CITY AND SUBURBAN.

Reportorial pilgrimages through the cities have been anything but pleasant the last few days.

The Citizens Passenger Railway Company had a large force of men engaged yesterday in scraping the snow off their tracks.

The contests for the various city offices at the disposal of the Allegheny Councils are beginning to be lively and interesting.

Council Caucus.—The Republican members of the Allegheny Councils will meet in caucus next Monday evening to place in nomination candidates for the various city offices.

Arrived.—The new register for the Central alarm office and the striking apparatus for the Seventeenth Ward Alarm Bell were received from Boston yesterday, and will be put up immediately.

Reconstructed.—The switch of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad, on Liberty street, opposite the Grain Elevator, has been reconstructed. The work was performed by a gang of laborers yesterday.

Finally Committed.—John Sutton and John Weaver, two of the parties charged with robbing the cars of the Pittsburgh and Cleveland road at Manchester, a few weeks since, the particulars of which we have published, were finally committed for trial yesterday by Alderman Humbert.

Domestic Difficulty.—Catharine O'Brien alleges that her husband, Cornelius O'Brien, gave her a severe whipping yesterday and threatened to kill her for making an outcry while undergoing the castigation. Alderman Taylor issued a warrant for the arrest of the accused. The parties reside in the Tenth ward.

Serenade.—Rt. Rev. Bishop Woods, of the diocese of Philadelphia, is in the city as the guest of Rt. Rev. M. Domenec. He was serenaded last night at the Episcopal residence by the rapidly growing popular Cathedral silver coronet band,—a compliment fully appreciated by the distinguished stranger.

Translations.—Julius F. Zoller, Esq., a learned German and English scholar, who for many years creditably filled the position as translator for the State, announces that he is prepared to translate into English German books, pamphlets, society constitutions, circulars, etc., at most reasonable prices. Orders left at the job printing office of Errett, Anderson & Co., GAZETTE building, will be promptly attended to.

Given Away Gratuitously.—Those of our readers in search of homes, no matter where the location, will find it greatly to their interest to call at the Real Estate Office of Croft & Phillips, No. 139 Fourth avenue, and obtain a copy of the "Pittsburgh Real Estate Register." It contains such a vast amount of property for sale, north, south, east and west, that the most fastidious cannot fail to get suited. It can be obtained gratis by calling at their office, as above, or they will forward it by mail, free, to any address.

Temperance.—Temperance men who wish to hear their favorite topic properly handled, and others who desire to hear one of the greatest of living orators, should remember that John B. Gough delivers his second lecture, under the auspices of the Young Men's Mercantile Library, to-morrow evening, in the Academy of Music. His subject, is "Temperance," a theme which, it seems hardly necessary for us to say, he is perfectly familiar within all its bearings. On Monday evening he will deliver his last lecture in Pittsburgh for the present season on the subject of "Habit." Reserved seats for both lectures may be obtained this evening at Lafayette Hall, at 7 o'clock.

Caved In.

Yesterday morning an excavation at the corner of Fourth avenue and Smithfield street caved in just as the workman who had dug it had finished his work. The excavation was made for a sewer drop, and was ten or twelve feet in depth. It was filled up by the falling dirt from the sides about five feet, but fortunately the workman had noticed the premonitory signs of a "cave in," and got out of the way immediately, thus preventing serious injury to himself.

A Serious Charge.

Hugh McHugh made information before Alderman McMasters, yesterday, against Michael Velock for larceny as bailee. The prosecutor alleges that the defendant while acting in the capacity of agent for him collected the rental of a house on Chartiers street, Allegheny, to the amount of sixty-three dollars, which he refuses to pay over. The accused was arrested and gave bail for trial. It is but just to say in regard to the case that Mr. Velock, who is a respected citizen of Allegheny, states that the prosecution arises out of a business misunderstanding in regard to the purchase of the house by him while acting as agent for Mr. McHugh.

Louis Lane.

Lane, the convicted wife poisoner, seems to take things easily in his cell at the county jail. He is somewhat taciturn, but beyond this there is nothing in his conduct which would indicate his feelings in regard to the situation in which he stands. He sleeps sound "o' nights," and takes his meals regularly, consuming the prison fare with a relish which bespeaks healthy digestive powers. He is kept closely confined, and is permitted to see only his counsel, clergymen, and the officials of the jail. He is now awaiting the result of the motion for a new trial, when, if it is overruled, he will be sentenced in accordance with the verdict of "murder in the first degree," rendered by the juries in the two trials through which he has passed.

Extensive Bank Robbery.

Several days since the Peoples' National Bank, on Wood street, was robbed of $12,000 by some adroit and daring thief, who abstracted a small tin box containing the amount from the safe. The affair has heretofore been "hushed up," in the hope that some clue might be obtained to the perpetrator; but it has gradually become known, and now forms one of the common topics of the street. There are many theories afloat in regard to the manner in which the robbery was committed, but thus far the whole operation is enveloped in the deepest mystery, and the only really tangible information is the absence of the money from the bank safe. The money was a special deposit, and as such had been placed in the tin box, as stated, to more perfectly insure its safe keeping. One of the theories which has gained some ground is, that the thief stole the booty during banking hours, while the safe was open and unguarded. He would indeed be a bold operator who could march into a banking house during business hours, when the employes were there in full force, abstract from a safe located in the most closely guarded portion of the place a tin box containing such a sum of money, and pass out and away again, without having any attention attracted to his movements or being subjected to obtrusive detentions from those in whose care the treasure had been placed. Possibly there may be an expert in our midst whose brilliant abilities have been displayed in this manner, but it don't seem at all probable. The officers of the bank have been making every exertion, with the assistance of experienced detectives, to ferret out the thief, but as yet no clue has been discovered. The affair has been managed in a masterly manner by the chap, whoever he may be, and it is quite probable that he will never be apprehended.

ALLEGHENY COUNCILS.

Regular Meeting—Annual Reports—Complimentary Resolutions—Adjourned Sine Die.

A regular meeting of Allegheny City Councils was held last evening at seven o'clock.

Select Council.

Members present—Messrs. Black, Brown, Callery, English, Faulkner, Gang, Gwinner, Hall, Hartman, Jahn, Krebs, Motheral, Myler, Patterson J. C., Patterson A., Phillips, Riddle, Reiter, Smith A. D., Smith Wm., Weise, Wettach, and the President.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved.

PETITIONS.

Mr. Riddle presented a petition asking that the practice of allowing vehicles and horses to stand on the Diamond be prohibited. Referred to Market Committee. In C. C. referred to the Mayor and Police Committee.

Mr. A. D. Smith presented a petition from citizens on Walker street, asking for the paving of said street from Rebecca street to South avenue. Referred to Street Committee. In C. C. laid on the table.

Mr. A. D. Smith presented a monthly report from the Controller, asking that the several bills reported therein be paid. The report was received and the bills ordered to be paid.

Mr. Myler presented the report of the City Solicitor, detailing the business done in his office during the past year. The report was received.

REPORT OF THE STREET COMMITTEE.

Mr. Myler presented the annual report of the Street Committee. The report sets forth the amount of work done upon the streets of the city during the past year. The entire length of streets graded and paved since the grading and paving law in 1849, to January 1st, 1869, is thirty-eight miles; cost of construction, $834,394 35, of which $676,696 63 have been collected. Length of the sewers constructed during the past year, 2,909 feet; cost of construction, $26,154.

The Committee recommended that an order be drawn on the Treasury in favor of Mr. Stewart, Assistant Street Commissioner, for $200, his salary of $600 being insufficient.

In the expenditures we note the following items: cleaning streets and maintainances cost the city $151,928.18.

The report was received, and the resolution relative to the payment of $200 to Mr. Stewart, Street Commissioner, was adopted.

CITY ENGINEER.

Mr. Myler presented an ordinance, with the report of the Street Committee, providing for the extension of the term of office of the City Engineer.

After considerable discussion the matter was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Myler.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

Mr. Myler presented the annual report of the City Engineer, which was an able and well prepared document. Upon the question of sewers, it states that their benefits are now fully appreciated by the citizens. Many useful suggestions were made, relative to grading, etc. The report was accepted and ordered to be printed.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Myler offered a resolution providing that the City Treasurer be instructed to refund to certain parties who had paid for the construction of a wooden sewer on Fremont street, Second ward, Referred to the Finance Committee.

Also a resolution providing for the opening of Perry street in the Seventh ward. Adopted.

Mr. Phillips, from the Committee on City Property, presented a report, accompained by a resolution providing for the payment of the bill for the new service pipe which the Committee had placed in the City Building. Adopted.

CONTROLLER'S REPORT.

Mr. A. D. Smith, from the Finance Committee presented the annual report of the Controller, from which we make the following extracts:

It appears that the revenues, exclusive of poor tax, and special assessment for sewers and streets, for the year 1868, are as follows:

From ordinary sources of income	$217,988.57
Sale of Water Bonds	18,500.00
Notes discounted	46,347.37
Sale of Coupons of Govit securities	5,441.00
Total	$293,776.99

Amount Paid Out.

For ordinary expenses	$222,314.07
Notes in Bank paid	50,000.00
Bonds redeemed	8,252.00
Cash advanced to sewer Commission	4,857.77
Paid on Canal Sewer	12,082.11
Total	$297,505.80

In addition to the above, three bonds of $1,000 each were issued to the Spring Garden Water Company, which makes the total expenditures $300,299,85.

Total liabilities of the City	$716,454.24
The available assets are, not including the permanent improvements and real estate	171,671.76
Liabilities in excess of assets	544,782.54

WATER ASSESSOR'S REPORT.

Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Water Committee, presented the annual report of the Water Assessor, from which we make the following extracts:

The report of assessments made on dwellings and various other establishments using hydrant water other than manufacturing establishments, were as follows:

	1st assessment.	2d assessment.
First ward	$11,458 55	$ 155 99
Second ward	16,194 70	358 09
Third ward	16,390 94	611 97
Fourth ward	20,329 10	922 52
Fifth ward	7,117 69	698 52
Sixth ward	3,313 85	905 02
Seventh ward	1,041 25	1,434 26
Eighth ward	992 50	616 52
	$76,848 89	5,039 31
		76,888 89
Total		$81,688 23
Amount for building purposes		550 00
Amount made on Water by Superintendent of Water Works		7,282 00
Estimates of fourth quarter by meter		2,427 40
Total		$91,867 63

This shows an increase over that of last year, which was $57,903 73. The number of families supplied with hydrant water was 8,730. During the past year there has been erected within reach of the water pipes three hundred and six dwellings, mostly of large size—fully half of them are spacious brick dwellings. There has been thirty houses built in the city above and beyond the reach of the water, twenty-two houses have been remodeled, thirty-five brick and frame additions, eight rooms added to the Third ward public school house, new brick edifice for Fifth ward public schools, one new Catholic school house; three large brick churches and one frame church.

REMONSTRANCE.

Mr. Riddle presented a remonstrance against the construction of a sewer on Beaver street. Referred to the Street Committee.

FLOOD GATE.

Mr. A. Patterson offered a resolution for the construction of a flood gate in the Belmont sewer. Adopted.

SEWERAGE TAX.

Mr. Hall offered a resolution instructing the Treasurer not to place the sewerage assessments in the middle and western districts in the hands of the City Solicitor for collection until personal notice has been given to parties assessed.

On motion of Mr. English, the resolution was amended so as to extend the time for making collections for thirty days.

After considerable discussion, the resolution as amended was adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mr. Myler called up the report of the Street Committee, which was laid over at a previous meeting. The report was accompanied by a resolution discontinuing the office of Assistant Street Commissioner, and providing that the assessments for grading and paving be transferred to the City Treasurer's office, and also, that the Treasurer be authorized to employ an assistant at $500 per annum.

The first resolution was adopted.

After considerable discussion, the resolution authorizing the Treasurer to employ an assistant was adopted.

CITY ENGINEER.

Mr. Callery moved to reconsider the action of Council in the matter of the ordinance for extending the term of office of the City Engineer.

Mr. Meyler moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was lost, and the question recurring on the motion to reconsider it was adopted.

Mr. Hall then moved the adoption of the ordinance.

After some further discussion the motion of Mr. Hall was withdrawn.

STREET COMMISSINOERS.

Mr. A. Patterson offered a resolution providing that the city be divided into two street districts and for the election of two Street Commissioners.

Mr. Smith moved to refer the resolution to the Street Committee. Adopted.

COMPLIMENTARY.

Mr. Riddle presented a resolution returning the thanks of Councils to John A. Myler, Esq., Chairman of the Street Committee. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. A. D. Smith presented a preamble and resolutions returning the thanks of the Councils to the presiding officers, reporters of the press, and messengers to Council. Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Hall the thanks of Council were tendered to Mr. A. D. Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Hall Council adjourned *sine die.*

Common Council.

President Slagle called the meeting to order at 7½ o'clock.

The following members answered to their names at the call of the roll by the clerk, Robert Dilworth, Esq.: Messrs. Brown, Blair, Cutler, Comley, Clark, Eyster, Hanna, Hastings, Hocbuly, Kunkle, Lindsay, Ley, Megraw, McDonald, McNeill, Ober, Reynolds, Reed, Richardson, Reineman, Saints, Seidle, Slack, Tate, Voeghtly, White, Warner, Slagle President.

The minutes of the preceeding meeting were read and approved.

PETITIONS, &c.

Mr. Kunkle presented a petition from the residents on Juniata street, asking that the contract for paving said street be declared void, as the time of the contract had expired, and the work could be done at a less price. Referred to Street Committee.

Also, remonstrance from property holders against the construction of the proposed sewer on Sedgwick street. Referred to the Sewerage Committee.

Also, petition asking that the books containing the assessments for the Sedgwick street sewer be allowed to remain in the hands of the City Treasurer, in order that the payment of the additional five per cent. might be avoided. The petition also set forth that the signers were of the opinion that the work could be done for ten or twenty per cent. less than the contract. Similarly referred.

Also, remonstrance against the construction of sewers in the Western District. Similarly referred.

Mr. McNeill presented a petition from residents on Bidwell street asking for the erection of a gas lamp on said street. Referred to Committee on Gas.

Mr. Saints a petition from citizens of the Eighth ward, asking for protection against dangers from explosions and fires at oil refineries in their midst.

On motion of Mr. Hanna, the petition was referred to the City Solicitor for a legal opinion upon the subject.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FIRE ENGINES.

Mr. Megraw, from the Committee on Fire Engines, presented their annual report, together with the annual report of the Chief Engineer, from which it appears that the expenses of the Fire Department during the year were $20,301.87, divided among the Companies as follows: Hope, $3,529,76; General Grant, $3,141.67; Columbia, $2,488.75; Friendship, $1,496.29; Ellsworth, $2,515.01; Good Will, $3,535.63, and the Alarm Telegraph, $2,919.76.

During the year an additional length of four miles of wire was put up, which now gives a line containing forty signal boxes, distributed over every part of the city. There were a number of unusual expenses which will not occur again, and which, when deducted from the total expenses, shows the actual running expenses of the Fire Department to be $13,676,87. The expenses of the year exceed those of the previous one by $4,636,17, but there have been three companies added to the department, which accounts for the increase.

During the year there were fifty-six alarms of fire. The total loss sustained amounted to $93,683, upon which there was an insurance of $45,203, the greatest loss being that sustained by the destruction of Stuckrath & Co's. tannery.

The report was received and ordered to be placed on file.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MARKETS.

Mr. Hanna, from the Committee on Markets, presented their annual report, setting forth the annual receipts to be $22,541 33, from the following sources: Market House, $15,881 80; Diamond scales, $3,196 42; Second ward scales, $3,463 11.

The receipts for the year 1867 amounted to $22,505 38, showing an increase in 1868 of $35 95.

The report was accepted and ordered to be filed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GAS.

Mr. McDonald presented the annual report of the Committee on Gas, showing expenditures to the amount of $7,995 88, for lighting lamps, and public buildings, erecting lamp posts, repairing same, etc. The report was accompanied by the annual report of Superintendent Paul, showing the erection of fifty-nine lamp posts in different parts of the city during the year. It was received and ordered to be filed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WHARVES AND LANDINGS.

Mr. White presented the report of the Committee on Wharves and Landings, from which it appears the receipts during the past year were $2,569 41, a decrease from those of the previous year of $1,914 13. This is owing principally to the fact that the portion of the wharf between the railroad and Anderson street bridges was rendered useless in consequence of the work on the wharf improvement.

Received and ordered to be filed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON POOR FARM

Mr. McNeill presented the annual report from the Committee on Poor Farm, accompanied by the report of the Directors of the Poor. From the report we learn that at the date of last yearly report 92 persons were in the City Home; during the year 135 were admitted and 6 born; 111 were discharged and 21 died, leaving the number in the City Home at present 99. Of the foregoing 20 were in the Insane Department at the commencement of the year, of which four died, nine were discharged and one sent to Dixmont. At the present time there are twenty in this department. The total cost of maintaining the Home during the past year amounts to $12,338,68, an average weekly cost of $2,24 for each person, an increase over last year, attributed to the selling of a portion of the farm, thus cutting off a part of the usual products. There are also seven persons from the Home in Dixmont, who were kept there last year at a cost of $1,078,63.

Sixty-four families received assistance at the City Dispensary office, amounting to $1,819,60, and $859,36 was paid to non-residents, making a total expense for out-door relief of $2,658,46.

The balance sheet of the Treasurer, D. McFarren, shows the total receipts to be:

	$23,539 29
Warrants drawn	17,630 59
Balance	5,908 70

The report was also accompanied by the reports of Mr. D. T. Johnson Steward, Dr. Marquis, Resident Physician, and D. McFerren, Treasurer, all of which were accepted and ordered to be filed.

SELECT COUNCIL BUSINESS.

The business from Select Council was next taken up.

The report of the City Engineer having been presented,

A motion was made by Mr. McNeill to dispense with the reading of the report, and concur in the action of the Select branch, which was opposed by Mr. Hanna, who called for the reading of the report. A spirited discussion ensued, which was finally interrupted by a call for the yeas and nays by Mr. Tate, upon the reading of the report. While the vote was being taken, objection was made to the vote of Mr. Cutler, from the First ward, on the ground that his seat in Councils was made vacant by removal from the district which he was elected to represent.

The Chair decided the point not well taken.

After some debate on this question,

Mr. Warner read an extract from the City Code, which provides that each member of Councils must be a resident of the ward which he is elected to represent, and remain so during the term for which he is elected.

The Chair receded from its decision and decided Mr. Cutler not entitled to a vote. The yeas and nays were then taken as called for by Mr. Tate, resulting in 13 yeas and 13 nays.

Messrs. Clark and Richardson stated that they had voted yea, but the Clerk had recorded their votes in the negative. On motion, they were allowed to change their votes—the record then standing 15 yeas to 11 nays. So the report was read and the action of Select Council concurred in.

HAIR DRYING NUISANCE.

Mr. Voeghtly presented a resolution instructing the City Solicitor to assist any private counsel which might be employed by citizens to prevent the erection of a hair drying establishment in the Seventh ward of the city.

Mr. Comley called for the yeas and nays on the adoption of the resolution, resulting in 20 yeas and 4 nays.

THANKS TENDERED.

Mr. Tate presented the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council be and are hereby tendered John S. Slagle, Esq., for the able, satisfactory and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of presiding officer during the year. Adopted.

Mr. Megraw offered a resolution tendering the thanks of the Council to the Clerk, Mr. Robert Dilworth, for the invaluable services rendered in his official capacity during the year. Adopted.

The thanks of the Council were also tendered the Clerk of Committees, J. R. Oxley, and the Messenger, Mr. M. Husselbaugh, for the efficient manner in which their official duties had been performed. The retiring members of Council were also not forgotten, but came in for a share of the thanks tendered to the officers and others.

Mr. Slagle made a few valedictory remarks, after which, on motion of Mr. Slack, Council adjourned *sine die.*

The Concert Last Night.

The second grand concert under the auspices of Max Strakosch, the great music provider for the nation, took place last night at the Academy of Music, and was attended by a large and brilliant audience. The programme opened with Donizetti's duet, Belisario by Signors Petrilli and Lotti, and it was a performance which fell coldly on the audience, lacking any particular force or animation. Neither of the respected Signors has an extraordinary voice and can lay no just claims to brilliancy or artistic interpretation. Herr Kopta's violin solo, "Elegie," Ernst, was a masterly performance. This artist is young and destined, doubtless, to rise high in the world of music. He is a close imitator of Ole Bull, but by no means his equal, and is worth place along side of Rosa. His subsequent performance "Di Bravura," Paganini, executed on the G string alone, was marvellously exact and beautiful. His fingering of the string, as well as delicate bowing, elicited the heartiest admiration, while producing the grandest of melody, which held the audience breathless. He was a fitting musical pioneer to send forth to the audience to warm them into ecstacies of delight, that they might be prepared for the still greater treat from the reigning Empress of Song, Clara Louisa Kellogg, who tripped out upon the stage right merrily. Pretty as a picture, it is no wonder that the fair prima donna has made captives of the army of critics, for her bright smiles would at once divest the gall dipped pen to less enchanting performers. Kellogg sings well, but acts better. Blending both accomplishments together, she is necessarily a favorite, and deserves the high meed of praise so lavishly bestowed upon her at home and abroad. Her ballad singing is by no means as touching and powerful as Parepa Rosa's efforts in that direction, failing to go straightway to the hearts of the audience; but she is more than a peer to the Scottish vocalist when interpreting the most exquisite gems of the Italian opera. Her voice is measurably powerful, ravishingly sweet, clear, sharp and under perfect control. She does not attempt that painful sustaining of high notes which renders Parepa-Rosa conspicuous, and indeed makes few efforts which the experienced musician would class in the category of strains. She rendered Gounod's valse, Romeo and Juliet, in a very pretty manner, and on being encored sung "The Last Rose of Summer" in a manner too artistic to be warm and genial. In Auber's "Chanson de rire," and in the trio Trovatore she developed her full powers, and left the audience impressed with her magnificence as a singer.

Miss Alida Topp, perhaps, gave evidence of as much talent, training and power of interpretation as Miss Kellogg, although in a different way—at the key-board of a Steinway. Quite young and moderately handsome, this lady at once made a favorable impression on the audience, and the way she manipulated the piano, flooding with melody the Academy, was wonderful. With her tiny little hands she hammered wickedly at the keys, and with lightning rapidity sent note chasing note in the most artistic manner imaginable, and we wondered not that the audience insisted on encoring her every performance. Altogether, the concert was a success, and if any were dissatisfied with the musical treat afforded, they should never again endeavor to seek enjoyment in the concert room, for their appreciation is disjointed.

Amusements.

OPERA HOUSE.—This evening Mr. and Miss Couldock, who have for two weeks past been delighting the amusement loving public at the Opera House, will take a farewell benefit, when will be presented "Old Phil's Birthday," and the domestic drama entitled "The Heir of Primrose Hall." The well known ability of both Mr. Couldock and his daughter will doubtless be sufficient to fill the house to its utmost capacity.

THEATRE.—The Flying Men of the Air, the wonderful gymnasts and acrobats, connected with the Gregory combination troupe, have become general favorites at the Old Theatre, and the many patrons of that establishment will regret when their engagement closes; but the greatest regret will be expressed at the departure of Mlle Gertrude with her miniature circus and trained dogs. But they have not announced the close of their engagement yet, and are not likely to do so while they are so liberally patronized.

ORPHANS' FAIR.—A more agreeable and pleasant place to spend an evening than at the Orphans' Fair, in the basement of the Cathedral, cannot be found in the city. The new Cathedral band is in attendance every evening and discourses sweet music.

MUSEUM.—We are pleased to learn that the public evince as high an appreciation of Burnell's Museum, and that the patronage is steadily increasing.

Encounter with a Burglar.

Burglaries, robberies and larcenies have been frequent occurrences on the "South Side" for some weeks past, and the detectives are unable to get any clue whatever to the perpetrators. At an early hour yesterday morning Mr. John J. Davis, residing on Franklin street, Birmingham, had an encounter with a man who had entered his house with felonious intentions, but the fellow managed to escape. It appears that on Wednesday evening Mr. D. heard some one working at the front door of his house after he had retired, and on opening the door discovered some person dressed in woman's clothes, who made some trifling inquiry and hastened away. He retired without thinking more of the matter, and sometime the next morning was awakened by a noise in the kitchen, and at once got up and went down stairs quietly, carrying no light with him. On entering the kitchen he found the door ajar, and the intruder, who had come in at the window, had evidently unlocked and gone out of the kitchen door, fearful of the noise he had made. Mr. D. took a large carving knife from the cupboard, and without closing the outer door, secreted himself to await events. Presently the door was pushed softly open and a man entered. He lighted a match and Mr. Davis saw that his face was blackened. Having looked about the kitchen for a moment, the burglar started up stairs. Mr. D. followed him and when partly up the stairs ordered the villain to halt. Quick as thought the man turned upon him and snapped a revolver in his face. Fortunately the cartridge did not explode. Mr. Davis struck his visitor twice in the breast with the carving knife, doing some execution, but how much he does not know. Still holding his knife he grappled with his antagonist, catching with one hand the arm that handled the revolver. Together the two rolled to the bottom of the stairs, and there, after a severe struggle, Mr. Davis succeeded in getting his adversary under him. He then called out, as if there were others in the house, to have a light and his revolver brought to him. At this the burglar, who was a large man, made a tremendous effort, regained his feet and darted out of the door, defying his victor as he went. The voice in which he spoke was the same as that of the sham female visitor of the night before.

Mr. Davis followed the fugitive to the mouth of a dark alley, where the latter disappeared. At daylight search was instituted, and the man was traced by a continuous mark of blood up the street, through the alley, and some distance on another street. Active measures are being taken to find and capture the burglar.

Mr. Davis was slightly scratched and severely bitten in the struggle.

A New Pennsylvania Central Depot.

MESSRS. EDITORS: Gentlemen—Various articles have been published concerning the erection of a Local Passenger Depot, on Seventh avenue, by the Pennsylvania Railroad, and the best possible way of running trains to and from the same. Yet none of them go to show how the same can be accomplished, unless by vacating Washington street to said Railroad, and, then, in its stead, to construct a bridge from Faber street to and over Penn street. Now the object of this communication is to point out how the erection of this bridge may be avoided and Washington street remain as it is. It is well known that the Pennsylvania Railroad own property abutting both on the east and west side of Washington street; therefore, by constructing a tunnel (similar to the one now there) under said street, from their property on the one side, to their property on the other, which could be very easily done, their purpose and object would be fully accomplished.

Yours, &c., "A."

Forestalling the Market.

John McGinness, owner of a small grocery store in the Second ward, Allegheny, was arrested yesterday by Chief of Police Bowden for forestalling the market, in purchasing a lot of dressed poultry from a countryman during market hours, which extend from 2 o'clock P. M. Monday until the same hour the next day. When brought to the Mayor's office McGinness acknowledged the offense, but refused to pay the fine of ten dollars imposed by the Mayor, in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance defining the offense, and the exact amount of the fine. After considerable talk he stated that he would appeal to Court, and upon giving bail accordingly was allowed to depart.

Petroleum Fire Kindler.

We have received from the agents for this city, Messrs. Sands & Reineman, No. 30 Fifth avenue, a very ingenious and valuable intention for kindling fires without wood. It consists of a cast iron cup or bowl, which is filled with sand and supplied with a perforated burner, which, being filled with most any of the products of petroleum, will burn a strong jet of flame for nearly an hour. It is safe, being attached to an iron handle, and is cheap and convenient. It does away with kindling wood, and the cost of using is a mere trifle. Every family should have one.

The Grand Clearance Sale Continues at William Fleming's popular headquarters for ladies' furs, hats and capes, and those of our readers who would take advantage of very reasonable prices should call and secure bargains. The stock is very large and surpasses all the prevailing styles of Victorines, Eugenias, Boas, Capes, Collars, Misses sets, gentlemen's collars, gloves and cuffs. No where else can furs be purchased at such low prices, either by the single piece, dozen or case. Remember the place, 129 Wood street, sign of the great golden hat.

Assignee's Sale of a bankrupt stock of fine clothing for a few days only. Stock consisting of 150 overcoats, 200 business suits, 50 spring overcoats, 65 dress suits, 300 fine, fancy cassimere pants and vests, 250 working pants, 60 pairs black doeskin pants, 75 boys' suits, a very fine line of cloths, cassimeres and gents' furnishing goods. The above goods have been assigned here to be sold regardless of cost. Sale commencing Saturday, January 16. T. Tobias, No. 18 St. Clair street, will sell them. Call early for a good choice, and don't fail to find the popular big No. 13.

Country Blankets, all sizes.
BATES & BELL.

New Crop Raisins, Currents, Citrons, Prunellos, Dates, Figs, Prunes, &c., &c., at 112 Federal street, Allegheny. 4t

Tarlatans in all colors.
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Prime Canned Fruits and Vegetables, at the lowest rates, at 112 Federal street, Allegheny. 4t

Linen Table Damasks.
BATES & BELL.

Good Roasted and Cream Almonds, at 112 Federal street, Allegheny. 4t

Lace Curtains, Gilt Cornices, Vestibule Lace.
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Ask your Grocer for Marvin's superior Spiced Jumbles. eod2w

Bates & Bell have a full assortment of Ladies Merino and Muslin Underclothing.

Prints and yard wide Muslins for 12½c.
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Flannels in full selection, at
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If this Should Meet the Eye

Of persons afflicted with any of the following diseases, by calling at the medicine agency of Dr. Ross, No. 28 Sixth (late St. Clair) street, will be assured of speedy relief and permanent cure. These preparations are compounded from original receipts of Dr. Ross, and have been used by him with great success. Dr. Ross' Rheumatic Remedy has never failed to cure the worst cases in a short time. Dr. Ross' Dyspeptic cure, aged persons and those of weak constitutions, will find this remedy of great benefit. Dr. Ross Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and diseases of the lungs, has no equal. Dr. Ross' Crimea Water is the best remedy for catarrh known. A cure warranted in every case. M.W.F.

Bates & Bell offer the balance of their Winter Goods cheap.

It is a luxury and a comfort to bathe, shave, or have your hair cut or dressed at the elegant establishment of H. B. Williamson, No. 190 Federal street, Allegheny. Try it. 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.

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Superior Walnut Candy, at 112 Federal street, Allegheny. 4t

Extra Fine Cream Bon-Bons, at 112 Federal street. 4t

MARRIED:

HARE—RICHEY—On Tuesday, January 12th, by the Rev. Chas. A. Dicky, Mr. JAMES S. HARE of Pittsburgh, and Miss MOLLIE M. RICHEY, of Allegheny.

GRISCOM—SCHWARTZ—On Thursday, the 14th inst., by the Rev. F. A. Noble, GEO. S. GRISCOM and M. E. SCHWARTZ.

DIED:

HIEBEL—Very Rev. J. HIEBEL, Vicar General of the Diocese of Pittsburgh and Pastor of St. Mary's (German) Church, Allegheny, died at a quarter to 3 P. M. on Wednesday, 13th inst.

The Pontifical High Mass of Requiem will begin on SATURDAY, 9 A. M., after which the funeral will take place.

DOUGAN—On Thursday morning, January 14th, at 4:15 o'clock A. M., MARY, daughter of John and Celia Dougan, aged 19 years.

Funeral will take place on SATURDAY at 9 o'clock A. M., from her late residence, No. 137 Washington street.