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THURSDAY MORNING, NOV. 21, 1861.

CITY AFFAIRS.

METEOROLOGICAL Observations for the *Gazette*, by G. E. Shaw, Optician, 58 Fifth street—corrected daily:

	IN SUN.	IN SHADE
9 o'clock, A. M.	00	46
12 " M.	00	54
3 " P. M.		48
Barometer		29 4-10

Pennsylvania Railroad Improvements—Immense Grain Depot.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company is now engaged in constructing a new grain elevator on the Delaware, at Philadelphia. The work is progressing rapidly, and all the iron columns which are to support the bins have been put up. Great care has been required in preparing the foundations to support the enormous weight which the building will have to sustain. Piles have been driven into the ground about twenty-five feet and cut off smooth about six feet below the surface. On these piles rest large blocks of granite, which support the iron columns on which rest the building and the immense iron bins. The sides of the building are being filled with brick work of an ornamental style, and when entirely completed will be a fine specimen of architecture. The lot has a front of 170 feet on Washington avenue and 120 feet on Swanson street, and the building will be sufficiently capacious to store 475,000 bushels of grain, and when increased to the size that it is anticipated the business will require, it will hold 750,000 bushels.

The railroad tracks are laid so as to allow the cars to pass into the building, and the grain is taken from them and placed in large hoppers, from whence it passes on an endless band to a large pit in the bottom of the tower; and from here the grain is carried up by a series of buckets to a point about half way up the tower, and from thance through hoppers, where the grain is screened, measured, and weighed, to a pit, connected with a series of buckets, which convey it to the top of the tower. From this point it is distributed to the various bins. The main bins are 11½ feet in diameter, and averaging 45 feet high, constructed of boiler iron, being circular in form. The spaces between these bins are also to be used for storing grain. There are in all 90 circular bins, and 72 of the smaller bins. The large ones are calculated to hold about 4500 bushels each, and the smaller ones 1000 bushels each. The bottom of these bins are about 16 feet above the railroad tracks. In conveying the grain from the elevator to vessels in the docks along side of the new wharf, it is drawn out through a valve, and falls on a small conveyer, carrying it into another pit in the tower, from whence it is elevated into a large hopper. From here it passes through an iron cylinder about 2½ feet in diameter, propelled by a screw into distributing hoppers, from which it is conveyed through spouting into the hold of the vessels. The full capacity of the elevator for moving grain, may be estimated at 5000 bushels per hour, in which time 16 eight wheeled cars, each holding 300 bushels, can be readily unloaded and the grain stored in the bins. There will be an engine of 40 horse power on the eastern side of the main building, to move the machinery.

Special Meeting of Councils.

City Councils held a special meeting on Tuesday evening.

In *Select Council*, the minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Ward presented a communication from James I. Kuhn, Esq., relative to the case of Mann & Barton vs. The City of Pittsburgh, recently decided in favor of the City by the Supreme Court, quoting from the opinion to show that the City is not now under obligation to keep the old State sewer in repair, that duty devolving upon the State or the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which had succeeded to the rights of the State. The communication was accepted and directed to be entered in the minutes and filed in the Controller's office.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Controller certify a warrant in favor of James I. Kuhn for $100, in full of professional services to the case of Mann and Barton vs. The City of Pittsburgh, chargeable to the contingent fund. In C. C. laid on the table.

The following was also adopted:

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be directed to notify the Pennsylvania Railroad Company of the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Mann & Barton vs. The City of Pittsburgh, in relation to the liability of said Company to keeping the old State sewer in repair. C. C. concurred.

Mr. Dickson called up the resolution (laid over at last meeting) ordering a warrant in favor of John W. Riddell, Esq., late City Solicitor, for $800, for services in the matter of opening Pennsylvania avenue. The resolution was amended technically and C. C. concurred.

[The Select Council then went into the Common Council Chamber and held a secret session jointly with that body.]

After re-assembling the following was read three times and passed:

Resolved, That the Water Committee be authorized to have the pipe leading to the forcing pumps of the upper engine house extending within three feet of the bottom of the lower basin. Referred to Finance Committee with power to act. C. C. concurred.

In *Common Council*, present, Messrs. Anderson, Bailey, Chambers, Dain, Fryer, Hill, Irwin, Killer, Kirsch, Little, Miller, Prest, McCandless. Absent, Messrs. Barclay, Cassey, Gildea, Hayden, Kearns, King, Hays, McVay, Patrie, Rees, Rowbottom, J. Scott, and Wilie.

No original business was taken up in this branch.

A False Impression Corrected—Card from Geo. W. Cass.

The following card from Geo. W. Cass, Esq., President of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway Company, to the editors of the Cincinnati *Gazette*, explains itself:

EDS. GAZETTE: In your railway column, you give currency to the following erroneous statement:

"AN IMMENSE CORPORATION.—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company, before it has scarcely accomplished the deglutition of the Philadelphia & Erie and Pittsburgh and Chicago lines, is announced to have snapped up and absorbed another railroad, being the East Brandywine & Waynesburg."

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has never made an attempt to *bolt* the road; nor even to masticate it with a view to swallowing it. The management of this road is wholly independent of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, excepting so far as she has, like any other shareholder, the right to vote for a Board of Directors. The whole number of shares of capital is 124,651, of which that company holds 16,330 shares, or about thirteen per cent. These two roads are one, in binding together the Atlantic coast with the valleys of Lakes and Mississippi, in business and social relations, are essential to each other; but each is wholly independent of the other in its practical management. Truly, yours, G. W. CASS.

Clean your Sidewalks and Gutters.

A city ordinance requires that the sidewalks and gutters shall be cleaned at least twice a week, but many shopkeepers (and indeed housekeepers) do not clean in front of their dwellings twice a year. At this particular season, when the mud is subject to the changes produced by rain and frost, it is particularly annoying, and should be removed before it becomes "fixed fact?" Mayor Wilson requests us to call the attention of citizens to this matter, and urge them to act promptly. If they do not take this hint, they will be apt to receive a call from the Chief of Police. If the weather becomes too cold for washing, the ordinance demands that the mud be scraped off, so that no excuse need be offered for neglecting this duty—a duty as important to the comfort of the occupants of stores and dwellings, as to the convenience of the public at large. Let the matter be attended to forthwith, in all parts of the city.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT I. O. O. F., OF PENNSYLVANIA.—The semi-annual session took place on Monday, at Philadelphia—Grand Patriarch William Rachlif presiding. New members were admitted, reports received and acted upon, and some other business transacted only of interest to the members of the Order, after which the body adjourned.

On Tuesday morning the semi-annual session of the Grand Lodge was held at the same place, Grand Master D. Washburn presiding.

LARCENY.—Margaret Jackson, charged with the larceny of some articles of jewelry, on oath of Charles Kelly, was committed to answer.

Firemen's Association—Adjourned Meeting.

An adjourned meeting of the Firemen's Association was held last evening, to hear the report of the Committee on Conference and Inspection, relative to Boyd's patent hose, and Jones' patent couplings.

In the absence of the Chairman, B. C. Sawyer, Jr., Mr. W. J. Montgomery was called to preside. Members present, Messrs. Hare, Dorrington, Montgomery, Newhouse, Mackey, Leonard, Laughlin, Kemp, Hall, Graham, Gregg, Kaye, Kilgore, Cupples, Sarber, Rosewell, B. C. Sawyer, Sr., Warden, Wilson, Tibby and Swint.

The Chairman stated the object of the meeting, and called for the report of the Committee on Conference and Inspection.

The Secretary, Mr. Leonard, then read the report, as follows:

To the President and Members of the Firemen's Association—GENTLEMEN: Your Committee of Conference and Inspection, to whom was referred the testing of Boyd's ten inch patent hose, for steam fire engines, respectfully report that they attended to their duties, and had said hose properly and severely tested at the corner of Penn street and Evans alley, in view of a number of firemen, the Committee on Fire engines and Hose, and a number of citizens.

Upon consultation after the trial, your Committee adopted the following resolution unanimously:

Resolved, That we recommend the Association to adopt Boyd's patent hose and Jones' patent coupling.

The report was accepted, and the resolution was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Tibby called for information in regard to the penalties against those members who had been absent for two meetings.

A motion was made to declare vacant the seats of those members who had been absent for two consecutive meetings.

The Chair decided the motion out of order, as the meeting had been called for a special purpose.

Mr. Tibby appealed from the decision of the Chair, and the appeal was sustained.

The rules and regulations of the Association, in regard to absentees, was read, and on motion of Mr. Kaye, the Secretary "entered up" fines against those who had not sufficient excuses to offer.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the attention of Councils be again called to the increased quantity of rock oil now being stored within the city limits, and that they be requested to take immediate action in correcting the evil.

Mr. Cupples moved that the Association recommend Councils to purchase 1,000 feet of the new hose, for each steamer.

Mr. Gregg moved that the amount be fixed at 500 feet for each steamer. Lost.

Mr. Hall moved to amend by including all the fire companies. Lost.

Mr. Wilson moved to amend by referring the matter to a Committee of three, whose duty it shall be to consult with the Finance Committee of Councils, and urge upon them the necessity of an appropriation for this purpose.

Mr. Cupples accepted this amendment, and the original resolution was adopted. The Chair announced as said Committee—Thos. F. Wilson, Edward Gregg and George W. Leonard. Mr. Wilson declined, and B. C. Sawyer, Sr., was appointed in his stead.

The Association then adjourned.

The Mayoralty and Controllership.

City politicians are now beginning to take sides in the canvass for the offices of Mayor and City Controller for the ensuing year, and the contest promises to be warm and animated. The principal candidates now before the people are—for Mayor, Messrs. James Lowry and B. C. Sawyer, Jr., both of whom seek the regular Republican nomination. H. A. Weaver, Ex-Mayor, is also a candidate, but is spoken of in connection with a nomination by a Union or People's Convention. His honor, Mayor Wilson, who has filled the office creditably and acceptably during the past two years, declines a re-nomination, although his friends regard his prospects of success as exceedingly flattering, were he to make the effort. But he positively declines.

for Controller, we have the names of Messrs. Thomas Steele, the present worthy incumbent, Samuel Allinder, clerk in the Treasurer's office, and John McCargo, a well-known business man and representative in Select Council. The latter gentleman was also spoken of in connection with the Mayoralty, but we are informed that he is now a candidate for City Controller.

There may be other aspirants for these responsible offices before the Convention meets, but we are constrained to say that, should there be no others, the people have ample material for a good selection.

Supreme Court.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 20.—Present, full Bench.

McCandless & Co. vs. Gilger; Clarion. Submitted by Corbett for Plaintiff in Error.

Everett's heirs vs. Taylor; Clarion. Argued by Corbett for Plaintiff in Error, and submitted by Meyers contra.

D. S. Morris, of Lawrence county, was, on motion of L. S. McGuffin, duly admitted and qualified to practice in this Court.

Criswell's Appeal; Lawrence county. Argued by McGuffin for Appellant, and by McCook contra.

Winternitz's Appeal; Lawrence. Argued by Morris for Appellant, and by McGuffin contra.

Pary's & Co.'s Appeal; Lawrence. Mr. McGuffin moves to quash the appeal. Motion and reasons filed. Argued by Taylor and Morris for Appellants, and by McGuffin contra.

Sinclair vs. Healy; Elk. Argued by Gordon for plaintiff in error, and by Curtis contra.

Ramsdell vs. McClintock; Venango. Non pros.

Fitzsimmons Appeal; O. C. Allegheny. Mr. Acheson moves to quash the appeal. Argued by Burgwin and Shiras for Appellant, and by Hamilton and Acheson contra.

District Court.

Wednesday, Nov. 20.—Before Judge Williams.

In the case of A. H. English vs. Charles Brewer's Executors—action for services rendered—the jury found a verdict for plaintiff for $2,000.

Bank Note Quotations.

Corrected especially for the *Gazette* by Messrs. Feld & Lare, of the *National Bank Note Reporter*. Rates uncertain at present:

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 20, 1861.

	Discount		Discount
New Eng. States	¼	S. Carolina	no sale
N. York State	¼	Georgia	no sale
N. York City	par	Alabama	no sale
N. Jersey	¼	Louisiana	no sale
Penna. (Phila.)	par	Tennessee	5
" (Pitts.)	par	Kentucky	par
" (Inter'ns'ch'g)	1 to ¼	Ohio	¼
Delaware	¼	Indiana, free	¼
Dist. of Columbia	1	" b'k of State	½
Maryland, Balt.	¼	Illinois	10@70
" Interior	1	Wisconsin	10@70
Virginia		Iowa	2
(Wheeling & Ohio)	5 to 6	Michigan	2
" (eastern)	no sale	Missouri	5 to 50
North Carolina	no sale	Canada	3

Exchanges—Selling rates on New York and Philadelphia, ½ per cent over par funds.

The WISSED BANK, Connecticut, is thrown out at New York and Boston. It is said the bank has been robbed.

Not Yet Settled.

There seems to be no end to the election dispute in Philadelphia. Although the Return Judges adjourned *sine die* on Saturday, after issuing a peculiar form of certificate to the Democratic candidates for office, and although there was no mention in the Board, while in session, of the existence of any other certificates, yet the counsel for Mr. Thompson appeared in the Common Pleas, on Monday, and exhibited to Judges Allison and Ludlow, a certificate of election to the office of Sheriff, signed by fifteen of the Return Judges, (People's party,) and desired to know at what time he should enter security.

Messrs. Hirst and Cassidy, who happened to be in Court at the time, at once denounced the whole scheme—as a fraud, and protested against the entry of security. The matter was then postponed until Tuesday morning, when it would again come up in the Common Pleas.

THANKSGIVING DAY.—The Governors of nineteen States have designated the day for the celebration of the annual Thanksgiving. In Maine and Massachusetts it will be observed on the 21st instant, and in the following named States Thursday, the 28th instant, has been named as the day: New York, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Connecticut, Vermont, Rhode Island, Kansas, Maryland, Kentucky, and Delaware.

THEATRE.—The talented comedian, Mr. Hickett, personated Sir John Falstaff, in Shakespeare's historical play of King Henry the IV, last evening. He appears in the Merry Wives of Windsor to-night. It will be necessary to secure a seat to get a good sight.

DAVID BRIGGS, of Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, died recently of typhoid fever contracted at Camp Curtin.

Mr. Gough's Lecture.

The Lecture Committee of the Young Men's Library Association have announced the first lecture of the season in the course, to be delivered in Concert Hall, on Friday evening, the 29th inst. Mr. Gough, the celebrated lecturer on Temperance, opens the course on that evening with a lecture on his own favorite and most worthy subject. With such a lecturer and such a theme,—a lecturer whom nature herself cast in her own mould for an orator, giving him the native gifts which art or exercise has now fully drawn out and perfected, and a theme which is almost his own, so far does he excel all others in treating it, and so fully does it possess his mind and heart,—it is a very moderate promise to make to the good people of these cities and the vicinity, who will crowd Concert Hall on Friday evening, that they will spend a delectable hour or two, and, albeit the subject is Temperance, they may feast to the full on good things.

Atrocious Murders in Western Virginia.

The Wheeling papers of yesterday report two most atrocious murders near Weston, Lewis county, Va., the victims being peaceable Union men, and the perpetrators marauding rebels. On the night of the 30th of October, a secession desperado, named William G. Pierson, in company with Enoch Cunningham and Christian Simons, went to the house of a Union man named William Brake, and after seeing him, told him they had been sent by Gen. Rosecrans to arrest him, took him about a mile from his house and shot him down, after they rifled his pockets of about $200, and left his body lying in the woods. The fiends then went up the river four miles further and called out Mr. George Blair, an old man 72 years of age, and shot him also. The murderers are still at large, prowling about the neighborhood, the dread and terror of the whole community. Gov. Pierpoint has offered a reward of $300 for the apprehension of the murderers. We hope they will be taken and "strung up."

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY FOR DECEMBER.—Mr. W. A. Gildenfenny, No. 45 Fifth street, near Wood, has received the December number of this general and deservedly favorite with the reading public. The Atlantic completes its eighth volume with this issue, which though the last, is not inferior to any number of the year foregoing. Among the contents are contributions by John G. Whittier, Mrs. Stowe, Dr. Holmes, Miss Martineau, James Russell Lowell, T. W. Higginson, J. W. Newcomb, J. T. Trowbridge, Francis Wayland, Jr., and George W. Greene. In the January number will be commenced a series of papers by Professor Agassiz, and a new story by the late Theodore Winthrop. Nathaniel Hawthorne is announced for a new romance, to appear early in the year.

SEVEN TROPHIES.—About three hundred of the guns captured from Floyd at the Carnifax ferry affair, arrived in Wheeling on Monday, and were taken to the Government store house. There were also a number of home-manufactured knives, of a rude but savage looking make. Among the guns are a number of shot guns, common rifles, and all sorts of fowling pieces, showing that some of the secesh at Carnifax were very irregularly armed.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY has furnished about 1,700 men for the war. Thirteen full companies of volunteers have been recruited there, besides one hundred for the regular service, and some three hundred for outside companies. She also boasts of Cols. Geary, Lazear, T. F. Gallagher and Richard Coulter, Maj. Will A. Stokes, and numerous other officers of lesser rank. Good for "old Westmoreland."

A PREACHER CAPTAIN.—Rev. W. A. Taylor, of Beaver county, a Methodist minister, is the Captain of a volunteer company at Camp Curtin. Last Sunday he was invited to fill the pulpit in the West Harrisburg Methodist Mission church. He accepted the invitation, and marched his company to the church, before whom, and a large congregation of citizens, he delivered a very eloquent and instructive sermon.

MILITARY MATTERS.—Col. Power's Lancers regiment left Harrisburg on Monday night for Washington. Col. White's regiment was ready and expected to move southward on Tuesday evening. Col. Wilson's and Maxwell's regiments still remains at Camp Curtin. They are daily receiving recruits, and expect to be under marching orders some time next week.

FRANK LESLIE'S ILLUSTRATED NEWSPAPER.—Mr. W. A. Gildenfenny, Fifth street, has received the number of the above named beautiful newspaper for November 30th. It contains a splendid double-page engraving of the Bombardment of Forts Beauregard and Walker; portraits of Mason and Slidell, and other hardly less interesting illustrations. The price is only six cents.

JANE GREEN, a young lady arrested in Western Virginia for carrying letters to the rebel army, and imprisoned at Wheeling, took the oath of allegiance on Monday last and was discharged. She is only about twenty years of age, and exhibited signs of penitence, which induced the officers to "swear her and let her go."

LADIES, be sure to go to Barker's, 59 Market street, to-morrow. They have just received from New York Auctions bargains that will astonish you. Silks at 81 cents, worth $1 12. Cloaks, Shawls, Dress Goods, &c., &c. Be sure to go.

SAMUEL DAUM, formerly of West Newton, a member of the Greenfield cavalry of Fayette county, was shot by rebel guerillas, concealed in the woods, while on a scouting expedition between Romney and Winchester in Virginia on Thursday last. He died almost instantly.

A PROUD TRAITORESS.—There is a lady in Wheeling, a genuine rebel, who, on Friday last, (being Jeff. Davis' last day) refused to eat or drink—being engaged from morning till night in devotional exercises. We hope she obtained forgiveness.

JOHN ALLEN, of California, Washington county, was lately killed at Camp Silk Water, Virginia, by a tree falling on him, while engaged in preparing quarters.

MR. HENRY MINER, Fifth street, has received a supply of a neat map of the seat of war, printed on letter paper.

CAPT. J. P. KANE, of this city, is recruiting in Wheeling for Meagher's Irish Brigade.

WINTER CLOTHING.—If any of our readers desire a nice, genteel, and serviceable winter suit, at a fair price, they can obtain it at Wm. H. McGee & Co.'s, 113 Federal street, corner of the Diamond, Allegheny. They have now on hand a full stock of Fall and Winter Goods, ready made, or which can be furnished to order in the best style. Also, a fine assortment of Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods. ‡

J. D. THOMPSON'S Rheumatic and Neuralgic Liniment is a certain cure for pains in the face or any part of the body. Try it. This genuine is prepared only by J. D. Thompson, at the corner of Wood and Liberty streets, Pittsburgh Pa., and sold wholesale and retail. ‡

WM. FORREST, Carpenter and Joiner. Jobs promptly attended to. Care and attention given to all work entrusted to him. Call at his Jobbing Shop, Virgin alley, between Smithfield and Grant streets, Pittsburgh. ‡

DOCTOR C. BARZE, Water Cure and Homeopathic Physician; also agent for Rainbow's celebrated Truss for Ruptures. Corner of Penn and Wayne Streets. ‡

DENTISTRY.—Dr. C. Sill, No. 246 Penn st, attends to all branches of the Dental profession.

DIED:

CHRISTY—On Tuesday, the 19th inst., SARAH WOODS CHRISTY, daughter of James M. and Eleanor H. Christy, aged 9 years, 8 months and 28 days.

The funeral will take place from the residence of her parents, on Pennsylvania avenue, on THURSDAY, 21st inst., at 10½ o'clock a. m.

BLOOD FOOD.—Attention is called to this most remarkable and scientific preparation, advertised in another column. It is an entirely new discovery, and must not be confounded 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!

MESSRS. GRAHAM & DUPUY, of New York, are the sole agents for it, and sole proprietors of the world-renowned Dr. RADE'S IRRITABLE CORDIAL, an article which every Mother should have in her medicine closet in case of need; and containing, as it does, no paregoric or opiate of any kind, it can be relied upon with the utmost confidence, and will be found an invaluable specific in all cases of infantile complaints.—*Ohio State Journal, Columbus.*

See advertisement. For sale by GEORGE R. REDMAN, Agent, 140 Wood st., Pittsburgh, Pa. nov18dwlw1mP

25 TONS S. O. HAMS, 5 bbls Rockland Herring, 10 bbls Lake Herring, 1 bbl Pickled Salmon, 1 half bbl Pickled Trout, 1 half bbl Pickled Salmon, 1 half bbl Pickled Herring, 10 bbls Pickled Pigs Feet, 10 bbls Pickled Beef, 10 bbls Pickled Tongues, 10 bbls Pickled Beef Tongues, 10 bbls Pickled Lambs Tongues, 10 bbls Pickled Pigs Tongues, 10 bbls Pickled Beef Hearts, 10 bbls Pickled Tongue Sausage, 10 bbls Pickled Pigs Head Sausage, 10 bbls Pickled Beef Sausage, 10 bbls Pickled Pigs Feet Sausage, 10 bbls Pickled Lambs Fry Sausage, 10 bbls Pickled Liver Sausage, 10 bbls Pickled Blood Sausage