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CITY AFFAIRS.

METEOROLOGICAL Observations for the *Gazette*, by G. E. Shaw, Optician, 55 Fifth St.—corrected daily:

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The Spring Elections.

Elections were held in the boroughs and townships on Friday, for municipal officers. There was very little party feeling manifested, and the tickets were generally mixed. The following are the names of the successful candidates in the districts designated:

BIRMINGHAM—Assessor, George A. Powell; Assistants, Alex. M'Clain, Job Warsham; Auditors, A. Burtt; J. A. Wolf; Constable, M. B. Hartsell; Judge, First Precinct, J. R. Alekman; Inspectors, James M'Donald, Robert Wallace; Judge, Second Precinct, T. P. Adams.

SOUTH PITTSBURGH—Justice, Wm. H. Barker; Burgess, Wm. H. Barker; Council, A. Chambers, jr., James Russell; School Directors, Evan Davis, Jas. Cready, John S. Murray, Levi Brenneman; Assessor, Thomas Cassiday; Assistant Assessors, S. J. Braff; Inspectors, M. F. Cassiday, J. A. Blackmore; Constable, James Hudson; Auditor, P. S. Duganna.

MONONGAHELA—Burgess, John Cregan. Council, Richard Welsh, Joseph Kepler, Jacob Mensinger, B. S. Shaddock, H. J. O'Kane. School Directors, Wm. Young, S. H. Marshall. Assessor, John Cregan. Assistants, M. Laughlin, Jas. Carlin. Judge, Thomas Goeghegan; Inspectors, Wm. Davis, John Kyle, jr. Auditor, John Kyle. Constable, Martin Myers.

WEST PITTSBURGH—Burgess, H. D. Whipple. Council, John Mertz, Wm. Hamilton, Jacob Cashbaugh, George Wittingall, Joseph Rodgers. School Directors, George Abel, G. L. Dryden. Judge, Edward Sprung; Inspectors, J. D. Richards, D. Edwards. Assessor, W. H. Brunt; Assistants, Edward Sprung, Thomas Caroon.

EAST BIRMINGHAM—Burgess, David Chess. Council, David Edwards, George Roseman, John M'Cord, John Foell. Judge, David Shearing; Inspectors, A. L. M'Clure, W. Simonbrach. Assessor, August Ammon. Constable, Charles Kolbacker.

BOROUGH OF TEMPERANCEVILLE—Burgess—Geo. R. Cochrane,* R., 101; John Patterson, R., 48. Council—Jas. McDowell,* R., 148; David Robinson,* R., 145; Wm. Aston, R., 56; R. D. Woods, R., 57; Jas. McBride,* D., 92; Henry Kepler,* D., 95; Jas. Ferguson,* R., 144. School Directors—David Robinson,* R., 140; Nath. Ballantine, R., 48; G. K. Gamble,* R., 139; Henry Kepler,* D., 101. Judge of Elections—John Graham,* R., 79; Peter O'Hanlon, D., 67. Inspectors of Elections—Thomas Creighton, R., 61; George Weatmen, A., 62. Assessor—Thomas Creighton,* R., 56; A. L. Jones, R., 61. Asst. Assessors—Wm. Goffe,* R., 88; James McDowell,* R., 148; Thomas Ferguson, A., 56. Auditors—S. H. French,* R., 144; Thomas P. Hershbürger, A., 61. Joseph Ryan,* R., 53. Constable, John Thompson,* R., 88; John Wilton, D., 59.

PERRYSVILLE TOWNSHIP—Supervisors—Geo. Patton,* 125; Geo. Hembelright,* 69; J. Myers, 47; Geo. McCombe, 40. Asst. Assessors—D. Aiken,* jr., 144; D. Irvin,* 158; J. Bolinger, 45; T. S. Black, 36. School Directors—T. Aiken,* three years; Ed. Burchfield,* three years; Jas. D. Gray,* one year. Assessor—Wm. H. Burchfield. The above are the only offices which were contested.

COLLINS TOWNSHIP—Justice of the Peace—Andrew McMaster, 648; John Armstrong, 47; Geo. G. Negley 24. School Directors—Marcus A. Jones, 83*; George McWilliams, 74; O. J. Woolslayer, 45; Thomas Davidson, Esq., 26. Assessor—S. Shedwick, no opposition. Assistant Assessor—Gen. J. S. Negley, S. Crawford; no opposition. Auditor—D. R. Coon, no opposition. Supervisors—John Stewart, 94*; McD. Ferree, 84; John Row, 44. Judges of Elections—Thomas Kennedy, no opposition. Inspectors—David Borland; Peter Weber, no opposition. Town Clerk—J. C. McKelvey. Constable—J. Heazlinc.

ROSS TOWNSHIP—Supervisors, George F. Quail, R. 71; Henry Brooks, R. 128; William Martin, D. 65. Auditors, William B. Daniels, R. 95; M. V. B. M'Alees, D. 42. Assessor, Wm. Ray, R. 91; P. Ivory, D. 45; Assistant Assessors, David R. Quail, R. 87; Thomas Gibson, R. 88; Alexander Neally, D. 43; Jas Fairly, D. 27. Judge of Election, Geo. Quail, R. 88; Casper Beal, D. 43. Inspector of Election, David H. Cunningham, R. 87; William Fairfield, D. 36. School Directors, William Ray, R. 99; A. W. Buchanan, R. 80; Robert Morrow, D. 38; David Storrie, 47. Town Clerk, W. W. Headley, R. 93; S. J. M'Auley, D. 41. Treasurer, W. W. Headley, R. 93; S. J. M'Cauley, D. 39. Republican majority about 46.

Teachers' Meeting.

The Mifflin township Teachers' Association met for the last time during the present term, at school house No. 6. The school was subjected to a critical examination by Mr. Dempster, their teacher. The several classes passed this ordeal triumphantly, and demonstrated the fact that no time has been frittered away by them or their teacher. After the examination, dinner was served by the ladies, who deserve much praise for their kindness. The pupils and parents were addressed by several of the teachers, and a letter from County Superintendent Denbeigh, was read, in which he stated that other engagements prevented his being present, and gave the friends of education much encouragement by declaring "that in no township in the county have the teachers and friends of education done as much good in one term as in Mifflin township."

The following were then reported by a committee appointed at a former meeting:

Resolved, That we sincerely think the directors and parents who have seconded our labors in this good work, and earnestly hope that such will ever continue to manifest a deep interest therein.

Resolved, That those teachers who, consulting their own ease and comfort more than the true advancement of educational interests—have refused to bear their part in this work—deserve the most hearty contempt of every true teacher.

Resolved, That the gentlemanly treatment of directors and teachers by our present County Superintendent, merits our most hearty approbation.

Resolved, That we thank the ladies of the district who have, at our various meetings, kindly furnished rich feasts for the "inner man."

Mifflin, March 14th, 1861. VERITAS.

County Reform in Findley Township.

At a meeting of the tax payers of Findley township, held on the 15th inst., the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The County of Allegheny having become deeply involved by the extravagance and corruption of some of its office holders, we think it is high time that we should have a change in the management of the affairs of the County, and as there is now a bill before the Legislature to this effect; therefore

Resolved, That we instruct our Senators and Members of the House of Representatives to do everything they can to secure the passage of the bill.

Resolved, That the tax payers of Findley township are opposed to the amendment proposed by the Executive Committee of the County, for the election of a Controller, as we think this will throw the system into the hands of corrupt office seekers, and will not accomplish any reform; and we instruct our Senator and Members of the House to vote for the bill giving the Judges of the two Courts power to appoint a Controller so long as he administers his office honestly.

Resolved, That we approve of the charge proposed in the bill for the collection of State and County taxes.

Resolved, That the tax payers of Findley township tender their thanks to our Senators, and our able Representative, Mr. Williams, for the able manner in which they defended the State from the knavery and corruption of the Railroad monopolists.

Arrest of Suspicious Characters.

Chief of Police Patterson on Saturday arrested two men who gave their names as Henry Cawby and Henry Bowan. They visited a store on Market street for the purpose of disposing of a lot of fine black silks, and their appearance being decidedly against them, they were arrested on suspicion of having stolen the goods. They arrived here from the West on Thursday night, and on Friday they received a lot of silks, valued at between four and five hundred dollars. They had but fifteen cents when they reached here, and their being short of funds was assigned as a reason for not bringing the goods with them. They tell very extraordinary stories as to how they came in possession of the goods—one of them alleging that they were purchased at a sale in New York, and taken to Cincinnati, while the other states that they were bought in Cleveland. The lot consists chiefly of fine silk dress goods, together with silk handkerchiefs and sewing silk.

Not being able to tell directly and honestly how and where the goods were obtained, Mayor Wilson will hold the men in custody until he can telegraph to Cleveland and Cincinnati, as it is not improbable that the goods have been stolen.

A Singular Transaction.

A few days since, Rachel Conley, daughter of a respectable citizen residing in South Strabane township, Washington county, gave birth to an illegitimate child, the reputed father being James H. Wilson, a student in attendance at Jefferson College. Soon after the child was born, Wilson took charge of it, stating that he would procure a nurse for it, but instead of doing so, had it sent to the Washington county poor house, and subjected to so much exposure that its life is despaired of. A warrant was issued for Wilson's arrest, who in the meantime came over to this city and put up at Hare's hotel. Last evening two or three officers visited the hotel for the purpose of making the arrest, but the friends of the young man had evidently been on the alert and he made good his escape. His parents reside in Chambersburg, and he will perhaps set his face homeward.

Arrest of a Runaway Boy.

Two or three days ago a lad named Woods, who represented himself under different names, appeared in Connellsville, and stated to the citizens there that he was searching for his father. He had gone up on the train by making similar representations to the conductor. His contradictory statements led to suspicions that he was a runaway, and Mr. Henry Banks, formerly of this city (now constable at Connellsville) brought the boy down and took him before Mayor Wilson. He then gave his name as Woods, and stated that his parents resided on Grant street—his father being a shoemaker. He was sent home, in charge of an officer, and delivered into the custody of his mother, who stated that he had left home on another occasion, and had gone as far as Philadelphia. He is not more than ten or eleven years of age.

Case of Alexander McConnell.

Judge Mellon delivered a lengthy opinion in the case of this young man, convicted of an attempt to burn the machine shop of the C. & P. Railroad, in Manchester—overruling the motion for a new trial, and in arrest of judgment, and sentencing him to two years' imprisonment in the Western Penitentiary. The father of the young man, who is a highly respected citizen of Blair county, was present, a sorrowful witness of the decision and sentence of the Court.

The principal point of interest decided was that raised on the trial, of which we gave a report at the time, regarding the question of jurisdiction—counsel for defense claiming that by the jurisdiction clause of the New Code, (under which the case was tried,) the indictment should have been laid in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, instead of the Quarter Sessions. That clause provides that arson, and all crimes punishable *in the same manner* as arson, shall be tried in the Oyer and Terminer exclusively.

The Court, in their opinion, rule that the case is a misdemeanor, and not a felony; and that all the cases of malicious burning enumerated in Section 178 of the code are properly to be tried in the Court of Quarter Sessions. The case charged is not an offence consummated but only an attempt to commit an offence, which was at common law but a misdemeanor; although the offence attempted was a felony.

After the opinion of the Court had been delivered, Mr. Shannon addressed the Bench at some length in an appeal for mercy for his client in the sentence; he spoke of his youthfulness; of the probability that had it not been for the detectives the defendant would never have been led as far as he had been into the path of error; of the jury's recommendation to mercy; of his previous unblemished character, and other facts calculated to sway the Court to mercy.

When the young man rose for sentence, he appeared very much affected. Judge Mellon said to him that doubtless the check he had received at this time in his downward career would be a blessing to him in after life, if he made proper use of it. He would be taken from evil company and temptations, and have time to reflect and form good intentions for the future. They would be so lenient towards him as the nature of the case would permit. The Court then passed the above mentioned sentence.

Bold Burglary.

On Sunday morning, before daybreak, the dwelling of Mr. James Floyd, on Beaver street, Allegheny, was entered by a burglar, and robbed of ten dollars in money and a lady's gold breast pin. The thief entered through the front door, by means of an "counter," the mark of the instrument being visible on the head of the key. The party had evidently been posted in regard to the house, as he went directly to the sleeping apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd, and opened a bureau drawer containing a considerable sum of money. Not finding the coveted treasure, he took a purse containing ten dollars from Mrs. Floyd's dress, and carried it down stairs, appropriating the money and leaving the purse behind. This, with the breast pin already spoken of, was all that was lost. Mr. Floyd was absent from home, and all the circumstances go to show that the thief had some knowledge of the house and its occupants.

A Broth of a Husband.

On Saturday night, an Irishman named Thomas Roberts, residing on Benton alley, Allegheny, was arrested for breaking in his parlor door with an axe. He was taken before Mayor Drum, and alleged that when he reached his home, he found some things did not look right about the kitchen—there was too much splashing and scrubbing for him, and he insisted on occupying the parlor. His wife demurred, and he went off and broke in one of the panels of the door. He returned, full of courage, and determined to enter the parlor "whether or no." The door was locked, and armed with an axe he began the work of demolition, to the great terror of the neighborhood. Mayor Drum did not perceive that the circumstances justified the extraordinary conduct of the accused, and a fine of five dollars was imposed and reluctantly paid.

Suit Against the East Liberty Railway Co.

Bitter complaints have lately been made concerning the neglect of the East Liberty Passenger Railway Company, in not cleaning the streets traversed by them, according to the terms of their charter with the city. The complaints of individuals are very slightly regarded by corporations, and where there is a studied and persistent neglect of duty, the only remedy is the strict application of the law. S. B. Cooper, Street Commissioner of the Second District, has accordingly entered complaint before Mayor Wilson, against said company, charging a violation of the ordinance, under which they agreed to keep clean from curb to curb, the streets traversed by their cars. Wylie street, Centre and Pennsylvania avenues are in a very filthy condition, and if the company does not attend to the matter the penalty will be enforced.

MAD. VARIAN'S CONCERT, Friday night, at Concert Hall, was but poorly attended, the hall not being half filled. Those who were present enjoyed a rare musical treat. The lady's voice is one of great power, and clear and full as the notes of a nightingale. We have seldom been more gratified that when listening to the aria from "Krazzi" or "Traviata;" but when Madame V., in response to an *encore*, sang "Within sunny Provence," we confess that our pastoral ear was more pleased than with the compositions of Verdi. The concert concluded with the "Star Spangled Banner," which was sung by the finely dressed audience, standing, and with a spirit which did ring to their feet, and applauding to the echo. We were wishing that she could have sung that grand national air down in some city of the rattlesnake confederacy, just once.

The management deserve censure for the unpardonable blunder of having attempted a concert without advertising. We will engage to have Concert Hall crowded to the last inch, if we get notition of the same concert, whenever Madame Varian consents to favor us with that privilege.

STRAND UP WITH A PRECIPICE.—A man named Andrew Elliott, who is addicted to drinking, made a very narrow escape the other morning from being severly injured, if not killed. While under the influence of liquor the night before, he fell into a state that he was unable to reach his residence, be by some means or other managed to climb up into the hay loft of Mr. Robert Henderson, on James street, Allegheny, and covering himself with hay, fell fast asleep. The man with the pitching Mr. Hay, brother, white in the loft engaged in pitching hay into the horse, was somewhat astonished to see a man crawl out from under the hay and leap from the window in the direction of Tennessee Claflin, of fifteen feet. The thought then struck him that he must have given Elliott a slight prod with the hay fork.

RENOVAL.—The Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company, have removed their business office to the building No. 24 Wood street, (Fleming Brot.) where they will hereafter transact their business.

This is one of the progressive institutions of our city, which is rapidly making its mark amongst our manufacturers. They are now manufacturing a superior article of *Nafta and Oil*, which we understand is being introduced very extensively through the West, for illuminating purposes. It is clear and odorless, and yields a steady and brilliant light. We congratulate Mr. Colhoun on having procured so good a location, and such a comfortable and commodious office.

NEW TRIAL GRANTED.—The Court rendered its decision on Saturday, on the motion for a new trial in the case of J. W. Williams, convicted of forgery—granting the motion. Judge Mellon stated that the Court did so in consideration of the fact that newly discovered evidence had been produced which, had it been given before the Jury, might possibly have influenced their decision, and may be of benefit to the defendant in a new trial; and in view of the great uncertainty of evidence in regard to handwriting. Bail for the appearance of the defendant at the next term of Court was fixed and given in the sum of $1,000.

DRY GOODS.—We observed large arrivals of new goods at the corner of Market and Fifth streets, during the past week, and on taking a look inside, were surprised at the piles of rich and seasonable goods on the counter and shelves. Our fair readers will do well to examine the stock of the Messrs. Hogue. Country buyers will also find the wholesale department replete with the latest styles of everything comprised in the very comprehensive term *Dry Goods*, at prices that cannot fail to please.

NEW STYLES OF WALL PAPER.—Mr. Thomas Palmer, of 91 Wood street, near Diamond alley, has now in store a very extensive and varied assortment of Spring Styles of Wall Paper, Window Shades, Fire Screens, &c., suitable for public and private buildings. Mr. Palmer is one of our oldest Wall Paper dealers, and keeps a good stock, as regards style and variety, and is prepared to offer the same at as reasonable prices. We beg to refer to his advertisement, in another column.

LLOYD'S MINSTRELS.—The hearty reception given to this troupe on Saturday evening last surpassed anything ever seen in this city. The applause bestowed on Cool White, at the close of several of his songs and acts, was terrific; while Birch and Fox, in their amusing performances, kept the house in roars of laughter. Wambold and Hideaux are the two finest singers we ever heard. Mr. Andrews, in the essence of "Old Virginny" is immense. A change of programme is announced for this evening.

DRUNKEN FEMININES.—Two notorious characters, Barbara Stillbaugh and Sarah Kelly, were arrested Friday night at a beer hall in the Fifth Ward, where they had been indulging in sundry glasses of "Teutonic." They were locked up for the night, and in the morning Barbara was fined three dollars, and her companion two dollars, which they paid.

SENTENCED.—Tathew, Judiah and Alexander Stinson, three brothers, and David Robinson, a colored boy, convicted at Uniontown for stealing, were each sentenced to serve in the penitentiary for three years, and were lodged in the institution on Wednesday.

LADIES IN THE OIL BUSINESS.—A company of twenty ladies have organized themselves for the purpose of boring for oil on the Biggert farm, Chartiers township. The shares are $40 each. Won't the silks rustle when these ladies strike a top barrel vein?

JUST RECEIVED.—Messrs. Hunt & Miner have just received Harper's Magazine for April. Part 27 of Cassell's Illustrated Bible; and Peterson's Ladies' Magazine for April.

We are indebted to the courtesy of the Hon. Robert McKnight for the Report on the State of the Finances, for the year ending June 30th, 1856.

DIVORCE GRANTED.—The Court granted a final decree of divorce in the case of Sarah Lorrison vs. Wallace Lorrison. Cause, desertion.

THE Court of Quarter Sessions, sits, adjourned until Tuesday morning next, at ten o'clock.

Arrest of the Claflin Family—Humbuggery and Imposition—Startling Disclosures!

For some months past there have resided in this city a family named Claflin—father, mother, and two daughters. One of these, Miss Tennessee Claflin, has been extensively advertised as "a wonderful child," a "natural clairvoyant," and endowed by some superior power, with the art of healing diseases. Miss Tennessee is a pretty girl of some fifteen or sixteen years of age—bold, keen and cunning—and in the hands of one disposed to profit upon the credulity of the people, would be an apt and fitting tool.

It is doubtless true that some persons may receive benefit through mesmeric influences, and the popular mind being always ready to seize upon new methods of curing diseases, it is only necessary for the impostor to mix a little of the good of some modern science, with a large proportion of the extravagant, and he has a pill which the ignorant and credulous will not only swallow with eagerness, but purchase at the highest figure. And such, it seems, was the bait prepared by the elder Claflins. The trouble of producing a mesmeric sleep, so that the subject might exercise the wonderful power of clairvoyance, was obviated in this case, by announcing that Miss Tennessee was a "natural born clairvoyant," always ready to look right into the future and the past—to scan heaven and earth, and hell—and narrate with certainty the state and condition of the living and the dead! Such, it is positively asserted, were the pretensions made by this "wonderful child."

We have little sympathy for those weak-minded creatures who run after fortune-tellers, and believe in the humbuggeries of palmistry, astrology, and such like; but we pity the mortal who, wasting under disease, and clinging to the hope that health may be restored, is led to commit his or her case to the hands of ignorant impirics and bold impostors. Miss Tennessee "guarantees a cure in every case which she undertakes," her "clairvoyant eye" penetrating the recesses of the human frame, and her vast curative powers enabling her to heal all disease! The very pretension to such miraculous gifts should stamp her as a mere impostor—but a single, sad circumstance, recently related to us, will suffice to prove that the hopeful invalid be a fitting victim to believe almost anything. A gentleman residing in a town on the Ohio river, whose wife was fast sinking with consumption, was induced by her friends to visit the "wonderful child" in this city. The physician of the lady was opposed to such a course, and warned them that the journey would most likely cause her death. The husband did not sanction the matter, but consented in order to gratify the lady and her friends. She was brought hither, passed into the hands of the "wonderful child," and in a few weeks she died. Her death no doubt resulted from the exposure and fatigue of the journey, rather than from the medical treatment—but the case proved that Miss Tennessee, notwithstanding her guarantee of a cure, failed to afford the slightest relief.

Scores of people, old and young, have been daily in attendance on the "wonderful child," and the humbug, however profitable to the Claflin family, is about played out. Complaints of the most startling character have lately been made before Mayor Wilson, and on Saturday, with a view of ascertaining their truth or falsity, he drew up an information against father, mother and daughter.

The information is made by Chief of Police Patterson, and charges that Miss Tennessee Claflin, with her father and mother, did, on the 16th of March, and at sundry times prior thereto, unlawfully combine and conspire to cheat and defraud the public by advertising that the said Tennessee was "a natural clairvoyant," and was "endowed with supernatural gifts in the healing art," and by this means "professing to have performed wonderful and miraculous cures. The information further charges that these parties have cheated and defrauded sundry persons by pretending to "call fortunes," and also to give directions for the recovery of stolen or lost goods, etc.

During the afternoon the parties were arrested at their rooms in the Scott House, and brought before Mayor Wilson for a hearing. Anyone possessing a knowledge of the supernatural might be presumed to guess the errand of a police officer, but in this case Tennessee was badly deceived, believing the efforts to be based on her accomplishments received very politely with "Come in, gentlemen; one at a time." They declined an invitation to the drawing room, and astonished the "wonderful child" with a warrant of arrest.

Mr. McCarthy and Cozz appeared for the defendants, and Messrs. Sutherland and Robinson for the Commonwealth

After the information had been read, the examination of witnesses commenced:

Miss —— testified that she knew the defendants; had been afflicted for some years with sore eyes; was recommended to go to the "clairvoyant;" consulted with her, gave her one dollar, and she said she would cure me in three weeks; saw her at the Scott House; Miss Claflin told me how I felt and pretended to tell my fortune, but I had not then concluded to let her try the cure. Went back in about two weeks, to tell her that I would take a course of medicine. She told me she would cure me for $20—ten dollars in advance, and ten dollars when the cure was effected. I paid the first ten dollars, and was to call and get the medicine. I called two days after, and Miss Tennessee was not in. Called two days after, and saw her. She then gave me some medicines of different kinds, with directions how to use them. I used them according to directions. Had a confidence in her; she told me about my disease, and also about Miss Tennessee's powers to cure me. The mother said her daughter could cure me. Three days after, saw Miss Tennessee at the St. Charles; the bottles were then removed. Said the treatment was for the eyes. Miss Tennessee put up the medicine herself. I used the medicine—there were pills to be taken every night, and something to be distributed in water that looked like cream of tartar, and other substances, resembling charcoal, was to be taken in the morning. During the visits I made, she did not profess to have any supernatural powers. Subsequently she requested me to call daily, and she would do what she could for me. I visited her office, but not every day. The operation was in the nature of mesmerism, rubbing her hands over my forehead. I told her once I had lost something, and she proposed to find it. She did not tell me where I had lost, but asked me what it was? (Wonderful child!) She said she could find it, but I never got it! It is now eight weeks since I began taking her medicine, and I have not been benefited. I paid her in all about $60, and I have been treated two weeks, but I have not yet decided to quit her. I did not believe she possessed any supernatural powers—my friends persuaded me to go there.

On cross-examination, the lady stated that she resided in Birmingham, and taught school.

Mrs. ——, sworn—Have been suffering with bronchitis for two years; there was a paper handed to me, with an advertisement of Tennessee Claflin, the "wonderful child." I went to the Scott House and consulted with her; stated to her the nature of my case, and also I had my fortune told. She told me she could cure me up immediately, without any trouble or interest. I paid her five dollars that day. My mind is now so distracted that I hardly know whether I am a living being or not. Before I submitted to her treatment, my mind was sound. She gave me a box of Claflin pills per day, besides charcoal, and some white substance. She operated on my throat by rubbing with her hands. I afterwards became very intimate with the family. Tennessee Claflin stated that she had nothing to do with spiritualism, as that was a gift from God; that she was no clairvoyant, and her father had put the "wonderful child" on the bill because it would be a wonder to the world, and he would draw a crowd; people are so credulous. She said she did not believe in spiritualism, or anything of the kind, and the people might go to hell so that she got their money. I was boarding at the Scott House, and she said Tennessee's music lessons. Have seen dozens of persons coming daily to have their fortunes told, nearly all of them went away grumbling, and asserting that Tennessee was a humbug. She gave me a "lucky stone!"—(the witness produced the charm.) There was a girl boarding at the house who took the Tennessee undertook to cure her. She pretended to tell whether deceased friends were in hell or in heaven; whether absent friends were dead or alive, and also to say whether persons would have good luck or not.

Cross-examined—I now board at the Scott House, and am a music teacher. My mind was troubled about how I should get along, before I saw Tennessee Claflin.

In chief—While telling my fortune, she represented to me that my deceased husband was in hell.

The examination closed here for the present, Mayor Wilson postponing the further hearing of the case until ten o'clock this morning—the defendants entering three hundred dollars bail each for their appearance at that time.

We may add that, whatever supernatural gifts Miss Tennessee may possess, she evidently lacks the natural acquirements which are much more important in a social point of view. During the examination of the witnesses, she kept fidgeting about in her chair, at times amusing herself by chewing paper into little balls and blowing them out of her mouth, and over and anon mouth and ear with her mother, whispering, tittering, snickering, and making herself generally repugnant. She and her mother never failed to cluckle over the credulity of the witnesses as detailed in their own testimony, and the impression which they created on all hands was decidedly unfavorable.

Oil Refining in Allegheny—Important Suit.

On the 3d of January, the Councils of Allegheny passed an ordinance declaring that "it shall not be lawful for any person to carry on the business of manufacturing or refining coal or carbon oil within the city limits," under a heavy penalty. At that time Mr. Wm. Mackown had a refinery in operation in the First ward, near the canal, and has ever since been carrying on the business as usual. Much complaint has been made in the neighborhood, and the ordinance will now be tested, as suit has been entered before Mayor Drum, by Messrs. Edwin Hyde, Alex. Glenn and P. Martin. Judgment for the penalty will no doubt be entered against the proprietor, but he has signified his intention to carry the case to Court for the purpose of testing the validity of the ordinance. An appeal, it strikes us, will be utterly useless, except that it will tend to satisfy those who are skeptical upon this point.

BRUTAL ASSAULT.—On Friday evening last, Mathias Smith, a German coal hauler, residing in the Third Ward, Allegheny, was beaten in a shameful manner, as he alleges, at the tavern of Mr. Rogers, near Lea's ferry landing. Two men occupied a buggy in front of the tavern, and refused to drive out of the way, Smith took their horse by the head and was moving him off when they jumped out and began to beat him. They were soon after joined by Rogers and his son, and among them Smith was brutally beaten. On Saturday he preferred a charge of assault and battery against the Rogerses, who were arrested and held to bail by Mayor Drum. He will also sue the occupants of the buggy as soon as he learns who they are. One of them, it is said, is a lawyer of this city.

DEATH FROM DIPTHERIA.—The death of a son of Rev. James Presley, D. D., of this city, is announced under our obituary head.

Home for the Friendless.

The ladies of Pittsburgh and Allegheny, feeling the necessity of having an Institution where the destitute may find an asylum, have formed themselves into a Society for the purpose of establishing such an one, which shall be called a HOME FOR THE FRIENDLESS.

As all such benevolent works require money to establish and carry them on, we would now present to the public our plan, hoping, that when the ladies solicit subscriptions and donations they may meet with a hearty response.

To provide a home for destitute and neglected children we would make the *primary* object of our Society; but the design is also to receive all females of good moral character, destitute of friends, who for any reason come to our cities and desire a temporary abiding place, employing them in the institution until suitable situations can be found for them.

The question may arise in the mind of the reader, "Why is this necessary? when we have already three Orphan Asylums." There are many children, which, for various reasons, cannot be received into the Orphan Asylum and for whom no provision has been made. The Home of the Friendless would receive all such children as cannot be admitted into the Orphan Asylum. All children neglected or deserted by their parents, or surviving parent. These children to be placed under the care of the managers of the institution by the overseers of the poor. When so received, to detain, maintain, educate, and extend to them parental care until homes can be provided for them with persons who will be willing to receive them, and teach them some useful art, trade, or employment.

Daily do we see many of these poor neglected ones, begging from door to door their daily bread, who, although not orphans, are worse of than if they were. Many of them with parents whose natural affections have been destroyed by yielding themselves willing victims to the powerful of Satan's emissaries—WHISKY. Dear reader, would you not deem it a privilege, if by contributing a portion of the means over which God has made you steward, you could be instrumental in rescuing one of these little lambs, and bring them into the fold of the "Good Shepherd?" If so, you have the Savior's pledge that whoso receiveth one little child in His name receiveth Him. Each soul which you shall be instrumental in saving shall shine as a star in your crown of rejoicing.

As the presentation of facts make the most powerful appeal to charity, we might give many which have come under our observation, but for want of space, will merely present one. Some time since a little boy might have been seen begging from door to door, and soliciting from each passer-by a few cents. He always looked hungry, and was half clad. It would have been difficult to decide upon the color of his skin, for he looked as if he had ever been a stranger to soap and water. Often he would sit on the curb-stone, watching the little boys at their sports. An O what a contrast did that poor neglected one present with the more favored children of fortune. Poor child, if unable to procure money to take home, he cruel parents would beat him for not bringing it. Such is the pauperizing tendency of the rum traffic, that it makes a *hell* At last both parents were put in jail, a kind lady took the opportunity of placing Jimmy in the House of Refuge. The lady remained until he was washed, and dressed—when she could have been difficult to have recognized him as the same child. He was charmed with his new shoes, the first *new* ones he ever had on. He held up his foot and admired them for a long time. When, after a few weeks, the same lady visited him, and inquired how he liked his new home, he replied, "*First rate, his lady*; why every *fellier* has a bed to himself!" Also was a happy *fellier* that never knew what it was to be a runaway. Although the House of Refuge may afford an asylum for such, it is not the place for *children* whose only fault is poverty, brought on by vicious parents. For such as these, we would provide a Christian home; and we cannot doubt there will be found in this community many kind hearts and ready hands to enable us to establish and carry on this work of love.

The following are the names of the Officers and Managers for the Home of the Friendless:

President—Mrs. Irwin.
Vice President—Mrs. J. Schoonmaker.
Secretary—Mrs. Dr. Trevor.
Treasurer—Miss A. Cooper.

MANAGERS:

Mrs. H. Denny,	Mrs R. Hays,
" Wm. Robinson,	" E. Wick,
" Dr. Plumer,	" J. McMillan,
" Brown,	— Herron,
" R. D. Thompson,	" Dr. Dale,
" A. Cramer,	" H. Childs,
" N. H. Hogg,	Miss A. Kennedy,
" J. E. Dunlap,	" M. Walton,
" James Laughlin,	" M. Hern,
" Sands,	" S. Trevor.

The Concert Friday Night.

MESSRS. EDITORS: It has seldom been our pleasure to attend a concert more to our taste and gratification, than that one given by Madame Varian, "the new American Prima Donna," on Friday evening. Excepting Jenny Lind, whom we must needs perhaps always except—Madame Varian ranks among the first in the realm of Song. In some respects she is the superior of either Madame Colson, Bishop, Kate Hayes, or even little Patti. While she may not now have the same *compass* of voice as these, she excels them in execution, clear and sweet purity of tone, and in quiet expression of sentiment.

She reaches, apparently with perfect ease, and without the *contortions* of countenance so usual, the most difficult passages, and with the most liquid smoothness as those which much less severely task the vocal nerves. She seems the mistress of her voice in intonation, flexibility and stress in every part of her range. Her singing "Casta Diva" and extracts from other operas, all of which were admirably executed, the rendering of the piece, "So near and yet so Far," was peculiarly sweet and touching. The encomiums of the audience could not but be well-merited.

That she was appreciated was abundantly shown in the hearty encores she received during the evening, and she has doubtless the thanks of all for the generous and prompt response with which she answered them. The gem of the occasion was "The Star Spangled Banner." Whether it is due to the Enchantress or to the peculiar state, just now, of the *patriotic* heart, or to both, we cannot say, but never before, in any place as we heard it by Madame Varian. The whole audience rose, and the wildest enthusiasm burst from hearts whose patriotism, if ever slumbering, was thus profoundly moved. We only regret that she was not in a larger audience. We hope Madame Varian will favor us again and be greeted with a crowded house, as she would have been, doubtless, at this time, had she been generally known by our citizens.

The first portion of the concert was well and creditably sustained by the several performers. Your space will not admit of further special notice, except, perhaps, for the piano and pianist, Mr. H. Hamm. We are entitled to regard the high reputation of Chickering and Hoffman as mutually sustained on the occasion.

MESSRS. EDITORS—This testimonial is a free-will, NOT A PAID, offering to real and musical merit. C.

LECTURE ON ROME.—Rev. Dr. Cumings, an eminent and talented minister of Philadelphia, will deliver a lecture this evening, in Excelsior Hall, before the Young Men's Christian Association of Allegheny. Subject—"The Topography and Historic Reminiscences of Rome." The interest of the subject and the reputation of the lecturer should combine to attract a large audience.

RENOVAL.—Mr. R. H. Palmer has removed from Market street and is now in one of those fine iron fronts on Wood street, near Diamond alley. Purchasers will here find good light in which to examine his new and extensive stock of Straw Goods, Ribbons, Laces, Silks, &c., to which we would invite attention.

EXAMINATION OF STUDENTS.—The examination of students in the United Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Allegheny, will take place on Tuesday, (to-morrow.) Trial sermons will be delivered on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, in Dr. Pressly's church, in the Diamond.

A BRUTAL HUSBAND.—On Friday night last Dennis Golden, of High street, beat his wife so numerically that she now lies in a critical condition. Information has been made before Alderman Bogue, but we believe Dennis has not been arrested.

ALLEGED LARCENY.—A young man was arrested at Masonic Hall, on Thursday night, by officer Hague, upon a charge of stealing seventy-five dollars from a citizen of Knox Valley, who pursued the young man hither, caused his arrest, and took him back for trial.

LOST BOY.—A little fellow, unable to tell his name, is now at the Mayor's office, having been found wandering about the streets. He wears a gingham apron, and has a woolen comfort on his neck and gloves on his hands.

HEAVY POLICE BUSINESS.—The city lock up contained no less than twenty-nine cases on Sunday morning—the fruits of Saturday night's drunkenness and debauchery.

DIED.

PARSLEY—Of Diphteria, on the morning of the 17th of March, 1861, NATTIE, second son of Rev. Dr. James Presley, in the 11th year of his age.

The funeral services will be held at the house of his father, No 41 Sixth street, this day, (Monday) at five o'clock in the afternoon. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

HUNT.—On Saturday morning, at half past eleven o'clock, THOMAS HUNT, aged forty-one years.

WILSON.—On Saturday morning at 8 o'clock, CHARLES LYELE WILSON, in the 18th year of his age.

☞ NEW BOARDING HOUSE.—That large and well-arranged three-story brick building, No 123 First street, has been recently fitted up and furnished by Mrs. M GUIRIN, who invites an examination of the apartments by those wanting rooms and boarding. Fifteen or twenty single gentlemen can be accommodated with large airy rooms; and a few day boarders not requiring rooms will be taken. mh18:nd:ds

☞ "NEWELL'S PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR" for sale at YEAGER & CO.'S, Market st. Call and buy one for the little folks at home, by all means. mh18:d

☞ DOCTOR C. BAHLE, Water Cure and Homopathic Physician; also agent for Balshaw's celebrated Truss for Ruptures. No. 130 Smithfield St.

☞ DENTISTRY.—Dr. C. Sill, No. 146 Penn street, attends to all branches of the Dental profession.

☞ All, should not fail to read the advertisement of Prof. Wood, in to-day's paper.

☞ BLOOD FOOD.—Attention is called to this most remarkable and scientific preparation, advertised in another column. It is an entirely new discovery, and is not contended with any of the numerous patent medicines of the day. It is a certain remedy for all the diseases specified, and especially those of a chronic nature—of long standing—of weeks, months, and years. Sufferers, try it.

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