail trimming and notion house, No. 81 Market street, has been thronged with patrons during the past week owing to the grand closing out sale to make room for new goods, and the consequent reduction in the price of all articles embraced in the large and judiciously assorted stock. Ladies will find everything in the line of lace goods, embroideries, insertings, bugle trimmings, buttons, corsets, hoop skirts, balmorals, bonnet ribbons, flowers, bonnet and hat frames and a general miscellany of notions, at prices which will forcibly remind them of the days of yore. The sale will continue till the entire stock is cleared out.

Chinchilla.—The material is becoming very fashionable. Messrs. Bates & Bell, 21 Fifth avenue, have a fine assortment on hand. They sell at the very lowest prices and give their patrons the fullest opportunity to please themselves. We should recommend our readers to buy there.

Mink Sable Furs.—We ask special attention to our stock of Mink Sables, which we offer this week at extremely low prices; also Hudson Bay Sables, which must be returned if not sold this week. Call and see them at J. M. Carr's, 118 Federal street.

Final Notice.—All delinquent tax-payers of the old Sixth ward are notified that no further time can be given.

2 JOSEPH A. BUTLER, Collector.

Final Notice.—All delinquent tax-payers of the old Third, now Fifth ward, are notified that no further time can be given.

2 JOSEPH B. ZIEGLER.

A Mayor's Office Scene.

Among the many unhappy cases which we are called upon to record from the Allegheny Mayor's Office, there now and then comes one of a more agreeable and pleasant character, such as that which we chronicle below. About eight o'clock Thursday evening, after the Mayor's duties for the day were over, he was requested to step into Captain Hunter's office, where the police force had assembled, and where, before he could recover from his surprise, the Captain, in one of those neat little speeches for which he is proverbial, presented him with an elegant and costly gold headed cane, bearing the inscription, "Hon. Simon Drum, from his police force, January 1, 1869." The surprised but grateful recipient returned his cordial thanks to the donors for the appropriate and handsome gift in a few feeling and felicitous remarks, and the company were about separating, when Lieutenant Hager stepped forward and astonished Mr. Hunter by presenting him, in behalf of the night police, with a heavy silver hunting case watch of American manufacture, upon which was inscribed the words, "To Captain James Hunter, from the members of the Allegheny Night Police." Though the tables were thus unexpectedly turned upon the recipient, he proved himself equal to the occasion, and in a happy and distinct manner expressed his acknowledgments to the donors. The occasion throughout was a very enjoyable one, and furnished all present with pleasing recollections of the opening of the New Year.

Clara Louise Kellogg.

This renowned vocalist, the American Nightingale and, doubtless, the best lady singer America ever produced will give two grand concerts the ensuing week. She will be assisted on this occasion by Miss Alida Topp, one of the finest lady pianists in the world, and will execute her wonderful Fantasias upon a splendid Steinway Grand Piano. Miss Topp, who combines great power and the utmost delicacy in her playing has chosen the Steinway make as of all others the most fit for the expression of the various musical shadings and effects which are required for the proper interpretation of the works of the great masters. To hear the bird-like warblings of Kellogg and Miss Topp's magical performance upon her Piano, will be a musical event never to be forgotten. The youth, beauty and ladylike deportment of the two young lady artists will not form the *least* attraction of the evening's entertainment.

How often do you hear the complaint from mother and father that their son or daughter is not well; that they have no appetite; that they feel languid; that their head aches; that they are growing thin and feeble, and that they have no life or energy left. That they are low-spirited, and perfectly incapacitated to participate in any pleasures, or perform any mental or physical duty. And the question is often asked, what shall I do for them? or, what shall I give them? Our answer is, let them try PLANTATION BITTERS moderately three times a day, and our word for it they will recover.

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

The continued and increasing popularity of Holtzheimer's famous Continental Dining Rooms, Fifth avenue, next door to the Postoffice, is ample evidence of the manner in which it is conducted. The epicurean has long regarded Holtzheimer's name as synonymous with good victuals, and when tip top dinners are to be obtained, all seek out his commodious and well kept rooms. He has a full force of gentlemanly and attentive waiters, who thoroughly know their business, and attend faithfully to all who may call. If our readers are in doubt as to to the truth of the high reputation of this restaurant, they have but to pay a visit to Holtzheimer's and be convinced from their own experience.

The best and Original Tonic of Iron, Phosphorus and Calisaya, known as Caswell, Mack & Co's Ferro Phosphorated Elixir of Calisaya Bark. The Iron restores color to the blood, the Phosphorus renews waste of the nerve tissue, and the Calisaya gives a natural healthful tone to the digestive organs, thereby curing dyspepsia in its various forms, Wakefulness, General Debility and Depression of Spirits. Manufactured only by Caswell, Hazard & Co., New York. Sold by all druggists. s

Orphans' Court Sale.—Tuesday, January 12th, at 11 o'clock A. M., on the premises, will be sold that very valuable and desirable Two Story Brick House, with fine store room, situate on north-east corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Gist street, lot 23x120 feet in depth to Beech alley. For business and dwelling purposes this property cannot be surpassed. The attention of capitalists and business men is called to this sale. H. B. Smithson & Co., Auctioneers.

Not too Late.—Though Christmas has passed, it is not yet too late for folks to supply themselves with the fine goods which were procured for the occasion by the enterprising firm of Bates & Bell, 21 Fifth avenue. Most elegant shawls and mantles are being sold there.

Elegant.—The assortment of muslins at 21 Fifth avenue, is one of the finest we have ever had the pleasure of examining. It comprises everything in the line, and in quality cannot be excelled.

"Honor to Whom Honor is Due."—We have used at our Boiler Works three of Keeler's Scales nearly seven years with perfect satisfaction. We want no better.

WM. BARNHILL & Co.
Pittsburgh, Jan. 1. w:s

New Year's Presents.—Furs of all kinds, gloves, hosiery, lace collars, 25c, hemmed handkerchiefs, 10c, tucked handkerchiefs, 15c, at J. M. Carr's, 118 Federal street.

All the Magazines for January, also, latest Weeklies, at Pittock's, opposite the Postoffice.

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Message of the Governor of Missouri.

By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

ST. LOUIS, January 8—Governor Fletcher's message was submitted to the Legislature this afternoon. It recommends the submission to the people of an amendment to the Constitution enfranchising all persons now disfranchised, except bushwhackers or guerrillas, persons who, after having voted or held office, claimed the protection of foreign governments during the war, and persons having voted or held office during the war, and persons having falsely taken the oath of loyalty. The Governor also advises the abolishment of the voter's oath. The population of the State has increased about fifty per cent. in four years, and the assessed value of property has increased almost two hundred millions over that of 1860, including at that time forty-four millions in slaves. Since January 1st, 1865, there have been paid and retired bonds, coupons, military bonds and defence warrants, with interest thereon, amounting to $23,145,138. Over six millions of this sum was paid for over due and accruing interest. There have been issued during the same period consolidation renewal bonds amounting to $4,126,000. The total bonded debt is $18,654,000, and the balance in Treasury at the present time $2,411,000. The permanent school fund is $76,890,760. The whole number of children in the State between ages of five and twenty-one years is 654,664, of whom 410,183 are white, and 33,481 colored. There are 6,040 public schools and 7,150 teachers. There are in the State 146,000 acres of United States lands which the Governor recommends the Legislature to memoralize Congress to turn over to the State for the purpose of a College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, and for the settlement of all claims for land or money against the United States, and the swamp act of 1850. There are now one thousand three hundred and ninety-two miles of finished railroad in the State and five hundred and sixty-nine miles in process of construction. The Governor treats the railroad interest at great length, and recommends the Legislature to memoralize Congress to extend the same subsidies to the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad as have been given to the Union Pacific, and to instruct our Senators and request our Representatives to vote for such measures as will obtain that end. The Governor also recommends the abolishment of the office of public printer and the establishment of a State printing office.

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