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THE CITY.

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 Building," at the corner of Smithfield street and Sixth avenue, recently purchased by the proprietors as a permanent home for the GAZETTE.

The Cantata Society Concert last night was largely attended and was one of the most brilliant occasions of the season.

On St. Valentine's Day ten thousand tender notes were received by the unmarried Cashier of a bank. They were legal tenders.

Major A. M. Brown, who has been confined to his house on account of sickness for a few days, is again about and attending his profession.

We understand a motion will be made in the District Court next Saturday to dispense with one of its learned members on account his cutting under living prices.

Disorderly.—Christiana Klein made information before Justice Heisel yesterday, charging Mrs. Baker with disorderly conduct. A warrant was issued for her arrest.

Smokers should drop in at Megraw's, No. 45 Hand street, and try some of his new brands of cigars. Any of them will be found just right for a quiet, noon day siesta, or a gentle but exceedingly pleasant stimulant, especially after a hard day's work. Drop in and get a supply. Once purchasing is sufficient to induce the customer to call again.

"Buzz" Zimmerman was arrested and taken before the Mayor yesterday at the instance of his father, who charges him with drunkenness and vagrancy. The Mayor, after hearing the facts in the case, thought "Buzz" might be used to some advantage at Claremont, and committed him to the tender care of the keeper of that institution for the term of thirty days. "Shoo, fly, don't Buzz-er me"—for a month.

Ladies should not fail to call at 363 Liberty street, the warehouse of the Keystone Pottery, Messrs. S. M. Kier & Co., proprietors, and look at those elegant sets of fine table ware, which the firm have just received. No superior articles can be found in the city, and there is no place where all the wants of a household in the line of queensware can be better supplied than at No. 363 Liberty street.

Charity Fair.—The voting at the St. Vincent de Paul table at the Charity Fair in the basement of St. Paul's Cathedral, will close next Friday evening, at 9 o'clock.

On the pistol and mace for the most popular policeman.

The crimping machine for the most popular and fashionable bootmaker.

The gold headed cane for the most charitable young man.

A little disturbance occurred at Veasey & Co.'s steel works yesterday, which resulted in three informations before Alderman Taylor. In the first Robert Frazier charges William Brookfield with assault and battery. It is alleged in the second, by the same deponent, that Samuel Brookfield threatened to "take the bloody soul" out of him. In the third Samuel Frazier charges his brother Robert with a breach of the peace in threatening to cut his liver out. In all the cases the defendants were held for hearings.

That Bond.—Mary Hartman made information before the Mayor yesterday, charging James Guest with larceny by bailee. It is all about that $500 government bond, which, it is alleged, had been given by Lieut. Hartman to his sister. It is alleged that the paymaster visited her brother and that he informed her that he gave Guest the bond to give to her. She afterwards called upon Guest for the bond, and alleges that he admitted that it had been given into his custody but declined to give it up. Guest was arrested and held for a hearing.

Alleged False Pretence.

Yesterday Sarah Sanderson made information before Alderman McMasters charging C. W. Coshoton with false pretence. She alleges C. W. obtained boarding at her house, on Wylie street, to the amount of $31.50, by representing himself as proprietor of a large dry goods establishment in Baltimore, with summer ons branches in the large cities, and that he was in the city attending to the business. The fact is, she has since ascertained that he is engaged in selling pictures, looking glasses, and such articles, which thus far has not realized him sufficient to pay his little bills. The accused was arrested and held for a hearing.

Silk Sale—Crowded Rooms.

Immense crowds attended the administrator's sale of silks at J. W. Barker & Co.'s, 59 Market street, yesterday. This special sale of silks is a grand success.

No sale ever held in this city has received such a liberal patronage. The throng continued yesterday from morning till night, and a large amount of goods were sold. The crowds of people and the amount of goods sold, show that in the dullest times people will buy cheap goods. There first was a better opportunity afforded for securing good bargains than there is now at Barker's 59 Market street. Silks and all other kinds of goods sold at immensely low prices. Let all attend before the sale closes.

Gathered to Her Home.

On Monday morning, 14th inst., Mrs. Margaret Dunn, daughter of James Flannegan, Esq., a resident of Brookfield, on the Steubenville Pike, departed this life, at the ripe age of fifty-nine years. Deceased needs no eulogy from our pens. She left a record of Christian virtues that will serve as a guiding star and examples to others. During her life her hand was in every good work, ever ready to act the good Samaritan to all who fell by the way-side and needed comfort and consolation. She now rests from her earthly labors, and her friends, while deeply lamenting her departure, can but rejoice that she has gone to her reward. She left a family of grown children, who have our sympathies in their sad bereavement.

Receipts and Revenues.

The annexed statement is an exhibit of the gross receipts and amount of United States revenue tax paid by the several bridges, places of amusement and street railways, required to make returns in the Twenty-second District for the month of January, 1870. On amusements there is a tax of two per cent. on the gross receipts, and on the gross receipts of bridges and railways a tax of two and a half per cent.

Following are the figures:

AMUSEMENTS.

	Receipts.	Tax
Opera House	$12 800	$256 00
Barnell's Museum	1 470	29 40
Gaskill's Troupe	1 325	26 50
Trimble	2,959 75	81 26

BRIDGES.

Allegheny Suspension	$3 047	76 05
Monongahela "	3,822	95 43
Suspension	981 67	22 29
Northern Liberties (Mechanics) and Sharpsburg Bridge report in Allegheny, 2nd Dist.		

PASSENGER RAILWAYS.

Citizens	$10 823 49	270 58
Pittsburgh, A. & M	10 751 15	268 78
Birmingham	6 812 69	170 31
Unknown	1 229 09	30 73
Central	No Return.	

Recal Petitions in Congress.

Gen. J. S. Negley, our Representative in Congress, presented to the House of Representatives the following petitions from citizens of Western Pennsylvania. They were all received and referred to the appropriate committees.

A petition of sixty-seven brewers, citizens of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, praying for a repeal of so much of the laws as impose a duty upon the importation of foreign barley.

Also, a petition of foundrymen in the city of Pittsburgh and vicinity, for the continuance of the duty on pig metal, to induce our citizens to invest their capital in its production.

Also, a petition of producers and refiners of crude petroleum, of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, asking that the duty on the residuum from the refining of petroleum be made the same as on petroleum itself, as by a decision of the Secretary of the Treasury, it is brought from Canada by paying a duty of but twenty per cent. per barrel, to the injury of the revenue and the detriment of the interests of the oil producers of the United States.

Also, two petitions from ninety three citizens of Westmoreland county, Pa., praying for the abolition of the franking privilege.

Also, seven petitions signed by two hundred and forty nine citizens of Allegheny, praying for the abolition of the franking privilege.

CITY COUNCILS.

Special Meeting—Paid Fire Department—Municipal Record—Fifth Avenue Sewer—Vehicle License.

A special meeting of the Select and Common Councils of the city of Pittsburgh was held yesterday, Tuesday, Feb. 15th, 1870, at two o'clock P. M., for the purpose of considering the report of the Committee on Fire Engines and Hose relative to the creation of a paid fire department.

Select Council.

Members present—Messrs. Ahl, Ahlborn, Aiken, Armstrong, Bissell, Brown, Burgwin, Coffin, Devlin, Duncan, Edwards, Friday, Gallaher, Glenn, Gross, Hartman, Herron, House, Jones, (E. P.) Jones (Isaac), Kehew, Kirk, Laufman, Liddell, Littell, Lloyd, Morrow, Murdoch, Murray, McEwen, McMahon, McNeal, Phillips, Rafferty, Rees, Rush, Schmidt, Scully, Seeley, Shipton, Thompson, Wainwright, (S. J.) Wainwright, (Z.) White, Wilson, President McAuley, and E. S. Morrow, clerk.

Mr. Isaac Jones, from the Committee on Fire Engines and Hose, submitted the following:

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; *provided* said tax shall not exceed two and one half mills on the dollar on the capital stock of said companies.

SEC. 3. That 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.

Mr. Jones called the previous question.

Mr. Burgwin rose to a point of order, and held that the previous question could not be called until the matter under consideration had passed to a third reading.

Mr. Jones refused to yield the floor and the chairman did not call him to order.

The call for the previous question was not sustained.

The proposed bill was passed to a second reading.

Mr. Burgwin having the floor said that he wished it to be understood that he was not opposed to a Paid Fire Department, but on the contrary the records would show that he had always been in favor of it. He could not, however, vote for the resolution before Council without having an opportunity of discussing it.

The resolution was then passed to a third reading, when Mr. Jones again called the previous question.

Mr. Burgwin raised the following point of Order: "That the Select Council having heretofore acted upon the report of the Committee by referring it to the Ordinance Committee, the only way to get the matter before the Council is by reconsideration of the vote of reference."

The point was not sustained.

The call for the previous question was sustained, when the question "shall the previous question be put," was taken, the yeas and nays being called with the following result:

Ayes—Messrs. Ahl, Aiken, Armstrong, Bissell, Brown, Coffin, Duncan, Friday, Glenn, Gross, House, E. P. Jones, Isaac Jones, Kehew, Littell, Lloyd, Morrow, Murray, Shipton, S. J. Wainwright, Z. Wainwright, White Wilson, President McAuley—23.

Nays—Messrs. Ahlborn, Burgwin, Devlin, Edwards, Gallaher, Hartman, Kirk, Laufman, Liddell, Rafferty, Rush, Schmidt, Scully, Seeley, Thompson—15.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the resolution recommending the passage of the act by the Legislature. The resolution was adopted.

A remonstrance from several citizens, identified with the insurance companies was read, and ordered to be filed.

The President read a communication from the Controller covering sundry bills.

Also, a communication from Pat Bradley, Contractor for the grading of Bloom street in 1869, asking relief. Referred to the Finance Committee with power to act.

Mr. Scully presented a petition for water pipes on Webster avenue. Referred to the Water Committee.

Mr. Duncan, petition of Shoenberger for a lateral railroad at their Iron Works. Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Burgwin, a petition from C. Howard, Contractor for the grading of Webster avenue, asking relief. Referred to the Finance Committee with power to act.

Mr. Brown, the petition of Jacob Heck for the erection of a building partly iron clad on Smallman street, Twelfth ward. Referred to the Committee on Wooden Buildings.

Mr. Ahlborn, a petition relative to the Washington graveyard, asking that the fence be repaired. Referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Z. Wainwright, a petition for a gas lamp on Fentonville street. Referred to the Gas Committee.

Also, petition for lamp on Butler street, at Hatfield. Referred to Gas Committee.

Mr. Kehew, a petition for a lamp on Kirkpatrick street. Referred to Gas Committee.

Mr. Morrow presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the members of the Legislature from Allegheny county be requested to have further action on the bill introduced by Senator Howard for the erection of a bridge across the Allegheny river at Pittsburgh postponed, and forward copies of said bill for use of Councils.

Adopted.

Mr. Ahlborn presented a communication from James R. Young & Co., contractors for grading and paving Thirty-ninth and Fortieth streets, setting forth that they have done the work for $7,612 55 which was assessed upon the arsenal property, and that no appropriation for the payment had yet been made, and asking Councils to grant them some relief.

The communication was referred to the Finance Committee.

The President read a communication from the Controller relative to a number of applications for a reduction of business tax. Referred to the Finance Committee with power to act.

Also a communication from the same office covering sundry bills and a resolution authorizing their payment.

Communication received and adopted.

Mr. Lloyd, an ordinance amending the city code, relative to the matter of wooden buildings, as in Section 5.

The ordinance was passed under a suspension of the rule.

Mr. Liddell, a communication from the building inspector, relative to a building of Wm. Ford, & Co., stating that the parties named wanted to build an addition to said building and that it would require an ordinance granting said privilege, accompanying which was an ordinance granting Mr. Ford and Barclay permission to build an addition to said building.

After considerable discussion a motion was made to pass the ordinance to a third reading. The motion was lost.

Mr. Liddell subsequently asked permission to withdraw the ordinance.

Mr. Kirk objected.

Mr. Brown moved that the gentleman be permitted to withdraw the ordinance.

Adopted.

Mr. Hartman called up the ordinance relative to the re-organization of the Finance Committee, adopted in Common Council at a previous meeting, and moved that Select Council concur with Common Council.

Mr. Hoehn moved to amend by postponing the matter until the next regular meeting. Adopted.

Mr. Brown moved to reconsider the action of Select Council on the resolution requesting the members of the Legislature to have the act providing for the construction of a bridge at the Point postponed.

The motion was adopted.

Mr. Brown then moved that the resolution be postponed.

After considerable discussion the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Ahl, Ahlborn, Aiken, Armstrong, Bissell, Burgwin, Coffin, Devlin, Duncan, Edwards, Friday, Glenn, Hartman, House, I. Jones, Kirk, Liddell, Littell, Morrow, Murdoch, Murray, McNeal, Rafferty, Rush, Schmidt, Scully, E. P. Thompson, Z. Wainwright, White and President McAuley—29.

Nays—Messrs Brown, Gallaher, Gross, E. P. Jones, Kehew, Laufman, Lloyd, Seeley, Shipton and Wilson—10.

Mr. Burgwin offered an ordinance exempting persons in the rural districts from the payment of vehicle license.

Mr. Little moved to amend by exempting all persons residing in the city, and doing business in the rural districts from the payment of vehicle license.

Mr. Aiken moved to lay the amendment on the table, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Burgwin then moved the final passage of the ordinance.

Mr. Kehewobjected.

Mr. Jones moved a suspension of the rules. Lost.

So the matter laid over under the rules.

Mr. Kirk moved the third reading and final passage of the ordinance providing for the publication of a municipal record.

Mr. Brown offered the following amendment.

That said Municipal Record shall contain reports of the proceedings of the Councils, the ordinances and joint resolutions passed within the current year; the official reports of committees, and the acts of Assembly relating to the city, together with the index at the end of the volume, and that the annual pamphlet publication of the said matters be hereafter discontinued, and provided that copies thereof be furnished to the members of Councils, Mayor, Treasurer, City Controller and City Attorney.

Mr. Burgwin moved to lay Mr. Brown's amendment on the table.

Mr. Brown called for the yeas and nays, with the following result:

Ayes—Messrs. Bissell, Burgwin, Devlin, Duncan, Edwards, Glenn, Hartman, Jones Isaac, Kehew, Kirk, Laufman, Morrow, Murray, McEwen, Rush, Scully, Seeley.—17.

Nays—Messrs. Ahl, Ahlborn, Aiken, Armstrong, Brown, Coffin, Friday, Gallaher, Gross, House, Jones E. P., Liddell, Littell, Lloyd, Murdoch, McNeal, Rafferty, Schmidt, Shipton, Thompson, Wainwright S. J., Wainwright Z., White, Wilson, President McAuley.—25.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Kirk said he was in favor of Mr. Brown's amendment, but hoped it would be voted down.

The question then recurred on the amendment, which was adopted.

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

Mr. Shipton presented an ordinance repealing an ordinance authorizing the construction of a sewer on Sixth avenue and Seventh street.

Read three times and passed under a suspension of the rules.

Common Council.

President Tomlinson in the chair.

Present: Messrs. Arthurs, Albeitz, Barker, Beckman, Beymer, Black, Booth, Bradley, Cameron, Carroll, Caskey, Chalmers, Creegan, Drum, Diamond, Dietrich, Duff, Edwards, Fedder, Ferson, David L. Fleming, John Fleming, Gazzam, Jahn, Jamison, Kohne, Lyons, Manns, Mitchell, Miller, Moore, Moorhead, Morgan, Moseley, McCoy, McGann, McKelvy, Negley, H. W. Oliver, Jr., H. W. Oliver, Sr., Penner, Preston, Schlatter, Seibert, Seitz, Shields, Sims, Smith, Sneathen, Snodgrass, Verner, Wallace, Tomlinson.

Minutes read and approved.

PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The President stated that Councils had been called together in special meeting to consider the Paid Fire Department business.

The Clerk of Select Council appeared and presented the draft of an act to establish a Paid Fire Department, which had received the approval of Select Council and directed to be forwarded to the Legislature.

After the reading of the act, Mr. Oliver moved to concur.

Mr. D. L. Fleming desired, before the passage of the Act, to make a statement in reference to the Insurance Companies, on which the entire expense of the Paid Fire Department will fall, by its adoption. He said there are some forty Local and Foreign Insurance Companies in the city. The estimated expense of a Paid Fire Department is said to be about $75,000, which it is proposed to tax upon these Insurance Companies *pro rata*. This would be at the rate of paying $1,900 each. The greater number of Local offices have a capital of $100,000, or 2,000 shares. A tax of $2,000 would be $1 per share of $50. The dividends, one year with another, will not probably average 4 to 6 per cent. per year; or 8 to 12 per cent. at the highest. A tax of one dollar per share out of a dividend of 4 to 6 per cent. would be, on the first named, 25 per cent.—on the latter 16½ per cent.—which is a rate of taxation on incomes never before heard of in any legislation. The Government only takes 5 per cent. on incomes—quite a modest sum in comparison with the proposed Act.

He contended that if these Insurance Companies were compelled to bear all the expenses of the Fire Department, they would, no doubt, oblige our citizens to pay a higher rate of insurance in return; and in the end, those of us who take the precaution to have our property insured against the alarming risks will be compelled to bear all the burdens of the Fire Department, while those who do not insure (and we may include fully one half in this class) will reap all the advantages without paying anything. For these reasons he was opposed to the last part of the second section, as recommended by the Committee, and offered the following as a substitute:

SEC. 2. That for the purpose aforesaid, it shall be lawful for said Councils to assess and collect a special tax.

Mr. Morgan said the tax had been fixed at 2½ mills, which would not throw a very heavy burden on the companies—considerable less than had been at first suggested.

The vote was then taken, which resulted in a concurrence with the Select Council by a large majority.

FIFTH AVENUE SEWER.

The report of the viewers on the Fifth avenue sewer was next taken up.

Mr. Morgan moved that it be approved.

Mr. D. L. Fleming presented a remonstrance containing the names of one hundred and ten property owners of the Seventh, Eighth and Eleventh wards, claiming that the assessment was illegal, and asking a favorable consideration at the hands of Councils. The remonstrance was accepted.

The action of Select Council was then concurred in.

WEBSTER AVENUE.

Mr. Moorhead offered a series of resolutions setting forth that the assessment for grading and paving Webster avenue was excessive and disproportionate, alleging gross mismeasurement or mistake, on the part of the Engineer, and requesting him to furnish Councils at next meeting with a detailed statement of the grading and filling thus far, and also the amount of the filling of Wenoa avenue between Roberts and Kirkpatrick streets.

The resolutions were read three times and passed under suspension of the rules.

Mr. Gazzam presented a communication from the owners of back stalls in the market house, remonstrating against the proposed division in the rent of the stalls, and asking for a more equitable rating.

Referred to Committee on Markets with power to act.

WOODEN BUILDINGS.

Mr. Mitchell presented a petition from citizens of the Seventeenth ward, asking that the ordinance prohibiting the construction of wooden buildings, in so far as it relates to that ward, be suspended for one year. The petition was accompanied by an appropriate ordinance.

Some discussion ensued on a motion to refer the ordinance to Committee on Wooden Buildings.

Mr. Mitchell said a great many citizens in the ward, poor men, had commenced the erection of buildings, not knowing the law, and they now wished to have something done to allow them to go on with the work.

Mr. Morgan was opposed to any special legislation.

Mr. Gazzam thought it was only a local matter, and under the circumstances could do no harm, and therefore he moved the passage of the ordinance.

Mr. Morgan offered an amendment, freeing such persons who had already commenced to erect such buildings. Laid on the table.

The rules were finally suspended, and the ordinance passed.

Mr. Allen presented a petition for the erection of various gas lamps in the Fifteenth ward. Referred to Committee on Gas.

Mr. Carroll: petition from J. R. Murphy asking for abatement of business tax. Referred to Finance Committee.

VEHICLE LICENSE.

Mr. Arthurs presented an ordinance in relation to vehicle license in the city. It provides that section first of the city code relating to carts, carriages &c., page 220 be amended as follows:

"The owner of each hack, omnibus, cart, car, dray or private carriage—used either for burden or pleasure, driving and passing through any of the streets, lanes or alleys of this city, shall on or before the first day of each year hereafter call at the office of the City Treasurer and have the same registered and numbered, and shall pay to the City Treasurer for the use of the city for all light vehicles, buggies or wagons drawn by one horse, with or without springs, and weight not to exceed four hundred pounds, six dollars each per annum; if greater, at the rate of one dollar per hundred pounds—one cent per pound actual weight, and for each additional horse $1.50. The weight of said vehicles shall be certified by any city weighmaster, for which service he shall charge a fee of twenty-five cents, and no more, and in each case to be paid by the owner of the vehicle.

For all carts, wagons, timber wheels, without springs, with one horse, having tires less than three inches in width, $10 each per annum; having tires three inches and less than four inches in width, $8; for inches and less than five inches in width, $6; and over six inches in width, free; and for each additional horse, $1.50; and it shall be the duty of each person commencing the use of any of the foregoing vehicles after the regular time for taking out licenses to renew the same to the City Treasurer within five days after such commencement, and to pay for the same in proportion for the unexpired time of the current year.

The gentleman stated in offering the ordinance that the new rates would return to the city nearly $7,000 additional revenue from this source. He also presented a communication from the City Engineer, recommending an increase in the width of vehicle tires.

Mr. Gazzam moved to suspend the rules and pass the ordinance finally. Lost.

On motion of Mr. Gazzam the ordinance was then referred to a Special Committee of five.

VARIOUS PETITIONS.

Mr. Miller, a petition for opening of Forty-seventh street. Accepted. Also, a petition from D. P. Hatch for relief from payment of sewerage tax. Referred to Street Committee.

Mr. Duff, a remonstrance against the opening of Kirkpatrick street, accompanied by an ordinance repealing a preceding one for the opening of said street. Petition accepted and ordinance referred to Street Committee.

Mr. Schlatter offered a resolution for the appointment of a committee of five, two from Select and three from Common, to investigate the mode of assessing and collecting business tax, now in force. Passed.

Mr. Duff, a petition for vacating Ridge street. Referred to Survey Committee.

Mr. Wallace, a petition for gas pipe on Mulberry Alley. Referred. On motion, adjourned.

SABBATH SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

Exercises by Deaf Mutes—Duties of Pastors to Sabbath Schools.

SECOND DAY.

The Sabbath School Teachers' Institute of the United and Reformed Presbyterian Churches of Allegheny, met, pursuant to adjournment, in the First U. P. Church, Seventh avenue, yesterday afternoon, at half-past two o'clock. Half an hour was spent in devotional exercises—Rev. W. J. Reed, in the Chair—in which a number of members took part.

At the close of the devotional exercises, the President of the Institute appeared and took the Chair.

As there seemed to be a disposition on the part of the audience to occupy seats near the door, an invitation was given to all to move towards the pulpit. The invitation was accepted and a pretty general rush was made for the "front."

On motion of Rev. Thos. H. Hanna all Sabbath School teachers and workers were invited to take seats as consultative members.

Rev. Dr. Brown moved that all outside the communion of the United Presbyterian Church who were present and take an interest in the Sabbath School cause be invited to sit as consultative members.

Mr. Kerr gave a short and interesting account of the Franklin street Deaf Mute Sabbath School. It has forty pupils, who are taught by deaf mutes, some of whom are educated, but some not.

Archie Woodside, Superintendent of the School, was introduced and gave some interesting exercises on the blackboard. Mr. Woodside used what is known as the "word signs" in conveying his mind to the pupils. By one or two motions of his hands he signified such expressions as the following: "God is Almighty," "God is allwise," "Some men are learned," "God is a Spirit," &c. These signs were correctly read and interpreted by the pupils—some of whom were very young—who transferred their words, as above, to the blackboard.

Dr. Brown then made a short address, giving the origin and results of the Franklin street Deaf Mute Sabbath School as an illustration of the frequently experienced fact that great things grow out of small beginnings. The circumstances attending the origin of this school have already been published, and we need not reproduce them here. It led to the organization of a society which is now under the control of the Central Board of the city.

Reports were received from different schools in the city and county, but they were so meagre that it would do injustice to the churches connected with the Institute to publish them.

Rev. S. B. Reed opened the discussion on the "Duties of Pastors to the Sabbath School." The pastor of the congregation should be the pastor of the Sabbath School. It is his duty to address his congregation, and will it, and see to the government. He should discharge the same duties to the Sabbath School. He should be *ex officio* the Superintendent of the Sabbath School. He should not be the Superintendent. He has work enough to do without it. Its duties are sufficient to occupy the time of a competent man for the Superintendent. But the minister should see to it that proper teachers are placed into the Sabbath school. He should know what books and papers are used in the Sabbath School. He should be more than a teacher. He should not be expected to teach. He has two, and sometimes three sermons to preach on the Sabbath. He should not be called on to visit in cases of sickness and other duties to discharge. He quit teaching in the Sabbath School, because others could do it better than he could, having so many other things to attend to. He should be a friend of the Sabbath School everywhere. He should be in it every day if possible—attend the monthly meetings of the Teachers Association, and the Institute as far as in his power.

Rev. J. M. Cockins liked the ideas advanced by Mr. Reed that the duties of the Pastor are the same to the Sabbath School as to the congregation.

On motion Rev. R. H. Pollock, of Ohio, was invited to address the Institute.

Mr. Pollock spoke briefly on the subject of address, but we are sorry that we were so engaged at the time that we could not report it. He dwelt principally on the matter of preaching to children, a thing which most preachers find it difficult to do.

Several members spoke on the same subject, after which the Institute adjourned to meet in the evening at half-past seven o'clock, Rev. J. M. Cockins concluding by prayer.

EVENING SESSION.

Institute met at 7½ o'clock, devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. J. Reed.

At the close of the usual exercises Mr. Mahood, of the Second United Presbyterian Church, delivered an address on "The Qualifications of a Sabbath School." He was of the opinion that the teacher should feel that he had found Christ before he attempted to teach others. The teacher should be a converted man, but by that he did not merely mean that he should be a professor of religion. The conduct of the teacher should be exemplary. It is useless for a teacher to teach by precept, and continually violate it by example. The teacher should be social and cheerful at all times and eminently prayerful.

Rev. J. G. Boyd then spoke on "the preparation of the Sunday School teacher." He thought the Sunday School teacher should be as well prepared for his class as the minister for the pulpit, and the manner of preparation should be very much the same. Lessons should be presented should be carefully prepared and appropriate language, used to convey it to the minds of children.

The question was then thrown open for general discussion. Remarks were made by Revs. Hanna and W. J. Reid and Thomas H. Dean. Rev. Dean Fenn's "Encouragements to teachers" was then opened by Mr. W. H. Knox. He was of the opinion that the salvation of souls was of sufficient encouragement to induce every lover of the cause to engage earnestly in the work. The discussion of the above topic was postponed until another time.

Mr. Drum, of the Deaf Mute school, offered the Lord's Prayer by signs. The meeting adjourned by singing and benediction by Rev. Boyd.

PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

Afternoon session commencing at 2½ o'clock P. M.: Infant Class Lesson, by Mr. J. D. Carlisle; Art of Questioning, by Mr. Cyrus Hatch; Art of Questioning, by Prof. J. R. Newell.

7½ P. M.—Uniform Lessons, Rev. J. R. Kerr; Opening and Closing Exercises, Maj. Wm. Frew; Helps and Hindrances, Rev. J. C. Clark, D. D.

The Cancellation of Revenue Stamps.

The Internal Revenue Bureau has directed that after May 1st, 1870, all adhesive stamps used upon instruments, documents, writings and papers, mentioned in Schedule B of the Internal Revenue Laws, shall be cancelled by the person affixing either by writing upon each and every stamp, in ink, the initials of his name, and the date, year, month and day upon which the same is attached or used, or by cutting and cancelling the same by a certain machine approved by the Commissioner. This regulation has been made on account of the extensive frauds alleged to have been committed by washing, restoring and using internal adhesive revenue stamps which have been once cancelled by the "ribbon stamp machine." The Commissioner orders that after May 1st, 1870, no other method of cancellation than that first mentioned above shall be recognized as legal or sufficient.

Books at Half Price.—Scholars, and men of literary tastes, should call at Col. J. D. Egan's, No. 41 Sixth avenue, and get a supply of reading matter. He is selling books at half the price they can be purchased elsewhere. While many of the volumes are rarities which cannot be found at any other establishment in the city. They embrace Law, Medicine, Philosophy, Science, and in fact everything in the line of literature. Call at No. 41.

Daily arrivals at Moorhead's, 81 Market street. Lace goods and trimmings of every variety, style and price. Ladies' jewelry, new designs and qualities. Hosiery, gloves, hoop skirts, woolen goods, everything in the line of ladies' dress or fancy goods, to gether with a choice lot of fancy articles for ornaments. Moorhead's, No. 81 Market street.

HOME AGAIN.

Return of Chief Hague and Mr. Ed. Brush from Montana with a Prisoner.

Chief of Police Hague, who left the city some weeks since, accompanied by Mr. Edward Brush, for Helena, Montana territory, armed with a requisition for the arrest of James Johnson, returned to the city yesterday evening, having the prisoner in charge. Johnson was formerly proprietor of the St. Lawrence Hotel on Penn street, and it appears was what might be termed a "fast man." The rapid rate at which he traveled through the world required funds, and the consequence was that a large quantity of Mr. Johnson's paper, which was endorsed by his father, Mr. Robert Johnson, of Washington county, and his brother-in-law, David Gibson, of the firm of Gilmore, Straub & Co., of Allegheny city, was thrown upon the market. As the endorsers were considered responsible men, the paper was current, but about the time some of it fell due Mr. Johnson was not here to pay it and the endorsers declared that the signatures were not genuine, that they were forgeries. This statement brought to light the fact that there was about $14,000 of his paper on the market endorsed as above, all of which was declared to be spurious by the endorsers. The following is a list of notes held by different parties:

Union National Bank $1500, P. Ewing, Esq., $1,000, Citizens' National Bank $2,000, S. Hare $1,000, J. Schelein $1,900, G. S. Head $2,000, J. A. Maguire $400, Patrick & Co. $500, S. McClurkan, representing insurance company, $2 200, G. McLean, Jr., $1,500, Thos. Collins $432.

Some weeks since it was ascertained that Johnson was in Helena under the name of Silas Rich, and Mr. G. S. Head, one of Johnson's victims, made information before the Mayor charging Johnson with forgery. The information was returned and by an order from the Court it was brought before the grand jury and a true bill found. A requisition was then obtained from Governor Geary on the authorities of Montana for Johnson

Armed with this Chief Hague accompanied by Mr. Brush, started for Montana on secret service. They reached Helena a week ago last Thursday, having ridden five hundred miles in a stage coach. They found the Governor, Hon. J. M. Ashley, at Helena, and he furnished the necessary documents. They had already discovered Johnson there under the name of Silas Rich. The Chief started him by stepping up to him and addressing him in the presence of the crowd as "Mr. Johnson," and showing his warrant. An angry crowd gathered about displaying knives and revolvers, said that no man should take the prisoner away from them. Johnson remonstrated with his friends and said he was perfectly willing to come. The party left Helena a week ago last Saturday, and arrived here, as before stated.

Mr. Samuel McClurkin made information against Johnson yesterday, charging him with forging the endorsement of Robert Johnson and David Gilmore to a note for $500, dated February 24th, 1868. The deponent bought the note of John Little, believing the endorsements to be genuine.

Mr. Johnson was held for a hearing. He admits the debts but denies the charge of forgery. He says the notes are all genuine, and that his creditors will give him time he will pay every dollar of his liabilities.

THE COURTS.

District Court—Judges Hampton and Kirkpatrick.

TUESDAY, February 15.—The case of Welsenberger vs. Bates, on trial before Judge Hampton, in the District Court room, went to the jury. No verdict at the time of adjournment.

Before Judge Kirkpatrick, in the Quarter Sessions Court room, the case of Mackrell & Johnson vs. Cook et al. was resumed and concluded, the jury finding for the plaintiffs in the sum of $250.

Samuel Duff vs. Samuel Wilson. Action in covenant on a lease for a certain piece of property in Clarion county. Jury sworn.

TRIAL LIST FOR WEDNESDAY.

93 (O. L.) Wilson vs. Duff.
95 (O. L.) Leahy vs. Noble.
131 St. Andrew's Church vs. Hoag.
123 Harrison vs. Brereton & Wilkins.
103 Irwin vs. Shaffer & Blunden.
168 Trimble vs. Williams.
169 Sturges, Arnold & Co. vs. Shields' garnishee.
171 Robenstiel vs. P. F. and M. Turnpike Company.
72 Simpson vs. Gilmore.
64 Rees vs. Morrow.

Common Pleas—Judge Sterrett.

TUESDAY, February 15.—The jury in the case of Stanley vs. Hohman, which was taken up on Thursday of last week and concluded on Monday, found for the plaintiff in the sum of $1,000, subject to the opinion of the Court in the question of law reserved.

In the case of Carline vs. Campbell et ux., previously reported, the jury found for the plaintiff in the sum of $100.

Ludwig Schmidt vs. Emory Bros., action on a book account. Jury out.

Mary Jane Johnston vs. John Riddle, action on a promissory note. On trial.

TRIAL LIST FOR WEDNESDAY.

184. Kennedy et al vs. Dilbridge.
218. Stein et al vs. Gilmore.
342. Jenkins vs. McClaren.
332. Collins et al vs. Rea.
365. Monroe et al vs. Hays et al.
373. Domhoef vs. Mysel.
380. Stewart vs. McFilhiny.
381. McCrum vs. Garrard.
382. Poland vs. Neeland.
385. Doutheit vs. Kennedy et al.
386. First National Bank of Clarion, Pa., vs. Duff.
389. Schmidt & Co. vs. Wagoner.

Those We Know.

PROF. C. TAPPAN has perhaps done as much as any gentleman in the city to develope and cultivate the divine art of music in this community.

GEO. W. CAMPBELL, Esq., who is largely engaged in the lumber business up the Allegheny, is in the city. He reports the lumber trade dull, and predicts that prices will be higher next season. The want of snow has prevented hauling to a serious extent.

MR. THEODORE E. TACK yesterday arrived home in the city after a month's absence in Philadelphia.

COMMODORE W. J. KOUNTZ left the city for Washington to secure a government contract for transportation of supplies on the Upper Missouri river, yesterday. He is doubtless engaged in as many business enterprises as any gentleman in the city.

HON. JOHN COVODE was in the city yesterday looking as hearty as ever. He feels justly proud over his last triumph over frauds in obtaining his seat in Congress.

JOHN GROUNDS, aged ninety-one, and James Cochran, Sr., aged seventy-eight, both highly respected citizens, died since Sunday.

ALTHOUGH JOHN A. FLOYD is doing a land office business at his stylish new office on Diamond street.

The Secret.

The secret or art of dressing so as to present a respectable and neat appearance at all times does not consist in adopting the fondest styles, or even in purchasing the most expensive material, but rather in having the clothing made well and fit perfectly. A suit of clothing properly put together and a good fit, although of an inferior goods will look much better and to the eye appear vastance than one of the finest materials, but in which these details are not exhibited. This is the reason of the great success which has attended the house of Hespenheide & Co., merchant tailors, No. 59 Sixth, late Sixth street. Recognizing this principle they have invariably employed the best workmen from the measures to the making up, so that every suit is a perfect fit. Then, in addition, the goods are just what they are represented and the customer has his choice, so that satisfaction is guaranteed. Young gentlemen would do well to remember this establishment in distributing their patronage.

Auction Sales of Real Estate.—The property 409 Beaver street, Allegheny, will be sold on the premises Wednesday next at 2 o'clock.

The fine property 72 Washington avenue will be sold on the premises Thursday next at 2 o'clock.

The farm lands of the late Col. Jas. A. Gibson, being about 400 acres, in Fine township, will be sold at 159 Federal street, Allegheny, Friday next at 11 o'clock. Particulars by

A. LEGGATT, Auctioneer.

Consolidation.—Since the consolidation of the two Mammoth Trunk Houses of Leisher and Gillespie, Joseph Liebler became sole proprietor of the new house, Pittsburgh can boast of one of the largest and best houses in that branch of trade to be found in the Union. With his increased facilities for business, Liebler is determined, by cheap prices and the best of goods, to preserve his title of the "Trunk King." Call at 104 Wood street and see the new stock.

Heltzheimer is determined to maintain the reputation of the "Continental." Call to-day and judge whether his efforts are to be successful.

A Rare Treat.—Meats, Vegetables and Pastry, at the "Continental" to-day.

ALLEGHENY.

The Police will receive their new outfit on Friday.

Alleghenians want the Pleasant Valley Passenger Railway extended to Pittsburgh as soon as possible.

The Employes of the Outer Depot of the P. Ft. W. & C. Railroad are now working on the eight hour plan.

Ten cases were disposed of yesterday morning by Mayor Callow. Billy Diehl, the well known, was sent to the workhouse for sixty days.

Officer McRoberts, formerly of the regular police force, has been deputized Ward Constable and will be found at the office