The Pittsburgh Gazette.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

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The new Court House at Meadville will be dedicated on the 6th of January.

Captain Reed, at the lockup, had eleven lodgers under his care last night.

Workmen were engaged yesterday in repairing the Fire Alarm Telegraph on Liberty street.

There is said not to be a sound rail on the Franklin Branch of the A. & G. W. R. R. between Oil City and Reno.

Col. James D. Duncan, late of the "Old Thirteenth" Regiment, it is said will be Chief of Police under Mayor Calling.

Advertisements on one of the steamers at the Monongahela wharf was seriously injured yesterday morning by the falling of a fender upon him. Dr. Stonecrod attended him. His resides at Freedom.

A light barouche broke down and tumbled the occupants into the mud near the Grain Elevator, yesterday. They were rescued from their perilous position without serious injury.

Alleged Criminality.—Yesterday Alder man McMasters received the information from McMasters received the information of Carrie Vaughn, against Rebecca Devis, for adultery. The accused was arrested and held for a hearing.

The subscriptions to the testimonial to Col. Drake, the oil pioneer, received by the Committee up to Wednesday, amounted to $1,977, contributed by some eighty persons and firms in sums of from $1,00 to $200.

A Sermon, by "Argus," to the Duquesne Way "Bulls" will appear in tomorrow evening's *Mail*. It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for an oil "bull" to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

An up town saloon keeper designates his establishment by the sonhonius and suggestive title of "Sample Room." While upon the door leading to the interior, the pedestrian, in large gilt letters, is politely requested to "rush in."

Caved In.—We learn that a coal pit in the vicinity of Temperanceville caved in yesterday, but fortunately there were none of the workmen in at the time, consequently no one was injured. The amount of damage to the mines could not be ascertained.

Criminal Court.—There will doubtless be a large crowd of loungers in the Criminal Court room to-day, as Arnold and Hartman are to be tried. It is astonishing how small an amount of interest is created in the community by a little bit of scandal or a little blood.

Committed.—Wm. Lavelle and John Selman, the young men charged with stealing four cops from Pratt & Benney's store, Federal street, Allegheny, yesterday morning and were committed to jail for trial in default of three thousand dollars bail.

Postponed.—The hearing in the libel case of M. S. Quay, of the Beaver *Radical*, against C. D. Brigham and R. D. Thompson, of the *Commercial*, which was to have taken place before Alderman Neeper at three o'clock yesterday, was postponed, and will take place between three and four o'clock to-day.

Still Missing.—The brakeman who disappeared from his train, Pan Handle Road, on Wednesday morning, still has not been heard of yet. The night, has not been heard of yet. The supposition that he fell into the river, seems ground, as the most diligent search thus far has not resulted in his discovery.

Coroner's Inquest.—Coroner Clawson was called upon to hold an inquest on the body of Anna Richards, who died Wednesday evening from the effects of injuries received Tuesday morning at her residence on Fifth avenue, by her clothes taking fire. Without taking any testimony the inquest adjourned until ten o'clock this morning.

Killed.—Wednesday morning Lewis H. Duff, aged twenty-two, a flagman on the fast freight going west on the Pennsylvania Railroad, stepped off his train at Tyrone to flag another, when he was struck by the stock train going east, and instantly killed. The body was taken to Harrisburgh for burial.

Malicious.—Two brothers, named Modico and a companion named Harry Graham, were arrested in Allegheny, yesterday for breaking open some barrels in the Allegheny Diamond and stealing apples therefrom. They have been detected in other depredations heretofore, and it is quite likely they will this time be sent to the Refuge.

First Annual Ball.—This, Friday evening, the St. John's Boat Club, one of the most respectable and enterprising amateur aquatic organizations of the city, will hold a grand ball and social reunion at Lafayette Hall. The arrangements have been made on most a liberal scale and all who attend may confidently anticipate a pleasant time. Tickets $1.00. Music by Mozart Band. Figures by Col. Joe Gazzam.

Bankruptcy.—In the bankruptcy branch of the United States District Court, a petition was filed by L. O. Bennett, of Wellsboro, Tioga county, asking that Geo. W. Foster, of that county, be adjudged a bankrupt. A rule to show cause why the petition should not be granted, was allowed. A petition was also filed against William Rose, of Braddock's, by J. H. Borland. The usual order was made.

The Advent of the Theodore Thomas troupe in the city, has created a musical fervor. Last night innumerable venerable violins were brought forth from obscurity and mingled their wheezing melodies with the sounds clinking of glasses and amorous conversation, and boisterous laughter which floated from the numerous ornamental institutions crowding our principal thoroughfares. For the accomodation of those who feel so, little dry.

The Verdict.—The inquest on the bodies of Benjamin Lundsbury and Hugh Mooney, killed by the late collision at Manor Station, Pennsylvania Railroad, resulted in a verdict that the accident occurred through the carelessness of Conductor Nicholls, of the mail train, in neglecting to send back a man to flag the freight train. Coroner Dexter, of Westmoreland, conducted the inquest. Mr. Nicholls surrendered himself at Greensburg and gave bail.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were admitted of record in the office of T. H. Hunter, Esq., Recorder for the county of Allegheny, Thursday, December 16, 1869:

Jenette Weisner to Ellen Baxter, Nov. 1, 1869; 2 lots on Lawrence street, Allegheny each 20 by 80 feet.....$1,200

Wm. H. Gaseo to John Hy. A. Sept. 27, 1869; 5 acres in Ross township.....$2,750

Wm. Alison to Peter B. Kier, Nov. 1, 1869; lot No. 20 Avery's plan, Allegheny 17 by 43.....$

W. Nelson, Trustee, to Wm. Bailey, Oct. 4, 1869; 119 acres of land in Indiana township.....$7,800

Same to same; 17 lots of Fairview.....$7,800

The Penn Street Row.

The row on Penn street, Wednesday evening, of which we published an account yesterday morning, appears to have been of a more serious nature than was first reported, although no one was seriously injured. The man arrested by officer Keefer was Peter Foley, and it appears that stones were thrown and pistols drawn. The officer, as stated, succeeded in getting his man to the station house, and yesterday morning, in default of a fine of $50, he was sent to the work house for thirty days. Why don't City Councils pass the ordinance authorizing the Mayor to commit for a longer period? The officers were directed to arrest the parties making the attack upon officer Keefer.

Brave Conduct of a Pittsburgher.

The telegraph a few days ago announced that a desperate encounter with a hostile band of Indians numbering considerable more than an hundred had taken place on the frontier, the attacked party being a detachment of some ten soldiers under command of Capt. Robt. Patterson, U. S. A. The brave officer fought the savage redskins inch by inch, and held them at bay all day till under the shades of night he reached his forces, losing only one man killed and several wounded. His conduct was very gallant and brave, and he receives much praise therefor. He is well and widely known here, and is the son of our esteemed fellow citizen, A. Patterson, Esq., President of the National Bank of Commerce. We are pleased to record the true grit and manly courage of our Pittsburgh boys who always had the reputation of making brave and trustworthy officers and soldiers.

THE COURTS.

District Court—Judge Kirkpatrick.

THURSDAY, Dec. 16.—The case of Koontz vs. McKelvey, was resumed and concluded. The Court will charge the jury this morning.

The next case taken up was that of Waring & King vs. O. B. Jones & Co. and Irwin & Co. vs. the same defendants. Actions to recover payment for oil sold and delivered, and on a promissory note. In the case of Jones, one of the defendants, an interlocutory judgment was entered. On trial.

TRIAL LIST FOR FRIDAY.

64. Rees vs. Morrow.
65. Caldwell & Bro. vs. Millinger, gar.
66. Same vs. Same.
68. Loomis vs. O'Neil.
69. Power vs. Williams, &c., gar.
73. Hutchinson vs. Buffum, Kehew & Co.
77. Graser vs. St. Bt. "Colossal."
82. Hill vs. Baker, owner, &c.

Common Pleas—Judges Sterrett.

THURSDAY, December 16.—In the case of Thoma vs. Lindenfelser, previously reported, the jury found for the plaintiff $528.27.

Elliott & Son vs. Neal, action to recover for a lot of fruit trees sold and delivered. Plaintiffs, who are nursery men, sold to defendant a lot of fruit trees, which defendant refused to pay for, alleging that they did not grow. On trial.

TRIAL LIST FOR FRIDAY.

278. Little et al vs. McAboy.
305. Waring vs. Thomas.
306. Waring vs. Laffer.
317. Barnes vs. Lindsay et al.
318. Smith vs. McAboy.
319. Stewart vs. Clark & Sumner.
320. Hughes, et ux. vs. Franey.
310. Commonwealth for use, vs. Miller.

TRIAL LIST FOR MONDAY.

190¼. McCready vs. Pennsylvania Railroad Co.
325. Myer & Co vs. Allegheny Savings Bank.
72a. Lynch vs. O'Biley.
227. F. & C. Railroad vs. Carling.

Quarter Sessions—Judge Collier.

THURSDAY, December 16.—The case of the Commonwealth vs. W. K. Kramer, indicted for adultery, Laura Allen prosecutrix, reported yesterday, was resumed and concluded. The jury, after a brief absence, returned a verdict of guilty, and recommended the prisoner to the mercy of the Court.

In the case of the Commonwealth vs. A. G. Walter, who was tried for assault and battery, and a verdict of guilty, motion for a new trial by defendant's counsel, on the ground of after discovered evidence.

The next case called was that of the Commonwealth vs. W. J. Robinson, against whom there were several indictments. There were two indictments for assault and battery, to which he plead *nolle contendre*, and six for selling liquor without license, to all of which he pleaded guilty. The District Attorney stated that there was an indictment pending against Robinson and others for rioting at the Opera House, of the season, which he a charge or survey of the defendants would be ready to try next week.

The Court ordered the prisoner to be remanded to jail to await sentence.

In the case of the Commonwealth vs. Patrick Gallaher, indicted for assault and battery, a plea of *nolle contendre* was entered, and he was sentenced to pay a fine of five dollars and the costs of the prosecution.

The case of the Commonwealth vs. Thos. Rowen, indicted for the larceny of a pair of pants, George Cohen prosecutor, was next called. Defendant pleaded guilty, stating that he was drunk at the time the offence was committed and did not know what he was doing. The Court, after examining the prosecutor and the defendant, stated that the prisoner should have the benefit of all the doubts arising in the case, and the sentence was that he should pay a fine of six cents, costs of prosecution and undergo an imprisonment in the County Work House for a period of sixty days.

Commonwealth vs. Edward Lynch, indicted for assault and battery. John Griffin, prosecutor. It appears that the defendant Alderman Lynch is the father-in-law of the prosecutor, who failing to collect his rent undertook to distrain for it, and when he attempted to leave, defendant resisted him. The jury returned a verdict of guilty without leaving the box.

Commonwealth vs. John Leonard, indicted for assault and battery, John Sexton, prosecutor. Defendant plead guilty and was recommended to pay a fine of five dollars and costs.

Annie Gordon against whom there were two indictments for larceny of wearing apparel, plead guilty to both charges.

Commonwealth vs. William Heckers, indicted for larceny, Henry Langrell, prosecutor. It appears that the prosecutor on or about the 18th of October, lost 150 pounds of wool, valued at $26, and bundle of sheepskins, valued at $24, and he subsequently found wool at Barker's store which he identified as his wool, and the wool so identified was purchased from the defendant. Jury out.

TRIAL LIST FOR FRIDAY.

120 Com. vs. Leonard Hartman, 3 cases.
123 " Wm. Allen "Sculbs" Arnold, 3 cases.

TRIAL LIST FOR SATURDAY.

110. Com. vs. John Paisley.
111. " Edward Neidhart.
112. " Wm. Archibald.
113. " W. W. Wampler.
114. " Terrance Daly.
115. " Maggie Serasker.
116. " George Garrison.
117. " Wm. Bauman.
118. " David Allen, et al.

THE LIGHT FINGERED.

Bold Pickpocket Operation—A Gold Watch Stolen—Escape of the Thieves.

One of the boldest pickpocket robberies on record was perpetrated in Allegheny a few evenings since. A gentleman residing in one of the upper wards of that city had spent the evening in Pittsburgh, and was returning home between ten and eleven o'clock. Just opposite City Hall he alighted from the street car, and was proceeding on his way when he was jostled roughly by two men coming from an opposite direction. They immediately apologized politely for their awkwardness, and passed on. The gentleman thought no more of the circumstance until he had walked about a square up Federal street, when he felt for his watch to ascertain the hour. The time keeper, a valuable gold chronometer, was not in his pocket, and further investigation revealed the absence of the chain, also, a heavy article of the same material. The gentleman knew he had the watch just before getting out of the car, and the action of the men whom he met thus explained. That casual meeting cost him just $300. He endeavored to hunt up the chaps, but his efforts were fruitless. The next day detectives were notified of the transaction and have since been working up the case. The gentleman thinks he could recognize the thieves again, but it is probable he will not be favored with an opportunity.

Amusements.

OPERA HOUSE.—This evening Miss Emma Madden, the sprightly actress who has been amusing the patrons of the Opera House during the present week, will take a farewell benefit. An excellent bill be presented and doubtless there will be a full house.

PITTSBURGH THEATRE.—The audiences at the Old Theatre continue large, and the entertainments given fully warrant the liberal patronage the establishment receives.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—The pantomime troupe at the Academy of Music is said to be one of the best traveling, and the Kiralfy ballet troupe in connection with it makes an entertainment of superior excellence, such a one as seldom given by traveling companies.

LECTURE—Bayard Taylor, whose ability as a lecturer is so well known in this community, as to need no word of praise from us, will lecture before the Young Men's Mercantile Library Association at the Academy of Music Monday evening. Tickets for sale at the Library rooms, corner of Penn and Sixth streets. No reserved seats.

THE GERMAN OPERA.—On Tuesday night next, at the Academy of Music, Gran's German Opera Troupe will open for a brief season of five nights and a Christmas matinee. The sale of secured seats will commence this morning at nine o'clock at the well known music store of H. Kieber & Bro., No. 122 Wood street. The troupe is one of the best ever organized by the indefatigable Gran, and we anticipate a large attendance.

Borrowed His Money.

A few evenings since, according to James W. Brooks' story, George Potts called at his house and after spending an hour in social chat, borrowed $15, representing that he had money in bank which he would lift as soon as possible and pay the debt. James says he never saw that money again. To have the matter examined into, he made information before Alderman Ronaldson against Potts for false pretence. Potts was arrested yesterday, and after a consultation, compromised the case by refunding and paying costs.

THEODORE THOMAS.

Second Concert—Last Night.

There were drawn together last night at Masonic Hall a large, fashionable and appreciative audience, to once again attest on the part of the refined and cultivated classes of the community, a true devotion to the fine arts and an eager zeal to pay tribute to genuine, artistic and meritorious performers. Here, as elsewhere throughout the country, has followed a musical furore and revival, the advent of Theodore Thomas, and his band of faithful interpreters of inspired classical compositions—those spiritual and etherial products of the masters who, from time to time, flashed brilliantly in the polite world and left names which must live as long as music is charming to the ear and soothing to the senses. Indeed, Mr. Thomas and his grand troupe of soloists have at one master stroke succeeded in firmly establishing the orchestra in the estimation of the general people, demonstrating by a triumphal march through the country, that, while the devotees of the fine arts were never more zealous to afford appreciative acknowledgment of the gems and beauties of the opera rendered by human voices, they are awakening to the majestic grandeur of full and proper interpretations of living orchestral instrumentations. Heretofore but little appreciation has been awarded this great branch of music. Foreigners visiting our theatres were shocked and astonished that so much indifference existed in this direction, and marvelled that both dramatic and operatic managements seemed to pay no sincere or honest regard for the taste of the limited few who were trained to grow ecstatic over the rendition of the well appointed orchestra, in accompaniments or between the acts. He rightly amazed that the audience accepted the commencement of an orchestral performance as the signal of a brief occasion inaugurated to rest their play-wearied eyes over the auditorium, or to set up a chattering conversation high above the dulcet strains of sweet toned and silver tongued instruments unmercifully belabored by heartless musicians, in a species of cold and lifeless enthusiasm—the performers only ambitious to get through the compositions attempted, and to partially hide the discordant sounds the gross lack of musical devotion and appreciation, those which their efforts were grieved. Those who on the two musical occasions of the week, sat and listened in breathless ecstacy to the almost supernatural interpretations poured forth to ravish willing ears under the conjuration of a truly master baton, will bear with us in the assertion that the orchestra should not be regarded with so much sinful neglect; that in itself it is worthy high place of consideration and concern, and should no longer be permitted to slumber as a mere pretty unnecessary adjunct to an evening's entertainment.

The programme of last night did not fully come up to that presented the previous evening, neither in point of variety or quality. Nor were the audiences as keenly appreciative and as fully alive to the fine flashes sent pealing like bolts of musical thunder throughout the house to awaken the slumbering in rattling, echoing cadences sent soiling floating to find way to the innermost heart and force fealty—we welcome it as such, and if that there was any lack of warmth in the people assembled—for there certainly were warm bursts of applause manifested and meaning encores accorded—but there was little gushing enthusiasm displayed, inasmuch as the first three pieces had recovered from the effects of artistic renditions by an orchestra so full of genius and true merit, and could more positively drink in the intoxicating draught offered.

The overture of Lenora, *Beethoven*, opened the programme and was very finely presented, developing at once the power, culture and precision of the two score and more artists. A suitable and soothing air followed, the Reformation Symphony, *Mendelssohn*, which, next to the thrilling and soul-stirring *Marseillaise* overture from Robespierre, *Lilioff*, made the deepest impression on the audience. Several waltzes, polkas and serenades were produced in exquisite style, and we hesitate from making especial mention of the grand presentation of the Torch dance, in C. minor, *Meyerbeer*, we think, as we ponders, in common with many who have decidedly better ideas in musical matters, that criticism on such renditions are out of place, purely grandiose—at best they would not detract from the memory's pleasure of those who were at the feast, or especially grifty those who were unfortunate enough to deprive themselves of attendance. The Company left last night for New York to remain an early return, but in the meanwhile we confidently look for a revival in instrumental music and orchestral development and improvement. In th's city, as the natural result of the brilliant occasions just ended.

—In our notice of the first concert, the types of yesterday morning presented figures which were not identified with related from our puzzling manuskrit. We wrote of the "merrit" of the concert, but the types made it "unity"—a sort of union not commendable. An "elevated" taste appeared as "elaborate," instead. When we wrote of no element of "earth" in Beethoven's music, the printers rendered it "worth"—the most mischievous blunder of all. But how are these little things to be helped, when our beautiful copper-plate MSS. fails into the inexperienced hands, which mistake even in English for some unknown tongue?

REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Regular Meeting—Report of the Finance Committee—M. W. Lackey Endorsed.

A meeting of the Union Republican County Executive Committee, was held in the District Court room, yesterday. The meeting was called to order at three o'clock, W. S. Purviance in the Chair.

Mr. H. W. Oliver, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the annual report of the Committee, from which it appears that the expenses of the Committee incurred during the year, amount to $1,450, of bills from the preceeding number of bills have been paid, and that there still remained in the Treasury, $450.

The report was received.

Mr. Jos. H. Stewart submitted the following:

Resolved, That the course of the Allegheny County Delegation to the State Legislature in presenting the name of the Hon. R. W. Mackey for re-nomination to the important position of State Treasurer, meets with our hearty approval, and we hereby emphatically ratify their action.

Adopted unanimously.

Mr. McKelvy submitted the following, which was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the thanks of this committee be tendered to H. W. Oliver for the very efficient manner in which he has managed our financial matters.

On motion of Col. T. M. Bayne, a committee was appointed to inquire into the expediency of purchasing a hall for Republican headquarters and report action to the Committee.

After the transaction of other business which was of no public interest, the meeting adjourned.

Curious Real Estate Transaction—Alleged Heavy Brand.

Yesterday a case of alleged fraud and false pretense of a sharp order was brought to the attention of Alderman McMasters, in a legal information. The prosecutor was John Ebner, of Braddocks Fields, and the defendants were James N. Brown, John P. Kilburn, and H. W. Jones. Ebner alleges that Jones, a stranger, negotiated with him for a piece of property, two and a half acres in Braddocks, including building, for $16, 000. Brown occupied the property on a lease, and it was proposed to buy him off for $2,100. During the arrangements, Ebner alleges, he was induced to give Brown his note for $1,500 for sixty days, receiving in return therefore a sight draft for a similar amount, drawn by Jones on the Third National Bank of Baltimore, at ten days sight. The draft was protested, and has not, it is alleged, been paid. The note was discounted, when it is said Jones and Kilburn, who had been mixed up in the transaction, disappeared and have not been heard of since. Ebner finding that he would have to pay the $1,500 note, and having been, as he alleges, swindled in the transaction, made the information which resulted in the arrest of Brown, who gave bail in the sum of $2,000 for a hearing next Thursday. He avers his innocence of guilt in the matter, that so far as he is concerned, the whole transaction was in good faith, and that he is equally a victim with the prosecutor. The case will be further investigated next Thursday.

Whisky Cases.

In consequence of a lull in the proceedings against Sunday whisky sellers, that worthy class of community, it appears, had come to the conclusion that the authorities had "let up," to use a slang phrase, but such is not the case, as several of them will ascertain to their sorrow. Chief Hague yesterday made informations before the Mayor, charging Mrs. Greedy, Chas Steffens, Peter Ing Mrs. Greedy, Chas Steffens, Peter Kumsey, Frank McLaughlin and Michael Flinn with selling liquor on Sunday. The actions were brought to recover the penalty of $60, and summonses were issued.

PETROLEUM NEWS.

The Third Sand Rock—The Parker's Landing District—Various Items.

THE THIRD SAND.

The *North Western Independent* says most persons, in drilling oil wells, sink them through the third sand. Ex-Sheriff Scott, who has sunk quite a number of wells, in sinking the well known as the Matilda, on Church run, concluded it would be best not to pass through the third sand entirely; consequently he stopped and tubed the well when he had reached near the lower edge or outer shell of the rock, and the consequence is the well starts off with favorable indications, bidding fair to prove a good well—better, in fact, than some others surrounding it. This is a subject which might be worthy of consideration on the part of oil men. It is said that the lower edge of the third sand rock is universally very hard and close—so close in fact that oil cannot penetrate it—thus forming a complete basin for holding the oil. When you pass third sand a softer rock is found which the oil may penetrate and thus flow away from the reach of the pump.

ABOUT WELLS.

The same paper publishes a list of seventy-five pumping wells in the region about Lawrenceburg, producing from five to one hundred barrels daily.

The engines, engine houses, &c., of the Enterprise wells, on the Robinson farm, which were destroyed some weeks ago by fire, have been replaced, and the wells are again pumping one hundred barrels of oil per day.

The Emlen well, owned by W. B. Robinson, of Kittanning, is producing sixty to sixty-five barrels daily.

The Alpine, a new well, on the river, below Greenlick and above the mouth of Bear creek, is reported as producing at the rate of thirty-five barrels daily. It is owned by citizens of Brady's Bend.

The Gaily well, on the Fox farm, commenced pumping on the 4th, and on the 5th was yielding seventy-five to eighty barrels. It is rated at about fifty-five barrels.

The Oil City *Daily Times* has the following items:

The "Red Hot" well at Pleasantville is producing about 150 bbls per day, but it is thought, owing to the fact that so many wells are going down in the immediate vicinity, its production will be infringed upon.

A patent bit is being introduced in the oil regions whereby tools can be taken out of the wells without lifting the tools until the well is down a sufficient depth. The apparatus is being tested in the vicinity of Pleasantville. It has not been officially reported upon by oil operators, and reports at present are for and against it.

Oil shipments are exceedingly active at Story Farm, and considerable oil has been shipped from that point on Monday, past few days amounting to double figures.

The Parker district now averages over 1,300 barrels of oil daily. The new well lately struck prove to be better than the first three.

Three new wells will be tested on West Hickory this week. The excitement in that vicinity is increasing; and a large amount of territory is being leased and purchased by capitalists.

The new well on the Alamagoozleum farm, on Sugar Creek, near Rouseville, was tested on Saturday, and is now producing five barrels per day.

At a recent sale of oil stocks in Philadelphia, 2,400 shares Northwestern Oil Company sold at one dollar for the entire lot.

The Cottage Hill Territory is dotted with derricks, rather too close together in some instances, but times are lively indeed in that neighborhood. When the wells are ready for testing there will be some anxiety as to the result, in view of the recent developments.

The Woods Farm near Petroleum Center, has now thirty producing wells with an average yield of seven barrels to each well.

The Fox well located on the Central Petroleum Company's Farm, belonging to Edward Fox, is now producing from five to ten barrels to about twenty-five barrels, and has been torpedoed, but with what result we are not prepared to say.

A large number of old wells in the Pleasantville district are being put down to the sixth sand with good success in many instances. This is stimulating the oil businessin that place to a great extent. The Goshen engine is busy times during night hours and next spring.

OIL SHIPMENTS.

The Titusville *Herald* states the estimated shipments of oil on the last rise of the river, from all points, is as follows:

From Tidioute	bbls.	8,000
" Oleopolis	"	21,000
" Oil City	"	12,000
" All other points	"	10,000
Total	bbls.	51,000

Recent rains and the thaw having produced another "bulk rise" in the Allegheny—the second that during the month—the same paper states that from present indications 20,000 to 25,000 bbls additional will be shipped, and that in say seven days the rise in the river this month will reach fully 75,000 bbls.

The *Herald* adds: "Most of the oil shipped on the last water was of a gravity ranging 46 degrees. After reaching Pittsburgh, however, it was subjected to a steaming process, and the gravity reduced to a point that would permit of the oil being applied on the 'gravity' contracts on which a sooner rise was expected the latter part of this month."

The total shipment by river this year, with the amount shipped and to be shipped this month, estimated, will be as follows:

	Barrels
In January	10,298
February	26,46
March	21,470
April	56,472
May	8,800
June	30,121
July	75,228
August	2,054
September	41,625
October	2,850
November	500
December	75,000
Total	310,714

This shipment is somewhat less than that for last year, but very nearly one-third the total amount that will be shipped to Pittsburgh this year by all routes.

Obituary.

We record with sadness the death of another of our oldest and most estimable citizens, Mr. David Irwin, of Squirrel Hill, who died at his residence on the twenty-fourth day of November. Mr. Irwin was born where he died, having passed his whole life in the same locality. His father settled at Squirrel Hill, now the Twenty-second Ward of the city of Pittsburgh, then Pitt township, Westmoreland county, about one hundred years ago, long before the plan of the city of Pittsburgh was drawn. The subject of this notice was born in the month of November, A. D. 1806, and was consequently at the time of his death in his seventieth year. His early education was received under the direction of James Finney, the teacher to whom many of our old men look back with feelings akin to filial love, and the seeds of culture grew and expanded, for in all relations of life Mr. Irwin stood as a man of broad intelligence and strong understanding. His life was happy and useful. He lived surrounded by an affectionate family, in the midst of a community endeared to him and to each other by long association and many pleasant memories. He had suffered greatly for the last two years of his life, being illness deprived of the full exercise of his limbs, and his death, while universally deplored, was not wholly unexpected.

He never mixed in politics nor won trophies on the battle field, but lived and died a plain honest man, doing in his day and generation all the good he could. So die the heroes of still life, their records written in grateful, loving hearts, and their works living in the eternity of effect which results from such good actions. Upon his tomb might be written the proud epitaph, "He did his whole duty."

"Monopolies."

Rev. S. P. Linn delivered his lecture in Lafayette Hall last evening on "Monopolies." There was a tolerably fair audience, which was composed about equally of ladies and gentlemen. The lecturer discussed, for about an hour and a quarter, monopolies in the church, manufactures, politics, literature, and newspapers, and denounced in no very measured terms "gold rings," "coal corners," "whisky rings," &c. We could not endorse all that was said in the course of the lecture, but many things were alluded to which will attract greater attention in a very few years than they do now. In some respects, the patronage which rent the Church of Scotland in 1843 was less objectionable than "the nepotism or favoritism" which is so frequently exercised in the interest of certain ecclesiastical institutions." The composition of the lecture was almost unexceptionable, but the manner of its delivery might be considerably improved. It is proper to add that the audience gave frequent demonstrations of approval.

Home Circle.

This is the time of the year of any other the most delightful to the members of the home circle, who, large and small, anxiously look forward to the holiday gifts expected from loving hearts and liberal hands. That the presents will be bestowed in a generous spirit and on a magnificent scale, is fully evinced by the number of Steinway Pianos and Burdett Organs, already selected for that purpose at H. Kieber & Bro.'s establishment, and deliverable on Christmas Day. And indeed, what can give greater delight to the entire members of the household, or more lasting, genuine and refined enjoyment than a fine Piano or Organ? The stock of these two famous brands of Instruments, laid in by the Messrs. Kieber & Bro., is very large and choice, and the prices are such that every man, of even small means, is enabled to gratify his laudable desire of their families for a first class musical instrument.

Dexter Washing Machine.

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Furniture, Carpets, Bedding, &c.—The furnishment of dwelling No. 6 Gay alley, near Swift's church, Beaver street, Allegheny, will be sold on to-day (Friday), at 2 o'clock P. M., by A. Leggate, Auctioneer.

For fashionable hair-dressing, plain or by curling, and a frizzle, for a luxurious shave or bath, and for skillful cupping and leeching, call at Williamson's elegant saloon at No. 190 Federal street, Allegheny.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

—Wm. B. Phillips, late Postmaster at Cambridge, Md., has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment and fined three thousand four hundred dollars for embezzlement.

—The Free Traders of Detroit had a meeting yesterday and perfected the organization of a league. They adopted a declaration of principles similar to that of the American Free Trade League.

—Dr. Oliver, an Englishman of prominence, was shot and killed at Charlottesville, yesterday morning by George Ware of Farquier, Ky., who charged him with having seduced his daughter while visiting his house some months ago.

—In the case of the steamer Triumph, formerly the rebel ram Atlanta, the court in Philadelphia, yesterday morning, decided that it had no jurisdiction; that the vessel of war can be held for a debt of wages due to a sailor. The ship was accordingly discharged.

—In the case of Raymour E. Smith, of Buffalo, New York, a bankrupt, Judge Hall of the United States District Court, Wednesday, declared that the making over of a general assignment without proof of a general assignment scarce; there is no law in an insolvent debtor was an act of bankruptcy.

Additional Markets by Telegraph.

NEW ORLEANS, December 16.—Cotton active and firm; middling 24½@24¾c for middling, sales of 7,600 bales; receipts 8,229 bales; exports of 6,681. Flour quiet sales 2,000 bbls. Corn firm; three at 1@1½c. Oats 1c. Lard firm; tierce at 13@13½c, keg at 21¼@23. Other articles unchanged. Gold 122¼. Sterling 32¼. New York sight exchange discount.

BUFFALO, Dec. 17.—Cattle receipts 500 head, and the market active at 5¼@7c for ordinary to fair; 7¼@8½c for good extra; 9¼@10c for choice. Sheep active; western 3¼@4¼c; Canada 5@6c for Christmas.

DIED:

LEA.—On Thursday morning, at one o'clock, LAWRENCE M. LEA, in the 82d year of his age.

The funeral will take place from the residence of his uncle, J. W. Lea, No. 19 Fourth street, (formerly Hay) THIS MORNING 11 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

BRESLEN.—On Wednesday evening, Dec. 15th, at 8 o'clock, THOMAS B. GREEN, in the 42d year of his age.

The funeral will take place from his father's residence, No. 89 Charlotte street, Alleg ony city, THIS AFTERNOON, Dec. 17, at 3 o'clock. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

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Davis Mrs B Hendrick Mrs
Davis Miss A McCleary M
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Dean Wesley McDonald H E
Evans Martin Mercer Mrs M
E McClister T
Frederick Geo McCoy Mrs M
Forster Wm Nass Miss T
G Parker L Miss L
Gr Gibbs E Phillips Mrs M
Green Geo Pitt Mrs M
Reed Mrs Sarah
Ross Annie
Shank Francis
Bailey Mrs A
Bailey Mrs
Campbell H
Chestnut H
Queen Mrs M A
Jear Jr Jack
Bikel Mrs E
Stewart A
Trish Jas
Wa ter S
Williams Mrs A
Will ams E D
Waters A
Wallace Wm
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