The Pittsburgh Gazette.

CITY AND SUBURBAN

But One Left.

We have but one more room to let in the "GAZETTE Building." It is a very desirable room on the second floor, fronting on Smithfield street. Terms very low for the location. Call at the Counting Room, first floor.

A new water pipe is being laid on Thirty-third street.

A Rich Man, Mag. case is promised from the 11th ward.

The Board of Fire Commissioners will organize Monday evening.

Back Beer and Free Lunch at Walter's, No. 4 Sixth avenue. See advertisement.

Co.'s A, B, C and D, Duquesne Greys will find an advertisement on first page concerning them.

The Water Commission are preparing to move. Chesaborough, the Chicago engineer, is to be called hence.

Yesterday a colored man was fined five dollars by Mayor Callow, for taking a "short cut" across the flower beds in the Park.

From a foot to eighteen inches of mud was taken out of the water basin on Fulton street, when it was cleaned a few days ago.

Is it lawful to indulge in the barefaced swindle of prize lottery boxes of sweet-meats, now being peddled about by itinerant humbugs?

Yesterday afternoon, the lamp post at the corner of Sixteenth and Penn streets was knock down by a wagon—the result of the driver's awkwardness.

The laying of the corner-stone of the Soldiers' Monument, on the 30th of next month, will be one of the grandest occasions ever afforded in this city.

General Pearson announces that all the proposals for the erection of the Soldiers' Monument will be opened on next Monday morning. No bids will be received after Saturday night.

John Bandsem was in the Allegheny lock-up last night, charged with stealing a pair of boots from a house in Pleasant Valley, Second ward. He will be disposed of this morning.

In the matter of the application of David Phillips against his wife, Nancy Phillips, for a divorce, the Court of Common Pleas has granted a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony.

Patrick Kelly yesterday was fined fifty dollars and costs by Deputy Mayor Nichols for interfering with an officer. Patrick paid the money promptly and doubtless took the lesson to heart.

Yesterday Joseph Sowell made information ref. Alderman Herron against J. B. Gilroy for false pretense. The accused was arrested and in default of bail in the sum of $2,000, committed for trial.

Disorderly House.—Alderman McMaster yesterday received the information of Martha Gordon against James Brightmore and Mary Brook, for keeping a bawdy house in "Tin Pot" alley. The prosecutrix is a colored lady and the defendants both white. James was arrested and committed for trial, and Mary held for a hearing.

The colored electors of Pittsburgh are requested to meet in the hall of the colored school house to-morrow (Saturday) evening, at eight o'clock, to elect five delegates to represent the interests of the colored citizens of Pittsburgh in convention to be held in Harrisburg, commencing May 3d, 1870.

By order of Committee.

Unprofitable Agent.—Yesterday Isabella Decker, a colored widow lady, residing on Tunnel street, made information before Alderman McMaster against Louis Lee for larceny as bailee. The lady's husband, who is a plasterer, died a few weeks ago. Louis sympathized with her, and took a trowel and hatchet belonging to the deceased, which he said he would sell for her benefit. She alleges he did sell them, but pocketed the proceeds, two dollars and twenty-five cents. Warrant issued.

Legal Notice.—Whereas Rachel Cohen, of the Fifth Ward, city of Pittsburgh, has applied to the Court of Common Pleas, of Allegheny county, to be decreed a "Feme Sole Trader," all persons are hereby notified that the final hearing and decree will be had in the said case on Saturday, April 30th, 1870, at twelve o'clock of said day.

By order of the Court.

MORRLAND, MOORE & KNOX, Attorneys for Petitioner.

April 29th, 1870.

We call the attention of the Allegheny authorities to the condition of the pavements between the passenger railway tracks everywhere, but more especially on Federal street, North and Western avenues. There may have been some excuse for them during the early spring months but there can be none now. It is simply a disgrace to any city to permit her main avenues to remain in such a condition, and certainly will not encourage all of our citizens to advocate the extension of street railways.

CITIZEN AND TAX PAYER.

Another Military Company.—The young men of East Liberty and vicinity are at present engaged in forming a military company, and the martial spirit which seemed to have almost disappeared a short while ago is being revived with energy. A roll has been opened, and upon it already have been placed the number of names requisite to secure an organization, comprising many who served throughout the war of the rebellion. This evening a meeting will be held at the hall of the G. A. R., at which a full attendance of those interested is expected.

Resignation.

Jasper E. Brady Jr., Esq., has resigned his position as Cashier of the Citizens National Bank. Mr. Brady was a very capable and popular officer and contributed by his energy and address to make the Citizens Bank one of the most successful and favorite of our banking institutions. He will be much missed by the customers, who for years in their intercourse with the bank have ever found him a prompt, urbane and obliging officer.

Young Mens' Bible Society.

The Board of Managers met last evening in the Second Presbyterian church, Allegheny, and organized. The following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Robert T. Sellers; Vice Presidents, J. W. Kirker and James Reno; Corresponding Secretary, Thomas H. Lane; Recording Secretary, B. F. Kennedy; Treasurer, John F. Ley; Librarian, B. Hocket. Executive Committee, R. C. Miller, M. B. Sloan, J. H. Walter, C. Yeager and J. P. Henderson. Agent of the society, David Clark.

Western Pennsylvania Inventors.

The following United States patents were issued to citizens of Western Pennsylvania during the week ending April 26th, 1870:

No. 102,204—Lamp; J. S. Atterbury and T. B. Atterbury, Pittsburgh.

No. 102,233—Furnace Grate Bar and Grating; John Cuthbert, Pittsburgh.

No. 102,222—Washing Machine; John Habermehl, Allegheny.

No. 102,261—Life Boat; Phillip Heinrich, Allegheny.

No. 102,355—Cutlery; Josiah H. Nichols and William Bower, Beaver Falls.

No. 102,375—Washing Machine; Benjamin R. Hand, Lancaster, assignee to himself, S. J. Eby and B. S. Trout, same place.

No. 102,373—Washing Machine; Hahson Cook, New Bridgeport.

The Well at Brady's Bend—Strange Freaks of Nature.

The well at Brady's Bend, which has caused so much excitement during the past two weeks, is acting very singular, if reports are true. The tools are still in the hole, and the occasional flow of gas raises them a number of feet, when they fall back with great force, each time increasing the depth of the hole. By this process the well has drilled itself upwards of fifty feet within the past two weeks. The tools are determined to make China their destination, all of their own accord, and we fear that the oil, on the arrival of the tools to the land beneath us, will all run the other way. The question is, which end of the hole is it best to take stock in? We give the statement as it was told to us by one who has been at the well for several days; but in our opinion it bears very large ear-marks. The well is yielding about forty barrels daily.—*Oil City Times.*

ALLEGHENY COUNCILS.

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

A regular meeting of the Select and Common Councils, was held yesterday, Thursday evening, April 28, 1870.

Select Council.

Members present — Messrs. Callery, Gwinner, Hall, Huckenstine, Long, Megraw, Moul, Patterson, J. C., Peterson, Phillips, Reineman, Reiter, Riddle, and President McBrier.

The minutes of the proceeding meeting were read and adopted.

Mr. J. C. Patterson presented a petition (from Messrs. Finnan & Howell—setting forth that they had been contractors on the canal sewer, which was completed in 1857, and that there was a considerable sum due them, and ask that some action be taken in the matter. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Also a petition for the opening of Robinson street. Referred to the Survey Committee.

Also a petition from the Union Telegraph Company for privilege to erect telegraph poles on Hobein street. Referred to Street Committee, with power to act.

Mr. Long, a remonstrance against a sewer on Ann street. Referred to Sewer Committee.

Mr. Hall, a petition for water pipe on Montgomery avenue. Referred to Water Committee with power to act.

Mr. J. C. Patterson presented petition signed by over one hundred and fifty persons requesting Councils to reconsider their action relative to the removal of the library from the city building, accompanying which was an address to Councils, signed by the officers and directors of the Library.

The papers were received and referred to the Committee on City Property.

STREET RAILWAY.

Mr. Gwinner presented the report of the Committee on Street Railways, accompanying which was an ordinance granting the right of laying track around the north and east side of Gay alley, thence to the Hand street bridge. The ordinance provided that the road should be exempt from tax on cars and dividends for five years.

Mr. Phillips moved to amend by striking out that portion exempting said company from tax.

Mr. Hall moved to refer the ordinance back to the committee for amendment as to the tax on cars and dividends.

In C. C. this action was non-concurred in, and the ordinance, as presented by the committee, was read three times and passed under a suspension of the rules.

WATER BONDS.

Mr. Hall, chairman of the Finance Committee, submitted the following report from said committee:

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Finance would beg leave to report that a very considerable sum of the contract for water pipe will be due in the month of July next, and as the money to pay this contract is to be raised by the sale of the new seven per cent. water bonds, we would report and ask the adoption of the accompanying ordinance, that the bonds may be prepared and funds provided by their sale for the prompt payment of the contract.

The report was accepted.

The ordinance referred to, which provided for the issue of bonds to the amount of $100,000, was adopted.

STREET COMMITTEE.

Mr. J. C. Patterson, Chairman of the Street Committee, submitted the following report:

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Streets report as follows:

The matter of the River avenue assessment was again considered by the Committee and referred back to the City Solicitor for further information.

The Committee call the attention of Councils to an over sight which occurred at the last meeting in passing upon ordinances for grading and paving, which were prepared under the old law, which was repealed April 1st, 1870. All ordinances passed under the old law since the approval of the new act are of course invalid and it becomes necessary to re-enact the same. The following disposition was made of the ordinances referred to:

PASSED FINALLY.

For grading and paving Buena Vista street.

Grading and paving Mulberry street; grading School street; grading and paving Taggart street and Irwin avenue; grading a portion of Jallapa street.

PASSED IN SELECT COUNCIL.

Grading and paving High street.

Passed first reading: Grading and paving Pitt alley.

Laid over: Grading and paving Irwin avenue.

The forgoing ordinances, prepared in conformity with the new law, are again submitted for the consideration of Councils, with the following additional.

For construction of lateral sewer on Liberty street and for lateral sewers on Sherman avenue; for grading and paving Church avenue; grading Erin alley; grading and paving Jackson street; widening Church avenue eleven feet.

The report was accepted.

The ordinances referred to as having been acted upon at a previous meeting, which were prepared under the old law, were taken up and passed finally.

The other ordinances referred to in the report were then taken up and passed finally under a suspension of the rules, except the ordinance for a lateral sewer on Sherman avenue, which laid over under the rules.

The ordinance for a sewer on Ann street was laid over.

The plans of a number of street grades and lateral sewers were presented and approved.

In C. C. the ordinance for lateral sewer on Liberty street was laid over.

Mr. Calley offered a resolution requiring the Gas Company to extend the pipes on Main street, and River avenue to Bridge street. Adopted.

Mr. Moul, a resolution instructing the Ordinance Committee to report an ordinance for the grading and paving of Main street.

Adopted. C. C. non-concurred and the resolution was laid over.

Mr. Reineman, a resolution instructing the Street Commissioner to have Ohio street and the side walks on the same repaired and kept in good order.

Mr. Hall moved that the paper be referred to the Street Committee. Adopted.

Mr. J. C. Patterson, a resolution authorizing the Gas Committee to have a gas lamp on Church avenue near Sandusky street. Adopted.

Mr. Hall, a resolution providing for the erection of a gas lamp on Sherman avenue and Strawberry alley. Referred to Gas Committee with power to act.

Mr. Huckenstine, a resolution, authorizing the Street Committee to advertise for proposals for the grading and paving of Willis street.

Mr. Hall moved to refer the resolution to the Street Committee, to report with the street has not been put under contract.

Mr. Riddle, a resolution, instructing the Committee on City Property, to advertise for proposals for painting City Hall and the Market House. Adopted.

Mr. Long, a resolution, instructing the Street Committee to report an ordinance for the grading and paving of Cedar avenue. Adopted. Common Council non-concurred, and referred the resolution to the Street Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The report of the viewers on the opening of Fulton street, presented for confirmation at a previous meeting, was taken up.

Mr. Long moved that the report be set aside and the expenses ordered to be paid. Adopted.

On motion, adjourned.

Common Council.

At a quarter to eight o'clock, a quorum being present, this branch was called to order by President Warner. Twelve members answered to the call of the roll, and during the progress of the meeting others appeared, which made the list of members in attendance at the close as follows: Messrs. Ashworth, Bahm, Cowley, Dalzell, Gilmore, Gilliland, Hunker, Hastings, McNeil, Rowbottom, Reynolds, Slack, Siedle, Taggart, Thompson, Voegtly and President Warner.

The minutes of last meeting, as read by Clerk Dilworth, were approved.

RESOLUTIONS, &c.

Mr. Dalzell presented two resolutions, which instructed the Superintendent of Water, Street Commissioner, police and other officials to report all unbarricaded excavations in the streets of the city to the Mayor—the police to report the same nightly.

Mr. Dalzell explained that Wednesday morning the "Friendship" steamer, while proceeding to a fire, along North avenue, was driven into an excavation, and driver, horses and engine almost demolished. It was intended to prevent such accidents in the future, by the surveillance contemplated in the resolutions.

Some discussion ensued on the resolutions when they were finally adopted.

Mr. Taggart presented a petition from citizens residing on Taggart street and Union avenue, asking that the present grade be not lowered, as contemplated.

Referred to Committee on Surveys.

Also, a resolution for gas lamp on corner Strawberry alley and Sherman avenue.

Referred to Committee on Gas.

Mr. Ashworth, a remonstrance against any change of grade on Jefferson street, between Monterey street and Shields alley. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Also, petition for opening of O'Hern street, Second ward, to connect with Irwin avenue. Referred to Survey Committee.

Mr. Hastings, a resolution instructing the Street Commissioners to put down four stone crossings on various portions of East street, Third ward. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Also, a resolution requesting the Committee on Gas to report at next meeting what arrangements they had made with the Gas Company in relation to putting down a gas main on Main street, Third ward. Adopted.

Mr. Rowbottom, a petition for water pipe on Buena Vista street. Referred to Committee on Water.

Also a petition for water pipe on Charlotte street. Similarly referred.

Also a remonstrance against the construction of a sewer on Rush alley, and asking for the grading and paving of the same. Referred to the Committe on Streets.

THE "LIBRARY."

Mr. Slack presented a lengthy communication from the Directors of the Allegheny Library in reference to the occupation of the room in which the Library is now located. The paper set forth that when the room was first organized, the managers of the enterprise supposed that the lease would be perpetual, and with that understanding several thousand dollars had been secured to place the Library on a proper footing. The value and benefits of the Library were then commented upon, and argued in detail, as well as the arguments against the Library. The paper concluded with a recapitulation, as follows:

"We conclude by asking the thoughtful consideration of Councils to the following main facts:

1st. That Councils granted the free use of the room without reservation of right to re-possess at pleasure.

2nd. That the assumption by Councils for many years of the care and support of the Anderson Library, establishes a precedent for present Councils, to sustain them in any action favorable to the Allegheny Library.

3rd. That a pleasant, central, airy and accessible room is absolutely necessary to the existence of a Library.

4th. That no suitable room can be procured, and even if it could, the expense could not be met.

5th. The Library is a public benefit, equal to the Common School.

6th. That the large proportion of the tax-payers are favorable to its retention in its present location.

We are, Gentlemen,

Yours respectfully,

John B. Clark, President; W. W. Martin, Vice President; A. Leggate, Secretary; D. E Ray, Treasurer. C. C. Boyle, A. H. English, James McBrier, Henry Phipps, Jr., James Caldwell, A. W. Erwin, Directors."

The communication, after being read by Mr. Slack, was accepted and filed.

THE MARKET HOUSE PAVEMENT.

Mr. Thompson, from the Market Committee, presented a report with the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be, and they are hereby authorized to have the pavement fronting the market house on Federal street replaced as soon as possible.

The report was received and the resolution referred to the Committee on Streets.

LEASE OF WHARF.

Mr. Hastings, from the Committee on Wharves and Landings, presented a report, accompanied by a lease for an agreement providing for the rental, to Jos. Shallenberger, Esq., of two hundred feet front of the lower side of the Hand street bridge—the same not to be used for any purpose than that of a lumber yard and the right to be leased for three years with the privilege of five years at an annual rental of $200.

The report was accepted.

Some discussion ensued upon the question of opposing the agreement.

Mr. Slack thought the price altogether too low for such a piece of ground.

Mr. Hastings explained that the wharf at that point had never been improved, and was of no particular benefit to the city as it was.

Mr. Voegtly thought five years too long a term. He moved to amend by striking out the five years and only allowing it to be leased for three years.

Mr. Hastings said Mr. Shallenberger would not take the ground for that length of time, as he so expressed himself.

A vote was taken on the amendment, which resulted in eight for and eight against.

The President—The vote is a tie, on the floor and I record my vote in favor of the amendment.

Mr. McNeil—Mr. President, I think it is our rule that when a vote is a tie it is lost. You can't vote

The President—The President has a right to vote on every question, and claim my privilege as a member. (Laughter.)

Mr. Hastings (aotto voce)—Well it won't be counted then. Shallenberger won't take it for three years.

NEW ORDINANCES.

Mr. Comley, chairman of the Committee on Ordinances presented a report accompanied by two ordinances, one creating the office of "Fallmaster of the city" and another in relation to the obstruction of fire plugs. The first empowered the "Fallmaster" to remove all dead carcasses and offals from the streets of the city during the night, to receive no compensation therefor, but to have the refuse as a perquisite, and to have sole control over the business. This was in accordance with a petition presented at a former meeting by Mr. George Magee, and to enable Councils to grant the privilege and protect the business by ordinance. The ordinance in relation to Fire Plugs, provided that no obstructions be placed near the fire plugs, which would prevent the fullest access to them; the person offending to be prosecuted, before the Mayor or any Alderman to be fined ten dollars. The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department to see that this provisions of the ordinance were attended to.

The report was accepted and the ordinances read three times and passed under a suspension of the rules.

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AMICUS.

Save Your Silk Hats.

Many of our readers who wear silk hats don't think of saving them and have them done over in the latest style, but throw them away before they are at all scuffed. We have in our city Mr. George L. Troupe, a mechanic who has no superior as a hatter, and who never fails to give satisfaction to all his patrons that will make a new hat out of an old one in a day's time. Mr. Troupe manufactures silk hats and offers both at wholesale and retail lower than can be bought in eastern cities. We know by experience that a silk hat always goes out of style before it is worn out; then, all you have to do is to leave it with Mr. Troupe to-day and to-morrow you have a new hat of the latest style. Mr. Troupe's number is 65 Fifth avenue, second floor. We advise you all to give him a call, and one word for it, satisfaction will be given.

DIVERSITY OF OPINION.

Decoration Day and the Soldiers' Monument.

The proposition to lay the corner-stone of the Allegheny County Soldiers' Monument on the 30th of May, the day that has been set apart to be observed throughout the nation as one on which to do honor to the fallen heroes who offered up their lives as a sacrifice on the altar of their country in the dark days of the rebellion, by strewing their graves with flowers, and known as "Decoration Day," is meeting with considerable opposition from some quarters. The parties who oppose the movement hold that it is not compatible with the object in view to observe the day by a grand demonstration and parade, gotten up merely for the purpose of making a show, for the benefit of a few and the disadvantage of the many, and in this particular we think their idea is the correct one.

It would, according to our view of the matter, be more appropriate, the ceremonies more touching and impressive, and the object in view more fully attained to observe the day without pomp or ceremony, and without any general organized plan. Let it simply be understood that such locality would be expected to decorate the graves of soldiers in adjacent cemeteries and burial grounds, and permit them to make such arrangements of a local nature as suited them best, as to the hour of the day and such other details as are necessary, and we feel confident that nothing will be left undone and that all will be well done. There is certainly sufficient gratitude left in the hearts of the loyal people to enable them to devote one day in the year to the perpetuation of the memory of their fathers, sons, husbands and brothers, who sacrificed their lives in order that our government might be perpetuated and we permitted to enjoy the inestimable blessings it confers. Should this plan of observing the day be adopted, it would not be advisable to have both ceremonies occur on the same day, as one would naturally have a tendency to detract from the interest of the other, and consequently one or the other, or perhaps both, might fall short of our expectations.

If, however, it is the intention to observe the day as we did last year, by a grand procession and display, we can see no objections to having both ceremonies take place on the one day. The procession could form at some convenient point in this city and march to the site of the monument, witness the ceremonies of laying the corner stone and then, as we did the last year, divide in three divisions and proceed to the several cemeteries where the decoration ceremonies are to take place. It is a matter, however, which appears to be in the hands of the Grand Army of the Republic. We saw Col. Dickson and other gentlemen in his rendition of the character of "Pat Mullen." His "sweet brogue" and witty replies frequently brought down the house in storms of laughter and applause. Some other performances were given, and the Scenery, which prepared by Miss Mary A. Leech, J. M. Dickson and H. E. McBride was read. The Society adjourned, to meet at the call of the President. Mr. STYX.

INTERESTING CASE.

A Little Game Blocked—What It Was and How it Failed.

A case of more than usual importance was developed before Alderman Herron, of the Twelfth ward, yesterday. Mr. Joseph Welsh made information charging J. B. Gilroy with false pretense. Welsh keeps a grocery store on Penn St. and has also license to sell liquors at retail. Some weeks ago Gilroy went before United States Commissioner Gamble, and made information charging him with violating the internal revenue laws in certain ways which were cited—irregularities in book keeping. Welsh gave bail for trial. The case was again called up Wednesday afternoon when Gilroy, it is stated, appeared at the store of Welsh, purporting to be from Commissioner Gamble, and informed him (Gilroy) to settle the case upon the receipt of $500 from Welsh. The demand was agreed but refused and after Gilroy going around for several hours Gilroy disappeared. Yesterday morning, it is alleged, he came again and renewed his demand. Welsh thinking something wrong, made the information as stated, upon which he was arrested. A note was then sent to Commissioner Gamble, who at once denied all knowledge of the transaction, and said that if his name appeared signed to such a paper, it was a forgery—that the case could only be settled in Court. This introduced another interesting feature in the case, and the accused, after a hearing, was held in the sum of $2,000 for trial. He failed to procure bail, and was committed to the care of Warden Scancroft.

Fayette Literary Society.

The Fayette Literary Society gave a closing performance at the Fayette school house last Friday evening. The house was crowded to its utmost capacity and many were unable to secure comfortable standing room. Some who didn't want to stand, and yet wanted to see and hear the performance, perched themselves on rails and rail fences outside and peered through the windows.

Mr. Robert M. Marrow delivered a very good oration on the subject of "Phrenology," which he said was a complete humbug. It was expected that a young lady of Clinton, Findley township, would be present to offset Mr. Marrow's arguments and uphold phrenology, but she was unable to be in attendance, and Mr. M. had the matter all to his own hands. E. W. Wilson favored the audience with an excellent oration on the subject of "Intemperance." Mr. Wilson is a smooth and easy writer and rather a pleasant speaker, and his speeches are always listened to with attention. Miss Annie Crawford, a little girl probably not more than seven years of age, spoke a piece in which she described the difference between the girls of to-day and the girls some of the ordinary women attended to. The report was accepted and the ordinances read three times and passed under a suspension of the rules.

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DISASTROUS CONFLAGRATION.

Fire at the Brilliant Oil Works—Four Hundred Barrels of Oil Burned—Loss, $8,000.

A disastrous fire occurred yesterday at the Brilliant Oil Works, on Negley's run, in the 19th ward. The fire broke out about one o'clock, in the pumping house, and was carried by the gas from the crude oil pumps, which was kindled by the fire in the furnace under the boilers. The flames communicated from the pumping house to the agitating house, and almost instantly that building was enveloped in flames. Two oil tanks adjacent to the agitators next took fire, and were destroyed with their contents, about four hundred barrels of oil.

Messrs. Lockhart, Frew & Co., the proprietors, have a private telegraph line from their works to their office, on Wood street, and the news of the fire was immediately telegraphed to their office, asking that two of the steamers be sent out.

Colonel Phillips, President of the Allegheny Valley Railroad, with his usual promptness in matters of this character, had a truck prepared, and the Vigilant and Niagara engines were shipped to the scene of the conflagration. The Duquesne was ordered out, and was about being shipped, when a telegram was received from Chief Engineer Hare, who had gone to the fire immediately after hearing of it, stating that it would not be needed.

The Brilliant Works are perhaps the best in this locality, and the loss, it is thought, will not be less than $8,000, upon which there is no insurance.

A Reliable Sewing Machine.

Undoubtedly the best and most reliable sewing machine now in the market is the "Singer." This machine has peculiar claims for reliability, and it has been before the public for nineteen years without changing hands or interruption in business. This cannot be said of any other sewing machine in existence. Many new machines are being put on extensively advertised and sold for a year or two, and then discontinue their agencies, leaving customers in the lurch for needles and repairs. There are hundreds of persons in this very city who have been victimized in this way. Besides, many sewing machine agents, who make pretensions of guarantee for so many years, have no repair shops or no facilities for making good their promise. Persons often buy machines from agents with a guarantee for, perhaps, three years, and when the machines get out of repair, and they come back to the office, they find a new agent there. Agent No. 2 very naturally refuses to repair goods sold and the profits pocketed by his predecessor, and the owner is consequently left to do the best he can and pay agent No. 2 for repairing the machine. The Singer Company keep reliable agents and do not allow such swindling to be done. They guarantee their machines for three years, and every agent is possessed with facilities to make good a guarantee good. The agents for the Singer in this city, Straw & Morton, 20 Sixth (late St. Clair) street, have a large repair shop, where all repairs for machines are done free of cost. Give them a call and examine the Singer.

"Our Poets."

A rare treat was enjoyed by the large and highly intelligent audience at the beautiful rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association last evening, being the occasion of the lecture on "Our Poets," by the Rev. F. A. Noble. He dwelt on the beauties of Bryant, Longfellow and Whittier, giving choice gems from each. His selections were well chosen and his renditions superior to that of many professional readers. His selections from Whittier were particularly touching, closing with the beautiful "Brown of Ossawatomie," which struck a sympathetic cord, calling up as it did, the memory of the brave old man—as in his death—

"John Brown of Ossawatomie, they led him out to die:
An lo! a poor slave mother with her little child pressed high
Then the bold, stern face grew tender, and the old
harsh face grew mild,
And he stooped down between the jeering ranks and
kissed the negro's child."

At the close of the lecture Gen. Moorhead presented to the Association a handsome set of the works of each poet mentioned. In referring to this donation we would call attention to the empty shelves of the book cases in the rooms. That the young man may, as they propose to do, give to the public a free library—free to all with only such restrictions as will prevent the loss of their books, should a number of books or money will be thankfully received.

Common Pleas—Judge Collier.

Tuesday, April 26—In the case of Catharine Kerr vs. Joseph V. Kerr, application for divorce, rule granted on the defendant to show cause why he should not pay counsel fees and weekly allowance to the petitioner.

The first case taken up was that of Hamilton Brothers vs. C. Miller. Action on a book account to recover for stone sold and delivered. Verdict for plaintiff in the sum of $77,25.

John Weisenberger vs. McGinnis & Co. Action on a book account for a buggy sold and delivered. The plaintiff claims that while he and E. C. Stewart were doing business as Weisenberger & Co., that defendants contracted for a buggy, which was not delivered until after the firm was dissolved. The defense set up was that the contract was made with E. C. Stewart before he entered into partnership with the plaintiff, and that against him they had a set-off to the claim. Jury out.

TRIAL LIST FOR FRIDAY.

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Amusements.

OPERA HOUSE.—Mr. Chanfrau has been drawing large audiences this week, "Kit, or the Arkansas Traveler," a highly sensational drama of unusual interest, is the attraction. The piece is well put on the stage and the cast is a most excellent one throughout. We suppose its all lovers of the drama to go and see it.

FAIR.—City Hall is the most attractive place we know of to spend an evening in these parts. It is continually thronged with the brightest faces, and numerous other lesser attractions. Everybody should go to City Hall.

MERCY HOSPITAL FAIR.—The attendance was very large last night at City Hall. The fair is voted immense. It surpasses in style and grandeur any event held since the famous Sanitary Fair. The promonade is worth double the price of admission, to say nothing of the general charms and features. Go to-night and enjoy yourselves.

LAXURIES.—A good shave, hair curled, or frizzled, or dressed plain, baths, hot, cold or tepid.

NECESSITIES.—Leeching and cupping—all politely served at Williamson's elegant saloon, No. 190, Federal street, Allegheny. F.

Furniture, Carpets and Piano at Auction.—The entire furniture at Mr. Grafton's house, 161 South avenue, first ward, Allegheny, will be sold to-morrow (Saturday) morning, at 10 o'clock. A. Leggate, Auctioneer.

Stoneroad's Cathartic syrup is used in all cases instead of pills, castor oil, epsom salt, &c. Highly flavored. Twenty-five cents. Try it. Sold by all druggists. W.F.M.

Brushes! Brushes!—All kinds of brushes, of our own manufacture, at Loughridge, 171 Smithfield street.

Walnut Water Cooler Stand.—An ingenious new invention for the parlor, dining room or library. Look in at Hubley's, No. 68 Federal street, Allegheny, and see how exactly it suits you. TF.

The Spring Stock of Henry G. Hale, Merchant Tailor, at corner of Penn avenue and Sixth street, is now large and complete. Monsieur Bonpain continues to preside at the cutting. tf

Children's Carriages, wholesale and retail, at Jas. Loughridge's, 171 Smithfield.

The American Gridiron is for sale at Hubley's, No. 68 Federal street, Allegheny. TF.

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XL All.—Hubley, No. 68 Federal St., Allegheny, agent for this superior Ice Chest, so popular for years in both cities, is receiving his stock for the summer sales. TF.

—An attempt was made yesterday morning to throw a train from the track of the Hartford and Erie Railroad, near Franklin, Massachusetts. Sleepers were placed across the track, but were removed by a Mr. Conerry, who was fired upon by three men in ambush, one bullet passing through his hat and another grazing his arm.

Which is Gaining.

The free traders are trying to make the people believe that they are gaining ground. This is natural. There are always a large class that flow with the current, and could they be persuaded that protection was failing into disrepute they would join in destroying it. The special claim is, that at the West the protective system is failing into disrepute. To these false claims the St. Louis *Tribune* fitly responds:

"A large majority of the Western people are protectionists, and the minority is becoming smaller every day. There is a great deal of misapprehension on this subject in the East, growing out of the fact that leading journals of our great cities, supported by dealers in foreign goods, are free traders. People in the East do not know that our country press is nearly all in favor of protection. While dealers in foreign goods, moreover, in our large cities, are naturally free traders, our largest and best merchants, who deal in American products, are mostly in favor of protection. The President of the Board of Trade in St. Louis (Major Skrynock) is a protectionist; so is Mr. Lewis, the President of the Merchants' Union Exchange. The Governor of Missouri, moreover, is a protectionist. So much for this State.

"In Iowa, it is well known that two life-long protectionists have recently been elected to the United States Senate; and Minnesota stands on the protective tariff platform. It will be seen, therefore, that the three great States west of the Mississippi are decided protectionists. So also are the three great States east of us: Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin. The great newspapers in the great cities may make it appear otherwise to distant people, but it is nevertheless true. It may be the nature of things to be true. The Western people are just beginning to build up their industry. They want fair play, and no foreign competition. They do not use foreign goods as the people of the East do, but wear home-made clothing, and are not only satisfied with it, but are proud of it. We intend, as soon as possible, to make all we want in every department of life. Woolen factories are going up all over this country, and soon we shall go into cotton manufactures. Iron works are multiplying on every side, and now we are going into the manufacture of iron and steel rails, and shall soon be able to supply all Western railroads. Protection to home industry is, therefore, to be hereafter the great economical doctrine of the West. Even to-day the Western people are more in favor of a protective tariff than the Eastern. There is good reason for it; our industry is at its infancy; that of the Eastern people well established. They can endure foreign competition; we cannot, nor will our people permit it, as the next elections of Congressmen will show. The free traders will be left at home, and protectionists only will be returned. With our increased representation, Congress will then be more protectionist than ever, and the American people will enter upon the high road which leads to a great, rich, independent and powerful nation."

The Force of the Legal-Tender Decision.

"The Philadelphia *Age* says: We hold that the State Courts are bound, under the uniform construction of the Judiciary Act of 1870, in the case therein cited, to take the law from the judge as finally declared by the Supreme Court of the United States. We know that the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has already taken the nature of the decisions of the Supreme Court in regard to contracts specially payable in specie; though it is contrary to the opinion heretofore entertained by the majority bim (Gilroy) to settle the case upon the receipt of $500 from Welsh. The demand was agreed but refused and after Gilroy going around for several hours Gilroy disappeared. Yesterday morning, it is alleged, he came again and renewed his demand. Welsh thinking something wrong, made the information as stated, upon which he was arrested. A note was then sent to Commissioner Gamble, who at once denied all knowledge of the transaction, and said that if his name appeared signed to such a paper, it was a forgery—that the case could only be settled in Court. This introduced another interesting feature in the case, and the accused, after a hearing, was held in the sum of $2,000 for trial. He failed to procure bail, and was committed to the care of Warden Scancroft.

Fayette Literary Society.

The Fayette Literary Society gave a closing performance at the Fayette school house last Friday evening. The house was crowded to its utmost capacity and many were unable to secure comfortable standing room. Some who didn't want to stand, and yet wanted to see and hear the performance, perched themselves on rails and rail fences outside and peered through the windows.

Mr. Robert M. Marrow delivered a very good oration on the subject of "Phrenology," which he said was a complete humbug. It was expected that a young lady of Clinton, Findley township, would be present to