The Pittsburgh Gazette.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

THE GAZETTE is furnished in the city for six days of the week for 15 cents per week; by mail, $8 per annum: 5 mos., $3.

The Grand Jury visited the work house yesterday.

The lobbies of Council were crowded yesterday.

Three common cases disposed of constituted the business of the Allegheny Mayor's office yesterday.

The married woman who attempted to commit suicide in Allegheny Sunday afternoon is slowly recovering.

The Annual ball of the Trinity Literary Association is to be given in Lafayette Hall this evening. Lots of fun and a good time is expected.

A Convention of the "loyal but disfranchised" colored men of Pennsylvania will be held to-day and to morrow in Avery Mission Church, Allegheny.

Sunday afternoon the main water pipe, corner of Carson and First streets, Birmingham, bursted and flooded the streets and houses in the vicinity. The damage was repaired yesterday.

Election.—Mr. L. H. Hartman has been re-elected President of the People's Savings Bank of Allegheny, and S. C. Schoyer, Esq., has been re-appointed Solicitor to serve for the ensuing year.

Residence for Sale.—The attention of our readers is called to the advertisement on first page of to-day's paper, headed For Sale—House. This is a rare chance to buy a neat and good house cheap.

Found.—Saturday night a watch was stolen in a saloon on Third avenue, which was yesterday recovered by Lieut. Campbell. The owner can get it by calling upon the Lieutenant at the Mayor's office.

Meeting of Presbytery.—The United Presbyterian Presbytery of Monongahela meets to-day in the Fifth United Presbyterian Church, (Rev. S. B. Reed's), corner of Washington street and Centre avenue.

Inquest.—Coroner Clawson yesterday held an inquest on the body of Allen L. Cole, who shot himself in Allegheny on Christmas eve, an account of which we published yesterday. The jury returned a verdict of "accidental shooting."

This morning just as we were going to press, an alarm of fire was struck from box 63, corner of Forty-first and Butler streets, Seventeenth ward, (Lawrenceville.) Owing to the lateness of the hour we could not learn the particulars.

G. A. R. Lectures.—Miss Kate Fields will deliver a lecture to-morrow evening at the Academy of Music, under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic. Subject, "Women in the Lyceum." We hope there will be a large attendance.

Fair and Festival.—For the benefit of Emmanuel Church, (Free Episcopal); will be held at Motherall's Hall, Beaver avenue, Manchester, on Wednesday and Thursday, December 29th and 30th. Open day and evening. Admission 15 cents. A band will be in attendance.

Concluded.—The inquest on the body of John Barrett, who died on Saturday from injuries received by jumping off the fast line on the Penna. Railroad, near the outer depot, was concluded yesterday. The jury found that death resulted from injuries received by jumping from the train.

The Ruling Elder.—By appointment of the Monongahela Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church, the Rev Wm. H. Andrews will preach in the Fifth United Presbyterian Church, corner of Webster avenue and Washington street this evening at seven o'clock. Subject: "Should the Ruling Elder be elected for life, or for a definite period?"

The stockholders of the Co-operative Life Insurance Company, of Western Pennsylvania, are hereby notified that an election for twenty Directors of said Company will be held at the Company's office, 128 Smithfield street, Pittsburgh, on Wednesday, January 12th, A. D. 1870, between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock P. M. By order of the President.

T. A. PATTERSON, Secretary.

Streets and Sewers.—During the year just closing the amount of work done in the way of street improvements and sewer construction has been far greater than ever before, as is shown by the following statement of cost during the past five years:

Work of 1865	$60,171 88
" 1866	50,271 00
" 1867	107,762 86
" 1868	193,638 44
" 1869	292,335 70

Watch Presentation.—On Christmas morning, Mrs. M. McCandless, No. 155 Third avenue, was made the recipient of a magnificent gold watch, as a token of regard and esteem, from those who board with her. The ceremony of presentation was very interesting and conveyed so the worthy lady a full acknowledgment of the high appreciation in which she is held by those who make their home with her and who receive so much attention and kind treatment at her hands.

The Judiciary.—An adjourned meeting of the bar will be held to-morrow (Wednesday) morning at ten o'clock in the District Court room, to take final action in the proposed addition of another law judge on the bench of the District Court. It is most important that there be a full attendance, and it is earnestly hoped that both the senior and junior members of the bar will evince sufficient interest to be present and express their individual opinions on the proposed change.

On Christmas day T. R. Power, Esq., the popular Master of Transportation of the Allegheny Valley Railroad, was presented a handsome chronometer balance gold watch and chain by the petroleum refiners along the road, as a token of their appreciation of the many kind offices received at his hands. The presentation on the part of the refiners, was made by Captain John B. Barbour, and received by Mr. Power in a few modest remarks. The watch is of the finest American make, purchased at Mr. Wilson's, Fourth avenue.

The Lecture To-Night.

Let none of our readers fail to-night to be present at the Academy of Music on the occasion of the lecture by Miss Kate Fields; subject—"Out in the woods," under the auspices of the Young Men's Mercantile Library Association. This lady enjoys prominent place among America's most gifted literary daughters, and is said to be the most elegant and polished female lecturer in the country. There will be no reserved seats. The gentlemen composing the Lecture Committee of the Association deserve much credit for the quality of intellectual feasts thus far afforded, and we trust the endorsement of their efforts will be signalled by a full attendance on this occasion at the Academy.

Gymnastic Association.

Last night the annual election of the Pittsburgh Gymnastic Association was held at their hall, Fourth avenue. The election was animated and drew out a full pole of votes. The following officers for the ensuing year were chosen: President, W. O. Adams; Vice President, C. Snively, Jr.; Secretary, A. J. McKain; Treasurer, B. S. Crumpton. When the result was announced, the defeated candidates acquiesced and general harmony prevailed. A vote of thanks was returned to the outgoing officers for the able and satisfactory manner in which the affairs of the Association had been conducted, and under whose management the Institution has attained permanent standing and prosperity.

We are glad

To learn that the raffle announced to come off for three fine Bullocks on Saturday next has been abandoned. The cattle have been disposed of in a regular way. Mr. Louis Shamburg, the owner, supposed no butcher could be found willing to pay the actual cash for his remarkable cattle, and so he had decided on disposing of them by chances. But Messrs. Bielstine, the well known butchers who have a habit of supplying their customers with beef fit for an English or American Nobleman's table, were determined to own Mr. Shamburg's beeves, and so by actual purchase avoided the chance of losing them. Quite a number of fine Beeves have been on exhibition at the Allegheny Pens within the present month, but these of Mr. Shamburg have been conceded to surpass all others. He deserves credit for his triumph over all competitors in the way of fatted cattle.

CITY COUNCILS.

Regular Meeting—Petitions and Communications—Reports of Committees—Resolutions and Ordinances—Restrictions on Commerce—The Water Question Postponed—Resolutions Relative to the Death of Stanton.

A regular monthly meeting of the Select and Common Councils of the city was held yesterday, Monday, Dec. 27th 1869, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Select Council.

Members present—Messrs. Ahlborn, Armstrong, Brown, Burgwin, Collin, Craig, Dickson, Edwards, Gallaher, Gross, Hallman, Hartman, Herron, Jones, Kehew, Kirk, Laufman, Littell, Lloyd, Marshall, Morrison, Murdock, McClelland, McEwen, McMahon, Phillips, Rafferty, Rees, Schmidt, Shipton, Wainwright, Z. Watson, White, Wilson, Zorn, McAuley, President, and E. S. Morrow, Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Hallman, Mr. Gross was called to the chair.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

President McAuley having come in during the reading of the minutes, Mr. Gross vacated the chair in his favor.

Mr. Morrow presented a remonstrance against the construction of a sewer on Marion street. Laid on the table.

Mr. Zorn presented a resolution instructing the Street Committee to have obstructions removed from Eighteenth street. Read three times and passed.

Mr. Armstrong, a remonstrance from Mary Longnass against the grading and paving of Ravine street, in the Thirteenth ward. Laid over.

The ordinance presented in Common Councils at a previous meeting, in relation to the arrest and punishment of disorderly persons, was taken up and the action of Common Councils in passing it, was concurred in.

GAS COMMITTEE.

Mr. Shipton, Chairman of the Gas Committee, presented the following report:

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee would respectfully recommend the erection of lamps at the following points, to wit:

Three additional lamps on 41th street; two on Butler street between 39th and 41st streets; one on the corner of Van Braam street and Apple alley; one on the corner of 37th and Charlotte streets; one on Third avenue between Ferry and Liberty streets; and two on Roberts street, between Wylie and Centre avenue.

There are lamps asked for on 17th street, but there is no main as yet laid; application for a main must be made to the Company. A lamp is also asked for at the corner of Tunnell street...and Denny's alley, but there is no main.

The report was received and the Committee authorized to have lamps erected.

CITY HALL.

Mr. Phillips, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to erect a new City Hall, presented the report of the Commissioners, which will appear in full in another column.

The report was received and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phillips presented a number of application for reduction on business tax. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Kirk called for the report of the Water Committee.

The Chairman of that Committee stated he had no report prepared and asked for further time.

Mr. Kirk said that under the law the Committee were required to report monthly and he could not understand the last Monday of December of each year. During the year the Councils had held twenty-four meetings, and the Water Committe had made but three reports.

Mr. Morrow rose to a point of order. He said there was nothing before Councils.

The Chair decided Mr. Kirk out of order.

Mr. Slagle, City Solicitor, presented a report of the business transacted for the city during the year. The report was received and ordered to be printed.

A communication from the Solicitor relation to certain property on Gum street, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Kirk offered the following:

Resolved, That the Legislature be requested to enact the Water Commission bill as originally approved by Councils.

Resolved, That the Water Committee be instructed to defer action on the ordinance providing for the purchase of Coleman's Rahm property until after the first day of February next.

Resolved, That the Water Committee be instructed to present their annual report at the next meeting of Councils.

In presenting the resolutions Mr. Kirk referred to the fact of the committee not having made their reports according to law. He thought the committee of 1870 and the Councils should not be trammeled by the action of this Council.

Mr. Hallman replied to the gentleman, stating that the Water Committee was composed of some of the best urban in Councils, and he knew that they had done all that lay in their power to do. After some further remarks he moved to lay the resolutions on the table. The question being put on the table was subsequently withdrawn.

Mr. Shipton said that he desired to make a statement in vindication of the Water Committee. He said that the failure of the Committee to report could be accounted for. Owing to the nature of the business transacted by the Committee it was impossible for a month's business squared up in time to make a report, and the delay of the annual report for the year was caused by a change in the office of Water Assessor and Clerk to the Water Committee.

Mr. Kirk said he did not understand the Chairman of the Water Committee to ask for further time. He could not have done further time, as with the present month the Water Committee would cease of existence, and he could not see why the Committee, having these facts before them, could fail to make their annual report, so that Council might know what had been done with the large amount of money placed in their hands.

Mr. Hartman moved that the resolutions be acted upon *seriatim*.

Mr. Hallman moved to lay the resolutions on the table.

Mr. Kirk desired to say a word or two in regard to the resolution. His motives had been questioned, and he thought it out of order on the part of the gentleman to question his motives. He, as a member of Councils, had a right to know what disposition had been made of $250,000.

The question recurred on the motion to lay on the table, and the yeas and nays were called for with the following result:

Ayes—Ahlborn, Armstrong, Brown, Collin, Dickson, Gallaher, Gross, Hallman, Jones, Littell, Lloyd, Marshall, Morrow, McClelland, Phillips, Shipton, Wainwright, Z. Watson, White, Wilson, Zorn, McAuley, President—20.

Nays—Burgwin, Craig, Edwards, Hartman, Kane, Kirk, Laufman, Murdock, Rafferty, McEwen, McMahon, Rafferty, Rees, Schmidt—14.

So the resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Hallman presented the report of the viewers on Roup street. Accepted and approved.

MARKET COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Mr. McEwen, Chairman of the Committee on Markets, presented the following report:

In repairing and improving City Hall your Committee found that the completion of one part frequently developed something else to be done, and which of course became a matter of expense. Now, when we have got through with the work we find that the expenses have, to a small extent, exceeded our original estimates; but everything has been accomplished within the limits of our appropriations, and will leave a small balance to be transferred by the Controller to some other account. The expenses have been as follows:

Extending the Gallery	$1,008 00
Painting and Frescoing Hall	800 00
Repairing windows in Hall	81 00
Painting six rooms and adjoining rooms	275 00
	$2,154 00
New fittings for cellar furnaces	$34 37
Gas fitting and plumbing	56 55
Repairing roof	22 56
New cooking stove for kitchen	87 50
Tables for use per room	78 00
Wall paper	10 00
	302 40
	$2,456 40

The ordinance offered by this Committee authorizing them to sell the market stalls at public auction, together with the substitute adopted in the Select Council, having failed of adoption in the Common Council, the Market Committee have acted on the authority conferred upon them by the ordinance on markets in the new city code. The rental of all butchers' and fish stands except those now unoccupied, which are left to the discretion of the Committee, has been advanced fifty per cent. with a lease for five years; and for those who will pay a bonus of three hundred dollars prior to April 1, 1870, the lease will be made for ten years at the same rate—the increased rates of rental to commence April 1, 1870. It has not been deemed advisable at present to change the rate of rental of the fruit and vegetable stands.

By this plan the interests of the city, we conceive, have been protected without being unnecessarily oppressive upon those whose rents have been increased. The payment of a bonus is entirely optional, and will enable the holder of a stall to secure a long lease in which to build up his business, without being subjected to an increase of rent or the liability to removal.

The report was received and ordered to be filed.

Mr. Kirk offered the following:

WHEREAS, It is alleged that the city has been defrauded in the amount paid for the grading of the Seventeenth ward Station House lot; and

WHEREAS, This has occurred during the present year, and it is important that it be fully investigated before the official year of those implicated closes; therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee of Retrenchment and Reform be instructed to meet this day upon the adjournment of Councils and agree upon a time that they will meet at the Seventeenth ward Station House and investigate the matter.

Resolved, That the Mayor be instructed to summons and compel the attendance of such witnesses as the committee may require.

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be instructed to attend the meeting of the Committee to conduct the examination of witnesses on behalf of the city and give his legal opinion to Councils upon the testimony taken.

Resolved, That Councils meet on Friday next, at two o'clock, and that the Committee and Solicitor be instructed to report at that time.

Mr. Kirk, on presenting the resolutions, gave the Committee on City Property a severe rap for not attending to their business, and thought that the matter should be investigated.

Mr. Phillips, chairman of the Committee, stated that he thought there was nothing wrong in the matter, and was perfectly willing to have an investigation. He said in order to have the matter well done it had been submitted to a sub-Committee of Three, and he believed that they had done their duty faithfully.

Considerable discussion ensued, after which Mr. Moore, the City Engineer, was called upon for a statement of the matter under discussion, which he gave. The resolutions were then adopted.

Mr. Brown submitted an ordinance amending the ordinance in the City Digest relative to the election of city officers and providing that Councils meet on the second Tuesday of January for the election of city officials.

The rules were suspended and the ordinance passed finally.

Mr. Gallaher tendered his resignation as a member of the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform.

The Chair read an ordinance providing for a change of viewers on Forty-Second street sewer. Read three times and passed.

Mr. Ahlborn presented a resolution against the straightening of Forty-Sixth street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Mr. Morgan presented an ordinance regulating the wharfage of boats, barges, &c. Read three times and passed.

The resolution authorizing the Control ler to draw a warrant in favor of the Mayor's Clerk for $1,000 for additional services rendered, presented and adopted at a previous meeting in Common Council, was taken up and passed.

Mr. Jones presented an ordinance authorizing the completion of a board walk on Bond alley, Nineteenth ward. Read three times and passed.

Council adjourned.

Common Council.

Present—Messrs. Albelitz, Anderson, Barr, Barton, Batchelor, Bell, Berger, Black, Boggs, Booth, Bulger, Carroll, Case, Caskey, Chislett, Davis, Dunseath, Fleming, Gildenfanny, Hare, Houso, Houston, Hutchison, Jahn, Jones, Lanahan, McCandless, McCarthy, McClaren, McCleana, McKelvy, McMasters, Meyer, Morgan, Morrison, Palmer, Pearson, Rebman, Reed, Rook, Rosewell, Selferth, Sims, Schott, Scott, Werner, Vetter, Waughter, Weldon, Welsh, Wilson, and Tomlinson, President.

Mr. Houston moved that Council go into Committee of the Whole, to receive the announcement of the death of E. M. Stanton. Carried, and Dr. McCandless called to the chair.

[The proceedings will be found on our first page.]

PETITIONS, &c.

Business was then proceeded with in regular order.

Mr. Carroll, a petition for abatement of business tax. Referred to Finance Committee, with power to act.

Mr. Houston, a remonstrance against opening Rose street. Accepted.

Mr. Sims, an ordinance and petition for changing public option in favor of Diamond avenue. Petition accepted and ordinance laid over after some discussion.

Mr. Weldon presented bill of the *Pittsburgh Commercial*, $306, for publishing Municipal Record, with warrant instructing payment of the same. Ordinance passed finally, under suspension of rules.

Mr. Weldon, a resolution instructing the Gas Committee to erect gas lamps on Forty-fifth street. Referred to the Gas Committee.

Mr. McCandless, a petition from owners of property on Fifth avenue, asking for an abatement of onerous assessment for the construction of a sewer on said avenue, and asking that a new and more just assessment be made. The petition was accompanied by a resolution instructing the Street Committee to report an ordinance for the review of the work. Referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. Albelitz called up the report of the viewers on the opening of Hazlett street. Report accepted and approved.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. Weldon, from the Street Committee, presented their report of ordinances as follows: One for grading Mulberry alley. Read three times and passed. One authorizing a public sewer on Diamond street from Cherry alley to Smithfield street. Objected to and laid over.

Ordinances for grading and paving 23d, 24th, 25th and 30th stredts, each, from Liberty to Penn street. All objected to and laid over under the rules. One for grading and paving Thirty first street from Liberty street to Allegheny river. Objected to and laid over. One for grading and paving Thirty-second street from Liberty street to Allegheny river. Rules suspended and ordinance passed finally. One for constructing vaults under side walks. Objected to and laid over. One for public sewer on Marion street from St. Patrick's alley to Forbes street. Objected to and laid over.

Bill of Allen & Dunn for repairs on Try street sewer. Laid over.

REPORTS OF VIEWERS.

The report of viewers on Fifth avenue sewer. Laid over. Report of viewers on Devilliers street was laid over.

SURVEYS OF THE YEAR.

Mr. Christy presented the report of the operations of the Survey Committee during the year, which was read, and on motion Mr. Scott, ordered to be published once in the paper, and recognized to do the city printing. It is as follows:

REPORT OF SURVEY COMMITTEE.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 27, 1869.

To the Select and Common Councils:

GENTLEMEN: At the last meeting of these Councils it becomes the duty of your Survey Committee to make report of their proceedings and of the work done under their direction during the year now closing. The importance of the work done demands a somewhat detailed statement, and we regret that at this time a fuller and more complete history of it cannot be given for permanent record.

The Committee immediately upon its organization at the beginning of the year, impressed with the responsibility of their duties and the great value of the proper laying out of the streets in the new city districts, proceeded to devise and perfect a general plan of operation. In this they were happily aided by Mr. W. H. Kennedy, the able and experienced engineer, who was chosen to direct and superintend the work, and the occasional counsel and advice of Henry Moore, Esq., City Engineer. One of the most important decisions arrived at, and which has been carried out by your Committee in every instance where possible, was that the future of our city required that all public thoroughfares should be wide and straight. In carrying out this rule, if continued by our successors, the many difficulties, costs and inconveniences now and heretofore experienced within the old city limits, will be avoided.

Your committee also decided that the work of laying out the streets of the new city should be done as speedily as possible, consistent with a due regard for the perfection of the work, so that the growth of the municipality might be aided and building improvements encouraged.

Acting under these opinions, early in the year suitable persons were employed at moderate salaries, and three distinct corps were organized, with a competent head over each. As soon as the weather permitted these were put to work under the superintendence of Mr. Kennedy, and all were kept constantly employed until July 1st, when one corps was dismissed, it being found that from that time only two could be worked satisfactorily. These two corps continued until the winter set in and prevented outside operations, and since a force has been employed in the office to make up the plans and profiles of the work done during the summer.

Your committee, appreciating the value of the work devolving on them, frequently as a whole, or by sub-committees, visited different portions of the new city territory, to examine and decide as to matters of importance; and to reconcile amicably so far as possible differences in the views of citizens interested. While anxious at all times to satisfy and accommodate land owners, your committee have kept steadily in view the interests and wants of a great and growing city.

In laying out new streets in districts where, as has been frequently found along main avenues, the property is divided into small parcels, it was of course to be expected that in some instances serious injury would be done to individuals. We are happy to state, however, that such instances are rare, and we have the satisfaction of believing that the vast work of the year is very generally approved by those immediately interested. Where serious injury does occur, the viewers to be appointed to assess damages and benefits when the streets are opened, will have it in their power to afford relief by any equitable assessment.

Owing to the fact that a large majority of the streets laid out are as yet without names, it is impossible to furnish a complete statement concerning them; we, however, append names and facts in reference to some of the more important thoroughfares. All the streets that have been located, and approved by your honorable bodies, and designated by permanent stone landmarks, and accurate plans now being made for record. We would respectfully suggest that a Committee be appointed to give names to such streets as have not been designated, and that some of the prominent names recently discarded, such as St. Clair, Hancock, Wayne, Harrison &c., be adopted.

The first operation of the Survey Corps was the location and designation of the new eastern city line extending from river to river as follows: The starting point is on the Monongahela river, about two hundred feet above the City Poor Farm station, on the Pittsburgh & Connellsville Railroad. The line from this point runs (North 10 deg. 29 min. east,) north ten degrees twenty-nine minutes east, crossing in its course the following roads or streets: 1st, the Braddock's Field road and the Pittsburgh & Connellsville Railway track; 2d, Park avenue, formerly township road to Swissvale; 3d, Peoples street; 4th, Edgerton avenue; 5th, Lyman street; 6th, Waverly street or lane; then through the east end of J. R. McFadden, Jr.'s house on the Greensburg turnpike and Pennsylvania avenue; 7th, Pennsylvania avenue; 8th, diagonally across the road or street leading to Brushton Station on the Pennsylvania Railroad, leaving that station several hundred feet out of the city; 9th, across the track of the Pennsylvania Railroad, then through the lands of Messrs. Rich and Kelly, crossing the Frankstown road about one quarter of a mile east of Homewood avenue. The next and last road it crosses is the Pucketty road, now Lincoln avenue, on the line through Coleman's orchard, then over Coleman's hill, which is 567 feet above the river at the Pittsburgh water works, almost the same height as Fort Herron hill. Then the line runs down Schades' Run to the Allegheny river.

Your Committee should state before reporting the important thoroughfares already referred to, that according to their early decision, they have not recommended any street of a less width than fifty feet except in one instance, that being Paper alley, formerly called the Morning Side road, and running from Butler street at McMahon's oil refinery to the top of the hill at Sawyers. This was fixed at 40 feet, as the hillside on which it is to be made is so steep that we considered it would be an injury rather than a benefit to make it wider. The following are the important streets with names that have been laid out under the direction of your Committee:

Puckety road, now Lincoln avenue, 50 feet wide, from the Frankstown road to the city line. Land marks set.

Shady Lane, 50 feet wide, from the Greensburg turnpike to the Four Mile run road. Land marks set.

Four Mile run road, 60 feet wide, from Braddock's street on the Monongahela river to the city line on Nine Mile run. This has not been adopted by the Councils.

Wilkins' avenue, 50 feet wide, from Fifth avenue to Shady Lane. Land marks set.

Roup street, 50 feet wide, from Fifth avenue to Wilkins avenue.

Forbes street, 50 feet wide, from Roup street to Penn avenue, near city line. Land marks set.

Murdoch street, 50 feet wide, from Forbes street to Penn avenue.

Juneaire street, 50 feet wide, from Boundary street to Forbes street. Land marks set.

Boundary street, — feet wide, from Fifth avenue to Four Mile run road, near Monongahela river.

Reynolds street, 50 feet wide, from Forbes street to Park avenue, near city line.

A 50 feet street from the school house on Phillips avenue, 221 ward, to the line of Mr. Stewart's land.

A 50 feet street from School House street to the Four Mile run road.

A 50 feet street from the Pittsburgh and Connellsville railroad to the Four Mile run road at Hazelwood station.

A 50 feet street from Hazelwood street to intersect same street, making a short cut.

Butler street, 50 feet wide, from the Cemetery to Negley's run. Land marks set.

Baker street, 40 feet wide, from Butler street, near McMahon's Oil Works, to Mr. Sawyer's, at top of hill.

Monongahela street, 50 feet wide, from Baker to Rebecca street.

Siebert street, 50 feet wide, from Rebecca to Mallis street.

Friendship avenue, 60 feet wide, from Liberty street to Centre avenue.

Bellfield avenue, 60 feet from Boundary street to Allegheny river.

Jefferson street, 50 feet wide, from Bellfield avenue to Penn avenue.

Alpine street, 50 feet wide from Jefferson street to Bellfield avenue.

Iowa street, 50 feet wide from Herron avenue to — street.

Mason street, 50 feet wide from Herron avenue to Jefferson street.

Four unnamed 50 feet streets parallel with Herron avenue.

Crescent street, from Arch to Fisk street, 50 feet wide.

Atwood street, from Fifth avenue to Bates street, 50 feet wide.

Bates street, from Boquet to Braddocks street, 50 feet wide.

Hazlett street, from Pennsylvania avenue to Liberty avenue, 40 feet wide, grade estimated.

Forty-fifth street, opening plan prepared for viewers.

A 50 feet street from Brereton avenue to Fisk street.

Braddocks street has been surveyed from Brady street to the city line.

Long avenue, 50 feet wide. Walnut street 50 feet wide.

Minden avenue, 50 feet wide. Harrison street, 50 feet wide.

O'Hara street, 50 feet wide. Amelia street, 50 feet wide.

Pleasant street, 50 feet wide. Bayard street, 50 feet wide.

King street, 50 feet wide. Bartonstreet, 50 feet wide. Bidwell street, 50 feet wide.

Besides the above streets, the whole territory bounded by Penn, Liberty, Centre avenue and Negley's run, containing over two hundred acres, has been all laid out in 50 and 60 feet streets and 20 feet alleys, all of which have been designated by permanent stone land marks, and besides levels have been taken over the whole territory in order to make out the grade plans.

The territory lying between the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's stock yards and the city line on the one side, and several streets beyond the Franklin road on the other, has been all laid off into fifty and sixty feet streets and twenty-four feet alleys, and land marks have been set and levels made over the whole.

In addition to the foregoing, a large number of other streets, avenues and alleys have been laid out which cannot be described intelligently without an accompanying plan. A number of opening plans have also been made and grades established on a very large number of streets. The Survey Corps performed about one week's work for the Water Committee, making surveys of Schade's run for the proposed new basin.

Your Committee have overrun their moderate appropriation of ten thousand dollars but about four hundred dollars, and, considering the work done, they think it has been at a low cost.

In conclusion, we beg leave to tender our hearty acknowledgments to Mr. W. H. Kennedy, Chief Engineer of the Survey Corps, and express our appreciation of his eminent abilities and fitness for the position he holds.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CHISLETT,
A. H. GROSS,
ROBERT DICKSON,
JAMES B. PALMER,
JNO. MCMASTERS,
FRANK P. CASE,
R. G. HERRON,
THOS. P. HOUSTON,

Mr. Houston offered an ordinance for the repeal of the ordinance for the opening of Rose street. Objected to and laid over.

THE WATER QUESTION.

Mr. M'Carthy called up the report of the Water Committee, but subsequently gave way for business from the Controller, a concurrence with Select Council being desired in the passage of certain business. A concurrence was had.

Mr. McCarthy moved that the ordinance be put on its third reading and final passage.

Mr. Hare offered as an amendment that the matter be referred to a committee of three, one from Councils, one to be chosen by Coleman & Rahm, and these two to select a third. Said committee to consider the price and report to Councils. This the gentleman thought would settle the difficulty urged in reference to the price.

Mr. McCandless said that was the original proposition of Messrs. Coleman & Rahm, and he thought nobody could object to such an offer.

Mr. M'Carthy was opposed to postponing the matter any longer. The Water Committee had reported the price and approved of it, and the business had been under consideration long enough for every member to come to a decision.

Mr. Morgan thought the price altogether too high, and was opposed to the purchase.

Mr. Hare stated that Coleman and Rahm had only paid $100 for the property when they supposed coal was in it. Now, without coal they asked $400. He simply offered the resolution to have the matter investigated.

Mr. Weldon presented a communication from Messrs. McKay in reference to the price of the land.

Objected to by Mr. McCandless.

Mr. Weldon then stated that the Water Committee had received proposals from several parties of their land adjoining that of Coleman and Rahm, the lowest of which was $500, another $700 and another $800. He wished to have the matter placed in its proper light and the Water Committee relieved from the charge that they had recommended the purchase of a property at an exorbitant rate.

Mr. McKelvy said he was opposed to the purchase of any property for a new water works until the matter had been thoroughly investigated—a plan determined upon and then a site purchased. It would take millions out of the pockets of the people, and he thought it ought to be approached with great care. He favored the employment of a hydraulic engineer and an examination of the whole business on scientific principles.

Mr. McClaren was opposed to settling a matter of such great monetary transaction at the close of the year, and thus probably embarrassing a new Council. Besides, he had heard no definite plan of a new water works. Plenty of loose and gossipy talk and theorizing, but no actual argument. He did not know that the present water works, if kept in proper order, would not be sufficient. If they were, however, insufficient, new basins alongside them might be constructed and new engines put in use. This was one feature of the question which had altogether been overlooked.

After some further discussion, the chairman stated that upon examination of the Rules, he was compelled to rule the amendment out of order.

Mr. Hare offered another amendment, striking out the purchase of coal.

Mr. Houston thought the amendment useless, as the Water Committee, Coleman and Rahm left the purchase of the coal optional with the city.

A vote was taken on the amendment, the yeas and nays being called, with the following result:

Ayes—Messrs. Albelitz, Anderson, Barton, Batchelor, Berger, Black, Boggs, Booth, Bulger, Carroll, Case, Chislett, Davis, Dunseath, Fleming, Gildenfanny, Hare, Houso, Houston, Hutchison, Jahn, Jones, Lanahan, McCandless, McCarthy, McClaren, McCleana, McKelvy, McMasters, Meyer, Morgan, Palmer, Pearson, Rebman, Reed, Rook, Rosewell, Selferth, Sims, Schott, Scott, Werner, Vetter, Waughter, Weldon, Welsh, Wilson, and Tomlinson, President.

Mr. Houston moved that Council go into Committee of the Whole, to receive the announcement of the death of E. M. Stanton. Carried, and Dr. McCandless called to the chair.

[The proceedings will be found on our first page.]

CHRISTMAS JUBILEE.

Pleasing Exercises at the Sixth Avenue U. P. Church and Mission Sabbath School.

The Christmas Jubilee of the Sixth avenue United Presbyterian Church and Mission Sabbath Schools was held in the chief auditorium of the church, corner Sixth avenue and Cherry alley, Pittsburgh, on Christmas morning at 9 o'clock. Long before the appointed hour, the little odes, with their parents and friends began to assemble. The beautiful and spacious church was decorated for the occasion by the ladies, with great artistic beauty and effect, and presented an exceedingly picturesque appearance. Festoons and wreaths of evergreen entwined gracefully around the pillars and adorned the ceiling and walls on every side. Baskets of rich and varied flowers were suspended from the gaslamps, and beautiful bouquets, interwoven with evergreens, lent a charm of beauty and fitness. The building was lighted up with gaslight, whose golden jets sparkled and burned from midst an encircling foliage of evergreen, thus giving a beautiful and strange effect. Banners and mottoes were hung in great profusion from the pillars and suspended along the walls. Over the platform was suspended a large streamer, bearing the inscription, in large letters, "Welcome Christmas," beneath which was a tasteful banner of blue silk, upon which was inscribed, in golden letters, "Sixth Avenue Mission School." The mottoes were well arranged and very appropriate to the occasion. The most conspicuous were: "Happy New Year," "Merry Christmas," "For unto You is born this Day in the City of David, a Saviour;" "God Bless Our School," "God Bless Our Home," "What I do I will do well," etc.

When the appointed hour had arrived, the house was crowded to its utmost capacity, over nine hundred children being present, besides their parents and friends. Thos. H. Rabe, Esq., Superintendent of the Mission School, presided on the occasion. The exercises began by the singing of the 24th Psalm by the "juvenile choir." William Floyd, Esq., Superintendent of the Church School, read an appropriate scripture lesson, after which Rev. Thos. H. Hanna, *pastor loci*, lead in an opening prayer. The order of greeting was then delivered by Master Harry Holmes. The young gentleman acquitted himself with great credit, and evinced talents of a very high order. The choir then sung the hymn commencing:

"Jesus the water of life will give
Free, freely, freely."

after which came a dialogue by members of the infant class, prepared for the occasion by Miss Maggie McCreight. "Voices, Happy Voices," was then sung with great effect by the whole school, on conclusion of which the Jubilee Band introduced to the children Major Wm. Frew, whose appearance on the platform was the signal for quite an ovation of applause. The Major seemed to be a particular favorite with the little folks, and his address was very appropriate and just such as children love to hear. After singing another hymn, address by J. E. McCune, Esq., which was very happy in conception, and received by the audience with great favor. Then followed several presentations from the children to their teachers. Master Joseph Wright presented a rich and costly album to Prof. Sherrard, on behalf of the Juvenile Choir. The Professor responded in a feeling and appropriate speech. Master Johnnie Lang, on behalf of his class, presented a valuable book to his teacher, John G. Stevenson, Esq. Mr. Stevenson replied in fitting terms. Then followed brief and appropriate addresses by the Rev. Mr. Hanna and Wm. Jennings, Esq. Hereupon the President, Mr. Rabe, in order to very pleasantly endeavor to talk to the children of that mystic personage, the child's dear friend and patron saint, Santa Claus, then let fron recions unknown, stepped from on the platform a real, veritable Santa Claus, dressed in all the paraphernalia of that mysterious personage.

"His pockets were well lined with toys;
He bore upon his back
A pack, well filled with presents his wealth—
A pack, mysterious pack.

Any nations of each varied clime,
From India's burning sun,
To where beneath the icy Pole
Ever shines the sun."

With his fairy whip he drove the Superintendents from the platform, going through a series of other queer antics. The children were all delighted to see their mothers' aide, while the older scholars enjoyed the joke hugely. The mysterious Santa Claus turned out to be nothing, after all, but Mr. Wm. Cappell, who acted his part very well. After a few parting words from the President, the children marched to the platform where each one received as a Christmas gift, a box of choice fruit, nuts and candy. This concluded the exercises of the joyous jubilee, and all the participants returned homewards with glad hearts and willing feet, to spend the pleasant Christmas occasion the happiest memories will ever linger.

Bellstine at his Old Tricks.

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DIED:

DRINKER—On Monday morning at 8o'clock, MARGARET, daughter of Jacob and Mary Jane Drinker, in the 8d year of her age.

The funeral will take place from residence of her parents, No. 172 Grant street, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

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