The Pittsburgh Gazette.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

City Hall, as improved, is now a paying institution.

Officer Chambers, of the Mayor's police, has resigned.

The City Police is daily growing better and more efficient.

One Square in the heart of the city has no less than ten taverns.

Pigeon Shooting is the illegal pleasure of Twelfth ward urchins.

To Let—on dwellings and business places are becoming very numerous.

An effort will be made shortly to secure for the city a Paid Fire Department.

The Money Market is very easy—much easier than it has been during the past six months.

The annual meeting of the contributors to the Insane Hospital, Dixmont, will be held this morning.

John Welsh was arrested by officer Maloney yesterday for beating his wife. He was locked up for a hearing.

The coal shippers have not been exceedingly fortunate this winter, suffering considerably from river disasters.

The Standing Committees of the Pittsburgh Councils will be officially announced to-morrow's GAZETTE.

Young lawyers without number are coming to the city. There is room for all on the top shelves of the profession.

Presidents McAuley and Tomlinson, of City Councils, have had a tedious job in appointing the Committees for the year.

There is much poverty in the city. Where it exists God and a few charitable people in our midst only seem to know.

There is no truth in the rumor that the crash of thunder heard yesterday was from any of the big organs in the city.

The Burns Anniversary will be celebrated in the usual good way by our Scotch brethern of Allegheny city this evening.

The Gazette will, on and after April 1st, 1870, occupy the building purchased at the corner of Sixth avenue and Smithfield street.

The County Work House is universally conceded to be one of our most wholesome and sanitary institutions. It is admirably managed.

Presidents McArrier and Warner, of the Allegheny Councils, will announce their standing committees at the next regular meeting of Council.

Anniversary.—One hundred and sixty-four years ago yesterday, was born to the world, Ben. Franklin, the great American, Philosopher and Statesman.

John Weicht alleges Peter Miller threatened to whip him in a saloon in Allegheny, for which breach of the peace Alderman Mullin issued a warrant for Peter's arrest.

Thanks to W. A. Gildenfenny for Frank Leslie's Gazette of Fashion, and Putnam's Magazine, both for February. He keeps all the periodicals; and is on hand with the earliest.

Committed.—Jas. Harlon, the boy who was arrested Sunday night for stealing $119 from a German on Mt. Washington, was, after a hearing yesterday morning, committed to jail for trial.

Was Stamped.—Detective McCready informs us that the ale confiscated by a policeman in the South Side which left for safe keeping in his cellar, was all duly stamped and owed nothing to the Government.

A. H. Davis made information before Alderman Mullin yesterday, against John Frank, Robert Haney and Robert Kearney, for the larceny of twenty-five dollars. Warrants for the arrest of the accused were issued.

Accident.—Yesterday morning an employe on the Connellsville Railroad, while coupling freight cars in Layton Station, was caught between the bull noses and terribly crushed. His recovery is considered doubtful.

Most of the churches in the city annually receive large sums of counterfeit stamps and coin in the mite box. They are presumptuous Christians who would lay away treasure in heaven which wouldn't be redeemed at a United States depository.

Sassy.—Louis Sam yesterday called the attention of Justice Haisel to the fact that J. L. Kug had drawn a revolver and threatened to shoot him.—a sufficient cause for an information for surety of the peace, upon which the Justice issued a warrant.

Land Slide.—There was a land slide near the Soho bridge yesterday morning, which consisted of smack of the Land Passenger Railway and ingsferred with travel on the road for some time. It was soon removed, however, and through travel resumed.

Alleged Larceny.—Yesterday T. X. Lang made information before Alderman McMasters, charging M. Eller with malicious mischief and larceny, the alleged offence consisting in breaking open his carpenter shop and carrying off some of the tools. Warrant issued.

Dollar Savings Bank.—The Directors of this prosperous and well managed institution met yesterday and re-elected the following officers—a compliment well earned and deserved: President, James Hardman; Treasurer, Chas. A. Colton; Secretary, Jas. B. D. Meeds; Solicitor, Robt. Robb.

John Wesley Knox, the veteran wife beater, was arrested yesterday for a repetition of his old offences. It appears that Johnny got drunk yesterday, and after beating his wife in a brutal manner, carried off the only bedtick in the house, and pawned it. John will have a hearing this morning.

Assault.—Sunday evening Mr. S. Shea, of East Birmingham, was attacked and beaten by some parties to him unknown. Yesterday his friend Matthew Myers made information before Justice Heisel against Wm. Myers, Jacob Keller, and M. Hower, charging them with committing the assault. Warrants issued.

The Weather.—We had Spring, Summer Autumn and Winter all crowded into twelve hours yesterday—lightning, thunder, rain, snow, sun and a high wind into the bargain. The indications are that we shall have a regular season of winter for a few weeks to come, as thunder in January means ice for a fortnight.

The Wrong Boy.—James Welker believes that no one should whip his children but their parents, consequently when Peter Kunzler infringed upon that parental prerogative by correcting a young male member of the family, James repaired to the office and made information against him for assault and battery.

Cross Suits.—Julia Darren and Grace Graham had cross suits before Alderman Thomas yesterday. Julia charged Grace with maliciously tearing down and destroying a clothes line valued at forty cents, while Grace asserted that Julia had made a violent attack upon her. The parties reside neighbors to each other. The Alderman endeavored to act as peace-maker, but failed, and was compelled to hold the neighborly ladies to bail for court.

A Rat Case.—Yesterday Jacob Madeira, of Scott township, appeared before Alderman Irwin, of Allegheny, and made information against John Lynch and four boys for riot and assault of the peace. Madeira alleges the accused came to his home Sunday evening and raised a fuss, by throwing sticks, stones and other missiles at the doors of the dwelling, and threatening the lives of his family. Warrants were issued for the arrest of the accused.

Attempt Frustrated.—Yesterday morning a colored man attempted to pass a forged check for ninety-four dollars, upon the Allegheny Trust Company, Allegheny Diamond. The check purported to be drawn by James McBrier & Co. in favor of Thomas Adams, but the bank officers suspecting it, refused to pay the money until the fellow accompanied them to Mr. McBrier's office. On the way he slipped and escaped. It appears that the office of Mr. McBrier is on Sandusky street, Allegheny, was entered by burglars on Sunday night, and a blank check book stolen. Nothing of value was taken, but the burglars, in their attempt to open the safe, injured the lock so that Mr. B. could not open it yesterday morning. It is probable that the parties attempting to pass the forged check and the burglars are the same.

OBITUARY.

"Determined are the days that fly
Successive o'er thy head;
The downward hours lie in the wing,
And tarry as they wind the dead."

DIED, at his residence on Monday morning, the 17th instant, at 1 o'clock Monongahela House, Mrs. ANN HOLBERTIT, wife of WILLIAM C. ROBINSON, in the 58th year of her age.

The summons has been long expected. She was not surprised, but bowed with meek submission to the message, resigning herself to the will of her Heavenly Father, falling asleep full of faith and of humble holy hope.

There shone out in Mrs. Robinson a beautiful type of character that is formed only in domestic life, that is developed and matured only in the family and in the Church. All her time was given to her family, and to those kindnesses and charities outside of her family that made her known and loved by her neighbors, in whose sickness and sufferings she was ever a thoughtful, timely and beneficent visitor, always exhibiting a quick understanding and correct judgment of what was to be done, and a ready heart and hand for needful relief, displaying in all her duties and charities the utmost self denying sweetness of temper and rectitude of purpose. She was the light of her house not only, but also of all her domestic circle. She shunned ostentation, shrank from conspicuity, endured years of sickness, marked by periods of intense suffering, without murmur or complaint, thoughtful only of the comfort of others,—a beautiful example of patient, Christ-like submission in her severest suffering and in her final hour, realizing, no doubt nor, in her transition from this scene of sickness, suffering and gloom, to that other scene of eternal blessedness and glory, a full fruition of the indwelling faith which had for many years been nourished through the means and ordinances of the Church of which she was a devout communicant. The loss of this saluted woman to her family and friends is beyond regret. Her memory will be a sweet heritage in the hearts of all who knew her. For her—

"Beyond this vale of tears
There is a life above,
Unmeasured by the flight of years;
And all that life is love."

Death of an Aged Citizen.

Mr. John McGrew, of Allegheny, died at his residence on Observatory Hill yesterday, the 17th inst., at 2 P. M. The deceased was one of our oldest and most esteemed citizens. There are but few, if any, in either of the two cities who have lived here so long. He was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., in 1785, and was, consequently, in the 85th year of his age. He came to Pittsburgh in 1803, when in his fifteenth year, and lived to witness the entire growth of Allegheny, and almost the entire growth of Pittsburgh.

When he came here there was but one house in Allegheny; that house stood a few rods above the present bridge, opposite to which was a ferry owned by the father of the late General Robinson. At that time the interests of Allegheny, now so compactly lined with houses, and thronged with people, were open fields. It is said that one man lives in a community long enough to witness a wonderful growth and so great a change.

Mr. McGrew was a resident of Allegheny for over forty years. He was a man of steady habits, industrious, and respected by all who knew him, and was a consistent member of the United Presbyterian church for nearly half a century. He was for nearly seventy years a reader and subscriber to this paper, reading it from early youth up to his latest days. Thus one by one our old subscribers are passing into the dark valley of death, and one by one generations are growing up to fill their places in the walks of life, till they in turn shall be gathered to their fathers.

A BOLD ROBBERY.

A Jewelry Store Entered in Daylight and $500 Worth of Watches Stolen—No Clue to the Thief.

A daring and impudent robbery was perpetrated at the jewelry store of Orr & McConahy, No. 124 Federal street, Allegheny, yesterday. It appears that one of the proprietors, Mr. McConahy, had gone to dinner. Shortly after he left Mr. Orr went out of the store for a few moments, leaving the boy, who was at work at the back part of the room. While engaged at his work, some one, it appears, came in the door and took from the show case a gold watch, one gold watch case and four silver watches, all of the value of five hundred dollars. The counter extends nearly the full length of the room, and the rods had been placed on the Court House and he had secured the money promptly for the work. It is alleged another demand was made on him for the amount of the bill, which being refused, proceedings were instituted, an officer with a warrant proceeded to Meadville in search of Preston. The facts will probably be more fully developed at the hearing before the Deputy Mayor.

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THE COURTS.

District Court—Judge Kirkpatrick.

MONDAY, Jan. 17.—The first case taken up was that of James Tibby vs. John T. Shane, action to recover rent alleged to be due and unpaid. Verdict for plaintiff in the sum of $124 59.

James Irwin vs. John S. Shaffer, et al. replevin of household goods. Jury out.

TRIAL LIST FOR TUESDAY.

164. McClurkan vs. S. B. Thompson, et al.
34. McCullough vs. White Twister.
42. Coal Bluff Mining Co., et. al. vs. Wenona Coal Co.
54. Rees vs. Morrow.
82. Hill Patterson & Co. vs. Baker & Haslon
96. Flinn vs. Graham.
105. Grier & Boyd vs. Tomlinson & Co.
106. Smith vs. Youghiogheny Iron and Coal Co.

Quarter Sessions—Judge Stowe.

MONDAY, Jan. 17.—The case of the Commonwealth vs. Thomas Whittaker, indicted for perjury, previously reported, was resumed. Mr. H. McCormick, who with Mr. Ammon, was assigned to defend the prisoner, made an able argument for his client, but the facts were against him and the jury returned a verdict of guilty.

Frederick Quigg, charged with false pretense, was discharged on payment of costs, a *nolle pros* having been entered.

Christ. Baker, of McKeesport, was tried for selling liquor to a minor named Shields. The case "broke down" because of the absence of Shields, but the jury directed defendant to pay the costs.

The case of Henry Fritz, charged with assault and battery upon Peter Folger, was spitled upon payment of costs by defendant.

Patrick McCann plead guilty to a charge of larceny, and was sentenced to the Work House for thirty days.

Court then adjourned.

TRIAL LIST FOR TUESDAY.

171 Comm. vs. Edward Roseman, 2 cases.
183 " Charles Stephens.
150 " Fred. Diffenbaugh.
61 " John Medsker.
81 " Nida Kirk.
63 " Wm. Heckert.
421 " J. W. Pittock, et al.
318 " Wm. H. Sturgeon.
208 " Wm. Merriman.
129 " Joseph Lalink.

Common Pleas—Judge Sterrett.

MONDAY, Jan. 17.—Charles P. Stright vs. Jane Buchanan; *sci. fa.* on mechanic's lien. Jury out.

The Great Western Building Association of Allegheny County vs. Frank Ketterlee et ux; *sci. fa.* on mortgage. Jury out.

Following is the trial list for to-day.

12. Franz vs. Jones et al.
14. Tannehill et al. vs. Pfaff.
8. Tilbert vs. Solare.
55. Scott vs. Rasebugh et ux.
384. Shields vs. McAloy.
22. Rodgers & Bro's vs. Hays.
24. Horne vs. Alcock.
29. Geyer vs. Ridgley.
30. Rodney vs. Geyer.
40. Hinke & Glass vs. Lee.
41. Bradshaw vs. Duff.
42. Com. for use, vs. Barker et al.
43. Com. for use, vs. Taylor.
44. Com. for use, vs. Taylor.
45. Com. for use, vs. Smith.
46. Com. for use, vs. Huey.

ELECTRIC LITIGATION.

Lightning Rods and Alleged False Pretence—After the Accused.

Yesterday morning Deputy Mayor Nichols received the information of J. R. Fricke & Co. against J. G. Preston for false pretence. The alleged fraudulent transaction dates back to May, 1869. Fricke & Co. are lightning rod manufacturers in this city. At the time designated they alleged they were called upon by Preston, who represented himself as the owner of a farm near Meadville, in affluent circumstances and responsible in business character. It is said he went there to procure a sufficient supply of the rods to protect the County House at Meadville, he having the contract for the mason work. Under his representations Messrs. Fricke & Co. allege they were induced to allow him have the desired goods on credit, although he was not. Matters went smoothly enough, until the time for payment of the bill arrived, when it was not forthcoming. Then, according to their statements, visited Meadville to investigate, and found that Preston's representations in relation to his ownership of a farm were false. The rods had been placed on the Court House and he had secured the money promptly for the work. It is alleged another demand was made on him for the amount of the bill, which being refused, proceedings were instituted, an officer with a warrant proceeded to Meadville in search of Preston. The facts will probably be more fully developed at the hearing before the Deputy Mayor.

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Petroleum Association.

Yesterday morning an adjourned meeting of the Petroleum Association was held at the parlor of the Robinson House, Duquesne Way and Seventh street. The topic for consideration was the form of contract to regulate the sales of refined oil. A lengthy discussion occupied the greater part of the session, when a form was adopted, which it is thought, however, will have to be again amended before it becomes satisfactory. The committee then proceeded to the election of a Refined Oil Inspector, which resulted in the selection of Mr. Justice Scott, bookkeeper, of Pittsburgh. The meeting then adjourned until this morning at ten o'clock, when the contract will be again taken up for consideration. The main difficulty in settling this matter seems to be in relation to the responsibility of inspection after the oil has been delivered. It sometimes happens that oil is delivered to the exporter three or six days before they can ship it. They contend that it should during this time be at the risk of the seller, and that the seller copipands that a delivery of the oil passed and in proper order, dissolves his connection with it. Sanctioning by night air, in case a lot should be injured during these intervals, unless the regulations are strictly set forth in the form of contract. Hence the trouble in getting this point arranged.

A Strike Ended.

The Telegraphers' strike is said to have ended, the majority of the Union men returning to their places. The failure of the strike is accredited to the want of solidity on the part of operators, they giving in in many sections, leaving those in other sections to follow their example or take their places unbidden. To the credit of the Pittsburgh operators who struck, we would say that they preserved throughout the edge the respect of the local officers of the Company here, and by no word or act belittled their reputations as gentlemen who would not stoop to do mean things.

The strike being ended, the Western Union Company is again full handed and prepared better than ever to transact the large share of business it formerly did. The new and expeditious manner of handling messages by the patrons, and the consequent discarding of many operators, weakened the force, but they are now removed and the lines are in a successful operation from one end of the land to the other.

Presentation.

A very pleasant presentation ceremony took place, Saturday evening, at the residence of Miss Sue B. Nichol, River avenue, Allegheny. Miss Nichol, it will be remembered, contributed the neat poetic gem which accompanied the New Year's Greeting of the Lister Carbine Firestorm for her kindness the latter carriers assembled at the time designated, at her residence, when Mr. John Nichol, Chief of the Department, in behalf of his associates, in a felicitous manner, presented her with an elegant set of jewelry. The recipient made a neat response, after which the company partook of a superb collation, which closed the evening's pleasant exercises. The occasion throughout was highly enjoyable and commendable as an evidence of the generality of the donors, and a tribute to the talents and merits of the fair poetess of our sister city.

Pittsburgh Division, No. 42, Sons of Temperance.

The old members of this Division will meet this evening in Mozart Hall, for the purpose of devising ways and means to increase the usefulness of the Division, which has of late years been productive of much good in the community. It is hoped that this meeting will result in restoring "Old 42" to what it was—the largest Division in the United States, and all members are earnestly invited to attend.

A STORE FOR THE BOYS.

How a Lad Wheeled Himself into Fortune and Influence.

At a meeting of the stockholders of a prominent railway corporation, recently held in this city, there were present two gentlemen, both well up in years, one however, considerably the senior of the other. In talking of old times gone by, the younger gentleman called the attention of his friends and told a pleasant little story which should be read with profit by every poor, industrious and striving lad. We use his own language:

"Nearly half a century ago, gentlemen, I was put upon the world to make my living. I was stout, willing and able, considering my then tender years, and secured a place in a hardware store to do all sorts of chores required. I was paid seventy-five dollars per year for my boyish services. One day, after I had been at work three months or more, my friend there, Mr. B., who holds his ago remarkably well, came into the store and bought a large bill of shovels and tongs, sad-irons and pans, buckets, scrapers and hatchets, for he was to be married next day, and was supplying his household in advance as was the groom's custom in those days. The articles were packed on the barrow and made a load sufficiently heavy for a young mule. But more willing than able, I started off, proud that I could move such a mass on the wheelbarrow. I got on remarkably well till I struck the mud road, now Seventh avenue, leading to my friend B.'s house. There I toiled and tugged and tugged and toiled, but could not budge the load up the hill, the wheel going it's full half diameter in the mud every time I would try to propel forward. Finally a good-natured Irishman passing by with a dray took my barrow, self and all on his vehicle, and consideration of my promise to pay him a "bit" landed me at my destination. I counted the articles carefully as I delivered them, and with my empty barrow trudged by way back, whistling with glee over my triumph over difficulty. Some weeks after I paid the Irishman the "bit" and never got it back from my employers. [Mr. B. I am sure, would have remembered me, but he never before heard this story, so if he is behind he can compensate the debt by sending me a bushel of his rare ripe peaches next fall.] But to the moral. A merchant had witnessed my struggles and how zealously I labored to deliver that load of hardware; he even watched me to the house and saw me count each piece as I handed it in the doorway. He sent for me next day, asked my name, told me he had a reward for my industry and cheerfulness under difficulty, in the shape of a five hundred dollar clerkship in his extensive establishment. I accepted, and now, after nearly a half century has passed, I look back and say I wheeled myself into all I own, for the reward of perseverance in a way my grand stepping stone to fortune."

The speaker was a very wealthy banker, a man of influence and position, and one universally respected for his many good qualities of head and heart. Boys, take a moral from this little story and be willing and industrious. You do not know how many eyes are upon you to discover whether you are sluggish and careless, or industrious and willing, or how many there are who, if you are moral and worthy, will give you a stepping stone to wealth and position.

(From the Health Reporter.)

Dropsy.

The term Dropsy signifies a morbid accumulation of water in the tissues or cavities, the most general cause being a special difficulty existing either in a functional or organic affection of the kidneys.

It is often complicated with affections of other organs, as the liver, lungs, heart, stomach, brain, etc., to determine which is a desideratum, to be obtained many times only by an examination of the urine.

By whatever combined influences Dropsy may ensue, the blood first parts the watery elements and impairs the peculiar characteristics to the nutrition of the corresponding changes in the blood and urine in the hand in hand in every variety of this affection.

The most formidable case of uncomplicated dropsy, we are happy to say, can many times be readily relieved by a very simple remedy.

This remedy we are in possession of, and have cured hundreds of cases with it alone.

One of the most formidable of this kind that came under our notice for years, was that of Mrs. Scott, living near Washington, Pa. She was enormously swelled, had a bad cough, difficulty of breathing, and was much prostrated.

We sent her a small package which reduced the swelling, and the second case of medicine entirely effected the cure.

Another extraordinary case was that of Mr. ——, of this county, a man over seventy years old. He was not only enormously swelled but had much cough, asthma and palpitation. He was entirely cured by a week's treatment; and although three years have elapsed, he has had no return of the complaint, and is pleased to call and see us occasionally, and tell his friends of his cure.

Another case lives in Jefferson county, Ohio, an old man whose physicians gave him no hope of recovery, and whose friends had almost despaired of his life. We never saw this patient, but sent him a variety of medicine which cured him.

We have cured hundreds of cases of Dropsy, with but a single package of medicine each, and at a cost less than five dollars. Send a description of your case, and have the medicine sent.

L. OLDSHUE, M. D.,
192 Grant street.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were admitted of record in the office of Thos. H. Hunter, Recorder for Allegheny county, Saturday, January 15, 1870:

John M'Cune to Philip Mallek, Jan. 14, 1870; lot 14 by 40 feet on Beech alley, Pittsburgh; $1,000.

Wm. Eichbaum to Jacob Eichbaumer, Nov. 16, 1869; lot 20 by 75 feet, on Bedford avenue; $1,000.

Jacob Smith to Wm. Smith, Jan. 14, 1870; lot 22 by 100 feet on Locust street, Allegheny; $1,000.

Henry Fantom to Jacob Lay, Nov. 19, 1869; lot 25 by 94 feet on Ohio street, Allegheny; $1,000.

Wm. Hanlon to Wm. Hanlon, June 2, 1862; lot 21 by 100 feet on Duncan's alley; $1,000.

Robert Finnie to Philip Kenny, Jan. 14, 1870; lot 20 by 60 feet on Harrison street, Pittsburgh; $1,000.

Wm. Wilson to Robert Forster, Dec. 1, 1869; lot 22 by 100 feet on Locust street, Allegheny; $1,000.

D. Harrison's heirs to J. L. Bowman, Jan. 12, 1870; lot 22 by 100 feet on Locust street, Allegheny; $1,000.

Wm. Caldwell to Samuel Jones, Jan. 12, 1870; lot 20 by 100 feet on Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh; $6,000.

Jas. Finley to G. Gordon, Jan. 13, 1867; 3 acres and 80 perches of land in Ross township; $1,000.

Wm. Caldwell to Samuel Jones, Jan. 12, 1870; lot 20 by 100 feet on Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh; $6,000.

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John Tyger to Geo. Mead, Aug. 24, 1869; 1 lot on Mt. Troy road, Allegheny; $1,000.

No. 2 Keller's Plan, Reed's Station to Jas. Reed, Jan. 14, 1870; 1 lot on Penn street, Pittsburgh; $1,000.

Jas. Finley to Jas. Gordon, May 31, 1862; 1 lot on Mt. Troy road, Allegheny