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.

The Central Board of Education will meet to-day at two o'clock P. M.

Judge Sterrett left yesterday for Kittanning, to hold court for Judge Buffington.

The Sewer leading from City Hall, Allegheny, is undergoing repairs. They were needed.

The long talked of Ford vs. Pittock libel suit commences to-day before his Honor Judge Collier.

Alexander Hutchison and John Harper have been appointed gardeners of the Allegheny Park Commission.

Commission Received.—The Commission of J. G. Backofen as Notary Public, has been received at the office of Recorder Hunter.

New Sales Stables.—Attention is called to the advertisement of Mr. Isaac Dryfoos, who has established a sales stable for the sale of horses in Allegheny.

The retail business houses of New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Cincinnati, are now paying specie in exchange. Who will be the first in Pittsburgh to break the ice?

The City Official says that Lydia Thompson's "Bronzes" will play at the Opera House next week. He likes the Worrell Sisters better, he says, because they are "Blue Nets."

The alarm of fire last evening about nine o'clock, from box 32, corner of Pride street and Fifth avenue, was occasioned by the burning out of a chimney in the neighborhood. No damage.

Notice to shippers.—Our business men will be glad to see the announcement made in to-day's papers that the Allegheny Valley Railroad is now prepared to ship freight to Buffalo, and all points in western New York.

Alderman Renter yesterday received the information of W. Albrecht against Jacob Kocher for larceny. The accused is charged with taking away from deponent's premises a lot of building stone. The case was compromised by defendant paying the costs.

Laura Stills, a lady of color, appeared before Mayor Callow yesterday afternoon and made complaint against Robert Hughes for disorderly conduct. Robert it was alleged, met Laura the evening previous and acted in an ungentlemanly manner toward her. A warrant for Robert's arrest has been issued.

Fearful.—William Dickson made information for surety of the peace before Alderman McMeekin yesterday against Sarah Ryan, alleging that Sarah threatened to "stove his head in, knock his brains out and burn his house down." The Alderman issued a warrant for the arrest of the sanguinary female.

A Short Turn.—Yesterday afternoon the driver of a milk wagon attempted to make a short turn into Short street from Ohio street, Allegheny. The attempt was a failure. The vehicle was upset and a wheel torn off. There was no cursing over spilt milk, however, as the cans happened to be empty at the time.

Anna Hanlon complained to Alderman Taylor yesterday that Rebecca Wattley had entered her house, called her little daughter, Harriet Hanlon, all manner of vile names and threatened to take the juvenile's life. The magistrate caused the arrest of Rebecca on an information for surety of the peace. She was held for a hearing.

Disagreed.—Lewis W. Goss made a purchase at the store of John Schleiter, on Ohio street, Allegheny, yesterday afternoon. They had a dispute about the price subsequently. Threats passed between them. Goss retired to Alderman McMeister's office and made information against Schleiter for surety of the peace. Warrant issued.

Rumor says we are to have a sensation in high circles ere long. The wife of one of Pittsburgh's most honored citizens fails in love with a handsome young man, who went east to visit his friends on the same train with the beautiful young wife. The husband follows, finds them registered at the hotel as Mr. —— and wife, hence the trouble.

An interesting youth of some ten lovely summers was detected in the act of robbing a pea nut stand in the Allegheny market yesterday of a lot of oranges. He was inducted into the mysteries of a short term in the lock-up. In the evening, owing to his pranks and tears, he was restored to his parents, after the pea nut merchant had been indemnified.

Troublesome.—Daniel Sullivan, a one-legged soldier, who was admitted to the House in the Twelfth ward a few days since, took too much "bonded" on Sunday, and raised a row. When the attendants attempted to quiet him, he threw stones at them. Dr. King made information before the Mayor yesterday, charging Sullivan with disorderly conduct, alleging that it would be impossible to keep him at the House. A warrant was issued for his arrest.

A gentleman from the rural districts attempted an equestrian feat yesterday. He wished to deposit a letter in the Post office without descending from his horse. The animal crossed the sidewalk peaceably, but refused to ascend the steps. The entertainment was very interesting to the crowd, and useful as well at the time. It added ten dollars to the city exchequer. Rural gentleman didn't know there was a sidewalk in front of the Postoffice. He knows now.

John Stalter made information before Alderman Mullen, yesterday, against which his property was damaged. On trial.

TRIAL LIST FOR TUESDAY.

97. Cook vs. Mills.
182. Hazlett vs. Porter.
214. Park et al vs. Pa. Salt Manuf'g Co.
191. Turnpike Road Co. vs. Oakland Railroad Co.
24. Horn vs. Abbott.
58. Steen vs. Hutchinson.
85. Hewitt vs. Allegheny Insurance Co.
90. National Refining and Storing Co. vs. Haldeman.
125. Chandler vs. Tower.
187. Peeples et ux vs. McCune.
219. Bissell vs. McClure township.

Melancholy.

Deputy Mayor Nichols had nothing.

Alderman Moreland, was resting on his oars.

Alderman O'Donnell, was not engaged in the criminal line.

Alderman Taylor sympathized with his fellow magistrates.

Alderman Shore, was waiting for something to turn up.

Alderman Butler, was expecting business to revive.

Alderman Thomas was out of his office.

Alderman Floyd was very quiet.

Alderman Neeper, was not pressed with business.

Alderman Humbert, was talking politics.

Alderman Donaldson never saw mat ters so dull.

Alderman Irwin has quit attending criminal business.

Alderman Bowden was investigating a "big case."

Alderman Lindsay don't love reporters.

Alderman Ballie was attending to civil matters.

Alderman Bolster was "all quiet on the Potomac."

Alderman Rogers didn't want anything but civil business.

Alderman Arent felt slightly discouraged.

Alderman Mullen never has anything.

Justice Ammon was at Court.

Justice Barker was out electioneering.

Justice Saulsbury was sorry he had no news.

Justice Heisel had something the day before.

Justice Lipp didn't want it published.

Justice Snyder didn't believe in reporting everything.

Justice Ferguson was on the Grand Jury.

Justice Ferguson requested another call.

Police business was remarkably dull yesterday.

Reportorial peregrinations among the magistrates didn't pay.

Wanted,

Information of two young married men, who until recently resided in the Twelfth ward of this city.

Within the past year two young men, residing in the Twelfth ward, who were fast friends and in easy circumstances, having, as they thought, sown their wild oats, resolved to marry and settle down. The partners they selected to accompany them through the voyage of life were both estimable young ladies, and the journey was commenced with fluttering hearts and high hopes. Time on still kept up their former intimacy, and through them their wives became intimate.

The voyage so happily began has been brought to a sudden and unhappy termination. One day last week one of the young men came to the house where I was going to Wilkinsburgh to buy a horse, and as he would probably not be back in time, suggested that I should go to her mother's and await his return, promising to call for her as soon as he came home. She consented and has not been anything of her husband since. She waited until it was quite late, when, accompanied by her mother, she went to her residence, but her husband was not being in she returned and spent the night with her mother. The next morning at an early hour she repaired to her home and found on examination that her husband had been there and taken all his clothes away. She hastened to the house of one of her husband's and husband's fast friend, before referred to, hoping to receive some intelligence of her missing lord, and was not a little surprised to meet the lady she was in search of, just starting to visit her on the same errand. It appears that the two gentlemen had disappeared at the same time and in about the same manner that his friend had gone. Neither of them have been heard of since.

The Weather.

Record from January 1st to March 2d: Sixteen cloudy and variably, fourteen of which were accompanied with white frost and freezing days, of which four were rain and seven snow days.

Daily average of the thermometer, 30 6-10 degrees. Average of the river, 6¾ feet. Fall of rain, melted snow, 3¾ inches.

You have the average of the thermometer for:

	1869.	1870.
November	43 1-10	31
December	30 8-10	24 1-11
January	31 1-10	30 3-10
February	23 1-10	
	143 3-10	185
General average	28 3-10	26 4-10

INDICATIONS.

From March 2d to March 3ist: Twenty cloudy and variable and eight sun-shine, of which four of rain and six of more or less snow days. A dark, cloudy and moderate cold month, with numerous snow squalls—not good for the farmers. The change of cold weather and the falling of so much snow is favorable for the coming season, although it may be a back-set.

G. A.

March 7th, 1870.

Amusements.

OPERA HOUSE.—A large audience assembled at the Opera House last evening to see Mr. Frank Mayo as "Badger" in "The Streets of New York." The piece is well put upon the stage and the cast was an excellent one. In seeing the piece through, a close observer or lover of the drama is pleased to see how well the author of the character was created expressly for Mr. Mayo, or he for the character, so true is his portraiture and correct his rendition of it. It will be repeated again this evening.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Charley Shay's Quincupical Troupe, commenced an engagement at the Academy of Music last evening, to a large audience. The versatility of the programme as well as the excellence of the performances rendered the exhibition highly enjoyable,

MASONIC HALL.—A large audience assembled at Masonic Hall last evening to hear Mrs. Wright discourse on the "School Convent and Confessional." She is a fluent talker, and evinces a familiarity with her subject, which makes her lecture very interesting.

LAFAYETTE HALL.—Thursday evening next Wendell Phillips will deliver a lecture under the auspices of the Young Men's Mercantile Library Association at Lafayette Hall. Subject—"Daniel O'Connell." There will be no reserved seats and those desiring to secure seats should go early, as the house will doubtless be crowded.

Mayor's Returns.

Through the courtesy of Mr. McGowan, controller and Mr. Newman the gentlemanly clerk in the office, we have obtained a statement of the returns of the several Mayors of the city of Pittsburgh, since 1858, beginning with the first term of Hon. Henry A. Weaver up to the present time.

The largest return for any one year was that made by Mayor Brush for 1868, but taking into consideration the amount of territory and the number of police employed, the returns of Mayor McCarthy for the year 1866 and '67 are the largest.

Following are the returns:

Hon. Henry A. Weaver	1858,	$3 805 33
	1859,	4 764 25—$ 8,857.31
Hon. George Wilson	1860,	4 164 47
	1861,	2,218.36— 6,382 83
Hon. B. C. Sawyer	1862,	2 144 83
	1863	3 632.00— 6,776.83
Hon. James Lowry	1864,	7,191 40
	1865,	10,559.91— 17,651.31
Hon. Wm. C. McCarthy	1866,	14,146.56
	1867,	12,060.79— 26,208.78
Hon. James Blackmore	1868,	9,122 41
Hon. Jared M. Brush	1869,	20,227 86

Bivalvic.

Who is not fond of oysters? Mrs. Margaret Neely is not an exception. She indulges her bivalvic tastes at every opportunity. That's perfectly correct, provided the opportunity is a proper one. For instance, it would be perfectly right for her to enter a grocery store—say that of Mr. Frank Seibert—some evening just before the supper hour and purchase a couple of half cans of the bivalves, and hasten home to prepare them for the evening repast. But, if on the other hand, she took the aforesaid half cans without the formality of paying for them or even intimating her intentions to the storekeeper, that would be wrong. Under such circumstances Mr. Seibert, who says she did so, would be justifiable in calling Alderman Thomas' attention to the matter, and if Mrs. Neely found herself in jail awaiting a hearing on a charge of larceny for so doing, none but herself could be censured.

THE COURTS.

U. S. District Court—Judge McCandless.

MONDAY, March 7.—A special term of the U. S. District Court commenced in this city this morning, Judge McCandless presiding.

The list of grand and traverse jurors was called. As a quorum of the former did not answer, the Court deferred the charge until Tuesday morning.

The District Attorney filed an information against four barrels of whiskey owned by Isaac Himan.

The Court had fixed the first two weeks of the term for the hearing of bankruptcy cases. The following business was transacted in this branch.

The cases of Wm. Clark vs. Wm. Robb and J. K. McLanahan vs. Jno. M. Baird, were continued.

The case of John H. Bailey, assignee of the estate of Frank Detzel, bankrupt, vs. Thomas A. Rowsley and John Kessler, was taken up. Jury out.

Wm. Meeker and Chancey Meeker, of Lawrence county, doing business as Meeker & Son, were adjudged bankrupts on creditors' petition.

District Court—Judge Hampton.

MONDAY, March 7.—The case of Hutchinson, et. al. vs. School District of Indiana township, previously reported, was resumed and the testimony concluded. The Court will charge the jury on Tuesday morning.

Melinda Bowers vs. Martin Donnelly and Michael McAlunney, action in ejectment to recover possession of the undivided one third part of a lot of ground on Beaver avenue, Allegheny, on which is erected a two story frame house. On trial.

TRIAL LIST FOR TUESDAY.

6 Kreuzkamp vs. Grady.
52 Finnigan vs. Gibson, et. al.
56 Kerr vs. McClelland, et. al.
57 Kendall vs. Bryson, et. al.
64 Rees vs. Murrow.
65 Caldwell & Bro. vs. Milligan.
66 Same vs. same.
73 Hutchinson vs. Buffum, Kehew & Co.
75 Riddell vs. Duff.

Quarter Sessions—Judge Collier—District Attorney Gen. A. L. Pearson.

MONDAY, March 7.—The March term of the Court of Quarter Sessions, and General Jail Delivery commenced this morning. Judge Collier presiding, in the absence of Judge Sterrett, who was called to Kittanning on official business.

The list of grand jurors was then called, and the following named gentlemen answering, the Court designated Hon. John Morrison, of Allegheny, as Foreman:

GRAND JURORS.

W. J. Anderson,	George A. Berry,
John Black,	Robt. Clugston,
Harmer De Haven,	William Douglass,
John Heath,	Samuel Hastings,
John Herron,	Charles Jeremy,
R. H. Kerr,	E. G. Krehau,
N. G. Murphy,	Wm. Murdoch,
Anthony Marvin,	Jas. McGinnis,
John McKelvey,	Samuel Neely,
James Patterson,	Alex. Patterson,
Frank Sellers,	

John Morrison, Foreman.

Judge Collier delivered the charge of the Court to the Grand Jury. After giving the usual general instructions the attention of the jurors was directed to the following points:

First.—The law requiring magistrates to return all informations taken by them to the Court at least ten days before the begining of the term. He said that magistrates had been notified time after time of the existence of this law, and had been urged by the proper officers to comply with its provisions, with but little effect. Many of them were delinquent in sending in their returns, and suits would be brought against all those who, by their own negligence, had laid themselves liable to prosecution. The law should either be enforced or repealed and as a strict enforcement of the provisions was essentially necessary, the Grand Jury should take such action as the importance of matter required.

Secondly.—The attention of the Court had been called to the fact that many persons having cases before the grand jury, and the friends of parties interested had been in the habit of talking to grand jurors in reference to their cases.

This was not only a contempt but a direct violation of law and should not be tolerated. It was also a direct insult to a juror to approach him in reference to a case which he was expected to pass upon under oath. If any persons should persist in so doing after this notice it would be proper for the juror to report the facts of the case to the Court.

At the conclusion of the Judge's remarks the jury retired to their room and entered upon the discharge of their duties.

The Constables from the several wards, boroughs and townships were then called upon to make their returns.

The Register's Court was then opened and a number of accounts were presented for confirmation.

The case of Mrs. Wilson vs. Morris Connor and Ellen Connor for surety of the peace was heard and the jury rendered Mrs. Connor to pay the costs in one case and dismissed the case against Morris Connor without costs.

The next was the case of the Commonwealth vs. Henry Wilson, abandonment. It appears that Mrs. Wilson is the niece of her marriage with defendant was a widow and the mother of two children. Since her marriage with defendant about three years since she has had two children. She alleges that her husband has refused to support her and his children. It appeared from the testimony that he was the owner of the house in which they resided and that she drove her husband out, refusing to live with him, and when asked by the Court if she was willing to live with him, positively refused to do so. The attorney for the prosecution asked that the Court make an order compelling defendant to support his children. The decision was held over.

The case of the commonwealth vs. Joseph Loftink, Jr., *sci fa*, on a recognizance. The defendant was indicted for illegal liquor selling and not being present at the term for which he was held, his recognizance was forfeited and this action was brought to recover the amount. The jury found for the plaintiff in the sum of $303,74.

The next case taken up was that of the Commonwealth vs. Ann Bradford, which was also a *sci fa*, on a recognizance. The defendant is the mother of Christy Bradford, and it appears had entered into a recognizance in the sum of $500, for his appearance at court to answer a charge of larceny. Christy it appears was in court, and while in charge of one of the officers of the court, managed to escape and has not since been heard of. The action was brought to recover the amount of the recognizance. The Court charged the jury, that the bail was not responsible after the persons had been taken into custody of the officers of the Court. Verdict for defendant.

The first criminal case taken up was that of the Commonwealth vs. John Wensworth, indicted for larceny by bailee. It appears that the defendant was a dealer in pictures, and it was alleged was entrusted with a picture representing "The Lord's Supper," for the purpose of repairing it, and the prosecutrix, Mrs. Reynolds, alleges that he never returned the picture. The case was tried at the December term, when the jury found a verdict of guilty. A motion was made by Mr. Powers, attorney for the defendant, for a new trial, which was granted. The jury, after a brief absence, returned a verdict of guilty and recommended the prisoner to the mercy of the Court.

The next case taken up was that of the Commonwealth vs Joseph Loftnk, for selling liquor on Sunday. Verdict of guilty.

TRIAL LIST FOR TUESDAY.

181 Com. vs. Nicholas Hoffman et al.
310 Com. vs. James Johnson.
308 Com. vs. Jacob Newmeyer.
255 Com. vs. D. P. Hatch et al.
324 Com. vs. John C. Keuchler.
236 Com. vs. Simon Simons.
238 Com. vs. Wm. Lynch.
150 Com. vs. Fred. Diffenbaugh.
51 Com. vs. John Nelson.
22 Com. vs. James A. McFadden.
278 Com. vs. Henry A. Snodgrass.
12 Com. vs. John Jackson.
416 Com. vs. John A. McGraw.
10 Com. vs. Francis Loutz.
11 Com. vs. J. L. King.

TRIAL LIST FOR WEDNESDAY.

13 Com. vs. Mary Huber.
14 " Jack Bonner, et al.
15 " John Doris.
16 " Mary Ann Russel.
20 " John Evans.
22 " Mathias Fritz.
23 " David Griffiths.
24 " John Lablatre.
25 " Wm. Haley.
218 " Wm. Wingiroth.

Common Pleas—Judge Stowe.

MONDAY, March 7.—The first case taken up was that of William Carr vs. R. M. Fier, action on book account. Verdict for plaintiff in the sum of $353 10.

John Aul vs. John Bolander, Sr., and John Bolander, Jr., action to recover damages. The parties own lots adjoining each other, and it is alleged by the plaintiff that defendant piled his lot so that the water falling upon it was thrown upon plaintiff's lot, in consequence of

EDUCATIONAL.

Teachers in Council—Scott Township Teachers' Association — Recitations, Music, Discussions.

The last meeting of this association was held in school room No. 5, (better known as Woodville school,) Miss L. D. Snodgrass, instructress. The forenoon session was opened by the reading of a portion of Scripture by the teacher and prayer by Mr. J. Oliver. The exercises consisted entirely of the regular routine of school recitations, interspersed with vocal music, furnished by the Woodville Glee Club, conducted by Prof. W. Moss. The spirit which seemed to prevail throughout the school gave good evidence of the teacher's ability to govern. The ease, accuracy and ability which the pupils seemed to have acquired in the recitation of their lessons gave evidence that the teacher had not been sparing in her efforts to prepare herself to discharge with fidelity the arduous, responsible and perplexing duties which devolve upon her.

The people are not behind in the spirit of improvement. In the recent structure a commendable taste has been exercised. A pleasant site has been selected, elevated, commodious and attractive. The structure itself, a model of taste and beauty, light and airy, graceful in proportions, and of approved architecture, stands as a monument of the liberality and public spirit of the township.

Long before the hour of noon the school-house was crowded to its utmost capacity. Aged fathers and mothers mingled with the youth and beauty of the neighborhood, all participating in one general holiday.

There were seventeen teachers present, representing six townships. The forenoon exercises were closed by an eloquent address from Prof. J. C. Gilchrist.

On motion, the exercises of the forenoon were brought to a close, and the meeting adjourned for one hour, during which time the audience regaled themselves on a bountiful supply of rich viands furnished by the patrons, and if any went away hungry the sin lay at their own doors. The meeting was again called to order by the President, Prof. D. M. McKee. After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, and the transaction of miscellaneous business, the following programme was presented: Music by the Woodville Glee Club. Anthem, entitled "Blessed are they that keep his commandments." Select Reading, Miss J. R. Davis. Music—A song by Miss Ada Nixon, one of the pupils of the school.

This was followed by an essay from the pen of Miss L. R. McMillon, subject, "The Cultivation of the Mind."

Music by the Glee Club.

Lecture, by D. M. McKee, subject, The Schoolroom. Music. Essay, subject, Teacher's Work, by Miss Lizzie D. Snodgrass.

This was followed by a discussion on the question, "Does not a multiplicity of books rather clog than deepen the channel of learning." The affirmative of the question was opened by Wm. Sturgeon, and W. M. McCullough followed in the negative.

This closed the programme for the day. After the singing of another piece of music entitled, "The Song of the Beautiful," by Miss Ella Loe, the Institute adjourned to meet at school room No. 6, (better known as Snodgrass') until after the holidays, when it will be put in the hands of Miss L. R. McMillon, instructress, March 19, (Saturday,) for which time an excellent programme has been prepared, and a general outpouring of the people is expected. A general invitation has been extended to all the friends of education to attend the coming session. Woodville is situated about half a mile from Mansfield on the Fan Handle Railroad and is a delightful locale. So far as we have seen a turnout of citizens, teachers and educators.

DRUM STICKS.

South Fayette.

The community was favored with another bright glimpse of that familiar star of South Fayette, on Saturday, February 26. Notwithstanding, the morning sun had not yet shone out from behind the snow charged clouds, and the dirt was the common color, Dwight eyed little girls and boys, together, with many larger ones, might have been seen winding their way over the hills and through the wood, along the meandering path leading to the new and pleasant school room, situated on a beautiful elevation, in district No. 1; there to meet their parents and friends, and to unfold to them, the improvement of their undivided progress, and of hearing recitations which were pleasing, interesting and instructive. After witnessing the energy and prompt ness manifested in conducting the exercises, we have no hesitancy in saying, all present would pronounce her a No. 1 teacher. Remarks were made by those present, and to the school, by the patrons, and other teachers which were both flattering and interesting.

Capt. Gilfillin, who had just arrived in time to witness the last performance, was then called upon to address the meeting, which he did in his familiar style, plain, simple and pleasing. Those whose attention had been taken up in distributing the fillet boxes, left the rostrum before them were now attracted in a different direction by the easy and graceful manner of the Captain's address.

The meeting was then adjourned for one hour, which time was spent in examining the contents of their dinner baskets, and sleighing parties were formed to visit adjacent friends, accompanied by the Misses Morgan, Moss, Hickman and Nesbit; Miss Lina Jordon the primadonna of the occasion. The exercises of the afternoon consisted of essays, select reading, class drill in arithmetic and a very appropriate oration by the worthy Capt. Gilfillin, Esq. There performances were interspersed with many other delightful pieces of music, which time would fail us to enumerate. So it gone days when we sat and listened to that same band of singers with ecstatic delight.

After some brief remarks by the Rev. Braddock, Captain Gilfillin and Squire Jordon, a vote of thanks was tendered to the ladies of the village for their kindness in providing the Institute with the bountiful feast; also, a vote of thanks was offered to the choir for their much appropriate music, with an invitation to attend the next meeting.

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Challenge Accepted.

MESSRS. EDITORS: Sometendaysince there appeared in your columns a communication referring to Elder J. Wendell and the preaching of his peculiar doctrines in Quincy Hall, Allegheny city, and that he had challenged or invited the clergy of Allegheny county to meet him in discussion of the same. As none other of our clergy seem inclined to accept the invitation, I propose to do so, if we can agree upon terms of debate.

I propose the following as a suitable question:

Does the Bible teach the doctrine of the destruction of a part of mankind?

Or:

Does the Bible teach the doctrine of the immortality, holiness and happiness of all mankind?

This question, it appears to me, will cover the main point of difference between us, and allow each party an affirmative and negative.

If this offer shall be accepted the details of the debate can be arranged by the parties.

D. BACON.

Another Treat.

The essay contest by the members of the senior class of the Pittsburgh Female College takes place in the college chapel, Friday evening. These contests are looked forward to with intense pleasure by many of our citizens, and have always been sufficiently attractive to fill the spacious chapel to its utmost capacity. We can assure our readers that the approaching contest will not fall behind any that have preceded it in point of interest. In addition to the essays there will be excellent music, both vocal and instrumental. Doors open at 6:30. Exercises will commence precisely at 7 o'clock, and will close in ample time for those living out of the city to make late trains. Tickets at Mellor & Hoene's.

Disorderly House—Raid and Capture.

Yesterday evening George Washington Anderson, colored, made information before Alderman Shore charging Richard and Marker Alker with keeping a disorderly house on Townsend street, Eleventh ward. The police made a raid on the establishment shortly before midnight and captured five women and Richard Alker, one of the proprietors. The parties had a hearing before the magistrate and the women in default of a fine for disorderly conduct were committed to jail. Being arrested after jail hours they found lodgings at the lockup. They will be removed this morning. The man was also held to answer the charge made against him.

Aldermen's Returns.

A great deal having been said recently relative to the matter of returns made by Aldermen of money, for fines and forfeitures collected in cases of disorderly conduct, drunkenness, etc., we have taken the trouble to examine the books in the Controller's office, in order to ascertain what amount of revenue that worthy class of gentlemens have paid into the city treasury. Our investigation extends back to 1860, and from that date up to the present time the Controller's books show that the sum total returned by Aldermen, for fines collected, amounts to $285 12. We give below a list of the names of those who have made returns, with the date and amount returned:

Joseph A. Butler	1863	$ 5 00
W. G. Johns	1865	12 00
A. S. Nicholson	1864	9 62
J. Donaldson, from 1860 to '66		60 00
Alderman Daft	1869	2 50
J. B. Geyser	1869	29 00
H. J. Rodgers	1861	57 00
James Lindsay	1869	30 00
J. M. Taylor	1860	10 00
J. H. Jones	1860	15 00
Andrew Humbert	1861	7 00
Jas. G. Davis	1861	5 00
C. W. Lewis	1860	22 00
Thos. Owston	1861	3 00
Total		$258 12

It would appear from the foregoing that these dispensers of justice and conservators of the peace have paid but little attention to that class of cases known as "drunks and disorderlies," in which the fines imposed and collected accrue to the city, and even less attention to making their returns to the city. The office of Alderman in this city might be made not only an effective and important branch of the city government, but also a source of considerable revenue if properly administered. We learn that an investigation is to be made, and whenever it is found that an Alderman has collected money due the city and made no return of the same, a criminal prosecution will be instituted. We would advise all those having fines, &c., in their hands, that should be in the city treasury, to pay the same over without delay.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were admitted of record in the office of Thos. H. Hunter, Recorder for Allegheny county, Monday, March 7, 1870:

James Gilfillan to Western Pennsylvania Hospital, February 19, 1870; 6 acres and 30 perches in Elliott township, for $2,000.

Margaret Algeo to Annie J. Greenfield et al., March 1, 1870; lot 2 by 12 ft on Forbes st., Pittsburgh, $3,750.

Charles Darrah's executor to A. Turner, jr., April 9, 1860; 3 acres and 6 perches in North Fayette, $1,000.

Same to same, January 3, 1870; same property, $1,000.

Lecture, by D. M. McKee, subject, The Schoolroom. Music. Essay, subject, Teacher's Work, by Miss Lizzie D. Snodgrass.

This was followed by a discussion on the question, "Does not a multiplicity of books rather clog than deepen the channel of learning." The affirmative of the question was opened by Wm. Sturgeon, and W. M. McCullough followed in the negative.

This closed the programme for the day. After the singing of another piece of music entitled, "The Song of the Beautiful," by Miss Ella Loe, the Institute adjourned to meet at school room No. 6, (better known as Snodgrass') until after the holidays, when it will be put in the hands of Miss L. R. McMillon, instructress, March 19, (Saturday,) for which time an excellent programme has been prepared, and a general outpouring of the people is expected. A general invitation has been extended to all the friends of education to attend the coming session. Woodville is situated about half a mile from Mansfield on the Fan Handle Railroad and is a delightful locale. So far as we have seen a turnout of citizens, teachers and educators.

DRUM STICKS.

South Fayette.

The community was favored with another bright glimpse of that familiar star of South Fayette, on Saturday, February 26. Notwithstanding, the morning sun had not yet shone out from behind the snow charged clouds, and the dirt was the common color, Dwight eyed little girls and boys, together, with many larger ones, might have been seen winding their way over the hills and through the wood, along the meandering path leading to the new and pleasant school room, situated on a beautiful elevation, in district No. 1; there to meet their parents and friends, and to unfold to them, the improvement of their undivided progress, and of hearing recitations which were pleasing, interesting and instructive. After witnessing the energy and prompt ness manifested in conducting the exercises, we have no hesitancy in saying, all present would pronounce her a No. 1 teacher. Remarks were made by those present, and to the school, by the patrons, and other teachers which were both flattering and interesting.

Capt. Gilfillin, who had just arrived in time to witness the last performance, was then called upon to address the meeting, which he did in his familiar style, plain, simple and pleasing. Those whose attention had been taken up in distributing the fillet boxes, left the rostrum before them were now attracted in a different direction by the easy and graceful manner of the Captain's address.

The meeting was then adjourned for one hour, which time was spent in examining the contents of their dinner baskets, and sleighing parties were formed to visit adjacent friends, accompanied by the Misses Morgan, Moss, Hickman and Nesbit; Miss Lina Jordon the primadonna of the occasion. The exercises of the afternoon consisted of essays, select reading, class drill in arithmetic and a very appropriate oration by the worthy Capt. Gilfillin, Esq. There performances were interspersed with many other delightful pieces of music, which time would fail us to enumerate. So it gone days when we sat and listened to that same band of singers with ecstatic delight.

After some brief remarks by the Rev. Braddock, Captain Gilfillin and Squire Jordon, a vote of thanks was tendered to the ladies of the village for their kindness in providing the Institute with the bountiful feast; also, a vote of thanks was offered to the choir for their much appropriate music, with an invitation to attend the next meeting.

After prayer, by Rev. Braddock, the meeting was dismissed, and the assembly retired to their several homes, with the sweet music of the choir ringing in their ears.

—Republican Mayors were elected yesterday in Rockland, Saco, and Auburn, and Democratic the Mayor in Bath, Maine. No choice at Lewiston, though the Republicans had a plurality.

—The Buffalo Board of Trade, after examining witnesses on the charge recently preferred against Hon. D. S. Bennett, have resolved that the proof is insufficient to authorize the expulsion of Mr. Bennett.

—Notwithstanding adverse reports of Wisconsin legislative committees, Milwaukee capitalists are making serious efforts to secure the removal of the State capital to that city. Madison is confident of retaining it.

—Meehan, editor of the *Irish American*, who narrowly escaped assassination at New York a few days ago, at the hands of a brother Fenian, has improved to such an extent that his friends are hopeful of his ultimate recovery.

—Negotiations are now going on between the Atlantic Mutual Athletic and Red Stocking base ball clubs, looking to the holding, in Brooklyn, of a grand tournament, which shall decide the championship.

—A butcher named Benjamin Farmer was murdered at his residence, four miles from Frankford, Ky., Saturday night, by a gang of unknown assassins. They went to his house, raised the window and fired, killing him instantly. No cause is assigned.

—The election in Newport, Ky., yesterday, resulted in the success of the Republican candidates, with two exceptions, by majorities averaging about two hundred. Root, Republican candidate for City Attorney, was beaten by Geisler, Democrat, by twenty-one votes.

—A Pembina (Winnepeg) letter says the Scotch and nearly all the half-breeds utterly refuse to join the revolution against the provisional government of Winnepeg. Kelli is now stronger than ever before. Commissioners to treat with Canada are on their way east.

—Joe Murphy and Elijah Viverte, while engaged in a game of cards Saturday night at Spring Place, Davidson county, six miles from Nashville, quarrelled and fought. Viverte was shot dead on the spot and Murphy received a wound of which he died Sunday evening. Both had been drinking.

—There is great excitement in the extreme southern counties of California over the discovery of new rich gold fields about sixty miles from Santiago. The quartz exhibited is free from sulphurets or other metals, and literally full of free gold. People are leaving San Diego and Los Angeles in large numbers for the new mines.

—During the fire scene in "Lost at Sea" at the Opera House in Springfield, Massachusetts, last night, Mrs. Sedley Brown's clothing caught fire, and she would have been fatally burned but for the promptness of Messrs. Schell and Melbor, members of the company, who rushed upon the stage and extinguished the flames. All three are painfully but not seriously burned.

—John George Hardey, an Englishman, who committed suicide in a disreputable house at New York last week, was a man of some literary character, and author of a translation of Dante, copies of which were found in his room. He left England and came to this country in consequence of domestic difficulties, and squandered all his money in gambling. Penniless and miserable, he ended all with poison.

Additional Markets by Telegraph.

NEW ORLEANS, March 7.—Cotton irregular and nominal; middling at 21¾c; receipts, 11,482 bales; exports, 6,998 bales; sales, 10,500 bales. Flour at $5,50@6,12. Corn dull at $1,10. Oats at 65@66c. Bran at $1,85@2,00. Hay: prime at $34. Pork dull at $28,75. Bacon at 13@17½c. Lard: tierce at 15½c, keg at 19c. Sugar: prime at 11@11¼c. Molasses: fermenting at 4 @5c, prime at 67½c. Coffee: fair at 16@ 14c, prime at 17¼@17½c. Whisky at 90c @$1,02½.

ALBANY, March 7.—Receipts of beeves largely in excess of last week and market ½@½c lower, with sales of premium 9@9½c, extra 7@8c, first quality 6¼@ 7¼c, 2d quality 5@6½c, 3d quality 5@ 5½c. Receipts of sheep about the same as last week and prices have fallen ½@ ¾c and range at 4@7½c. Little doing in live hogs.

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