THE DAILY GAZETTE.

HOME NEWS.

A very interesting letter from the gifted pen of W. W. Ward, Esq., will be found on our first page.

It is not improbable that the next annual meeting of the Western Associated Press will be held in this city.

This morning, about half-past 2 o'clock, an alarm of fire was struck from Box 62, located near the Fair Grounds, but owing to the late hour of the hour we were unable to learn the particulars.

Home.—The Pittsburgh delegates to the Western Associated Press, with accompanying ladies, yesterday returned home from their excursion to Kentucky. They express themselves as highly delighted with the trip.

Wife Whipping.—John Johnson, a resident of the Third ward, was fined thirty dollars yesterday by Mayor Callow, for whipping his wife.

The police are also looking for Jackson Prophater for the same offense.

A Story is told of the loss of a pocketbook containing $24,000 at the Union depot yesterday and the subsequent finding of it by a young man who returned it to the owner, and refused to take $1,000 reward for his honesty, being easily satisfied with $500. That's the way the story runs.

Accident.—A little girl while playing on Smithfield street last night was severely injured by a piece of iron falling from a window under which she was playing. She was picked up and carried into Dr. Rosenbach's drug store, the expert proprietor of which skillfully dressed the wound and restored the little sufferer to consciousness.

The Board of Directors of the Third and Fifth ward Public schools held a meeting last night. John Kelly Esq., presiding and Mr. Charles L. Storm officiating as Secretary. A resolution offered by David Sims Esq., requesting the Central Board of Education to authorize the Grant sub-district Board to employ a teacher to instruct the scholars in the German language was adopted. This movement will doubtless be followed by others in the same direction in the different school districts.

Post 66, G. A. R., at a recent meeting passed resolutions of thanks to the following named young ladies for their kindness in furnishing and arranging flowers for Decoration Day: Misses Mollie Blakely, Fanny and Alice McCune, Lizzie Clark, Maggie Elliott, Maggie McCormick, Lizzie Murdock, Miss Randolph, and Miss Hawthorn. Votes of thanks were also adopted in acknowledments for favors received on the celebration day, to Professor Avery, L. O. Loffell, quartermasters Benner and Randolph, and Mr. Wrstaff.

Presbyterian Female College.

A joint meeting of the Committees on Location and Funds for the proposed Presbyterian Female College was held yesterday afternoon in the library of the First Presbyterian Church, Wood street. Nothing new was developed further than last meeting. The Committee on Funds reported progress and enlargement. Although the work had not been fairly commenced, they had secured some money and felt confident of the result. The Committee, after a conference, adjourned for two weeks.

Obituary.

Several days ago we announced the death of Mr. Charles T. Thmsen, one of our best known citizens and manufacturers. Mr. I. had been suffering with what seemed to be a slight stroke of paralysis, and in order to recover his health visited the Hot Springs of Arkansas. That treatment did him no good, and he gradually sunk until the 26th inst., when death ensued. His body was brought to the city yesterday via the Pan Handle route, and the funeral is announced to take place this afternoon. The deceased was an agreeable, courteous, charitable and high-minded gentleman, who, in an unostentatious way, did much good in alleviating the pain and softening the pangs of distress and poverty, and his loss will be deeply mourned by a large circle of warm personal friends.

About Hats.

It is not as generally known as it should be that we have here in our midst a practical and thoroughly expert manufacturer of silk hats of all patterns, qualities and descriptions, and one whose workmanship is equal to the finest importations. We refer to Mr. George L. Troupe, who has succeeded in building up a very large trade in his line, both wholesale and retail, and in establishing a very high reputation for himself and his manufactory. He makes to order in any shape or style, and using the conformeter guarantees perfect fits in all cases. Employing none but the most finished artists, and giving personal supervision to all work, and kind-hearted, courteous and fair-dealing gentleman, we can recommend him to our readers as eminently worthy patronage and deserving of a liberal share of the success and prosperity which has thus far attended his establishment at No. 65 Fifth avenue, second story.

Personals.

A son of Sir Morton Peto, of England, a decidedly clever and accomplished young gentleman, who is making a tour through this country, is expected shortly to arrive in Pittsburgh to inspect our public parks and workshops.

Rev. Father O'Rourke, late of Kittanning, and familiarly termed the Chaplain of the 9th Regiment, has been called to preside over the Catholic Mission at the Point in that city. He is an able and zealous pastor, and his withdrawal from Kittanning was deeply regretted by both Catholics and Protestants.

Rev. Dr. Morgan left for Washington city yesterday for a short visit.

Manager Canning at last accounts was luxuriously domiciled for the summer at Long Branch.

J. G. Siekencke, Esq., of the *Chronicle*, would not submit his name to be again voted for directorship in the Western Press Association, and hence, was not re-elected.

Fatal Accident.

An accident occurred on the farm of Mr. George Miller, in Hampton township, Saturday, which resulted in the death of Mr. George Armstrong. Mr. Miller was building a frame farm and had collected a number of his neighbors to help him to raise it Saturday. The second "bent" had been raised to its proper position, and several men were left to keep it in position while the others went to get some center timbers. One of the "pike poles," a pole used for the purpose, by those who were carrying the center timbers, and some one called out to remove it. The order was misunderstood and all the polls were removed from the bent, when it fell and caught Mr. Armstrong under it, crushing him fearfully. The accident occurred at half-past ten o'clock and he died at five. Justice Handy, of Hampton township, held an inquest on the body and a verdict of accidental death was rendered. The deceased was fifty years of age, and was unmarried. He lived with his sister on the farm adjoining that of Mr. Miller.

First Class Wholesale Grocery.

We invite special attention of our commercial readers, to town and country, to the advertisement of John S. Dilworth & Co., wholesale grocers, Nos. 130 and 132 Second avenue, Pittsburgh. The senior partner in this firm has been actively and largely engaged in this business since 1840. No other house now in vogue among us dates back so far; no other house has enjoyed a more extensive trade with city and country, and no house has possessed or deserved more highly than this, the entire confidence of its numerous customers and correspondents.

Under the new arrangements of the firm, additional facilities will be secured, that cannot fail to benefit both the firm and its customers. The senior Mr. Dilworth has extended his residence in the east, and will be at all times ready to avail himself of opportunities to purchase by cargo or otherwise, in all the seaboard markets, for the house here. His thorough knowledge of the local trade of this city, the result of thirty years' experience, will prove to this house a peculiar advantage in supplying and replenishing the stock for the home sales.

Mr. Will P. Dilworth will devote his whole time to the oversight of the Pittsburgh house. He will be assisted by Mr. G. Hilderbrand, an old favorite with the customers, who, after representing some time the importing house of Howell, Barr & Co., New York, has returned to renew his old intimacies with the friends of J. S. Dilworth & Co. Mr. James Pursey, formerly of the house of Means & Coffin; also Mr. Plashwatt, will be found in the sales department, all of them capable, courteous and efficient. The high character of the firm is of the old time—its ample capital and its extensive and admirable external and internal arrangements for a large business, we have no doubt will be appreciated and richly rewarded by an intelligent business community.

THE FIRE COMMISSION.

Meeting Last Evening—Appointment of Foremen.

The Fire Commissioners held a meeting last evening at their rooms on Fourth avenue, for the purpose of making the appointments of officers and men for the several engines and hook and ladder trucks. The appointments have not yet been announced, but we learn from a creditable source that the following named persons have been appointed foremen: A. J. Cupples, Andrew Sims, John Hamil, Thomas Cuningham, John Wrigley and Nelson Woods, foremen of steamers; William Sims and John Smith, foremen of hook and ladder trucks.

Other appointments were made, but we were unable to learn who they were.

SHOOTING AFFRAY.

Serious Affray at Ormsby Grove—Two Men Shot and One of Them Probably Fatally Wounded.

An affray of a serious nature occurred at Ormsby Grove, on the south side of the Monongahela river, yesterday evening, by which two men were seriously, and one of them perhaps fatally, injured. Yesterday was a grand German holiday, being the Fifth Monday after Easter Sunday, and a pic-nic was held at Ormsby Grove. As is customary on such occasions, there were a large number of kegs of beer taken to the Grove, which were returned to the brewery empty, and as a natural consequence when a large quantity of beer is circulated in a company of that character, somebody got drunk. In this instance John Little appeared to be the man to whom the largest quantity of beer had been transferred from the kegs, and he was belligerent. He had a loaded revolver with him, and becoming offended at some one, it is alleged, he drew the pistol from his pocket and fired, the ball passing through Mr. John Daniels' arm, and then struck Bartholomew Gingter in the abdomen. Daniels' wound, although a very painful one, is not considered serious, but the other may perhaps prove fatal. Both the wounded men made information before Justice Heisel, charging Little with felonious assault and battery. He was arrested and held to bail for his appearance at Court.

CITY COUNCILS.

Special Meeting—Petitions and Communications—Report of Committees—The City Treasurer—Ordinances, &c.

A special meeting of the Select and Common Councils of the city of Pittsburgh was held at the Council Chambers, city buildings, yesterday, Monday, June 6th, at 2 o'clock P. M.

SELECT COUNCIL.

Members present—Messrs. Ahl, Ahlborn, Aiken, Armstrong, Bissell, Brown, Burgwin, Coffin, Devlin, Duncan, Edwards, Friday, Glen, Gross, Hartman, Herron, House, E. P. Jones, Isaac Jones, Kehew, Kirk, Laufman, Liddell, Littell, Lloyd, Morrow, Murdoch, Murray, McEwen, McMahon, McCarthy, Phillips, Rees, Rush, Schmidt, Scully, Seeley, Shipton, Thompson, S. J. Wainright, Z. Wainright, White, Wilson.

On motion of Mr Coffin Mr. Gross was called to the chair.

The minutes of the proceeding meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Kirk moved that Council proceed with the regular order of business.

Mr. Burgwin asked if this was a special meeting, and if so for what purpose was it called.

Mr. Littell stated that the meeting had been called for the purpose of transacting the regular business, which had been delayed on account of Decoration Day.

Mr. Kirk's motion was adopted.

Mr. White presented a petition for grading, curbing and paving Locust street. Referred to Street Committee.

Mr. Glenn presented a petition for grading and paving Bank alley. Accompanying which was an ordinance providing for the same.

Mr. Jones moved that the papers be referred to the Committee on Streets.

Mr. Glenn amended by moving to suspend the rules and pass the ordinance finally.

The amendment was adopted and the ordinance passed finally.

Mr. Liddell presented a petition for the opening of Smallman street. Referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. S. J. Wainwright presented a petition for main pipes on Snowdon alley. Referred to Water Committee.

Also a petition from residents on Penn avenue, in Seventeenth ward, asking that the act for paving Penn avenue be extended to that part of Penn avenue, accompanying which was an ordinance providing for the same.

The petition was received and the ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules.

Mr. McMahon, a remonstrance against the opening of North Avery street. Referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. Aiken a petition for opening Long avenue, and an ordinance providing for the same.

Petition received and the ordinance passed under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Gross presented the report of the Commission for the improvement of Penn avenue, asking Council to have the water pipe laid on said avenue before the work of grading was commenced.

Mr. Gross stated that it was probable that some form of wood pavement would be laid on said avenue, and it was therefore necessary that the water pipe should be laid before the pavement was put down.

Report received and referred to the Water Committee.

Mr. Edwards a petition for the extension of Fifth avenue, and an ordinance providing for the same.

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Mr. Murray, a petition for the establishing of a grade on Wilkins avenue. Referred to Street Committee, with instructions to take immediate action.

Mr. Murdoch, petition for a review on a road in the Twenty-second ward. Referred to the Survey Committee.

Mr. Scully, a petition for the opening of Linden street, accompanying which was an ordinance providing for the same.

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Also, an ordinance changing the name of Mason street to Cunningham street.

Adopted under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Phillips presented the report of the Finance Committee, recommending the passage of a resolution authorizing the payment of sundry bills.

Report received, and resolution adopted.

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The report was received.

Mr. McEwen, Chairman of the Committee on Markets, presented the quarterly report of said Committee, showing a total revenue of $17,000, and the expenses for the quarter were $2,257 61.

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Mr. White, Chairman of the Committee on Wooden Buildings, presented an ordinance granting permission to A. B. Logan to erect an iron-clad.

Also an ordinance granting same privilege to Tomlinson & McKee.

The ordinances were adopted under a suspension of the rules.

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GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Gas Lighting have had before them the petition of Mr. McCooley, asking the use of the gas lamp posts for advertising purposes, and agreeing to pay a reasonable compensation therefor.

Your committee, after mature examination of the subject, would respectfully recommend the granting of the privilege, and the fixing of the compensation at one dollar for each post used.

Accompanying the report was a resolution authorizing the Controller to contract with McCooley in accordance with the above.

The report was received, and the resolution adopted.

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An Ordinance to Amend the Gas Ordinance of the City of Pittsburgh.

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Gas Lighting would respectfully recommend the erection of lamp posts at the following points, viz: (1) on the corner of Fourth avenue and Ferry street; one (1) on Fourth street, between Ellen and Logan streets; three on Ferry street, between Center avenue and Reed street; two on Arthur street, between Center and Wylie avenues; one on Overhill street, corner of Fisher's alley; one on Bluff street, between VanBrasm and Mittenberger streets; one on Franklin street, between Fulton and Townsend streets; one on Franklin street, between Townsend and Logan streets; one on north side of Liberty, between Seventeenth and Twentieth streets; one on the northeast corner of Spring alley, between 24th and 25th streets, and one on the north side of Third avenue eighty feet below Ferry street.

Also a petition for the paving of 44th street. Referred to the Street Committee.

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