The Pittsburgh Gazette.

JOE JONES.

Don't you remember lame Sally, Joe Jones,
Lame Sally, whose nose was so brown,
Who looked like a clam if you gave her a smile,
And went in to fits at your frown?
In the old goose-pond in the orchard, Joe Jones,
Where the goslings are learning to swim,
Lame Sally went fishing one wet, windy day,
And there by mistake tumbled in.

Under old Sim's brush fence, Joe Jones,
That winds at the foot of the hill,
Together we've seen the old camel go round,
Grinding cider at Appleton's mill;
The mill wheel is oven wood now, Joe Jones,
The rafter fell on to a cow,
And the weasels and rats that crawl round as you gaze,
Are the lords of the cider mill now.

Don't you remember the pig-pen, Joe Jones,
Which stood on the path to the barn?
And the shirt-button trees, where they grow on the boughs,
Which we sewed on our jackets with yarn?
The pig-pen has gone to decay, Joe Jones,
And the lightning the tree overcome;
And down where the onions and carrots once grew,
Grow thistles as big as your thumb.

Don't you remember the school, Joe Jones?
And the master who wore the old wig?
And the old shady nook by the crook of the brook,
Where we played with Aunt Catharine's pig?
Mice live in the master's wig, Joe Jones,
The brook with the crook is now dry—
And the boys and the girls that were playmates then,
Have all grown up ever so high!

STATE ITEMS.

MAD dogs still prevail in Philadelphia.

EDWIN FORREST will be in Erie November 8th and 9th.

VENANGO CITY is entirely free from debt, and has a balance in the treasury.

ROBERT REEDE, an aged citizen of Perry county, died suddenly Monday of last week, while perusing a letter.

WILLIAM SHEAFFER (of Jesse) of Tyrone, Perry county, last week killed a catamount nearly three feet in length.

ERIE is much exercised over the operations of incendiaries, and the Council is urged to increase the reward offered for their apprehension.

THE anti-Temperance men of Erie claim the decrease of Gov. Geary's majority in that city is due to their efforts. The decrease is 350.

THE United American Mechanics in Perry county will parade at Duncannon on the 23d. Harrisburg Councils have been invited to participate.

OIL CITY having been reported $100,000 in debt, the *Times* denies the fact, and states that the debt, including that for school buildings, is less than $40,000.

GEORGE SHAFER, of Hamilton township, Monroe county, was recently found dead in the woods near his residence, death having been caused by palsy. his age was sixty years.

THE Commissioners of Erie county, from 1862 to 1864, issued scrip to the amount of $227,275, of which the Auditors have destroyed up to date $203,775, leaving $23,000 outstanding.

CONTRACTORS on the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad are being put to much expense and trouble by persons starting groggeries in the vicinity of the road, causing the laborers to neglect their work.

ALDERMAN BILL McMELLIN, of Philadelphia, was arrested on the 14th on the affidavit of a prominent gentleman, who stated that while conversing with a friend on the sidewalk he was attacked by the Alderman without provocation or cause.

IN Washington borough, on the evening of the 12th, Mr. John Arnold was instantly killed by being struck in the breast with a stone, thrown by some one of a number of intoxicated white persons engaged in pursuing and stoning colored men through the street.

TIME in the shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has been reduced to nine hours each day, except Saturday, when the shops are closed in the afternoon. The employees, therefore, actually work but five days (fifty hours) per week. The working force is also to be reduced ten per cent.

A SHORT time since Charles Wesley Megary, of Milroy, while at work in a saw-mill in Clearfield county, had his leg dreadfully crushed by a log rolling upon it, and owing to want of proper surgical attendance in season, amputation of the limb became necessary, but the injured man soon died from the effects of the operation.

THE Democratic roughs showed in strong force at the meeting of the Return Judges in Philadelphia on the 15th, and finding no "Rads" to mash, they set to work pounding each other. Finally a Republican appeared, was instantly assailed, struck on the head, punched in the ribs and then kicked aside to make room for another victim. No arrests.

TUESDAY night of last week, Owen Feeney, employed by the Mine Hill Railroad Company, as signal man, and living with his family in the signal tower on Broad Mountain, in Shuylkill county, was burned to death, with his wife and two children. About midnight, while the family was buried in profound slumber, from some cause unknown the house caught fire from below. The smoke awakened the wife, who, arousing her husband and sister, told them the house was on fire. Mr. Feeney rose, and on opening a door leading down stairs, the flames came in vast volume into the room, enveloping the family, except the sister, who sprang from the second story of the tower. The father, mother and their two little ones were consumed so completely that nothing but the bones of Mr. F., his wife and their eldest child were found next morning—not a vestige of the youngest, an infant, could be discovered.

THEY have had another Brooks case in Philadelphia. Patrick Morley, in the employ of the government, and under the orders of the Collector of Revenue, was attacked on Thursday of last week on the street, by three men, who beat him terribly about the head and face with rakes. Finally one of them stabbed him deep in the back with a butcher knife, and was about to plunge the weapon into him again, when Morley, by this time well-nigh exhausted, managed to elude his murderous assailants. A missile sent after him was well aimed, striking him on the back part of the head and knocking him to the pavement senseless and bleeding, the would-be assassins leaving him to the care of any one who saw fit to carry him away, while they retreated. The police stood idle, as if in colleague with, or fearful of performing their duty by arresting, the parties to the outrage. At a late hour in the night the "detective" force had succeeded in arresting but one of the supposed guilty parties, no less a personage than Owen McCartney, proprietor of the whisky distillery where officer Morley was stationed at the time the attack on him was commenced. The injured man's condition was regarded as precarious.

GENERAL NEWS.

A COLORED Masonic lodge has been organized at Belleville, Illinois.

THE "lightning train" makes but one stop between Albany and New York, at Poughkeepsie.

IT is rumored that the Vanderbilt party has obtained control of the Lake Shore Railroad, which caused the stock to rise to 91.

A TAN-YARD, buried for at least 150 years, was brought to light at Paterson last week, by some workmen digging a sewer.

ANOTHER of the "oldest inhabitants" has passed away. Mr. Johnson Brown, of Madison county, Ind., died on the 10th inst. at the age of 109 years.

A WOMAN in New Bedford, Conn., recently drew the dead body of her infant in its little carriage, to an undertaker's shop in that city, to have it measured for a coffin.

MR. ALDEN, the inventor of the horse shoe improvement and other agricultural implements, was recently caught in the machinery of his shop at Utica and literally cut to pieces.

THE great counterfeit ten dollar greenback may be detected by its inferior length and width; also by the absence of a small dot after the word "United" in "United States."

A DECISION has been rendered in favor of the city of Rochester, and against the Commercial Bank of Rochester, N. Y., in the matter of a claim for the repayment of $50,000 tax levied on bonds.

THE Boston city government used up 176 bottles of champagne wine, besides bottles of stronger liquid, and 1,500 cigars, at a cost of over $2,000, in celebrating the landing of the French cable at Duxbury.

THE Red Stockings base ball club, of Cincinnati, arrived home from the Pacific coast on Saturday. Californians called them the "Bloody Calves." To day they play a game with the celebrated Athletics, of Philadelphia.

EDWARD H. HOPKINS, a man sixty seven years of age, residing in Cincinnati, a few days ago attempted to cut his throat with a pocket knife. He was formerly Chief of Police of the city and had recently suffered much from illness.

HORACE C. PARSONS, a Boston merchant, committed suicide in Northfield, Mass., recently. He telegraphed for his wife and nephew to follow him on the next train from Boston, and shot himself in his brother's barn before their arrival.

A CALCULATION has been made that enough rain fell in Rensselaer and Albany counties, N. Y., on Sunday and Monday of last week, to supply every man, woman and child upon the face of the earth with two and a half gallons of water per day for a year.

A LADY walking on the street in Rochester, New York, last week, discovered her dress to be on fire, and before it could be extinguished by several gentlemen who flew to her succor, quite a large portion of an over-skirt was burned. The fire was thought to have been communicated by some careless smoker.

THE Western States are remarkable for snakes the present year. The Kilbourn City (Wis.) *Mirror* has an account of the killing, by citizens of that place, of forty-nine rattlesnakes, which had sought refuge under a large stone. Eight of these snakes were four feet long each and had reached the age of between five and seven years.

GENERAL BUTTERFIELD declares that he has discovered that the gold ring were tapping the telegraph wires during the gold panic. They have been tapping them ever since, he says, and have used the information thus obtained to forward their interests in Wall street. The names of those concerned will be given to the press within a few days.

A WORKMAN in one of the railroad shops at Atlanta, Ga., persistently said he had had a revelation that he should die at 12 o'clock on the 12th, and at his request a fellow-workman promised to toll the bell of the works at that hour. The day and the hour came; the man dressed himself in his best and lay down upon his bed to await the speedy coming of the dread messenger; the solemn note of bell was sounded, but the man did not die.

ON the Genessee Valley Railroad, N. Y., on Sunday week, a hand-car, on which were four men and one woman, was coming down from Scottsville, and on a curve met a locomotive. Seeing that a collision was inevitable, the men on the car jumped off; but one of them first seized the woman, who was sitting on the forward end, with her feet hanging over the edge of the platform and threw her down the embankment. None of the parties were seriously hurt.

IN Wheeling, last week, Thomas Tingle, a young man, went into a drug-store, purchased a pound of laudanum, representing it to be for the firm in whose employ he was, and while the bill for it was being made out, he adroitly managed to extract the cork from the battle and swallow about two ounces of the contents. Antidotes and a stomach pump were promptly administered, and the young man's life saved. He was then turned over to the care of his relatives at Columbus, Ohio.

CUES AND NOTES.

LISZT has three oratorios under way at once now.

MORLACCHI and her ballet troupe are in Buffalo this week.

PATTI, while singing at Homburg recently, lost her voice and had to take a rest.

TAMBERLIK, the tenor of the Spanish revolution, will sing in Madrid again this winter.

GOUNOD is hard at work on a new opera, taking Corneille's Polyeucte as a subject.

$40,000 in gold is the price that Nillsen is to receive for singing for two months in England.

DRESDEN utterly refused to tolerate Offenbach's *Vie Parisienne*, and it had to be taken off the boards.

EDWIN BOOTH is playing at the Walnut street theatre in Philadelphia, and has his usual immense audiences.

Mozart's *Zauberfloete* was brought out in Vienna recently with twenty thousand florins worth of new scenery.

THE Mendelssohn Quintette Club is about to start upon a tour to Chicago. Miss Jennie Bask is the vocalist.

MRS. ANN S. STEPHENS has written a new comedy, which is shortly to be brought out at Laura Keene's theatre in Philadelphia.

AN whole orchestra of women with a man as leader, is a successful European novelty, and exemplifies a woman's right and ability to blow.

MRS. SCOTT SIDDONS is said to be still more enchanting this year than last. She is now playing at the Fifth Avenue theatre in New York.

MR. JOSEPH JEFFERSON, a man not unknown to fame, was in Buffalo last week playing a not altogether obscure play called Rip Van Winkle.

RUMOR says that an unpublished opera, called Joan of Arc, has been discovered among some papers of Rossini and will be brought out shortly at Venice.

A DARING composer, named Garzill, has produced a new opera entitled *Allessandro Stradella*, in spite of the famous work of the same name by Flotow.

RUBENSTEIN, the pianist, has composed a cantata entitled "The Tower of Babel." The confusion supposed to have existed there could be expressed better by a novice upon the piano.

EGBERT F. TEN EYCK, an actor at the Grand Opera House in New York, was arrested on Wednesday night and held to bail in $2,000 to answer a charge of forging army paymaster's checks.

THE King of Bavaria refuses to pay for the gorgeous scenery procured for the production of Wagner's *Rheingold* at Munich and the great composer of music for his great-grand-children has come to grief.

THE New York circus is back in New York again, and the papers there speak of the various members of that company who made themselves popular here in the summer. The little Melville lad is not dead yet, although he has been imperilled almost nightly ever since.

AUTOGRAPHS of Weber, including a complete partition of an aria belonging to the opera "Oberon," composed expressly for the famous English tenor Braham, are announced for sale in Dresden. They are part of the estate of Herr Gust, a lately deceased amateur.

PERSONAL.

NEW YORK Homeopathists are raising funds to build a monument to the late Dr. Gram.

A BOY of thirteen, living in Modena, Michigan, weighs two hundred and two and a half pounds.

DR. SMAUEL LUCKEY, a well-known Methodist minister, died at his residence in Rochester, N. Y., last week, at the age of sixty-five years.

AN old fellow named Hazlett, of Medina, Michigan, who has lived for fifty-five years in a state of single-blessedness, has married an immature maiden named Celia Oliver, twelve years old.

FRANKLIN PIERCE was the fourteenth President of the United States. There are fourteen letters in his name, and the first letters of the christian and surname being F and P, stand for fourteenth president.

HON. EDWARD MCPHERSON, Clerk of the National House of Representatives, writes from Switzerland, that his health has improved. He will return to America in the steamer Russia, which leaves November 6th.

THERE seems to be no doubt that the so-called Lord Hubert Leroy Ainsley, who married Miss Lilly Martin, a rich and beautiful belle of Staten Island, is an impostor. The father of the bride gave her $100,000 as a wedding present.

THE city editor of the Chicago *Post* makes the following acknowledgment among his "personals:" The editor of this column acknowledges the receipt this morning, from the authorized source, of a personal item of the masculine persuasion, weighing nine pounds."

MR. SMITH LONGSTREET, a relative of the rebel general of that name, and Mrs. Gildersleeve, the well known authoress, were married in New York city, last week. The wedding was brilliant and a great number of literary people were present, among others Horace Greeley, who appeared in strong clothes, thus described: "Tail coat, kids, white cravat, dancing pumps, a rose in his button hole, a boquet in his hand, and fairly drenched with patchouli. Of course, he created an immense sensation when he kissed the bride."

Extraordinary Case.

In Kane county, Ill., an indictment has been found against Rev. Isaac B. Smith, for the drowning of his wife in the early part of June last. The facts are thus related: At the time stated, Mr. Smith, with his wife, drove in his buggy to attend a ministers' meeting, and in the evening started for the house of his brother-in-law, about two miles from Elgin. About 9½ o'clock he reached the house, in considerable excitement, asking if his wife was there, and saying that his buggy had been overturned in crossing a small stream, he and his wife being thrown out, and as he had not been able to find his wife, after getting out himself, supposed she might have gone on to the house and left him. He said further, that his horse was very headstrong, and when he saw water, would go into it, no matter how hard you might try to turn him—Mr. Smith thus accounting for the overturning of the buggy. He gave detailed accounts of the accident to different persons, alleged to be contradictory in important particulars, and this, with the fact of the horse having been found standing still in the water, with the buggy resting on the side on two wheels, and the body of the woman only ten feet distant, led to investigation. It also leaked out, after Mrs. Smith had been buried, that there was $3,000 insurance on her life, which fact Mr. Smith had concealed from her friends. He also denied there was any more insurance on her life, but closer investigation showing a further accident insurance of $6,000, he admitted his untruthfulness, saying he had concealed the fact through the advice of his father, in order to avoid "talk." After considerable time, the whisperings assumed such a form that the matter was thoroughly canvassed, and the reverend gentleman was believed to have had some agency in bringing about the accident. Public opinion in Kane county is, however, very much divided, the minister's friends being very earnest in their advocacy of his innocence. Dr. J. Shugart, of the Northwestern Life Insurance Company, of Milwaukee, who paid the life policy, says he has known Mr. Smith since his early boyhood, at Princeton, gives him an excellent character for morality, and says he was a *protege* of Owen Lovejoy, and enjoyed the friendship of Abraham Lincoln. It remains for the trial to sift the facts in this remarkable and distressing case.