The Pittsburgh Gazette.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

To Let—Rooms.

From the first of April, two well finished rooms suitable for offices, second story front in GAZETTE building, corner Sixth avenue and Smithfield street. Call at GAZETTE Counting Room, 84 and 86 Fifth avenue.

Beggars and organ grinders are invading our streets over the Allegheny with renewed forces.

At the Mayor's morning court Sunday morning twenty-four common cases were disposed of according to the usual routine.

Deputy Mayor Nichols on Saturday committed to jail Jackson Lafferty on a charge of drunkenness, misconduct and vagrancy.

By the breaking of an axle of a wagon loaded with metal on Smithfield street, on Saturday, teamsters brought in use the usual amount of profanity until the obstacle was removed.

Birmingham Councils will meet to-morrow night, in special session, to consider the report of the Finance Committee and adjust the accounts of the Borough officers for the past fiscal year.

The Contractor for the first ten miles of the Connellsville Railroad, east of Connellsville, expects to have his work completed about the first of July when trains will be run that much further.

Election.—The following gentlemen have been elected officers of the Robinson and Chartiers Turnpike Company: President, Col. Jos. Brown; Treasurer, J. K. P. Duff; Managers, David Robinson, John A. McKee, H. V. Nease, T. D. Buff and John Caughey.

New Dress.—Our enterprising neighbor, the *Freheits Freund*, has donned a new dress, which adds materially to its appearance in a mechanical point of view. The *Freheits Freund* is a live German paper and its appearance in a new dress is an evidence of its prosperity.

Andrew Sturgeon undertook to punish his wife on Saturday for some imaginary wrong, which resulted in Madelina, the wife, charging him before Mayor Callow with assault and battery, alleging that Andrew struck her with his fist and otherwise abused her. He was held for a hearing.

Mayor Callow of Allegheny had a survey of the peace case before him on Saturday in which Patrick O'Neil was charged by Andrew Sturgeon with having made threats of taking the life of said Andrew. The parties live on Beaver avenue. Patrick gave bail for his appearance.

Thieves Operating.—Some time Friday night a shoe store on Meadow street, East Birmingham, was broken into and robbed of funds to the amount of $150 No clue.

On the same evening some bold scamp carried off a roll of fine imported carpet from in front of Eake's dry goods store, Main street, Birmingham. He escaped.

A few evenings since, the parishioners of the Rev. Dr. Holmes, Sewickley Presbyterian church, expressed their appreciation of their esteemed pastor and his wife by presenting him with a new carriage, and his congregation with a purse containing one hundred dollars. The gifts were in every respect worthily bestowed and reflect credit alike upon recipients and donors.

A Horse Trade.—Henry Astor, colored, alleged before Alderman Bowden, on Saturday that Fred Bowers had cheated him out of eighty dollars by purchasing his horse, giving therefor a note for eighty dollars, which he said would be negotiable at the German Savings Bank, which proved a mistake, the bank officials pronouncing it worthless. A policeman is on the lookout for Bowers.

Another Burglary.—Saturday night or Sunday morning the residence of Mr. John Moffatt, No. 8 Colwell street, was entered by burglars and a pocket book containing $180 taken out of Mr. M.'s pants pockets, and an English lever watch taken from the mantle in his sleeping room. The burglars gained admission to the house by breaking off the window shutter and prying open a window. The corner in which the 'job' was done would indicate that the operators were acquainted with the premisis.

The New Railroad.

The Uniontown *Standard* says: The Pittsburgh, Virginia, and Charlestown Railway project is exciting great interest among the people of West Virginia, living near the proposed route. Meetings were held in three townships of Monongalia county last week, at all of which resolutions were adopted favoring the enterprise and promising to raise their quota of the capital needed when ever the company was organized, the building of the road commenced, and assurances given that it will be completed.

Home Again.

Capt. Louis Hager, our esteemed fellow-citizen, returned last week from an eight months tour of Europe, in prime health and jubilant spirits. He is a close observer, and his journeyings having extended over the greater portion of Europe, (in company with his family,) he is well repaid for his outlay in the possession of information concerning the old world which he could not otherwise have acquired as satisfactorily, and which will prove valuable to him in future experience wherever he casts his lot. His many friends will cordially welcome him "home again."

Income Returns.

U. S. Assistant Assessors are busy making out income returns for the delinquents. We advise all who have received a blank to fill it up as required by law, and all who know themselves liable to tax to file their returns at once. Col. Ernett, the Assessor of this District, has given strict orders to his assistants to make a return of every man who has received the notice; and wherever it is thought there should be a return made the assistants are directed to make it, thereby putting the responsibility on the party returned to prove that he is not liable to tax.

Hamlets.

A pair of dark colored individuals not having the fear of the laws of either God or man before their eyes, and even forgetting that this was the Lenten season, entered a kitchen on Wylie avenue, on Saturday evening, and carried off five hams. The person losing them requests us to state to the aforesaid hamlets that there is no necessity of them being hogtied, and if they will return one of the hams they can keep the other and no questions will be asked. There is no two sides to this question, and if the fellows who carried off the hams are willing to shoulder the responsibility of keeping them they can do so. That's all.

Donaven and the Boys Again.

John Donaven of whom mention heretofore has been made in these columns as having a particular dislike to that poetic application of "Cocksadays" with which the youthful followers of his satanic majesty have dubbed him, appeared again before Alderman O'Donnell, on Saturday, and there made oath charging these self same sons of iniquity, without the customary provication even, they called him by the above nick name, and wound it up by showering some stones at John's devoted head, one of which struck him on the back. The swear being finished, a warrant was issued for the arrest of John and Bernie O'Brian and also for the father of the boys.

"Agreed to Disagree."

A man and wife who have been living together unhappily for some time, on Saturday appeared before Alderman O'Donnell and signified by an article their agreement and desires to live apart, deciding, after mature deliberation, that it was good for them to be alone, and forthwith the mutual bargain was struck, the husband promising to give the wife fifteen dollars per week together with the one half of the property, and further more, promising that if the fifteen dollars per week would not meet her demands she should have the one half of his annual income. This was very satisfactory to the better half, but doubtless a little mortifying to the husband when he remembered he had two of the fairer sex to support. The parties reside on Fourth avenue. We withhold their names as they make pretentions to respectability. But our readers will remember of a lady arrested in male attire concerning which something was said through the columns of the press a few weeks ago, and a timely advice given to her by the Mayor, who figures at one of the parties, and the cognomen of whom we shall try very hard to ascertain should she appear again before us screened by the vague title of upper tendum.

THE COURTS.

United States Court—Judge McCandless.

SATURDAY, March 12.—The case of Thomas Barnes, creditor, vs W. H. Ake & Co., debtors, taken up yesterday, is still on trial.

In the case of the United States vs the distillery, et al., of Edward Lyon, of Lycoming county, an order was made on motion of counsel of M. Ernstein, who claims to be the first informer, appointing J. H. Bailey, Esq., to take testimony to be read on the argument of the case.

The Court adjourned until ten o'clock Monday morning.

District Court—Judges Hampton and Kirkpatrick.

SATURDAY, March 12.—The time of the Court was occupied with motions and arguments, none of which were of any public interest.

TRIAL LIST FOR MONDAY.

61. Trunick vs. Joice.
64. Rees vs. Morrow.
65. Caldwell & Bro. vs. Millinger.
66. Same vs. Same.
89. Mestrezat vs. McCullough & Co.
97. Hugh & Co. for use vs. Steamboat "Australia."
100. DeRoy vs. Wiley.
110. Citizens Oil Refining Co. vs. Dilworth & Benny.
112. Jacoby vs. Schoen et al.
123. Harrison vs. Brereton & Wilkins.

Court of Common Pleas—Judges Stowe and Collier.

SATURDAY, March 12.—In the matter of John A. Evans vs. Edward Evans, petition in divorce, R. B. Parkinson, Esq., was appointed commissioner to take testimony.

Zedikiah Hultz vs. Elizabeth Hultz, petition in divorce, R. B. Parkinson, Esq., was appointed commissioner to take testimony.

Cupples vs. Cupples, petition in divorce, James W. Murray, Esq., was appointed commissioner to take testimony.

In the case of Cook vs. Mills, motion for a new trial and reasons filed.

Rachel C. Graham vs. John Graham, in divorce petition presented and subpoena awarded.

Rebecca Buchanan vs. David Buchanan. In divorce. Petition presented and subpoena awarded.

M. J. Douglass vs. S. W. Douglass. In divorce. W. B. Carr was appointed commissioner to take testimony.

TRIAL LIST FOR MONDAY.

1. Reed et al. vs. Stewart & Co.
3. Reese vs. Bates.
4. Buento & Co. vs. Ferguson & Beck.
5. Logan vs. Johnston.
7. Pankinton vs. Ross tp.
8. Hugg vs. Zimmerman.
9. Madison vs. McClintock.
10. Dilworth et al. vs. Ecker.
11. Duquesne Co. vs. Small.
12. Brady vs. Beckham.

Quarter Sessions—Full Bench.

SATURDAY, March 12.—The time of the Court was occupied principally in hearing surety and abandonment cases, and in application for roads.

George Nelson, convicted of assault and battery, was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and a fine of $50 to the Commonwealth.

William Winegrath, convicted of selling liquor to a habitual drunkard after notice, was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and a fine of $50 to the Commonwealth, which sentence was complied with.

In the matter of the appeal of certain citizens from the report of viewers appointed to assess damages and benefits on the Fifth avenue, 42d and 43d street sewers, Judge Stowe delivered the opinion of the Court, which we publish in full. It is as follows:

C. H. Love, et. al. } Appeal from Report
vs. } of Views on Sewer
The City of } Assessments.
Pittsburgh.

On the matter of appeal from the report of viewers in regard to assessment for sewers on Fifth avenue, 42d and 43d streets, Pittsburgh.

An application for the appointment of viewers in relation to sewers on Fifth avenue, Forty-second and Forty-eighth streets, Pittsburgh, has been made on the part of the City Solicitor. The case comes into court through proceedings instituted in City Councils, under an act of Assembly, which provides, "that said Councils whenever they deem the same necessary, may cause sewers to be constructed in any street, lane or alley of said city, and to levey and collect the cost and expense thereof by assessment upon the proper ties benefitted thereby; the said assessment to be made by three discreet and disinterested freeholders of said city whom the Councils shall appoint as assessors for that purpose." It is then provided that the assessors be sworn; that they make a plot showing the direction of sewer, streets and location, size and improvement of each property assessed, and that they shall give ten days' notice to each owner of a time and place where he may see said plot and statement, and where the viewers are to hear any complaints or evidence the owner may have to offer on the subject. After such hearing, the assessors are to make such "additions, modifications or corrections" they may deem proper, and make a report to Councils containing plot and statements as finally fixed. Provision is then made that the Councils shall hear any appeal or further complaint made by any person aggrieved by the report, and either ratify the report, amend it back for further action, or quash the proceedings.

If the report is approved by Councils, any person interested may within ten days after the final action of Councils present a petition to the Court of Quarter Sessions setting forth the facts in the case and that he believes injustice has been done him by the report of viewers, when it is the duty of the clerk of Councils, upon notice, to certify to said Court all the papers and proceedings in the case, and thereupon the Court shall take into consideration the same and if they think right and proper, and shall have power to hear evidence, to modify, correct and approve said report or quash the whole proceedings, or to appoint new viewers, with the like power to modify, correct and approve their report or quash their proceedings, and to direct who shall pay the costs of the appeal.

In the Eighth avenue case a motion was first made by counsel for appellees for a rule on the authorities of the city to answer the allegations of the petitioner. This we refused, because we were not able to see how it could in any case effect the proceedings. A motion was then made to quash the proceedings upon the ground of informality. This was also refused, because, even assuming the objection well taken, such a course would only throw the matter back into Councils for the appointment of new viewers, and the same end could be much more speedily reached by the Court appointing viewers, which brings us just so much nearer the conclusion sought, a final disposition of the case.

This will give to executants all the advantages that they ought to expect. The appointment of new viewers who are to come under new and pursue the same course that the original viewers were compelled to take, from first to last, altogether independent and unaffected by their report or action in the premises.

We think this the better course to pursue in all cases where the action of the viewers has not been radically defective or illegal, and the objection to the assessment is "at all general, as seems to be the case in regard to the matter before us.

I have been thus particular in stating the law and our views in regard to this matter, because it is one of great importance to the public and by no means generally understood, and that the profession may know what our general practice will be in similar cases.

TRIAL LIST FOR MONDAY.

422 Com. vs. John W. Pittock, et al.
324 " " John C. Kenchler.
81 " " Patrick Dunn.
25 " " Wm. Haley.
39 " " Joseph V. Kerr.
53 " " Caroline Shubert.
66 " " Andrew McFarland.
64 " " Conrad Hack, two cases.
59 " " Thomas McMinnamee.
32 " " Elizabeth Eisenbeis.

TRIAL LIST TUESDAY.

67 Com. vs. Emanuel Matchey.
68. " " Patrick Campbell.
55 " " Wm. Gracy.
57 " " Washington Sheply, et al.
60 " " Fannie Sweeny.
62 " " Thomas Ryrne.
61 " " John A. Grerier.
30 " " John Waldier.
278 " " Henry Hadgrass.
" " " Wm. McCulley, et al.
29 " " Patrick Burke.

TRIAL LIST FOR WEDNESDAY.

181 Com. vs. Nicholas and Stephen Hoffman.

LEGISLATIVE.

New Bills Presented—Allegheny Matters.

We have received copies of the following local bills, which have been presented in the Legislature: An act relative to the code of ordinances in the city of Allegheny, which provides that the same shall become valid and effective as ordinances of said city when published in book form and a copy filed in the County Recorder's office. This does away with the recording of each ordinance, in the book, separately, as has been required heretofore. An act to reduce the charter of the city of Allegheny and the several acts amendatory thereof into one act and to revise the same. An act relative to streets in Allegheny. A supplement to the act in relation to the poor of the city of Allegheny. (These are the acts which were approved recently by the Allegheny Councils, and with which our readers are familiar.

LIFE INSURANCE.

Meeting of General Agents—An Association to be Formed—Interesting Proceedings.

A meeting of the general agents of life insurance companies doing business in this county was held at the Board of Trade Rooms, over the Third National Bank, Wood street, Saturday, at three o'clock P. M. The object of the meeting, so far as we could ascertain, was the formation of an association to be composed of the general agents or representatives of the several companies, both foreign and local, doing business in this county for the promotion and advancement of the life insurance business, and as was remarked to us by one of the "general agents," "to avoid in the future disagreeable newspaper discussions," by the adoption of some uniform rules and system for conducting the business.

A call for a meeting was circulated and requested by a number of the agents to a meeting held some two weeks since, when the association was organized temporarly by electing Dr. Thorn, chairman and Major T. Brent Swearinger, secretary. At that meeting a committee was appointed to receive additional names to the call, and report at the next meeting. The question was raised at that meeting, it appears and discussed at considerable length as to who were general agents, and the meeting adjourned without arriving at any conclusion.

Pursuant to adjournment the Association met at the time and place stated above. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Thorn, temporary chairman, and Major T. Brent Swearingen, temporary secretary, read the minutes of the preceding meeting.

The report of the committee appointed to visit the agents, and receive additional names, was read.

The committee reported having visited all the agents, and all they had seen had signed the call except one, and he declined to have anything to do with the Association.

The report was accepted and approved.

Mr. McMullen moved to go into a permanent organization, which motion was adopted.

Mr. McMullen then moved that the Association go into an election for permanent officers.

Mr. Kehew seconded by moving that the temporary officers be elected permanent officers for the ensuing year.

This motion was put by Mr. Kehew and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Kehew thought the Association was perhaps progressing too fast, and suggested the propriety of the appointment of a committee to prepare rules and regulations for the government of the Association, a constitution and by-laws, or some such plan upon which to organize an association.

Some discussion then ensued as to Mr. Kehew's motion to elect permanent officers, and the chairman decided the motion out of order, inasmuch as a motion was pending when it was made, which had not yet been decided.

Mr. Loomis then moved that a committee of five be appointed to prepare a constitution and by-laws for the government of the society.

The motion was adopted, and Messrs. Loomis, Sweeney, Chapman, Wordell and Thorn appointed on the committee.

A motion was then made to appoint a Committee of three on Credentials and Membership, which raised a lively discussion.

Mr. McMullen was opposed to admitting anybody but general agents.

Mr. Patterson said he presumed he was the person aimed at by Mr. McMullen, as he was not only Managing Agent of the Co-operative Company, but was Secretary of the Company.

Mr. McMullen replied that he had no objections to Mr. Patterson personally, as he were a stranger to him, but did not recognize the company he represented. He said the co-operative system was an experiment, and life insurance men were edicated.

Mr. Kehew at this point rose to a point of order which was that the gentleman was not confining himself to the question pending, but was talking of matters that were not before the meeting.

Mr. Patterson said it was not material to him whether he was admitted to the association or not, but he only desired to know where he stood. The call had been presented to him and he had signed it, but if his presence was not desired in the association he wanted to know it and he would not intentionally force himself, and would not, he thought, affect the interests of his company in any way.

Mr. Kehew moved that the further consideration of the matter of eligibility be postponed until next meeting. He was in favor of admitting Mr. Patterson. He did not see why the company Mr. Patterson represented should not be represented in the association as well as any other company.

The resolution was amended so as to make it the first business of the next meeting.

Some discussion then ensued as to who would be entitled to vote on the adoption of the constitution.

Maj. Swearingen stated that those agents who had signed the call would be entitled to vote, and no others.

After some further discussion on who are eligible to membership, the motion to postpone as amended was adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet Saturday next at three o'clock, P. M.

SUICIDE.

A Fatal Dose—Death from a Draught of Laudanum.

John Kenzella, an Irishman by birth, terminated his existence by taking a dose of laudnum at the Rush House yesterday afternoon. Saturday evening Kenzella arrived in the city on a train from the east and stopped at the Rush House. He was shown to room No. 6, Sunday morning by the colored boy Noah, and it appears went out for a short time, after which he returned to the hotel and went to his room. A chambermaid went to the room and discovered the man lying on the bed breathing heavily, and thought the fellow was drunk. She was wrong, and on examination an empty ten ounce vial labelled "Laudanum" was found on the mantle in the room. Drs. Wilson and Duncan were summoned immediately and tried to counteract the effect of the drug but to no purpose, and the man died about six o'clock. It appeared from discharge papers found in his possession, dated Dec. '68, that he enlisted in the United States Marines Dec. 22, 1865, and was at that time 22 years of age. Naturalization papers dated at Brooklyn, New York, Oct. 4, 1868, were also found, and it appears that he has a mother and sister residing in Montreal, Canada. The coroner has been notified and will hold an inquest to-day.

ANNEXATION.

McClure Township Wants to be Annexed to Allegheny—Meeting of Citizens—Resolutions, &c.

A large number of the citizens of a portion of McClure township adjoining Allegheny city, held a meeting in the Woods' Run, Woods' Run, Friday evening March 11th, 1870, to consider the propriety of annexing that portion of the township to Allegheny city.

The meeting was organized by calling Cyrus Hutchinson, Esq., to the chair, and appointing Mr. John Price, secretary.

The object of the meeting was stated by the chairman, and on motion, a committee were appointed to prepare resolutions expressing the views of the meeting on the subject.

The committee reported the following which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That we the citizens of this portion of McClure township are in favor of being annexed to Allegheny city, and do most firmly adhere to the original bill as it passed the Senate February 9th, without amendment or alteration.

Resolved, That we pray our Representatives to use their influence to have the bill pass as it passed the Senate, and that we will not vote or uphold any Representative that will vote against our interest.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the GAZETTE.

Trouble in Ormsby.

Martin Brawdey is a festive youth well known in police circles, but better known to the citizens of Ormsby borough, against whom an information was made before Alderman McMasters on Saturday, by Kate Fisher. It so happens that Martin is of a mischevous nature at all times, but on some occasions, when he has been empying his "flowing bowl," seems to be carried away with a spirit of adventure. Now Martin lives with his mother, and Kate, for a pecuniary recompensation, assists his mother from week to week in keeping in order the domestic affairs of the household. It was nigh unto the midnight hour, and the peaceful citizens of Ormsby were enjoying their sweet repose, as was Kate also until Martin returned in a very happy state of mind, sought out her bed, took her therefrom, and notwithstanding the screams of the girl, so suddenly transferred from happy dreams to the land of reality of being caught up in the strong arms of Martin in her nude condition, he attempted to throw her out of the window, at the same time muttering terrible oaths that she should forthwith leave his mother's house to return no more. Kate did go, and on her allegiance a warrant was issued for the arrest of the gay young man.

CHRISTIAN PHILANTHROPY.

The Ladies' Home Missionary Society—Its Operations for the Past Year.

The anniversary of the Ladies' Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church of this city and vicinity took place at the Smithfield street church, yesterday afternoon. At an early hour the spacious edifice was filled. Among the audience were several ministers, Drs. Peck and H. Miller, Revs. W. Long, J. H. Ebbert, J. A. Gray, W. H. Locke and Dr. Dempsey. Mr. John Horne, a well known merchant of this city, noted for his generous gifts in promoting religious and benevolent objects, presided by request of Mrs. Samuel M. Kier, President of the Society. W. H. Kincaid performing Secretarial duties for Miss Mary Hunnings, the regular Secretary.

The services commenced with singing, "All hail the power of Jesus' name." Philip Phillips, the distinguished composer and musician, presided at the organ and led the singing of the occasion. After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. W. H. Locke, of Liberty street Church, at the close of which the congregation sang "Jesus shall reign where 'er the sun."

By request, Mr. Albert Horne read the following reports:

Miss Sarah H. Sherard, Treasurer, in account with Ladies' Home Mission:

RECEIPTS.	
Christ Church	$37 00
Smithfield do	34 50
Pennsylvania Avenue do	11 50
Parent Missionary Society	55 00
Proceeds of Festival	823 16
Mrs. R. Jack	100
	$1,260 56
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Rev. R. Hurt, account salary	$200 21
Rev. J. B. Uber	200 00
Rev. W. Long, for Mission School	50 00
Cincinnati Conference	71 43
Rev. L. R. Beaman	71 43
Sustinency	850 00
	$1,260 56

Report of Miss Mary Hunnings, Treasurer of Liberty street M. E. Church Dorcas Society, Auxiliary to Ladies Home Missionary Society of Pittsburgh and vicinity:

RECEIPTS.	
Thanksgiving Collection	$14 63
Collected by Ladies	126 72-122 75
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Aid to Poor Women	$61 00
Bills of Dry Goods	11 72-182 72

Rev. J. B. Uber, the devoted and earnest Missionary of the Society, read the report of the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Mary S. McKee, on behalf of the Board of Managers.

The friends and patrons of the Society are congratulated that, amid the discouragements incident to the operations of the Society there has been some success attending the efforts put forth to cultivate the field. Five Sunday schools are in the field operation, with an average attendance of eight hundred and five, one hundred and seventy-five scholars more than last report year. These schools have been sustained at a cost of about fourteen hundred dollars. Besides the work of teaching, the lady managers have spent much time in supplying the destitute children with clothing, which has had a good effect upon the parents in some instances. Four services have been established at Wood's Run, Bradley Chapel and Thirty-third Mission, in the Allegheny. The want of suitable houses for preaching has induced the Society to secure a lot to build a church at the first-named place shortly.

The lady managers have devoted considerable time to visiting and providing supplying the sick poor. Five hundred and thirty tracts have been made, five hundred and thirty tracts distributed, and more than two hundred dollars worth donated. The Missionary has also made eight hundred visits.

Notwithstanding the financial operations of the Society do not equal former years, it has arranged to commence the new year free from debt. Much standing in the report of the work of the Society, and the providential openings for doing good, notwithstanding the miserable distinction of sect, the Society strongly for help to carry on the operations of the Society equal to the demands made upon it. Want of space forbids our readers from giving more than this brief synopsis.

At the close of the reading the report, Mr. Phillips sang, with thrilling effect, "What a wonder that I am."

Rev. J. A. Gray, of Christ Church, delivered quite an interesting address, in which he showed the character of the work of the society, and the benefits to be secured by agencies of this kind. The address was singingly and well delivered.

"The Water of Life" was sung by the vast audience standing, producing a fine effect.

Rev. J. J. Jones, of Pennsylvania avenue church, next spoke. He commended the work of the Society as great and well timed towards the grandeur of an organization that had for its object the good of society, and calculated to extend its benefits throughout the community. A work so grand and ennobling, that lifts the destitute out of poverty, and the sinner from guilt and vice, is worthy of commendation and should be sustained.

Rev. W. H. Locke urged the people to give liberally to the collectors who waited upon them.

Audience was then dismissed by the Doxology and Benediction by Rev. Dr. Dempsey.

Farewell.

Last evening was an occasion of great interest in the North avenue M. E. Church, Allegheny. The pastor, Rev. E. J. Gray, recently received, first from the Official Board; and then from the church, an unanimous request to continue his relationship with the charge another year. After mature deliberation, however, he deemed it best to return to his own conference in the East, and announced his decision, improving the occasion to bid adieu to the congregation. His closing discourse was full of pathos and eloquence—"The Christian's Life and Work," and was an unusually eloquent and appropriate production, fervently and impressively delivered. At the close of the service a statistical account of the progress of the Church during the year, was read, from which it appeared that the membership had been increased 214 in numbers; of those 176 united within the past few weeks, during a series of meetings, which are still continued. Over $25,000 has been also subscribed to the church building fund; this is exclusive of the Sabbath School, (one of the best in the State,) and the general expenses of the church, which amount to well the amount of $30,000 for the year. In every other branch, temporarily and spiritually, the organization has met with prosperous success, and the departing one which cannot but bring gladness to the hearts of pastor and people.

In his closing remarks Mr. Gray thanked the congregation for the flattering call they had given him, and referred to his intercourse with the work in which they had been mutually engaged. He assured them it had been the happiest year of his life, and nothing but the highest convictions of duty would have induced him to sever the ties which bound them together. He, with the old church, would part in kindness and love, with the earnest hope and prayer that their future as individuals and as a church might be one of the greatest prosperity and happiness.

These few words seemed to be fully appreciated, by the audience, who manifested their feelings in an unmistakable manner. The reverend sentiment has been in Allegheny only a short time, but has won the confidence and respect of all acquaintances, and the love and admiration of many warm friends. He returns to his Eastern home, laden with the kind wishes and sympathies of many who have learned to appreciate his high excellence, as a man and as a zealous Christian minister.

Banner Presentation.

At the commencement of the services in St. Paul's Cathoral last evening the beautiful banner of which we made mention several days since, was formally presented to the society of "The Brotherhood of St. Joseph."

After vespers, Very Rev. Father Hickey in an appropriate address to the members of the society, who occupied the front seats, presented the banner, which was responded to at the conclusion of the sermon, on behalf of the Brotherhood, by Rev. Father Wall.

The banner is swung from a rod supported by two uprights, which rest on a square wooden frame about five and one-half feet wide by seven in length, intended to be carried on the shoulders of four men.

The banner itself is a beautiful one, having a painting on the one side representing Joseph standing with the infant Jesus in his arms, beside the carpenter's tools, with the implements of the trade in view, while beyond grows the olive tree, the water lily and the cactus, having Jodes as hills for a backdrop. The reverse ground, all executed with the finest taste and by the most skillful workmen that New York could produce. On the other side, laid in gold leaf letters, is the name "Brotherhood of St. Joseph," with date of the organization, "Dec. 4th, 1844," all of which is printed on heavy blue silk trimmed with gilt braid and bullion, together with the gay cords and tassels which are of the same material. The cost of the banner was over $400.

200 Acres of Valuable Coal Lands.—Upwards of two hundred acres of valuable coal lands in Baldwin township, formerly the property of John F. Bennett, will be sold to-morrow afternoon, at two o'clock, at McIlvain's auction rooms, 56 Smithfield street. They will be offered collectively as a whole.

FIRE IN ALLEGHENY.

Three Houses Destroyed—Total loss over $8,000—Efficiency of the Fire Department.

A destructive fire occurred in Allegheny yesterday. About noon Mr. Paulus residing on Ohio avenue, Fifth ward, while passing through his yard, observed flames issuing from the eaves of his dwelling. He summoned help and attempted to ascend to the attic, the locality of the fire, but failed. An alarm from box 7, was then sounded, which called out the Fire Department in a few minutes.

The building in which the fire originated was a two story frame occupied principally by Mr. Paulus as a dwelling and shoe store. A small portion was partitioned off at one side and used as a tobacco shop by Mr. George R. Wightman. Before the firemen arrived on the ground the upper portion of the building was all ablaze, and all their exertions failed to check the flames until the building had been made a wreck. The roof and the inside was burnt almost entirely away, leaving only the bare walls standing. The flames also communicated to another frame structure along side, occupied by Mrs. Jane Patton, a widow. The roof and upper portion of this house was destroyed so that it will be hardly possible to repair it again.

The total loss, it is estimated, will exceed $8,000. Mr. Paulus is the heaviest sufferer. He estimates his loss in stock and furniture at $5,500, upon which there is insurance to the amount of $3,500, $1,500 of which is in the "Ben Franklin" of Allegheny, and the remainder in foreign companies.

Mr. Wightman's loss is about $100, with no insurance. The owner of the building, Mr. James Welsh, has $2,500 insurance on them which will, it is thought, fully cover his loss. Mrs. Patton lost nearly all her furniture and the house, which she owned, which will make her loss about $800, with no insurance. The buildings being all of frame and dry as powder, burned with great rapidity—which prevented the removal of the greater portion of their contents. The fire resulted from a defective flue.

Much praise is due the firemen for the noble manner in which they laboredno doubt it is not from for their exertions the conflagration would have been much more extensive as the weather was very quickly crowded with buildings. It was only with the greatest care and labor that the flames were prevented from spreading to others.

Soon after the engines arrived on the ground, Captain Kennedy of the night watch, who happened in the vicinity, summoned the police of the district and set them on guard to prevent any depredations, or interference with the firemen in their arduous and judicious action in the matter is worthy great commendation. To it is a great measure the firemen were indebted for the success they had in preventing a more disastrous fire.

The Old Washington Road.

EDITORS GAZETTE: In your widely circulated paper of Friday last, appeared what purported to be the proceedings of a meeting in opposition to the proposed improvement of the "Old Washington Road," to be hereafter known as "Washington Avenue," a bill authorizing the same having been introduced into the State Legislature. And where is the solitary individual who will hazard his reputation by saying that there is not the most urgent need for improvement in this instance? I firmly believe there is no other thoroughfare in the city leading from this, or any other city on God's earth, in such a wretched plight as that now under consideration, and I think it has been kept in condition thus long, merely out of regard to the miserly, niggardly few, who are now "Resolving" against it. How any one can oppose the measure who has to travel on the road is a mystery to all to whom I have spoken on the subject. The bill is certainly as fair and equitable as it ever passed by the Legislature, as it provides that those benefited thereby shall pay for it, and get their money back throughout the country. A work so much needed by the country. Mr. Patterson represented should not be represented in the association as well as any other company.

The resolution was amended so as to make it the first business of the next meeting.

Some discussion then ensued as to who would be entitled to vote on the adoption of the constitution.

Maj. Swearingen stated that those agents who had signed the call would be entitled to vote, and no others.

After some further discussion on who are eligible to membership, the motion to postpone as amended was adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet Saturday next at three o'clock, P. M.

SUICIDE.

A Fatal Dose—Death from a Draught of Laudanum.

John Kenzella, an Irishman by birth, terminated his existence by taking a dose of laudnum at the Rush House yesterday afternoon. Saturday evening Kenzella arrived in the city on a train from the east and stopped at the Rush House. He was shown to room No. 6, Sunday morning by the colored boy Noah, and it appears went out for a short time, after which he returned to the hotel and went to his room. A chambermaid went to the room and discovered the man lying on the bed breathing heavily, and thought the fellow was drunk. She was wrong, and on examination an empty ten ounce vial labelled "Laudanum" was found on the mantle in the room. Drs. Wilson and Duncan were summoned immediately and tried to counteract the effect of the drug but to no purpose, and the man died about six o'clock. It appeared from discharge papers found in his possession, dated Dec. '68, that he enlisted in the United States Marines Dec. 22, 1865, and was at that time 22 years of age. Naturalization papers dated at Brooklyn, New York, Oct. 4, 1868, were also found, and it appears that he has a mother and sister residing in Montreal, Canada. The coroner has been notified and will hold an inquest to-day.

ANNEXATION.

McClure Township Wants to be Annexed to Allegheny—Meeting of Citizens—Resolutions, &c.

A large number of the citizens of a portion of McClure township adjoining Allegheny city, held a meeting in the Woods' Run, Woods' Run, Friday evening March 11th, 1870, to consider the propriety of annexing that portion of the township to Allegheny city.

The meeting was organized by calling Cyrus Hutchinson, Esq., to the chair, and appointing Mr. John Price, secretary.

The object of the meeting was stated by the chairman, and on motion, a committee were appointed to prepare resolutions expressing the views of the meeting on the subject.

The committee reported the following which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That we the citizens of this portion of McClure township are in favor of being annexed to Allegheny city, and do most firmly adhere to the original bill as it passed the Senate February 9th, without amendment or alteration.

Resolved, That we pray our Representatives to use their influence to have the bill pass as it passed the Senate, and that we will not vote or uphold any Representative that will vote against our interest.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the GAZETTE.

Trouble in Ormsby.

Martin Brawdey is a festive youth well known in police circles, but better known to the citizens of Ormsby borough, against whom an information was made before Alderman McMasters on Saturday, by Kate Fisher. It so happens that Martin is of a mischevous nature at all times, but on some occasions, when he has been empying his "flowing bowl," seems to be carried away with a spirit of adventure. Now Martin lives with his mother, and Kate, for a pecuniary recompensation, assists his mother from week to week in keeping in order the domestic affairs of the household. It was nigh unto the midnight hour, and the peaceful citizens of Ormsby were enjoying their sweet repose, as was Kate also until Martin returned in a very happy state of mind, sought out her bed, took her therefrom, and notwithstanding the screams of the girl, so suddenly transferred from happy dreams to the land of reality of being caught up in the strong arms of Martin in her nude condition, he attempted to throw her out of the window, at the same time muttering terrible oaths that she should forthwith leave his mother's house to return no more. Kate did go, and on her allegiance a warrant was issued for the arrest of the gay young man.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

—The police of Omaha have been uniformed *al a* Metropolitan.

—Henry H. Leeds, a well known New York auctioneer, died on Saturday.

—Samuel F. Wilson, one of the editors and proprietors of the N. O. *Picayune*, died on Saturday, aged 65.

—The report of the resignation of Gen. Jordan as commander-in-chief of the Cuban forces is again denied.

—Revenue officers at Fredericksburg, Va., have seized fifty thousand cigars and twenty barrels of whisky.

—Nearly a quarter of a million tons of ice were housed on the Hudson river during the recent cold weather.

—At Saco, Me., by the collision of a sleigh with a railway train, Oliver Tracy was instantly killed and J. J. Sawyer fatally injured.

—Immense coal fields are reported to have been discovered near South Pass Wyoming; also abundant iron ore in Rattlesnake Mountains.

—General Morris L. Miller, Deputy Quartermaster General of the United States army, died suddenly at New Orleans on Saturday, aged 55.

—It is authentically stated that in fifty churches in Cincinnati and suburbs 2,602 members have been added during the recent religious revivals.

—Hon. Jas. G. Blaine, Speaker of the House of Representatives, was on Saturday entertained at a breakfast by the New York Union League Club.

—In consequence of the seamen's strike at New York, it is stated the steamer Western Metropolis could not sail for New Orleans on Saturday.

—Seven men were instantly killed on the 11th, five miles east of Seville, Ohio, by the explosion of the boiler in a steam portable saw mill. Only one man escaped.

—The survivors of the old Sixth Massachusetts regiment are arranging to celebrate the anniversary of their passage through Baltimore on the 19th of April, 1861.

—At Chicago, Saturday, a man was sent to jail for thirty days for attempting to bribe a juryman with five dollars. He said he didn't know he was doing anything wrong.

—At Danvers, Mass., a fire on Friday night last destroyed the shoe manufactory of Rice & Sanger, the adjoining block of Smith & Hall, and an adjoining building. Loss $10,000.

—At a large meeting of the citizens of Buffalo and merchants of the Board of Trade, on Saturday, the action of the Legislature repealing the contract system on canals was endorsed.

—At a meeting of the Louisville and Jefferson County Fair Association, it was resolved to hold the annual meeting on the 13th of September, and that the premiums be not less than $10,000.

—The three Republican State Committees of Virginia, in conference on Saturday, agreed to call a Republican State Convention to meet at Richmond, April 6th.

—Three hundred and thirty-seven doctors of medicine were graduated last week by four Eclectic Medical colleges, including fourteen by the women's medical college and one hundred and sixty by the Jefferson medical college.

—The Grand hotel and Opera House project of Mr. Fike, of Cincinnati, is exciting a great deal of attention. The proposed structure is a magnificent affair, and cost a million of dollars. It will be the grandest in the country.

—Robert D. Holmes, of Lodge No. 1, Grand Lodge of Texas, and A. M., died at New York Saturday evening. He was 54 years of age and for many years one of the most prominent Masonic writers of the Masonic fraternity in the United States.

—Friday night last a detective of Jersey City arrested Joseph Cunningham, recently bookkeeper in the dry goods firm of Horner, Coilady & Co., Philadelphia, on a charge of embezzling over $7,000 from his employers.

—A heavy rain began at St. Louis about seven o'clock Saturday morning, and continued till 4 P. M., when a fierce snow storm set in, and continued till 8 P. M., then clearing up cold fre