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 good Route in Allegheny City will be sold cheap to an energetic man. For terms, &c., call to-day at the GAZETTE Office.

Mayor Callow had four cases before him yesterday morning.

Mrs. Cady Stanton will lecture in Pittsburgh some time next week on "Our Young Girls."

Rev. W. D. Gregg, of Pittsburgh, has been installed pastor of the Third Reformed Church of New York city.

Funeral.—W. H. Carroll, Esq., an accomplished representative of the Boston *Commercial Bulletin*, is in the city.

Yesterday was observed as a day of Prayer for Colleges and Seminaries by the Presbyterian churches in this vicinity.

From present indications of the weather, we should say "G. A." has predicted truthfully when he informed us we might look out for snow last evening.

Yesterday afternoon a runaway horse attached to a buggy collided on Sherman avenue with a coal wagon. The damage was slight. The buggy contained no occupant at the time.

The art gallery on Liberty street is a success, and is attended daily by large crowds. It will close in a couple of weeks, that the gallery may be put in trim for a grand exhibition in April.

Dwelling House For Rent.—In the "For Rent" column of to-day's paper will be found one of the finest dwelling houses in the city offered "For Rent." To a good Tenant this is a rare opportunity.

Mary O'Brien made charges before Alderman Herron, against John O'Brien, her husband, she alleging that said John after whipping her in a brutal manner, struck her with a shoe. He was held for an appearance at Court.

Samuel Hunter, a brakeman on the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad, was killed at Liverpool, Ohio, at eight o'clock yesterday morning, having been caught between the bumpers while coupling some cars. He leaves a wife and three children.

John Emmel and **W. B. Nowell**, rival hotel keepers in the Allegheny Diamond, yesterday afternoon had a dispute which resulted in a knock down for Nowell. The defeated man caused the arrest of his opponent Nowell, who was fined $25 and costs for disorderly conduct.

A slight fire occurred last evening at six o'clock, in the frame building in the rear of H. Sturm's hardware store, situated on Penn street, between Thirty-second and Thirty-third streets. The fire companies responded promptly. The damage was slight. Originated from a defective flue.

Two prominent pawnbrokers doing business on Smithfield street have, we are informed, been brought before the United States Commissioner and held for a hearing to sustain the charge of not having used revenue stamps on their check books. The penalty in this case is fifty dollars for each offence.

The Grand Final Sale.

On the 15th of March next the administrator's sale of dry goods at J. W. Barker & Co.'s will close finally. On and after that date the present firm will cease to exist. The administrators and proprietors are anxious to close out every yard of goods in the establishment before that time if possible. In order to accomplish this they are willing to sell every article at seventy-five cents on the dollar, or even less. Those who expect the sale to continue beyond the above date, will be disappointed. Silks, calicoes, house keeping goods, every thing thing will be sold. The sale will not be postponed one day longer. Now is the time to get cheap goods. Many of them at half price.

That Raid.

The twenty-five men and eighteen women arrested in the raid of which we spoke yesterday, were discharged by His Honor, the Mayor, after a hearing yesterday morning, as we felt confident he would do, unless there was some other charge brought against them, other than that of being present at the raid.

This, it appears, is not the end of the matter, as we find that Charles Manning, one of the victims, made information before Alderman O'Donnell, charging Geo. Hannen, the officer who arrested him, with assault and battery. A warrant was issued for the arrest of Hannen.

Hunter, the proprietor of the House where the ball was held, against whom there was an information for keeping a disorderly house, was, after a hearing, held to bail for his appearance at Court.

Park Improvements.

Last evening Allegheny Councils approved the act granting the Park Commission authority to purchase so much of Seminary Hill, now owned by private parties, as might be needed for the improvement of that portion of the Park. For this purpose the Commission are announced to issue Bonds, to the amount of $100,000, which will extend the time of paying for the Park improvements five years, although not increasing the taxation. This improvement was not included in the first plan of the Park, but the beauty and utility of the work already done, has convinced all of the great advantage of making the addition. Seminary Hill, when adorned as contemplated, will be perhaps the most attractive feature of the Park. The Park is the work of a generation, and we are glad to see that the importance of making it complete is so liberally recognized by the Councils, who thus exhibit their accord with the people. The act will receive the adoption of the Legislature without doubt.

The Monument.

Another meeting was held yesterday afternoon in relation to the Monument The Park Commission and the Building Committee of the Association had a conference in the City Building. The Commission again agreed to build the foundation for the Monument, and contribute from a fund raised by individual subscriptions the $5,000 promised. They asked two month's time in which to do this after the spot for the foundation had been selected, guaranteeing in that time to have their contract executed. It was also suggested that a new design be adopted, more suitable to the elevated site which has been chosen. The parties after their conference adjourned to Seminary Hill and selected a site for the foundation on the eastern point, nearest Federal street. The plans and specifications are to be prepared immediately, when the work will be commenced and pushed forward, so that the corner stone may be laid on Decoration Day. The Executive Committee of the Association will hold a meeting to-morrow afternoon in relation to the matter.

Phrenological.

We are glad to hear the endorsement of the *Dispatch* as to our opinion of Dr. Willcox's superior skill as an organist, although he comes from the East. Our neighbor commits, however, a great error in supposing that anybody would see in a broad forehead and broad back the signs of musical genius. We agree certainly in considering a broad forehead as indicative of intellect, and the two great men in our country most dissimilar in frame and stature, Webster the massive and Clay the slender, had in common this unmistakable sign of power—a broad back. Sure enough a low, prominent lip, when thick, soft, fleshy and hanging, denotes a sensuous, voluptuous temperament. But a thin, prominent lower lip is an unmistakable sign of decision and energy. In representing the artist ready to measure himself with the vast and complicated structure of an organ, it was not perhaps out of place to consider whether he possessed, beside musical genius, the physical qualities which would warrant a success in the struggle between mind and matter. If our neighbor looks at a picture of Bach, the organist of organists, whom we had not in view in referring to Dr. Willcox's appearance, he will acknowledge that it confirms our description.

ALLEGHENY COUNCILS.

Regular Meeting—Petitions—Communications—Remnstrances—Report of the Street Committee and Ordinances—Extension of the Common Grounds, and New City Charter.

A regular semi-monthly meeting of the Select and Common Council of the city of Allegheny was held yesterday (Thursday) evening, February 24th, 1870.

Select Council.

Members present—Messrs. Callery, Hall, Huckenstine, Long, Megraw, J. C. Patterson, A. Patterson, Peterson, Reineman, Riddle, Wettach, President Morrison and J. R. Oxley, Clerk.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

PETITIONS.

Mr. Wettach, a petition from the citizens of the Seventh ward for water pipe on Winter street. Referred to the Committee on Water.

Mr. Reineman, a petition for grading and paving High street in the Seventh ward. Referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. A. Patterson, a petition asking that a pond in the Fifth ward be filled up. Referred to Street Committee.

Mr. Riddle, a petition for a lateral sewer in the Second Ward.

Mr. Hall, a remonstrance against the sewer on Lincoln avenue.

Also, a petition for a sewer on the east side of Beaver street, in the Second ward. Referred to the Committee on Streets and Sewers.

Also, a communication from James Hastings, setting forth that there was due him by the City of Allegheny over $18,000 for grading and paving Ridge street, and asking for some relief. Referred to the Finance Committee, with instructions to investigate the facts, and with power to act in the premises.

Also, a remonstrance against the grading and paving of Pasture Lane. Referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. J. C. Patterson: A petition for the grading and paving of Whig alley. Referred to Street Committee.

Mr. Peterson: A remonstrance against the view of Sedgwick street, and asking for the repeal of the ordinance widening Main street. Referred to the Street Committee.

The President read a communication from Messrs. Grothenthaler & Remele, setting forth that they proposed to start a "shindery," a place for working up dead animals, two miles below Troy Hill aqueville, where they proposed to work all "cadavers" into glue and fertilizers, and asking that the Councils grant them the exclusive privilege of removing all dead animals from the streets of the city. Referred to the Police Committee in conjunction with the City Solicitor.

Mr. Patterson, Chairman of the Street Committee, presented the report of the Committee, covering several ordinances for grading streets and for a main sewer on Beaver avenue.

The report was accepted.

Ordinances for grading Vista street, Nixon street, Adams street and Frazier's alley was passed finally under a suspension of the rules.

The ordinance providing for the construction of a sewer on Beaver avenue was taken up, and on the motion of Mr. Hall was referred back to the Committee.

Mr. Patterson also presented a profile of grade of Lombard street, which was approved.

Also a profile of grade of Preble street, Stanton avenue, and of Willis and Mary streets; also of change of grade on Galloway street. The profiles were approved.

Also report of viewers on the opening of Fulton street, which was disposed of in the usual way.

Also a draft of an act of Assembly providing for the opening of Federal street from the present terminus to the Perryville Plank Road in McClure township.

On motion of Mr. Long the proposed act was referred to the Committee on Surveys in connection with the City Solicitor, with instructions to have it printed.

Mr. Patterson presented a communication from the Park Commission transmitting a proposed Act of Assembly providing for the extension of the City Park, so as to include the property owned by the city and such other property as the Park Commission may deem in the Public Park, and that the Park Commission be authorized to expend an additional $100,000.

Mr. Hall moved that the act be approved and the clerks of Councils be directed to certify the same to the Senate and House of Representatives.

Mr. A. Patterson opposed the act and moved that it be laid over and printed. The motion was lost.

The question then recurred on the motion of Mr. Hall.

Mr. A. Patterson called for the yeas and nays, when the motion was adopted, Messrs. Huckenstein, A. Patterson and Peterson voting in the negative.

Mr. Huckenstein presented a petition for a board walk in the Seventh ward. Referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. Callary presented a resolution instructing the Committee on City Property to examine and report the cost of the construction of a house on the basin lot for an engine house for the Elsworth Hose Company.

Mr. Riddle moved to amend by requiring the Committee to report plans.

Mr. Huckenstein moved to refer the matter to the Committee on Fire Engines and Hose.

Mr. Riddle amended by referring the matter to the Committee on City Property, with instructions to report plans and cost of a frame building. The amendment of Mr. Riddle was adopted.

Mr. Long, a petition for gas lamp on School and Robinson streets. Referred to the Gas Committee.

Also a petition for street crossings on Federal street. Referred to the Street Committee.

Council adjourned.

Common Council.

President Warner called this branch to order at half past seven o'clock, the following members being present:

Messrs. Ashworth, Brown, Brahm, Conzler, Dalzell, Gilmore, Hanna, Hunter, Hastings, Herchenroeder, Moul, McNeill, Rowbottom, Seidle, Taggart, Thompson, Voegtly and President Warner.

The minutes of the preceding regular and special meetings were read and approved.

VARIOUS PETITIONS.

Mr. Voegtly presented a petition from Mr. John Sloan, of the Third ward, asking for some action looking toward the relief from the damage done by the water from a spring on the Perryville plank road, which constantly flooded his premises. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Mr. Ashworth, a petition for the grading and paving of Pasture lane. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Mr. Thompson presented a communication from the proprietors of the Allegheny *Daily Republic*, asking that the journal be designated the official paper of the city and setting forth at length its claims.

Referred to the Committee on City Printing.

A "SCHINDERY."

Mr. Seidle presented a communication from Jos. Gotenheller, of Temperanceville, setting forth that he contemplated establishing a "schinderey," and would agree to remove all dead animals, "from a lap dog to an elephant," from the streets, free of charge, provided Councils would pass an ordinance giving him the exclusive right to this trade. Also, agreeing to employ a force of "dog catchers" to rid the street of the canines during the heated term, &c., &c. Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

Mr. Taggart, a remonstrance against the opening of Monterey street, Second ward. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

NEW GAS POSTS.

Mr. Rowbottom presented the report of the Gas Committee recommending the erection of gas lamps at the corner of Park and Sturgeon streets, on Lincoln avenue between Rope alley and Grant street thereon, and four lamps on Hamilton street. The report was received and the recommendations adopted.

THE CITY CODE.

Mr. Comley, from the Committee on Ordinances, presented a report recommending the following changes:

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Also, changing the act relative to Poor Directors, so as to give the Board power to fill vacancies, provided always that none but a qualified elector shall be chosen from the ward in which the vacancy occurs.

The Committee also deemed it advisable to add chapter "Four" to the City Code, embracing the general duties of city officers, which had been under consideration previously, but not reported.

Mr. McNeill moved the adoption of the report.

Mr. Warner (Mr. McNeill in the chair) spoke against the adoption of the report, on the ground that it conveyed upon Councils an unwarrantable power—that if continuing in office city officials for three years, which was two years longer than the members of one branch of Councils held office themselves. He thought one Council should not bind its successor with any such action. It was altogether a stretch of power, although it might be granted by the Legislature. The present plan of annual elections answered every purpose, was very satisfactory, and he saw no reason for a change.

Mr. Hanna favored the adoption of the report. When good men were chosen it would be better to have them continued in office. If they were poor officers any Councils could throw them out. He thought the change would do away with the agitation at each annual election and result in securing better officers. One Council often transacted business which its successor was bound to finish. He didn't see why it might not be the same in this case.

After some further discussion by Messrs. Warner and Hanna, a vote was taken on the adoption of the report, the yeas and nays being called, resulting in its adoption—yeas 11, nays 7.

MORE PETITIONS.

Mr. Rowbottom presented a petition from W. W. Brown, asking that the paving of Frazier's alley be postponed until a petition was presented to Councils for the same. Referred to Committee on Streets.

PLEASANT VALLEY RAILWAY.

Mr. Hastings presented the following:

Whereas, Inasmuch as there is now a bill before the Legislature to grant the Pleasant Valley Passenger Railway the right to extend their line to Pittsburgh: therefore,

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives to the Legislature be and they are hereby requested to use all their influence to procure the passage of said act, as it will be a public benefit to the citizens of Allegheny and Pittsburgh, and for the defeat of which we will hold them accountable.

Mr. Hanna was opposed to City Councils mixing in any fight of a corporation. He thought the city had no particular interest in the matter and our Representatives should not be instructed how to vote on any business outside of a city matter.

Mr. Hastings said he thought this road was a matter of benefit to a large portion of the city, and he thought Councils should take cognizance of the matter. He knew something of the case and how it had been defeated thus far, and he wished to inform our Representatives in the Legislature that if such a matter of vital interest to the city failed, it would be known where the fault lay.

Mr. McNeill thought this railroad should be completed, and that it was just such a matter as should receive the attention of Councils. It interested the citizens, and should be urged forward.

Mr. Hanna did not believe in being drawn into a fight only interesting to a corporation. Councils had done all in their power when giving the company the right of way through the city. He thought their power ended there.

The yeas and nays were called on the passage of the resolution, resulting in its approval by a vote of 13 yeas to 5 nays.

BREAKERS AHEAD.

The President read a summons commanding the Mayor, aldermen and citizens of Allegheny city to appear before the District Court on the first Monday of March, 1870, to answer David Boyd and William Boyd on a plea of trespass on the case.

[This has reference to the negotiations in relation to the purchase of the Boyd farm for a River Farm, the Messrs. Boyd contending that their property was purchased by Councils.]

Mr. Taggart presented a petition asking for the grading and paving of Irwin avenue. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Select Council business was then acted upon and concurrences had in all.

Mr. Brahm offered a resolution instructing the City Engineer to establish a grade on East street, from the old line to the city line. Adopted.

Adjourned.

The City Railroad Sinking Fund. An interesting Explanatory Card from Mess. Russell Errett.

MESSRS EDITORS:—An article appeared in the *Dispatch* of Tuesday, relative to and act passed in 1868, creating a trust composed of Messrs. Phillips, McAuley, Herdman, Brown and Steel, to hold one hundred and thirty-three compromise Railroad bonds, issued by the City of Pittsburgh, and to apply the accumulating interest thereon to the purchase of other similar bonds until the whole issue is absorbed.

As I introduced this bill into the Senate, in 1868, and was instrumental in its passage, and as I am familiar with the facts which led to its passage, I feel it due to the gentlemen named as Trustees in this bill, to state the facts, in order that they may be relieved from a misapprehension to which the article in the *Dispatch* may possibly give rise.

When the city of Pittsburgh got into trouble about its Railroad bonds, consequent upon the failure of the Railroad companies in whose favor they were issued, to pay the interest thereon, (in 1857,) the first effort of the bondholders, after obtaining judgment against the city for the principal and interest, was directed to levying upon and selling the stock which the city held in these roads. The city was at that time subscribed for stock in the Wayne and Chicago road to the extent of $200,000; Allegheny Valley, $400,000; Connellsville, $500,000; Steubenville, $250,000; Charters Valley, $150,000—in all $1,300,000. When the stock was thus put up for sale, it was sold for a mere song, and went into the hands of a very few persons, "the city not being able either to buy it, or provide for its property, with instructions to report plans and cost of a frame building. The amendment of Mr. Riddle was adopted.

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THE COURTS.

United States Court—Judge Kirkpatrick

THURSDAY, February 24.—The case of Rabenstein vs Pittsburgh Farmers & Mechanics Turnpike Road Co., previously reported, was resumed and concluded.

The next case taken up was that of Simpson vs. Gilmore, an action to recover money in the hands of the receiver of the firm of Simpson, Gilmore & Co. It appears that some three years since the firm of Simpson, Gilmore & Co. dissolved partnership, and after disposing of the real estate and stock on hand and settling partnership accounts, entered into an article of agreement for the settlement of the book accounts of the firm by appointing a receiver, who should receive the accounts, notes, &c., of said firm, and after settlement divide the balance remaining in his hands equally between the three partners. Mr. Gilmore, it appears, was designated as receiver, and about a year afterward rendered an account, showing a balance of $6,467 45 in his hands after the settlement of accounts and the payment of the debts of the firm, which still remains in his hands, one-third of which is due to the plaintiff and remains unpaid. On trial.

TRIAL LIST FOR FRIDAY.

64 Rees vs Morrow.
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112 Jacoby vs Schoen and Laurent.
176 Brown, for use, vs owner of steamboat "Reindeer."
178 Kennedy vs Errett, Anderson & Co.
179 Craig vs Birch.
184 Graham vs Fisher.
185 Johnson's ex'rs vs Rodgers, et al.
187 Elliott vs Hall.
188 Reinsnhauser vs Keep, et al.

Common Pleas—Full Bench.

THURSDAY, Feb. 24.—The first case taken up was that of the First National Bank of Clarion vs. Duff & Ewing; action on a promissory note. The defendants purchased from Lingore & Livingston a boat load of lumber, for which they gave a note at four months, for $471.75, which note passed into the hands of the plaintiff in the usual way. The lumber, it is alleged by defendants, was warranted to be No. 1 clear stuff, and when delivered it proved to be of an inferior quality, and they claimed a set off of over $300 against said note. The note, it appeared, was not paid when it fell due, and was renewed by the bank, and when it fell due again payment was refused, whereupon this suit was brought. The case was submitted on statement of counsel, and the jury found for the plaintiff in the sum of $514.14.

The next case taken up was that of Cover vs Speight, action on a promissory note. Plaintiff in support of his claim produced the note, it appears was the payee of a rail trap, the right of which for Allegheny county was purchased by the defendant, who gave in his note in payment for $400. The plaintiff, it is alleged, stated to the defendant at the time of the sale that the trap would not ferry over two dollars, and was a "big thing," and that defendant should not lose anything if he felt disappointed. Defendant refused to lift it, on the ground that the trap was not what it had been represented and was of little use to him.

In the case of Collins vs. Rhea, previously reported, the jury found for the plaintiff in the sum of $5,184.

TRIAL LIST FOR FRIDAY.

213. Aul vs Bolandor.
3. American Iron Mountain Company vs. O'Connor.
5. Grover vs Allegheny City.
19. Boll vs. Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad Co.
24. Horn vs. Abbott.
36. Hepburn vs. Allegheny Valley Railroad Co.
63. Finney vs. Brown.
67. Fahey vs. Wolfe.
14. Tannehill et al. vs. Pfaff.
81. Smith vs. Howard.
85. Hewitt vs. Allegheny Insurance Co.

The Cost of Cheap Lodgings.

Wednesday evening Mr. George Salzman, a wealthy farmer residing in Westmoreland county, having sold a lot of cattle at East Liberty, went to a hotel to obtain lodgings for the night, but on coming from the clerk that the lodgings would cost him fifty cents, he refused to stay, and concluded to come to the city, where he is well known and obtain a night's lodgings for twenty-five cents. He came on the cars and unfortunately for him the twenty-five cent house was closed and he failed to get in. He then went to a saloon in the Diamond, when he found four men playing cards, and as there was a game of poker for the drinks and several vacant chairs he resolved to spend the night there and save the quarter. At an early hour in the morning he retired to leave the saloon whereupon the men who were playing cards insisted on him remaining and taking a drink of whiskey, which he consented to do as he would not have to pay for the liquor. While he was standing at the counter drinking, a couple of men came behind him and held him while the others took his pocket-book containing Treasury notes from his pocket. He had put in the inner pocket five dollars in a roll, which the thieves, in their hurry, missed. As soon as the pocket-book had been secured, the party fled, leaving him minus the three dollars. Mr. Salzman reported at the Mayor's office, and stated his inability, but being unable to give an accurate description of the men who had robbed him, of course nothing could be done for him. He was compelled to stop at a respectable house, and pay a respectable price for his lodgings, he would have fared better. He left the city a sadder if not a wiser man.

The Organ Concerts.

The third of the series of delightful concerts at the Third Presbyterian Church, under the directions of Prof. Willcox, the celebrated organist, of Boston took place last evening before a large and refined audience. We are pleased to announce that Prof. W. has consented to give one more grand entertainment—the last in the city—for the joint benefit of the Young Men's Mercantile Library Association and the Young Men's Christian Association, the entire proceeds of which will be equally divided between the two Associations. Tickets for this concert are for sale at the music store of Mellor & Hoene, No. 53 Fifth avenue. Admission 50 cents, reserved seats 75 cents. The following card explains itself:

JOINT CARD.

By very generous action of the Board of Trustees of the Third Presbyterian Church, and by the unasked kindness of Prof. Willcox, there will be an organ concert for the benefit of our associations this evening.

By suggestion of Prof. Willcox, whose services are most kindly tendered, the entire proceeds will be devoted to the Young Men's Mercantile Library and the Young Men's Christian Association.

In our official capacity we would have by make acknowledgment of our indebtedness to these kind friends, and tender our thanks for this token of public interest in the welfare of these associations.

J. R. MCCURDY,
President Y. M. Library Association.
H. K. FORTER,
President Y. M. Christian Association.

Man Shot—Disappearance of a Policeman.

Monday evening a policeman on duty in the Seventeenth ward, while patrolling his beat, was insulted by one of those intoxicated fellows whom he met. He immediately put one of them under arrest, and while proceeding toward the lockup the chap broke away and ran. The officer fired three shots after him, one of which took effect in the fugitive's back and brought him to a halt. Upon examination it was found that he was severely, though not dangerously wounded. Since then he has been confined to his bed under medical treatment. The matter was kept quiet until yesterday, when the officer suddenly disappeared. His uniform was subsequently received, with a note stating he had been called to West Virginia to visit a sick father. It is thought he became alarmed and has cleared out for good. His victim, though severely, is not dangerously wounded, and in all probability will recover. The affair, since it became known, has created considerable excitement.

Leopold Hart

Having punished, no small quantity of "benzine" on yesterday, indulged in a fast drive on the hose carriage of the Lawrence fire company, of which he is a member, much to the consternation of persons on the street, and to the disgust of one Daniel Vogel, a member of the same company, who interfered with Leopold's fast driving. Daniel was forthwith made the object of our inebriated friend's wrath, and he administered to him a sound thrashing and passed on enjoying the luxury of a fast drive, until he had fully satisfied himself. At such times the proper authorities brought him before Deputy Mayor Nichols, when Henry Smith made a charge of disorderly conduct, Daniel Vogel for assault and battery, and a third party for cruelty to animals. Leopold was held for a hearing.

CONFESSION.

A Strange Story.—A Voice from Jail.—A Crime Confessed.—Investigation to be Made.

A day or two ago Chief Hague received a letter from a constable in Schuylkill county, stating that Michael Turley *alias* Buffer Bunn had been arrested and lodged in jail at that place. While incarcerated he had made a confession to the effect that in June, 1869, he had murdered a man by drowning near Temperanceville, in this county. The two were coal miners and had a quarrel, so Michael states, which resulted in his throwing the other in the river. By an examination of the Coroner's books it appears that two inquests were held during that month upon the bodies of unknown men found in the Ohio river at different times, below Temperanceville, which gives a shade of truth to the confession. Chief Hague professes to know all about it. He says the man was stabbed and not drowned, and that a purse of three hundred dollars was raised as a reward for the apprehension of the murderer. The money was afterward given to some benevolent enterprise. This statement however is not corroborated by the confession or by any other evidence outside of the Chief's recollection. It is possible there is some truth in the story. It is hardly probable a man would confess such a crime unless guilty. The matter, however, will be investigated. Arrangements have been made and Michael will be brought on as soon as possible.

What it is to be Popular.

Quite a large company, comprising the members and friends of Liberty street Methodist Episcopal Church, met at the residence of the pastor of this Church, Rev. W. H. Locke, A. M., last evening, and took possession of the house from cellar to roof, for purposes that will appear hereafter. By the time eight o'clock had arrived, the spacious parsonage was crowded with happy people. Very soon the special object of the gathering became manifest by the display of an elegant silver tea service, consisting of a large coffee urn and five other pieces to match. The set is a superb one, elegantly and elaborately chased, and the open vessels heavily gold plated. Each piece is appropriately lettered—the coffee urn having inscribed these words: "Presented to Mrs. Rev. W. H. Locke by her Friends of Liberty Street M. E. Church, 1870." The cost of this magnificent present was about one hundred dollars.

The gift was presented to Mrs. Locke by Rev. Dr. S. H. Nesbit, senior editor of the Pittsburgh *Christian Advocate*, in his usual felicitous manner, in words appropriate and worthy of the joyous occasion. Unfortunately we are unable to reproduce the speech, but were fortunate enough to be able to give the substance of the reply of Rev. W. H. Kincaid, who received the testimonial on behalf of Mrs. Locke. He said:

I am very happy to receive this elegant silver tea service on behalf of Mrs. Locke. No better evidence of appreciation and worth could be given than by this testimonial. It is ornamental as well as practical in its character, and is a souvenir that will often awaken hereafter pleasant memories in the family to which it is dedicated by friends who shall gather around the social board. Long will the delightful associations of this hour be treasured in our hearts, and long will the pleasant relations to our charge be remembered. It is a gift eminently proper and worthy to perpetuate the agreeable relations so happily begun nearly three years ago, and we pledge ourselves to be mindful of the trust, never to be sundered in the annals of time. It also happily illustrates the nice discriminating judgment of the fair ones, who are the honored almoners of this superb gift. Please accept, then, for her hearty thanks for this gift, and her best wishes for the welfare and happiness of you all.

At the close of the presentation it was announced on behalf our excellent friend, Joseph Shallenberger, Esq., that the gentlemen friends of Rev. Mr. Locke had presented him with an elegant fire-clay cloth suit, and other testimonials of regard, to the value, it is expected, of just one hundred dollars.

The spacious supper room was then thrown open for the guests, and two or three hundred enjoyed the rich repast, as abundant in quantity as varied in quality. It was fully demonstrated that an affair of this kind could be made one of the most enjoyable character, without the use of wine and spirituous liquors. Hours passed before the large company had ceased to discuss the luxuries of the bountiful table. Vocal and instrumental music and social conversation helped to beguile the time away, and towards midnight the guests surrounded the personage to the inmates thereof. We noticed among the invited guests Rev. E. A. Johnson, of the *Christian Advocate*, Rev. W. W. Roup, Prof. Goff, of the Western University, Edw'd Heazleton, Esq., and other well known citizens. The ladies in charge of the surprise visit, deserve to be named, but we forbear to give their names, but if any one wishes to learn how to make a surprise visit of this kind in a skilful manner, we would advise them to ascertain the names of these fair ones.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were admitted of record in the office of Thos. H. Hunter, Recorder for Allegheny county, Wednesday, February 23, 1870:

Jacob Wilbert to John Wilkinson, Feb. 12, 1870: lot 20 by 118 ft. on Laurel avenue, Fifth ward, Pittsburgh $1,200
Judith Carothers to Robt. H. Baldridge, Feb. 19, 1870: 16¼ perches by 5 perches in Versailles township 425
Elizabeth F. Denny to James McIlvaney, Feb. 19, 1870: lot 24 by 100 ft. on Boundary street, 14th ward, Pittsburgh 1,000
James Hoar to Henry Kaufman, May 1, 1869: lot 30 by 240 ft. in McCluskey township 450
Mont. J. Darlington to Jas. Boyhier, Feb. 14, 1870: lot 25 by 100 ft. on Beaver street, 14th ward 1,100
Alex. Patterson to James Lowrie, April 28, 1869: lot 20 by 100 ft. on Larimer street, Allegheny 600

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Adam Fath to John Huckenstein, July 1, 1869: lot 20 by 100 ft. on Jackson street, Allegheny $1,100
Eliz. Hartwell to A. Graham, Feb. 21, 1870: lot 25 by 200 ft. on Penn avenue, 20th ward, Pittsburgh 1,500
Thos. Bonham to Mary Jane Lyon, Feb. 7, 1870: lot 30 by 150 ft. in Lyon's plan 1,800
Chas. Atwood to Pat. McMahon, Aug. 1, 1867: lot 30 by 125 ft. on Sycamore street, 12th ward 850
Wm. O. Need to Jas. Hartwell, Jan. 1, 1870: 1 lot 30 by 120 ft. on East Deer St. 800
John Watt to Catharine Kennedy, Oct. 1, 1867: one lot on Wright's plan, Fifth ward 800
Jas. H. Mellon to Harriet Simpson, Feb. 2, 1870: lot 25 by 100 ft. on Highland avenue, 19th ward, Pittsburgh 900
Thos. S. Maple to Sarah Jane Maple, Jan. 1, 1870: lot 25 by 125 ft. in Maple's plan, Lower St. Clair township 1,000
E. M. Jordan to Thomas Mellon, Feb. 16, 1870: lot 18 by 105 ft., in the 9th ward, Pittsburgh 2,000

MORTGAGES.

Same day twenty mortgages were filed of record.

Life Insurance.

OFFICE OF THE CO-OPERATIVE LIFE INSURANCE CO. OF WEST PENNA., 122 Smithfield street, Pittsburgh.

Among the Life Agents of this city there are many gentlemen who would scorn to misrepresent this or any other competing company. But there are certain other unscrupulous parties who daily betray their friends, and the unwary public, into accepting less desirable forms of insurance by deliberate falsehoods in regard to the business of this Company.

It is impossible, singly, to detect and expose these rascalities. I, therefore, propose the following plan by which any one on whom this "confidence game" is attempted can certainly avoid being victimized: Whenever anyone tells you that ours is an unsound scheme of insurance, and that his company is the best, &c., ask him to come with you to the office of the "Co operative" and make a *fair* comparison of the two. If he believes his own words he will be glad of so good an opportunity to expose our weakness; if he declines the offer he *confesses to an intended fraud*.

A. PATTERSON,
Secretary.

Bank Purchased.

Our genial friend, Col. Jas. Bleakley, of Franklin, has just consummated the purchase of the old established banking house of Mr. D. C. Strawbridge, at Sharon, Pa., and will hereafter conduct the business under the firm name and style of James Bleakley, Son & Co. Colonel B. will continue to conduct the popular International Bank of Franklin, while his son, late cashier of the last named institution, and Major McDowell, will conduct the affairs of the Sharon Bank. We are sure that the latter bank will receive a continuance of that large patronage which has been hitherto directed towards it, for its management under the present auspices must be creditable and successful.

For fashionable hair-dressing, plain or by curling, and a frizzle, for a luxurious shave or bath, and for skillful shpping and leeching, call at Williamson's elegant saloon at No. 190 Federal street, Allegheny.

—The Presidents of three freight lines leading from Louisville have agreed to a reduction from 60 to 50 cents on fourth class and fast freight.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

—Spotted fever and meningitis prevail at Mobile.

—Ex-Secretary Seward is expected in New York to-day.

—Hopes are still entertained of the safety of the City of Boston.

—Another large New York liquor establishment, that of Fielen and Myers, has been seized by the revenue officers.

—Outrages upon Chinaman are frequent in San Francisco, and several persons have been injured in attempting to afford protection.

—Presidents of New York city insurance companies have been notified to report before the Insurance Committee of the State Legislature.

—A portion of the roof of the Old Bedmines at Morlale, N. Y., fell in on Wednesday and killed two miners named Martin and Lynch, who were crushed under 300 tons of ore.

—A fire at Galveston, Texas, Wednesday night, destroyed a block of buildings on the north side of the strand, of little value but filled with large stocks of goods. The loss is estimated at $1,000,000.

—At Louisville the jury in the libel suit of Mrs. Mary Evans vs. the *Courier Journal*, returned a verdict for the plaintiff, assessing her damages at $200. She sued for 20,000 dollars. The offense consisted in the application of the word "Bawdy House," to plaintiffs establishment.

—A dispatch from San Francisco states "another glorious rain" prevailed Wednesday night, making a total of fifteen inches for the season. Abundant crops are almost certainly assured. The people of the Southern portion of California are jubilant over the improved prospects.

—John Dean, an old river pilot, was attacked at a late hour Monday night at Cairo, Ill., brutally beaten and thrown from a high side walk, breaking his thigh and arms. He was taken to the Sisters' Hospital, where he died from his injuries Wednesday night. The cause of the attack is unknown, as he was not robbed. No clue to the perpetrators.

Rumors were circulated in Jersey city on Wednesday that some notable changes were taking place, or were to take place, among the Erie Railway officials. Upon inquiry it is ascertained that intimations have been given to some of the headquarters of the Company on Twenty-third street, showing that the resignation of Rocker is being considered, and intimations have also been given that other sweeping changes are to be made.

—Brown Wallace and Roland McDonald, Canadians, who fled from Winnipeg because the wrath of Riel, the city's quasi dictator, had become too hot for them, have arrived at St. Paul, Minn., having reached Fort Williams, on Lake Superior, by travelling with snow shoes, from which place they made their way to Duluth, also on foot, and thence to St. Paul by stage and railway. Their escape from exile by this perilous route, most of which is a howling wilderness, at this