

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

The public school property of Allegheny county is valued at \$225,000.

"Thermometrical" is the latest word-coinage of an eastern journalist.

Amusements never were better patronized in this city than during the present winter.

The Allegheny Councils will hold a regular semi-monthly meeting to-morrow evening.

"Kite flying" and "marble playing" are in vogue among our youthful population just now.

Yesterday was as warm, bright and genial as a May day. The barometer indicates rain to-day.

This day week will be St. Patrick's day. There will be a procession of Irishmen in honor of the occasion.

The To-Lets are rapidly disappearing from houses as the first of April draws nigh. Not many will be left unoccupied.

Planchette, the mysterious humbug, is dead stock on the hands of dealers, as the toy no longer attracts any attention.

Neither money nor friends can release from the tomes any person once therein before a hearing had before the Mayor.

The insurance agents are preparing statistics to present to Councils, at their next meeting, in opposition to the Paid-Up Department.

The Watch House.—There were twenty-three subjects in the lock-up yesterday morning, who were disposed of by the Mayor in his usual way.

The Fifth Avenue police guard are highly creditable to the department. They perform their duties in a manner highly satisfactory to all citizens.

The Velocipede mania is rapidly dying out. It is not thought so great an accomplishment, after all, for a man to play the part of a bed to a wheelbarrow.

The Gymnasium is attracting large attendance each evening. It is now in much better condition than it has been since 1869, financially and otherwise.

Surety.—Mary Gordon made information before Alderman Lindsay yesterday against Bridget Allen for surety of the peace. The accused was arrested and held for a hearing.

Joseph Gordon was arrested yesterday on a charge of disorderly conduct, on information made before the Mayor by Wm. Shulz. He was required to pay a fine of five dollars and costs.

Arrested in Zanesville.—John Myers, sixty years of age, and claiming to be a resident of this city, was arrested at Zanesville, Ohio, on Monday, while in the act of robbing a dry goods store.

Break Down.—Yesterday afternoon, a wagon loaded with hay broke down on Federal street, Allegheny, near the Mayor's office. The hay was scattered all over the street, and the passenger railway cars were delayed by the accident.

On evenings when the weather is favorable, and after vehicle travel has been somewhat suspended, the Nicolson pavement on Fifth avenue is used as a practicing ground by a number of our velocipedians.

Sent Up.—Thomas Hart, charged with disorderly conduct, on oath of Francis O'Reilly, was arrested and taken before the Mayor, who committed him to jail for thirty days in default of payment of a fine of \$25 and costs.

The proposed vacation of streets to accommodate the Pennsylvania railroad has not been spoken of since the organization of the new Councils. We do not think that the project has been abandoned by the railway officials.

It is said that none of the dry goods men have announced candidates for the Government office in this district, depending on Mr. A. T. Stewart to rely upon their judgment and sagacity in politics, as he has known them so long in business.

Two Charges.—John Enright yesterday lodged information for assault and battery and selling liquor on Sunday, before Justice Barker, of South Pittsburgh, against Martin Rice. The accused was arrested, and in default of bail committed for a hearing.

We have received from the Methodist Book Depository, Rev. Joseph Horner agent, No. 123 Smithfield street, the first number of the Literary Digest, which is a carefully arranged and complete catalogue of new publications just issued by the leading publishing houses of the country.

The Gas Question has occupied the attention of the Dispatch for several days past. It is a universal complaint amongst consumers that the bills for the quarter ending March let were entirely out of the range of figures as compared with previous accounts for corresponding periods. There is certainly something wrong, but how can the people remedy the matter so long as they are at the mercy of the Gas Company and have no place to carry their appeals?

Committed to Jail.—John Bratney, James Cassidy and John Snyder, were before Mayor Drum yesterday, on a charge of disorderly conduct. The accused were arrested the night before in a hay mow on Day alley, Second Ward, where they had rendezvoused, and were making a considerable disturbance by singing, drinking, etc., much to the annoyance of residents in the vicinity. The Mayor imposed a fine of ten dollars and costs on each. Not having the amount on hand they were committed to jail.

Sign Fire.—Last evening about eleven o'clock an alarm of fire was struck from Box 27 of the fire alarm, located on the corner of Grant street and Webster avenue. The alarm was caused by the burning of a bed and bedstead in the third story of a brick house on Webster avenue, near High street, occupied by Mrs. O'Neil, a colored woman. The flames were on the ground promptly, but their services were not required, as the fire was extinguished with a few buckets of water. The loss was considerable.

The Verdict.—The inquest of the body of Joseph Williamson, who was killed in Allegheny on Saturday morning, was resumed yesterday afternoon at the Allegheny Mayor's office. After several witnesses had been examined, the jury returned a verdict that "the death of Williamson came to his death on the sixth day of March, 1893, by being crushed against the lamp post at the corner of Ohio and Federal streets, First Ward, Allegheny city, in the county of Allegheny, by a one horse wagon belonging to Jacob Keppeler."

The Gas Question.

The bill presented in the House by Mr. Morgan, entitled "an act to provide for the appointment of an inspector of gas in Allegheny county," was reported by the Committee and passed the House yesterday.

The bill provides as follows: "That the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny county shall appoint an inspector of gas and gas metres to examine the quality and purity of illuminating gas and ascertain the accuracy of gas metres."

Second.—Said inspector to hold his office for three years, and to receive a salary of \$3,000, in addition to office and expenses, to be paid out of the county treasury.

Third.—Gas companies to be taxed two cents per thousand cubic feet, manufactured in the manner in which gas is stamped, requiring all inches to be stamped.

The remaining sections provide for the manner in which gas is to be stamped, and for the punishment of persons altering or tampering with the meters after they have been so marked or stamped.

It also provides that when a tenant has moved out of a house, the company shall not hold the next tenant responsible for the same, and shall furnish said tenant with gas if he recuses to do so, and if the gas or trustee of a gas company present an exorbitant bill the Commission shall order an audit of the bill for the payment of the same.

Senate at the Academy of Music.—The entertainment at the Academy of Music was slightly interrupted last evening by the appearance of the Sheriff's officers in the green room, a few moments before the curtain rose. It appears that the agent of the Susan Galton Opera Troupe made a contract with Mr. Canning, Manager of the Opera House, engaging to play the company at the Opera House on the evening commencing February 21st, which contract was not fulfilled, and Mr. Canning, claiming to have sustained damage by the violation of the same, brought an action for damages on the case in the Common Pleas court against the several parties composing the company, a summons was issued, and it was for the purpose of enforcing it that the Sheriff's officers visited the Academy.

Why the summons was not served on the parties at the hotel, or why its service was not postponed until this morning, we are unable to say, but we think either would have been preferable, as it was merely the service of a civil writ, and the officer knew that the crowd did not intend to leave the city until after this evening.

The interruption was not, however, attended with any serious consequences, the entertainment went on as if nothing had occurred. Messrs. McCullough and Taylor, attorneys for the company, were present, it appears, and accepted service on the writ, thereby avoiding the delay of serving it on each of the parties.

Little Girl Run Over.—Monday evening, about six o'clock, Mary Hoberger, a little girl aged about five years, residing with her parents near the Silig mills, Monongahela borough, was run over by a wagon in South Pittsburgh and very severely injured. The child attempted to cross the street in front of the wagon, which was being driven along at an ordinary rate of speed, when she was knocked down by the front wheel which passed over her breast, inflicting injuries of a serious nature. She was picked up, and taken into a house in the vicinity, where she received medical attention, which she was taken home. She is somewhat better yesterday evening, but the physician entertains slight hopes of her recovery. The driver of the wagon, it is said, was not to blame, as the little wheel had passed over him until he could not ascertain his name.

Hilarious.—On Monday evening, Leo Fence, John Caruthers and Margaret Carr, were at the residence of Mrs. Jones, a widow residing on an alley between Locust and Juniata streets, Sixth Ward Allegheny. They brought with them a supply of whisky and other stimulating beverages, which were being passed around in a manner not at all calculated to render their actions orderly or quiet. In order and noise was the case, and the disorderly conduct was so great that the attention of one of the night police was attracted to the spot. Realizing the situation, he promptly arrested the trio and locked them up for the remainder of the evening. The Mayor, after hearing the case, fined the parties twenty dollars each, and the parties men paid their fines and departed, but Margaret, in default, was committed to jail.

Mr. Wilson, of the House, yesterday introduced the bill creating a Water Board, and providing for the liquidation of bonds to liquidate the outstanding indebtedness of the city; also a bill authorizing the purchase of grounds for a City Park, which were thoroughly discussed in City Councils a few days since. Several bills relating to the borough of Ormsby were passed.

The House bill requiring Aldermen to provide personal official seal, passed the Senate yesterday, with an amendment by Mr. Errett excluding Pittsburgh and Allegheny city Aldermen.

City Legislation.—There are two hundred and eighty persons engaged in the different legislative departments of this city, as follows: School Council, 46; Common Council, 66; School Directors, including the Central Board of Education, 188; Firemen's Association, 30. Councils meet regularly on the last Monday of every month, and hold, on an average, twelve special meetings a year. The Central Board of Education, which is composed of one delegate from each local school Board, also meets monthly. The Firemen's Association meet quarterly.

Proposed Improvement.—We are informed that the owner of the property designs erecting, during the coming season, a row of five-story buildings with stone fronts on Wood street, near Fourth avenue and opposite the Peoples National Bank. The old building now standing on the site is to be torn down as soon as vacated by the present occupants, whose leases expire April 1st, 1893. The new buildings will be constructed in the latest improved style, and when finished will form an additional attraction to the architectural ornamentation of the city.

CENTRAL BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Regular Monthly Meeting.—Monthly Reports.

A regular monthly meeting of the Central Board of Education was held yesterday, (Tuesday), March 9, 1893, at 10 o'clock P. M., in the High School Building, corner of Wood street and Sixth avenue.

Members present.—Messrs. Anderson, Brush, Chadwick, Craig, Cuddy, Duncan, Getty, Harrison, Hartman, Hummer, May, Miller, Mitchell, Necker, Noble, Nobbs, Shaw, Taylor and President Wilson.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT.—The Secretary read the report of the Principal of the High School for the month of February, which the following is a recapitulation:

Attendance—Males, Females, Total. High Schools, 30, 68, 98. Normal School, 109, 9, 118. Commercial school 109, 9, 118.

Total, 184, 180, 364. The Principal calls the attention of the Board to the fact that several teachers in the High School were tried for the school building until after the hour for opening has passed.

On motion of Mr. Getty, the Secretary was instructed to notify the teachers referred to, that they must be at the school building at 7 o'clock on the morning of their trial.

REPORT OF THE CITY SUPERINTENDENT.—CONDITION OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—The Secretary read a report from the City Superintendent, J. G. Luckey, Esq., Principal of the Public Schools.

GENTLEMEN: Having nearly completed my tour of inspection of the Public Schools of the city, I desire to submit to you a report on the condition of our schools, and I do so with a desire that the Directors may become more imbued with the prosperity and success of our schools.

SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS.—As far as my knowledge goes, no city in the United States has a more complete and comfortable buildings for school purposes than our own. High schools, academies, and other schools are well equipped with the most approved furniture, and to have five hundred copies printed in sheet form.

Mr. Getty, from the Fourth ward, stated that the district was in the hands of the Local Board of that ward to retain the name by which that district was known, \$100 to be paid to the City of Pittsburgh for the same.

A communication of similar purport was received from the local board of the Second ward.

Mr. Taylor moved that the local boards be requested to name their several districts in conformity with the law, and that those not having already done so be requested to report a name at the next meeting.

The first ward was called "Duquesne," the second "Grant," the third "North," the fourth "North," the fifth "Franklin," the sixth "Harrisburg," the seventh "Washington," the eighth "Highland," the ninth "Lincoln" and the tenth "Peabody."

Mr. Taylor Chairman of the Committee on Teachers and Salaries, submitted a report, accompanying which was the following resolution:

Resolved, That from and after the first Monday of April the Board of the Seventh ward be authorized to employ one male and one female teacher in the Grammar grade and one female teacher in the primary grade.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Humbert moved to amend the resolution by making both by making for the Sixth ward of the Grammar grade and one female teacher in the primary grade.

Mr. Shaw moved, as an amendment, that the teaching of the intermediate department be discontinued.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Taylor presented a communication from the Board of the Grammar grade, asking that the teacher in room No. 13 be hereafter graded in the Grammar department.

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Miss Mary Wilkins and Miss Mary A. Rutledge were the only candidates for the position.

A vote being taken, Miss Rutledge was declared duly elected.

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The motion was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Nobbs moved that the Committee appointed to prepare the school law be instructed to prepare a bill to forward to Harrisburg. Adopted.

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The Secretary read a number of bills, which were ordered to be paid by the Chair announced the names of the members.

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Fourth ward is 61, being the highest of any ward in the city.

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT.—The number of corporal punishments at the Court, as follows: First ward, 12; Third ward, 41; Fourth, 5; Sixth, 59; Ninth, 18; Eleventh, 19; Twelfth, 19; Thirteenth, 16; Fourteenth, 12; Fifteenth, 19; Seventeenth, 31; Eighteenth, 3; Twentieth, 2; Twenty-third, 17; Colored School, 25. Total, 217. (Formerly the Sixth) there were two suspensions.

There were no cases of corporal punishment in the wards not mentioned.

There is a decrease of twenty-five per cent. on the number reported for January, the enrollment for this month is greater than any previous month in the year.

The report was received and ordered to be filed.

The Secretary read a communication from the School Boards of the Seventh and Eighth wards, asking that said wards be consolidated into one school district to be known as the "Franklin District" and to have five hundred copies printed in sheet form.

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in this city. This action is now brought to recover the wool, which is claimed, is the property of the plaintiff. On trial, on motion of George R. Cochran, Esq., John B. Young, Esq., was sworn and admitted to practice in this Court.

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Following is the Trial list for to-day: September List.

No. 64. Hyde's exec. vs. Tonsig, Livingston & Co.

No. 62. Coleman vs. Fisher et al.

No. 60. Evans vs. Ranouff.

No. 63. Haply & Miller vs. Gorbach.

No. 67. Metz vs. Morrow.

No. 4. Christ et ux. vs. Dittman et ux.

No. 15. Weber et ux. vs. same.

No. 43. Seiler vs. Huttlemeyer.

No. 1. Fisher vs. Feld.

No. 63. Carson vs. Taylor.

No. 100. Kearney vs. Kearney.

No. 53. Moore vs. Morgan.

Quarter Sessions—Judge Stowe.

TUESDAY, March 9.—Eliza Soles was placed on trial on an indictment charging her with setting fire to a barn owned by J. C. Crawford, and located on the opposite side of the river from McKeesport. The defendant, it will be remembered, was tried and found guilty, but a new trial was awarded. The jury found the defendant not guilty, and directed the verdict to be returned in favor of the county to pay the costs.

The announcement of the verdict was received by the defendant with the liveliest satisfaction, and embracing one of the tips-slaves, John Johns was placed on trial for the possession of a gold watch, a silver watch and four gold rings, the whole valued at \$500, from the jewelry store of Mr. Stevenson, No. 320 Liberty street. The jewelry was committed on the 16th of December last. The defendant pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 to undergo three months imprisonment in the county jail.

John Weaver, John Sinton and Wm. were placed on trial on a charge of stealing four caddies of tobacco, three hogs and other articles from the cars of the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad. The jury has not yet agreed upon a verdict.

The next case called up was that of the Commonwealth vs. W. J. Robinson, indicted on oath of W. G. Smythe, for felonious assault and battery. Robinson, Smythe is manager of the American Theatre, on Penn street. On the night of February 22d the defendant was in the theatre, and it appears, acted in a disorderly manner. Officer Kepp, who is employed to maintain order in the theatre, attempted to eject him; he resisted, a scuffle ensued, during which the officer was taking him to the door, here Mr. Smythe came to the officer's assistance and pushed Robinson out into the hall.

The events just related occurred at about nine o'clock. At ten o'clock Robinson returned to the theatre, and entered the saloon. Here he met Mr. Smythe and, drawing a pistol, said, "you are the one I fired at," upon which he fired, the ball taking effect in the fleshy part of the left thigh of Mr. Smythe. These are substantially the facts as testified to by Mr. Smythe, officer Kepp, Mr. Thompson, the Treasurer of the theatre, and others.

Mr. Cochran opened the case on the part of the defence. At the conclusion of his remarks to the jury, Court adjourned till ten o'clock this morning.

TRIAL LIST FOR WEDNESDAY.

No. 61. Com. vs. Neely Burns.

No. 73. Com. vs. Patrick McCann.

No. 74. Com. vs. Lee Robinson.

No. 75. Com. vs. G. W. Cooper.

No. 82. Com. vs. Julius F. Skidmore.

No. 88. Com. vs. Wm. Bowers.

No. 89. Com. vs. Geo. H. Pauline and Wm. Fisher.

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