The Pittsburgh Gazette.

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

The Duquesne Greys will parade this afternoon.

Excellent Skating at the Rink to-day on Robinson street.

The Pittsburgh Postoffice will be open to-day from 7½ to 10 o'clock A. M., and from 4 to 5 o'clock P. M.

Will be Closed.—To-day being a legal holiday, all the Banks, Custom House and Post Office will be closed.

Forestalling.—J. Thompson was arrested in the Diamond Market yesterday for forestalling, and after a hearing before the Mayor was fined $5 and costs.

Frost Bitten.—Yesterday, John Bennett, an employe of M. Edwards, Esq., Oil Gauger, had his hands frozen while gauging oil on the Allegheny river bank.

Post Commander.—George R. Van Emman was at a recent meeting of Post 151, G. A. R. Birmingham elected Post Commander, vice Philip Hoerr resigned.

The Rink will be visited to-day by large delegations of juveniles.

Commission Received.—The commission of R. B. Guthrie, as Justice of the Peace for Stowe township, has been received by Recorder Hunter, and is now at his office.

Anniversary of Washington's birth-day in Union M. E. Church, Allegheny City, this evening. Doors open at 7 P. M. Address by Col. Clark, D.D. Supper in the Lecture Room. Admission fifty cents.

The officer on duty at the elevator yesterday arrested a milk wagon, which had been left standing on the street by the driver, who, it appears, was drunk. The wagon was taken to Patterson's stable.

Ice at the Rink is in first rate skating order.

Fr. Jackson, the battle-scarred hero of the last two wars, addresses his fellow citizens at Wilkins Hall to-night. The Doctor will have a vote next year, and politicians and others should go and hear him.

Seduction.—Anna Timony made information before Alderman McMasters yesterday, charging Samuel Barndoler with seduction. The accused was arrested and in default of bail for a hearing, was committed to jail.

Disorderly Conduct.—Alfred Schick made information before Justice Heisel, yesterday, charging John Schumacher with disorderly conduct. He alleges that John broke the windowsin his dwelling. A warrant was issued.

Struck Him.—Peter Doer made information before Justice Heisel yesterday, charging Philip Koenig with assault and battery. He alleges that the accused struck at his horse and struck him with a whip. A warrant was issued for the arrest of Philip.

To City Advertisers.—Owing to the increasing circulation of the *Monongahela Valley Republican* we feel justified in increasing our advertising rates one-third from this date.

CHILL W. HAZZARD, Publisher.
Monongahela City, Pa., Feb. 22, 1870.

Assault and Battery.—John House made information yesterday before Alderman John A. Floyd, charging James Dean with assault and battery. The parties were at a ball at Lafayette Hall Friday night, where it is alleged the difficulty occurred. Dean was committed for a hearing.

The First National Bank will take the advantage of to-day being a National holiday and move to the first floor of Masonic Hall building, Fifth avenue. They intend erecting this coming summer one of the handsomest bank buildings in the city on their old site, corner of Fifth avenue and Wood street.

The Young Folks will be rejoiced to know that there is skating at the Rink to-day.

Mount Washington News.—A gentleman who resides in the high-up borough of Mount Washington recently called upon one of the Justices of the Peace for said borough to complain against two young men who reside there for slander and conniving to defame his character. For certain reasons the Justice advised the gentleman to withhold his information for the present.

Why Not Enlist?—In speaking of the military companies forming and formed in this community, the *Chronicle* sagely remarks: "Let the young men be encouraged by the patronage of the business men, and soon we shall have them in regiments. Then the President or Governor will not be obliged to come into or go out of our city under the escort of a few office seeking politicians." All hail the good time coming!

The Park Commission, in rejoinder to our remarks of yesterday, state that they are ready and willing to commence operations on the Soldiers' Monument as soon as the Building Committee select a site and furnish the necessary specifications. Between the two bodies, both expressing willingness to go ahead, we have reason to believe that the work will not be much longer delayed. Pray move on gentlemen, the people are growing impatient.

Go to the Allegheny Skating Rink to-day and to-night. Splendid ice and a splendid time.

Burglary.—Some time during Sunday night an entrance was effected into the grocery store of Geo. W. McClure, No. 246 Liberty street, by burglars, by placing some barrels on end they rendered some way through the transom over the back door. The safe was blown open, and about forty-six dollars taken therefrom, besides some valuable papers. This morning information was made against "Unknown Parties," before Mayor Bush.

Liquor Licenses.—Some months since a presentment of the Grand Jury was published, in which it was stated that licenses were over two thousand liquor licenses granted in the county during the year. This statement was incorrect, as we find by reference to the books of the county Treasurer, that there have been but 1,162 licenses to sell liquor granted since March, 1869. This number includes wholesale dealers, eating houses, taverns and saloons.

Felonious Assault.—Mrs. D. Krummel made information before Justice Salisbury yesterday, charging William McDowell with felonious assault and battery. The accused is a boy about eighteen or nineteen years of age, and, it appears, that he and a son of the prosecutrix, who is about fifteen years of age, were in a saloon together on Carson street, Birmingham. They got into a difficulty, when, it is alleged, McDowell drew a knife and stabbed young Krummel in the leg, inflicting a severe wound. A warrant was issued.

**Stolen and Recovered.**

Mr. Asa Waughaman keeps a dining saloon on Smithfield street, and this morning a woman having called for some oysters, was left alone in the dining room, and no doubt feeling a desire to ascertain the contents of the room she discovered and captured his valuable gold watch and made good her retreat.

The police were soon on the track and subsequently found the watch at a pawnbroker's, where the woman had pawned it for thirty dollars. The clerk to her whereabouts has yet remained unknown.

**Skaters Attention!**

Skating Rink is now [illegible] Open all day and evening.

The Organ Concert To-Night.—We trust none of our readers will forget the grand organ concert to be given to-night on the monster organ of the Third Presbyterian Church, on Sixth avenue, by Prof. I. H. Willcox, Musical Doctor of Boston. The programme embraces some of the finest gems and selections from the instrumentations of the old and modern composers, besides many popular original productions and innovations introduced by the skillful artist who is to preside at the keyboard. To-morrow afternoon the second concert will be given. Reserved seats may be obtained at Mellor & Hoene's music store, No. 53 Fifth avenue.

No! for the Rink.—Elegant skating to-night. The ice is as smooth as a mirror.

## FATAL ACCIDENT.

Death of Moore Thompson—Coroner's Inquest—The Testimony—Verdict.

Coroner Clawson yesterday held an inquest on the body of Moore Thompson, a respected citizen of the Nineteenth ward, who met with an accident Saturday evening about half-past five o'clock, which resulted in his death a short time afterwards. We published a brief account of the sad occurrence yesterday, and this morning give the testimony taken by the Coroner in full, which contains all the facts connected with the case:

TESTIMONY.

The testimony is as follows:

*Dr. P. D. Perchment*, sworn—I was called to see Mr. Thompson about six o'clock; found him unconscious, but not motionless. On examination found a cut at the base of brain, about one and a half inches in length, partially through the scalp; also, contusion above left temple, extending across the forehead. He was then suffering from concussion or limpairing of the brain functions; pulse feeble and intermittant. Pupil of eye contracted and immovable. Tried to administer a stimulant, but he could not swallow. He then partially revived and complained of pain in his head. Said he felt sick and was very much nauseated, but did not vomit. He asked to be walked about, and I assisted Mr. Lindsey to take him to the window. He then began to breathe heavy and slow, pulse slow and feeble, eyes dilated and immovable. I then saw or feared he was suffering from compression of the brain by the rupture of some of the small vessels, producing extravasation of blood on the brain proper. Sent for his wife and family physician. Dr. Lewis came and concurred in my opinion. He died from compression of the brain.

*George Richards*, sworn—Saturday afternoon, about five o'clock, was sitting in my office with Mr. Thompson, when I saw Mr. Lindsay and Mr. Hazlewood looking at the lot belonging to Mr. Sprowl. Went out to see them, and Mr. Hazlewood asked me if I had the key to the house. Went into the office and got the key, and asked Mr. Thompson to go with me to see the house. Mr. Lindsay, Mr. Hazlewood, Mr. Thompson and myself went into the house. I opened the shutters of the front room to admit light, then opened the doors of the dining room and kitchen. We then started out; when I got to the front door, Thompson and Hazlewood were going up stairs; I followed them and opened the shutters in the front part of the house, and they passed through into the room over the dining room. I followed them in, and while opening the shutters in that room heard a noise as of some one falling down stairs; also heard Mr. Hazlewood exclaim "Thompson has fallen down stairs." I then went to the head of the stairs, looked down and called Mr. Thompson by name but received no answer. Then ran down the front stairs and met Mr. Lindsay at the front door. Asked him to come back with me as Mr. Thompson had fallen down stairs and I supposed he was badly hurt. Went back and found him lying in the kitchen, at the foot of the stairs. Raised him up, and I saw a severe cut on the back of his head. Mr. Lindsay held him up while I went and took a gate off the hinges to make room to pass out with Mr. Thompson. We then carried him to the residence of Mr. A. P. McWilliams. Am satisfied that Mr. Thompson was not under the influence of liquor. He was in my office at least one hour and a half prior to the accident. When we found him at the foot of the stairs he was lying with his feet towards the wall and his head doubled down towards his feet.

*S. H. Lindsay*, sworn.—Came out from the city on the train; met Mr. Hazlewood, who stopped me, and asked me what I thought of the Sprowl property; said I thought it a desirable location, and asked him to look at it. While looking at the lot Mr. Richards came out of his office, and Mr. Hazlewood asked for the key to see the house, Mr. R. went back and got the key, and when he returned, Thompson came with him. We then went into the house, passed through the front room to the kitchen. Mr. Hazlewood, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Richards passed out into the back porch, and I went up the kitchen stairs, looked at the rooms, and came down again. They went up stairs, and I waited at the front door. They had not been gone more than ten minutes until Richards came running down stairs, and said to me that Mr. Thompson had fallen down the stairway and he feared he was badly hurt. We went round together and found him lying on the kitchen floor, unconscious, and bleeding from a severe cut on the back part of the head. We then picked him up and carried him to the residence of Mr. A. P. McWilliams. Dr. Perchment was called in and examined the wound, and said he thought he was suffering from compression of the brain, and feared that he was injured internally and would not recover. Dr. Lewis was sent for and his opinion was the same as that of Dr. Perchment. I am satisfied that Mr. Thompson was perfectly sober when he came over to look at the house. The stairs were very steep. It was a box stairway and very narrow.

*Wm. Hazlewood*, sworn—Mr. Thompson and myself, with Thos. Lindsay and Mr. Richards went into Mr. Sprowl's house to examine it. Had examined the lower part and gone up stairs. We were ten or twelve feet from Mr. Thompson when I heard him fall, and called to him to know if he was hurt. He made no answer. Mr. Richards then ran down stairs and opened the kitchen door and I proceeded down the stairs where Mr. Thompson had fallen. Mr. Richards and myself got down about the same time and spoke to Mr. Thompson. He was lying on the kitchen floor. We asked him if he was hurt, but received no answer. Mr. Richards, Mr. Lindsay, and some one else, carried Mr. Thompson to Mr. McWilliams'. He appeared to have two cuts on the back of his head, but did not bleed much; the cuts did not appear to be deep; he had a small cut on the forehead. He did not appear to lose his senses, but did not answer any questions. I had been acquainted with Mr. Thompson for about six months; do not think he was under the influence of liquor.

VERDICT.

The jury returned the following verdict:

"It is the opinion of the jury that Moore Thompson, of East Liberty, lost his life by injuries received Saturday, February 19th, 1870, by accidentally falling down stairs in the house of Mr. Sprowl, in the Nineteenth ward, Pittsburgh.

**Presentation.**

Mr W. D. Mullins, late Superintendent at the Shafton Coal Works, east of Irwin Station, was presented with a gold watch and chain by the employees at the works, as a token of their friendship, on Saturday at the Rush House. Mr. Mullin has for the past five years held the position of Superintendent of the Shafton Works, and has yielded that position to Mr. Robert Ramsey, preparatory to going to Catfish, on the Allegheny Valley Railroad, where he will act as Superintendent of the Pittsburgh Coal Company. The watch was given by his late associates as a parting testimonial. Mr. Wilson presided, the presentation speech was made by Mr. William Beckwith of the Pennsylvania Railroad ticket office, in happy language.

Mr. Mullin responded in most felicitous terms, alluding in an affecting manner to his relations with the friends he was leaving. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, Mr. Beckwith announced that the employees of the Shafton works had placed in his hands an elegant toilet case and jewel box, and had commissioned him to present the same to Mrs. Mullin, the excellent wife of the late Superintendent.

Both presents were purchased, of course, at Mr. William G. Dunseath's popular establishment, No. 56 Fifth avenue, which of late seems to have been the headquarters for the purchase of gift offerings. Those desiring anything in their way will do well to favor this old established house with a call.

**Removal.**

It will be observed in our advertising columns, that Mr. L. D. Dummett, the well known Liberty street Confectioner, has removed to No. 64 Wood street, (Hays's Block) and associated Mr. David N. Fitzsimmons with him, under the firm name of L. D. Dummett & Co. Mr. Dummett has long enjoyed a well-earned reputation as a manufacturer of pure confectionaries. He makes and will sell cheaper than ever. He also has the reputation of selling confectionerie prices. No one in the business has been so much in favor with private families, Sunday School and Charity Festivals, Picnics, &c., &c. While he sells to the trade at very moderate profits, he sells to these without profit. Mr. Fitzsimmons will be in hearty sympathy with his senior, and the customers will find him a very obliging, correct and agreeable salesman, and the wholesale or retail custom will find the stock not only of the best quality, but embracing a great variety of table relishes and condiments, fruits, nuts and preserves, as well as staple and fancy candies of their own manufacture. We commend this enterprising firm and their splendid new establishment to all their old and a rich line of new customers.

The Rink will be open to day and to-night. A grand skating carnival may be anticipated.

## THE COURTS.

District Court—Judge Kirkpatrick.

MONDAY, February 21.—The case of Duff vs. Wilson, previously reported on trial, was resumed and was not concluded when Court adjourned.

United States District Court—Judge McCandless.

MONDAY, February 21.—District Attorney Swoope filed an information in forfeiture in the case of the United States vs. the tobacco, liquor and snuff owned by Robert Hanna. An attachment and monition were ordered to be issued, and made returnable on the first Monday of April next.

On motion of J. K. Kerr, Esq., Taliferro P. Shaffner, Esq., of New York, was duly sworn a member of the bar of this court.

Henry A. Miller, Esq., of Franklin, Venango county, was appointed a United States Commissioner, vice Isaac Myer, Jr., who has removed to Philadelphia.

Common Pleas—Judges Sterrett and Collier.

MONDAY, February 21.—In the Common Pleas Court room, Judge Collier presiding, a petition for a charter of the "Brotherhood of St. James," of Temperanceville was presented and filed.

George Hasslinger vs. Robert Hardy, Executor of Benjamin Patton, de'cd., late of Hampton township. Action in debt. It was alleged that Benjamin Patton contracted debts amounting in the aggregate to $5,000, which was due and unpaid at the time of the death of the said Patton, and this action was brought to recover said sum. On trial.

In the Quarter Sessions Court room Judge Sterrett presiding, the case of Kennedy vs. Dilbridge, previously reported, was resumed and had not been concluded when Court adjourned.

**Amusements.**

OPERA HOUSE.—The weather although extremely cold last evening, did not deter the lovers of the drama from going to the Opera House to see Mrs. D. P. Bowers in "Leah the Forsaken." The house was full, and we doubt if Mrs. Bowers ever personated the Jewish Maiden to better advantages or with more satisfaction to an audience nor do we think there assembled ever see the character more faithfully portrayed. She was admirably supported throughout the piece, Mr. McCollum as Rudolph was exceedingly good. This evening Mrs. Bowers will appear as Julia, in the "Hunchback," Mr. McCollum in the role of Master Walter. The house should be filled to overflowing, and doubtless will.

LIBRARY LECTURES.—Mr. James E. Murdoch will give miscellaneous Readings and Recitations at the Academy of Music this evening, under the auspices of the Young Men's Mercantile Library Association, consisting of selections from Shakespeare, Scott, Tennyson, and others. No reserved seats. Thursday evening Mr. Murdoch will give his lecture on "Impressions and Recollections of Abraham Lincoln."

GRAND TABLEAUX AND ALLEGORY.—The pupils of the several departments of the Bidwell Seminary, will give a series of Grand National Allegory and Tableaux, at the Academy of Music, commencing Thursday evening. Great success within the last four years has attended Mr. Hagar's Allegory, and it is hoped our citizens will not fail to enjoy a repast of popular music, exquisite scenery, and tableaux, seldom witnessed in our city. The entire programme has been rearranged and greatly improved since their last entertainment. Sale of reserved seats commenced at Kleber's Music Store yesterday morning. Admission fifty cents; reserved seats seventy five cents. Matinee performance on Saturday.

PLEASANT REUNION.—The annual silver wedding and social reunion of the St. Paul's Orchestra Band held last night at Lafayette Hall, was one of the most pleasant and successful affairs of the season. All who were present greatly enjoyed themselves, and the arrangements reflected much credit to the managers.

PICTURES AND ENTERTAINMENTS.—Illustrative of the Scriptures, drew together a very large audience last night at the Turners' Hall, and the performances were of an unusually entertaining character.

**Alaska at Home.**

The ice merchant and the holder of rink and skating park stock were among the jubilant yesterday. At the morning at five o'clock the thermometer stood at zero, at noon ten degrees above, and last evening at eight o'clock at four degrees above. How jubilant every one seemed. Great coats, shawls, and fur caps, which had laid almost undisturbed since last winter, were yesterday brought into speedy requisition. Noses, not red with whisky punches, but red with cold winter breezes, were predominant. Many were the troubles of pedestrians as they were hurrying down the ice covered sidewalks. And we witnessed one very uncommonness imitation of a chilled citizen down a flight of stone steps into a beer saloon.

The ladies, too, formed no mean proportion of the dauntless crowd. But as visions of ice and the anticipation of ice cream next summer flashed across our minds in the "misty future," it was bearable.

The newsboy, as he stood shivering at the Postoffice corner, looking up into your face with his "paper sir," seemed to time and speak to you of how well you have skating to-morrow." And although that little body was cold, in that little old face there was joy at the thought of skates and sleds.

Should the water persist in remaining liquid now, it will most certainly boil in our rivers next summer.

**A Happy Time.**

One of those affairs we like to notice came off last evening at Quincy Hall, Allegheny. Soul inspiring music we entered the hall and found it was a festival given by the officers and teachers of the Hope Mission Sabbath School to the scholars. In the front of the hall stood a large tree loaded down with fine oranges, around which were tables filled with boxes of candies and cakes. At each side of the tree was a large cross and anchor, over which is an arch with the word "Welcome," above which was the name of the school. Rev. J. A. Seymour, of Cleveland, made a very fine address, after which the Superintendent, Mr. R. Lindsay Grier, made a few interesting remarks, and as all were anxiously awaiting the signal for enjoyment, it was given, and the cakes and oranges were distributed in such a manner as to show that all were truly welcome. May the young gentlemen and ladies have their efforts crowned with abundant success. We would state that the school has only been organized about two years.

**Washinton's Birthday.**

To-day the whole people of these United States will celebrate the 138th anniversary of the birth of the great, good and noble "Father of his Country" —George Washinton, the first President selected by the people to preside over the destinies of the nation. By act of Congress this is a national, legal holiday and consequently business will be suspended by the government departments, banks and other establishments. The Duquesne Grays of this city will commemorate the occasion by a grand dress parade, quitting their armory at two o'clock this afternoon. We presume business will be very generally suspended throughout the two cities and surrounding boroughs.

**Back Again.**

We published, some time since, an account of a case of abandonment before the Mayor, in which Ellen Morgan, of Philadelphia, was prosecutrix, and her husband, James Morgan, defendant. It will be remembered that Morgan, the defendant, was held to bail in the sum of $1,000 for his appearance at court. At the hearing, Morgan's Attorney proposed to Mrs. Morgan, the prosecutrix, that the defendant was willing to take her children and herself and provide for them if she would live with him in this city. Mrs. Morgan, it appears, accepted the proposition and went back to Philadelphia and yesterday she returned to this city with her two children. We presume they will be provided for by Mr. Morgan.

**False Pretences.**

R. J. Kayer has been victimized, he alleges, by Jacob Bernstein to the extent of $100, in cash. He made information before Alderman Taylor, yesterday, charging Bernstein with false pretences. He alleges that the accused represented to him that he had $100 to his credit in a bank in this city, and exhibited a bank book purporting to show said balance, and on the strength of this representation he borrowed from the prosecutor $100. Bernstein was arrested and held for a hearing.

If you want your hair dressed or frizzied after the latest fashion, a comfortable shave, a luxurious bath or a little skillful cupping and leeching, any or all, go to Williamson's popular saloon, No. 195 Federal Street, Allegheny.

## A HEAVY FORGERY.

Going Into Business—The Name of an Indorser Alleged to Have Been Forged to Notes for $4,000—The Alleged Forger Non Est.

Some months since a Mr. W. A. Adams, desiring to go into business, entered into negotiations with John Palmer & Co., retail boot and shoe dealers, on Market street, for the purchase of their stock and fixtures. Terms were agreed upon and the stock was transferred to Mr. Adams, who gave four promissory notes, dated Jan. 4th, 1870, as follows: One for $500 at thirty days; one for $1000 at sixty days, one for $1500 at four months and one at six months for $677 84. Said notes were drawn by W. A. Adams, payable to John Palmer & Co., and purporting to be endorsed by J. M. Adams. Mr. Adams took possession of the store as above stated, and commenced business, which he continued until the first note fell due. The note was presented for payment and allowed to go to protest, when it was ascertained by Messrs. Palmer & Co. that the signature of J. A. Palmer was a forgery. The stock and fixtures, it appears, were turned over to the original owners, and Mr Palmer left for parts unknown. Mr. John Palmer yesterday made informatiled before the Mayor charging W. A. Adams with forgery, and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

**Petroleum Items.**

The Oil City *Times* reports that:

The Miller well, on Charley run, which was torpedoed during the first part of the present week, is now pumping twelve barrels daily, with a prospect of doing still better.

Thomas Frothingham, of Petrolem Centre, has leased twenty acres in different small tracts on Calaboose run, and is at present engaged in putting down a well on one of the leases. Mr. F. is an energetic, hard working man, and we will venture to predict that if there is any oil on Calaboose run, he will surely find it.

Col. O. P. Harding, formerly of Petroleum Centre, has a forty barrel well on the John Marshall tract, Parker's Landing. He is also putting down three more on the James Parker tract, and one of them is about ready to test. It makes a splendid show, and without much doubt will prove a good paying well. We are pleased to know of the prosperity of the Colonel.

The recent developments on Cottage Hill has put a new impetus upon operations in that vicinity, but it is now thought the belt takes a different direction than at first supposed, and if the last theory be correct, we fear some of the wells in that locality will prove poor investments.

The Button well, located above Crane & Thacker's refinery, Petroleum Centre, is down to the fourth sand, and makes a splendid show. The *Record* says there is 150 feet oil in the hole.

The Keenan farm, located in the rear of the Storey Farm, is about to be developed, as preparations are being made to put down several wells.

Westfield, Chautauqua county, New York, has caught the oil fever. They have organized an oil company and are going to commence boring soon. How and it is to see a whole town demented.

**Real Estate Transfers.**

The following deeds were admitted of record in the office of Thos. H. Hunter, Recorder for Allegheny county, Monday, Feb. 21st, 1870:

Wm. Vanner to James Reed, Feb. 1, 1870; lot 2 in 10 in Greensburg Pike, 40 ft front; $1,000.

Alexander Scott et al. to Barbara Duss, Feb. 15, 1870; lot 10 of Oil Liberty street, East Liberty; $1,000.

H. Torrison to M. Norton, Jan 11, 1870; lot 3 in 13 in Norton's plan, Lower St. Clair.

John D. Aimson to John C. Dunn, Feb. 18, 1870; lot 2 in 12 in the Cherry alley, Plum; $2,000.

Hugh Winton, Sheriff, to John D. Aimson, Feb. 18, 1870; above lot; $2,000.

John Kane to J. B. Guthrie, June 4, 1867; lot 20 in 10 in Locust street, 8th ward, Pittsburgh; $2,800.

John Kane et al. to John Flinn, April 15, 1869; lot 20 in 10 Locust street, 8th ward, Pittsburgh; $2,800.

Frederick Ketchum to Thos. M. Barton, Feb. 1, 1869; lot 21 by 121 ft. on Bedford avenue, 11th ward, Pittsburgh; $1,000.

Carlisle Marsh et al. to Francis Shanly, April 1, 1869; lot 28 by 75 ft on alley near Penn and 8th ward, Pittsburgh; $2,000.

John W. Pettit to Margaret Pettit, Jan. 15, 1870; lot 25 by 112 ft on Union St., 21st ward; $700.

Moses Thompson to John W. Pettit, April 1, 1869; lot 25 by 112 ft on Union St., 21st Ward, Pittsburgh; $700.

John Crude to Conrad Richmiller, February 16, 1870; lot 30 by 120 ft on Badger St., Sharpsburg; $1,000.

Chas. Halter to Bernard Brightwelter, Feb. 18, 1870; lot 17 by 50 ft in Catasauqua St., Birmingham; $1,500.

John L. Marshall to Peter Stahl, Jan. 29, 1870; lot 30 by 118 ft in Charlotte St.; $800.

John Linder to Andrew Brunner, Feb. 12, 1870; 1 acre and 32 perches in Mifflin tp.; $350.

**The School Question.**

EDITORS GAZETTE: A correspondent of the Daily *Dispatch*, over the signature of "An Old School Director," finds fault with the Central Board of Education for paying their Secretary the sum of $1100 salary instead of $500, which was fixed by law when the city contained nine wards and the duties of that officer were at least one-half less than at the present time.

Such meanness one would have supposed the *Dispatch* would have revolted at, but on the contrary publishes with a relish.

Who this old school director is would be quite difficult to guess, and it would more difficult to find out. He is certainly a very old director. We should judge him to be one of those individuals who paid their employes in the *smooth levier* and *fin jips* that passed current in the olden time when he managed to take care of himself.

This old "school director" promises in the same connection to have more to say about the Board on some other occasion. Let us hope in the name of decency and our common humanity that it may be something more manly and honorable than his last article.

A NEW SCHOOL DIRECTOR.

**Granting License.**

Some individual in the Fourteenth ward has resolved himself into a license court, for the benefit of whisky dealers who desire to procure a cheap license. The fact was discovered Saturday, at which time Patrick Butler, a vender of strong drinks in the Fourteenth ward, came to the clerk's office with a certificate of license, to which he wanted to have the seal of the court attached. The clerk looked at the paper, which was a regular blank properly filled up, with the exception of the omission of the seal of the court and the final "so" in the name of Jos. Browne. Patrick was informed that the paper was a forgery, and when interrogated concerning it, said that the man who gave it to him charged him $7 court fees and $5 for his trouble, and told him that it was all right. Patrick has an application for license pending, and it is presumed that the fellow who victimized him was cognizant of the fact, and in attempting to impose on Patrick thought he could make a blank from the clerk's office and fill it up. The matter will be investigated, and a prosecution for forgery will probably follow, as we will be prosecuting for Patrick for obtaining money under false pretences.

**Retaliation.**

An amusing case occurred at the office of Alderman Neeper yesterday. It appears that Jacob Lotz, a German, got into a difficulty with Josephine Shuett, a lady residing on Market street, which difficulty resulted in a fight, out of which Jacob came second best, only. Feeling a little chagrined at his discomfiture, he sought consolation from the law, and made information before Alderman Neeper, charging Josephine with assault and battery. A warrant was issued, Josephine arrested and brought to the office, when a clear case of assault and battery was made out against her and she was consequently held to bail for her appearance at Court. She procured the bail, and then remarking to Jacob that it was her "turn," made an information against him for assault and battery. After a hearing Jacob was held in the sum of $500 for his appearance at Court, and being unable to procure the same, was committed to jail. As he left the Aldermanic office in charge of the officer, he was heard to exclaim, "Tam der law; to der divil mit sich shustice."

**Humbuggery and Quackery**

Are becoming so common that people are no longer to be taken in by flash signs and advertisements. The only way to succeed in business is to tell the truth, to give in fact just what you promise. Now, Messrs. Pier, Dannals & Co. never tell any one that their cream ale will mend broken legs and necks, cure cholera, small-pox and St. Vitus, or enlighten human minds sufficiently to discover how cheap, pleasant and feasible wedding trips may be made to Saturn. They only say that by making cream ale your customary drink you will retain limbs, body and mind in a salubrious and comfortable state and as this is a well known fact, everybody drinks Pier, Dannals & Co.'s cream ale.

Hecker's Farina forms a very agreeable light nutritive food, a superior article for puddings and jellies, and is highly recommended by physicians for invalids and children. Sold by all grocers.

## TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.

A Husband, Crazed by Liquor, Savagely Attacks His Wife, and is Instantly Killed by Her in Self-Defence.

(Special Correspondence Pittsburgh Gazette.)

STEUBENVILLE, February 21, 1870.

A terrible tragedy occurred at Stony Hollow, just outside of the city limits, yesterday morning about half past nine o'clock, the particulars of which are about as follows: Immediately north of the P. C. & St. L. Railroad bridge, on the Ohio side, is situated a little ten by twelve "Irish shanty," built of rough boards. This shanty was built and occupied by a family consisting of Patrick Brannegan, his wife and eight children, the youngest four weeks old. Brannegan at times was employed on the railroad as a laborer, but being a dissipated character he was most of the time unemployed, and frequently under the influence of liquor. On Saturday night he went home very much intoxicated and commenced abusing his wife, who had been washing hard all week in order to support herself and children, and also a drunken husband. On Monday morning he renewed his abuse and knocked her down two or three times. While engaged in preparing breakfast for her children, he came at her again, remarking that once for the other of them had to die. She had a common sized butcher knife in her hand, which she had used but a moment before cutting meat. She warned him off, but on he came, in his drunken frenzy striking at her right and left, when she threw up her hands wildly, it is supposed to protect herself, and in doing so caused the knife to penetrate Brannegan's left breast, between the first and second ribs, causing almost instant death.

Mrs. Brannegan fully realized her situation. She did not deny the cutting, but said she had no intention of killing him, and was only endeavoring to protect herself.

The Coroner was notified and a jury was immediately impannelled. The only witness examined was a little girl of Brannegan's, from whose testimony I have gathered the above statement. The jury, after hearing her evidence, returned a verdict that "Patrick Brannegan came to his death from a wound in the left side, said wound having been inflicted with a butcher knife in the hands of Bridget Brannegan, his wife, and the jury believe from the evidence before them that the killing was done in self defence."

After the Coroner's jury had returned their verdict, Captain Walden, prosecuting attorney, Mayor Love and Coroner Stephens held a consultation in regard to what should be done in the premises, and concluded that it was wholly unnecessary to arrest the woman, as the evidence before the Coroner was all that could be produced by the State, and such being the case she would be discharged at a preliminary examination.

Thus another has passed away, heralded unprepared into the presence of his God, without a moment's warning, a victim of the demon Alcohol. How long will men be allowed to carry on a business so daily spreading misery, woe, and death all over the land, and still go unpunished? Take the man that said Brannegan the poison that bereft him of reason and made him responsible for this crime, and make every man that engages in the business responsible as an aider and abettor in the crimes committed by the persons he induces to drink liquor. Then, and not till then, will there be a check put on it.

KAYCUE.

House and Lot on Isabella Street, Allegheny, at Auction.—The property 35 Isabella street, will be sold on Saturday, day, 23rd inst., at 2 o'clock. The lot is 25 by 88 feet. The house is a three story brick of six rooms. A. Leggate, Auctioneer.

## STATE LEGISLATURES.

MINNESOTA.

ST. PAUL, February 21.—Gov. Austin sent a message to the Senate to-day urging the passage of a memorial to Congress praying that body to assume control of the carrying business of the country, by means of fixing the tariff for freights and passengers. He says Congress possesses the power under the provisions of the Constitution authorizing Congress to regulate commerce between the States.

LOUISIANA.

NEW ORLEANS, February 21.—The constabulary bill has finally passed the Legislature. All the objectionable bills, somewhat modified, about which indignation meetings were held, have passed, except the militia bill. The latter is made the special order for Friday.

A joint resolution amending the enfranchising clause of the Constitution has passed.

VIRGINIA.

RICHMOND, February 21.—The Legislature has adopted a resolution declaring it inexpedient to elect Senators for the term commencing 1871. A resolution was also adopted vacating the seat on the bench of the Court of Appeals now filled by Major Burnham, U. S. A.

ALABAMA.

MONTGOMERY, Feb. 21.—The Senate elected in February, 1865, under the reconstruction law, refused to decide upon what Senators are to be elected this fall. The majority of the Senators contend they are to hold over until 1875 and to-day's vote settles the fact.

OHIO.

COLUMBUS, February 21.—The Legislature has adjourned over until Wednesday, as to-morrow is Washington's birthday.

A bill was introduced in the House to-day providing for the inspection of steam boilers.

## BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

—The Royal Paper Mill at Yarmouth, N. H., was burned on Sunday.

—Chief Justice Hinman, of Conn., died at Cheshire, in that State, on Monday.

—The total number of hogs packed at Milwaukee since the opening of the season is 165,500.

—Hill, Lemmon & Co.'s extensive sawmill, at St. Louis, was burned on Sunday, involving a loss of $30,000—insured for $20,000.

—The dwelling of Joseph Green, at South Chicester, N. H., was buried on Sunday night. Mrs. Green perished in the flames.

—The two hundredth anniversary of the South Congregational Church, at Hartford, Conn., will be celebrated to day and to-morrow.

—The Kentucky legislators partook of the hospitalities of Newport and Covington on Saturday and departed by special train to Lexington.

—In Chicago the Board of Trade, Stock Exchange, post-office and banks will be closed to day in commemoration of Washington's birthday.

—The Chicago *Tribune*, of yesterday, says that the late report of Senator Grimes' serious illness is incorrect. The latest advices, from him in Paris announce a substantial improvement in his health.

—At St. Louis, Sunday, A. P. Chamberlain, merchant, of Genesee, Illinois, while laboring under temporary insanity, took what he supposed to be an ounce of laudanum, and then shot himself twice in the region of the heart, but both balls glanced having struck the ribs. He still lives, though dangerously wounded.

—Correspondence from Salt Lake City reveals the fact that the passage of the act to give women the right of suffrage in Utah, was the work both of the Mormons and Gentiles, the Legislature which passed it being Mormon, and the Governor who signed it being a Gentile. The two parties entertain different views of the way in which it will work.

—The United States steamer Nantucket has notified the authorities in Hayti ports that St. Domingo was under American protection. At the same time Gen. Cacenas, son of Baez, went with five thousand men to the Hayilen frontier. The rumor is that he will demand satisfaction of the Haytiens for their late occupation of Dejabon, on Dominican territory.

**Face Powder and How to Use It.**

The lady correspondent of the Chicago *Journal* says: The use of face powder has been the source of infinite ridicule to fastidious bachelors, and of deprecation and horror on the part of respectable old ladies and prim young ones. Now, I am its unyielding champion. I would as readily think of surreptitiously using my toothbrush as of being ashamed of my powder box. It is not the use of a thing, but the abuse of it, that injures. When I see young ladies with faces incapable of smile or dimple, as thickly whitewashed as the side of my room, with dabs of red on each cheek bone, and the ears and neck, from comparison, showing sallow and dark, I involuntary turn aside to drop the briny tear, first for my sex, then for my theory. Every lady knows that, after bathing or in Summer time, the face is apt to look oily. Now, why I should go about with a forehead like a bottle, and a nose like a placid Summer lake, quite reflective, when by the wise application of a little harmless powder I can improve my appearance, is a conundrum beyond my solving. If any can answer it, let them enlighten me forthwith. Not long since a crusty bachelor discovered a bit of powder in my left eye-brow. His soul was stirred within him, and the torrent of denunciation unsealed. What did I do? Blush? Not a glimmer. I went and got my box, I explained its use. I waxed eloquent, and my burning thoughts clothed in breathing words so convinced that antique being, that I was enabled to illustrate my theory practically, and, with subdued triumph, powered my listener's face, and won from him the remark that "it was all right—a nice thing." Let me tell you—although half of you might teach me, I suppose—how to put power on. After bathing the face, before drying, apply a little glycerine, with or without dilution of rose water; then take a flannel cloth and rub the face perfectly dry. Then, with a bit of cotton or a puff, throw the powder on, without friction. After which let matters rest as they are, until you have entirely completed your toilet. When all is done and "twilight is upon us, fair as the moon," &c., you stand before your tiring glass, prepared for such harmless slaughter as is the "right" of our sex, take a soft linen rag and carefully remove all traces of power, going into a strong light, and investigating every eyebrow and dimple. (If past the day of dimples, examine closely the wrinkles.) After this operation, conscientiously performed, if you are not satisfied with yourself, just give up to destiny, and look to inward adornment. Let rouge alone. The best store to buy carmine tints at is Nature's. Take brisk walks, drink milk and ignore tea and coffee, gravies, spices and candies —and if you don't have cheeks and lips like billiside strawberries, call me a prevaricator.

**Additional Markets by Telegraph.**

ALBANY, February 21.—The supply of beeves in large at 5,644 head. The average quality is none too good. The highest price realized was 9¾c; and good butchering steers sold at 8@8½c, a decline of ¼ to ½c; a decline on medium grades of ¼@¾c. Sheep: receipts of 17,400 head; demand moderate for average quality of fair, and prices ¼cent common to fair $5@6, medium $6,50@7 and good to extra $7@8. Hogs in good supply and market strong; western 11¼@11½c, and State 12@12¼c.

NEW ORLEANS, February 21.—Cotton dull, heavy and holders are unwilling to make concessions; sales middling 23¼@24c; sales 1,000 bales; receipts 12,722 bales; stock 244,511 bales. Flour firm $5,60@6,50. Corn active; yellow $1,15; white $1,17½. Oats 60@70c. Bran 75c. Hay in light supply quoted