The Pittsburgh Gazette.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

The new Allegheny Police have not yet been uniformed.

To-Day completes the fifteenth year of Alderman Donaldson's continuance in that office.

Ten Dollars.—Darby McDonough was yesterday required to pay a fine of ten dollars for indulging in the very common luxury of beating his wife.

Astonishing fashions in spring hats and bonnets are promised. Perhaps the bonnets will be worn under the chin, and a bow knot tied on the top of the head.

Yesterday Alderman Shore committed to jail Samuel Johnson for a hearing on a charge of larceny preferred by John Martin, the trifle in dispute being a cent valued at fourteen dollars.

U. S. Commissioner.—John Y. Woods, Esq., of Greensburg, Westmoreland county, was yesterday appointed U. S. Commissioner. His appointment was recommended by the leading lawyers of Greensburg.

Correction.—In our report of the G. A. R. banquet yesterday we erred in stating that it was prepared by Mr. Smith. Our old friend, the prince of caterers on such occasions, W. H. Simpson, 283 Liberty street, is entitled to the credit.

An Effort will be made during the present session of Congress to so amend the postal laws as to allow all newspapers sent from the office of publication to go free to any point. At present they only go free in the county of publication.

Yesterday Wm. Cunningham made information before Alderman Taylor, charging John Barrett and Edward Fagan with obtaining from him $33 by false pretenses. Subsequently the matter was explained satisfactorily and the prosecutor withdrew the charge.

Route Agent.—S. B. McCarthy, of Huntingdon, has been appointed Route Agent between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, and has entered on the discharge of his duties. We learn that W. F. Cunningham has been promoted to the position of first Route Agent.

Rev. Franklin Moore D. D., of the M. E. Church, one of the most eloquent pulpit orators of his day, died in Collinwood Saturday night last. The Reverend gentleman was a native of Beaver, and was very popular in this section of the State. His remains will be taken home for burial.

Wife Beater.—John Robson, a man who has gained some notoriety by beating and abusing his wife, was arrested on Wednesday night at the instance of Mrs. Robson, and yesterday morning after a hearing was committed to jail for thirty days, in default of a fine of twenty-five dollars and costs.

Caught at Last.—On November 30th an information was made before the Mayor, charging Sen. Wallace and Leonard Shaner with the larceny of a saw, valued at $4 50, the property of Coleman, Rahn & Co. A warrant was issued, but the officers were unable to find either of the accused until yesterday, when officer Rivers caught Wallace. After a hearing before the Mayor he was committed for trial.

Lost His Watch.—Wm. Morris states he lost a silver watch valued at $15 in this wise. He left the timekeeper at the store of J. Lincoln, jeweler, on Wylie street, a short time since, and subsequently, he alleges, Lincoln quit business, since when he has heard nothing of the watch. Alderman McMasters upon Morris' information issued a warrant for the arrest of Lincoln for larceny as bailee.

Artificial Ice.—In many large cities artificial ice is procured in large quantities by means of steam. Water, spirits of ammonia, salt and steam are necessary for its production. The machine in use can produce 1,450 pounds of ice in about four hours, and it is said to cost about one half as much as the same quantity of natural ice. Should the weather continue as mild as it has been, it will be necessary to resort to this method here in Pittsburgh.

Bird Boxes.—Our suburban people who desire the music of song birds, or the labor of birds to aid in the protection of fruit from insects next season should lose no time in putting out among their trees and shrubbery a goodly number of bird boxes. All who supply houses for the birds this winter will find their gardens next spring resound with the twitter of the wren and blue bird, while their shrubbery will be cleared of vermin by the English sparrow.

The Junior Exhibition this Evening.—Our Junior friends will do their best to please those who may encourage them by their presence this evening. We hope the University chapel will be filled as handsomely—in every sense of the word—as it has heretofore been on occasions such as this. The University has not been wont to disappoint public expectation in such, or any other entertainments, to which they are invited. The new term begins next week.

The Iron Trade.—A lad about eight years of age was brought before Mayor Gallow yesterday morning by his mother who wished to have him committed to the House of Refuge. He had acquired a habit of picking up articles—no particular as to ownership—especially old iron, which he converted into money, through the agency of a junk dealer. The Mayor dismissed the lad after a wholesome lecture, and then had the junk dealer brought before him and warned to desist from his practice of purchasing from children, otherwise prosecution would be entered against him.

Darby's Troubles.—Darby McDonough resides on Tunnel street. Yesterday he was before the Mayor for disorderly conduct, on complaint of his wife. The visit cost him ten dollars. Soon after he was called upon by Aldermun McMasters' police, who induced him to visit the magistrate's office, where an information for assault and battery had been made against him by his wife Margaret. She charged him with attempting to take her life with a knife—an attempt which was frustrated through the agency of her vocal efforts, which summoned neighborly assistance. He was held for a hearing.

Official Meetings.

The regular monthly meeting of Councils will be held next Monday at 8 P. M.

A meeting of the Fire Engine and Hose Committee will be held this evening at 7 o'clock.

The City Printing Committee will meet to-day at 2 o'clock P. M., in the Controller's office.

Board of Charity.

A quorum of this Board, consisting of Dr. Worthington, George S. Harrison, George Dawson Coleman and F. B. Penniman, met in this city, Wednesday morning was spent in visiting the Western Penitentiary and House of Refuge. Yesterday, they spent the day in visiting Dixmont Hospital. They leave today for Erie to pay a visit to the Marine Hospital in that city, where they will be joined by General Kane, President of the Board.

Cash Insurance Company.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found an official statement of the Assets and Disbursements of the Cash Insurance Company, one of our local underwriting institutions, which, since its organization, has done an active and large business, paying promptly all its losses and adding 44 per cent. to its original assets. Its policies have been so well appreciated that the amount outstanding exceeds two and a quarter millions. No better evidence than this could be desired of the general confidence of the community, as well in the integrity and prudence of its management, as in the abundant resources of the Company to meet every liability.

Candidates for the House of Refuge.

James Scanlon and West Sill, two young lads were arrested on a charge of larceny on oath of John Padden, made before the Mayor, Wednesday evening. Padden resides at the corner of Fourth avenue and Eagle street, and Scanlon is his nephew. While stopping at his uncle's house the boy learned that there were one hundred and eighty dollars in gold and sixty dollars in silver laid away in a drawer. About two weeks ago the money was missed, and the uncle suspecting that Scanlon had stolen it, made information, as stated, against him and his companion. After a hearing the Mayor held them to bail for their appearance at the next term of court. Sill gave the required bail and young Scanlon was committed to jail. Mr. Padden states that Scanlon confessed to having taken the money before he was arrested, alleging that Sill had got it and had given him about $15 in paper money, as his share.

GRAND ARMY.

Department Convention of the G. A. R.—Second Day' Proceedings—Installation of Officers—Resolutions.

The Department Convention of the Grand Army of the Republic, which met in this city on Wednesday, reassembled yesterday at nine o'clock, in Lafayette Hall, and was called to order by Grand Commander O. H. Bosbyshell.

The exercises were opened with prayer by General Wagner, Chaplain General *pro tem.*

The first business, as announced by the Grand Commander, was the election of a Medical Director.

Comrade Dewitt, M. D., of Post No. 2 Philadelphia, was unanimously elected to the position of Director.

The election of Chaplain General was next in order. Rev. J. J. Marks, of Post No. 141, Brookville, and Frederick A. Tencate, of Post No. 45, Phoenixville, were nominated.

The election resulted in the choice of Rev. J. J. Marks, who was declared elected. On motion of comrade Crosby Gray the election was declared unanimous.

The election of members of the Council of Administration, resulted in the choice of comrades Chas. S. Green, T. A. Nichols, C. K. Campbell, Lane S. Hart and Frank Ruder.

On motion, Gen. John F. Hartranft was elected Delegate at Large, to represent this Department in the National Encampment.

The choice of the place for the next semi-annual convention of the Department, was next in order. Erie, Reading and Wilkesbarre were nominated, and Wilkesbarre was chosen by a considerable majority. The announcement was received with applause.

An election of delegates to represent this department in the next National Encampment, was next gone into. It resulted in the choice of comrades Bodine, Wagner, Beath and Pearson.

The report of the committee to whom were referred the reports of the officers, offered yesterday, was called for and read by the Chairman, Captain Frank Reeder, of Easton.

On motion of Captain W. B. Cook, the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion the report was taken up and considered *seriatim*. Most of the points of the report were adopted without opposition.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered by W. B. Cook, and unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, Comrade Bosbyshell, our worthy Grand Commander, has, during the past year, devoted himself with untiring zeal and energy to the cause of the Grand Army of the Republic, and by his zeal and perseverance greatly benefitted the organization, therefore,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Department be and they are hereby tendered to Comrade Bosbyshell for his zeal and activity in the interests of our organization.

Resolved, That the Commander and Assistant Adjutant General are directed to transmit to Post Commander Bosbyshell a certified copy of this preamble and resolutions.

Resolved, That a committee of five members be appointed to obtain and present to Comrade Bosbyshell a badge of the G. A. R., as a mark of our esteem for him personally, and a slight token of our appreciation of his services as Commander of this Department.

The Commander appointed the following committee to carry out the object of the foregoing resolution:

Comrades W. B. Cook, Generals Albright, Wagner, Bodine and Colonel R. B. Beath.

General Albright offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention are hereby tendered to Posts No. 3, 88, 117 and 151, of the cities of Pittsburgh and Allegheny, and the borough of Birmingham, for the generous and fraternal reception and entertainment which they gave to the members of this Convention, and that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Posts named.

After the transaction of much other business of a promiscuous and private character, on motion of General Wagner, the officers elect for the ensuing year were called forward and installed.

On motion of Comrade Wagner, the officers of this Convention were instructed to return the thanks of this Convention to the various railroads and hotels which had reduced their rates, and extended courtesies.

On motion of General Blakeley, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Department be tendered to Comrade Comfort S. Haven for his badges gratuitously presented to the delegates.

On motion of General Bodine, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be and they are hereby tendered to Comrades A. L. Pearson, W. B. Cook and S. P. Gamble, of Post No. 3, of Pittsburgh; Comrades Wm. Blakeley, A. Patterson and J. R. Donaldson, of Post No. 88, of Allegheny City; Comrades S. Woods, D. A. Jones and John J. Hertzog, of Post No. 151, of Birmingham, and to Comrades C. S. Haven, J. F. Dennison and John Grayson, of Post No. 117 of East Liberty, for the excellent and satisfactory manner in which they have performed their duties as a committee of arrangements for this Convention.

After the transaction of some, private business, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

THE PETROLEUM DEALERS.

Annual Meeting of the Petroleum Association—Election of Officers for 1870—The Contract Question Again—Form of Contract Finally Adopted—Oil Inspection.

Yesterday morning the annual meeting of the Petroleum Association was held at their room, No. 4 Dalzell's building, Duquesne Way.

James A. Hutchinson, Esq., presided, with Mr. A. F. Brooks Secretary.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Major Frew, the election of officers were taken up as the first business in order. Messrs. Jas. A. Hutchinson and John A. McKee were nominated for President. Mr. McKee declined the nomination, and on motion of Mr. Long, Mr. Hutchinson was elected by acclamation. In the same manner Messrs. Wm. Frew and J. T. Stockdale were chosen Vice Presidents. Mr. A. F. Brooks Secretary and Treasurer, and Messrs. Waring, Lockhart and Forsythe as the Executive Committee.

Mr. Long then read the report of the Committee appointed at the last meeting on form of contract. He stated the Committee had adopted the paper passed at the last meeting with the provisions printed on the back, only altering a little the face of the contract. The Committee had also slightly altered the reference to the weight in barrels, and so otherwise amended it as to give the seller the privilege of delivering the oil on the last three days, either of the expiration of the contract, or in case notice was given the last three days of the notice.

A motion was made by Mr. Kirk to lay the report on the table, which was lost.

A motion was then made and subsequently amended so as to provide for the adoption of the contract as reported, with an amendment in relation to the weight of barrels.

Mr. Long offered the following:

Resolved, That hereafter in the delivery of crude oil, under sellers' option contracts, the seller shall have one week in which to commence the delivery after he shall have received the consignee or place of delivery, and further shall have one additional week in which to complete the delivery of the whole quantity called for, by the contract for which a consignee was furnished. In case at the end of the first week the delivery has not been commenced or the end of the second week the delivery has not been completed, then and in either event as far as the seller is concerned the contract is to be considered as expired, and the buyer has the option of buying the said non-delivered quantity and holding the delinquent seller for any loss which may ensue.

The resolution was referred to the Executive Committee.

Mr. Stockdale presented a bill in relation to inspection of oil in Philadelphia, which he had received from Senator Graham, and said it was now pending before the Legislature. The President then read the bill in detail, and it was then referred to the Executive Committee.

An informal discussion then arose in regard to the inspection of refined oil in Pittsburgh under the conditions of the new contract, and on motion of Mr. Long, the sixth condition, which related to this inspection, was stricken out.

The Association then adjourned.

Public School Exhibitions.

To-night the first of a series of three exhibitions will be given in the Moorhead Public School House by the pupils of the school. The exercises consist of recitations, readings, dialogues, music, vocal and instrumental. The young performers have made great preparation for the occasion, and the entertainment promises to be very pleasant and entertaining. It is given for the purpose of raising a fund for the purchase of an organ for the school, and aside from the pleasure derived, should be patronized by all lovers of the divine art who wish to see it encouraged.

THE COURTS.

District Court—Judge Kirkpatrick.

THURSDAY, January 27.—In the case of Flinn vs. Graham and McKee, action for damages for false arrest and imprisonment, previously reported, the jury returned a verdict for plaintiff in the sum of $75.

FALSE IMPRISONMENT.

The first case taken up was that of George Bassett vs. James B. Hill, action to recover damages for an alleged false imprisonment. The facts in the case so far as we could ascertain them are as follows: In February, 1866, Mr. Hill lost a wagon which he ascertained was in possession of Bassett, Morrow & Co., and on the 21st of February of the same year, he made an information before Mayor McCarthy, upon which a search warrant was issued. The warrant was placed in the hands of officers Rivers and Hague, who found the wagon on the premises of Bassett, Morrow & Co. The information upon which the search warrant was issued, it appears, was then changed so as to charge Alfred Pearson, Alexander Morrow and George Bassett, members of the firm, with the larceny of the wagon, which was valued at $275. The parties were arrested and entered bail for their appearance at Court; and at March Sessions, 1866, of the Quarter Sessions Court, a true bill was found against the accused. March 14th, 1866, the case was tried and a verdict of not guilty was rendered.

Mr. Bassett then brought this action against Mr. Hill to recover damages.

Messrs. T. H. B. Patterson and T. M. Marshall appeared for the plaintiff, and Messrs. A. M. Brown and John Hampton for the defendants.

It appeared in evidence that the wagon was not really the property of Mr. Hill, or at least that there was some difficulty about it; that Pearson had purchased the wagon and had, after notifying Mr. Hill of that fact, gone in the night time and taken the wagon from Mr. Hill's premesis and removed it to where it was found by the officers. A number of witnesses were examined but the evidence was in substance what we have stated above. On trial.

TRIAL LIST FOR MONDAY.

143 Morrow vs. Hill.
112 Jacoby vs. Schoen & Laurent.
64 Reed vs. Morrow.
119 Kennedy vs. Schultz.
119 Grant vs. Scott.
127 Ewing vs. Thompson.
128 Morgan's Adm'rs. vs. Ewing, et al.
131 Rector, etc. of St. Andrews Church vs. Hogg.

Common Pleas—Judge Collier.

THURSDAY, January 27.—The first case taken up was that of Geo. H. Stoner, vs. R. Edwards. Action in assumpsit. Verdict for plaintiff in the sum of $47.12.

Coleman, Rahn & Co. vs. Wm. M. Leech. Action on book account. Defendant was an employee of plaintiffs and it appears had overdrawn his wages, and this action was brought to recover the balance due plaintiff. Verdict for plaintiffs in the sum of $620.90.

Jos. Blakely vs. Moreland & Mitchell. Trespass for damages. Defendants are proprietors of a livery stable and hired a horse and buggy to plaintiff. The horse shied and threw the buggy over a bank, throwing plaintiff's wife out and injuring her. The case was tried before Judge Collier and a non-suit taken, and this is a second trial. On trial.

TRIAL LIST FOR FRIDAY.

160 Ertle vs King.
162 Kennedy et al. vs Porter.
165 Simpson vs Mutual Life Insurance Company.
184 Kennedy et al. vs Dithridge.
185 McGlinlen vs Hamilton.
187 Peeples vs McCune.
190 Skating Association vs Kerwin et al.
194 Stang et al. vs Hoffman.
195 Same vs Seibert.
198 Negley & Co. vs P., C. and St. L. Ry. Co.

Alleged Larceny.

On the 21st inst., Wm. B. Shaffer made information before the Mayor charging Emanuel Matchey with larceny. Shaffer is an officer in the employ of the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad Company, and it was alleged that Matchey, on the 4th inst., carried away from the freight depot of the railroad Company, at the foot of Penna street, twelve hundred boxes of merchandise, one chest and one trunk, all containing household goods consigned to W. Wolf, Pittsburgh, and marked "W." The whole amount of goods taken were valued at about $150. It appears from the statements made that the accused Matchey and Wolf had boarded together at the same house somewhere down the river, and that they came up the river together. Wolf had his goods hauled to Pittsburgh and left them at the depot while he went to McKeesport to seek work at the place where he was cooper. Matchey, it is said, went to the depot, represented himself as Wolf, and took the goods away.

The articles were subsequently called for by Wolf, who said he had given Matchey no authority to take any of his goods. Matchey, accompanied by officer Rivers, went in search of Matchey and the goods. They succeeded in finding a portion of the goods stored in a store on Sixth st., the remainder were found by officer Rivers in a house on Church alley, but Matchey could not be found. It was subsequently ascertained that he was in New York, and a detective was sent on from the city and had him arrested. The fact of his arrest was telegraphed to this city, and officer Long and Mr. Shaffer, armed with a warrant for his arrest and a requisition from Governor Geary, went on after him. They found him in custody and returned to this city with him and the remaining goods. Matchey admitted taking the goods and gave as his reason for so doing that Wolf owed him more money than the goods were worth. The accuser taken were valued at $150 Matchey was, in default of bail, committed to jail for trial.

Capt. Hall's Lecture.

A very large audience assembled last evening at Lafayette Hall to hear Capt. C. F. Hall's lecture descriptive of scenes and incidents in his Arctic tour in search of Sir John Franklin's expedition. The gallant Captain is not by any means an orator, but he tells his story in a careless, colloquial, family style, which is quite attractive and always engages the attention of the hearer. He illustrated his remarks by reference to large charts hung on the stage in full view of the audience, which tended in a great measure to make him easily understood. Ten years' experience of Arctic life have made him thoroughly familiar with all the manners and customs of the people, and of the character and geography of the land. He gave in detail accounts of some of his most important expeditions, especially that of 1869, which resulted in finding proofs of the fate of the object of his search. The lecture was interspersed with descriptions of the people, their modes of life, and other information not generally rendered it throughout very entertaining and instructive. He was accompanied by an Esquimaux family, who appeared on the platform toward the close of the lecture, clad in full costume, and together with the many relics and curiosities exhibited added much to the interest of the entertainment. Before bidding adieu to the audience he expressed his determination to proceed to Washington as soon as early as possible have an expedition fitted out by the Government for exploration about the North Pole. He was frequently applauded and made a very fine impression.

Legal.

There are times in the lives of persons in and out of business circles, when it is a matter of great importance to know who to select in the legal fraternity to conduct important cases in either the civil or criminal branch of the law. If any of our readers should be so perplexed we should unhesitatingly recommend our highly respected friend H. H. McCormick, Esq., a gentleman who is thoroughly read in all legal matters, quick to comprehend the exact situation of a case, indefatigable and untiring in looking after and guarding the interests of his clients, and attentive as possible to all office and court duties. Mr. McCormick is a rising lawyer and is destined to occupy a high place in his profession, and we do not marvel at the large share of confidence and patronage awarded him by the general community. We cheerfully commend him to our readers as a lawyer whom they can rely upon, as they will find him in all legal transactions honorable, just, fair dealing and upright. His office is at No. 68 Grant street, where his friends and the public generally, will find him constantly on hand when not in court.

Orphans' Fair.

The Orphans' Fair continues to draw large audiences. The voting contest for the elegant gold watch to the most popular pastor was decided in favor of Rev. P. Kerr, who received over 11,000 majority on a vote of 25,170, at three votes for a dollar, netting $8,390. The recipient is well worthy the honor conferred. M. J. McGinn, the Fifth avenue druggist, as we learn from the affable Col. W. J. Dick, is considerably ahead on the contest for the silver mortar and pestle. Miss Mattie Rattigan carried off the ladies gold watch in a spirited voting contest by a majority of several thousand Nearly $20,000, it is thought, will be cleared by the Fair, all of which goes to the St. Pauls Orphan Asylum.

FINANCIAL OPERATION.

A Successful Swindler—The Second and Third National Banks Victimized to the Amount of $6,000—A new Confidence Game—How it was Done.

The officers of the Second and Third National banks were thrown into a state of excitement yesterday afternoon by the discovery of a noonday operation, by which they had been victimized, the former to the amount of $2,500, and the latter $3,500, by a sharper. It appears that on Tuesday morning, shortly after bank hours, a man, a stranger to the officers entered the Second National Bank and deposited $1,000 in the name of B. Catherwood, stating that he was about to embark in an extensive business in the city and desired to open an account with the bank. On the same day he called and made a similar deposit with the Third National. Yesterday morning the same man came to the Second National Bank and deposited a check for $3,000 on the Exchange Bank of New York, payable to B. Catherwood, purporting to be drawn by J. H. Roth & Sons. About the same time a check, similar in every particular to the one described, was deposited at the Third National Bank, and of course in both instances entered to the credit of B. Catherwood. Later in the day a man called at both banks, and presented Catherwood's checks, at the Second National for $3,500 and at the Third National for $4,000. The checks were cashed, and some two hours afterwards it appears that the officers of both banks began to think that there was something wrong, and telegraphed to the Exchange Bank to ascertain something about the affair. They received a reply stating that J. H. Roth & Sons had no money in that bank. This confirmed the suspicions of fraud, but, unfortunately, it was too late to prevent it. An officer from the Third National Bank rushed frantically to the Mayor's office to make information against B. Catherwood for forgery, and was not a little surprised to find an officer from the other bank on the same errand. "Misery loves company," and each party seemed considerably relieved on ascertaining that the other had been victimized. The informations were made and warrants issued, but Mr. B. Catherwood has not as yet been discovered.

It would appear from this affair that business men are liable to be victimized by confidence operators.

Wheeling.

It appears that our prosperous and lively neighbor down the river has a *Health Officer* who is a physician of fair intelectual, literary and professional culture. James E. Reeves, M. D. We would like to see the ordinance under which the Doctor appears to have been accomplished, and to have a similar one for Pittsburgh. We regret that the great length of the Doctor's pamphlet precludes its publication in the GAZETTE, but would recommend a copy to be furnished to every member of our City Councils. Its value consists in the very learned and elaborate dissertation in which the author has opened up to public view as nearly as possible everything in and about the goodly city of Wheeling. Nothing seems to have eluded his vigilant research. The factories and what is done in them, the thing made, the quantity produced, the market where sold, the number, nativity and habits of the working people, the shops, stores and establishments they frequent, the plored; the streets, alleys and sewers are described; the population is enumerated and classified; the hills, valleys and islands are mapped; the importance of sanitary science discussed; the geological stratification described. The ethnography is the subject of a brief chapter; diet, drinks and habits are other interesting themes. Tabular exhibitions of births, deaths, marriages, &c., form the report. Epidemics, endemics and sanitary regulations are among the items reviewed. The whole is an *omnium gatherum* of useful intelligence such as should be collected and made available in every city. The city of Wheeling is fortunate in having for its health officer a gentleman so learned and capable as Dr. Reeves, who, it appears, is also a most earnest and diligent investigator. His capital report evinces a hearty zeal in his subject—a determination to neglect no detail.

The people of Wheeling cannot fail to appreciate highly the service rendered, and profit by the advice of Dr. Reeves Indeed, many other cities than Wheeling let will derive from it much information of great practical importance. It is entitled "The Physical and Medical Topography, including Vital, Manufacturing and other Statistics of the City of Wheeling," by James E. Reeves, M. D.

Swaltowed a Pin.

Sunday afternoon Mrs. Beynan, residing on Penn street, Tenth ward, narrowly escaped death in a singular manner. She had just returned from church and was laying aside her shawl, from which she had fastened a pin and put into her mouth. At this instant her husband made some remark, and in replying she forgot the pin, which as she began to talk slipped down her throat and lodged there. Finding it impossible to dislodge the unwelcome substance, a physician was sent for. Dr. A. Reed came in a few moments and succeeded in relieving her from strangling by pushing the pin downwards. To three subsequently it became very sore and continued so for two or three days, although no serious consequences resulted. The lady had entirely recovered yesterday.

Burglars Frustrated.

On Wednesday night the residence of Mr. Kearney, on Wylie avenue, above Fulton street, was entered by burglars, but by a slight incident the burglars, it appears, were frightened away and frustrated in their designs. They effected an entrance to the house through a back window into the second story and getting inside they found the parlor doors locked. While they were in the house, Mr. Kearney, who is an invalid and in the habit of sleeping but little at night, got out of bed, and his bed room being over the parlor, the burglars heard him and fled, without taking any plunder with them. A light of glass had been cut out of the window, and an attempt had been made to force the parlor door open as was indicated by the appearance of things next morning.

Sisterly Solicitude.

Some time since Mr. John Vetter, an enterprising youth, was indentured to Mr. John Hafforth to be initiated into the mysteries of the tonsorial art. He was pleased with the profession and equally so with his employer, at least he expressed himself so. His sister, Miss Mary Vetter, was not so well satisfied with the arrangement. Yesterday she called on Mr. Hafforth, and requested to see the article of indenture. Upon getting it into her hands it is stated she quickly reduced it to infinitesimal fragments. Mr. Hafforth thought this an unwarrantable proceeding, and to have it investigated made information before Alderman Koenig against Miss Vetter for malicious mischief. The lady was arrested and will have a hearing.

Not Generally Known.

It is a fact not generally known that the value and title of a deed may depend entirely upon the proof that it has been regularly recorded; for in case a person should sell the same house, lot, or farm, to different parties giving each a deed for the same, the deed first recorded within six months after its being given, according to law, would be the only one that would give the title to the property, and the original grantee, not having recorded his deed, would be ejected. So also of a Mortgage. It should be recorded immediately after it is given, as it does not become a lien upon the property until it has been regularly recorded.

Silken Threads.

It may interest some of our financial friends, who believe in the beauty of such things, to know that hereafter on all legal tenders that are printed, there will be a wide margin of white unprinted paper, in order to let the effect of the silk threads in the paper be as conspicuous as possible. The curious silk threads which appear in the notes are made by mangling and mixing with the paper pulp, Chinese silk handkerchiefs of red and blue colors. Chinese silk is used because no other will hold its color under the mangling and soaking process. The new gold certificate has only three blue threads in it, while the legal tenders have both red and blue.

House and Lot in Allegheny at Auction.—The property No. 75 Perry street, near Chestnut, Third ward, will be sold today, (Friday), 28th instant, at two o'clock. The lot is 25 by 85 feet. The house is a good brick of nine rooms. A rare chance for purchasers. Owner moving west.

A. LEGGATE,
Auctioneer.

For Sale.—The stock of the popular Diamond Front Shoe House, 63 Fifth avenue

W. T. Wiley's Diamond Front Shoe House, 63 Fifth avenue, for sale.

Closing out entire stock of Boots and Shoes at Wiley's, 63 Fifth avenue.

A Correction.

PITTSBURGH, January 27, 1870.

MESSRS. EDITORS: In the "expose" of a foreign Insurance Company, published in the *Commercial*, this morning, it is announced that London was almost entirely destroyed by fire in the year 802.

No living man can dispute the truth of the assertion, and every logical mind will draw, from the connection, the inference that the said company stood up like a man on that disastrous occasion and, by the prompt payment of its losses, enabled its inhabitants to rebuild the next day.

Neither can it be called in question that, as stated, in the same "expose" that Moscow was destroyed by fire in 1733, and, consequently, everybody should, now, "take Hobenback" and insure in the aforesaid carpet-bag concern.

The assertion, however, printed in *italics*, that "Not one local insurance company in Pittsburgh survived the 10th of April, 1845," is *false*.

At the date mentioned, April 10th, 1845, there were in existence three local Stock Insurance Companies in Pittsburgh.

The eldest of these three, "The Pittsburgh Navigation and Fire," paid every dollar of its large amount of loss, and continued, for years, to transact a safe and profitable business.

The "Penn Insurance Company" paid ninety-four per cent. of the amount of its losses, and the "Firemen's Insurance Company" paid eighty-seven per cent. of the claims made under its policies.

Very respectfully, your ob't serv't,
ROBT. FINNEY.

For Sale.—The stock of the popular Diamond Front Shoe House, 63 Fifth avenue.

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A Minister Sentenced to be Hung for the Murder of his Illegitimate Child.—Rev. Samuel R. Kankavity, for murdering his illegitimate infant child last November, at Ringtown, Pa., was sentenced to be hung by the Court of Susquehanna county last Monday. The familiarity of the law, the compassion of youth of the condemned, his condition of being a stranger as it were in this country, has excited an interest rarely felt in criminal cases in this country.

The circumstances of the case are these: Mary J. Nankervis or Treganza, who was tried with prisoner and acquitted, came to that county and proceeded to Mickleshury; there she remained but a day or two, when she started for Centralia in Columbia county, where Samuel R. Nankervis was stationed as a minister. The prisoner took passage for cars at Rupert's Station, and having forgotten her destination, she had to remain until she could telegraph to ascertain the name of the place she was going to. This delayed her until after the train upon the Catawissa Railroad had gone and she was compelled to remain over. While there, Samuel R. Nankervis met her, and during her stay at this place the child was born. She remained there till the 3d of November last, when Sam'l R. Nankervis left with her for Centralia by the Catawissa Railroad. Having arrived at Ringtown Station on that road, the prisoners left on foot. Having gone be tween one and two miles they met George Lindemuth, and asked him a few questions, walked with him a short distance and wanted to know if he knew of any one who would take the child (which he then had in his arms) for a short time; that he was willing to pay any price. This is a private road. From this place the prisoners proceeded towards Centralia, and were seen upon the public road after wards without the child. The child was found the next day lying by the side of a fallen tree or log, with a piece of red flannel wrapped around it over its other clothing. The child was dead but there were no external marks of violence (which have been shown to have been the cause of death.) The clothes of the child were wet from the upper part down around the body of the child, and one witness says down to the feet. A *post mortem* examination was held. A very large quantity of blood was found in the cranium, the brain itself not having suffered any injury. The lungs were infiltrated with blood throughout. The stomach and abdominal viscera were healthy. The supposition is that the child had been drowned or its head compressed. If it died from exposure the court held that "if these prisoners or either of them left the child alive where it was subsequently found dead, with the specific intent and design then formed, that the child would and might there perish by exposure and cold, this would be murder in the first degree. If the intention was formed to take the life of the child, and in pursuance of the intention the object was placed where it might and did die from exposure, it is deliberate and premeditated murder."

The prisoner is young, of good education and from appearance he is a German, and his case in that element attracts nearly as much attention as that of Paul Schoepp.

AN employe at Gorge Coal Mines, west of Kittanning Point, was rode on a rail around the whole works for marrying a green widow who has two thousand living, and he himself having a wife living and one dead. The party that did the act consisted of ten persons. They went to the house, entered it, went up stairs to his bedroom, took him out while he was in the act of going to bed, carried him down stairs and out of the house and mounted him astride of a rail, and then started on the march, cheering as they went and making a public exhibition of him at every door.

DIED!

HAYS—On Thursday morning, January 27th, 1870, JAMES H. HAYS, JR., in the twenty-ninth year of his age.

The funeral will take place from the residence of his brother-in-law, William McClurg, Crimbo borough, on SATURDAY, the twenty-ninth inst., at 2 o'clock.

Carriages will leave Fallman & Simpson's, corner Seventh avenue and Ball'ofield street, at one o'clock.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

MYERS—At No. 73 Aberdeen street, Chicago, Sunday morning, January 26, 1870, of croup, FRANK WARREN, only child of T. Warren and Ella E. Myers, aged 3 years 9 months and 9 days.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

REPORT OF THE
CONDITION OF THE
EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK
Of Pittsburgh, Pa.,
At the close of business January 22d, 1870.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	$1,021,284 07
U.S. Bonds to secure circulation	640,000 00
Due from Redeeming and Reserve Agent	237,586 97
Due from other Nat'l Banks	20,548 46
Due from other Banks and Bankers	55,763 39
Banking House	56,500 00
Current Expenses	$4,966 34
Taxes Paid	14,296 81
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	19,345 15
Cash Items	3,848 71
Clearing House	38,324 76
Bills of other National Banks	11,608 00
Fractional Currency, including Nickels	11,612 07
Specie	20,714 00
Legal Tender Notes	17,000 00
3 Per Cent. Certificates	75,000 00
	$2,524,059 60

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in	$1,700,000 00
Surplus Fund	40,574 89
Discounts	29,302 42
Exchange	15,221 61
Interest	16,322 26
Profit and Loss	49,262 56
National Bank circulation outstanding	450,000 00
State Bank circulation outstanding	11,500 00
Individual Deposits	226,391 06
Individual deposits	530,856 67
Due to National Banks	39,649 28
Due to Banks and Bankers	1,760 54
	$3,524,059 60

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, } SS:
COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, }
I, ANDREW LONG, Cashier of the Exchange National Bank of Pittsburgh, Pa., do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
A. LONG, Cashier.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of January, 1870.
WM. F. RUDH, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
D. McCANDLESS,
MARK W. WATSON,
S. SAKEWELL, Jr.,
Directors.
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REPORT OF THE CONDITION
OF THE ALLEGHENY NATIONAL BANK at close of business, January 22d, 1870.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	$88,038 51
Overdrafts	4,538 31
United States Bonds to secure Circulation	$60,000 00
Other stocks, Bonds and Mortgages	50,417 79
Due from Redeeming and Reserve Agent	49,258 80
Due from other Nat'l Banks	15,432 05
Due from other Banks & Bankers	1,513 95
Banking House	29,112 23
Other Real Estate	33,715 51
Current Expenses	1,450 98
Taxes Paid	3,931 80
Checks on Banks and Bankers on the Clearing House	1,362 25
Exchanges for Clearing House	26,941 60
Bills of other National Banks	10,041 00
Bills of state Banks	704 00
Fractional Currency, including Nickels	1,500 61
Specie	8,650 00
Legal Tender Notes	2,700,100 00
3 Per Cent. Certificates	30,000 00
	$1,966,578 29

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock	$ 300,000 00
Surplus Fund	136,536 80
Interest	1,748 93
Exchange	1,749 93
National Bank Circulation outstanding	439,500 00
State Bank Circulation outstanding	7,776 00
Individual Deposits	1,349 10
Due to National Banks	12,903 41
Due to other Banks and Bankers	3,313 37
Dividends Unpaid	1,048 49
	1,966,578 29

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, } SS:
COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, }
I, Proctor of the Allegheny National Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
J. E. SHADY, Jr., Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn before me