Gazette. SUBURBAN.

Office Rooms for Rent.—Three fine rooms in GAZETTE Building, second floor, fronting on Smithfield street and Sixth avenue. Marble mantel pieces, water and other conveniences. These rooms are very desirable and will be fitted up to suit parties wishing to occupy them. Apply at Counting Room.

Next Sunday is "egg day"—Easter.

Yesterday was a bad day for the spring fashions.

Allegheny Councils will meet next Thursday night.

Merchants are busy receiving goods for the spring trade.

Six Vagrants were taken over to the Workhouse yesterday.

The Allegheny Park has again become the favorite promenading ground.

The filthy condition of our streets was a subject of general complaint yesterday.

Rafts are coming down from the head waters of the Allegheny in large numbers. The city is lively with raftsmen.

The Central Board of Education will hold a regular meeting this afternoon at two o'clock, at their rooms on Fourth avenue.

The Printing and Water Committees of Allegheny Councils held meetings last night. Nothing but routine business was transacted.

Long Terms—George Lacy and James Douglass, sentenced to one year each at the Workhouse for larceny, were taken home yesterday.

Bishop Payne, now presiding at the African M. E. Conference, in this city, is said to be one of the finest scholars in ecclesiastical circles.

The old St. Lawrence Hotel, Allegheny, is no more. Upon the site the new building for Sample, the dry goods prince, is to be built.

Allegheny, within the past three months, has been remarkably free from fires. The new department gives the most unlimited satisfaction.

The old shanties adjoining Frasier's block, in the Diamond, Allegheny, are being torn down, preparatory to the erection of new buildings on the site.

James Hurd was before Alderman Donaldson yesterday charged with selling liquor without license, on oath of John Conrad. The parties reside in Mansfield.

Query.—A gentleman doing business in Allegheny desires to know whether the tanners' dogs have an exclusive right to River avenue. He says the dogs think so and exercise it.

Ground will be broken in a few days on the excavation for the foundation of the fence to be constructed around City Hall, Allegheny. The fence must be completed according to the contract by next July 4

Broke Down.—A wagon loaded with staves, broke down again yesterday evening at the corner of Middle and Ohio streets, Allegheny. The cars on the Troy Hill road were detained for some time in consequence of the accident.

Peter Soiper was before Alderman Taylor yesterday charged with throwing a poker at the head of Margaret Shehan and threatening to split her head open. He was held for a hearing on an information for surety of the peace.

A young man was knocked down and severely beaten Sunday evening on the Spring Garden road, Seventh ward, Allegheny, by three roughs whom he met and refused to "treat" according to their demand. They are not known.

Yesterday afternoon William Woods was before Mayor Callow, charged with stealing a skiff from Neville Island. The craft was the property of George Cummings, and was valued at thirty dollars. The accused gave bail for a hearing.

A third hearing was had yesterday in the case of Mary Birley, charged on oath of J. D. Repren with maintaining a disorderly house on Union alley. A number of witnesses were examined, when the Alderman held the case over for a decision.

A Rafts man and a car driver had a set-to in front of the Passenger Station on Sixth street last evening. Blows were exchanged, a deal of swearing gone through with and a crowd attracted to the spot. The excitement quieted down in a few minutes.

Slight Fire.—Early yesterday morning there was work in the interior of the watch tower at the Penitentiary in Allegheny was found to be on fire. Happily the incipient conflagration was discovered in time and extinguished without much damage. The origin is not known.

The alarm of fire yesterday morning about nine o'clock from box 37, Allegheny fire department, was occasioned by the burning of a quantity of household goods at No. 10 Morgan street, Fourth ward. The Columbia was on the ground and extinguished the flames. Young Night.

False Report.—Some persons desiring to work an injury to Pittsburgh Division No. 42, Sons of Temperance, have reported that this division was broken up. We are requested to state the report is untrue, and that the division meets every Tuesday night on Fourth avenue, in Lemeny's building, between Wood and Market streets.

Knock-Down.—Thomas McLavin and John Kinney had a knock down entertainment at Woods Run yesterday afternoon. McLavin's eyes were draped in mourning. Kinney came off victorious without a scar. Last evening, however, he came to grief—was arrested and locked up for a hearing on a charge of assault and battery.

Allegheny needs a central fire alarm bell. The authorities propose to connect the wires with the North avenue M. E. church bell and use it for the purpose. The attachment could be made at small expense and would not interfere with the regular use of the bell for its original purpose. The trustees of the church have not yet given their consent to the arrangement.

Presentation.—An incident of more than usual interest took place at the rooms of the First Presbyterian Church Library Association, on which occasion the Association presented to the pastor, Rev. S. F. Scovel, a complete set of the English Cyclopedia. Mr. A. S. Bell, in a neat and appropriate speech, presented the gift to the pastor, who replied in a feeling manner.

Fire Marshal Butler was engaged yesterday in investigating the circumstances attending the recent slight fire at Dunlap's machine shop, near the Point, on Penn street, which occurred Friday evening. An employe of the firm is accused of incendiarism in the matter. The hearing will be continued Wednesday afternoon, the accused in the meantime being under bail.

Committed for Trial.—Henry Kelly, against whom there are two charges of larceny one for robbing the house of Mr. R. Bruce, near East Liberty, of silverware, jewelry &c., and the other by Mr. Saint of Sharpsburg, for the stealing of his overcoat, was brought before the Mayor for a hearing yesterday. He was committed to jail for trial on both cases in default of bail for his appearance.

Watched.—On Friday evening, the 8th, a very pleasant time was had at the "Soldiers' Home" in the Sixth ward, Allegheny. Mr. H. Paulus presented a handsome watch to Mr. Mr Zutegit, a friend who had placed him under obligations which he took this method of acknowledging. The usual speeches were made and toasts were pledged, a large company enjoying the occasion.

A Quintet.—John Quin, Michael Qoin, Patrick Quin, Frank Quin and Mrs. Quin were amusing themselves, on Sunday evening, by knocking each other down, when the four male members of the Quintet were arrested, and taken to the Twelfth ward station house, where they were provided with lodgings until yesterday morning, when they were taken before his Honor the Mayor, who imposed a fine of five dollars upon each of them.

Bad Check.—Robert McGraw, of the firm of Marshall & McGraw, grocers in the Diamond, made information yesterday before Alderman McMasters against Thos. Healy for false pretence. The accused is charged with borrowing a five dollar bill on the evening of April 1st, to pay his moving expenses, giving therefor a check for the amount on the Merchants' Savings' Bank, which afterward proved to be worthless. The accused was held for trial.

THE COURTS.

United States District Court—Judge McCandless.

MONDAY, April 11.—In the case of the United States vs. Louis D. Shields, previously reported, the jury found a verdict of guilty.

The case of the United States vs. Eugene Raffe was next taken up. Defendant was charged with carrying on the business of cigar manufacturer without having a sign indicating his business. A verdict of guilty was rendered, and the Court sentenced the defendant to pay a fine of $100 and costs.

United States vs. Wm. Cohen, indicted for selling unstamped cigars, was next tried. The defense entered a plea of insanity, and had summoned several well known physicians of the city as witnesses. Just as counsel was entering upon his defense, and in the act of calling one of the physicians to the witness stand, Cohen was suddenly seized with an epileptic fit. He fell to the floor, and for some moments was terribly convulsed. The circumstance brought the case to a sudden termination, and a verdict of not guilty was rendered. Two cases of forfeiture, in which Cohen was claimant, was also decided in his favor, the Court holding that the acts of forfeiture must be committed by a sane person.

The next case taken up was that of the United States vs. William Hartman, indicted for carrying on the business of brewer without giving bonds; failing to cancel stamps put on packages containing beer, not putting stamps over spiggot holes. The case is still on trial.

District Court—Judge Kirkpatrick.

MONDAY, April 11.—In the case of Poste vs. Burns, previously reported, a juror was withdrawn and the case amicably settled.

The first case taken up was that of Dr. John Parchment vs. Stewart McKee; action to recover damages for closing and obstructing an alley, the right of way over which plaintiff claims. The alley, it appears, runs through defendant's property, and plaintiff claims a prescriptive right of way over it. Defendant denies the claim and closed the alley. Notion for non-suit by defendant's counsel and case postponed until Tuesday morning.

The next case taken up was that of Jacoby's heirs vs. Schoen & Laurent; action in ejectment for possession of two lots of ground in the Nineteenth ward. On trial.

TRIAL LIST FOR TUESDAY.

180 Owners of steam tug "Gray Fox" vs Millinger, McCloy & Co.
194 Brown vs Seifert.
134 (O. L.) Waring & King vs Miller & Co.
101 (O. L.) Napier vs Darlington.
98 (O. L.) Leaky vs Nobbs.
108 (O. L.) Schalk vs Finney.
73 Hutchinson vs Buffum, Kehew & Co.
97 Haigh & Co., for use, vs steamboat "Australia."
108 Irwin vs Shaffer & Blonden.
140 Owners of steamer "Wild Cat" vs steamboat "Whale."

Quarter Sessions—Judge Sterrett.

MONDAY, April 11.—The case of the Commonwealth vs. J. B. Morrow, previously reported, was resumed. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty and directed that each party pay one-half the costs.

George Lacy, a colored man, indicted for the larceny of a pair of pants and a pair of sleeve buttons from Rev. T. B. Clark, plead guilty and was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution, a fine of six cents and undergo an imprisonment in the county work house for a period of one year.

The next case taken up was that of the Commonwealth vs. James Smith, alias Wm. Harris, and Henry Le Mar, indicted for felonious assault and battery. Thos. Hamilton prosecutor. The defendants are colored men, and it was alleged by the prosecutor that they came to his house, at the corner of Webster avenue and Tannehill street, about 12 o'clock on the night of March 24th, 1870, and after breaking the door open entered the house. He remonstrated with them, and endeavored to have them go out, which they refused to do. He then pushed them out of the door, and closed it. Defendants still remained on the steps, and prosecutor went out of another door to call the police, when he received a wound in the arm from a pistol ball. The officers hearing the report of the pistol, hurried to the spot and arrested the defendants. The prosecutor did not see who fired the shot, nor could he recognize which of them, if either, fired it. The police officer who made the arrest testified to having seen the flash of the pistol, and swore that it was fired from the hands of the defendants, but he could not say which. The next morning a revolver was found in a vacant lot near where the shooting occurred.

The next case taken up was that of the Commonwealth vs. Ellie Bennett, Joseph Roberts, Charles Roberts, Rachel Lee and Susan Nell, against whom there were two indictments, one for assault and battery and the other for larceny. Ann Costello prosecutor. The defendants are children two colored boys, aged respectively eight and ten years, and the others are white girls aged eight, nine and twelve years. It was alleged by the prosecutor, who lives in Temperanceville, that she sent her daughter, Mary Costello, a girl about ten years of age, to the store in Temperanceville, a short distance from her home on the evening of the 5th of March, where she was set upon by the defendants who after beating and abusing her took a shawl from her which they carried away. On trial.

TRIAL LIST FOR TUESDAY.

130 Com. vs. Charles Connell.
119 " W. B. Drew.
817 " J. P. Sweeny.
315 " John Steine.
543 " J. H. Gibson.
338 " Frank Vogel & Geo. Schmitt
337 " Catharine Koehler.
225 " Peter Mewes.
Com. vs. Patrick Dolan.
322 " Wm. Byerly.
144 " James Wallbank.
326 " Wm. Shore—2 cases.
321 " James Donaldson—2 cases.
333 " Richard Allen.
339 " James N. Brown et al.

Common Pleas—Judge Stowe.

MONDAY, April 11.—The first case taken up was that of James B. Hill vs. Edward Prethey, *sci. fa.* on a mechanic's lien on a two story frame house on Chestnut street, city of Pittsburgh. Verdict for defendant.

The next case taken up was that of the Central Passenger Railway Company vs. The Oakland Passenger Railway Company. Action to recover compensation for the use of that portion of the passenger railway track from the corner of Fifth avenue and Wylie street to Fourth avenue and Market street. The Oakland Passenger Railway Company originally owned the tracks of both routes, and some time since sold to the Pittsburgh and Minersville Passenger Railway Company their interest in the Minersville road, making an absolute conveyance to said company of the track and rolling stock from Market street to the terminus of the line, in which they allege there was an implied reservation of the right for the vendors to run the cars of their line over that portion of the track in dispute. This implied right was, it appears, acknowledged by the Minersville Company, and for four years was exercised without question. At the end of that time the Minersville Company conveyed their interest in said road, making an absolute conveyance thereof, without reservation either implied or expressed, to the Central Passenger Railroad Company. The Central Company on this conveyance claim the exclusive right to use said tracks unless they receive reasonable compensation for the use thereof, to recover which this suit is brought. On trial.

TRIAL LIST FOR TUESDAY.

81 Dollman et. ux. vs. Gilmore, Straub & Co.
99 Thoma vs Stein & Mimm.
101 Tusten & Kee vs. Reed.
102 Armstrong vs. Grubbs.
105 Pentz vs. Graff.
107 Board of Health vs. Altmon.
108 Thompson vs. Reiter.
78 Hothouse vs. Menta.
110 McClintock vs. Nesbitt.
111 Wightman vs. Mars.

Artistic.

We have been shown a piece of handiwork; painting and gilding on glass, illustrative of the art of printing, from an original design, executed by Mr. Charles McOwan, which is as fine as artistic an execution as we have ever seen in that line. "Charley" was long engaged in the GAZETTE establishment as office-boy, and was most faithful and attentive, good and trustworthy, and we are glad he is making such headway in the profession he has adopted. The caricatures which appeared on our bulletin boards during the past several campaigns which provoked so much fun and admiration, were from the ordinary marking brush in his hands, and all the designs were original and humorous. His talents laid in the direction of art, and we are glad he has found place to improve his genius in that direction, and predict for him a high reputation in the profession he has chosen.

MONTHLY PETROLEUM REPORT.

Production—Development—Number of New Wells Drilling—Stock of Petroleum in the Region.

We have received the Titusville *Herald* of yesterday, which contains the usual monthly petroleum report, from which we make the following extracts:

There was no great alteration in the total yield of oil during the month. On Upper Cherry Run there was a considerable increase, but in all other districts in which there was not a decrease, the enlargement was small. Among the latter are the Tidioute and West Hickory districts, Charley and Shaler runs, Shaw farm, Pithole, Bean & Lillie farms and vicinity, Church Run and vicinity, Storey farm, two or three of the small producing tracts on Cherry Tree Run, and the Allegheny river district, south of Franklin, in which we include the Parker's Landing and adjacent oil field. The product of the principal farms on Cherry Tree Run, as well as the older and more thoroughly developed tracts on Upper Cherry Run, exhibit a falling off at the close of the month. As also did the Foster and Gregg farms, Bull and Cow runs. At Foster farm, on the Allegheny river, the product for the entire month was about twenty-five barrels less daily than in February. On Lower Cherry Run there was a decrease of perhaps fifty barrels daily, and on the Blood, Rynd, Steele and other farms near the mouth of Oil Creek, there was a slight falling off.

The average production per day in March was 12,335 bbls. against 9,791 during March, 1869, an increase daily of 2,594 bbls.

An effort is being made to reclaim the flat portion of the Farr and Blood farms which was at one time the best producing territory on Oil Creek, but which has been "flooded" and consequently non-productive for years. Nearly all the old wells on both farms have been "plugged" or started up, and the water in each well lowered materially. At the close of the month the flats were producing about forty barrels daily, with a prospect of a much larger production in the future.

The gravity of the product has not changed since our last report, unless perhaps a slight inclination towards improvement. The average gravity is now from one and one half to two degrees lower than in August and September of last year. Tubs is due to the fact that less benzine is used in the wells. There are no longer any such grounds for complaint among refiners and shippers, as formerly existed owing to the free use of benzine, and it should be the aim of well owners to maintain as far as possible, the present gravity.

In the number of wells in process of drilling on April first, the returns from all farms, tracts, and districts show an increase of thirty-five, and a total of 433. This is a larger number than has actually been drilling at any time of which we have any record since oil development were first began. Besides the capital which has accumulated from the sales of oil, there is also a considerable amount being invested in sinking wells and the purchase of undeveloped territory by Pittsburgh, New York and other outside capitalists. There are now from three to five hundred leases in this region on which wells are being commenced, or on which by the terms of the leases, wells will be commenced during the next three or four months.

There had been a slight revival in the West Hickory district late, in consequence of the known producing lands having been greatly enlarged by the striking of moderately productive wells located at considerable distance from those which were producing at the date of our last report. These successful wells have recently called the attention of operators to that vicinity, and many leases have been taken, while operations on the old leases are being prosecuted with energy. This district embraces from three to four square miles, and the limits have not yet been ascertained.

Some of the land interests have been wise enough to limit the number of producing wells to one on every five acres, and we are glad to notice that the plan has been favorably received by most of them. At Parker's Landing there were no new developments in consequence so far as the enlargement of the territory was concerned, but as previously stated the extent of this territory, though it covers from six to eight square miles, has not yet been found.

The drilling of new wells and the commencement of others, is going on without abatement, and there is every reason to believe that there will be from four to five hundred producing wells in this district by July 1st.

On the Henderson farm and in its vicinity, more than a dozen new wells were commenced during the month. On Upper Cherry Run, and between that point and Pithole, developments are progressing rapidly, and many new wells are being commenced. The famous Pithole district has remained unchanged, the developments still being comparatively small. The Shaw and Tolle farms and others in their immediate vicinity, between Oil Creek, Lower Cherry Run and the Allegheny river, are still attracting considerable attention. Cherrytree and Charley Runs have been without any important change as regards development, and on Oatka Hill, west Oil City, operations have been less active on account of some of the wells that were completed having only produced in small quantities.

The stock on April 1st was about 83,000 barrels in excess of that on March 1st and the total amounted to 185,000 against 239,000 the same date last year, or an increase of about 100,000 barrels. The above stock embraced, as usual, the amounts at the well, and in wooden storage tanks, in the hands of pipe companies and refiners, and that in iron tankage. The stock in the hands of refiners and pipe companies amounted to 14,900 barrels and was located as follows: At Titusville 4,800; at Miller, 2,900; at Reynolds, 1,600; on Upper Cherry Run, 3,000; Boyd Farm, 2,000 and at Oil City 1,500 barrels.

The total shipments of crude equivalent of barrels of 45 gallons each, were 334,679. In this amount is included, reduced to the crude equivalent, a total shipment of 31,800 barrels of refined. The amount of refined oil shipped during March was larger than that of February. The shipments by the Allegheny river were about 35,000 barrels of 45 gallons each. There were heavy shipments by this route immediately after the first of April.

AFRICAN M. E. CONFERENCE.

Second Day's Proceedings—Death of Bishop Kingsley—Deacons Examined and Passed—Protest of a Minister—Address on Church Extension.

The Conference re-assembled yesterday morning at nine o'clock, Bishop J. M. Brown presiding. The roll was called and minutes approved.

Rev. W. H. Hunter spoke in favor of censuring absent members, unless they have good excuse for being absent.

Bishop Brown made an appropriate address on the death of Bishop Kingsley, referring in feeling language to his talents and usefulness as a minister, and the great loss the world sustained in his death.

Rev. D. E. Asbury announced the death of Elder Lewis Gross, a member of the Conference. A committee was appointed to prepare a funeral service.

The question was then resumed—"Who are elected and ordained Deacons this year?" Revs. Asbury, Hasley, Phillips and Hainsley were announced duly elected and prepared for ordination, Chas. Jones, of Wylie Street Church, was recommended for local deacon's orders. W. C. West was elected to deacon's orders in the itinerant service. Rev. A. J. Bassell was introduced by the Bishop to the Conference. The Disciplinary questions were then discussed, "What are the contingent expenses." Reports from Churches.

Rev. W. H. Hunter protested against the injustice of receiving a salary of only seven hundred dollars, while his church had an income of between four and five thousand dollars.

Rev. Mr. Stanford Gen. Book Steward of the A. M. E. Church was requested to sit as a corresponding member.

Reports of churches at Mendville and Uniontown were made, appointments announced and conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference assembled at one o'clock, Bishop Brown presiding. After devotional exercises, the reception of reports from the various churches was continued. Those heard from were Bellefonte, Monongahela circuit, Bridgewater, and Morgantown. The reports were received and filed.

The question, "Who are Deacons?" was again taken up, and the Reverends Adams and Lee examined and passed.

Bishop Brown then made a lengthy address to the Conference on the subject of church extension, urging upon them the importance for greater exertions in this vital work. His address commanded careful attention, and made a deep impression upon the hearers.

At its conclusion, the hour of adjournment having arrived, the session was closed with the benediction by the Rev. A. L. R. O. Stratford.

Amusements.

OPERA HOUSE.—The audience at the Opera House last evening, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, was quite large. Georgie Dickson, who was the recipient of a benefit, never appeared to better advantage. This evening the Queen of burlesque, Elise Holt, assisted by the excellent comedian, Harry Wall, will commence an engagement of five nights.

ALLEGHENY BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting—Report of the President.

The Ladies Bible Society of Allegheny held their annual meeting on Monday, the 4th inst., in the lecture room of Dr. Swift's church. Rev. Geo. P. Hays read the following report, which was adopted.

Forty years with their changeful scenes have passed away, and still in the kind Providence of God our Society is sustained and enabled to continue its work of distributing the word of life which is the revelation of that true "light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

In looking at the past we are ready to exclaim what hath God wrought! Millions of our race in this land who, a few years ago were in a measure denied the privilege of reading His word, are now not only freed from bondage, but the way opened for education which will fit them for reading the scriptures of truth.

And but recently, Christian hearts have throbbed with emotions of delight at the call of some of the wisest and best men of our country, men noted for their talent as well as their purity, and their call is "*Let the word of God be the standard by which our laws shall be made, and our nation governed.*"

In forty years we should, and we have taken some advanced steps. True the enemy of mankind is on the alert. Well does that enemy know that when the pure teachings of the Bible enter the heart of man, he can no longer retain his dominion over him.

We regret to record that an effort, instigated as we believe by this malevolent spirit, has been made to dismiss the Bible from our public institutions of learning; let this be accomplished and well may the friends of our common morality tremble, for although men are unwilling to acknowledge it, yet the Bible and morals are inseparably linked together.

Most if not all of those who were present at the organization of this Society have passed away; they have ceased from their labors; God has accepted of their work. But is there not new work for our hands to perform; is not the coming of Christ's blessed kingdom nearer? It may be that our eyes will not behold it, yet we may help to prepare the way, and the Master may say of each of us, "She hath done what she could." Although our labors for the past year have not been so successful as we could have wished them to be, yet liberal hearts have not been wanting in liberal things. It was proposed at our second meeting this year to engage Bible readers, encouraged by the success of this good work in New York city, where thirty-five Bible-women are daily employed, and also in the city of London, where there are two hundred and fifty employed in like manner. We have already commenced our labors in this form, and are especially impelled to its prosecution from a knowledge of the painful fact that there are many among us who live daily neglecting to read God's word, the precious promises of which are so well suited to comfort and cheer the heart amid the varied trials of life. There are hands which hang down to be lifted up, there are feeble knees to be sustained, there are mothers to whom a word may be spoken in season, there are tender babes to be taken by the hand and led to the Sabbath School, and their parents induced to attend the worship of God; there is a helping hand may be given to those who are fainting by the way, and some may be saved who are ready to perish. The temporal, as well as the spiritual wants of those who may require such help will be attended to, this Society being in harmony with the Relief Society of this city. Although our Bible-woman's work has been in operation for a short time, we have been gladdened by her some cheering incidents, one of an old man, a German, who had received a tract from her, and had distributed some time before, he had read the tract, and had kept it wrapped in paper; now that he was able to converse with the Bible-woman in his own language he opened his heart to her, telling her his greatest comfort was in reading this tract, and her visiting him at regular intervals at action taken. After consideration, it was decided to report a resolution at the next meeting of Councils authorizing the committee to rent a suitable room for the purpose, the annual rental not to exceed $500.

A resolution was also passed instructing the Park Commissioners to plant trees in the square round City Hall. The Committee was granted a short city to order this work some time in the latter part of 1869, but the season was then too far advanced. This is a practical step toward the beautifying of a spot which now is only ornamented by one sumptive wagons, mortar beds, old iron, and rubbish of that character.

The matter of providing better accommodations for the City Engineer and Controller was also considered. In this case the Committee decided to report to Council for power to authorize plans and specifications to be prepared for an addition to the city buildings at the western side for the accommodation of the Engineer and Controller. The business will be brought up at the meeting of Councils Thursday night.

Inhuman Act—A Allegheny Policman in a New hole.

We have heard of an act, which, if true as told us, was certainly very inhuman and cruel. Yesterday two dogs, not knowing they were in a civilized country, commenced fighting on Water street, Allegheny city. Mr. N. P. Duffy, who keeps a livery stable on that street, in attempting to part them, was bitten in the face by one of the belligerents. Having fear of hydrophobia, he sent word to the Mayor's office to have the dog killed. The Mayor detailed one of his braves, who immediately proceeded to the scene of action. The dog nobly faced the music. The bold policeman caught and tied the dog, then measured off two paces and shot at him eight times, each time inflicting a wound. The dog would raise on his hind legs, look his bold cruelter in the face, and mourn pitifully, as if to say, "for God's sake, give me a chance," but the slayer couldn't see it, and when his ammunition had run out he charged on the poor brute, and knocked his brains out with a club. About one hundred citizens witnessed the execution, and say it was heart-sickening. We think there are more dogs then are useful, but when Mayor Callow wants a dog killed we hope he will detail an officer who has some feeling and can shoot straight.

Quilting Frames in Law.

One of the evidences of a neighborly spirit is to lend a pair of quilting frames. Quilting frames are a great deal like umbrellas—nobody's property. They are hardly ever at home with the original owner. Mrs. A. G. King, residing in the Seventeenth ward, had a pair once, she has'nt them now. She loaned them to a neighbor Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Marshall, she says neglected to return them; in fact positively refused to return them when called upon. Mrs. King tried persuasion, but Mrs. Marshall was'nt to be persuaded, she alleges and hence she was under the painful necessity of calling the attention of deputy Mayor Nichols to Mrs. Marshall's conduct. The magistrate called it larceny by bailee and by the prompt action of one of his police, armed with a warrant secured the arrest of the offender who gave bail for a hearing.

Body Found.

Coroner Clawson held an inquest yesterday on the body of an unknown man, found floating in the Allegheny river. About one o'clock a man employed on the tow boat "Three Lights," which was tying at the foot of Seventh street, saw the body floating down the river, and procuring a skiff caught it and towed it to shore. The body had evidently been in the water for a considerable length of time, and was very much decomposed. From appearances the man was about thirty-five years of age. The body was clad in a dark colored over coat, and black coat, pants and vest of good quality. There was no evidence elicited by which the body could be identified. It was removed to Devores, where it will remain until this morning for identification. The jury returned a verdict of "found drowned."

New Market House.

A meeting of the citizens of the Twelfth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth wards was held on Friday evening last at the office of T. R. Hill & Son, corner of Thirty-third and Penn streets, to take into consideration the subject of a market house for said wards.

Mr. Z. Wainwright was called to the chair, and S. W. Reynolds appointed Secretary.

On motion, the Chairman was directed to appoint a committee of two from each ward, of which he shall be chairman, to select a site and to communicate with Councils on the subject.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

The Independence steamer was used yesterday to pump the water out of the vacant lot, corner of Twenty-ninth and Penn streets, Twelfth ward. The water had became stagnant and was a general subject of complaint among the neighbors.

PRESBYTERY MEETING.

Second Day's Proceedings of the Cumberland Presbytery—Resolutions and Reports—Statistics, &c.

Pursuant to adjournment Presbytery met Monday morning at eight and a half o'clock.

Opened with prayer by the Moderator. The first half hour was occupied in religious services.

Roll being called all the members were found to be present. Minutes of preceding meeting read and adopted.

On motion the report of the Committee on Overtures was laid on the table.

On motion the standing rule of Presbytery in relation to the appointment of a Minister to fill the pulpit of Commissioner while attending General Assembly was rescinded.

The Committee on Seasonal Reports and Statistics reported, from which we gather the following: Received during the year on examination into communion of the church, two hundred and five, and by letter thirty-seven; adult baptism, 128; infants, 25; total membership in communion, 23,029. Contributed for benevolent purposes, $39,242.

Rev. J. H. Stuckenburg being present on motion was invited to a seat as an advisory member.

The Committee on Examination then made a report, in which they reported that the candidates for licenture had made very commendable improvements, and recommended the licenture of J. B. Hale at the close of divine service in the evening.

Report of the Committee on Overtures was then taken from the table, and on motion adopted.

The report of the Committee on the State of Religion was then taken up and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Manuscript Sermons was read and adopted.

By resolution, which was adopted, Rev. E. E. Squier was appointed permanent Chairman of the Committee on the State of Religion, and Rev. J. Adams permanent Chairman of Committee of Statistics.

Presbytery then took a recess until seven o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Presbytery met again at seven o'clock, and proceeded to business.

On motion the several discourses read by candidates were sustained as parts of trial preparatory to licensure, and texts assigned them from which to prepare discourses, to be read at the next regular meeting of Presbytery.

On motion of S. Monore the following resolution and preamble was adopted:

Whereas, It is important that the Eldership of the Church should be sound in doctrine as well as practice, therefore,

Resolved, That when a Church Session feels that it is important to have the number of members increased, they are competent, having charge of the spiritual affairs of the congregation, to make nominations for the action for a vote of the congregation.

Recess was then taken for divine service, at the close of which J. B. Hale was licensed to preach the Gospel.

On motion, *resolved*, that it is the sense of this Presbytery that there would be no impropriety in Bros. Gordon and Sproule receiving the licensure from the faculty of Allegheny, Mass., usually given to its graduates.

On motion, the minutes were read and approved.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned with prayer and benediction, to meet at the time and place recorded in minutes.

CITY IMPROVEMENTS.

Meeting of the Allegheny City Property Committee—Armory for the Zouaves—Ornamentation of City Hall Square—Addition to City Hall.

The Committee on City Property, of Allegheny Councils, held a meeting last evening, chairman George D. Riddle presiding. After ordering the payment of the usual monthly bills, and transacting some routine business, the question of providing an armory for the Heath Zouaves was taken up and discussed. The matter was before the committee at their last meeting, but no definite action taken. After consideration, it was decided to report a resolution at the next meeting of Councils authorizing the committee to rent a suitable room for the purpose, the annual rental not to exceed $500.

A resolution was also passed instructing the Park Commissioners to plant trees in the square round City Hall. The Committee was granted a short city to order this work some time in the latter part of 1869, but the season was then too far advanced. This is a practical step toward the beautifying of a spot which now is only ornamented by one sumptive wagons, mortar beds, old iron, and rubbish of that character.

The matter of providing better accommodations for the City Engineer and Controller was also considered. In this case the Committee decided to report to Council for power to authorize plans and specifications to be prepared for an addition to the city buildings at the western side for the accommodation of the Engineer and Controller. The business will be brought up at the meeting of Councils Thursday night.

Inhuman Act—A Allegheny Policman in a New hole.

We have heard of an act, which, if true as told us, was certainly very inhuman and cruel. Yesterday two dogs, not knowing they were in a civilized country, commenced fighting on Water street, Allegheny city. Mr. N. P. Duffy, who keeps a livery stable on that street, in attempting to part them, was bitten in the face by one of the belligerents. Having fear of hydrophobia, he sent word to the Mayor's office to have the dog killed. The Mayor detailed one of his braves, who immediately proceeded to the scene of action. The dog nobly faced the music. The bold policeman caught and tied the dog, then measured off two paces and shot at him eight times, each time inflicting a wound. The dog would raise on his hind legs, look his bold cruelter in the face, and mourn pitifully, as if to say, "for God's sake, give me a chance," but the slayer couldn't see it, and when his ammunition had run out he charged on the poor brute, and knocked his brains out with a club. About one hundred citizens witnessed the execution, and say it was heart-sickening. We think there are more dogs then are useful, but when Mayor Callow wants a dog killed we hope he will detail an officer who has some feeling and can shoot straight.

Quilting Frames in Law.

One of the evidences of a neighborly spirit is to lend a pair of quilting frames. Quilting frames are a great deal like umbrellas—nobody's property. They are hardly ever at home with the original owner. Mrs. A. G. King, residing in the Seventeenth ward, had a pair once, she has'nt them now. She loaned them to a neighbor Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Marshall, she says neglected to return them; in fact positively refused to return them when called upon. Mrs. King tried persuasion, but Mrs. Marshall was'nt to be persuaded, she alleges and hence she was under the painful necessity of calling the attention of deputy Mayor Nichols to Mrs. Marshall's conduct. The magistrate called it larceny by bailee and by the prompt action of one of his police, armed with a warrant secured the arrest of the offender who gave bail for a hearing.

Body Found.

Coroner Clawson held an inquest yesterday on the body of an unknown man, found floating in the Allegheny river. About one o'clock a man employed on the tow boat "Three Lights," which was tying at the foot of Seventh street, saw the body floating down the river, and procuring a skiff caught it and towed it to shore. The body had evidently been in the water for a considerable length of time, and was very much decomposed. From appearances the man was about thirty-five years of age. The body was clad in a dark colored over coat, and black coat, pants and vest of good quality. There was no evidence elicited by which the body could be identified. It was removed to Devores, where it will remain until this morning for identification. The jury returned a verdict of "found drowned."

New Market House.

A meeting of the citizens of the Twelfth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth wards was held on Friday evening last at the office of T. R. Hill & Son, corner of Thirty-third and Penn streets, to take into consideration the subject of a market house for said wards.

Mr. Z. Wainwright was called to the chair, and S. W. Reynolds appointed Secretary.

On motion, the Chairman was directed to appoint a committee of two from each ward, of which he shall be chairman, to select a site and to communicate with Councils on the subject.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

The Independence steamer was used yesterday to pump the water out of the vacant lot, corner of Twenty-ninth and Penn streets, Twelfth ward. The water had became stagnant and was a general subject of complaint among the neighbors.

AMONG THE PICTURES.

First Annual Exhibition at the Art Gallery—The Display of Paintings—Where To While Away a Pleasant Hour.

The first annual exhibition at the Art Gallery commenced yesterday. The attendance throughout the day was not as large as had been expected, but this may be accounted for by the exceedingly disagreeable weather. Any who are interested in such matters are aware of the fact that a clear day, with a bright sunlight, adds immeasurably to the beauty and attractiveness of the exhibition. Few of these would attend on such a black, dark, damp, dingy day as that with which we were favored to commence the week of the exhibition. The attendance was sufficient to indicate the growing interest which is becoming manifest in our practical community in regard to these finer and more elevating shades of life.

The paintings which line the walls are about one hundred and forty in number. Some of the first artists in the country are represented; the great majority are first class, but among so many it could hardly be expected that all would be perfect. The subjects are almost as various as the number of the pictures. Large and small are arranged with an artistic nicety and discrimination which bring out in relief the strong points of each. There are landscapes and portraits, mountain scenes and fruit pieces, figure heads and deep forests, horses and cattle, men, women and children, flowers and sketches, beautiful scenes upon the sea and shore, scenes on land and sea, trees and shrubbery and grass, painting in oil and water colors and crayon sketches. A picture to please every fancy and all tastes. Every school almost is represented, and the connoisseur will find delight in comparing their points of excellence. Then they whose esthetic tastes have not been so highly cultivated cannot but feel a high enjoyment at the contemplation of some of the pictures, which seem to look down upon the walls and speak in irresistible tones for themselves. To step aside for a few moments from the hard material paths of every-day business life into the gallery, seems like suddenly discovering in a barren land an enchanting glade, clothed in the richest verdure and freshness of spring.

Messrs. Johns and Linford have carried out their designs well, and are entitled to the highest praise for the manner in which they have brought art home to our people. Their enterprise and toil should be rewarded in that appreciation which will give a new impetus to this art in our community. All lovers of art, and those who can appreciate the beautiful, all who wish to spend an hour in refined enjoyment and pure pleasure should call at the Gallery, 231 Liberty street, and examine this collection. The Gallery is open from 8 A. M. to 10 P. M. At night by a powerful reflector and brilliant jets, it is illuminated as bright as day, so that at any time the exhibition can be enjoyed and its full beauty seen. Let all attend.

Coopers at War.

A couple of coopers appeared at the office of Deputy Mayor Nichols yesterday. They bear the respective titles, Charles M. Nichols and John Pinmkeit. They entered cross suits against each other. Their disagreement occurred in a copper shop on Willow street, Sixteenth ward, and it appears it commenced the quarrel by upsetting his dinner bucket and scattering the contents promiscuously. Words followed the battle for ascendancy and battery suit. Plunket states Nichols flourished a hammer in very close proximity to his head and threatened to split it if necessary part of his person from his shoulders. That clearly came under the provisions of the law relating to the peace of the code. The defendants in each instance were held for hearings.

The Result.

A couple of young men attempted to play a joke yesterday. They saw a buggy standing on the corner of Ohio and Middle streets, Allegheny. Into that vehicle they stepped and started off for a drive. The owner just then hailed them. They thought it best to accelerate their speed a two, when, while attempting to turn a corner, one of them fell out and broke his left leg above the ankle. The other was also somewhat bruised. The owner of the buggy thought their punishment sufficient and carried the former home. Further, after taking possession of his property. The injured man was taken home and a physician made the necessary treatment. He says he won't try any more practical jokes. The last one was too practical.

Garroted and Robbed.

Allegheny has her share of rogues. Some of them are pretty bold. One of their exploits occurred on Saturday night. Near midnight Mr. James Rose, a roilturner, was on his way home, when on Sandusky street, near Robinson, he was suddenly attacked, knocked down and robbed of his pocket book containing his week's wages. When he recovered his senses, his assailant or assailants (he could not tell which) had fled. Of course there is no clue although the police are trying to work the case up.

Artizans' Deposit Bank.—This comparatively young institution, at the corner of Wood street