The Pittsburgh Gazette.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

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Millvale is one of the most thriving boroughs adjacent to the city.

Our legislators are arranging for spending the winter in Harrisburgh.

Mayor Drum yesterday disposed of two cases, which constituted the amount of his official duties during the day.

The Lockup was filled at one o'clock this morning by a turbulent company of festive spirits, and veteran vagrants.

Borough Court.—Burgess Salisbury, of Birmingham, had four cases before him Sunday morning. They were disposed of in the usual manner.

The West House population is kept up by constant accessions from the jail. The people there seem to be well satisfied with their condition.

The proposed new school house for the Fourth ward, Allegheny, will be one of the finest in the State. Allegheny takes a front rank in these matters.

Street Commissioner Hunter has laid flagstone crossings at the intersection of Penn and Eleventh streets, for which he has the fervent gratitude of pedestrians traveling that way.

Committed for Trial.—Henry Grist, charged with stealing a twenty-four dollar coat from A. G. Buchanan, had a final hearing before Alderman Taylor yesterday, and was committed for trial.

A family of five adults advertises for boarding in a respectable private family. See column of "Wants." A family that has three good chambers to spare would find the arrangement a desirable one.

Disorderly Conduct.—Elizabeth Turge made information before Justice Ammon charging Verona Gensler with disorderly conduct. She alleges that the accused called her hard names. She was fined five dollars and costs.

Held for a Hearing.—Henry Williard, a saloon keeper, on Rebecca street, First ward, Allegheny, charged with selling liquor on Sunday, by James Cornelius, will have a hearing before Alderman Bailie, Wednesday evening.

Street Fight.—Michael Cunningham and John Algeo had an encounter on the street yesterday. Cunningham alleges Algeo "struck and hurt him." Alderman Taylor issued a warrant for the arrest of the accused for assault and battery.

Drowned.—John Brown, a deck hand, while engaged in rolling a cask from the steamer "Bella" to the wharf boat, at Marietta, Thursday last, fell into the river and was drowned. He was about twenty-five years of age, but nothing of his antecedents was known.

Muscular.—Struck, kicked and knocked down, is the manner in which George Balzer is said to have treated Chas. Hafner, a cripple, on Third street, Third ward, Allegheny. Alderman Bolster, at the instance of Charles, yesterday issued a warrant for George's arrest.

Assault and Battery.—Hosea Hustead made information before Justice Salisbury yesterday, charging Henry Dale with assault and battery. Dale is one of the proprietors of Bedford Hall, and it is alleged that he forcibly ejected the prosecutor from the premises. Warrant issued.

Depot Change.—The building now occupied by the Adams Express Company on Seventh avenue and Grant street is to be converted into a freight depot for the Pan Handle Railroad. The Express Company will remove to a new building to be erected near the Grain Elevator. The work has been commenced.

Horrible Rumor.—There was a rumor afloat yesterday that a resident of the city, a butcher, had been run over by a train on the West Penn Railroad. According to the account the train, a freight, served his head from the body. We could trace the rumor to no reliable source.

Meeting of the Bar.—An adjourned meeting of the members of the Bar will be held Saturday next at 2 o'clock P. M., in the Supreme Court room, to receive and consider the report of Major A. M. Brown, Col. J. W. Payne, and J. F. Slagle, Esq. A Committee appointed to report on the subject matter of the Bar's last meeting.

Fire, Dannals & Co. give particular attention to orders from the country. All wishing their Cream Ale will have their orders promptly and satisfactorily filled if sent through the post, accompanied by the necessary funds. Address all communications to them at the Orange Brewery, Stevenson street, near Penna. avenue.

Caught a Tartar.—Officer Salber arrested Margaret Emmett, in the Ninth ward, last evening, for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and while attempting to conduct her to the station house, she bit a piece out of his leg. A wagon was procured and the biter conveyed to the lockup, where she remains, await the decision of the Court this morning.

A Little Wanderer.—Henry Chambers, a bright little boy, eight years of age, was brought to the watch house yesterday by an officer who found him wandering on the street lost. The little fellow stated that he had come in from the country on a street car. About dark a young man called and took the boy home to his parents, who live near Oakland.

Severely Burned.—Lizzie Crawford, aged six years, was severely burned on Sunday evening, during the absence of her parents at church, by her clothing being ignited from the fire in the grate, in front of which she was standing. Her injuries are of such a character that doubts are entertained of her recovery. She resides in an alley near Bidwell's plow works, Ninth ward.

Verdant.—A pair of verdant youths of German descent, hailing from Troy Hill, met one of the Virgin alley nymphs on Fifth avenue, last evening, and were induced to go to her den, where, they allege, they were swindled out of four dollars. They called on Capt. Graham for advice in the matter, but the consolation they received was not at all palatable, and they returned in disgust.

Still Another.—Jacob Goetz emphatically has his share of litigation. He has now pending against him various charges of larceny and false pretense. Yesterday another was added to the list. Jacob Rosen made information before Alderman Eggers against him for larceny as bailee, alleging that Goetz obtained from him two dollars in coppers to exchange for greenbacks, which he failed to do. Warrant issued.

Astonishing.—Archy M'Donald attempted to abstract a couple of hoods, worth fifty cents, from the goods at Cheap John's, yesterday, but was observed by a bystander. The police arrested Archy, when he explained he intended to return them he was a few days and astonish the proprietors. He took an astonishing method to pleasantly surprise, which unfortunately was interfered with by the officers. He will have a hearing for larceny.

A Challenge.—When a man throws off his coat and threatens to subject your corporeal frames to a dressing, of a peculiarly violent and painful character, it is certainly time to seek protection, unless you want to fight. Wm. Cuny therefore under such circumstances—if as they were at he alleges—did perfectly right yesterday in causing Alderman Taylor to issue a warrant for the arrest of his threatener, James Murray on an information for surety of the peace.

The Duel by Lot.—Let those who are fond of pure romance read the chapters of a story bearing the above caption in another part of our paper. This is one of the most original and at the same time most absorbingly interesting romances of modern times. The characters and incidents seem so real, and the plot of the story is so ingeniously woven that the reader is fascinated at the very commencement and remains so to the end. We advise our readers by all means to read "The Duel by Lot."

Music for the Holidays.—Our enterprising neighbors, Messrs. Mellor & Hoene, are now receiving their stock of Pianos, Organs, &c., for the holiday trade, especially selected by Mr. Mellor, last week, at the eastern factories. The selection is very large, and embraces instruments from the most renowned factories. Prices lower than New York rates. Persons contemplating purchasing a Piano or Organ for a holiday gift, should by all means visit Mellor & Hoene's Mammoth Music Store, 63 Fifth avenue.

CITY COUNCILS.

Special Meeting—The Market Question—Report of Committees—The Water Question.

A special meeting of the Select and Common Councils of the city of Pittsburgh was held at the Council Chamber, City Building, yesterday, for the purpose of considering the ordinance providing for the re-leasing of the butchers' and other stalls in the Diamond Market.

Select Council.

Members present: Messrs. Ahl, Ahlborn, Armstrong, Brown, Burgwin, Bissell, Coffin, Craig, Dickson, Gallaher, Gross, Hallman, Hartman, Herron, Jones, Kehew, Kirk, Littell, Marshall, Morrow, Murdoch, Murray, McCleland, McEwen, McMahon, Rafferty, Reis, Rush, Schmidt, Shipton, Wainwright, S. J., Wainwright, Z., Watson, Wilson, President McAuley and E. S. Morrow, Clerk.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The Chairman stated the object of the meeting.

THE MARKETS.

Mr. McEwen, Chairman of the Committee on Markets, called up the ordinance relating to leasing the market stands and stalls, and moved its second reading.

The ordinance was read a second time.

Mr. McEwen then moved the third reading and final passage of the ordinance.

Mr. Shipton inquired for information, what rent the Committee proposed to fix upon the stalls.

Mr. McEwen replied that the Committee would be at liberty to fix the rent at what they saw proper.

Mr. Brown was opposed to selling the stalls to the highest bidder, particularly when the ordinance tied up the whole matter, for ten years. He thought it would be better for the Committee to rent the stalls from year to year.

Mr. Rafferty thought strange that the gentleman would assume the position he had in this matter. He thought if a man desired to embark in business he would like to have a lease for a term of years instead of being at the mercy of the Market Committee from year to year, who might at their own option turn them out at any time.

Mr. Burgwin opposed the ordinance because it was an attempt to increase the revenue of the city by unfair means. He thought it an offer on the part of the city to sell what did not belong to her. The good will of the stand which it was proposed to sell, belonged to the former occupant. He submitted as a substitute a proposition instructing the Market Committee to notify all occupants of stalls and stands in the Diamond Market to deliver the same to the city on or before the 1st of April, 1870. That the Committee then fix an annual rental on the stands at as early a day as possible, taking into consideration the actual value of the stalls.

Mr. Craig stated that he would have to vote against the ordinance, and desired to give his reasons for so doing. He did not think it would be just to some of the present occupants of stands to sell them at auction.

Mr. Hartman opposed the ordinance and proposed an advance of a certain per centage on the annual rental, as the Committee might deem proper and right.

Mr. Craig moved as a substitute that the Committee be instructed to add an advance of 50 per cent. to the rental of all the stalls in the market. The motion was not seconded.

Mr. Burgwin in explanation stated that his resolution was to carry out the ordinance, in order that the Committee might remedy the matter suggested in his resolution.

Mr. Craig then renewed his resolution to instruct the Committee to add 50 per cent. to the rental of the several stalls.

Mr. Hartman thought the addition of 50 per cent. too high. He thought if the rent was increased the butchers would be compelled to make the rent off their customers. He would therefore offer an amendment to the substitute by making the addition 10 per cent.

Mr. Jones moved to lay the amendment and the substitute on the table. Adopted.

Mr. Brown thought the Market Committee understood the matter better than Councils, and therefore thought the matter should be left to the Committee.

Mr. Kirk agreed with the gentleman in saying that the committee understood the matter better than Councils, and he was therefore in favor of the ordinance the committee have reported. When the stalls were rented ten years ago to the highest bidder, the city certainly had a property right in them, and if any, that right reverted to the city at the expiration of the ten years.

The question then recurred to the resolution offered by Mr. Burgwin and the yeas and nays were called with the following result:

Ayes—Messrs. Ahl, Ahlborn, Armstrong, Brown, Burgwin, Bissell, Coffin, Craig, Dickson, Gallagher, Gross, Hallman, Hartman, Herron, Jones, Lenfman, Lloyd, Marshall, Murdoch, Murray, McCleland, McMahon, Ruth, Schmidt, Shipton, Wainright, S. J. Wainright, Z. Watson, Wilson, McAuley, President—30.

Nays—Kehew, Kirk, Littell, Morrow, McEwen, Rafferty, Reis—7.

So the resolution was adopted.

SPECIAL REPORT.

Mr Shipton, from the Special Committee appointed to investigate the petition from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, reported the following:

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned, who were appointed a special committee to investigate and report upon the matters contained in a petition to Councils, presented by the authorities of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Lacrymie, which petition is herewith returned to you, respectfully report: That the city of Pittsburgh is not liable to the payment of damages to property caused by the grading of streets, and the only remedy provided for persons so damaged is under the 10th and 11th sections of the act of January, 1864, entitled an act concerning streets and sewers in the city of Pittsburgh.

If the petition is within the time prescribed by the act, Councils may appoint viewers to appraise the damages, but as this is a matter which comes properly under the control of the Street Commissioner, we recommend that the petition be referred to that committee, and that the present committee be discharged.

The report was received and referred to the Street Committee, and the committee discharged.

Mr. Gross presented a petition from owners of property on Ellsworth avenue, asking that said avenue be widened to fifty feet and the grade determined. Accompanying the petition was an ordinance providing for the opening and widening of said avenue. The petition was received, and the ordinance read three times and passed.

The chair read a petition praying for the repeal of the ordinance providing for the construction of a sewer on Seventh street.

Petition received.

Accompanying the petition was an ordinance repealing the ordinance referred to.

Mr. Gallaher moved a suspension of the rules and the third reading and final passage of the ordinance.

After considerable discussion the ordinance was withdrawn, and Mr. Gallaher offered a resolution instructing the Street Committee to withdraw the contract for the construction of the sewer referred to. Adopted.

Mr. Brown presented the petition of Armstrong, Eco. & Co. relative to putting down a vault on Water street, setting forth that a permit had been obtained from the Street Commissioner to construct the vault, and subsequently the Street Committee had authorized the Street Commissioner to fill up the vault. Accompanying the petition was a resolution rescinding the resolution authorizing the filling up of the vault.—Petition received and resolution read three times and passed.

Mr. Hartman, from the Committee on Wooden Buildings, presented the following:

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Wooden Buildings have had before them the following petitions: Petition of John M. Cooper, for leave to erect an ironclad building at 283 Penn street. Petition of the Wesllinghouse Patent Brake Company for leave to erect ironclad buildings on Liberty street, near Twenty-fifth street. Petition of R. B. Ewens to erect an ironclad building on Boyd's Hill. Petition of William and Frank Armstrong for leave to erect an ironclad stable on Spring alley.

The committee would report favorably to the granting of the petition of John M. Cooper, Wesllinghouse Air Brake Company, and R. B. Ewens, the buildings being intended for manufacturing purposes, and adversely to the petition of Messrs. Armstrong, it being intended for a stable.

Report accepted and the recommendations of the committee adopted.

Mr. McMahon, a petition for the opening of Hatfield street, between Forty-fourth and Forty-seventh streets. Referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. McEwen, petition for gas lamp on Arthur street. Referred to Gas Committee.

Mr. Kehew, petition for gas lamp on Crawford street. Referred to Gas Committee.

Mr. Murdoch, petition for a gas lamp in Garrison alley. Referred to Gas Committee.

Mr. Jones, petition for the enactment of an ordinance providing for the granting of license to non-residents. Referred to Ordinance Committee.

Also, an ordinance for a board walk on Wylie avenue. Rules suspended and ordinance passed finally.

Also, an ordinance for the opening of Nevill street. Read three times and passed.

Also, an ordinance for the opening, grading and paving of Ravine street, sixty hundred feet eastward of Thirty-third street. Read three times and passed.

Also, an ordinance for a board walk on Boundary street. Passed finally.

Report of the viewers on the opening of Atwood street. Approved.

Mr. Gallaher, a resolution instructing the Ordinance Committee to prepare an ordinance prohibiting the placing of steam boilers under sidewalks.

On motion of Mr. Burgwin the resolution was referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. Hallman, a resolution instructing the Gas Committee to inquire into, and ascertain the cost of lighting the Greensburg pike with a series of petroleum gas lights similar to those in use in other cities, and report an ordinance for the same. Referred to the Gas Lighting Committee.

Mr. McMahon an ordinance providing for the opening of Hatfield street. Read three times and passed.

The President read a communication and report from the City Controller which was accompanied by a long list of names of business firms asking a reduction of business tax. Resolutions for the payment of sundry bills, and recommending transfers of certain appropriations.

Mr. Hartman moved to refer the matter relating the reduction on certain business tax to the Finance Committee. Adopted.

The bill of the *Republic* for printing was referred to the Committee on Printing.

Common Council.

Present—Messrs. Albelts, Anderson, Barr, Barton, Batchelor, Bell, Berger, Black, Boggs, Booth, Carroll, Caskey, Chislett, Dain, Dunseath, Fleming, Gildenfenny, Hare, House, Houston, Hutchinson, John, Jamison, Jones, Kremer, McCandless, McCarthy, McKelvy, McMasters, Meyer, Moore, Moorhead, Morgan, Palmer, Pearson, Reed, Rock, Rosewell, Sims, Scott, Verner, Vetter, Waughter, Weldon, Welsh, Wilson and President Tomlinson—35.

Petitions read by Clerk McMasters and approved.

The President stated this to be a special meeting for the consideration of reading of Market stands.

Mr. Reed moved to suspend the rules, to take up other business, until the ordinance was received from Select Council. Carried.

PETITIONS, &C.

Mr. McCarthy called up the resolution authorizing an increase of $1,000 to the salary of the Mayor's Clerk.

Mr. Reed moved to amend the resolution by making the amount $500