LOCAL AFFAIRS.

The Westmoreland Tragedy.

The circumstances of this murder are so fresh in the minds of our readers, from their recent occurrence, that it is unnecessary for us to recapitulate them. We will, however, state the facts briefly. The murdered man, Henry Weyrauch, lived with his daughter, Wilhelmina, in an old frame house, known as "Winebiddle's Tavern," on the turnpike leading to East Liberty. The property belonged to Philip Winebiddle, who allowed the old man, on account of age, to reside there free of charge. On the night of the 7th of October, about 10 o'clock, the house was entered, it is presumed from the garret, by climbing up on to a shed in the rear. It is generally believed that the intention of the parties was to commit violence upon the person of the young girl. Some of the party aroused the old man, and the girl was left in the house. The old man rushed to the kitchen, leaped from his bed, and was attacked. The girl left the house, and proceeding to Mr. Winebiddle's, secured the assistance of some hired men. When they reached the house, they heard the voices of several persons in and about it, but upon their approach they fled from the house by the back way, and fled the old man in a bad condition. He died afterwards because insensible, and died about seven o'clock next morning. Upon examination, it was found that he had received severe blows upon the left temple; his hands were also severely bruised. During the day, John Richards was arrested, and taken before Mr. Mayer, to whom he made a statement implicating Daniel Denny and James M. Kelly, who were arrested the same day. After an examination, the whole party were committed to answer the charge of murder, since which time they have been confined in jail.

Court of Oyer and Terminer.

Before Hon. W. B. M'Clure, President Judge, and Hon. Samuel Adams and John E. Parco, Associates.

FIRST DAY.

TUESDAY, January 19, 1858.

Argument Session.—The three prisoners, James Kelly, John Richards and Daniel Denny, were called into Court at half-past nine o'clock and placed in the prisoner's box. They were arraigned, and the indictment read to each one in succession. The indictment is a voluminous document, occupying ten pages of foolscap, and consisting of twelve counts. The reading of the indictment to each prisoner occupied more than an hour. Each prisoner answered "Not guilty," to the indictment as read.

Mr. Shaler, District Attorney, then rose and moved the prisoners be severed in their answers with R. S. Richards, Esq., made a motion for a distinct trial in the case of John Richards, and filed an affidavit signed and sworn to by Richards, stating that he believed a trial with the other two prisoners would be injurious to him, as the nature of his defence would be entirely different from theirs. Mr. Swartzwelder stated that he sincerely believed that his client could not have a fair and impartial trial unless he was tried alone.

Mr. Snowden made a motion for a separate trial in the case of James M. Kelly, on the ground that on Wednesday night, September 9, Daniel Denny had an adjust effect upon Kelly. Mr. S. filed his reasons, and submitted the application without comment. Thomas Howard, Esq., assists Mr. Snowden in the defence of Kelly.

Mr. S. O. Wingard rose an affidavit signed by Daniel Denny, to the effect that a joint trial would be injurious to Denny, and filed his reasons for a separate trial. Denny said he was in no way connected with the rest in the transactions for which a conviction is sought.

The Court informed counsel that if they expected to judge of the various defendants as we have, a number of reports would be having granted, that they must be up that time, as no criminal charge will be entertained.

The Court then adjourned until nine o'clock on morning, when the applications for separate trials will be disposed of. Should all these trials be allowed the prisoners, James M. Kelly will be tried first.

Election on City Officers.

Pursuant to previous resolution, both branches of the city councils met in joint convention yesterday, for the purpose of nominating city officers. The following gentlemen, selected in the Republican caucus, were elected:—

City Solicitor—A. W. Foster.
Superintendent of Water Works—James Nelson.
City Assessor—R. A. Cunningham.
Clerk of Committee—J. R. Newman.
Street Commissioner—1st District—Minas Finkle.
Street Commissioner—2d District—James Park.
Wharf Master—3d Ward—William Forsyth.
Wharf Master—Allegheny—William M. Kelly.
Collector of Aqueduct—James Taylor.
City Gauger—Isaac Little.
Weighmaster at Market—James Wright.
Recorder of Deeds—M. F. McGowan.
Clerk of the Market—M. F. Irwin.
Chief Engineer—John Fenlon.
Inspector of Pot and Pearl Ashes—John Best.
Inspector of Tobacco—Andrew Syer.
Board Measurers—First Ward, Abraham Dever; Second Ward, Alexander Wilson; Third Ward, James M'Master; Fourth Ward, Roman M'Clure; Fifth Ward, Charles Ferguson; Sixth Ward, Wm. Shore; Seventh Ward, John Hoffer; Eighth Ward, J. L. Hamilton; Ninth Ward, S. S. Bell.

The following Standing Committees were also appointed to serve for one year:

Finance—Messrs. Kennedy, Marshall and Brown, of S. C., and Messrs. Ryan, Stirling, Campbell and Sergeant, of C. C.

Water—Messrs. Herdman, Brown and Morrow, of S. C., and Messrs. Patton, Barnhill, Ward, Norris and Bailey, of C. C.

Street—Messrs. Ward and Mackin, of S. C., and Messrs. Sinclair, Darlington and Hamilton, of C. C.

Claims and Accounts—Messrs. Kamerer and Bailey, of S. C., and Messrs. Reed, Mellor and Mellon, of C. C.

Police—Messrs. Moorhead and Pollock, of S. C., and Messrs. M'Candless, Donaldson and Ward, of C. C.

Fire Engines and Hose—Messrs. Herdman and Ward, of S. C., and Messrs. Colwell, Ross and Dickson, of C. C.

Aqueduct—Messrs. Miller and Kamerer, of S. C., and Messrs. Barnhill, Hutchinson and Dignam, of C. C.

Markets—Messrs. Little and Bennett, of S. C., and Messrs. Robb, Rea and Thompson, of C. C.

City Property—Messrs. Berger and Phillips, of S. C., and Messrs. Hunter, Taylor and Robb, of C. C.

Wooden Buildings—Messrs. M'Cargo and Kim, of S. C., and Messrs. Gilder, Hunter and M'Geary, of C. C.

Appeals City Assessments—Messrs. Phillips and Little, of S. C., and Messrs. Sergeant, Barnhill and Hampson, of C. C.

Monongahela Water—Messrs. Kennedy and Marshall, of S. C., and Messrs. Patton, Morris and Dickson, of C. C.

Allegheny Water—Messrs. Patton, of S. C., and Messrs. Colwell and Hutchison, of C. C.

Gas Lighting—Messrs. Pollock and Berger, of S. C., and Messrs. Ross, Bailey and Reed, of C. C.

Ordinances—Messrs. Miller and M'Cargo, of S. C., and Messrs. Mellon, Phogg and Little, of C. C.

Bridges—Messrs. Phillips and Kim, of S. C., and Messrs. Campbell, Hunter and M'Geary, of C. C.

Bridges and Roads—Messrs. Brown, of S. C., and Hamilton and Rosse, of C. C.

Allegheny City Election.

We have the result of the election yesterday in Allegheny City, for Mayor and Councilmen. Jesse Wakefield, the Democratic candidate for Mayor, is elected by a majority of 61. This result, in a city where there is such a large majority against the Democratic party, is a great triumph. The Councils were elected without regard to party, and a good proportion of them are Democrats. In some wards the Democrats had no candidates for Council. We give the votes cast for those elected with a star:

MAYOR.

	Wakefield.	Miller.	King (ind.)
First Ward	157	290	25
Second Ward	257	160	26
Third Ward	311	250	7
Fourth Ward	316	92	14
	1043	1012	72
	1012		
Wakefield's majority	31		

COUNCILMEN.

Second Ward—Wm. Robinson, Jr., 211; Peter Campbell, 207.

Common Councilmen—Second Ward—Alfred Slack, 302; Stephen Morrow, 273; David Nelson, 266; J. W. Baxter, 247; * F. Jennings, 245; W. L. Stoughton, 243.

Fourth Ward—John B. Hammond, 301; Jas. P. Rose, 297; * E. Barker, 209.

Sixth Ward—No ward.

Select Council—Thomas Wilkinson, 233; H. E. Davis, 195.

Common Council—Jacob Lockhart, 178; J. G. Blair, 170; R. W. Wilson, 229; J. Shoss, 221; J. Lapsley, 215; W. H. Dun, 180; C. S. Stevens, 126; T. Wilson, 185.

Second Precinct—Robert Lowe, 268; Henry M. Snyder, 265; James Leech, 10; Charles W. Bonner, 195.

Sixth Ward.

Select Council—Thomas Young, 215; John Hopkins, 170; John Bennett, 95.

Common Council—Paul Jackson, 2; Hugh John Ewing, 2; D. L. Smith, 216; John Alexander, 200; Robert Forsyth, 202; Samuel Lee, 311; P. B. White, 190; John Hamilton, 1; James Magee, 1; Robert Hopkins, 1; W. Walker, 41.

Fourth Ward.

Select Council—Jacob Parmley.

Common Council—Thomas Pearson, 332; W. W. Sell, 302; H. S. Fleming, 279; Philip Bielstein, 304; John Shoe, 216; Hugh Callahan, 159; Joseph Fisher, 111; Nelson Campbell, 81; Jas. Wilson, 31; Joseph H. Peden, 3.

Court of Quarter Sessions.

Petit Jury—Wm. Wilson B. M'Clure, President Judge, and Hon. Samuel Adams and John E. Parco, Associate Judges.

In the case of Capt. John P. Cole, charged with assault and battery and attempt to kill, the jury returned a verdict of guilty as indicted, and the prisoner was sentenced to pay the costs and stand committed until sentenced.

Caption against Peter Grimm, charged with forcibly entering the house of Mary Kelly, the complainant, and in company with others, did assault, beat and ill-treat her, which she was forcibly driven from the premises on the second day of November last. The evidence so violent was contradictory, and the jury rendered a verdict of "not guilty, and the defendant to pay the costs."

In the legal case of Commonwealth vs. Wolf, reported yesterday, the jury, being unable to agree, were discharged.

District Court.

Before Hons. Moses Hampton and H. W. Williams.

TUESDAY, January 12, 1858.—Pittsburgh & Steubenville Railroad Company vs. Richard Gibson; case stated.

This is an action brought by plaintiffs to recover from defendant the sum of $50, the subject of a subscription made by him to the capital stock of plaintiffs' railroad.

There is so much a mistake between this case and others recently instituted by the same company, that it will be necessary to state the facts, and give further particulars hereafter.

Assault and Battery.—Two men, names William Williams, were arrested yesterday afternoon in Allegheny for drunkenness, and placed in the lockup. About seven o'clock in the evening it was found that he had attempted to kill his wife by cutting his throat with a razor. He (Williams) was severely gashed on the left side of his neck, receiving a large artery. Dr. Donnelly was called in, and took proper care of the wounded man, who was subsequently removed to his residence on Federal street, where he lives a wife and family. We are informed that he has been in the habit of drinking for some years. It is supposed that this attempt at suicide was made while under the influence of an attack of mania a potu. His recovery is doubtful.

Fire in Allegheny.—The entertainment was not so well filled last night as it was on Monday evening, when Governor Packer took an amphitheatre benefit, but those who were present witnessed a delectable treat. Julia M. Cooke appeared as Clara, in "The Maid of Milan," and sang "Sweet Home" with much effect. This evening the popular comedy of "The Ladies' Battle" will be presented, also the farce of "Boots at the Swan" and the Four Rascals Team.

Sales of Stocks.—The following stocks were sold last evening by R. M. Davis, at the Commercial Sales Rooms, No. 54 Fifth street:

5	Citizens' Bank of Pittsburgh	$45 00
25	Exchange Bank	27 50
25	Western Pennsylvania Railroad	31 25
10	Manchester	21 50
10	Birmingham	21 50

Holiday.—A company of Eastworth Thalberg made entertainment last night. May Morning yesterday against the Lawrence Academy. The stated that they had been [illegible] two years ago, and had met with good happy [illegible] until last August, when [illegible] and [illegible] with another company [illegible] taken before the Hon. [illegible] and [illegible] in trial.

Pittsburgh Journals.—We understand that the anniversary of Franklin's birthday will be celebrated by the members of the craft on next Saturday evening. A fine supper will be served up at the Smith House. We anticipate a pleasant time. Printers, when they try, can get up a good entertainment, and we hope to see a goodly number present.

At the Mayor's Office.—Quite a little business was transacted yesterday in the morning the Mayor had five watch houses cases, which were disposed of in the usual manner.

The Pittsburgh Theatre.—A good deal of excitement was occasioned yesterday by the announcement of the fact that Miss Kimberly, the Manageress of the Theatre, had been held to bail in the sum of $1,000 to appear at the next term of the criminal Court, on a charge of presenting a play of sensational character in her theatre. The play in question is the "Lucretia," which was produced at the Theatre on Monday evening, and attracted a large audience. Aside from the merits or demerits of the play, we hold whether it is or not law to punish the offense, we believe it is, for, in our opinion, the play is a mere demoralizing in its influence than "Bertha Bunsenfit," "Jack Sheppard," "Lucretia Borgia," "Camille," and others of the same school.

The authority for the witness in production was not clear as there is no Magdas evening. This evening the play will be repeated, when the author, a gentleman of Philadelphia, will appear.

[illegible] of the German Infantry, Lafayette Hall, last night. Monday evening, the following officers were elected for the year:

President—G. G. Backer.
Vice President—Adolph Kunz.
Treasurer—A. Marsch, sen.
Secretary—Chas. Meyran.
Directors—J. Engleman, Rev. Walther, Joseph Mich, C. F. Kaiser, Emanuel Forster.
Editor of Tribune—Mark, A. Lessig, A. Miesling.

An objection being raised by Young Germany of rather a light French literary tendency was defeated, the social party in a majority of the members had the minor literature of Eugene Sue and Alexandre Dumas off the shelf.

The Sale of Lumber [illegible], which created so much excitement yesterday, will be continued this morning, at 10 o'clock, on the second floor of David's new auction house, Fifth street. Comfortable seats are provided for ladies, some of whom, wishing such beautiful lumber for either use or dress, can fall to be suited to their taste with a choice and excellent variety, if bid to be placed with the low prices.

The Steamer Parodie, is to be sold tomorrow morning, at 10 o'clock, on the second floor of David's new auction house, and should be visited by all in want of new and unpolluted articles of furniture, well made, in the most simple form, from rosewood, big walnut and ash, with rich upholstery and marble top.

The Orphans' Fair.—We are informed that the proceeds of the fair recently held in City Hall for the benefit of St. Paul's Orphan Asylum, are over $2,000. This is quite a handsome sum, considering the stringency of the times, and though it is much less than such a charity deserves, it will be of very material benefit.

The picture of Dr. Kayser's table at the late orphan's fair was painted by Mr. Wall, of Fourth street, and was won by Mr. James Divine, a foot and shoemaker of Smithfield street, who kindly gave it back for the orphans' benefit at a future fair.

Admitted.—On Tuesday, on motion of A. W. Loomis, Esq., Solomon Schoyer was admitted to practice as an attorney in the District Court of Allegheny county.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Special Dispatch to the Morning Post.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

HARRISBURG, January 12.—*House.*—Mr. Irwin, of Allegheny, has been appointed on the Committee on Navigable Streams, and on the Committee on New Counties. Mr. Naylor, of Bucks, Districts, Mr. Negley, Beaver, and Mr. Smith, of Lancaster, and Mr. Hartshorn, of Philadelphia, were added to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. [illegible] to tax church property. Per Mr. Boyle, to incorporate the Duquesne Fire Company.

Senate.—Mr. Williams presented a bill to vacate a portion of Schenkery street, in Brady's plan, for [illegible].

Congressional.

WASHINGTON CITY, January 12.—*House.*—The Speaker laid before the House a message from the President, in response to the resolution calling for information in relation to the recent events in Central America.

Mr. Clingman moved that that part of the message and accompanying documents, relating to Commodore Paulding, not having arrived, be referred to the Navy Department, or referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

A message from the President was received, stating that he had received a copy of the Constitution of Nicaragua, by another ship of Congress of the states called for and against it, as now laid before Congress in the message transmitted by that instrument, but having received no other, he had transmitted that one to the Senate.

A message was received from the President in response to a resolution calling whether the government of Nicaragua has made any complaint on account of the arrest of Walker, by Com. Paulding, on the coast. The President, through the Secretary of State, says that no such complaint has reached that Department.

The House took up the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union on the President's Message.

Mr. Keitzer, in reply to Mr. Fuller, required supporting words from his friends, it was now. Who could tell which was the administration portion of this House, and which the anti-Buchanan one? Look to the Senate, and behold the Walker-Kansas party, and the pro-slavery Buchanan party. The President, in referring upon the pro-slavery side, a portion of the Treasury, with its new bankruptcy. The Central American question is presented hard upon the Kansas question, there are about to overwhelm him, besides there is the Kansas question which he is pressing forward, are the construction of [illegible] and the [illegible] Dutch back in [illegible] the empire of the [illegible] Government, and Neighbor [illegible] Save me from my friends." As to Central American affairs, if the President was decisive, it was because he did not, with a firm and [illegible] Congress, and [illegible] Walker while in one [illegible] over jurisdiction.

This was not a quarrel between Walker and the government, it was without the government [illegible] Walker, and [illegible] Walker, [illegible] we are just [illegible] that we [illegible] Walker [illegible] Walker [illegible] Walker