LOCAL AFFAIRS.

New Year's Day.

The New Year opened in on the Pilots with unusual eclat. The weather the day before and the day itself was unusually pleasant, in general appearance, for this city, however, the day was not marked by that unusual gaiety which is characteristic of the old-fashioned Christmas day. There were more idleness and listlessness observable on the streets through the day, but no doubt much information here as to the real cause of this. A good many were in a state of intoxication, in other words—as in search of "New Years," we think they found them—in different degrees. We heard one person, who was no doubt determined to have all the enjoyment he could extract from the day, declare that he was "happy as a clam at high water." We cannot be positive as to the comparative happiness of clams and men, but he was very well satisfied, and not altogether the noisiest or most unpleasant of the individuals we noticed. Some of the shopkeepers were considerably annoyed by the crowds of boys who persisted in standing in front of their windows, and in some instances, we understand, the police were called upon to disperse them. Generally speaking, however, the day passed off very pleasantly, and we have not heard of any serious accidents having occurred.

Accounting for the Democratic Country Gains.—The Democrats of the different wards of Pittsburg and Allegheny met on Saturday, and appointed two delegates to the Democratic County Committee Convention, which convenes in this city on Wednesday to-morrow, and elected delegates to the State Convention, to meet at Harrisburg on Tuesday next.

Pittsburgh.

First Ward—Alex. Cupples, Thos. Donnelly.
Second Ward—A. R. M'Culloch, Hugh Tracey.
Third Ward—John. C. Dunn, Michael Mulligan.

In the Fourth Ward a meeting was called, at which Dr. J. C. Hagaman was elected Chairman, and Daniel Mullen, Esq., Secretary; the following were appointed delegates:

Fourth Ward—Jas. Jackson, R. Sill, S. Bidder Roberts, Edwin Wardle, John Madden, Hugh Hagan.
Sixth Ward—Jas. C. Chandler, Robert Addison, Samuel Wardle, C. M. Cherry, Thos. Bavlin.
Eighth Ward—Benjamin Darsie, Wm. Alexander, Nath'l Shaw, Chas. Bowley, Jas. D. Taylor.

Allegheny.

First Ward—General Campbell, M. L. Stewart.
Second Ward—L. S. Haigh, Geo. Lawman.
Third Ward—P. M. Farley, Wm. M. Stewart.
Fourth Ward—

Birmingham.

South Pittsburgh—J. Murray, Jas. Wolfrath.

Lawrenceville.

Ward—Samuel Smith, Augustus Bartlit.
Ward—David Lynch, D. D. Brown.

The Great Mississippi Famine.—This exciting Miss Kimberly fundraiser to the many patrons of her excellent establishment a most attractive Theatrical Programme for this evening, and to-morrow evening, which will no doubt draw her an overflowing house, as the merits of the performance will fully entitle it to. Miss Kimberly is one of the best actresses on the boards of the Pittsburgh Theatre, and we hope to see her receive a full benefit.

Burglary.—Perhaps there is no stronger evidence of the "hard times" than the numerous burglaries that transpire our daily record. A great number of these burglaries, which are unknown out of employment. They generally resort to the lower class of dwellings, and in search of provisions. The store of Messrs. Lake & Adams, in the Diamond Alleghany, was the scene, by numbers on last Wednesday night, and a considerable amount of groceries taken away. They effected an entrance by means of a crowbar.

Female Swindlers.—Mrs. Jones, and her daughter made quite a sensation in the Burgh this season at Saturday's session, in "The Apostate," and "The Little Treasure." The house was well filled on the occasion, proving indeed a double treat they enjoyed by friends last.

This evening the entertainments of the two dramas of "Tarnum, or the Maniac at the Chateau," and the "Schoolmaster Abroad, or the Maiden's Vow," followed by a comic song from Mr. Young, Gov. Foster dancing song, "Paul Jones," the celebrated gymnast, said to be one of the most powerful men in America, who will surprise by his feats of strength.

Original Performances.—It is a substitute for a part of those of the past season, those who have not yet been there will find it an opportunity of going. We have been there several times, and can assure our readers that there are many things to be seen to better advantage than by visiting this place. There are many articles there fit to grace the parlor or toilet of any one, which, if you are lucky, can be had for a mere song. The evening is enlivened by a fine band of music always in attendance.

We learn that Speed has made the proceeds so far have been very large, and he has been well patronized, though last night's performances, or the friends of the performers could not.

Supposed Arrest.—A man named Stahlnecht was arrested in New York's day and taken before Alderman Mabon connected with clothing thirty eight dollars, on Saturday. It appears that the accused was under the influence of the evening previous, and indulged in a spree of intoxication, and that Stahlnecht, under pretext of assisting him to his residence, succeeded in appropriating to his own use the property mentioned. He was next morning, and committed for trial at Allegheny.

Accidents.—Two children were run over on Saturday, one on Penn street, and the other on Liberty street, but we have not learned the particulars. Neither of the accidents, however, are considered dangerous.

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By kindness of an old subscriber we did not enjoy much of the festivities of New Year's Day, by the bidding of a certain Ball in the city, Fairweather Hall, that evening, along, and the brick struck him in the head, and he is now under a doctor's care. We understand that the affair was a very successful one, and that the Prince Jim Fisher's Band did the performance of unobjectionable pieces of music by day.

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