The Pittsburgh Gazette.

PRAIRIE GRASSES AND FIRES.

[Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

The great prairies of the west are clothed heavily with grass. Some varieties are as coarse as rye, and grow about as tall; but the greater part, especially on the uplands, is about the heighth and stoutness of timothy, but has longer and coarser blades. This variety, where it predominates, makes excellent hay, equal it is contended, to timothy in nutrition, and animals are equally fond of it. Many thousands of acres of this are mowed, and it yields from one to two tons to the acre—sometimes more. Cattle feed freely upon these broad prairies; but so elastic is the grass that the mower operates as well upon these pastures as it would were the cattle excluded. But of course the yield is diminished.

In some places the number of cattle is too great for the grasses, and where that is the case they rapidly decline, and the ground becomes foul with weeds, and the grass unfit for hay. Indeed these prairie grasses are not hardy, and soon die out if severely eaten off and trampled. Where cattle are excluded and the grass is annually mowed, it becomes cleaner and better. Hence the farmers of the prairie States are beginning to fence up their prairie ground as they would meadow land.

Still in Kansas the grass on millions of acres of prairie grows up, dries, and remains upon the ground over winter, somewhat broken down by the snows, but by no means laid flat. Animals eat it in this condition if they can get nothing else, but there is very little nutriment in it; and the owners of the land, whether they wish to plow it, mow it, or pasture it, set fire to this old grass in the spring and burn it off. Great care must be taken, however, in this operation, as it burns furiously, and sometimes gets beyond control, and sets fire to fences, stacks and even buildings. It is unlawful to set fire to prairie grass without the concurrence of the adjoiners, and I think the presence of six men. This work is generally done in the evenings, and the calmer the weather is the better. But in Kansas, in the spring season, there are few evenings quite calm; and sometimes after the fire has been started a stiff breeze springs up, and then the scene becomes grand, sometimes fearful and dangerous. While I was out there during part of March and all of April I saw no little of this work, and took part in some of it. I have seen a line of flame half a mile long, sweeping so fast before the wind that thirty feet of this dry grass would be aflame at the same moment. In such cases it is in vain to attempt to arrest its progress until its reaches a road or a water course.

Nothing can be imagined more beautiful than these long lines of brilliant flame approaching each other from the boundaries of the track to be burnt over, sometimes several hundreds of acres. I was while there on an elevated spot, and some nights from ten to twenty separate fires were in view at once, lighting up the entire horizon—some so near that we could see the lines of fire sweeping in all directions, others so far off that they looked like brilliant spots on the dark landscape.

In the unsettled parts of that country these fires run sometimes for miles, until they are stopped by water courses. Whether their effects be to enrich or to impoverish the land is a mooted point; but certain it is that the "range" is better for cattle on lands over which the fire has swept in the spring. In April the old grass lies or stands brown and sere; but soon after it is swept off by fire the black and bare surface of the ground begins to turn green, and in a few days is as verdant as a well mown meadow is with us in the spring, and cattle abandon the ground on which the old grass is still standing or lying and gather upon the burnt districts.

There are several varieties of grass on these prairies, some very coarse, as already mentioned, while some are quite fine and delicate. East of Fort Harker, which is about 220 miles west of the Missouri, the buffalo grass has almost entirely disappeared. It and the animals from which it gets its name appear to recede together. But there are some grasses equally delicate in structure, and much more tender, which maintain themselves among the taller and coarser varieties. One of these, very much resembling blue grass in form and color, sends forth in April, from the middle of its stalk, a pretty delicate little flower, sometimes pure white, sometimes a light purple. I never found more than one on the same stalk. The stem of the flower, short and very slender, springs at right angles from the stem of the grass. They are very curious, and well worthy of introduction into the flower garden. I gathered them on ground over which fire had swept two or three weeks before.

Intermingled with these grasses are flowers in great variety and profusion, some of which are very pretty. Passing over the high prairies or plains near Fort Harker, early in June, I saw, for miles together, a display of flowers so rich, so profuse, so vast, that it had a bewildering and oppressive effect upon the brain. It was beauty rising to sublimity—a sight that can never be forgotten. J. C.

Decoration Day in Chicago.

CHICAGO, May 24.—The Evangelical clergymen of this city had another meeting this morning to protest against the ceremony of decorating the soldiers' graves on the Sabbath day. There was quite a large attendance, but representing only three denominations, Presbyterians, Baptists and Methodists. The tone of the speakers was decidedly less radical than on the occasion of the previous meeting, and several well known clergymen acknowledged that they had changed their views, and felt that little or no harm could result from the proposed ceremony on the Sabbath day. Finally a Committee appointed for the purpose offered a series of resolutions, which were much modified in tone from those passed at the last meeting. They resolve that while they do not regard the mere act of decorating the soldiers' graves upon the Sabbath as a desecration of the day, yet they believe that with the concomitants necessarily accompanying such ceremony, in the breaking up of religious services, the gathering together of a multitude largely composed of those who feel no interest in honoring the Sabbath, the almost certain tendency to intemperance, and the general removal of restraint, such a ceremony will inevitably be disastrous alike to religious and civil influence. In another resolution they respectfully petition the Grand Commander to change the day to Saturday, in accordance with the change made at Washington, Boston and Cincinnati.

A TRIP TO NORTH CAROLINA.

[Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

HAMPTON, VA. May 21, 1869.

DEAR GAZETTE: I had not expected during my present jaunt to do any "editorial correspondence," but finding myself at this ancient Virginia town of some historic interest—the home of one of our Presidential accidents—and kept indoors by a driving nor'easter with rain, I propose to make some "jottings down" for the benefit of other travelers South and of your readers generally.

I left your sanctum, as you are aware, on Monday evening, had a quick passage via Pennsylvania and Northern Central roads to Baltimore, where I was obliged to wait seven hours for the Bay boat, which leaving Baltimore at 4 P. M. on Tuesday, brought me by 6 A. M. on Wednesday to Portsmouth, thence I proceeded by rail, via Weldon and Gaston, 177 miles to Raleigh, N. C., occupying eleven hours in making this distance, quite below the speed on our Pennsylvania roads of heavier grades and curvature.

I found Raleigh, the ancient capital of the good old North State, a quaint, old fashioned inland city of some ten thousand inhabitants, with wide unpaved streets, with huge and umbrageous monarchs of the forest casting their grateful shadows over the streets. The Capitol is a stately edifice of native granite, occupying the centre of a square which is handsomely enclosed and planted.

The Legislature adjourned some weeks ago; so that I was denied the privilege of witnessing the proceedings of a reconstructed State in her deliberative assembly, but I had the pleasure of seeing the Diocesan Episcopal Convention in annual session, the venerable and good Bishop Atkinson presiding. It was a noble looking body of men, clerical and lay; not so numerous as I had supposed, but made up of earnest, devoted and pious men.

I also visited St. Agustine Normal School, for blacks, an institution in the first year of its existence. It is incorporated by the Legislature, and is under the management of a Board of Trustees, who meet in council, and who consist of a number of the most respectable men in the State. Bishop Atkinson is President, Kemp P. Battles, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, and Rev. J. Brinton Smith, D. D., is Principal of the School, in which already about forty students are being trained for teachers. They are male and female, gathered from the more advanced scholars in the common schools of North Carolina.

The North Carolinians are greatly alarmed for the safety of their cotton crop—the planting has been in excess of former years, but the prevalence of cold and wet weather since planting has made a good deal of re-planting necessary, and rendered the prospect of a good "stand" very doubtful. A failure of this important crop, on which their hopes have been fixed, would prove very disastrous to the State. I sincerely hope the case may not be so bad as they fear.

Homeward bound from Raleigh I reached Old Point Comfort last evening, and laid over to visit the "*Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute*," situated just outside the village of Hampton, in Elizabeth City county, Virginia, on the "Whipple Farm," which lies upon Hampton Roads. The *School* and *Home* buildings, valued at $25,000, occupy a beautiful site upon the shore. They are so arranged and furnished as to offer to the students the helps to a right living which pertain to a cultivated Christian home. The Institution is under the auspices of the "American Missionary Association," which is greatly in advance of all other public and private associations in the extent and thoroughness of its labors and expenditures in the noble work of diffusing a common school education among the freedmen.

The Institute was opened in April, 1868, and was incorporated in the following September, "for the purpose of preparing the Youth of the South, without distinction of color, for the work of organizing and teaching Schools in the Southern States." The very great necessity for an institution of this kind, induced the Association to provide a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, and besides the extensive buildings for school house and farming purposes before mentioned, supply it with all the appliances of profitable labor, and now I find it, in scarcely more than one year from its origin, exemplifying to a wonderful degree both the great need of such an institution and the wisdom and forecast of its founders in the plans adopted and carried forward. The Association was especially fortunate in selecting for the general superintendence and oversight of the whole establishment, Gen. S. C. Armstrong, a gentleman yet young, but of large administrative experience, of fine culture, untiring energy, and with his whole heart in the work.

There are sixty-six students now enjoying the benefits of the training both in school and upon the farm. In the household and school five ladies are employed. The Matron is an unmarried daughter of an eminent clergyman of Massachusetts. She is a lady of more than ordinary intellectual vigor and refinement, admirably fitted for the responsible duties confided to her. The other four ladies are accomplished and experienced teachers. The Matron and teachers exert a most salutary influence over the students, and are regarded by them with great deference and respect. Indeed, the utmost harmony between the Principal, teachers and students is constantly apparent, and illustrates the perfect discipline and order which prevade the daily operations of the Institute.

The Farm which is embraced in the plan, is under the management of Mr. Francis Richardson, who has himself been educated in the mysteries of scientific farming, and knows the value of adaptation of crops and soil, and of rotation of crops, he has made the farm to be regarded in this county as the model farm. Mr. Richardson is making daily shipments to the east, of strawberries and peas, and will by and by have shiploads of potatoes, cabbages and other products of his farmer craft.

On the whole, I have been much pleased with all that I see of the Hampton Normal School, and as ten or twenty thousand dollars more capital would enable the Superintendent to carry out some favorite plans for enlarging its usefulness and securing its perpetuity. I sincerely hope some of the philanthropists of the country will visit and examine its workings and thereby be induced, as I think they surely would, to further endow it. No similar enterprise that I know of promises a richer or more certain harvest of blessings and benefits. K.

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ORDINANCES.

AN ORDINANCE

Establishing the Grades of Various streets.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in Select and Common Councils assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That the grades of the following named streets be, and the same are hereby adopted and established, in accordance with plans accompanying this ordinance and filed in the City Engineer's office:

THE GREENSBURG PIKE from Butler street to the Pennsylvania Railroad crossing at East Liberty.

LIBERTY AVENUE from Thirty-second street to Centre avenue.

FORTY-SECOND STREET from the Allegheny Valley Railroad to the Greensburg Pike.

MAIN STREET from Butler street to the Greensburg Pike.

BATES ALLEY from North street to Butler street.

LONG ALLEY from the Allegheny Valley Railroad to Butler street.

FORTY-FIFTH STREET from the Allegheny Valley Railroad to Butler street.

LOCUST ALLEY from Fortieth to Forty-third street.

NORTH STREET from Fortieth to Forty-fourth street.

HEMLOCK ALLEY from Forty-fourth to Forty-fifth street.

CENTRE STREET from Forty-fourth to Forty-fifth street.

WILLOW STREET from Fortieth street to Forty-fifth street.

HATFIELD STREET from Fortieth to Forty-fifth street.

PROSPECT STREET from Butler street to Union Alley.

RACE STREET from Butler street to the Greensburg Pike.

ALMOND ALLEY from the Allegheny Valley Railroad to the Greensburg Pike.

FORTIETH STREET from the Allegheny Valley Railroad to the Greensburg Pike.

One for THIRTY SIXTH STREET from the Allegheny Valley Railroad to Butler street.

One for THIRTY NINTH STREET from the Allegheny Valley Railroad to the Greensburg Pike, that portion between Butler street and the Turnpike to be a uniform grade.

SEC. 2. That any ordinance or part of ordinance conflicting with the passage of this ordinance at the present time, be and the same is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this ordinance.

Ordained and enacted into a law in Councils, this 21st day of May, A. D. 1869.

JOHN SHIPTON,
President pro tem of Select Council.
Attest: E. S. MORROW,
Clerk of Select Council.
W. A. TOMLINSON,
President of Common Council.
Attest: H. McMASTER,
Clerk of Common Council. my25

AN ORDINANCE

For Constructing a Board Walk from Minersville to Lawrenceville Station on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in Select and Common Councils assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That the City Engineer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for proposals for the construction of a Board Walk along the township road leading from Minersville to the Lawrenceville Station on the Pennsylvania Railroad, and to let the same in accordance with Acts of Assembly and ordinances of Councils relating thereto.

SEC. 2. That any ordinance or part of ordinance conflicting with the passage of this ordinance at the present time, be and the same is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this ordinance.

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AN ORDINANCE

For the Construction of a Boardwalk on Elm street, (Bloomfield,) from Liberty avenue to the Penna. R. R.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in Select and Common Councils assembled and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same,* That the City Engineer be and is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for a boardwalk on Elm street, (Bloomfield,) from Liberty avenue to the Penna. Railroad, and to let the same in accordance with acts of Assembly and city ordinances providing therefor.

SEC. 2. That any ordinance or part of ordinance conflicting with the passage of this ordinance at the present time, be and the same is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this ordinance.

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ORDINANCES.

AN ORDINANCE

Fixing Compensation for City Engineer.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in Select and Common Councils assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same,* That in lieu of the compensation now provided by the ordinances of the city, the City Engineer shall receive as full compensation for his services an annual salary of thirty-five hundred dollars, payable from appropriation No. 7, in such manner as the Street Committee may direct.

SEC. 2. And hereafter the fee to be charged for regulating lots shall be four dollars, and for street grades three dollars.

SEC. 3. That the City Engineer shall keep an accurate account of all fees received by him, and shall make a return thereof to the Controller on the first Monday of each month under oath, and shall pay all money so received by him to the City Treasurer for the use of said city.

SEC. 4. That any ordinance or part of ordinance conflicting with the passage of this ordinance at the present time, be and the same is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this ordinance.

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Clerk of Commn Council. ap24

AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Grading, Paving and Curbing of Liberty street, from Thirty-first street to Thirty-third street.

SEC. 1. *Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in Select and Common Councils assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same,* That the City Engineer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for proposals for the grading, paving and curbing of Liberty street, from Thirty-first street to Thirty third street, and to let the same in the manner directed by an ordinance concerning Streets, passed August 31, 1857; also, an act concerning Streets, approved January 6, 1864.

SEC. 2. That any ordinance or part of ordinance conflicting with the passage of this ordinance at the present time, be and the same is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this ordinance.

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AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Grading, Paving and Curbing of Apple alley, from Van Braam street to Marion street.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in Select and Common Councils assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same,* That the City Engineer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for proposals for the grading, paving and curbing of Apple alley, from Van Braam street to Marion street, and to let the same in the manner directed by Ordinance concerning streets, passed August 31st, 1857; also, an Act concerning streets, approved January 6th, 1864.

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AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Grading, Paving and Curbing of St. Patrick alley, from Marion street to Miltenberger.

SEC. 1. *Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in Select and Common Councils assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same,* That the City Engineer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for proposals for the grading, paving and curbing of St. Patrick alley, from Marion street to Miltenberger street, and to let the same in the manner directed by an ordinance concerning streets, passed August 31, 1857; also, an act concerning Streets, approved January 6, 1864.

SEC. 2. That any ordinance or part of ordinance conflicting with the passage of this ordinance at the present time, be and the same is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this ordinance.

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AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Grading, Paving and Curbing of Beech alley, from Pride street to Miltenberger street.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in Select and Common Councils assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same,* That the City Engineer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for proposals for the grading, paving and curbing of Beech alley, from Pride street to Miltenberger street, and to let the same in the manner directed by an ordinance concerning Streets, passed August 31, 1857; also, an act concerning streets, approved January 6, 1864.

SEC. 3. That any ordinance or part of ordinance conflicting with the passage of this ordinance at the present time, be and the same is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this ordinance.

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AN ORDINANCE

Changing the Grade of Liberty street, from Twenty-ninth to Thirty-second street.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in Select and Common Councils assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That the grade of Liberty street be so changed as to have a fall from the present grade at Twenty-ninth street of 0.70 foot per 100 feet to Thirty-second street, thence a rise of 1.05 feet per 100 feet to the present grade at Thirty-first street.

SEC. 2 That any ordinance or part of ordinance conflicting with the passage of this ordinance at the present time, be and the same is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this ordinance.

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AN ORDINANCE

For Opening Forty third street, from Butler to Davison street.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in Select and Common Councils assembled and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That the City Engineer be and is hereby directed to survey and open Forty-third (late Ewalt) street, from Butler to Davison street, and to appraise damages and assess benefits Frank Kolbe, Henry Herr and James T. McClure are hereby appointed.

SEC. 2. That any ordinance or part of ordinance conflicting with the passage of this ordinance at the present time, be and the same is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this ordinance.

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AN ORDINANCE

Widening Sidewalks on Thirty-Ninth and Fortieth streets.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in Select and Common Councils assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same,* That the width of the sidewalks on the west side of Thirty-ninth and on the east side of Fortieth street be so changed from Butler street to the Allegheny Valley R. R. as to be of a width of fifteen (15) feet.

SEC. 2. That any ordinance or part of ordinance conflicting with the passage of this ordinance at the present time, be and the same is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this ordinance.

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ORDINANCES.

AN ORDINANCE

Changing the Grade of Penn Street from Thirtieth Street to Thirty-third Street.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in Select and Common Councils assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That the grade of Penn street be so changed that it will be two feet above and parallel with the old grade from Thirty-first to Thirty-third, and a uniform grade from the present grade of Penn at Thirtieth to the new grade at Thirty-first street.

SEC. 2. That any ordinance or part of ordinance conflicting with the passage of this ordinance at the present time, be and the same is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this ordinance.

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AN ORDINANCE

For Widening Webster avenue, from Grant street to Seventh avenue.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in Select and Common Councils assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same,* That the City Engineer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to survey and open Webster avenue, from Grant street to Seventh avenue, to the width of fifty (50) feet, in accordance with the "City District Plan," and to appraise damages and assess benefits Aaron Floyd, James Grimm and James Black are hereby appointed, in accordance with an act of Assembly approved January 6, 1864.

SEC. 2. That any ordinance or part of ordinance conflicting with the passage of this ordinance at the present time, be and the same is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this ordinance.

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Clerk of Common Council. my24

AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Grading, Paving and Curbing of Forty-eighth street, from Butler street to the Allegheny river.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in Select and Common Councils assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same,* That the City Engineer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for proposals for the grading, paving and curbing of Forty-eighth street, from Butler street to the Allegheny river, and to let the same in the manner directed by an ordinance concerning streets, passed August 31, 1857; also, an act concerning streets, approved January 6, 1864.

SEC. 2. That any ordinance or part of ordinance conflicting with the passage of this ordinance at the present time, be and the same is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this ordinance.

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AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Grading of Irwins alley, from Fortieth street to Forty-Second street.

SEC. 1. *Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in Select and Common Councils assembled and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same,* That the City Engineer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for proposals for the grading of Irwins alley, from Fortieth street to Forty-second street, and to let the same in the manner directed by an ordinance concerning Streets, passed August 31, 1857; also, an act concerning streets, approved January 6, 1864.

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AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Grading, Paving and Curbing of Forty-third street, from Butler street to Davison street.

SEC. 1. *Be it ordained and enacted by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Pittsburgh, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same,* That the City Engineer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for proposals for the grading, paving and curbing of Forty-third street from Butler street to Davison street, and to let the same in the manner directed by an ordinance concerning Streets, passed August 31, 1857; also, an act concerning streets, approved January 6, 1864.

SEC. 2. That any ordinance or part of ordinance conflicting with the passage of this ordinance at the present time, be and the same is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this ordinance.

Ordained and enacted into a law in Councils, this 21st day of May, A. D. 1869.

JOHN SHIPTON,
President pro tem of Select Council.
Attest: E. S. MORROW,
Clerk of Select Council.
W. A. TOMLINSON,
President of Common Council.
Attest: H. McMASTER,
Clerk of Common Council. my24

AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Grading, Paving and Curbing of Sixteenth street, from Pike street to the Bridge.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in Select and Common Councils assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same,* That the City Engineer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for proposals for the grading, paving and curbing of Sixteenth street, from Pike street to the bridge, and to let the same in the manner directed by an ordinance concerning streets, passed August 31, 1857; also, an act concerning Streets, approved January 6, 1864.

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Admission, 35 cents; reserved seats, 50 cents.
Matinee Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.
my22 PHILO CLARKE, Agent.

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Grand Exhibition (second time) by Mrs. SLACK DAVIS' pupils, on TUESDAY, MAY 25th, 1869. Parlor Dancing, consisting of light gymnastics, and also a Fairy Drama, expressly adapted, from Shakspeare's

MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM.

Price of admission, 50 cents to all parts of the house. Tickets and programmes may be had at all the music stores. Doors open at 7; commence a quarter to 8. mv18:152

PROPOSALS.

OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL BOARD OF EDUCATION, PITTSBURGH, May 20, 1869.

SEALED PROPOSALS, for the Masonry of the foundation walls of the High School Building will be received until 12 M., JUNE 2d. Bidders will state the price per foot superficial for the cut stone work, and the price per cubic foot for rubble work. They will also state the whole amount for which they will do the work.

Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of BARR & MOSER. Proposals to be left at the office of the Central Board, corner of Wood street and Sixth avenue.

Bidders will be required to accompany their bids with a specimen of the stone proposed to be used for the cut work.

Bids will be received for the excavation.

By order of the Building Committee.
my20:151 JOHN A. SERGEANT, Sec'y.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAS COMPANY, PITTSBURGH, May 15, 1869.

PROPOSALS FOR

COAL, SLACK AND LIME.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at the office of the PITTSBURGH GAS COMPANY until WEDNESDAY, May 26th, for the delivery of
500,000 bush of good Bituminous Coal;
110,000 bush of good merchantable Nut Coal and Slack;
15,000 bush of good Lime.

In the stores of the Company, on their works. All to be of such quality and delivered in such quantities and at such times as may be approved and directed by the Engineer of the Works. Payments to be made monthly, retaining ten (10) per cent. in the hands of the Gas Company until the completion of the contract.

Any information that may be required will be furnished by the Engineer at the Works.

Proposals to be addressed to the President of the Pittsburgh Gas Company, endorsed "Proposals for coal, slack or lime," as the case may be.

my17:141 JAMES THOMSON, Engineer.

OFFICE OF CONTROLLER OF ALLEGHENY CO., Pa., Pittsburgh, May 17, 1869.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office until the 31st inst. inclusive for the erection of a new bridge over Plum Creek, on the Leechburg road, on the line between Penn and Plum townships, on the farm of Wm. Bright.

ALSO, for the erection of a new bridge over Crooked Run, in Versailles township, where the State Road leading from Canonsburg to the Greensburg Turnpike crosses said Run.

ALSO, for the erection of a new bridge over Little Deer Creek, on the road leading from Harmarville to W. V. Connell's mill, in Indiana township.

ALSO, for the erection of a new wooden structure, excepting the plank, at the bridge over Deer Creek, on the road leading from the Three Degree road to the Kittanning road in West Deer township.

Plans and specifications can be seen on application.

By direction of the County Commissioners.
HENRY LAMBERT,
my18:140-d&T2 Controller.

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA., PITTSBURGH, May 21, 1869.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office until the 31st inst. for the erection of a new wooden structure at the bridge over Turtle Creek, near Brinton's station, on the road leading from borough of Braddock to the Greensburg turnpike, in Wilkins and Versailles townships.

Plans and specifications can be seen on application.

By direction of County Commissioners.
HENRY LAMBERT,
my22:168-d&T1 Controller.

LEGAL.

SARAH MAY by her next friend David Lake vs. Robert May. In the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny county, No. 476, Dec. T., 1868.

To the above named respondent:

ROBERT MAY: You are hereby notified to be and appear at the next term of this Court, to be held at Pittsburgh on the FIRST MONDAY OF JUNE, A. D 1869 then and there to answer the complaint of the above named libelant, and show cause, if any you have, why the prayer for divorce *a vinculo matrimonii* should not be granted.

SAMUEL B. CLULEY, Sheriff.
my5:162-w

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE SEVENTH WARD PREMIUM LOAN ASSOCIATION OF ALLEGHENY CITY, for a Charter of Incorporation. No. 820, June Term, 1869. Notice is hereby given that application has been made, to the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, to grant the charter of incorporation in this case, that it is now on file in the office of the Prothonotary of Allegheny county, and will be granted at the next term of Court, (June, 1869,) unless exceptions thereto are filed in the meantime.

ROBERT POLLOCK,
my5:169-w Solicitor for Petitioners.

IN BANKRUPTCY.—Western District of Pennsylvania. At Pittsburgh the 15th day of May, A. D. 1869.

The undersigned, Assignee of the estate of CHARLES C. ALGEO, Bankrupt, hereby gives notice that a general meeting of the creditors of said Bankrupt, will be held at the office of JOHN N. PURVIANCE, Esq., one of the Registers in Bankruptcy at said district, at No. 116 Federal street, Allegheny City, Pa., in said District, on the FIRST DAY OF JUNE, A. D. 1869, at