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WE PRINT on the inside pages of this morning's GAZETTE-Second page: Ephemeris, State News. Third and Sixth pages: Commercial, binancial, Mercantile and River News, Markets, Imports. Beventh page : Farm, Garden and House. hold.

PETROLEUM at Antwerp, 573f.

U. S. Bonds at Frankfort, 823.

GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 1334.

ENGLAND is about to release her Fenian prisoners by way of conciliation to her Irish subjects.

THE House yesterday refused to extend the free letter carrier system into all towns having a population of more than ten thousand.

THE communication from "D. L.,' touching the proposed modification of the SHAN, upon the Schools of the Common-Jury Law of '67, expresses the very general sentiment of the bar in the other counties of Western Pennsylvania, and ceedingly interesting document, but find, to some extent in our own county also.

An effort to harmonize the views of Republican Senators upon the bill to repeal the Tenure of Office Law, was made unsuccessfully, yesterday. A majority evidently favor some action upon the bill, but it is not clear that all of them support an absolute repeal.

YET another veto from Mr. ANDREW JOHNSON ! He finds insuperable difficulties in the way of his assent, to such legislation as can alone revive the languishing interests which the Copper bill seeks to protect. The veto will be acted upon to-day, but we hardly dare hope for the re-passage of the bill.

IN CITY COUNCILS yesterday a motion struction, and, thereby, of preparation was made, in sport we judged, to accord for useful citizenship. The Commononly has been nigrardly of nothing President Johnson a welcome on the oceither of her authority or of her means, casion of his visit to the city on his way to Tennessee. There were three votes which should contribute to one of the noblest and foremost of public dutiesin favor of the motion and twenty times that of laying the solid foundation of that many in opposition to it: so, it seems, A. J. has gained little popularity good republican citizenship deep and broad, in the intelligence of her youthsince his last visit here. the future State. The system taught, last year an average NEITHER of the important projects before the City Councils was disposed of of 508,104 children, at a total cost for all finally yesterday. The Park matter went purposes of \$6,200,537.96-or a trifle over \$12.00 per head. What this system over to a second reading, under the rules, is worth to the mass of our people, each in the Common branch. The Paid Fire Department excited earnest discussion in of our readers can judge, when he will the Select Chamber, and several amend- take the trouble to reflect upon the difference there might have been, if he had ments were offered, but the measure was been called upon to pay this annual charge defeated by a close vote, 23 to 19. It will for each of his children thus taught at the probably be reconsidered at the next public expense. How many parents there meeting. are to whom this expenditure would have THEY are attempting, at Washington, seemed onerous ! How many to whom it would have been onerous in fact! to revive the public interest in their "raw How many, who found that the other exhead and bloody bones" story about the penses of their children's instruction, in removal of General GBANT from the the way of books and somewhat better command before Vicksburg. There is clothing, seemed quite as much as they just about an omnibus-load of mousing politicians engaged in engineering the could support ! How many, who still grudged even these outlays, not pausing raid upon Ex-Secretary STANTON, which to consider that the Commonwealth-its is prompted less by their ill-will toward tax-payers, its people of substance-conhim than by their sycophantic hope to propitiate the fayor of the President-elect. tributes everything else 1 The school property of the State is es-How little these people understand Gen.

the friends of that project to add, that 629 schools, with 677 teachers, and an a balance of \$497,485 44, of the appropriathey disclaim any intent to obtain any average attendance of 27,793 pupils. The improper advantages under the phrase- total of taxes levied was \$448,443.73, the ology of the bill as first introduced. As total receipts from all sources \$446,373. it will now be modified, no additional and the total expenditures \$525,951.25, complications will result in Allegheny, showing a balance of debt about \$90.000 the rights of all parties standing as now | Twenty one new houses were built, at a under the existing grants from the aucost of over \$225,000, some of them, thorities, which are said to authorize the such as the Fourth Ward of Allegheny, Company to come to the Allegheny end Seventh Ward of Pittsburgh, and those of the bridge. The authority to cross in East Birmingham, Tarentum, Charthe bridge and thence to Liberty ought | tiers and Scott, being especially to be not to be denied. The Company now | admired.

conforms its purposes to the general prin-The Institute held in Pittsburgh in ciples which are most wisely to regulate March last was attended by six hundred our municipal policy, thus placing itself and four teachers, and was the largest right upon the record, and upon a merieducational meeting ever held in the torious foundation in point of fact. Thus county./ Its proceedings awakened the it becomes entitled to the favor of Counliveliest interest. and gave the most flatcils, and to the good will of the commutering auguries for the future of popular education among us.

So far from our strictures upon especial Our dwindling space has other de features of that bill being a mark of unmands, and we dismiss this subject with the highest commendations for the zeal friendliness to the Pleasant Valley Railway project, we take pleasure in saying and capacity exhibited by the State Superintendent, and our grateful testimony to the that, in our judgment, no project of the wise forecast and splendid generosity sort has greater intrinsic merits than this, or upon which Councils and the public which have shaped, and are pledged to ought more heartily to concur. While it sustain the common-school system of was unfortunate that their bill was so | Pennsylvania.

THE JURY LAW.

quire the censure of the press, it has af-EDITORS GAZETTE: I see by your reforded an opportunity for the consideraport of the proceedings of the Legislation of the general principles which ture at Harrisburg that a bill passed the should control all these questions, and House a few days ago, amending the jury which we desire to recur to and develop law of 1867, by substituting the County still more, at an early day, having in Commissioners for the President Judge, view, alike, the public good and the more in conjunction with the Jury Commissystematic and provident adjustment of

sioners. The law as now in force conour street-railway system. fides the selection of jurors to one Repub--OUR COMMON SCHOOLS. lican Jury Commissioner and one Democratic Jury Commissioner, together with

We have, in a volume of 406 pages, the full Report of Superintendent WICKERthe President Judge of the Court., In practice, the President Judge takes no wealth. We have heretofore given to part in the proceedings whatever, leaving our readers a partial synopsis of this exthe whole of the duties to the two Commissioners, which of course secures ju-ries equally divided, one half of one parupon a close examination, some facts ty and one half of the other, and absowhich are worthy of public attention and utely and completely excludes all politi-

loosely and vaguely drawn up as to re

of the notice of the press. cal bias and influence from the jury-box. In congratulating the people upon the This is a very salutary law, and renders the highest satisfaction to all honorable last year's substantial proofs of the promen wherever the Commissioners elected ress of our system of public education. have been men of probity and intelligence, and have conscientiously disthe Superintendent is amply sustained by charged their duties. the record. While we deplore the fact that seventy-five thousand of our children are very restless under the operation of seem to be altogether excluded, by parental neglect, from the instruction which

this law. This class of persons is composed mainly of lawyers, whose abilities are just sufficient to secure their constant the public policy presents alike at the defeat, unless they have a jury always service of all, it is gratifying to know committed through political motives to that the increased average attendance of give a verdict on their side, right or last year, which was 23,234, if continued wrong. The fairness of the law is exceedingly repugnant to their natures, in the same ratio, or anything like it, will, in a few years more, bring every and its vorking is injurious to their practice. Of course we cannot expect from child in the State within the range of ina dabster, who deals in political trickery, that dignity of professional demeanor and scrupulous honor in his professional deal-

tion for the present fiscal year. The communication was received and filed, and the bills ordered to be paid. Mr. White, from the committee on wooden buildings submitted a report ad-verse to the erection of an iron clad building on Congress street. The bill was received The report from the special committee

on the assessments for the change of grade on High street, submitted a communication from the city solicitor, relative to the payment of said assessmennts, from which it appears that there has been money enough collected to pay sixty-eight per cent. of the damages assessed. The report was accepted. Mr. Edwards, from the committee ap-pointed to audit the accounts of the Cen-tral Board of Education, presented a re-

port. On motion of Mr. Edwards, the report was accepted, and the Central Board of

Education instructed to have it pubished. Mr. Holmes a petition asking that the fire alarm telegraph be extended to the 18th ward. Referred to Committee on

Fire Alarm Telegraph. Mr. Shipton presented a resolution rel-ative to the Water Committe, continuing the Water Extension Committee of last

On motion of Mr. Craig, the resolution Mr. Brown presented a petition for a

board walk in the Sixteenth ward, fron Liberty avenue along Elm street. Referred to Committee on Roads.

Councils of the City of Pittsburgh: GENTLEMEN: The Committee appoin-ted by the Select and Common Council on the 12th day of January, 1869, to in-

burgh, submit the following

the several ordinances regulating the gauging of oil, dc., in the city lunits, have come to the conclusion that the Gauger, J. H. Nobbs, was mistaken in his construction of the laws and ordinanes regulating the gauging of oil in bulk

Nobbs, and examined the article publish-ed over his name in the Leader of Janu-Gauger, and City Gauger, thus using his official signature without making official

him during the past four years, (during which time he has been City Gauger) paid into the City Treasury amounts a follows:

Am't. Paid Cit 321,650 255 107 78,117 45,101 2.963 95 It will be observed from the above re turns that there has been a great falling

when acting as an individual in gauging bulk oil in boats or tanks, he issued his Referred to the Committee on Streets. Also, petition from J. S. Shaffer, askcertificate as gauger merely. By reference to the proceedings of the Councils ing for a re-adjustment of the assessment to the proceedings of the Councils under date of July 25th and 27th, 1868, 1t will be seen that Mr. Nobbs, anticipating on his property for grading and paving. Dinwiddle street. Referred to Street d fficulty on this subject, brought the Also, petition from Messrs. Mackin & McKay, asking for balance due them for grading and paving Bedford street. Re-ferred to Finance Finance Committee. of the Ordinance matter to the attention o

Committee, who reported an ordinance to supply the deficiency in the city leg-islation on this subject, which, unfortunately for the interests of the city, was not enacted into a law. We understand that the committee ap-

pointed to revise the city code will pre-sent an ordinance on the subject which will obviate the difficulty in future. We therefore respectfuly pray to be discharg-ed from the further consideration of the subject. JOHN BARTON.

Mr. Rebman presented a communica-tion from the members of the Vigil-PHILIP WEISENBERGER. N. P. REED. Mr. Brown moved the reports be re-

ant Fire Company protesting against the appropriation of their property, without compensation, as contempla-ted in the proposed act establish-ing a paid Fire Department. The Mr. Shipton moved to amend by laying the majority report on the table and reerring the minority report to the City

nance.

ommunications received and filed. Mr. Case offered a resolution instruct ing the meat inspector to establish an of-fice at the Board of Health rooms, establish certain hours of business, keep a

Also, from Mr. Barras Lowrie resident

on Dinwiddle street, asking for remun-eration for damages done his property

and dwelling, by the grading of said street. Referred to Committee on Fi-

Also, petition for the erection of a gas

lamp at the corner of Washington street and Webster avenue. Referred to Com-

record of his operations, and report the same monthly to Councils. Read three times and passed.

Read three times and passed. Also, a communication from W. B. Neeper, Secretary of the Pittsburgh Fire-men's Association, containing a resolu-tion recommending the establishment of naid fire department. Received and filed. Mr. Dain, asking that measures be

taken to discontinue the obstruction of certain street crossings in the Ninth ward, by the Allegheny Valley Railroad Com-pany in shifting their trains. Referred to Committee on Railroads. Also, a petition from Mr Moorhead, for

the opening of Rose street. Also, an ordinance relative to the same.

Referred to Committee on Streets, Mr. McCandless, a resolution instruct-

ing the Committee on Markets to con-sider and report the feasibility of con-structing a market house on Centre avenue, between Miller and Roberts streets. Referred to Committee on Mar-

kets. Mr. McKelvey, petition from Themas Stevens asking for exoneration from business tax. Referred to Committee on Finance with power to act. Mr. Welsh, a petition from Patrick

Mr. Weisn, a perturn from rather Conner asking permission to erect an iron-clad building. Referred to Com-mittee on Wooden Buildings. Also, a resolution instructing the Com-

nittee on Gas to have crected a gas lamp

mittee on Gas to have erected a gas lamp at the corner of Twenty sixth street and Spring alley. Referred to Committee on Gas Lighting. Mr. Berger, petition from Wm. Ham-ilton & Co. asking for privilege to erect an iron clad building on the bank of the Allegheny river. Referred to Committee on Wooden Bnitdings on Wooden Buildings

on wooden Buildings Mr. Weisenberger, petition from Trus-tees of St. Francis Hospital asking for exoneration from taxation. Referred to Committee on Finance, with power to act Mr. Scott, petition for the paving of Fortleth street. Referred to Committee

on Streets. Also, petition and remonstrance against grading and paving of Jones

alley. Similarly referred. Mr. Pearson, petition for opening of Main street, Seventeenth ward. Referred.

to Committee on Streets. Mr. Gerner, petition for sewer on St. Patrick's alley. Referred to Road Com-Mr. Albeitz, petition for gas lamp on

was laid over.

To the Honorable the Select and Commo

the question was entirely new and that it had no precedent. He believed that the matter should be investigated by

ports were referred to the Solicitor, with tc., in the limits of the City of Pittsinstructions to commence legal proceed

ings. The Chair read a communication relative to the removal of bodies from Kerr's and the Catholic Cemetery, on the line of Locust street. The Commissioners the Act of Assembly of April, 1862, and the several ordinances regulating the gauging of oil, &c., in the city lunits, have come to the conclusion that the of Locust street. The Commissioners appointed for the purpose ask for \$7,000, which amount will be necessary to com-plete the work. Referred to Finance Committee, with power to act.

in the city limits. We have heard the statement of Mr.

ary 10th, 1869, have examined Thomas Steel, Esq., late Controller, and Messrs. Littell and Edwards, former Gaugers. Mr. Nobbs does not claim that he re-turned any oil that he gauged in bulkonly what he gauged in barrels-admits that certificates were given for the oil gauged in bulk, &c., signed J, H. Nobbs

returns. J. H. Nobbs, in the returns made by

1 bls. Guaged.

off in said four years. The proof was that there was but little, if any, falling off in the trade of liquid merchandise.

Mr. Phillips moved to amend by referring both reports to the City So for his opinion. Mr. Shipton accepted the amendment, provided the City Solicitor be instructed provided the City Solicitor be instructed to institute legal proceedings in order to have the matter finally settled. Mr. Brown objected to passing a reso-lution instructing the Solicitor to insti-tute legal proceedings, but thought the matter should be referred to him, allow-ing bin to use big own in some in re-

ierrea to committee on Roads. Mr. Jones, Chairman of the Special Committee appointed to investigate the accounts, &c., of Mr. Nobbs, City Gauger, presented the following report: infi him to use his own judgment in regard to it, Mr. Burgwin asked that the Solicitor, who was present, give Councils his

Mr. Slagle, the Solicitor, stated that

legal proceedings. After some further discussion the require into the Gauger's construction of law in relation to his fees for gauging oil,

After a full and careful examination of

Mr. Phillips called up the proposed act to create a Paid Fire Department.

presented at the preceeding meeting of Councils, which we published in full. Mr. Z. Wainright moved to amend the

We submit the figures without com-Mr. Nobbs ad

seventeenth section by striking out the word "immediate" and insert "the 1st day of January, 1870." Adopted. Mr. Murdoch moved to amend the eighth-section, by adding the following: Provided, That no taxes shall be levied upon such portions of the rural dis-tricts, as are at present inaccessible to

water. The want of water making a fire department of no use to such district. Mr. Rafferty moved to lay the amendment on the table. The motion prevailed.

Mr. Hartman moved to postpone the matter until next meeting. Mr. Kirk moved to amend, by postpon-

ing to be taken up at a special meeting on Monday. The yeas and nays were called and resulted as follows: Yeas.-Messrs. Ahl, Coffin, Gallaher,

Hartman, Kane, Kirk, Morrow, Mur-doch, McClelland, McMahon, Rees, Rush, Schmidt, Wainright, Z. Watson Aust, Schmidt, and Zern-16. Nays. - Messrs, Armstrong, Brown, Burgwin, Craig, Edwards, Gross, Hall-

limated at nearly \$11,000,000. Within GRANTI s fraction of \$2,000,000 were expended THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

he may in the end prove successful.

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for building purposes last year, and probably quite as much will be spent in that was again discussed in the Senate yesterway in the year now current. The deday without any action being reached. It is not improbable that the measure will tailed reports from the cities and counties be permitted to go over to the next Conshow a general interest in the improvegress, and as that body will have at the ment of edifices, in many cases marked organization, in the House, 145 Republiby the strongest desire to render the buildcans to 63 Democrats, a clear two-thirds ings not only ample in essentials, but atmajority, there can be no doubt as to tractive to the children themselves. the final result. However, Mr. STEW-

There remain but ten districts in the ABT, of the Senate, who has charge of Commonwealth which still refuse to put the matter, is determined to put it through schools in operation under this system, before adjournment in some shape, and one of these being in Beaver, one in Somerset and the residue in McKean, Northumberland, York and Wyoming.

THE PLEASANT VALLEY RAIL-Their continued refusal will impose upon We are assured that the bill, now pendthe authorities the imperative duty of ining before the Legislature, and upon sisting upon compliance with the law. The State Normal Schools and the Diswhich were based certain strictures in the trict and County Institutes continue to GAZETTE of Saturday, is to be amended, ustify the encouragement which has at the instance of its own friends, the been given them. The creation of Coun-Pleasant Valley Railway Company, so as ty Superintendencies has proven of the to obviate entirely any fair objections. As greatest value in securing the faithful and amended, it will omit all reference to Alindicious administration of the system. legheny, (within the corporate limits of A few of the cities, Allegheny being one, which its friends claim already to possess have so far neglected to elect Superinthe requisite franchises,) and will simply tendents under the law-an omission confer upon the Company the right to which the Report might have characterizcross the Hand street bridge and extend ed as something more than "strange." their track up Hand, stopping at the cor-Certificates, permanent for three years, ner of Liberty-and this subject to the have been granted to 282 teachers, of approval of our Councils. We also un-

whom 66 were in Allegheny. The attenderstand that the proposition in that dance at Normal Schools has increased shape has already secured the assent of nearly one-half. The qualifications of the members of Councils, although not in former and the zeal of the latter give any official form, so that there is no doubt gratifying assurance that the work of that this ratification can be secured. instruction is to be committed, more and

This amendment completely removes more, to competent hands. the objections which we endeavored to Our own county of Allegheny returned present the other day. It is but just to

ing, which, trom time immemorial, have ment. distinguished the lawyer from the pettifogger, and we therefore appeal to those embers of the Legislature, and to Gov. Geary, who can relish a fair and equitable transaction, even if it does justice to a political opponent, to set themselve against the repeal or modification of this jury bill of 1867 as originally enacted. •D. L.

There is another class of persons who

CITY COUNCILS.

Regular Monthly Meeting. A regular monthly meeting of City Councils was held yesterday, (Monday,) February 22, 1869.

Select Council.

Members present-Messrs. Ahl, Arm strong, Brown, Burgwin, Coffin, Craig Edwards, Gallaher, Gross, Hailman Hartman, Holmes, Herron, Jones, Kane Kehew, Kirk, Laufman, Littel, Lloyd, Marshall, Morrow, Murray, Murdoch, McClelland, McEwen, McMahon, Phillins, Quinn, Rafferty, Rees, Rush, Sculiy, Shipton, Schmidt, Torrens, Wainwright, Z. Wainwright, S. J. Wilson, White, Watson, Zern and President McAuley. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved

The President presented a petition from Oscar S. Lamb & Co., relative to business tax. Referred to Finance Committee with power to act.

Mr. Phillips, a petition from members of the Fire Department, asking Councils to take the necessary action for the crea-tion of a Paid Fire Department. Received

and filed. Mr. Rees, a petition for a lamp post at Diamond and Liberty street. Referred o the Committee on Gas. Mr. Gallaher, a petition from members

of the Vigilant Fire Company against the appropriation of their private property by the city authorities. Received and

by the city administration from property filed. Mr. Murdoch, a petition from property owners on Shady Lane, asking that said lane be opened to a width of fifty feet. Referred to the Survey Committee. Also, a petition 'asking that said lane be opened to a width of sixty feet. Re-ferred to the Survey Committee.

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Mr. Littell, presented a communica-tion from the members of the Allegheny Fire Company favoring a Paid Fire De-partment. Received and filed. Mr. Holmes, a petition for the change of

survey of Liberty avenue. Referred to the Survey Committee Mr. Pollips presented a communica-from the City Assessor, Mr. Phelps, transmiting various exhonorations from aseasment. Referred to the Finance

Committee. Mr. Hartman, a petition for a wooden building on Seventh avenue, above Grant street. Referred to Committee on

Grant street. Referred to committee of Wooden Buildings. Also, a petition for the grading and paving of Charles alloy. Eighth ward. Referred to the Street Committee. Mr. Watson, a petition for opening Pearl street. Referred to the Survey

committee. Mr. Laufman, a petition for the grading and paving with Nicolson pavement Liberty Avenue and Forbes street. Reterred to the Street Committee.

Mr. Phillips, from the Finance Committee, submitted a communication from the City Controller, accompanying which was a bill against the city for the con-struction of the Diamond alley sewer, struction of the Diamond aney sewer, amounting to \$334 60, and the bill of J. R. Newman, for FGS 75 for serving grading and paying notices; also, a communica-tion from Gonrad Schad, relative to busi-ness tax and a statement from the Conness tar and a tatement from the Con-troller to the showing the disburse-ments from the city treasury to the 19th instant to trainate the indebtedness of the city to the last fiscal year. The disthe city for the last fiscal year. In the been \$88,680 26, leaving

uary 10th, 1869, that he received for gaug-\$2,865 00 Cars in 1868 3,545 60 Barges \$6,410 00 Total or which no return was made to the City Treasurer. Mr. Littell says he returned to the City

Treasurer all oils gauged by him in bulk, &c., in the limits of the city during his term of City Gauger. The Committee believe the ordinance

nto operation. Mr. Littell moved to lay the amendregulating gauging oil and other liquids in the City of Pittsburgh are very im-perfect, and ought to be so amended as ment on the table. The motion prevailed.

Mr. Hartman moved as an amendment to prevent city officials hereafter from putting two constructions upon them. All of which is submitted. to the eighth section to strike out that portion relative to the taxation of insurance companies. / The amendment was lost by a decided E. P. JONES,

S. MORBOW Mr. Jones presented a minority report,

s follows : The Committee appointed by resolu-tion of January 12, 1869, to examine the ordinance relative to gauging, etc., re-to the eighth section that bankers and spectfully report: That they have met from time to time

brokers be taxed. The motion was lost. Mr. Kirk moved to amend the same That they have met from time to time at the office of E. P. Jones, Esq., and given the parties a full, fair and impar-tial hearing. They had before them and heard the statements of Thomas Steel, Esq., late City Controller, J. H. Nobbs, Esq., City Gauger, and Messre. Littell and Edwards. formar gaugars and after Mr. Kirk moved to amend the same section so as to require the Board of Es-timate provided for in the act to report to Councils who shall cause the tax to be levied. The amendment was adopted. Mr. Hartman moved to amend section fourth, which provides that the Fire De-partment shall have the exclusive right Esq., City Gauger, and Messrs. Littell and Edwards, former gaugers, and after mature deliberation they have arrived at the conclusion that J. H. Nobbs, the to extinguish fires, to insert the words "except individual efforts and apparatus for extinguishing fires." Lost. Mr. Burgwindmoved to amend section City Gauger, has fully, fairly and hon-estly discharged the duties of his office, and has regularly paid into the City Treasury all the monies which he was bound to return under existing laws. The only point of difference and dis-pute is as to whether the City Gauger is bound to return and pay into the City thirteen by inserting after the words "Fire Department of the City of Pitts-burgh," the words "and belonging to the bity." The amendment passed. Mr. Hartman moved to amend the twelfth section by providing that all fines

Treasury a portion of the com-pensation received by him for measuring oil in bulk. Whether he is bound to do so or not depends upon the true construction of and penalties collected shall go into the city treasury for the use of the Fire Department. The amendment was lost. Mr. Armstrong moved to amend the second section by striking out the word the laws, now in force on the subject, which consist of the ordinance as con-'appoint" and inserting "elect." No ac tained in Foster's Digest, page 88, and the act of Assembly of the 5th of April, Mr. Phillips moved that the bill be approved and forwarded to Harrisburg. Mr. Brown called the previous ques 1862, "relative to Inspectors and Gaugers for the county of Allegheny and city of Pittsburgh," also, ordinance "regulating the bringing of carbon oil into the city," tion. 1 The question, shall the main question he put, was decided in the affirmative.

bassed February 24, 1862. By reference to the first two, it will be teen that provision is made only for the gauging of oil contained in barrels, or pauging of oil contained in parters, or portable casks, which the gauger is di-rected to inspect, measure and braud, so that the evidence of the contents of each may be apparent to each purchaser into whose hands it may pass. That neither the ordinance of an of A branching and the ordinance or act. of Assembly em-braces and covers bulk oils is apparent, not only from the phraseology of the laws, but from the construction put upon

gauging of bits off, but on the contrary, the gauger is prohibited by law from gauging it, in his official capacity, and by what rule of right or morals can the city claim and take from an officer a portion of the proceeds received by him for services for doing what the city by its legislation has declared to be an ille-cal art? The following members were present: Messrs. Albeitz, Batchelor, Barton, Bart, Black, Berger, Bell, Boggs, Booth. Bulger, Carrol, Caskey, Case, Chislett, Dain, Daub, Dunseath, Fleming, Gerner,

Gildenfenney, House, Houston, Hutch-inson, Jahn, Kremer, Lanahan, Lock-hart, Meanor, Moore, Moorhead, Morgan gauging or measuring bulk boats and tanks, situated along the Allegheny river, from Pittsburgh to Aladdin, in Armstrong county. So have other par-tices; but in the opinion of your Committee, he is no more entitled to pay any portion of his earnings from this source into the city treasary, than he would be

casks, etc., within the city limits, he gave his certificate as city gauger, but

Herron Jones. Laufman, Littell, Lloyd, Marshall, Mur-ray, McEwen, Phillips, Quinn, Rafferty. the forks of the road. Referred to Com mittee on Gas Lighting. Mr. Barr, petition for sewer on Butler cully, Shipton, Torrens, Wainright, S , Wilson, White and McAuley-27.

and Wainwright streets, Seventeenth ward. Referred to Committee on J., Wilson, White and McAuley-27. So the motion to postpone was lost. Mr. Kehew moved to reconsider the action of Council in amending the sev-entcenth section. The motion was lost. Streets Mr. Morton, petition for the opening of Liberty avenue. Referred to Road Committee Mr. Coffin moved to amend, so as to

Mr. Morgan presented the following amendment to Rule 30: "And all norequire the submission of the matter to a vote of the people before it should go tices of special meeting shall state for what purpose said meeting is called, and the Clerk shall note the same upon the

the Clerk shall note the same upon the minutes." Read three times and passed. In S. C. laid on the table. Mr. McCarthy offered a resolution in-structing the Ordinance committee to prepare an ordinance empowering the Mayor to fine persons arrested in disor-derly houses. Adopted. Mr. Morgan, a resolution instructing the Committee on City Property to pro-ceed with the erection of a station house at East Liberty street. Lawerenceyille.

Mr. Burgwin moved to strike out that portion of the section relative to life inat East Liberty street, Lawerenceyille, Twentieth ward. Read three times and passed. In S. C. laid on the table.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Mr. Rosewell presented the report of the Committee on Claims and Accounts relative to the bill of John Boyd, recom

mending the payment of the bill. After considerable discussion, Mr. Mo-Candless offered a resolution referring the matter to the City Solicitor for his opinion. Mr. Weldon moved to amend by re-

ferring to the Finance Committee in con-junction with the City Solicitor, with power to act. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STREETS. Mr. Weldon, from the Committee on Streets, presented the report of the Com-mittee, embracing the following ordinan-

One for the construction of a board walk on Boundary street. One for the construction of a board

Walk on Fearl and Cedar streets. One for the grading, paying and ourb-ing of Webster street from Roberts to Kirkpatrick street. One for numbering houses on Butler

utraat.

One for changing the grade of Cliff street.

In the matter of the petition of the Fed-oral street and Pleasant Valley Passenger Rallway Company, asking the privilege of laying their tracks on various streets, action was held over for the present. The same action was taken in regard to the Pittsburgh, Allegheny and Spring Gar-

den Presenger Railway. The report was received.

The ordinances relative to Webster and Cliff streets, were read and laid over

and this streets, were read and laid over under the rules. The others were read three times and passed. Mr. Weldon presented the report of the viewers on the Millenberger street sewer, showing the damages of the same to be \$580.08. Also, the report of viewers on Bavidson street. The reports were on Davidson atreet. Tue reports were

accepted. MR Weldon presented a resolution instructing the City Engineer to examine into the condition of the Try street sewer, and repair the same under the direction of the Street Committee. Read three

of the Street continues and a street times and passed. Mr. McCleane called up the ordinance laid over at last meeting, in relation to the appointment of Road Commissioners.

After a lengthy discussion the action of Select Council adopting the ordinance was non-concurred in, and it was referred back to the Road Committee with instructions to report an ordinance provid-

for the election of three Road Com-missioners in the manner now provided for the election of other city officers. Mr. Batchelor officerd an ordinance changing the place of holding the elec-tion in the Twentieth ward. Read three times and recently ward. times and passed.

Also, a communication from R. C. Gray, relative to the charging of wharf-

them by the ordinance of the 24th of February, 1802, which expressly prohib-its, and makes it a penaloffense, to bring built oils within the city limits. No rate of fees is fixed by law for the Common Council came to order at two o'clock. President Tomlinson in the chair.

gaoging of bulk oil; but on the contrary,

gal act Mr. Nobbs has been in the habit of

Morton, McCartby, McClarren, McCand less, McMasters, McCleane, McKelvey Nixon, Palmer, Pearson, Penney, Potts, Reed, Robman, Rosewell, Rook, Selferth, Sims, Scott, Verner, Vetter, Vick, Waughter, Weldon, Welsh, Welsenber-

term, as a carpenter. When Mr. Nobbs gauged oil in barrels,

ger, Wilson, Ardary and President Tomto pay over his earnings, during his. PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, &C.

Mr. Weldon presented a petition from property holders on Webster avenue asking the widening of said avenue be-

The yeas and mays were called on the main question with the following result: Yeas-Messrs, Brown, Craig, Edwards, Gross, Hallman, Holmes, Herron, Ke-hew, Laufman, Littell, Loyd, Marshall, Morrow, McEwen, Shipton, Torrens Wilson White, McAuley-19.

Murray, Murdoch, MoCielland, McMa-hon, Phillips, Quinn, Rafferty, Rees, Rush, Scully, Schmidt, Watson, Wain-wright, Z., Wainwright, S. J., Zern-23. The motion was lost. Council adjourned.

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Nays-Ahl, Armstrong, Benj Coffin, Gallaher, Hartman, Kane,

