The Pittsburgh Gazette.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

Subscribers changing their residences or places of business will consult their convenience and our own by leaving word for the carriers at our counting room, corner of Sixth avenue and Smith field street.

Nearly all the leading taverns are paying out specie in small change.

The lobby attendance at the meeting of Councils yesterday was unusually large.

Attention is directed to advertisement of "pocket book" lost, which appears in the proper column.

There was no meeting of the South Pittsburgh Councils last night, no quorum being present.

Income returns at this the eleventh hour are pouring into the U. S. Assessors office in a hasty manner.

"Sibbo" Arnold is very contented in his new quarters at the penitentiary and is ranked among the more docile prisoners.

Personal.—The many friends of Maj. A. M. Brown will be sorry to learn, he is seriously ill with congestion of the lungs.

In Stormy March Weather Pier, Donnals & Co.'s cream ale is indispensable to "peace in the family" and "happiness at home."

The invalids of the Mercy Hospital, were treated to a very fine concert, an evening or two ago, by the St. Paul's Orchestral Band.

Ladies are invited to the opening of spring millinery to-day in the retail department at J. H. Warner's, 55 Fourth avenue, corner of Market street.

The Water Commission elected by councils yesterday, cannot fail to give satisfaction in the discharge of important work to be entrusted into their keeping.

Deputy Mayor Nichols yesterday issued warrants for the arrest of George Yerger and John Deitrick for disorderly conduct. Peter M. Smith prosecutor, all residents of Lawrenceville.

We observe that telegraph poles and tree boxes in various parts of the city are being painted a sticking. The practice should be ended by making examples of a few of the indefatigable posters.

Yesterday Nicholas Hoffman was before Alderman Allen charged with selling liquor to the minor son of Henry Cassedy, of the seventeenth ward. He gave bail for a hearing.

Two children out of a family residing on Cherry alley, were yesterday buried, having died of scarlet fever. Physicians report that this terrible disease prevails in some quarters of the city to an alarming extent.

Those who desire fashionable, neat fitting, well made and durable clothing for men and boys, at the lowest cash prices, will call at Uriling, Follansbee & Co.'s Emporium, corner of Fifth avenue and Wood street.

Fanny Krebie made information before Alderman Butler yesterday against Jerry Roberts for adultery with Rachel Kenley. Both trio are colored and reside in the Fifth ward, Allegheny. The accused gave bail for a hearing.

Uriling, Follansbee & Co., corner of Fifth avenue and Wood street, have in addition to full lines of mens and boys clothing, a very elegant stock of gents furnishing goods, which they offer at as reasonable prices as can elsewhere be obtained.

Recovered.—A few nights ago a man [illegible] ...ewing [illegible] for [illegible] ...ccur [illegible] same. ... police, where it can be had.

The person who borrowed without leave a volume of the GAZETTE for 1869, on Sunday last, from our file room, will please return the same at once and no questions will be asked. A failure to comply with this request will result in some trouble to a known party.

Yesterday Deputy Mayor [illegible] issued a warrant for the arrest of ... Evans on a charge of attempting to ... pose of his goods to defraud ... The information was taken ... McIlvaine, to whom the ... is said to be indebted thereto. ... parties reside in the Se...

We advise ... want of a Sewing Machine ... or selection until she has seen ... duce of the "Weed," Messrs. John Biggert ... ure in exhibiting. ... ry are satisfied that they ... WEEDS of every one. Call by ... and examine the Weed.

The Biblical Tableaux Vivants, after Gustave Dore, illustrative of the opening of the New Testament, as presented by the Turner Society last evening, was a grand and particular success, surpassing all the previous brilliant sketches from the Bible by the accomplished interpreters. The attendance was very large and flattering.

Coroner's Inquest.—Yesterday afternoon Coroner Clawson held an inquest upon the boy Daniel Whalen, who was run over by a train of cars at the outer depot of the Fort Wayne Railway, on Sunday afternoon. A number of witnesses were examined but no new facts developed further than published yesterday. A verdict of accidental death was rendered.

Officers Elected.—At the semi-annual election of Mechanics' Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F., held Saturday evening, March 26, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: N. G., W. A. McRobbins; V. G., W. F. Caldwell; Secretary, Geo. Booth; Assistant Secretary, G. W. Snair; Treasurer, Andrew Miller; Trustee, John A. Prince; Rep. C. H. A., Joseph Speakman.

Improvements.—Plans and specifications for the new building about to be erected by the Pittsburgh Gas Company at the corner of Sixth avenue and Cherry alley, were deposited with Mr. Reed, the building inspector, yesterday. The building will be one hundred and fifty feet six inches deep, thirty feet two inches wide, and twenty-five feet seven inches high. The front will be of fine cut stone, and will be two stories high. Messrs. Barr & Mease are the architects, and Wilson & Bros., the builders.

The Fifth Avenue Market question was finally acted upon by Councils yesterday, and the Market Committee duly empowered to purchase the Lyon property at $65,000, payable seven years hence, the entire principal bearing legal interest payable annually. A company will at once be organized to build a market house. The plan for the proposed building is similar to the Allegheny market building, and the cost is estimated at from $18,000 to $25,000. A market place is much needed in that growing section of the city, and we congratulate the people on the prospect of its immediate establishment.

Cruel.

Yesterday A. Elwanger was committed to jail by Alderman Reuter of Allegheny, for getting up a dog fight, thereby violating, according to the commitment, the "act of Assembly, approved March 29, 1869, entitled an act to prevent cruelty to animals." The commitment further set forth that the accused was deprived of liberty, by failing to pay "a fine of ten dollars and four dollars and twenty-five cents costs." The name of the prosecutor was not mentioned. The cruel Elwanger will enjoy a season of repose in jail, until released by due process of law," which will not be long if the commitment is shown to a lawyer.

Postoffice Changes and Appointments.

The following changes and appointments in Pennsylvania postoffices have been announced:

Paghton, Chester county, George C. Greene, vice R. L. Shaler, resigned.

Loyalsock, Lycoming county, Joseph C. Mohr, vice J. H. Hohr, deceased. Hornbrook, Bradford county, David Horton, vice J. Horton, resigned. Changed name and site of Copiay, Lehigh county, to Stemton, Northampton county, and appoint J. D. Mertz, vice Rheuben Datt' superseded by the change. Evansville, Columbia county, Wm. M. Rishel, vice G. Michael, resigned. Limestonerille, Montour county, C. Hock, vice F. Funk, resigned. Moscow, Luzerne county, Robert E. Warden, vice P. W. Hornbacker, resigned. Reestablished—Union Corners, Northumberland county, Thos. S. Miller, Postmaster.

CITY COUNCILS.

Regular Meeting—Petitions, Communications and Resolutions—Reports of Committees—Ordinances.

A regular monthly meeting of the Select and Common Councils of the city of Pittsburgh was held yesterday, Monday March 28, 1870, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Select Council.

Members present—Messrs. Abl, Abl born, Aiken, Armstrong, Bissell, Burgwin, Coffin, Devlin, Duncan, Edwards, Gallaher, Glenn, Gross, Hartman, Herron, House, Jones E. P., Jones Isaac, Kelsey, Kirk, Laufman, Liddell, Lloyd, Morrow, Murdoch, Murray, McEwen, McMahon, Rafferty, Ross, Rush Schmidt, Scully, Sealy, Shipton, Thompson, Wainwright S. J., Wainwright 2., Wilson, President McAuley, and E. S. Morrow, Clerk.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

PETITIONS.

Mr. White, a petition for grading and paving certain streets in the Fourteenth ward. Accepted.

Also, an ordinance providing for the grading, paving and curbing of Gist street. Read three times and passed.

Also, the petition of Martin Tomer for privilege to erect an iron clad building on the corner of Magee street and Watson alley. Referred to the Committee on Wooden Buildings.

Also, a petition for the grading and paving of St. Patricks alley. Referred to the Road Committee.

Mr. Hartman, a petition for a gas lamp on Franklin street. Referred to Gas Committee.

Also, claim of Hartman and Lare for sewer paid business tax. Referred to Finance Committee.

Mr. Ahl, a resolution providing for a gas lamp on Liberty street, between Seventeenth and Twentieth streets. Referred to Gas Committee.

Mr. Liddell, a petition of Dickson, Marshall & Co., asking permission to iron clad a building at Liberty and Twentieth streets. Referred to the Committee on Wooden Buildings.

Mr. E. P. Jones, a resolution against the opening of Locust street. Referred to Street Committee.

Also, a petition for opening Brady street. Referred to Committee on Roads.

Mr. Murdock, a petition for a road in Twenty-second ward. Referred to Survey Committee.

Mr. Seely: a petition for opening Dallas avenue. Referred to the Survey Committee.

Mr. Edwards: a petition from the Board of Directors of the Pleasant Valley R. R. W. Co. for privilege to traverse with their track certain streets from the Hand street bridge to the corner of Fifth avenue and Smithfield street. Referred to the Railroad Committee.

Mr. Scully: a petition for the opening of Halket street and Boundary street. Referred to Survey Committee.

Mr. Burgwin: a communication relative to the rental of the Market stalls, and a resolution authorizing the Market Committee to reconsider the rates of rental established at the Diamond stalls and report at the next meeting of Councils, and that until such report is made the said tenants shall occupy their old stands at the old rentals.

Mr. McEwen moved to lay the resolution on the table. Adopted.

Mr. Morrow offered a resolution authorizing gas lamps on Vanbrasm street and Miltenberger alley, and on Miltenberger street. Referred to the Gas Committee.

Mr. White presented the report of the Committee on Wooden Buildings, accompanying which was an ordinance granting privilege to erect a frame building to Samuel O'Brien & Bros., on Sandusky street.

On motion the rules were suspended, and the ordinance read three times and passed.

Accompanying the report was also an ordinance granting privilege to Mr. Connelly to make certain improvements on a wooden building. Read three times and passed under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Gallaher, an ordinance granting privilege to Arbuckle & Co. to construct an iron bridge across Church alley at a [illegible] ...oviding [illegible] for [illegible] ...ame.

Adopted.

Mr. Rafferty moved to refer the matter to the Street Committee.

Mr. Isaac Jones moved to amend by referring it to the Ordinance Committee.

Adopted and the matter was so referred.

The rules called up an ordinance providing for granting certain privileges to the Pittsburgh and Birmingham Railway Company, and its final passage.

Mr. Hartman moved to amend as follows: Provided that the city reserve the right to grant the like privilege to other railroads in front of the same streets whenever in the wisdom of the Council it may be deemed proper, and further, that the city reserve the right to vacate any or all of said streets.

Mr. Aiken offered an amendment to the amendment providing that the Pleasant Valley Railroad Company shall have the right, was granted, the privilege to construct switch streets in the city, said company shall have the right to traverse that portion of said track between Seventeenth and Fifth avenue.

Mr. Burgwin offered as a substitute the following: Provided, that the Councils of the city of Pittsburgh hereby reserve to themselves the right to grant at any time to any passenger railway company the privilege of using said track hereby authorized to be laid for like purposes, upon payment to the Pittsburgh and Birmingham P. R. W. Co. of a proportionate share of the cost of laying the same; provided, however, that any company to which the right to use said track is granted shall run their cars thereon subject to and in conformity with such reasonable time table as may be established by the Pittsburgh and Birmingham P. R. W. Co.

Provided also that nothing herein contained shall interfere with the right of the city to vacate any part of the streets over which the said track shall be laid.

Mr. Kirk amended as follows: Provided that the rights and privilege herein granted shall not be construed an exclusive grant to said company, but the city reserves the right to grant similar privileges over said streets.

Mr. House moved to lay the amendment on the table. The motion was adopted.

The question recurred on Mr. Burgwin's substitute for the amendments, which was adopted.

The ordinance as amended was then read a third time and passed finally. C. non-concurred.

Councils then adjourned to meet with Common Council in joint session, to elect a board of Water Examiners.

GAS COMMITTEE.

Mr. Shipton, chairman of the Gas Committee, presented the following report:

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Gas Lighting have had before them a number of petitions for the erection of gas lamps, and would respectfully recommend the erection of lamps at the following points:

One in front of Home for the Destitute, on Duquesne Way; one on Washington street, between Franklin street and Fifth avenue.

At the following points where lamps are asked for, there are no mains: Corner of Overhill street and Hopper's alley, and on Twentieth street.

The committee report adversely to the petition for lamp on the corner of Washington street and Webster avenue, and change in present position of lamp on corner of Penn avenue and Sixth street.

Accepted and filed, and lamps ordered as recommended.

Mr. Isaac Jones presented a remonstrance against the opening of Arch street. Referred to the Street Committee.

REPORT OF THE MARKET COMMITTEE.

Mr. McEwen, Chairman of the Market Committee, presented the following report:

GENTLEMEN: The Market Committee respectfully report to you that in pursuance of the authority vested in them by resolution of Nov. 29, 1869, they have contracted with Wm. M. Lyon and others, executors of John Lyon, deceased, and James B. Murray and John T. Matthews, executor of Anthony Shoat, deceased, for the purchase of twenty lots in the Fourteenth ward in the city, being lots in Millenberger's plan, numbered 1 to 10 inclusive and 23 to 32 inclusive, for which they have agreed to pay the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars, in seven years from the 1st day of April, 1870, with interest, to be secured by bonds and mortgages upon the premises. That they have procured the passage of an act of Assembly authorizing the issuing of bonds for the purchase money, approved February 25, 1870. They request you to provide by ordinances for the creation of bonds and mortgages for the purchase money in accordance with the agreement made by said Committee.

The report was accepted.

An ordinance providing for the issuing of bonds as set forth in the report was then taken up.

On motion of Mr. Isaac Jones the ordinance was passed finally under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. E. P. Jones, called up an ordinance providing for the grading of Cassett street, presented in Common Council at a previous meeting and laid over under the rules.

The ordinance was passed finally.

Mr. Kirk presented an ordinance exempting all liquid merchandise, bought and sold by weight, from gauging by the City Gauger.

Laid over under the rules.

Adjourned.

Common Council.

At ten minutes past two o'clock President Tomlinson called this branch to order, when the following members answered to the call of the roll:

Messrs. Arthurs, Albeitz, Barker, Beckman, Baymer, Black, Booth, Bradley, Cameron, Caskey, Chalmers, Cregan, Daum, Diamond, Dietrich, Duffy, Edwards, Faxon, Fedder, Farson, D. L. Fleming, John Fleming, Fulton, Gazzam, Hare, Jahn, Jamison, Jones, Kohne, Lang, Lyons, Mattern, Moyer, Mitchell, Miller, Moore, Moorhead, Morgan, Moseley, McCoy, McGann, McKelvy, Negley, H. W. Oliver, Jr., H. W. Oliver, Sr., Pender, Preston, Schleiter, Schneider, Seibert, Selferth, Seitz, Shoeb, Sims, Smith, Sneathen, Snodgrass, Varnir, Wallace, and President Tomlinson.

Minutes read and approved.

PETITIONS, &c.

Mr. Gazzam presented a resolution for the erection of a gas lamp on Third avenue. Referred to Gas Committee.

Mr. Jahn, petition and ordinance, which were referred to the Ordinance Committee. The object of this ordinance was not announced.

Mr. Hare, petition for flagstone crossing on Liberty street. Referred to Street Committee, with power to act.

Also, petition for grading and paving Catharino alley, Eleventh ward, accompanied by ordinance. Petition accepted and ordinance passed to second reading.

WATER CLOSETS IN THE MARKET BUILDINGS.

Mr. D L. Fleming said he presented the following ordinance at the solicitation of numbers of those interested. That such a necessity existed was evident to every one:

An ordinance authorizing the creation of water closets for the use of tenants and occupants of the Diamond Market Buildings, city of Pittsburgh:

SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in Select and Common Councils assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same, that the Superintendent of Markets be authorized and directed to advertise for proposals for the erection of proper Water Closet conveniences, in such portions of the market buildings as may be agreed upon by the Market Committee, for the accommodation of country people attending market, butchers, hucksters and all others transacting business or occupying places as tenants in the market buildings.

SEC. 2 That any ordinance or part of ordinance conflicting with the passage of this ordinance be and from time to time the same is hereby repealed.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, it was referred to the Market Committee.

The same gentleman also presented a resolution for the erection of a gas lamp on Wylie avenue, half way between Washington and Webster avenue. Referred to Gas Committee.

Mr. Moorhead, petition for opening Gemmill street, Seventeenth ward. Referred to Street Committee.

Mr. Daum, petition from Dickson, Marshall & Co. for privilege to erect an iron clad addition to their works, Twelfth ward. Referred to Committee on Wooden Buildings.

Mr. Wallace, petitions for two gas lamps in Twelfth ward. Referred to Gas Committee.

Mr. Duff, petition for the repeal of an ordinance for opening Kirkpatrick street. Referred to street Committee.

Mr. McGann, remonstrance against opening of Locust street, Sixth ward. Referred to Street Committee.

Mr. Black, petition for grading and paving Pine alley. Referred to Street Committee.

Mr. Mitchell, petition from a citizen of the Fourth ward, to erect four brick buildings without fire walls. Referred to the Committee on Wooden Buildings.

Mr. Deitrich, petition for paving of Main street. Referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. Negley, petition from Caspar Negley asking for the payment of the amount due him ($300) of the Indemnity Fund of Collins township, assumed by the city at the time of consolidation. Referred to the Finance Committee with power to act.

FROM THE STREET COMMITTEE.

Mr. Morgan, from the Street Committee, presented the following business which was disposed of as noted. An ordinance for the opening of Arch street to an uniform width of fifty feet. A remonstrance was presented against the passage of this ordinance. Both papers were referred back to the Street Committee for consideration; ordinance for opening of Kirkpatrick street: read three times and passed under suspension of rules. Ordinance for laying of switch track connecting their furnace with the Allegheny Valley Railroad track, as directed by City Engineer. Read three times and passed. Bill of Stewart McKee for $25 for preparing excessive assessment on property on Webster avenue. Referred to Finance Committee with power to act.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Sims, from the Committee on Fire Engines and Hose, presented their report, with the following Act of Assembly:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in general assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the Councils of the city of Pittsburgh be, and they are hereby empowered to establish, organize and control a Paid Fire Department in and for the city of Pittsburgh, and to provide for the expenses thereof.

SEC. 2. That for the purpose aforesaid, and in addition to other revenues, it shall be lawful for the said Councils to assess and collect a special tax upon all Fire, Marine and Life Insurance Companies doing business within said city, said tax not to exceed in any one year the amount of three and one half mills on the dollar of the gross receipts of said companies.

SEC. 3 The said Councils shall have full power to make all necessary and proper rules and ordinances for the government of said Fire Department, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the State of Pennsylvania, and to enforce the same by proper penalties.

Mr. Morgan moved to receive and file the act as read. Carried.

The following resolutions were then read:

WHEREAS, It will require some time to deliberate and mature a plan to organize the new Fire Department, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire Engines and Hose be and they are hereby authorized to take possession of all property used by the late Fire Department of Pittsburgh, except the engines and horses and other property purchased by private citizens.

Resolved, That said Committee on Fire Engines and Hose be and they are hereby authorized to order warrants on the City Treasurer in favor of Wm. Phillips and James McAuley, Esqs., for the amounts paid to others for engines, horses and other property of the late Pittsburgh Fire Department, with interest thereon.

Resolved, That said Committee on Fire Engines and Hose be and they are hereby instructed to ascertain and report to Councils what claims, if any, the former fire companies may have on property belonging to or used by them respectively.

Resolved, That said Committee on Fire Engines and Hose be and they are hereby authorized to effect and enter into a temporary organization of as many engines and hook carriages as they may be able to obtain possession of, not exceeding six engines and hose carriages, and other property belonging thereto.

Mr. Oliver, Jr., moved the adoption of the resolutions as read.

Mr. McKelvey and Mr. Morgan objected.

Mr. Sims moved to suspend the rules and adopt the resolutions. Lost.

The resolutions were then laid over.

The report was accompanied by the following ordinance:

Be it ordained, etc., That for the purpose of establishing a Paid Fire Department, as authorized by the Act of Assembly entitled "an act to establish the Pittsburgh Fire Department," approved the 26th day of March, A. D. 1870, a tax is hereby levied for the year 1870, upon all the Fire Marine and Life Insurance Companies and agencies doing business within the city of Pittsburgh, of three and one half mills on the dollar of the gross receipts of said companies for the year 1870, to be estimated by the assessors from the receipts of the tax to be assessed and collected in the same manner as other city taxes are assessed and collected. Laid over under the rules.

CITY PRINTING.

Mr. Mattern presented the report of the Committee on City Printing, setting forth that the contract for city job printing had been let to Haven & Co.; an additional contract for job printing to A. A. Anderson & Co., and the printing of the "Municipal Record" to the "Commercial Printing Company," at a price of $750. The chairman ruled the paper out of order, as it had not been signed by any member of the committee except the chairman. That gentleman was granted leave to get the signatures of his colleagues.

Mr. Fleming said he wished to offer a resolution which he thought due to the Printing Committee and to all concerned. It was alleged that the awarding of the contract for "Municipal Record," had not been done as the ordinance required. The gentleman was proceeding to read the resolution, when

The President ruled the paper out of order, as it was not the time to receive resolutions.

THE "LONG BILL."

Mr. Morgan, from the Special Committee appointed to ascertain if any member of C. C. had been instrumental in framing and forwarding to the Legislature the "Long bill" creating a Paid Fire Department in Pittsburgh, reported that Mr. Seibert, of the Eighteenth ward, had been present at the meeting, happening by accident in the building where held. The Committee excused his participation. Mr. Tomlinson, of the Fourth ward, was present also and presided at the meeting, but as he went to the meeting unaware of its object, and also repeatedly refused to preside, finally being prevailed upon to accept the place, he was excused for his participation.

The report was read, accepted and ordered to be printed.

SUBDIVISION OF ELECTION PRECINCT.

Mr. McKelvy offered an ordinance for the division of the Twelfth ward, Pittsburgh into two election districts. Making the office of Samuel McKee, Penn street, the polls of the second precinct. The ordinance was read three time and passed under suspension of the rules.

THE MUNICIPAL RECORD.

The report of the Printing Committee properly signed, was now presented and received.

Mr. Snodgrass offered a resolution setting forth that there were certain rumors afloat to the effect that the letting of the "Municipal Record" was not fairly let; that therefore a special Committee of three from the Common and two from Select be appointed by Councils to investigate the matter and bring it properly before them at their next meeting. The contract in the meantime to be suspended.

Mr. Fleming—I move the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Morgan I object. The contract has been let, and we can't do anything with it now.

Mr. Fleming—The resolution suspends the contract until the matter has been investigated.

Mr. McKelvy—It's no use now, the contract is let. The Committee were instructed to act and they have done so. We can't get back of that.

Mr. Moorhead—I intend to lay the resolution on the table. A vote was taken on this last motion, which was carried.

The report was then received and approved.

PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Morgan offered a resolution, instructing the Committee on Fire Engines and Hose, to report an ordinance for the same to be depositing the same to be prepared for consideration at the next session of Council on Monday afternoon, April 4th, 1870,—the ordinance to be laid on the desk of each member.

Mr. Duff, presented a resolution instructing the Committee to prepare an ordinance providing for the payment of expenses of police, while in search of criminals. Read the city. Read three times and passed.

PLEASANT VALLEY RAILROAD.

Mr. Lyons, petition from Pleasant Valley Passenger Railway Company asking for privilege of track from Hand street to Postoffice, by way of Seventeenth avenue and Smithfield street. Petition accepted.

THE FRANKSTOWN ROAD.

Mr. Arthurs offered a resolution instructing Street or Road Commissioners to have the toll gates on the Frankstown Plankroad removed outside the city limits. Referred to officers of the city being authorized to bring about the same by the company unless the toll houses were removed.

Mr. Morgan said this could not be done. No power could take away the rights of an incorporated company in that way.

Mr. Barton said the company had the right to that road and could collect toll there perpetually unless that portion of the road was purchased. The only method of arranging the matter would be to settle upon terms with the company and buy the road. The city could get possession of it in no other way. He then offered a resolution, as an amendment to the resolution, directing the appointment of a committee of three to confer with the officers of the company and ascertain what terms the road could be purchased. The amendment, after some discussion, was adopted.

The Clerk was then instructed to notify Select Council that Common Council was ready to meet in joint session for the election of Water Commissioners.

After the adjournment of the joint session, C. C. resumed business.

The following business acted upon in Select Council at the previous meeting, was concurred in: Accepting remonstrances against paving of Locust street. Report of Committee on Roads, to which committee petition to erect a wharf boat at the Point. Referring petition for extension of Liberty bridge. Second and third reading of ordinance providing for the Building Committee. Referring to Select Committee William Smith's petition for privilege to erect an iron clad building.

Referring to Finance Committee, with power to act, petition of Thomas Bissell for payment of $194, amount of bond of Lawrenceville assumed by city at consolidation. Accepting remonstrance against paving Thirty-second street. Passing resolution authorizing payment of John Bissell out of $15 for posting city notices. Referring to Survey Committee petition for new road in Twenty-third ward. Referring to Ordinance Committee ordinance granting Allen & Co. privilege to erect an uncovered iron bridge over Church alley. Passing finally ordinance for opening of Sandusky street. Passing finally ordinance for the opening of Bedford street, grading and paving Tustin street, paving Madison street, changing name of Westminster avenue to Westminster avenue. Accepting reports of Road and Property Committees and granting latter committee power to act in the matter of the Washington Graveyard.

VEHICLE LICENSE.

The ordinance in relation to vehicle licenses, passed by Select branch, was taken up. After considerable discussion the yeas and nays were called on a motion to concur, with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Barton, Beckman, Reymer, Bradley, Farson, John Fleming, Jones, Kohne, Lyons, Moorhead, Morgan, Moseley, Negley, W. H. Oliver, Sr., Schleiter, Schneider, Seibert, Smith, Varner and President Tomlinson—20.

Nays—Messrs. Arthurs, Albeitz, Baker, Black, Booth, Cameron, Caskey, Chalmers, Cregan, Daum, Diamond, Dietrich, Duffy, Edwards, Fedder, Fleming, Fulton, Gazzam, Hare, Jahn, Lang, Mattern, Moyer, Mitchell, Miller, Moore, McCoy, McKelvy, Negley, H. W. Oliver, Jr., Pender, Preston, Schleiter, Schneider, Seibert, Selferth, Seitz, Shoeb, Sims, Smith, Sneathen, Snodgrass, Varnir, Wallace, and President Tomlinson—37.

So the ordinance was laid over.

In all other business C. C. concurred.

Adjourned.

Joint Session.

Councils assembled in joint session for the purpose of electing three Water Commissioners in accordance with an ordinance recently passed.

President McAuley, of the Select branch, presided, and after stating the object, announced nominations in order.

The following gentlemen were nominated: Messrs. F. Shaleper, J. K. Moorhead, John P. Pears, Jas. P. Barr, Geo. A. Berry, W. G. Hughart, Wm. R. Brown and Andrew Miller.

Before the vote had been announced, on motion, the three having the highest number of votes were declared elected.

The following was the result: Shaleper, 81; Moorhead, 72; Berry, 37; Pears, 23; Brown, 33, Hughart, 21; Miller, 11; Barr, 16.

The Joint Session then adjourned.

Choice Real Estate.

Capitalists interested in the purchase of real estate would consult their interests by examining the advertisement of Thomas Steele, Esq., Surveyor of Customs, in relation to the sale of a portion of the Marine Hospital lot. The former bids for this land, comprising between two and three acres, were rejected by Secretary McCulloch and the property will be offered at public auction on Monday, April 4, 1870, at noon, at the Custom House, Pittsburgh. It is rarely that such a fine piece of property for almost any purpose is put upon the market. As a manufacturing site it is unsurpassed in this vicinity. Two railroads and a river afford convenience for shipments at any point, while its proximity to the cities is an advantage which any manufacturer will readily appreciate. The terms are very easy. Full particulars made known on day of sale. There is no better opportunity for the investment of money in the real estate line.

Henry Paulus, having been burned out at 124 Ohio avenue, has removed his boot and shoe store and factory to the corner of Fulton and Sheffield streets, 21st instant he will be glad to wait on his friends and customers as usual.

FIRE STATISTICS.

The Fire Marshal's Report—Allegheny County's Losses in 1869 from Conflagrations—Important Information and Suggestions.

Yesterday, in the Common Pleas Court, Judge Collier presiding, George W. Murphy, Esq., Fire Marshal for Allegheny County, presented his annual report, of which the following is an extended synopsis:

The report commences with a statement that the losses have been larger corresponding period, save 1867, since the organization of the office. The amounting in the aggregate to $852,173, tributed as follows:

Residencies and boarding houses occupied by one family.	Glass Factories.	Iron Works.
Loss..... $72,600	Loss..... $76,140	$ 67,702
Insurance.... 36,650	Insurance.... 12,500	32,194
Stores and Shops.	Dwellings.	Cotton Mills.
Loss..... $ 99,417	Loss..... $4,263	$107,468
Insurance.... 57,500	Insurance.... 28,500	115,500
Saw Mills.	Planing & Shingle	School House.
Loss..... $ 4,500	Loss..... $72,500	Miscellaneous.
Insurance.... 2,500	Insurance.... 36,500	$ 62,918 15 000

On which insurance has been effected

The losses of the year ending March 27, as compared with previous years, is as follows—from August 29 to March 28:

1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.
Gross loss.$295,125	$1,454,225	$564,150	$415,550	$852,467
Ins. Paid.$175,501	330,911	360,662	211,264	352,955

Nearly one-half the amount lost was occasioned by two fires, viz: Forsyth & Bros.' refinery, and the cotton factory of A. H. Childs & Co. At the former there was a loss of $205,950, and by the latter $167,088. These are the most disastrous fires that have occurred within this county, of which I have any record, since the great fire of April 10, 1845.

During the year the number of fires and alarms of fire have been 221. Of these 16 were false, and 40 needless, occasioned by burning chimnies, etc., 48 were attended with trifling loss, and 117 were absolute fires. Of the actual fires 19 were the work of incendiarism, or supposed to be after a careful and critical examination of the facts, and 22 were caused by defective flues, and only 6 from unknown causes. Originating from defective flues, the most disastrous was the burning of the Fifth ward school house, of Allegheny city. I believe it is a duty to the community to comment freely upon this fire. That it was caused by criminal carelessness on the part of those persons who made the flue but four inches thick, and drove pieces of wood in, to which they could attach the wainscot, is, to my mind beyond a doubt. Large quantities of soot had collected in the bend of this flue over the window, which being ignited, communicated the fire to the pieces of wood driven into the flue, and from thence to the wainscot. This would have been the necessary consequence even had the wall of the flue been four inches thick. But, in a flue with a wall only four inches thick, an accumulation of soot once on fire for an hour would have been intense enough to have fired the wainscot.

Although there have been incendiary or supposed incendiary fires since my last report, yet after the closest investigation no clue could be found to the parties committing the acts, and no arrests have been made. Of the seven persons under arrest for arson mentioned in my last report, six were tried and acquitted.

I am of the opinion that if our authorities would offer a reward of five hundred dollars for the arrest and conviction of incendiaries, it would deter many from committing the crime, and the police would have some object rather than merely performing their duty, in bringing the guilty parties to justice. I also earnestly recommend that some such amending toward be offered.

A large number of the fires arise from stove pipes, ash boxes, heating apparatus carelessly put up, honey-combed chimnies, etc. I would recommend the law governing the Fire Marshal be so amended so as to give him power to suppress nuisances of this character.

I would further recommend granting the Fire Marshal authority to appoint three deputies for Pittsburgh, two for Allegheny city, and two for the boroughs on the South side, one for McKeesport, and one for Allentown, giving them the power of the Marshal, but to report each fire to him as early as possible. It is impossible for the Fire Marshal to be at all fires, and frequently while investigating one, others occur. McKeesport, especially, needs a deputy. It has suffered very heavily in the last three years. No less than $210,000 worth of property has been destroyed since 1867, $50,000 of which was within the past year.

The Marshal comments at length on the Paid Fire Department question illustrating the benefits of the system by its working in Allegheny, and other large cities.

No deaths have occurred among the firemen caused by accident at a fire, but several were severely burned at the oil refinery of Forsythe Brothers.

Several deaths have occurred, and many persons have been severely injured by the overturning of all lamps, and by attempts made to kindle fires with oil from cans.

Mr. Murphy concludes his lengthy and comprehensive report by returning thanks to various persons who assisted him in the discharge of the duties pertaining to his office.

THE COURTS.

United States District Court—Judge McCandless.

MONDAY, March 28.—Peter Smith, indicted for selling casks containing fermented liquor without having stamps thereon, plead guilty and was sentenced to Master's imprisonment and to pay a fine of one hundred dollars and costs of suit.

The case of the United States vs. Julius Adler, Louis Rosenberg and Penrose Fleischer, was resumed and occupied the attention of the Court during the remainder of the day.

District Court—Judge Kirkpatrick.

MONDAY, March 28.—The cases of Caldwell & Brax, vs. James Millinger, garnishee of Charles Goehring, owner of the steamboat "John F. Carr," and same plaintiffs vs. same defendant, garnishee of Goehring, impleaded with James Westinmeyer, owners of the steamboat "Col. Steele," were taken up for trial together. These were attachments in the nature of an execution, to recover money in the hands of the defendant as garnishee of Mr. Goehring. The cases are still on trial.

TRIAL LIST FOR TUESDAY.

188 Reinsenhauser vs. Keep et al.
189 Seidel vs. Same.
131 Rector & Co. vs. And. Ch. vs. Hogg.
156 Kreiling et ux. vs. Barker et al.
110 Citizens Oil Ref. Co. vs. Dilworth.
115 Jacoby vs. Schoen et al.
123 Hartman & Co. vs. McDonald.
176 Brown, use, vs. R. R. "Reindeer."
180 S. R. "Grey Fox" vs. Millingar, McClay & Co.

Quarter Sessions—Judge Sterrett.

MONDAY, March 28.—T. Kennedy was placed on trial on an indictment charging him with the embezzlement of money belonging to Van Gorder and Sheppard, the accused was the driver of an oyster wagon belonging to the above named firm, and it is alleged he collected bills and failed to hand the money over to his employers. Jury out.

John Wood, who was sixteen years of age on the sixteenth day of last November, was arraigned for trial on an indictment containing three counts, as follows: 1st, seduction; 2nd, seduction under promise of marriage; 3rd, *fornex et cet.* The prosecuting witness in the case, Miss Annie Seibert, a young woman of about seventeen summers, testified that the offences charged in the indictment were committed on or about the 24th of March, 1869. The defense called a number of witnesses to prove that the prosecutrix was a woman of bad reputation, several of whom testified that her character for chastity in the neighborhood of Hite's station, on the Western Pennsylvania Railroad, where she resided, was not good. The case was not concluded at the time of adjournment.

LIST FOR TUESDAY.

202 Com. vs. Frank Morgan.
204 " " J. Smith.
205 " " Henry Bean, 2 cases.
207 " " Fred. Dollman.
171 " " Darly Holland, 2 cases.
182 " " Michael Sharman.
123 " " George Muckler.
131 " " Abraham O. Tilman.

Common Pleas—Judge Collier.

MONDAY, March 28.—The case of Wenand & Heim vs. Moses Good was taken up.

This was an action in replevin for a buggy, valued at one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

TRIAL LIST FOR TUESDAY.

46. Rankin's Ex'r, vs. O'Neal.
49. Stoonfer et al, vs. Hamilton.
52. P. & U. Gas and Coal Co. vs. Bailey.
53. Same vs. Hartman.
54. Same vs. Henderson.
55. Snodgrass, use, vs. Snodgrass et al.
56. Thompson vs. Moore et al.
57. Barrett & Bro. vs. Ewart.
58. Courain vs. Hastings et al.
59. Summer & Co. vs. Updegraff et ux.
62. Bonnert vs. Sterling.

Gold Down—Boots and shoes Down.—Silver given in change to all purchasers of Boots and Shoes. Infant's Fancy Shoes only ten cents at 28 Fifth avenue.

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CHILD STEALING.

A Little Child Abducted—Strange Procedure—Arrest of a Man Accused of the Offense—No Trace of the Child.

Last Saturday evening a little girl was stolen from the House of the Friendless, Washington street, Allegheny, under rather peculiar circumstances. Shortly after school hours she was playing in the yard with a number of companions when a man appeared at the railing which encloses the premises. He had in his hand a lot of candy, with which he attacted the attention of the child. In response to his invitation she came forward to receive the gift. When within reaching distance, the man suddenly lifted her over the fence and started off. Her cries attracted her playmates, but the man was gone before he could be secured.

She was about six years of age, and the daughter of Mr. William B. Sterrett, of the Atlas Works of this city. The gentleman has one or two other children at the Home As soon as he was informed of the occurrence he set to work and by diligent search at last discovered sufficient to lead him to make information before Alderman Masters against Robert George Deer, charging him with child stealing or abduction. The accused was arrested and brought before the Alderman. He refused to answer any questions and maintained a sullen dogged silence through out the hearing. He was committed to jail in default of one thousand dollars bail for trial. No information in regard to the child, and no trace of it has yet been discovered. It is said the evidence pointing to him as the criminal is very