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THE UNKNOWN GRAVE.

Who sleeps beneath this sod?
Ye winds that wander o'er the flowery lea,
Ye restless winds in lonliness whisper me!
Or, from thy far abode,
Spirit that watched the form which fades beneath,
Unfold thy story—share the gloom of Death!

Who darkly sleeps in this?
Some maiden gay, with eye of dewy light,
And cheek like summer's fleeting roses bright,
And form of vestal mien?
Was she of high or low degree? Alas!
Ye heed me not to mournfully ye pass.

Tell me ye star of morn,
—Ye who have seen in the late of myriad's gone—
The sorrowly secret of the grave unknown.
Sa dreamlessness or forlorn?
Ye answer not, as farther yet ye burn,
Melting like dew into the sun's bright urn.

Perhaps some lodge-eyed youth
Slumbers beneath, by palsying death unmanned,
Whose stalwart arm struck for the Fatherland,
And dared the battle's ruth;
May hap the clay which animates this sod
Wrung a hard pittance from the stubborn sod

Haply a sage sleeps here,
Whose life was passed in some calm musèe,
The world forgetting, by the world forgot,
Whose mental vision clear
Sought deathless realms, unseen by mortal ken,
To which, when death was strong, its spirit flew.

Bloom, radiant flowers of spring!
Around the mournful spot all hearts bloom
Pour in the prophet's cadence your rich perfume,
And woo the wild bird's song,
For the dark sleeper in the earth cold,
And hope, hath none for a dear name to weep!

Marriages of Consanguinity.

In a well written and interesting article in the Boston *Medical and Surgical Journal*, Dr. John Bell, of N. York, questions the reliability of the statistics of Decay, Bemiss and others, on the evil effects of marriages of consanguinity. Dr. Bell shows that Decay collecting statistics in a country (France) where the popular prejudice was that sterility is the most prominent result of such marriages, found a very large proportion of sterile marriages, while Dr Bemiss, collecting his statistics in this country, where the popular prejudice points to some mental or physical imperfection in offspring, the result showed such to be the case in a very marked degree.—At the same time, Decay observed no marked mental or physical imperfection, nor did Dr. Bemiss discover any large proportion of sterile marriages. Dr. Bell gives the statistics of twelve families in a small town of less than six hundred inhabitants, none of whom were marriages of first cousins and three of second cousins. There were instances of sterility, and though the famines were not all dead having children, there were few, three. Two were still born, two had hare-lips, to which, however, there was a hereditary predisposition; twenty two of the children died, only ten of them, including the still born before the age of five years. Five of the death were occasioned by scrofulous disease. This result exhibits nothing to support any of the popular notions in regard to such marriages.

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ORDINANCE GRANTING THE RIGHT OF WAY OVER ALLEGHENY VALLEY ROAD COMPANY.

The following Ordinance was reported by the Ordinance Committee of Councils, in conjunction with the City's counsel, and passed in Select Council at their last regular meeting, and is now published by the Board of Managers of the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company in accordance with a resolution of Council.

REPORT OF ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

The Committee on the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company report the accompanying ordinance with the recommendation that the Councils will pass the same, and also report that they have made a careful survey of the street on which the Railway is proposed to be laid down, and have taken into due consideration the interests of the city, property owners, and the Railroad Company.

An Ordinance Granting Certain Privileges to the Allegheny Valley Rail Road Company.

Be it ordained and enacted by the Mayor, Aldermen and citizens of Pittsburgh, in Select and Common Councils assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the same

SECTION 1st That the right and authority are hereby granted to the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company to enter upon and lay down rails for a double track of rail 5½ from the eastern terminus of Butler street, along said street to the west side of Allegheny street, from thence with a single track of 5½ feet along Butler, alias avenue called O'Hara street, to and across Columbus street, from thence to curve in Harrison or Elm street into Pike street, and from thence along Pike to Washington street.

SEC. 2d. That said Allegheny Valley Railroad Company shall have the right and authority to locate said railway with their cars and locomotives, except on Pike street, where horse power shall be used, provided, that no evil or nuisance be found in their locomotives with in the city limits.

SEC. 3d. That said Allegheny Valley Railroad Company shall not lay down their rails on Pike street until said street from Harrison to Adams street, be graded and paved, and the said company shall pay one-half the cost of grading and paving the street aforesaid, under agreement made with the Commissioner on street and sewer regulator.

SEC. 4th. That said Allegheny Valley Railroad Company shall conform to the present or any future grade of said street, and pave down such portion of said street as may be approved by the Executive Department of the Councils. Said company shall put down iron gutters similar to those used in Liberty street, of at the transverse and street walk, in that city, and to keep the same in good repair, and to keep the sides of said street in good order and repair, and to keep the sides of said street in good order and repair, and to keep the sides of said street in good order and