The Pittsburgh Gazette.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

A new weekly paper is to appear about the first of January, with A. W. Foster, Esq., as editor in chief.

Ex-Mayor Blackmore returned yesterday afternoon from a business trip to Cincinnati and Louisville.

Grand Squeeze.—To-morrow is the day for the grand squeeze on Duquesne Way between the "bulls" and the "bears."

Special Tipstaves.—Yesterday Mr. Calvin P. Nelson was, on motion of District Attorney Pearson, appointed special tipstave in the criminal court.

Yesterday in the Quarter Sessions Court, Isaac Ash, Esq., of Oil City, Pa., was, on motion of General Wm. Blakely, admitted to practice in that Court.

Bank Election.—We learn that at a meeting of the Directors of "The Diamond Savings Bank" of Allegheny, the old officers were re-elected, and John C. McCombs, Esq., elected Solicitor for the next year.

After Him.—Alderman Mullen yesterday issued a warrant for the arrest of John Walker, charged with committing an assault and battery upon Adam Theis, by catching Adam by the throat and striking him hard.

Illegal Liquor Selling.—Chas. Mansperger made information before Alderman Mullen yesterday against John Karl, keeper of a saloon on East Lane, charging him with selling liquor to minors on Christmas Day. Warrant issued.

By reference to the meeting of the legal fraternity held yesterday, it will be seen that they are very much divided in opinion whether they want another Judge or not. Snooks says the rivalry existing between the different aspirants is what's the matter.

Fireclaim.—Yesterday Bernard Foerster, according to the allegation of Mary Traup, manifested a ferocious spirit by threatening to chop her and her family into pieces with an axe. Alderman Taylor issued a warrant for the arrest of the sanguinary Bernard, on an information for surety of the peace.

A Benedict's Present.—Benedicts, in looking about for a present for their wives, could make no better selection than by calling at No. 333 Liberty street, office of the Keystone Pottery, Messrs. Kier & Co., proprietors, and purchasing a fine set of queensware. Try the experiment, and realize the pleasure of giving.

A Bad Borrower.—Yesterday morning Justus Scheick complained to Alderman Arent of the Seventh Ward, Allegheny, that Henry Kishner had borrowed of him $48, by falsely representing that a third party—a mutual friend—was indebted to him, (Kishner) and that the next day he would get the money and pay the bill, all of which, it is alleged, was false. The official issued a warrant for Henry's arrest for false pretense.

Titusville Refiners' Association.—At a meeting of the above Association held Tuesday evening, the 28th inst., the following resolution was adopted: "*Resolved*, That this Association deems it inexpedient at this time to make a change in the method of selling refined petroleum." This action is directly antagonistic to the desires and wishes of our business, and it is hoped our Titusville friends will reconsider their action and concur with the Pittsburgh Petroleum Association in the movement already made.

That Motherless Babe.

We were led into a slight error in our notice of the fact that the lady who accompanied the orphan children of the Waits family to Washington had returned with the babe, and that a gentleman in Allegheny had provided it with a comfortable home. The facts are that Mr. John W. Simpson, a Pittsburgh merchant, residing at 64 Liberty street, Allegheny, becoming deeply interested in the situation of the family, conceived the idea of taking and rearing one of the children, and both he and his wife chose Anna, the youngest except the babe, a bright child, aged about four years, one reason being that it bears the same given name as its foster mother. It is Anna, and not the infant sister, that has found a happy comfortable home with Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, where she will be tenderly reared and properly cared for.

Popular Lecture.

As will be seen in another column, Dr. E. S. Franks, now on a visit to our city, will deliver a free public lecture in Masonic Hall, next Thursday evening, January 6th, on "The Anatomy and Physiology of the Human Eye." The Doctor comes to us with the highest testimonials, and is endorsed by some of the most eminent of the profession here, at whose request he has consented to lecture. The discourse promises to be very entertaining as well as instructive as it will be illustrated by diagrams, models, &c., &c., to be concluded with an optical entertainment with the stereoscopicon. As the lecture is for the benefit of the public all who desire to attend can secure tickets free of charge at the offices of the GAZETTE, *Post* and *Mail*, or of any of the physicians. The Doctor is now stopping at the Robinson House, where he will attend patients for diseases of the eye, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 6 P. M., during his short stay in the city.

"Women in the Lyceum."

The second lecture of Miss Kate Fields, under the auspices of the G. A. R. on this captivating title attracted another, large and clattering audience, to the Academy of Music last night. As in the first, so in the second, the fair lecturess displayed all those elements of wit sarcasm, poetic language and imagery and eloquence in thought and diction, which in her writings have already made her so well known to fame. Of course she argued that the Lyceum was just the place for those of her sex who felt inclined to accept it, and as she argued, it seemed that the audience were carried along with the same feeling, which they manifested at times in frequent applause, and throughout by an attention which has thus far not been accorded any lecturer of the season. Miss Fields, by her visit to our city, has won the admiration of all our lecture goers, and can feel assured of a hearty and cordial welcome whenever she may choose to return.

Merrymaking.

Patrick Oneily, of Calvin street, Seventeenth ward, was arrested for inebriation Tuesday night. The event was looked upon as an occasion for merriment by his matrimonial partner, who, to have it properly celebrated, acted upon the principle "the more the merrier," and filled the house with a lot of her friends of both sexes. The enjoyment of the visitors was of such a peculiarly demonstrative character that the attention of the police was attracted to the scene. The officials, upon entering the house, however, found the merrymaking to suddenly end. They observed two of the parties alone and devoid of any unnecessary garments, frisking about one of the upper bedchambers. These, Patrick Connor and Eliza Jar, they interrupted in their festivities and provided with a night's lodging in the Seventeenth ward lockup. Eliza whiled away the evening hours with vocal music of an inspiriting character, and in the morning, accompanied by her partner of the previous evening, was committed to the work house by Deputy Mayor Nicholls, in default $25 fine.

Happy New Year.

One of the neatest annual addresses we have ever seen is that of the Allegheny letter carriers for 1870. The little pamphlet adds from its handsome blue cover with bright gold lettered inscription which makes the exterior so attractive, contains sixteen pages of reading matter, interesting and important. First comes a very felicitous New Year's greeting, beautiful in imagery, and happily expressed, from the pen of Miss Sue B. Nichol, of Allegheny, a poetess of superior talent. The succeeding pages are occupied with valuable information pertaining to postage, registered letters, arrivals and departures of mails, foreign mails, rules of the office, and everything in regard to the Department, necessary to be known by the business man or any correspondent. It would be a valuable adjunct to the counting house, or form an excellent companion to the time honored almanac in the household. It is to be hoped that amid the rejoicings and merrymakings of the happy holiday, the faithful carrier, who has so often brought messages of love and happiness to our homes, will be appreciatively remembered when he makes another call with his beautiful New Year's Greeting.

THE COURTS.

The Johnson Homicide—Oyer and Terminer—Full Bench.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 29.—On the opening of Court the case of the Commonwealth vs. Gerhardt Johnson, indicted for manslaughter, was called up.

HISTORY OF THE CASE.

On the 11th of October, 1869, the defendant, Gerhardt Johnson, who was employed by Mr. Haight, a brewer in the Seventh ward, Allegheny, as a driver, was driving a brewer's wagon along Fifth avenue, coming toward the Court House from the Fourteenth ward. When near Magee street Mrs. Moore, an elderly lady, carrying her grand child, Annie Johnson, aged one year and eight months, attempted to cross the avenue in front of the wagon and was struck by the horses, knocked down, the wagon passing over her and the child and killing them both. He then drove to Allegheny, and was afterward arrested in a hay shed. The case was brought before the Grand Jury and two bills of indictment found against the defendant, for manslaughter, one for the killing of Mrs. Moore, and the other charging him with killing Annie Johnson, the child. In the latter, which is the case on trial, there were two counts, one for voluntary manslaughter, and the other for involuntary manslaughter.

TRIAL OF THE CASE.

The prisoner was arraigned in the usual form, George W. De Camp, Esq., W. H. Glenn, Esq., and W. Owens, Esq., appearing in his behalf, and the District Attorney and H. A. Collier, Esq., for the prosecution. The following jurors were sworn: John M. Woods, David Wilson, Joseph Hughey, R. S. Lynch, John Allen, Alfred Quinette, Wm. Neely, Kinder Blair, D. Richey, Stewart Scott, Thomas McAuliff, Joseph Caldwell.

H. A. Collier, Esq., opened the case to the jury on the part of the Commonwealth, after which the following testimony was taken:

THE TESTIMONY.

Dr. Rez, sworn—I happened to be near the scene of this occurrence on the 11th of October. Was conversing with a friend. Saw a person on the track and I judged that a wagon that had just passed had run over her. I went up to the place and discovered that it was a woman, and underneath her was a child clasped in her arms. I took the child up in my arms and it died immediately—gasping a few times before it expired. It's skull had been crushed in. The driver of the wagon checked his team partly, then drove rapidly away. The child was between one and two years of age.

Cross examined.—It was near the corner of Magee street. When I saw the driver, he was about two hundred feet from the bodies. He looked back a moment and then drove on rapidly. The bodies were lying between the two tracks. Did not see any marks of the hoofs of the horses and think the tongue of the wagon first struck the woman in the eye.

Redirect.—A wound so penetrating as it was could not have been produced by the tongue of a wagon, without it was coming with considerable violence. The wound on the child seemed to have been produced by crushing, as if the wheels had passed over it.

John Scott, sworn—Know the prisoner. Saw the occurance on the 11th of October. I saw the wagon coming down street at quite a rapid rate. The women was struck. The defendant was driving the wagon. The wagon was going at a rapid rate about a square and a half above Magee street, and at the same rate when the woman was found lying. The defendant was holding the reins loosely and never pulled them up until he checked and looked back. When he so he turned his head and then drove away rapidly. I picked the lady up, and while so doing the special fell from her eyes. She was not dead, but I believe the child in her arms was. It was carried by a lady to a house close by, and afterwards removed to Stokely's drug store.

At this point Court took a recess until two o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

E Sands, sworn—I do not know defendant. Know him when I see him. Did not see the wagon run over the woman. I picked the woman up. I saw the wag. on after it struck her. It was then about three squares from where the woman was struck. Did not see the wagon before it run over the woman. I saw the child. I think it was injured about the head. I found them near the crossing at Magee street. When I turned the woman over the child dropped from her arms.

Cross-examined.—I was on the avenue when the accident occurred. The wagon must have passed me. I did not see it. I did not take notice to the wagon until some one told me that the woman was killed. I did not see the lady until after the accident. There was not many people on the street when the accident occurred.

Mrs. Hanna Johnson, sworn.—I live in the Twelfth ward. I am the mother of the child that was killed. The old lady was my mother. She left my house in the Ninth ward that morning about half past nine o'clock to go to a relative's. The child was one year and eight months old. I did not see the child after it was killed until about one o'clock. The accident occurred about three months ago.

W. H. Rehrer, sworn.—Live on Fifth avenue. I saw a part of this occurrence. I know the defendant.

The witness testified to seeing a wagon pass his house rapidly and ten o'clock on the 11th day of October, and on coming out he saw a crowd gather, and on going to the place he saw the woman and child dead. He then went to Alderman Thomas and made information against the driver. Subsequently went to Troy Hill after him, and arrested the defendant in a hay shed and brought him to the city.

John Miller, sworn—Live in the Fourteenth Ward; did not see the occurrence; did not see the parties after they were run over; I saw the wagon about a square below where the accident occurred; some one called to me to stop the wagon; I called to him (the driver) to stop, but he did not pay any attention to me; he was not driving at a very rapid rate when I first saw him; the rate of speed would not have excited attention but for the surrounding circumstances; he afterwards increased his speed a little.

Officer Atherton, sworn—I saw the wagon below Congress street; I started after the wagon, because some one told me to stop the driver; I followed him to the mouth of Washington street.

Cross-examined—I did not see the occurrence; was in a saloon at the corner at the time.

The testimony for the Commonwealth here closed.

W. H. Glenn, Esq., opened the case for the defendant. After defining the crime of man-slaughter, for which the defendant was indicted, he said that the defendant's theory in the case was that the defendant was driving in an orderly manner, and that the offence charged was purely accidental and therefore excusable homicide. They would prove by ten witnesses, that he was driving in a careful orderly manner, and that before the accident occurred, the defendant called to the old lady to get out of the way and endeavored to stop his horse.

DEFENDANT'S TESTIMONY.

Mary Beitler, sworn—I was on Fifth avenue on the day the accident occurred. I looked out of the gate and saw an old lady coming up Fifth avenue, below Magee street. She started to cross the avenue below the crossing and was run over. The wagon at the time, was coming down on a trot. It was neither a fast nor a slow trot.

Cross Examined—I was on Wayne street when I saw the woman; I could see the wagon when it came opposite the street; as the wagon run over her, I turned and went home; the woman was about the middle of the street below the crossing.

Mrs. Hamilton, sworn—I saw the accident; I was coming down Wayne street and I heard the young man driving; the wagon hallos and looked around and saw him trying to check up his horse. The woman did not appear to pay any attention, and she was struck by the horses and knocked down and the wagon ran over her.

Cross-examined—I was on Magee street when the accident occurred. I was down near the avenue.

G. Silens, sworn—Resides on Chestnut street, Allegheny. I know the team, Mr. Johnson was driving. It was a horse and a mule; the mule is a slow mule; he could not walk more than three or four miles an hour; the horse was young, about three or four years old, and was a little fractious; I have known Mr. Johnson for some time, and he is a peaceable, sober, industrious young man.

Cross-examined—I think the tavern belonged to Mr. Haigh. I never drove there but I have rode on the wagon with Mr. Johnson.

A number of witnesses were called to prove his reputation, after which the testimony closed.

Wm. Owens, Esq., and George W. De Camp, Esq., addressed the jury on behalf of the defendant, and H. A. Collier, Esq., closed for the Commonwealth.

Judge Stowe then charged the jury and directed that if a verdict was agreed upon to seal it, after which Court adjourned.

Oysters, Oysters, Oysters.—The celebrated Chincoteague and Anancock (Va.) Oysters are received fresh and direct from their native waters every Monday and Thursday. Quality guaranteed, and sold at the unprecedented low price of 60 per barrel. Call at once at

STEEL & Bro.'s,
Third street, near Smithfield.

THE SUFFRAGE QUESTION.

Colored Men in Convention—Interesting Discussions—Practical Suggestions—Second Day's Proceedings.

The Convention of the Loyal, but Disfranchised, colored men resumed its sessions in the Avery Mission Church, Allegheny, yesterday morning.

Convention assembled at ten o'clock, President Hughes in the Chair, and was opened with prayer.

The question of finance was first discussed, and after several motions had been made and voted down, one instructing the Chairman of the Finance Committee to assume the indebtedness of the Convention, prevailed.

A number of resolutions in relation to public lands and wealth were received and referred to the appropriate Committees.

Rev. Mr. Schindler, editor of the *Radical*, was introduced to the Convention.

Mr. G. S. Woodson presented the report of the Committee on Wealth, which was being discussed when a recess was had for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at two o'clock.

INTERESTING STATISTICS.

Mr. Wm. Nesbitt, from the Committee on Statistics, presented the report of that Committee, showing the colored population of the State at the last census to be 56,849, which in proportion to the white, is about as one to fifty. From the increase by southern emigration, it is expected that the next census will show a population of over 70,000. One in every five being a voter, this will give between 14,000 and 15,000 votes.

In relation to other conditions of the people in thrift, intelligence, &c., &c., no criticism is feared. Educational advantages have been denied the colored people to a very great extent, and but few schools of any kind were open to them, and generally incompetent teachers were employed. Another impediment in the way has been that they have been compelled to pursue the humbler avocations of life, the doors to others having been shut against them, which has been a great drawback in the acquisition of wealth. But with these disadvantages, the relative wealth of the two races does not in any manner tend to the disparagement of the colored people. One hopeful sign of the times is the growing ability of the people for homes. Already a number have acquired a good homestead and a competence, which are but examples of the spirit which is increasing and gaining power over the minds of the colored people. Then, with higher responsibilities comes the feeling of self reliance, which is one of the greatest elements of success. As to morals, the statistics show that for the last ten years crime has steadily decreased, but there is still room for improvement. In politics everything is due the Republican party, and 15,000 voters, when granted their rights, will help swell the ranks of the great party of progress.

The report was received and adopted.

SOME PRACTICAL IDEAS.

Discussion was then resumed on the report of the Committee on Wealth.

The report in the preamble congratulates the Convention on the fact that all over the country the signs of progress are seen in the increase of mechanics and tradesmen among the colored people, and their consequent increase in wealth. The following resolutions accompanied it:

Resolved, 1. That some practical means be adopted by this Convention for the establishment of a bank by the colored citizens of Allegheny county, upon the principle of the Freedmen's Bank of Washington, D. C.

2. The second resolution recommended the appointment of a Congress for the appointment of a Land Commission, with a limited number of agencies, to co-operate with the colored people, in purchase and selection of homesteads, and holding of the same until paid for by installments, and the money thus employed returned to the National treasury.

The first resolution was discussed at great length, in practical and able addresses, by Messrs. Hunter, Garnett, Neale, Woodson, Sampson, Pulpress and others, after which the entire report was adopted.

Rev. Mr. Schindler, of the *Christian Radical*, by invitation, now addressed the Convention for a few moments, at the close of which he received a vote of thanks.

THE WOMAN QUESTION.

Rev. H. H. Garnett presented the report of the Committee on Female Labor and Education, a carefully prepared, but rather lengthy paper, on the subject, containing many practical hints.

The report commences with a denunciation of idleness and the woman question in general, and then suggests particular care in their moral education; teaching them all some useful and honorable calling, so that they may be taught to depend upon themselves; teach them to work with their hands. Type setting, book binding, medicine, and others are open to them. But above all, they should be skilled in household accomplishments. The report concludes as follows:

"In conclusion, we desire that nothing we have stated will have the effect of diminishing in the eyes of the people, the importance of sound, thorough, and common sense education for our daughters. The safety and prosperity of our Republican institutions and form of government depend upon the morality and intelligence of the masses, and those virtues will prevail rapidly and increase in the exact proportion to the purity, industry, morality and sound education of our daughters, wives and mothers."

The report was received and adopted.

Several resolutions were offered by Messrs. Thomas, Pulpress and others, which were referred to the appropriate committees.

Mr. W. H. Stewart presented the report of the Committee on Industry, accompanied by resolutions.

Pending the adoption of this report, the Convention adjourned at half-past five, until half-past seven.

EVENING SESSION.

Convention assembled at eight o'clock in the auditorium of the church, which was filled with those interested in the movement.

Rev. J. W. Terry opened with prayer.

Mr. B. F. Pulpress presented the report of the Committee on Finance, which, after being discussed, was laid over.

Mr. Thomas offered the report of the Committee on Religion, accompanied by a resolution to the effect that the Bible would be maintained in the colored schools. The report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Education was next presented and adopted, after which the Convention adjourned until this morning, when the final session will be held.

FIRE AT CITY FARM.

Destruction of the Stables at the Allegheny City Farm—Loss about $4,000.

Yesterday afternoon about one o'clock, as the inmates of the Allegheny City Home were sitting at dinner, an alarm of fire was raised, caused by the discovery of flames issuing from the roof of the barn. This building was located west of the Home, and was one of the finest frame structures of the character in the neighborhood. Though built some time ago, the material was in such good condition that the Directors proposed building a barn with it on the new farm, if lumber had been purchased. The building at the time of the fire contained a large quantity of hay, oats, straw, and farming implements, besides furnishing accommodations for several animals. The progress of the flames was so rapid that only with great difficulty were the animals secured, the granaries, building and contents, being a heap of ruins in less than half an hour. Fortunately the wind blew in a direction from the Home, and thus the flames and sparks were kept from it. The barn was valued at $2,500, but it will require considerably more than that sum to replace it. About $1,600 worth of implements and stock were destroyed, making a total loss of not less than $4000, upon which there is an insurance in the Allegheny of $1000. The fire is supposed to be the work of an incendiary, as one of the men had been in the place a few minutes before, feeding the horses, and found nothing wrong. To-day the Directors, together with the Insurance agent, will visit the premises and investigate the matter. The Farm is situated at Bennett's Station, (Girty's Run) about eight miles above Allegheny, on the Western Pennsylvania Railroad.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were admitted of record in the office of Thos. H. Hunter, Recorder for Allegheny county, Wednesday, December 29th, 1869:

Jas Brown, etc. to Grace Armstrong, Dec. 16, 1869; 101 15-10 by 250 feet on Carroll street, Allen Joseph Allen to James Little, Oct. 10, 1869; 101 21 by 102 feet on Fallow street, Pittsburgh.....$600
Wm. Wahlgamth to Geo ge Adlesperger, Dec. 1, 1869; 24 by 112 feet on Lot 5 in Allen town, Sulp.....1 100
Joseph Lovis to Jas. Fitzsimmons, Nov. 1, 1869; lot 24 by 100 feet in Twenty third Ward, Pittsburgh.....$1,300
Augustus Kobbe to Augustus H. Wall, Aug. 27, 1869; lot No. 17 on lot 19, Voegley's plan, Seventh Ward, Allegheny.....$1,050
Michael Fry to Edward Sailer, Dec. 16, 1869; lots 24 & 25 Hoevelkel's plan, Thirteenth Ward, Pittsburgh, on Webster avenue.....$600
L. L. Hamilton to J. Alder, Jr. and others, Dec. 11, 1869; lot 40 by 125 feet on Logan street, Wooster addition.....$1,400
Samuel Hammitt to J. M. Gabrick, Oct. 1, 1869; 30 feet by 50 feet on New Brighton Road.....$300
J. S. Gaily to R. L. C. Marsh, Sept. 11, 1869; 2 acres and 8 perches, Kennedy township, on Big Burgher to Jas. Shafer, Dec. 27, 1869; 101 feet, 2 inches and Murphy's plan, Lower St. Clair township.....$200

AN INVESTIGATION.

The Seventeenth Ward Station House—Alleged Fraud—Committee on Retrenchment and Reform in Session—The Committee on City Property Arraigned.

After the consolidation of our city, a spirit of progress, highly commendable, evinced itself in many directions, and our ideas became somewhat metropolitan. The police force was increased to nearly double its former strength, which was necessary, in order to afford the rural districts the protection to which they were entitled, as a part of the consolidated city. After this was done other improvements of a metropolitan character were thought necessary by some of which was the erection of police stations at different points, and an ordinance was passed authorizing the Committee on City Property to purchase lots and erect station houses at different points. Three lots, we believe, were purchased and three houses erected, one of which was to be in the Seventeenth ward, and as it is the only one with which we have to do at present, the location of the others is of no consequence.

In accordance with the ordinance referred to the committee purchased a lot in the Seventeenth ward, on Forty-Third street, for the sum of one thousand dollars, about two years since, and during last year a station house for police purposes was erected thereon.

The lot, which was twenty five feet wide and one hundred deep, had never been graded down to a level with the street, and it was necessary before placing the building upon it that the grading should be done. As it was designed to make the building twenty-five by fifty feet, that much of the lot only was graded, and a cellar excavated, after which the building was erected.

The grading, it appears, left a high embankment in the rear of the building, which was continually falling down against the walls, injuring them to a considerable extent. The matter was brought to the notice of the Committee on City Property, and a sub committee was appointed to see to having the remainder of the lot graded. That sub-committee, it appears, authorized one of its number to take charge of the matter, and he employed a man to do the grading, agreeing to pay him $1.12 a yard therefor. The work was done, and instead of having the City Engineer measure and make a calculation of the work done, a young man not connected with the City Engineer's office was employed to measure it and make the calculation. Upon his measurement and calculation a bill amounting to $959.62, was presented to the committee on city property for there endorsement. Some of the committee thought the charge exorbitant and refused to pay the bill and the matter was referred to the city Engineer. He, it appears, went and examined the lot, but in consequence of conflicting statements relative to the depth graded was unable to make a measurement and instead of so doing he accepted the calculation made by the young man who had previously measured the lot and pronounced the calculation right, but in his endorsement on the paper said he would not vouch for the correctness of the statement.

The bill with this endorsement on it was laid upon the table members of the committee, who, on being assured that the matter was all right, certified it, and it was paid.

It appears, however, that there was one member of the committee who knew something of the matter who had not been consulted, and who did not know the bill had passed until some time after it was paid, and through him the matter was brought to the notice of councils at the last meeting, when a resolution was adopted instructing the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform to investigate and report at a special meeting of councils, to be held Friday, the facts in the case.

Pursuant to that resolution the Committee met yesterday at the Seventeenth ward Station House, Messrs. Morgan, Morrow, Callaher and Jones being present. The City Solicitor, the Mayor and Mayor's Clerk were also present, and Mr. Bryan appeared as attorney for Mr. Body, the contractor who had done the work.

On the witnesses were examined and from the testimony it appeared that the amount of grading done would not exceed 300 yards, while there was 800 yards charged in the bill. It also appeared that the cellar excavation for the building had been done at 60 cents per yard, while Mr. Body was allowed $1 12 per yard. There were a number other facts developed which we are not at liberty to present to the public at this time, but enough of the testimony taken at the investigation will be made public through the report of the Committee which will be presented to Council at the meeting on Friday. The Committee after hearing the testimony adjourned to meet at Mr. Morgan's office this morning at ten o'clock, to prepare a report.

THE GREAT ATTRACTION.

The Rush of the Multitude—Furs at a Frightful Sacrifice—The Holiday Attraction on Fifth Street Continues—The Immense Stock of Fleming & Co's Selling Off Rapidly.

The rush still continues at Messrs. Wm. Fleming & Co.'s Fur Emporium at 139 Wood street. Notwithstanding the immense sales which have taken place for Christmas, the excitement still continues, and the reason is the sacrifice of Furs, of every variety and style, cannot be excelled as far as quality and price is concerned. The fact that Messrs. Fleming are determined to close their furs at an immense sacrifice and are selling them at such extremely low prices, is the attraction which draws the crowd, and as New Year's is almost approaching more presents are looked for, and no nicer presents can be made than a set of furs for mother, sister or friend, and no better place to obtain them than at Fleming's representative fur house. The immense stock of furs for ladies and gentlemen embraces Astrachan and Persian Lamb, Hudson Bay Sable, German Fitch, Water Mink, Siberian Squirrel, Alaska Mink, made up in the newest and most fashionable styles of Sacques, Enguinas, Robes, Capes, Collars, Muffs, two, three or four ring Muffs, etc., and those who have a knowledge of the house of Messrs. Wm. Fleming & Co., and their large and honorable dealing, need no assurance in this notice that the goods offered will not be any other than as represented. As their immense stock of furs must be closed out at once to enable them to replenish their stock, great bargains will be offered, and we advise our friends to call and see for themselves the advantage offered before purchasing elsewhere. The New Year's festivities will soon commence, another round of gifts will be expected, therefore go to Wm. Fleming & Co.'s and purchase a set of furs for a New Year's present. Remember the place, No. 139 Wood street.

Amusements.

OPERA HOUSE.—"Enoch Arden" was played to a very large audience at the Opera House last evening by Mr. Adams. That Mr. Adams is a favorite in this city is morally certain, and that fact of itself is only another evidence of the good taste of our citizens and their appreciation, of the legitimate drama and genuine histrionic talent. To-night Mr. Adams will appear for the only time during his present engagement in "Hamlet" a character in which he is second to no one in the profession.

PITTSBURGH THEATRE.—Mr. Barry, the vocalist and comedian, is a great favorite at the Old Drury, and is receiving a full share of the applause. Herr Holium, the young Hercules, who handles thirty, forty and sixty pound cannon balls as though balls of batting, is an immense card, and Dick Sands has his many friends.

ORPHANS' FAIR.—Another large crowd of the youth and beauty of the city assembled at the Orphans' Fair last night. The attractions are too numerous to mention. A project was set on foot last night to present to the most popular Professor of penmanship a beautiful gold headed cane, and chances were taken vigorously. The competitors last evening were Messrs. N. Shaffer, W. H. Duff, and A. Cowley.

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A fine overcoat	"	10.00
A splendid overcoat	"	12.00
The very best	"	15.00
A good suit	"	10.00
A fine suit	"	15.00
The very best suit	"	18.00
A good pair of pants	"	3.00
A fine pair of pants	"	5.00
The very best	"	6.00

Boys clothing and overcoats at half the original price. The entire stock must be sold by the first of January to make room for Spring manufactory. If you want to save money go to Tobias', No. 13 Sixth street, for your clothing.

Chincoteague and Ononcock Cove Oysters, only $6 per barrel. Enquire for Marshall's Oyster's, at Steel & Bro.'s, Third Avenue, near Smithfield. 100 barrels just arrivrd.

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Curry Institute.

This Institution occupies spacious apartments on the second floor of Morgan's new buildings, corner of Sixth street and Duquesne Way, Pittsburgh, just at the end of the Allegheny Suspension bridge. The rooms overlook the Allegheny river, and are large, airy and cheerful, and finished and furnished in good style. The Institution has been organized about ten years, and during this time over two thousand pupils have attended it. Its rolls for the year just closed exhibit an attendance of 532 students. In addition to the efficient corps of teachers already employed in this institution, the services of Prof. H. T. Wiley have been secured as teacher of Penmanship, Book-Keeping, Reading and Elocution.

This institution offers rare inducements to pupils wishing to qualify themselves for teaching, as there is a constant demand for all its teacher-pupils at high salaries. The Principal has now daily applications for more teachers than he can supply. Pupils of average ability and scholarship, beginning next Monday, can complete a course in the Normal studies by the end of June, and persons wishing to secure an education that will qualify them for any sphere of life, and especially such as wish to teach, could not take a better investment, as the pupils of this school are everywhere successful.

100 Barrels Shell Oysters.—Onancock Coves and Chincoteague Plants, received this day. Price only $6.00. Quality guaranteed in all cases.

STEEL & BRO.,
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Fresh Arrival of Chincoteague Shell Oysters at Steel & Bro.'s to-day, which are selling at $6 per barrel.

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MARRIED.

HUFF—HENRY—At the Union Depot Hotel, by Rev. Mr. Wharton, on Tuesday evening, December 28th, 1869, Mr. JOSEPH HUFF, of Williamsburg, to Miss LIZZIE HENRY, of Mansfield, Pa.

(The happy couple will accept our heartiest congratulations. May they never know sorrow's pangs or the miseries of misfortune, but may their path way through life be strewn with the floral gems of peace, happiness and contentment. Again, we congratulate our friends, and wish them a happy entrance into their new sphere of life, the largest measure of health, prosperity and domestic comfort.)

CASADAY—MCELROY—On Christmas evening, December 25th, at the residence of W. H. Cole, Esq., by Rev. A. K. Bell, Mr. W. L. CASADAY, of Allegheny city, and Miss RUIE McELROY, of Brownsville, Pa.

KENT—WALTERS—On Saturday by the Rev. Brooks at Christ Church, Allegheny City, Mr. JOHN KENT, to Miss MARY ANN WALTERS, both of Pittsburgh.

ASKWITH—KING—On Tuesday evening, December 28th, by Wesley M. E. Church, by Rev. J. S. Lemmon, Mr. WILLIAM S. ASKWITH, of Council Bluff, Iowa, to Miss ANNA E. KING, of Pittsburgh.

DIED.

MCGRADY—On Wednesday morning, December 29th, at 10 o'clock, at his residence, No. 8 Seventh street, (late Irwin,) JOHN A. McGRADY, in the 80th year of his age.

Funeral FRIDAY MORNING at 10 o'clock. The friends of the family are invited to attend.

SWANK—On Wednesday, December 29th, MINNIE M., youngest daughter of George W. and Ada J. SWANK, aged 1 year and 8 months.

Funeral THIS AFTERNOON at 2 o'clock, from the residence of the parents, McClure township. Carriages will leave Diamond, Allegheny, at 1 o'clock P. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

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NOTICE TO BONDHOLDERS.
Coupon No. 3, First Mortgage Bonds of this Company, due January 1, 1870, will be paid on and after that date, on presentation and delivery at the Merchants' National Bank of Baltimore.
JOHN H. PAGE, JR., Treasurer.
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VENISON & OYSTER LUNCH.
—CAPT. B. GALLISATH will celebrate his birthday, WEDNESDAY, December 29th, by giving a st-class
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At No. 63 Diamond street. A cordial invitation is extended to all his friends.
dc23:r75 CAPT. B. GALLISATH.

NOTICE.
EDWARD WHALEN, tavern, 34 ward, Allegheny,
The License Board will sit for hearing the above application on MONDAY, the 24 of January, 1870, at 9 o'clock A. M.
JOSEPH BROWNE, Clerk.

NOTICES—"To-Let," "For Sale," "Lost," "Wants," "Found," "Boarding," &c., not exceeding FOUR LINES, will be inserted in these columns once for TWENTY-FIVE CENTS; each additional time FIVE CENTS.

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