Evening Republic.

BUFFALO:
Wednesday Evening, January 7, 1880.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

MATTERS IN BRIEF.

There were no convictions in the Police Court yesterday.

—City Treasurer Ball received for taxes on Monday the sum of $20,351 18.

—The annual meeting of the Decorative Art Society will be held at the rooms of the Society this morning.

—There will be a general meeting of the agents of the Fast Freight Lines at the Tifft House to-day and to-morrow.

—The annual meeting of the Buffalo Fine Arts Academy will be held at the Gallery at half past seven o'clock this evening.

—For the week ending Saturday evening the tax collectors paid into the hands of the City Treasurer the sum of $15,924 43.

—The Water Commissioners will probably determine at their regular morning session to-day, what reduction, if any, they will make in rates for 1880.

—The Erie County Medical Society hold their monthly meeting at the Medical College on Tuesday, January 13th, at which time Dr. Gould will deliver an historical address.

—Peter Gordon and Isaac Appleman were arrested yesterday morning by Detectives Shepard and Mack, for a burglary committed the night before in the tailor shop of A. Roll, No. 140 East Genesee street. Two new overcoats were stolen but were recovered. Gordon is an old offender and has served five years in State Prison.

EDUCATIONAL.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

An Interesting Talk by Miss Eastman About the Roman Forum—Election of Officers, Etc.

The meeting of the Teachers' Association was largely attended. The president, Mr. N. G. Benedict, called the meeting to order at the usual hour, and the Secretary, Mrs. Annie M. Smith, read the minutes of the previous meeting.

MISS SYLVIA J. EASTMAN

of the Central School, was introduced and read a very interesting paper upon

"THE ROMAN FORUM."

Miss Eastman thought no apology was needed for the theme of her paper. Though not exactly an educational theme she trusted it would not be thought out of place. It had been a most profitable study to her. One year since it was her pleasure to make a study of this interesting subject upon the spot. The "Roman Forum" has ever been a rich, gleaming field for the historian, the artist and the poet. Recent explorations by the Italian government promised much in this famous direction. These ruins mark the scene of perhaps the most interesting forensic conflicts the world ever knew. This was twenty-five hundred years ago. The developments of scientific research promise much in the way of emphasising ancient history.

Miss Eastman was evidently a close student during her sojourn in Rome. The vividness with which she sketched the picture and the interesting detail of her story gave evidence that she had compassed her subject with amazing intelligence. The crayon sketches made by her own pencil and the photographs taken on the spot were introduced to make her discourse better understood. The closing portion of her paper was exceedingly brilliant and well arranged, and abounded in fine thought gracefully expressed. A synopsis would only do it injustice.

Professor H. P. Emerson of the Central was called upon and made some interesting remarks in further illustration of the interesting theme, calling attention to the history of the conflicts and struggles between the aristocratic and plebeian elements.

Mr. J. W. Barker made a few remarks in commendation of the presentation of such subjects at all educational meetings. It will induce profitable habits of reading. Similar oral lessons might very profitably be given in the higher departments of our schools, which would induce pupils to read and know.

Prof. R. G. Spencer followed in a like strain commending the life and work.

The election of officers for the ensuing year being in order, the following were duly elected:

President—Mr. N. G. Benedict.
Vice-President—Miss Elizabeth J. Fox.
Secretary—Miss Anna M. Somerville.
Treasurer—F. D. Love.
Business Committee—Wm. L. French, Mary A. Ripley, Ada M. Kenyon.

The Association adjourned till Tuesday evening, February 20th, at which time Mr. J. W. Barker of No. 4 will present a paper upon "Unification," as applied to the school system of the State. The President will also deliver his inaugural address.

INSANE PEOPLE.

Arrests for insanity are becoming alarmingly frequent, and nearly every day unfortunate men and women are added to the long list of victims. Since the Hon. W. W. Hammond has been Erie County Judge, a few days over two years, there have been 323 insanity cases before him. The last one was that of J. W. Crouse, the unfortunate young man who attempted to commit suicide by jumping into Scajaquada Creek on Monday. Judge Hammond affirmed the application of Drs. Phelps and Daggett and Crouse will be taken to Utica by Adam Behm.

Bridget Markey, aged twenty-eight, was arrested by Patrolman Schlotzer yesterday on a charge of insanity, and locked up in No. 1 Station. She is a resident of New York and will be sent to that city to be provided for.

An elderly man, who gave his name as St. Clair Teets, was also locked up in the same place on a similar charge. He said he was a tailor, and had just as soon stay in the cell as not, only if he slept on the hard wooden bench he was afraid it would make him lame in the hips and he would not be able to work the next day. A tailor with a lame back was no good, and he coaxed very hard to go home.

GEORGE BALTZ.

George Baltz, ex-Water Commissioner, called upon Judge Hammond yesterday and said that the report that he was insane was not true. He admitted, however, that he had been an inmate of the Providence Insane Asylum for some little time; assigning as a reason that he had sold out his saloon at 600 Michigan street, and as he was anxious that the new proprietor should start out with a good trade, he had, perhaps, patronized him more than was actually necessary or healthy, and in consequence had imbibed a large quantity of whisky. He claimed, however, that he had not drank anything in five days, and as he seemed to be both sane and sober, he was allowed to go on his way.

THE WEATHER.

The temperature remains about stationary in all parts of the country from which observations are received. The indications are that there will probably be no change in the weather to-day, although it may be a trifle colder as the wind has raised to the northeast as we write.

MRS. KATHERINE'S LANTERN.

WRITTEN IN A LADY'S ALBUM.

"Coming from a gloomy court,
Place of Israelite resort,
This old lamp I've brought with me.
Madam, on its panes you'll see
The initials K. and E."

"An old lantern brought to me?
Ugly, dingy, battered, black!"
(Here a lady I suppose
Turning up a pretty nose.)
"Pray, sir, take the old thing back,
I've no taste for bric-a-brac."

"Please to mark the letters twain"—
(I'm supposed to speak again)—
"Graven on the lantern pane,
Can you tell me who was she,
Mistress of the flowery wreath,
And the anagram beneath—
The mysterious K E?

"Full a hundred years are gone
Since the little beacon shone
From a Venice balcony;
There, on Summer nights, it hung,
And her lovers came and sang
To their beautiful K E.

"Hush! in the canal below
Don't you hear the plash of oars
Underneath the lantern's glow?
And a thrilling voice begins
To the sound of mandolins—
Begins singing of amore
And delire and dolore!
O the ravishing tenore!

"Lady do you know the tune?
Ah, we all of us have hummed it!
I've an old guitar has thrummed it.
Under many a changing moon.
Shall I try it? Do, Re, Mi—
What is this? *Ma foi*, the fact is
That my hand is out of practice,
And my poor old fiddle cracked in,
And a man—I let the truth out—
Who's had almost every tooth out,
Cannot sing as once he sung.
When he was young as you are young,
When he was young and lutes were strung,
And love-lamps in the casement hung."

—*William Makepeace Thackeray.*

POLITICAL GUILLOTINE.

A Wholesale Slaughter of Democratic Police Officers.

An Army of Republican Politicians March to Their Reward.

Mayor Brush and Commissioner Sears at Loggerheads Over the Superintendency.

The advent of Mr. Brush as Mayor changed the political complexion of the Board of Police Commissioners, and was the signal for a general decapitation of Democratic police officers to make room for faithful henchmen of the Republican ring. Following is a list of the changes:

THE CAPTAINS.

The following named Captains of Police were removed from office:

Cornelius Donohue, First Precinct.
John Mahoney, Second Precinct.
H. A. C. Schwartz, Fourth Precinct.
Thomas J. Cavanaugh, Fifth Precinct.
Jeremiah Gorman, Seventh Precinct.

The following appointments to the Captaincies were made:

First Precinct—Henry Dickerson.
Second Precinct—Michael J. Donovan.
Fourth Precinct—Charles A. Georger.
Fifth Precinct—George Cable.
Seventh Precinct—James Shanahan.
Eighth Precinct—John Yox. The latter Captaincy has been vacant for some time, and Sergeant Maloney has been Acting Captain.

THE SERGEANTS.

The following named Sergeants were reduced to the ranks and ordered to patrol duty in their respective precincts:

Sergeants Edward G. Burns, Newell M. Smith and Anthony Collins of the first precinct.
James Keogh of the second.
Michael Bund of the third.
Adam Bingoman of the fourth.
James Campbell and Cornelius Lyons of the fifth.
Martin Nolan of the seventh.
John J. Burgard of the eighth.

Appointments of Sergeants were made as follows:

Robert B. Hanson and Terence J. Boyle in the first precinct.
Charles L. Rosengreen in the second.
John M. Nathan in the third.
Emil Zacher, appointed patrolman, advanced to the rank of Sergeant, and assigned to the fourth.
Michael Sammon and John S. Cleveland in the fifth.
John O'Neill in the seventh.
Louis Zeimes in the eighth.

THE DETECTIVES.

Detectives John R. Prince and Daniel Morgenstern were ordered to patrol duty in the first precinct, and these gentlemen resigned, as it was known they would.

John Riley, Frank Diehl and John Kraft were ed appoint patrolmen and detailed to detective duty at Police Headquarters.

THE SPECIALS.

Specials Peter Pauley of the fourth precinct, Timothy O'Donnell of the seventh and Adam Nicken of the eighth were ordered to patrol duty in their respective precincts. Patrolman Cornelius Dugan was appointed special in the second precinct, Patrolman John Sellbach in the fourth (*vice* Georger promoted Captain), Patrolman Stephen B. Sheppard in the fifth (*vice* Dickerson promoted Captain), Patrolman John Pier in the seventh. Louis Neff, ex-Sergeant, was appointed patrolman and assigned to special duty in the eighth precinct. Special Wendell Stern, doing duty at the Police Court, was ordered to patrol duty, and subsequently resigned.

John Flynn was transferred from special duty at the Superior Court Chambers to patrol duty in the first precinct.

THE JUSTICES.

The following named station-house justices were appointed: John O'Brian, James Whelan, George Feldman, Andrew J. Dayton.

OTHER CHANGES.

Mr. Thomas R. Clinton, Clerk of the Board, resigned, and Mr. Joseph E. Barnard was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Patrolman Henry Miller, doing duty at the Mayor's office, was ordered to patrol duty in the fourth precinct.

Charles J. Baker was appointed a patrolman and assigned to the Mayor's office.

George A. Moore was appointed patrolman, and assigned to special duty at the Superior Court Chambers.

Doorman Timothy W. Collins, of the eighth precinct, was removed, and Clement L. Smith appointed Doorman, and assigned to the eighth precinct.

Alonzo J. Courter, Clerk to the Superintendent of Police, presented his resignation, to take effect immediately, and the same was accepted.

THE SUPERINTENDENCY.

His Honor Mayor Brush and Commissioner Sears do not seem to be able to agree on a Superintendent of the Police Department. Mr. Sears wants Captain William Wolfe of the third precinct and is inclined to insist pretty strongly that he shall be appointed. Mr. Brush desires somebody else, and is reported to favor John C. Level. It is understood that considerable ink has been allowed to flow over the matter, and as a last resort they have agreed to disagree for a few days. In the meantime, Mr. Phillips will continue to act as Superintendent. Commissioner Ambrose, the Democratic member of the Board, says that no proposition has been made to him by his colleagues.

AMUSEMENTS.

The Ideal Opera Company in "Pinafore." "Fatinitza" this Evening—Academy of Music—"My Partner" and Other Important Engagements—Shelby's Adelphi.

The Ideal Opera Company appeared to a large audience at St. James Hall last evening, and was found, after all, to belong to the Real. The title of the company is just a little suggestive of self complacency; it rather hints at such completeness of organization as we had not known before; and a very ungenerous person might construe it to mean such absolute perfection in a musical and dramatic way as would not admit of improvement. An Ideal Opera Company would in the nature of things be expected to give us an idealized "Pinafore"—something which would eclipse everything that had gone before it and "pale the ineffectual fires" of any and all representations which the future might have in store for us; but it didn't do anything of the sort. If the company's notions of idealization are at all expressed in Mr. Barnabee's interpolations, we are unavoidably driven to the tearful conclusion that the ideal of the company is somewhat crude. Mr. Barnabee is an excellent buffo, and has a full, round, easy-going voice, but he doesn't improve on Gilbert very much and a little nicer regard for Sullivan wouldn't embarrass the performance. If "Ideal Opera Company," is to be considered in the purely Gilbertian sense we can understand it, just as we understand how *Sir Joseph* comes to be "the ruler of the Queen's navee," but no such fine irony was intended in the christening of the company. "Pinafore" will stand more abuse than any opera we know of and come out well; but whether it will bear much idealization is a question which remains unsettled at our present writing.

The principal members of the "Ideal Opera Company" are well-known artists for whom we have the greatest admiration, but they are substantially real and subject to the infirmities of real singers—as instance the disastrous effect of this melancholy weather upon the voice of that prince of singers, Mr. M. W. Whitney. Considered as an "ideal opera company," we should not know where to begin; indeed as it is, our embarrassment must be apparent to our readers; but regarded as "The Boston Opera Company"—a good enough title, surely, we should know just how to deal with the performance from beginning to end. And the first thing we should say, would be that it bears comparison well with any other company that has visited us. Mr. W. H. Fessenden is by all odds the best *Ralph* we have had. His tenor is sweet, musical, sympathetic and strong, and he uses it earnestly and with excellent effect. The warm applause he received last evening and the two recalls were well deserved.

It was evident from the start that Mr. M. W. Whitney, who personated *Captain Corcoran*, would fall in the music of his role, a violent hoarseness declaring itself in his very first solo. He was relieved from some of his work, however, and acquitted himself handsomely, all the circumstances considered. What Mr. Whitney could have done with the role, had he been in voice, we need scarcely suggest.

Mr. H. C. Barnabee, always a favorite here, did *Sir Joseph* in a highly creditable manner, although his performance was unnecessarily marred by the liberties he took with the text. Of course Barnabee is funny and will have his joke at Gilbert's expense, but he asks his audience to pay too dearly for it. He should read *Hamlet's* advice to the players.

Mr. George Frothingham's *Dick Deadeye* was cleverly acted and well sung, and Mr. Gus Kammerlee as *Bill Bowstay* won an encore for his excellent rendering of "He is an Englishman."

Miss Mary Beebe appeared to very good advantage as *Josephine*, acting gracefully and singing the music with good expression. Her voice is rather sharp and unmusical at times but her method is good and her upper notes are bold and brilliant.

Miss H. A. Brown makes a pretty *Hebe*, but lacks animation and piquancy, and fails to individualize her character. She evidently needs training and stimulus and should have both.

We did not like Miss Adelaide Phillips's make-up as *Little Buttercup*. There was too much of it. And we missed the old dramatic spirit which once we so much admired. Her voice is as clear, sweet and expressive as ever, and she sang the music of her role admirably.

The other members of the company did well; and the orchestra and chorus met their responsibilities in a satisfactory way.

The company will appear in "Fatinitza" this evening, and without doubt will give a good representation of it. They bring with them their own properties and scenery, and the appointments will be complete.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Our Amateurs gave their second performance of "The Lancers" at the Academy of Music yesterday afternoon. The weather was unpleasant and the attendance was not large What we had to say about Monday night's performance will apply to that of the matinee.

—Hernandez, the magician, rents the Academy for to-night.

—The Aldrich-Parsloe Combination will appear in their highly successful play of "My Partner" to-morrow night.

—Nick Roberts' "Humpty Dumpty" Combination will play Monday and Tuesday evenings.

—January 15th the Boston Theatre Company will appear at the Academy in "*L'Assamoir*," and will play three nights.

—Bob Ingersoll will talk at the Academy on the night of the 18th.

—The great attraction at the Academy on the evenings of the 19th and 20th of January will be Adelaide Neilson. The same distinguished actress will appear at Rochester on the 21st under the management of the Messrs. Meech.

SHELBY'S ADELPHI.

The bill at the Adelphi this week is a good one, and is drawing large houses.

THE ORPHEUS CARNIVAL.

The extensive preparations of the committee for the grand carnival of the Orpheus Singing Society, which is to be given at St. James Hall on the evening of February 2d, go on a-pace. Mr. Gensler of New York has been engaged to decorate the hall and will do so in a magnificent way. The decorations for the Grand Masquerade Ball of the Arion Society of New York were arranged by him, and he is said to be a most successful artist in his line. Carrying a stock of materials valued at $50,000, he will place in St. James Hall properties worth $5,000, for which he will receive a single night's rental of $800.

The grand procession of the Carnival will be in charge of C. Buchheister of New York, who will also furnish all the costumes, his commissions of $958 having already been agreed upon.

The next Carnival entertainment, or "Fools Session," will take place Monday evening, January 26th.

MEDICOS IN COUNCIL.

Meeting of the Buffalo Medical Association. Dr. Gay on Re-fracture in Case of Mal-union.

The Buffalo Medical Association held its monthly meeting last evening at the Medical College. Dr. Lucien Howe, the President of the Society, occupied the chair, and the Secretary, Dr. Fowler, was at his desk. After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting Dr. Degenais was elected a member of the Society, and the application of Dr. Chas. A. Ring was received.

DR. CHAS. C. F. GAY

then read a paper on "Re-fracture for the Connection of Deformity from Mal-union of Bone."

In his paper Dr. Gay said whosoever will examine surgical works with a view to obtain an expression of opinion of the merits or demerits of refracture will come to the conclusion that this resource of surgery for the correction of deformities from mal-union has about as many opponents as advocates; that it has, at least, been treated with indifference, and although as old as Celsus the operation has not been noticed as fully in standard works and periodicals as one would have reason to expect from the nature and importance of the subject. Dr. Gay said it seemed to him that two factors which have been hitherto overlooked, may have contributed somewhat to the indifference of surgical writers. These two factors are: First—The innocuous nature of refractures; Second—The certainty and rapidity of the reparative process of a ruptured callus. The Doctor then went on to discuss these factors at some length.

The time fixed beyond which it would be imprudent to attempt refracture, said the Doctor, is of importance. Nelaton gives from six to twelve months for the rupture in adults, and even a longer time in children. Erickson says he has several times remedied faulty positions in fractured bones, although from six to ten weeks had elapsed from the occurrence of the injury. He, the Doctor, had fractured the shafts of the femur at five and a half months, the neck of the femur at three months, and tibia at twelve months. He cited the case of a fracture which he accomplished by the aid of assistants and by throwing his entire weight upon the limb three times.

A refracture of the tibia and fibula at the juncture of the middle and lower third, twelve months from the date of fracture, with the intention of correcting deformity, was also reported. The subject was Thomas Oates, of Michigan, aged 35, who fractured his tibia and fibula, June 2, 1870. He entered the Buffalo General Hospital on May 20, 1871. There was firm osseous union of both bones; the upper fragment overlapped the lower as well as corresponding depression; the limb was deflected laterally, forming an angle at the point of fracture; the tendo-achilles was rigid and contracted; the ankle joint anchylosed; the limb 2½ inches short, and the patient had not been able to walk at all or step with the limb. He managed to get about on crutches, and was anxious to have his limb broken again provided there was any chance of improving it. The Doctor thus describes his manner of effecting a refracture: "The patient was etherized on May 27th, 1871, when I succeeded in refracturing the leg in the following manner: The patient was drawn down upon the operating table until the callus reached the edge of the table. The upper portion of the leg was firmly held by three assistants when I threw twice or thrice my whole weight upon the limb below the callus, then rotated, abducted and adducted the limb until I became quite sure rupture was complete. I then divided, subcutaneously, the tendo-achilles. The patient was put to bed and extension and counter-extension employed. Extension was applied from a shoe constructed with a wooden sole, the leather portion extending up and laced around the ankle. The patient suffered but little from the ordeal through which he passed. On July 31st the limb was greatly improved; September 13th the limb was found, on measurement, to be one inch longer than it was, entirely straightened and the patient able to do some walking about the wards of the hospital without the aid of a crutch or cane. One year later he had good use of his limb." The second case cited, and in which the Doctor was successful, was a refracture of the shaft of the femur at the juncture of the upper and middle third, five and a half months after original fracture. The operation was performed on March 11th, 1876. On June 3d the limb was straight; on June 13th the apparatus was removed and the limb measured and showed but half an inch shortening, having overcome two inches. The Doctor concluded by saying that we ought to expect more notable relief of deformity to follow refracture of the cervix femoris than of any other portion of the bone. He could not be mistaken in affirming that many of those seen on every hand in our streets and whom we are accustomed to style cripples suffer from preventable and curable deformity. Hip joint disease has claimed the attention of surgeons for many years, and the progress in actual and practical knowledge is creditable to those who have made this limited field a specialty. But he discerned in the pathologist of the future a leaning toward the traumatic rather than the scorbatic origin of hip-joint disease. It cannot have escaped the observation of any one that the so-called scorbatic child with hip-joint disease presents in after life no evidence whatever of that which from custom is denominated scrofula. Indeed, nothing can be more certain than that absence of this vice except it be the phantom of its presence. The child is always exposed to the hazards of traumatism. Contusion may lead to inflammatory softening of bone and absorption. A trivial accident may cause epiphyseal separation and displacement. These accidents only require to be overlooked or neglected, as they sometimes are, in order to ensure permanent deformity. The Doctor could not understand why the surgeon would not be justified in undertaking after the lapse of two or five years to rectify deformity which results from mal-union after epiphyseal separation or displacement from neglected fracture of the cervix femoris. At the conclusion of the reading of the paper a discussion ensued in which Drs. Minter, Cronyn, Bartlett and others participated, each of these gentlemen holding opposite views to those expressed by Dr. Gay. The Society then adjourned to partake of refreshments which were served in the college.

FELL FROM A CAR.

Edward Palmer, employed by the Lake Shore Railroad in the capacity of switchman, met with a serious accident Monday night or very early yesterday morning. He was walking on the top of some box cars in the dark, the light of his lantern having gone out. Stepping from the end of a car, and expecting to find another one ahead of him, he fell to the track with great violence. Fortunately the cars were standing still, else he probably would have been killed. As it was, he sustained serious injuries about the head, arms and legs. He was taken to his boarding-house, 536 Seneca street, and attended [illegible].

THE RAILROADS.

A Deserved Promotion—Livingston County Wants Connection with the Coal Region—Car Ferriage—Notes.

Mr. E. H. Hubbard, who has been local passenger agent for the Canada Southern Railway for a number of years, has had his territory enlarged and will hereafter be known as Eastern Passenger Agent. He has rendered the Canada Southern excellent service, and deserves this acknowledgment of his efficiency.

NEW RAILROAD PROPOSED.

The good people of Livingston county want a new railroad, and recently had a meeting at Lima. The current of opinion was strongly in favor of the Rochester and Hemlock Lake route via Honeoye Falls and Barine Hollow. Another route proposed was from the city, through Brighton, East Henrietta, East Rush, to Sibley Mill, and through at a point 1½ miles west of Honeoye Falls, on the high land west of Lima creek; thence west of the Seminary in that village; south up the creek to Livonia, east of the Centre; thence to the lake or vicinity. All want a direct line south from Rochester to the lake, and on further south as far as the people wish to go.

CAR FERRIAGE.

Capt. Stone, of the Canada Southern ferry steamer Transfer, reports that the total number of cars taken across Detroit River by his boat last year was 230,065. The total number of crossings made, 13,297. The average number of cars per day would, therefore, be 629; the average number of crossings per day, 37. The greatest number of cars ferried was in the month of April, 1870, viz: 24,144; the number of crossings that month was 1,377. The record for this month is the largest in the history of the company. The total number of cars ferried by barges was 5,815, making the total number of cars transferred across the river during the year 235,880.

LOST-CAR AGENTS.

An exchange says of lost-car agents: "One week finds the lost-car agent hunting cars in Florida, and the next may discover him in Maine. The rules governing the business are that he must travel by daylight, ride in the rear coach and keep his eye peeled. Frequently while sailing past a side-track full of cars he discovers one belonging to his own company, and by practice he becomes so sharp-eyed that he can photograph the number of that car on his mind in an instant. Arriving at a telegraph station he politely requests the officials of the road to send home his company's car. Cars are frequently sent from one end of the Continent to the other and sent back empty. In case a road be short of cars they sometimes take the liberty to retain and use them, and sometimes a dishonest road will steal them outright and obliterate the owner's mark and number. A lost-car agent for a Western road recently, after searching months for a car, found it away out on the plains, forty rods from the railroad, devoid of its trucks and occupied by an ambitious squatter as a residence." One of the Cincinnati railroad companies is looking for two of their freight cars which have been missing for three years. They traced them to a point on a connecting line, and there they must have been swallowed up by an earthquake, so effectually have they disappeared.

NOTES.

Mr. E. Gallup has become General Passenger Agent of the Lake Shore Railway.

—The Kansas Pacific proposes to start a newspaper in Europe devoted to emigration and to setting forth the attractions of Kansas Pacific lands. It will be in charge of Mr. Stephen F. Smart.

—Mr. E. B. Spain, traveling agent for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, got over 36,343 miles of road last year. In 1878 he traveled over 40,000.

—Mr. D. W. Hitchcock has been appointed General Western Passenger Agent of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway, and his territory will include everything west of Buffalo and Pittsburgh.

—The annual election of the directors of the Silver Lake Railroad occurs at Perry on the 18th. Thirteen directors are to be chosen. The road is in a highly prosperous condition under the superintendence of E. E. Mathews.

THE COURTS.

An Interesting Railroad Case—Notes and Record.

A case was argued before the Hon. William W. Hammond, County Judge, yesterday, in which William Henry Penharlow appeared against the Sardinia & Springville Railroad Company. The argument was on an appeal taken from a Justice Court. It seems that William Henry Penharlow, or William Henry as he styles himself, labored for the Railroad Company. There was some misunderstanding as to the amount due the plaintiff and he sued the Company. No Justice in Springville could give him a summons, so he went to Collins and got one from Justice H. A. Reynolds. At the trial a verdict in favor of the plaintiff was rendered.

Orra L. C. Hughes, colored, appeared as counsel for the plaintiff and L. M. Cummings for the defendant. His Honor reserved his decision.

NOTES.

The January Trial Term of the Superior Court will be convened Monday, January 12th, by Judge Sheldon. The calendar contains 165 causes.

—District Attorney Robert C. Titus and Hon. A. G. Rice left by the St. Louis Express last evening for Syracuse, where they will argue the case of The People against Annie Cox before the General Term of the Supreme Court. Mr. Titus will also argue the Bork matter.

THE RECORD.

ERIE COUNTY COURT.—Hon. William W. Hammond, Erie County Judge. Jan. 6.

Christian Long, respondent, agt. Prosper Vella, appellant. Justice ordered to make and file a return or show cause why he should not be attached.

William Henry, respondent, agt. The Springville & Sardinia Railroad Company, appellant. Appeal from Justice Court. Argued and submitted.

Edward Churchill and others agt. Luman Churchill and others. Order of reference in partition granted. Referred to A. W. Stanbro to take proofs and report.

WHO WILL BE FIRE SUPERINTENDENT?

It was expected that Mayor Brush would send in the name of some one for Superintendent of the Fire Department, at the meeting of the Common Council last Monday, but he didn't. There are two candidates, Messrs. Louis Hermann and Thomas B. French. It is understood that His Honor has personal preference for Mr. French, but the Republican "workers" seem to favor Hermann, and some of them threaten dire vengeance in case he is not appointed. The majority of the Aldermen are said to be also in favor of Hermann. Mr. French was Fire Superintendent when Mr. Brush was Mayor before. The matter is creating considerable talk among the politicians.

PRESENTATION TO THE CADETS.

Last evening Mr. T. M. Bristol, a former Captain of "D" Company, Buffalo City Guard, presented to the Cadets a pair of blue silk guidons, with the monogram of the Company worked in the centre in gold. The presentation speech was made by Mr. Charles W. Goodyear. Captain Chapin, in behalf of the Company, returned thanks for the beautiful gift. The Cadets also had an inspection drill and afterwards a hop.

THE PARKS.

Meeting of the Park Commissioners—A Building Wanted for the Pic-Nic Grounds. An Extension of the Grounds Necessary—Routine Matters.

The regular meeting of the Park Commissioners was held yesterday afternoon—present, S. S. Jewett, Esq., President, and Messrs. Altman Bennett, Clinton, Fairchild, Fuchs, Nichols, J. R. Smith, P. Smith and Urban.

The minutes of the regular meeting held December 3d were read and approved.

The Superintendent reported that no work was done during the last month except what was necessary for the proper care of the grounds.

A communication from J. E. Nunan in reference to the lease of the Boat House and Lake was read and referred to the Committee on Grounds and Roads.

Commissioner P. Smith presented the following

REPORT.

That a building for the accommodation of persons resorting to the pic-nic grounds in the Park is imperatively needed, requires no argument on the part of the Committee to convince the Board of its necessity. This fact has been apparent for several years and particularly during the past season, and the want of funds only prevented the Board from providing it. During the past season the parks have been more generally resorted to than before in consequence of the extension of the street railway track to the grounds. The want of proper conveniences, especially for ladies and children, was much felt by the visitors.

The necessity for these conveniences brings us to the consideration of the *second* proposition embraced in the resolution referred to us—that of acquiring additional land to increase the area of the pic-nic grove. Without such addition no proper structure could be erected which would be in keeping with the surroundings. In 1874 Mr. Fred Law Olmsted, the distinguished park architect, urged upon the Board the necessity of securing a portion of the tract, including the grove, lying south of the present boundary; and since that time has repeatedly expressed his regret that the opportunity for acquiring it should not be taken advantage of before it might be permanently devoted to other purposes. This tract contains on one side a fine growth of trees, and easterly of the wood a low winding ravine with smooth rolling banks, admirably adapted for a secluded picturesque foot ramble. At comparatively little expense it can be made as attractive as that within the park.

Your committee beg leave to recommend that the matter be brought to the attention of the Common Council at an early day, for the purpose of securing the consent of that body to the passage of an act by the legislature authorizing the city to acquire this land, and to appropriate the money necessary to purchase and defray the expense of erecting a suitable building thereon for the use of the public.

No appropriation has been made by the Council for improvements in the Parks since the year 1876, and although considerable work of this character has been done during the last three years, it has been paid for out of the small revenues derived from the Park and the insurance moneys received on the Parade House. It seems to your committee that authority should also be conferred upon the Council to appropriate a limited sum to be expended from year to year, in their discretion, until all the avenues and approaches are finished as permanent and substantial driveways.

Mr. P. Smith moved that the report be adopted.

After a discussion, in which Commissioners Smith, Clinton, Fairchild, Bennett and Nichols participated, a motion was made and carried unanimously that the report be adopted and presented to the Common Council, with a request that it approve the same, and that the Committee on Grounds and Roads be directed to confer with the committee to which the Council may refer the report.

The annual reports of the Commissioners and Superintendent to the Common Council were then read, and on motion of Mr. Nichols the same were adopted and the Secretary authorized to append the names of the Commissioners thereto.

Mr. Urban moved that the Superintendent be authorized to procure (provided the same can be done without expense other than transportation) a number of European carps introduced into this country under the auspices of Prof. Baird, U. S. Fish Commissioner, the same to be placed in the Park waters. The motion was carried.

The President called the attention of the Board to the reported intention of the Trustees of the Buffalo City Cemetery to make the general entrance gate to the cemetery at the corner of Delavan avenue and Delaware avenue, and suggested that inasmuch as Delaware avenue was the principal approach to the Park, that an effort should be made to induce the Cemetery Trustees to place the gate on Delavan avenue, at the head of Linwood avenue, in order that funeral processions might thus be diverted from Delaware to Linwood avenue. The subject was worth considering, not only for the present but the future.

The matter was freely discussed by several Commissioners, when Mr. Nichols moved that a committee of five, of whom the President shall be Chairman, be appointed to confer with the Trustees of the Cemetery on the subject.

The Board then adjourned.

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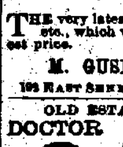
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