The Pittsburgh Gazette.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

Change of Base.

The press and offices of the Daily and Weekly GAZETTE will be removed, from the 20th to the last of March, from their old stand on Fifth avenue to the large, four-storied "GAZETTE Buildings," at the corner of Smithfield street and Sixth avenue, recently purchased by the proprietors as a permanent home for the GAZETTE.

Route For Sale.

A splendid Route in Allegheny City on the GAZETTE. None but an energetic man need apply. Call to-day at the GAZETTE office.

Iron is being shipped from Indianapolis, Indiana, to Pittsburgh, for gun barrels.

Mayor's Office.—Mayor Brush disposed of eighteen cases at the Sunday morning court.

Justice Hainsbury Saturday committed Patrick Campbell to jail for twenty days for vagrancy.

Allegheny Valley Railroad Bonds are advertised for sale at head of Finance and Trade, on 3d page.

Alderman McMasters, always genial and happy in such matters, was twice called upon Friday night to tie the "willow knot."

A special meeting of the Central Board of Education will be held to-morrow afternoon to receive and approve the appointments of committees for the ensuing year.

Alderman Humbert, on Saturday, committed Ellen Riley to answer a charge of larceny, Ellen Lafferty accusing her of stealing a basket containing twenty dozen of eggs.

Robert Cassiday and John Nauer were committed on Saturday by Alderman Hezron, of the Ninth ward, to answer a charge of malicious mischief preferred by Mary Hutchison.

Yesterday Morning Richard Grooms was committed to the work house for thirty days by Mayor Callow for vagrancy. He will be taken to that institution to-day from jail.

City Councils.—A special meeting of City Councils will be held to-morrow, Tuesday, at two o'clock P. M. to consider the report of the Committee on Fire Engines and Hose relative to the paid Fire Department.

Held for Court.—In the case of J. Sullivan and James Braddock, information before Alderman John A. Floyd, for surety of the peace, after a hearing, Saturday, Braddock was held to bail for his appearance at Court.

The Beer and Pretzel.—The barrel of beer and mammoth pretzel voted to the most popular cooper, at the Charity Fair, were awarded to the Hempnill cooper shop, Allegheny City, by the large majority of 4000 votes over all other shops.

Firemen's Association.—A regular quarterly meeting of the Pittsburgh Firemen's Association will be held this evening. The amendments to the constitution and by-laws we presume will be the chief topic of discussion, as it has been under consideration for several years past.

Chisled Him.—A warrant was issued Saturday, by Alderman Neubert, for the arrest of Albert Kelly, charged with knocking down Frank Lenz with a chisel and afterwards kicking him in the face. The parties are employed at a furniture manufactory, where the difficulty occurred.

Disorderly.—James Sullivan and Tim O'Brien were amusing themselves yesterday evening by knocking each other down, on Fifth avenue. They were arrested and locked up in the toombs, where they will remain until this morning, when his Honor, the Mayor, will dispose of their cases.

Organ Concerts.—Dr. J. H. Wilcox, the eminent organist, of Boston, is expected to give a grand concert on the organ of the Third Presbyterian Church, Sixth avenue, on Tuesday evening, the 22d inst. He will give an afternoon concert the next day.

To all who have ever heard him play this announcement will be sufficient.

Saturday morning Louis Steinartz was brought before Alderman Neubert on a charge of aggravated assault and battery. Charles Schwarzter prosecutor. The men are employed at the Monongahela House. The accused, it is alleged, while intoxicated attacked the deponent and struck him on the head with a hatchet. When arrested he was still under the influence of liquor, and in default of bail was committed for a hearing to-day.

A Hearing was had in the case before Alderman McMasters Saturday morning wherein Harry Clare, charged his uncle James Clare with felonious assault. The parties are colored and reside on Wide alley. Harry returned Friday evening from a trip down the river and found his wife at his uncle's house, "within close to snoddar man," whereat he remonstrated in such a manner as to induce his uncle to seize a butcher knife and flourish in such close proximity to his nephew's head that he thought it the part of wisdom to rapidly retire. The hearing resulted in the discharge of the accused.

A Note.—Saturday morning Alderman Taylor was engaged in investigating a case of litigation. The deponent was a woman residing in the Ninth ward, who deposed that a short time she had visited a certain beer saloon in search of her husband, and not finding him there, was about retiring when the proprietor made some indecent proposition to her. Filled with indignation, she went away, and informed her husband, who was only quieted by a note for $50, made payable to bearer, no names being mentioned. Suit was brought to recover amount of the note. It failed, and the prosecutrix paid the costs.

We were in error yesterday in stating that the child of Mr. Evan Jones died immediately. The little victim it seems tipped back in her chair from the table and losing balance, fell to the floor. She did not appear to be injured, and a short time after was as lively as ever. In a few hours, she complained of sickness which increased, when two physicians were summoned, but notwithstanding all their exertions, the little one expired in about fourteen hours after the accident. She was a bright active, promising child and in their bereavement the parents have the heartfelt and sincere sympathy of their many acquaintances and friends.

Pittsburgh Clearing House.

The following statement exhibits the business of the Pittsburgh Clearing House, for the week ending Saturday, February 12, 1870:

	EXCHANGE.	BALANCE.
Feb. 7	$715,262 38	$ 68,515 95
" 8	536,726 95	113,834 68
" 9	466,578 32	73,986 66
" 10	563,159 97	105,274 47
" 11	560,823 68	122,256 79
" 12	424,251 96	85,623 24
Total	$3,556,655 24	$567,896 76

Missionary Fund.

The Session of the Second United Presbyterian Church, Sixth avenue, Rev. T. H. Hanna, pastor, yesterday reported $4,061 77 as the amount received for the cause of Missions. This is, we believe, the largest sum reported from an United Presbyterian Church in either city. It is certainly a very generous donation and exhibits the liberality of the membership in the most flattering light. Great praise is due the estimable pastor for his efforts in this direction, to which is indebted, in a large measure, the gratifying success achieved.

"The Day We Celebrate."

St. Valentine's Day has come again with the usual flutterings incident to its advent, from which we opine it will be duly remembered. Many an envious spirit will hail the day with pleasure as a long sought opportunity to vent ill-feeling and malice under a sly covert; rough and inveterate jokers will improve it as an occasion for humorous pranks and subdued literary sport; susceptible youths of immature faculties will relieve their lovelorn feelings in tender and gushing rebuses of the most excruciating artistic finish—and then in after years, it will be remembered only with bitterness as the memory of sly fissulin, or merriment at the evidences of a heathenish insanity, with which it was marked. Yet, for all that, it is one in the calendar of holidays, and we are compelled to offer to our readers the appropriate homage, reminding them, however, in justification of the irrefragible logic, "A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest—people," or words to that effect.

Paid Fire Department.

The Paid Fire Department question will come up again at a special meeting of Councils to be held to-morrow (Tuesday) afternoon. The following is the draft of an act recommended by the Committee on Fire Engines and Hose, as a substitute for the bill presented at the last meeting, and now before Councils. There certainly can be no complaint against its length. The paper carries the merit of brevity with it:

An Act to Establish the Pittsburgh Fire Department.

SECTION. 1. *Be it enacted, &c.*, That the Councils of the city of Pittsburgh be and they are hereby empowered to establish, organize, and control a Paid Fire Department in and for the city of Pittsburgh, and to provide for the expenses thereof.

SEC. 2. That, for the purpose aforesaid, it shall be lawful for said Councils to assess and collect a special tax upon all Fire, Marine and Life Insurance Companies doing business within said city.

SEC. 3. The said Councils shall have full power to make all necessary and proper rules and ordinances for the government of said Fire Department, not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the State of Pennsylvania, and to enforce the same by proper penalties.

Unwholesome Meat.

Meat Inspector Lindsay one day last week discovered at a meat shop on Penn street, in the Twelfth ward, a large quantity of diseased and unwholesome meat, and at another on Fifth avenue in the Sixth ward, a quantity of beef which was also unfit for food. In both cases the butchers exposing the meat for sale were required by the inspector to throw the meat in the river. Mr. Lindsay, so far as we have been able to ascertain, is endeavoring to discharge the duties of his office faithfully. If he will take the trouble to examine the City Digest, page 264, he will find that he is not empowered to dispose of diseased meats in the manner related above, but his duties required him to arrest the person or persons charged with violating the law, and bring them before the Mayor, who shall upon hearing adjudge such person or persons to be guilty, and impose a fine of fifty dollars upon them and declare such unwholesome meat to be forfeited to the city, when the inspector is authorized to dispose of it. A strict observance of the ordinance will not only be a source of considerable revenue to the city, but it will have a greater tendency to check the evil than the method adopted by the Meat Inspector.

If that class of persons who are mean enough to engage in the sale of impure meats are permitted to escape the consequences of their villainy by merely throwing the condemned meat into the river when detected, there will be nothing to deter them from engaging in the business, and the evil will increase, but if the provisions of the law are enforced strictly to the letter, as they undoubtedly should be, there will be few if any violations of it.

Those We Know.

THE OLDEST MAN residing in Pittsburgh is Mr. George De Camp, father of G. H. De Camp, Esq., attorney. He is in his 97th year, and is hale, healthy and hearty.

LIEBLEG, the famous trunk man, is not over twenty-five years of age.

W. C. SMYTHE, Esq., of the *Dispatch*, has been invited to lecture at Brady's Bend.

REV. DR. DOUGLAS has presided over his congregation a longer term of years than any other clergyman in the city.

DR. GEORGE H. KEYSER, in addition to managing his great drug house, has one of the largest practices in the profession.

MAJ. GEORGE K. BRADY, formerly of Pittsburgh, is the father of the first child born in Alaska that will be eligible to be President of these United States.

HYMON has it that a young and accomplished physician is about to surprise his friends with a grand fashionable wedding, in which himself and a pretty young lady will figure.

BARTLEY T. CAMPBELL, Esq., late of this city has been elected Official Reporter of the Louisiana Legislature. We expect next to hear of him turning up in Congress from some of the reconstructed States.

THOMAS STEEL, Esq., of this city, was one of the vice presidents of the State Temperance Convention. Few persons in the broad Commonwealth have done more service in the good cause than Mr. Steele, and none have been less ostentatious in the work.

Messrs. JOSEPH S. FINCH and W. MCKIM, both prominent distillers, have just returned from Washington, where they had an interview with the Committee on Ways and Means of Congress, and the Collector of Internal Revenue, on subjects of interest to the general trade. It is highly probable that Mr. Finch will be released from the payment of the government tax assessed on the whiskey, lost by the falling of his warehouse in South Pittsburgh last fall.

The Colored Men's Jubilee.

On Friday evening a meeting of the Auxiliary Committee, appointed by the colored citizens of Pittsburgh, was held in the John Wesley Chapel. The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, We regard the action of the Executive Committee in many respects unjuring and unwarrantable; and whereas, we fear that this action may provoke a movement delirmental to the end sought; therefore,

Resolved, That we most earnestly urge upon our constituents to submit to the plan for the celebration of the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment, and unite all their efforts to make the celebration a grand success.

Resolved, That we most respectfully urge upon the colored people the propriety of closing their places of business on the day and night of the celebration.

Resolved, That we most respectfully ask the friends of justice, human liberty and political equality, (better known as Republicans,) to decorate and illuminate their houses and places of business on the day and night of the celebration.

Resolved, That we most respectfully ask the Committee on Colored Schools to allow the teachers to close their schools on that day, in order that all who may desire to do so can participate in the celebration.

Mr. T. J. Londin moved that there be a Finance Committee of twenty appointed, as follows: Mr. James Owens, Chairman; Mr. R. A. Hall, Secretary; Mr. John Gaither, Treasurer; and Messrs. William Simpson, John Little, A. Hawkens, T. J. Londin, W. Waters, A. D. Johnson, Robert Mahaney, G. R. Knox, Henry Brown, Parle Burly, A. Watkins, Wm. Crapp, John Wright, Sr., R. P. Thompson, E. Johnson, J. Palmer and William Miller.

Mr. Lemuel Gugins, a well known and gentlemanly colored man, was elected Marshall of the Pittsburgh Division of the day procession.

On motion of Mr. Owens there was a committee of five appointed on banners.

T. J. Londin then moved that three carriages be procured and invitations be extended to the following gentlemen: His Honor, Mayor Brush, the Presidents of both branches of the City Councils, Hon. J. K. Moorhead, Hon. F. H. Collier, Col Wm. Phillips, A. Harper, Esq., Col. T. M. Bayne, Col. John Snodgrass, Col. J. Brown, Gen. A. L. Pearson and Wm. C. Moreland, Esq.

On motion of Mr. Gugins, a committee of five were appointed on music.

On motion of Mr. R. W. Bell, it was decided to procure carriages for the aged and infirm colored men.

The meeting adjourned to meet next Wednesday evening, February 16th, at seven o'clock, at the colored school house on Miller street.

THE COURTS.

District Court—Judge Hampton.

SATURDAY, February 12.—The time of the court was occupied in hearing arguments and motions, none of which were of any public interest.

TRIAL LIST FOR MONDAY.

154. Mackrell and Johnston vs. Cook *et al.*
98. (O. L.) Leahy vs. Nobbs.
181. St. Andrew's Church vs. Hoag.
123. Harrison vs. Brereton and Wilkins.
103. Irwin vs. Shaffer and Blundan.
168. Trimble vs. Williams.
169. Sturgess, Arnold vs. Shields' car.
171. Rabenstein vs. P. F. & M. Turnpike Company.
172. Simpson vs. Gilmore.
179. Oralg vs. Birch.

Common Pleas—Fifth Bench.

SATURDAY, February 12.—Court met at ten o'clock and the usual Saturday's business was transacted.

In the case of Catharine Kerr vs. James V. Kerr, divorce. Petition presented and subpoena awarded.

John J. Madina vs. Henrietta Madina, in divorce. Petition presented and subpoena awarded.

M. R. Finicle vs. B. M. Finicle, in divorce. Petition presented and subpoena awarded.

In the matter of the Homewood Institute, application for a charter, a petition was presented and a preliminary order made.

Commonwealth ex rel., William Einstein vs. the Keeper of the County Work House, a writ of *habeas corpus*. The petitioner, Einstein, was at September sessions convicted on nine indictments for selling liquor, and on the 11th day of December was brought into Court on a process and sentenced in five of the cases to pay a fine of $50 to the Commonwealth, the costs of prosecution and undergo an imprisonment in the County Work House for a period of ten days in each case. The term of sentence, fifty days, having expired the petitioner demanded his liberty, which was not granted, and this writ was issued to obtain it. After hearing the arguments of Mr. Morrison for the petitioner, and District Attorney Pearson for the respondent, the Court held that the sentence included the payment of fines and costs, and the petitioner was remanded to the Work House, there to remain until the sentence was complied with.

In the case of McElroy vs. J. W. Barker, motion for a new trial by defendant's counsel.

S. Hockheimer vs. Vogel and Walter, motion for a new trial and reasons filed by plaintiff's counsel.

Commonwealth Ex. Rel. Col. O. T. Baird vs. James Hunter, a writ of *habeas corpus*, to obtain the custody of Anna Margaret Finnegan, a child ten years of age. The petitioner resides in Steubenville, where it appears the child's father died about ten days since. At the time of his death the father left the child in the care of its grandmother and Colonel Baird. A few days afterward the grandmother, who resides in Allegheny, returned home, leaving the child in Steubenville, and next day after her return, Jas. Hunter, the respondent to this writ, who is the child's uncle, went to Steubenville and brought the child to Allegheny city, where he resides. Col. Baird was appointed guardian of the child by the Probate Court of Jefferson county, Ohio, and by virtue of said appointment claimed the custody of the child. The Court, on hearing the testimony of the petitioner, and examining the papers, gave the child into his custody, as he was its legal guardian.

TRIAL LIST FOR MONDAY.

214. Carlin vs. Campbell and wife.
288. Schmidt vs. Emory Bros.
240. Hebler vs. Richeld.
184. Kennedy et al. vs. Dithridge.
214. Steen et al. vs. Gilmore et al.
242. Junkins vs. Mcfarlan.
332. Collins et al. vs. Rea.
361. Harkins vs. Snow.
364. Reed vs. Clark.
365. Monroe et al. vs. Hays et al.

No. 98 is fixed for trial on Thursday.

Quarter Sessions—Judge Stowe

SATURDAY, February 12.—John Vohr, convicted of assault and battery at December session, was sentenced to pay a fine of $10 and costs of prosecution.

A number of petitions were presented, and other business of no public interest transacted.

ALLEGHENY.

A water pipe is being laid on Corry street, First ward, which obstructs travel over that thoroughfare.

Allegheny can, without boasting, lay claim to being one of the best governed municipalities in the States.

James Reed and David Jones were fined $5 each by Mayor Callow Saturday afternoon for rapid driving over the Suspension Bridge.

It is not improbable that the consideration of the water questions will result in the building of new works. Events are drifting that way.

Street Commissioner McGraw will have his hands full this year. Preparations are being made for street improvements on an extended scale.

Saturday morning before daybreak, two valuable horses were stolen from the stable of Mr. Samuel Watson, on the Perrysville plank road.

A Special Meeting of Allegheny Councils will be held some time during the present week to consider unfinished business, laid over last Thursday night.

Alderman Bowden, late Chief of Police, has opened an office on the west side of the Diamond, where he will be pleased to attend to the legal wants of his friends and acquaintances.

It was reported on the streets yesterday that Dr. L. Smith had received the appointment of Sealer of Weights and Measures on Saturday and would receive his commission next Wednesday.

Mayor Callow yesterday imposed a fine of five dollars each upon two cattle dealers, Rudolph and Lammenger, for driving cattle through the streets on Sunday, in violation of a city ordinance.

The matter of enclosing City Hall Square with a fence is a long way off. Councils having rescinded their action at the last meeting. There seems to be a general feeling against the cost. Citizens who rejoiced at this contemplated improvement unfortunately counted their little nantums too fast.

Religious.—A most remarkable series of religious meetings have been in progress at the North avenue M. E. Church, Rev. E. J. Gray, pastor, during the past five weeks. Over one hundred and thirty persons have made a profession of faith, and the meetings continue with apparently unabated interest.

Commendable.—On Friday evening the members of the Beaver street M. E. Church assembled at the parsonage and after spending the evening in pleasant social intercourse, gladdened the heart of the pastor and his estimable companion by the presentation of a purse containing a handsome contribution of greenbacks. Capt. John Sample, in a neat speech, presented the testimonial, which was received by Dr. Nesbit in behalf of the recipients, in his usual happy style.

Kicked to Death.

Saturday afternoon, Coroner Clawson held an inquest on the body of Andrew Bishop at his residence on Carroll street, in the Second ward. The deceased was employed as a hostler at the Rollhouse, Bluff, corner of Ohio and Beaver streets. On Friday afternoon, about five o'clock, while passing through the stables he was kicked in the head by a vicious horse, and then crushed against the side of the stall. By this time his cries attracted the attention of the employes, by whom he was rescued. Medical attendance was secured, but he died about nine o'clock the same evening. The physician thought his internal injuries produced death. A verdict in accordance with the facts was rendered. Bishop was about forty-five years of age, had only been employed four days at the hotel, and leaves a wife and family.

Annexation of McClure Township to Allegheny.

A meeting was held Friday evening, February 11, 1870, at School-house No. 2, in McClure township, of the citizens of that portion of the township, lying southwest of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad and extending from Allegheny City line to Jack's Run.

The meeting was organized by electing James Shipman, Esq., President, and Cyrus Hutchison, Secretary. The President stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the propriety of annexing the township to Allegheny. After some discussion the following were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of five, Messrs. Roland D. Jones, Lewis Hilkey, Joseph Sheverton, Cyrus Hutchison and George Whitmore, be appointed to draft a petition and procure signers and forward it to the Legislature now in session.

Resolved, That the Pittsburgh GAZETTE be requested to publish the proceedings of the meeting.

SHOOTING AFFRAY.

A Desperate Encounter in Reserve Township—A Man Shot and Severely Wounded—Arrest of the Perpetrator—Counter Charges.

Saturday afternoon Mayor Callow was engaged in investigating the circumstances attending a desperate shooting affray which occurred on the Spring Garden Road, Reserve township, Friday afternoon. The principal parties were George Steinbaugh, a teamster employed by Mr. Baer, and John Roth, a quarryman. It seems Roth was out hunting with a gun for some lost poultry, when he encountered Steinbaugh on the premises of Mr. Baer. He approached that individual, who was unloading a wagon, and it is alleged charged him with stealing the poultry. The charge was denied by Steinbaugh, who moved toward his accuser. Roth retreated to the public road, when he turned, it is stated, and fired on his pursuer, after which he fled. The gun was double-barreled and loaded with slugs. One of them struck Steinbaugh in the knee, another grazed his cheek and a third took effect under his right eye, in his cheek. The attention of Mr. Baer and others was called to the injured man, who was taken into the house and Dr. Hardtmeyer summoned. After an examination, he pronounced the wound in the knee the most dangerous, which would probably necessitate amputation.

A party now started out and in a short time discovered Roth secreted in a shed. The gun was taken from him and, it is said, the stock broken over his back, when his captors allowed him to go.

That evening Mayor Callow received an information for felonious assault and battery against Roth, who was subsequently arrested by officers Weir and Miller, who found him several miles from the city and were compelled to fire at him several times before he would stop. He had a dirk knife and pistol in his possession but was perfectly docile. The hearing resulted in his being held to bail for trial. He was allowed to remain in the lockup yesterday, but will be taken over to-day unless security is given. Saturday evening he made information against Christ. Rancoff, John Baer, Wm. Baer, and his victim, Geo. Steinbaugh, charging them with beating him, after the shooting, in a terrible manner. He complains that one of his ribs is broken, the result of their assault. The accused gave bail for a hearing.

THE LOST TREASURE.

A Fascinating Admirer—One of His Peculiarities—A New Game—How He Succeeded.

We mentioned the fact of an attempted swindle by forgery in Allegheny about a week ago, and the sudden disappearance of the perpetrator without the formality of bidding his acquaintances adieu. Since his disappearance a new transaction, illustrative of his peculiar characteristics, has been developed. A young lady is interested in the case. Her beauty and handful of accomplishments completely won the admiration and devotion of the gushing youth, who frequently whiled away the evening hours in her society, at a private boarding house—for she was a comparative stranger in the city and an attendant at one of our female colleges. Gay and dashing in appearance, of prospects the most brilliant according to his statement, and the possessor without of a fervid imagination united with conversational powers, is it to be wondered at that he, in turn, induced a feeling of confidence to spring up in the susceptible mind of the maiden? Well, he continued his visits, always welcome, up to the evening previous to the little fiasco which necessitated his hasty removal and prolonged absence from the city. On that occasion an hour or two had passed pleasantly by the young couple, when, a few minutes before his departure, the youth held in his hand an elegant gold chronometer—a parting gift to the lady from her father. Somehow, either by accident or otherwise, the glass crystal of the timekeeper was suddenly reduced to infinitesimal fragments, much to the dismay of the owner. With a thousand apologies and fervid anathemas upon his awkwardness he just was again strenuously insisted, against the wishes of the lady, in pocketing the injured article and carrying it off for repairs. The next morning he was out of the city and for several successive twilights, the confiding fair one awaited the return of her admirer. Her visits were in vain. He came not. The atmosphere of Allegheny would have had a deleterious influence on his health. With a "heart lowered down" she mourned the loss of her confidence in human nature, and a watch valued among the trinkets. It is pleasant to record, however, that her sorrow, in one sense, was of short duration. A few days thereafter, while promenading one of our principal thoroughfares, the glittering assortment of valuables in the show window of a pawnbroker arrested her attention, where, amongst others, and among a host of spurious imitations, was her own lost treasure of gold. It was the work of but a few moments to "interview" the dealer in miscellanies, and learn how the prize came into his possession, through the hands of a youth—her late adorer evidently fitting his description—who had exchanged it for a mere song in greenbacks several days before. A communication was quickly effected and the watch returned to its rightful possessor, who joyfully wended her way homward, resolving henceforth to be more circumspect in her confidences—especially toward fascinating and elegant representations of the genus *homo*.

SOUTH SIDE.

The Inclined Railway to Mt. Washington is rapidly approaching completion.

Balances.—The South Side boroughs, like Allegheny city, are not troubled with "unexpended balances."

Consolidation.—The friends of consolidation on the South Side say that the measure is daily increasing in popularity.

Dull.—Public business is so extremely dull on the South Side that some of the Justices have become "crusty" in legal matters. A short time since one of different parties to a suit for breach of promise, which was fortunately adjusted, and since that time another has taken it upon himself to entertain an action for slander or defamation of character.

Explosion.—An explosion occurred in Harley's Saw Mill, Saw Mill Run, Friday morning, by which four men were injured. The men, James and John McMullingle, and two brothers named McGonigle, were working in the mine, which is entered by a shaft of considerable depth, when the explosion occurred. The first two named were seriously burned about the face, body and arms, and the latter, although thrown some distance and considerably bruised, were but slightly burned. Dr. O'Brien attended the injured men.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were admitted of record in the office of Thos. H. Hunter, Recorder for Allegheny county, Saturday, February 12th, 1870:

David S. Walker to Letitia C. Kennedy, Feb. 8, 1870: 21 by 100 feet on Isabella street, Allegheny city $500
Jas. Cruft to Trustees of Fifth Methodist Church of Pittsburgh, Dec. 9, 1869: irregular lot on Penn avenue, Twenty-first ward, Pittsburgh $7,000
Welsh Congregational Church, of East Birmingham, to Samuel J. Thomas, Dec. 18, 1869: 101 40 by 200 feet on Washington street, Birmingham $1,500
F. and J. Herbst to Henry Miller, Feb. 8, 1870: 24, 1862: 45 by 109 feet on Hancock street, Ormsby $1,750
W. B. Lea to Wm. Nixon, April 1, 1868: 24 acres, Fifth ward, Pittsburgh $6,000
Christ. Heckel to Ed. Hinkley, Jan. 1, 1870: 25 by 125 feet on Ann street, Allegheny $1,350
Catharine Fogerty to Frances McDowell, Jan. 1, 1870: 20 by 60 feet on Robinson street, Allegheny $1,100
J. H. Jones to Jas. Anderson, Feb. 8, 1870: Lot No. 1 in plan of lots of Pittsburgh Congress street, Pittsburgh, 19 by 60 feet $700
Jas. Kelly to Patrick Kelly, Jan. 29, 1870: 21 by 100 feet on Canada street, Allegheny $300
Charles Schlicter to Samuel Lowenstein, Jan. 29, 1870: 19 by 64 feet on Boyle street, Allegheny $2,600

Clerical Duties.

EDITORS OF GAZETTE.—The office of U. S. District Attorney about the time the arrangement was made between Mr. Carnahan and Mr. Moore for a division of the fees earned, must have been a very religious place. Mr. C., in his defense of his official career and past political course published in Friday's *Commercial*, says that it was absolutely necessary that he should employ an assistant, that the duties of an assistant were altogether clerical, and that he employed Mr. Moore on account of his qualifications for the position. As Mr. M., up to that time had been a preacher and had never had any experience in drawing indictments or other legal papers of any kind, it is fair to infer that Mr. Carnahan had reference to the duties of a clergyman when he used the word clerical, and the conclusion is that he hired Mr. Moore to do the praying for the police and look after the souls of the criminals.

Trout Fishing.

Our readers may not be generally aware of the fact that the Legislature of Pennsylvania, on the 21st day of April, 1869, passed a pretty stringent law for the protection of trout. It prohibits the fishing for them at all seasons of the year by any other means or devices except by hook and line, and forbids the capturing of them in that manner except in the months of April, May, June and July. Persons are positively prohibited from fishing for them in any way during any other time of the year. The law imposes a penalty of five dollars upon any officer neglecting to make report of violations which may come under his notice. The officer is also liable to be dismissed from his office for the same neglect. This law, we hope, will have the effect of sufficiently protecting this favorite fish and make them more plenty in our brooks and streams than they have hitherto been.

Amusements.

OPERA HOUSE.—Miss Maggie Mitchell, the most talented and pleasing actress on the American stage in her special line of characters, concluded a very successful engagement at the Opera House, Saturday evening. This evening Mrs. Bowers, who stands at the head of the profession, will appear in "Lady Audley's Secret," as Lady Audley, a *role* in which she has no equal, and with which she is peculiarly identified in consequence of her correct appreciation and true interpretation of the character as portrayed by Mrs. Braddon, the author of the fiction which furnishes the plot for the drama. Mrs. Bowers will be supported by Mr. McCollum, a young man of genius and culture in his profession.

Grand Sale of Silks.

Below we furnish our readers with a price catalogue of silks to be sold at administrator's sale at J. W. Barker & Co.'s, 59 Market street, commencing on Tuesday morning, the 15th inst., on the second floor of their establishment, and to be continued each day until all are sold. The sale is the largest and most important of the kind ever held in this city. Here is the catalogue and prices, which are reduced from twenty-five to fifty per cent.:

Lot.		Per Yard.
1	Fancy Brocade	1 35
2	do do	1 20
3	Plain do Double Face	1 45
4	Blue and White Foulard Stripe	85
5	Figured do do	65
6	Brown Corded	90
7	Green do	1 25
83	Blue Heavy Corded	3 50
8	Fancy Stripes	1 10
9	do do	1 90
10	Plain Brocade d'ie face, imperfect,	85
14	Fancy do Stripe	1 90
15	American Brocade Brown	2 25
17	Fancy Black do (Fine)	2 60
19	do do do (Extra Fine)	2 75
11	Black and White Stripe	2 00
12	American Stripes	2 15
13	Black and White Stripes	2 25
16	do do do do	1 30
18	do do do do	1 90
20	Fancy Plaid	50
21	do do	77
22	do do	83
23	do do	1 07
24	do do	1 35
25	do do	1 45
26	do do	95
27	Plain Extra Wide	2 10
28	do do do	2 20
29	do do do	2 30
30	do do do	2 45
31	do do do	2 50
32	do do do	3 20
34	Plain Lavender	1 95
35	1 Dress 15½ Yards Drab Gros Grain, Imperfect	1 40
33	1 Dress 15 Yards, Blue Gros Grain, Imperfect	1 90
37	Plain Colored	1 10
38	do do	1 20
39	do do	1 35
40	do do	1 65
41	do do	1 85
42	do do	2 10
43	do do Damaged	80
44	do do	1 05
45	do do	1 25
46	Plain colored, damaged	1 25
47	1 dress 13 yards—Green Figure	2 00
48	1 do 14 do Drab	2 25
49	1 do 14½ do Brown	2 25
50	1 do 14½ do do	2 25
51	1 do 14 do Ashes of Rose	2 50
52	1 do 14 do Lead Color	2 75
53	1 do 14¾ do Garnet	3 00
54	1 do 14 do Straw Color	3 15
55	1 do 14 do Pink	3 15
56	1 do 13 do Blue	3 15
57	1 do 13 do White	3 50
58	2 do 14 does. do	3 25
59	1 do 13 yds. white Corded Polka	2 10
60	1 do 15 do do Taffeta (ex.)	3 15
61	1 do 14 do do do	3 50
62	1 do 13½ do do do	2 75
63	1 do 15¾ do do Corded	1 85
64	1 do 19 do do do	1 95
65	1 do 14 do do do	2 00
66	Plain Taffeta White	1 70
67	do do do	1 90
68	do do do	1 95
69	Assorted collars, check poplinette	90
70	do do plain do	1 05
71	do do stripe do	1 45
72	do do do do	1 35
73	Black and White Check do	1 15
74	Black Gros Grain Silk	1 55
75	American Black do	2 30
76	Black Gros De Rhine	2 85
77	do do do	2 90
78	do do Grain	2 85
79	do do do	3 00
80	do do do	2 45
81	do do do	2 10
82	do do do	1 75
83	do do do	2 45
84	do do do	2 50
85	do do do	3 90
86	do do do	4 50
87	do do Corded	2 25
88	do do do	2 00
89	Black Moire Antique	2 95

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Chase—Then and Now.

The following letter from Chief Justice Chase, written while Secretary of the Treasury in 1862 to the Committee of Ways and Means, is now re-published:

NAVY DEPARTMENT, Jan. 29, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a resolution of the Committee of Ways and Means referring me to House bill No. 240, and requesting my opinion as to the propriety and necessity of its immediate passage by Congress. The condition of the Treasury certainly renders immediate action on the subject of affording provision for the expenditures of the Government both expedient and necessary. The general provisions of the bill submitted seem to me to be well adapted to the end proposed. There are, however, some points which may, perhaps, be usefully amended.

The provision making United States notes a legal tender has doubtless been well considered by the Committee, and their conclusion needs no support from any observation of mine. I think it my duty, however, to say that in respect to this provision my reflections have conducted me to the same conclusion they have reached. It is not unknown to them that I have felt, nor do I wish to conceal that I now feel, a great aversion to making anything but coin a legal tender in payment of debts.

It has been my anxious wish to avoid the necessity of such legislation. It is, however, at present, impossible, in consequence of the large expenditures entailed by the war and the suspension of the banks, to procure sufficient coin for disbursements; and it is therefore become indispensably necessary that we should resort to the issue of United States notes. The making them a legal tender might, however, still be avoided if the willingness manifested by the people generally, by railroad companies and by many of the banking institutions to receive and pay them as money in all transactions, where absolutely or practically universal, but unfortunately there are some persons and some institutions which refuse to receive and pay them, and whose action tends, not merely to the unnecessary depreciation of the notes, but to establish a discrimination in business against those in this matter who give a cordial support to the Government, and in favor of those who do not. Such discrimination should, if possible, be prevented, and the provisions making the notes a legal tender, in a great measure, at least, prevents it, by putting all citizens in this respect on the same level, both of rights and duties.

The committee doubtless feel the necessity of accompanying this measure by legislation necessary to secure the highest credit as well as largest currency for these notes. This security can be found, in my judgment, by provision for funding them in interest-bearing bonds, by well guarded legislation authorizing banking associations with circulation based on the bonds in which the notes are funded, and by a judicious system of adequate taxation which will not only create a demand for the notes, but by securing the prompt payment of interest, raise and sustain the credit of the bonds. Such legislation it may be hoped will divest the legal tender clause of the bill of injurious tendencies,