LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Another Man Stabbed.—A man named Cunrain, alias Grifith, was stabbed on Sunday evening about seven o'clock, by his former wife, Henrietta Griffith, from whom he had been divorced about two years since. Cunrain had been troublesome to the woman, and on Saturday evening she filed an information against him for breach of the peace. On Sunday night, about seven o'clock, he visited her home ... Allegheny alley; she met him at the door with a large knife in her hand, with which she struck him in the abdomen, inflicting a very severe wound. He was soon afterwards conveyed to Dr. Walter's hospital, where his wound properly taken care of. It was currently reported throughout the city yesterday that the man was dead, but this is a mistake. We were informed by Dr. Walter last evening, that he was still alive, though in a precarious condition. The wound, he informed us, is a dangerous one, and may terminate in death. The woman was arrested, taken before Alderman Wilson, and committed to jail until Monday next to await the result. Her character is said to be bad; she is in the habit of drinking a great deal, the weapon which she used was an ordinary close knife, ground to a point and sharpened on both sides.

The circumstance gave rise to two painful rumors, quite current yesterday. One was to the effect that two boys, or a boy and a man, had quarreled in the Sixth Ward, and that the boy had struck the other in the head with a club, killing him almost instantly. Another was, that Mr. William Aiken was passing along the street, and hearing a difficulty between a man and his wife, went into the house, when he was fallen upon by both of them and killed. We speculated upon the latter was without foundation, as Mr. A. was alive and about his business yesterday, and the other we could not succeed in tracing to any reliable source. We thought no importance can be attached to the rumor.

(For the Pittsburgh Morning Post.)

The High School.

The importance of the subject seems to warrant an occasional article on the High School of Pittsburgh, and if the poor productions of my pen draw the attention of tax payers to the unnecessary expense to which they are subjected, I shall be satisfied with the work I have done.

In a former communication I suggested to property holders the propriety of closing the High School, and the economy of sending the pupils through to some well conducted institution of learning in the country.

The High School of this city is a very ordinary affair. The course of studies, though extensive, is superficial, and judging the teachers by the progress of the pupils, it is no injustice to the former to pronounce them unequal to the office they have assumed. In addition to this, the expense of the High School is enormous—amounting, it is said, to about twenty thousand dollars per annum, or some two hundred and fifty dollars for each scholar.

Jefferson College, situate in Washington county, Pennsylvania, is one of the oldest and best conducted institutions in the State. Its professors are gentlemen of learning—its course is thorough and extensive—and in it a scholarship may be purchased for twenty-five dollars. Boarding is sixty dollars per session, and the entire expense does not amount to two hundred and twenty five dollars per annum. Some of the most eminent divines, jurists and statesmen in the country have graduated at Jefferson College, and public opinion has always pronounced it an institution of the highest order of merit. I would therefore recommend it to the patronage of this community, and most respectfully suggest to the property holders of Pittsburgh the propriety of closing the High School at once and sending its pupils to the institution in Canonsburg.

The reasons for doing so are numerous and sufficient.

At Jefferson College boys can acquire a finished education at a light expense, which is impossible at the High School as at present conducted.

At Jefferson College strict attention is paid to the moral culture of youth—at the High School they are exposed to the vices and temptations attendant on a city life.

At Jefferson the pupils are comfortably fed and clothed, and health-giving exercise in pure air is enjoined; but little attention is paid to the physical training of the youth in attendance at the High School, in consequence of which boys grow up as weak in body as they are deficient in mental and moral culture.

Viewed in any light, Jefferson College must appear immeasurably superior to that huge imposition known as the High School of Pittsburgh, and if the tax payers of this city neglect to encourage the former by closing the latter, they will not only prove themselves blind to their own interests, but also indifferent to the welfare of the rising generation.

Actuated by a desire to promote the public good to advance the great and important cause of education and prevent, if possible, the expenditure of thousands of dollars for unnecessary purposes, the property holders of Pittsburgh will soon see the justice of abolishing an institution which drains their resources and confers no real benefit on society.

I would once more urge the propriety of closing the doors of the High School and the economy of educating at Jefferson College, at the public expense, the youth on whom thousands are annually squandered.

Court of Quarter Sessions.

MONDAY, January 18.

Before Hon. W. B. M'Clure, President Judge, and Gaspar Asheman and Aloha E. Parks, Associates.

Commonwealth vs. Frank Peters. The defendant in this case, quite a young boy, was charged with larceny in stealing a watch from Thomas Smith. He was convicted of petty larceny, and the Court, out of compassion for his youth, let him off with two months imprisonment in the county jail.

William Boniface plead guilty of petty larceny and was sentenced to jail for three months.

Bridget Casey was indicted for selling liquor without license, on oath of J. Flood. Found guilty and fined.

Commonwealth vs. Dominick Vacaine, charged with assault and battery, on oath of Michael M'Mahon. The jury returned a verdict of guilty.

Farmers and Mechanics' Insurance Company.—In another column may be seen the annual statement of the Farmers and Mechanics' Insurance Company, Philadelphia, T. J. Hunter, Agent, No. 93 Water street.

This company has entered upon the third year of its existence, during which period it has received nearly *eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars*, and has paid losses over *six hundred thousand dollars*. The assets of the company on the first day of January, 1858, amounted to five hundred and thirty thousand eight hundred and ninety four dollars, ($530,894 94).

The references of the company, as may be seen are highly satisfactory.

Pittsburgh Theatre.—Mr. Proctor commenced an engagement at the Theatre last evening with the character of Damon. He had a good house. Mr. Proctor is an actor of fine capacity, and is well liked here. Tom Cringle's "Pilot of New York" was also repeated, and the audience seemed much pleased with the play.

To-night Mr. Proctor appears as Rolla, in "Pizarro." The "Pilot of New York" will also be repeated.

The Together.—Mr. Gardiner Coyne, an Irish comedian, made his first appearance at Gov. Foster's last evening, and "brought down the house" in the "Irish Emigrant" and "Limerick Boy." His songs are well sung, and contain a good many laughable and quite original interpolations.

To-night Mr. Coyne appears as Paudeen O'Rafferty, in "Born to Good Luck," and as Mike Murphy in "Conscription, or Irish Sympathy." The performance concludes with the farce of "Boots at the Swan."

Another Lecture.—We are happy to learn that, at the request of many of our fellow-citizens, Dr. Brownson has consented to deliver a second lecture in our city. His subject is, "Charity and Philanthropy." The lecture will be delivered at City Hall this evening at 7½ o'clock. We look forward to an overflowing house.

Sell Another.—Gov. Pollock has added another to his already large list of valiant aids in this city by appointing as Lieutenant Colonel, A. A. Carrier, Esq., well known to our citizens as the President of the Pennsylvania Insurance Company. We feel assured that the new Colonel will not only prove worthy the appointment, but a valuable aid to his Excellency, the Governor, in time of need.

Allegheny Mayor's Office.—Two men named Henry Barton and Thomas William, were arrested and taken before Mayor Stackrath, yesterday, charged with stealing a lot of clothing from a Mr. Miller. They were examined and committed to jail to answer a charge of grand larceny. Barton is a previous rogue, having already served a term in the Penitentiary for a similar offence.

Summer Literary Society.—The annual exhibition of this society will be held on Thursday evening next, at the Athenæum, on Liberty street. The exercises will be of a very interesting character, and Young's String Band will be in attendance. Tickets of admission can be had at the book stores.

Martin Smith, a resident of Birmingham, was committed to jail, yesterday, on a charge of assault and battery, preferred by his wife.

The trial of Denny and Richards, engaged in the Wakeman tragedy, was postponed yesterday, owing to the disposition of the principal witness, who is not at present in a condition to appear in Court.

The remains of Capt. Cole were interred from the residence of Mr. John F. Matthews, in Allegheny City, yesterday.

A carriage on the new Odd Fellow's Hall was injured, though not serious ly, yesterday morning, by the falling of a scaffold, from which he was at work. We did not ascertain his name.

The attention of the trade is requested to the sale of Cassimeres, Satinetts, Hosiery, Suspenders, &c., at the new Auction Building, No. 54 Fifth street, this morning, at ten o'clock.

Mayor's Office.—Yesterday the Mayor had seven watch house customers, all of whom were able to pay their fines.

A Hog, whose name we did not learn, fell through the trestle work of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad, in Allegheny, on Sunday afternoon, but was not seriously injured.

Special Meeting of Councils.

The new Councils held a special meeting last night at the Mayor's office.

In Select Council, Mr. Miller in the Chair.

Mr. Kaufmann, of the Fifth Ward, offered a communication signed by a large number of citizens of that Ward, calling the attention of the Councils to the condition of the Fairmount Fire Company, who are almost without hose. Referred to Committee on Engines and Hose. In C. C. no hose was moved in.

The chairman of the Finance Committee being absent, Mr. M. Hall, of the seventh Ward, presented a communication from Henry Lambert, Esq., the newly elected Controller, in reference to procuring a suitable room for the transaction of the business devolving upon him. He stated he had purchased a piece and for two sale books, the books and papers and that he is provided with stationery for the period of four months, until the books are properly opened and arranged. The communication was finally referred to the Committee on Finance, who shall have power to act, so far as furnishing an office for the clerk of the Controller, and office to be in Wilson's Hall, adjoining the office of the Treasurer. After a moderate discussion, the matter with regard to the Controller's office was referred to the Committee in the discharge of business with the Controller in the discharge of business with the Controller in the discharge of business with the Controller