

BREVITY BUDGET.

The court of sessions grand jury will meet next week.
The watch-house justices imposed \$300 yesterday morning.

The new term of the Buffalo Female academy will begin next Monday.

Last evening's trains from the east were delayed several hours by the storm.

It is settled that A. A. Gillipie will come as the clerk of the police board.

The supervisors' committee were in session today and adjourned until next Tuesday.

Seventeen persons were afforded shelter at police stations from last night's low temperature.

The receipts at the city treasurer's office yesterday were \$1,246.61, and the disbursements \$1,043.19.

Comptroller Barnard will to-morrow open his office for the purchase of \$500,000 of Buffalo city sewer bonds.

W. F. Brunner of Cleveland, chief clerk in the passenger department of the Nickel Plate, is in the city to-day.

Nineteen arrests were made by the police during the twenty-four hours terminating this morning at 6 o'clock.

The rooms of the Buffalo Historical society will be open to the public, free, this evening from 7 until 9 o'clock.

Grace Courtland is going to throw another bag of nickels into the street from the St. James hall to-morrow.

The post-hospital is full and over-crowded. Eight patients last night were obliged to sleep in the halls on cots.

Lee Shun, an almond-eyed celestial, died last evening before County Clerk Swell started of becoming a citizen of the United States.

The Rev. Dr. Brown has called a meeting of the different committees of the June festival to be held to-morrow evening at nine o'clock at Liedertafel hall.

The splendid sleighing was improved again last night by scores of parties, who wrapped their ears in furs paid little attention to nipping atmosphere.

Philip Becker has made arrangements for a erection of a handsome iron front building the site of the wooden structures south of store on Main street.

For those desiring to attend the Grand jury of the Republic encampment at Rochester, the New York Central railroad will sell turn tickets at a fare and a half.

E. L. Cornell, for five years manager of a Grand hotel, Point Chautauque, has been appointed city ticket agent of the West Shore id Buffalo, New York & Philadelphia.

Zip, having been brought to his senses—he has any—was released from his chains yesterday, and was exhibited before two immense audiences at Bunnell's museum.

The doctors who made the post-mortem examination of the body of the late Philip Miller, killed in the Elm street fracas, found considerable fracture of the skull on the left side.

The next term of the Central school begins February 4. Persons wishing to consult principal Emerson on school matters will find at his office in the school building during the afternoon until 4 o'clock.

The committee of arrangements for the reception of John E. Redmond, M. P., who is lecturing here on the situation in Ireland, on February 4, at St. Stephen's hall, met last evening and concluded the necessary arrangements.

At this evening's meeting of the Society of Natural Sciences the following papers will be read: "The construction and mechanism of the knee-joint," by Dr. C. C. F. Gay; "The relation of germs and disease," by Dr. M. Iartwig.

Lyman Payne has written County Clerk Swell from Big Hollow, Greene county, New York, asking for information concerning George Payne, who died in Buffalo in December. The deceased had a photograph gallery in this city.

The estate of Charles H. Waite was settled yesterday morning. This morning Dr. C. C. F. Gay, summoned by Judge Stern, called at the surrogate's office and received \$623, he being a creditor to that amount against the estate.

According to the reports therefrom, received from day to day, Erie, Pa., and the vicinity thereof, constitute the most wickedly sensational and phenomenally unfortunate patch of territory on the footstool. Where are all the missionary societies?

At a meeting of the board of police commissioners held this morning charges were preferred against Officers Peter Nickson and Valentine May, for breach of rules 143 and 132 of the rules and regulations of the police department. The board reserved their decision.

Our late fellow townsman, W. H. Demick, formerly assistant superintendent of police but recently of New York city, is, we understand, spending the winter in Europe. He is at present in London, England, and will go to Paris, and spend some time on the continent.

The case of the boy George Lewis, charged with attempting to pass a counterfeit dollar coin, which was to have been continued before U. R. Commissioner Fitzgerald yesterday, was postponed indefinitely, James G. Muldoon, the defendant's counsel, being out of the city.

John Smith, Charles Sands and Michael Dunn, for having no visible means of support, were provided by the watchhouse justices this morning with 20 days accommodation at the workhouse. Fred Brown and Joseph Sullivan were accommodated with 30 days each on a similar charge.

A company composed of ten gentlemen from Balmaine have leased the pleasure resort at the head of Silver lake, known as Suredam's, for a period of five years, and will expend quite a sum in the building of a new house, new boats, a railroad switch for excursion trains and general improvement of the grounds.

A transcript of the record of the will and codicil of Gen. James Hervey Simpson, an officer of the United States army stationed at St. Louis, was admitted to record by Surrogate Stern this morning. The will was propounded in Ramsey county, Missouri. The document was recorded here as there is real estate in this county belonging to the estate.

Dr. F. W. Abbott gave an informal but very interesting lecture last evening at the rooms of the railroad branch of the Young Men's Christian association on "The Eye." He illustrated by means of a camera the manner in which we see, and analyzed the construction of the eye and the means which should be adopted for its preservation. He was listened to with marked attention.

The Hon. Seymour Dexter of Elmira, grand president of the Empire Circle of Buffalo, will arrive in Buffalo this afternoon. The officers and members of the order in this city are requested by Deputy Grand President J. M. Schuler to assemble at the rooms of Vespa lodge No. 39 to-morrow evening for the purpose of tendering him a reception. Mr. Seymour, it is expected, will make an address.

"Holiness evangelistic special services" are to be held in Grace M. E. church to-morrow and Sunday morning, afternoon and evening, and every other afternoon and evening.

"COLD ENOUGH FOR YOU?"

A Remark Made a Thousand Times This Morning—The Most Frigid Snap of the Season.

Rude Bores was in a cold humor last night and breathed an icy blast over Canada. From Manitoba to Toronto everything was frozen solid, the mercury at Ferry Sound endeavoring to escape by going into the thirties beneath the zero mark.

The first indication Buffalo had of cold was at about ten o'clock. The thermometer fell at the rate of a degree an hour from four o'clock in the afternoon, and at ten marked three above.

This morning when people arose those who, in accordance with the rules of the water department had turned their water off at night, found the pipes contained simply a mass of ice. Frost on the windows was nearly half an inch thick.

Outside the trees bore a heavy hoar frost—a sure indication of sudden and extreme lowering of the temperature. The snow covered and craked under the car-wheels or passing sleigh. The thermometer was found to record 13½ below—the most frigid weather of the season.

Sergeant Finn says the weather is rapidly moderating and to-morrow it will be warmer and more pleasant. Although it has been quite cold in the cities west of Buffalo it has not been so cold as here.

The temperature elsewhere as taken from the signal office bulletins shows the following temperatures: Toronto 11 below, Erie 8 below, Cleveland 2 below, Sandusky 4 below, Toledo 6 below, Detroit 3 below, Milwaukee 2 below, Chicago 3 above, Alpena 8 below, the lowest during the night being 20 below.

The cold affected the railroads considerably. The engineers found it hard work to get up and maintain the usual amount of steam, and as a consequence all trains due in Buffalo this morning were very late.

The Central train due at 7.30 was four hours late and in order to make connections with it the Lake Shore which should have departed at 8 o'clock was correspondingly delayed. The limited express on the Erie due at 7.25 was two hours late. The morning train on the South Western was an hour and a half late.

The Michigan Central express due at 4.34 came in about 9.30. The Grand Trunk express due at 6 o'clock was not here until 10.30. Buffalo, New York & Philadelphia trains were considerably off schedule time. All trains on the Niagara Falls and Lockport branches of the Erie and Central were on time.

The Council Committee—West Avenue Pavement—The Grade of Best Street.

School Matters.

The council committee on streets had a long session last night. In the matter of changing the grade of Best street, where it crosses Class Medina sandstone, Engineer Krause had prepared plans lowering that portion of the street seven feet. This brought out a loud protest from property owners living on that portion of the street, and nearly an hour was passed in discussing the engineer's plans.

Interested parties in opposition to the proposed change of the grade were very numerous. The committee, by unanimous vote, adopted the engineer's recommendation.

The committee-room was quickly cleared of east side residents, and a crowd of owners of property on West avenue filed in. Chairman Lyth pulled seven petitions and remonstrances out of the box and spread them out on the table. One was in favor of paying the street with second-class Medina sandstone, another with asphalt, and two with concrete, one was against asphalt, the other against concrete; one petition was to have the names of signers taken of the stone petition and put on the asphalt petition; still another was to have the names of the signers taken off the asphalt and put on the stone petition. Ald Lyth said, "There they are, gentlemen; what is the further pleasure of this committee?" Ald Lyth moved that interested parties be heard. When the speech-making began, everybody had a plan to carry the street into which the property-owners on the street had got themselves by signing petitions for both the stone and asphalt pavement.

James C. Fullerton represented the asphalt interest, while Frank R. Parkins appeared for the Medina sandstone. The arguments of both these gentlemen were a repetition of what they had to say three weeks ago when the same subject was before the committee.

Matthew McComb, the real estate dealer who owns ten houses on the street, explained the situation to the committee. He was the first man to broach the subject of paying the avenue to Mr. Holloway, and afterwards was the first signer to the petition in favor of paving the street with second-class Medina sandstone. Soon after signing the first petition a second one was presented to him by Mr. Holloway for the reason that as a block of two of the street was already paved it required two petitions to get the job done.

Mr. McComb put his name to this one. He was then approached by the advocates of the asphalt pavement, and after a time became convinced that it was for his interest to have the street paved with that material. He therefore signed in favor of the asphalt. A great many of his neighbors have signed Holloway's petition because he had signed it. Afterwards, when they saw his name on the petition in favor of asphalt, his neighbors came to him for explanation, when he told them that he had changed his mind and was heartily in favor of the asphalt. He was still in favor of it and believed that a majority of the taxpayers on the street were.

At the conclusion of Mr. McComb's remarks, Ald Lyth presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their names as requested, and that the committee report in favor of referring the petitions and names to the assessor, and that they report the facts to the council as they appear from the papers, allowing the withdrawal of names and their insertion as asked by the petitioners and remonstrators; and that the assessors attach a list of names to their reports in support of the stone or asphalt, as the case may be, and the same be printed.

The object of the resolution is to have all the property owners on the street fairly represented, those in favor of asphalt pavement and those in favor of stone. With the adoption of the resolution the crowd went away.

Residents of William street between Pratt and Hickory were present to protest against paying an assessment for a bill of \$150 for repairing the pavement in front of their property last August. John Miller, the contractor who did the work, produced a notice from the city engineer, authorizing him to do it, dated August 13, while the property-owners produced postal-cards from the engineer dated August 24 warning them to repair their pavement within twenty days or it would be done at their expense. The work has been done when they received the notice. The matter was laid over for one week, and the city engineer invited to be present at the next meeting of the committee.

The committee on sewers referred the petition for a sewer in West avenue, between Bird avenue and Clinton avenue, to the city assessors. The committee will recommend that John Howell be awarded the contract to repair the sewer in Elliott street, between Carlton and High, at his bid of \$550.

The committee on fire discussed the erection of a frame building by Thomas McDonough at 47½ Niagara street, but adjourned without action.

The claims committee considered the claim of Frank Ricord for \$1,000 for work upon a PDF connection, O.C.R. was organized.

THE DEAD CLERGYMAN.

Funeral of the Rev. Dr. Fletcher—Services at the Church of the Messiah—Address by the Rev. Dr. Saxe.

The remains of the late Rev. Luther J. Fletcher, D. D., reached Buffalo yesterday afternoon by the New York Central from Franklin, Mass., for interment in the family lot at Forest Lawn. In the Church of the Messiah, of which the deceased was for nine years pastor, a large company of mourners awaited the arrival of the relics. Dr. Fletcher joined Dr. Moley of the Free Mission in 1871, and demitted in 1881 to become a member of the lodge at Franklin, Mass., where for the past three years he has ministered with acceptance in the Universalist denomination. The funeral was accordingly celebrated with Masonic honors. Messrs. Sommers and Wiggin, members of Franklin, accompanied the remains on the journey hither and at Buffalo delivered them to the representatives of Dr. Moley, who were accompanied by Messrs. Barwell's undertaking rooms and thence to the Church of the Messiah. The Masonic bearers were Albert Jones, R. H. Bickford, A. H. Adams, G. W. McCray, William H. Baker and C. W. Dodge, all of Buffalo.

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AMUSEMENTS.

Academy of Music, "My Partner"—Wahle's Opera House, "Nobody's Claim."

Louis Aldrich, Charles T. Farlow and an excellent dramatic company appeared at the Academy of Music last evening in the strong melodrama of "My Partner," and the principal actors were fully attested by the presence of a large audience. The play is well known to Buffalo people, and if there should be a serious falling off in the attendance it would not afford occasion for any great surprise, and certainly would not reflect upon the merits of the performance, but the "draw" of the attraction showed itself, and although we would like to see so excellent an actor as Mr. Aldrich in some other role it is very evident that we must bide our time. As "The Parson" in "The Danites" he did more to win success for that play than he ever got credit for; and as "Joe Saunders" in "My Partner" he secured an instantaneous success for Mr. Aldrich's play at the Union Square theatre and promptly laid the groundwork for his now handsome fortune. His impersonation, by virtue of its inherent strength and effective emotional quality, is as pleasing as ever and has lost none of the charm of novelty which attached to it from the very first. There is no doubt in our mind that in melodramatic roles of the "Joe Saunders" type Mr. Aldrich is not approached by any other actor in the country. He is a sort of melodramatic "draw," but a draw always must have elbow room; his nature imperatively demands scope and verge, and for some years past he has not been "cribbed, caged or confined" in any way, so that the public has been enabled to put a correct estimate on his power and talents. Our opinion of his remarkable impersonation of "Joe Saunders" has been given over and over again and it is needless to repeat it at the time. The same thing is true of the "Wing Lee" of Charles T. Farlow which has become familiar as household words.

Mr. Chas. Mason as Ned Singleton played the part in a mainly way; the Major Henry Clay Britt of Mr. E. S. Tarr was strong enough, but lacked somewhat the notion we have come to associate with the character; and the Josiah Scroggs of Mr. W. H. Hogue was as artistically villainous and cold-blooded as ever, and more than that need not be suggested. The Sam Bowler of Walter Leaux, Jr., the Mr. Wellington Midgley of Mr. J. B. Atwell, and the Jim Johnson of Mr. T. E. Reynolds were all good, and the ladies were equal to the gentlemen in their respective parts. The Mary Brandon of Miss Dora Goldthwaite was admirably sustained and was as strong emotionally as could be desired. Miss Grace Brandon and Miss Josephine Laurens as Miss Fannie Pentland were both excellent, and altogether the cast was entirely satisfactory. "My Partner" will be repeated this and to-morrow evenings and Saturday afternoon.

Haverly's Spectacular Mastodon minstrels will play at the Academy of Music on Monday and Tuesday evenings of next week, and the sale of seats will begin at the Academy box office this morning.

Wahle's Opera House.

At Wahle's opera house last evening a melodrama entitled "Nobody's Claim," written by Mr. E. A. Locke, had its first representation in this city. It is of the western order of plays, and manifestly the author has utilized all the border material he had at hand. The audience was of goodly proportions, and it applauds and laughs are any criterion of success there was certainly no reason to fear a plain of the timing given by last night's audience. The play, which deals with mining life and its surroundings, develops true heroism, and is well sustained and highly amusing throughout. The company is made up of clever people. Mr. Joseph J. Dowling as Ward Devereux, Mr. W. White of Jabe Tuttle, a trapper, Mr. D. Howe as Dell McWade, and Mr. John Dyllyn as Major O'Neil, were excellent. Miss Sadie Johnson as Maggie, with songs, was very pleasing. She is natural in her manner, graceful in her movements and sings with good taste and feeling. The cast was a good one, and the play and company under the able management of Mr. J. S. Alexander, who is assisted by J. W. Newhouse, seems destined to receive much favor from the amusement seeking public, and will doubtless draw good houses during the remainder of its stay in Buffalo. The play will be repeated this evening.

Minnie Hauk's Concert.

The sale of seats for Miss Minnie Hauk's concert at Wahle's opera house on Monday evening next will begin at Wahle & Sons' music store to-morrow morning. The prices will be 50, 75 cents and \$1, and there will be no extra price for reserved seats.

The great tragedienne, Madame Januschek, will play a brief engagement at Wahle's the latter part of next week.

Other Amusements.

At Bunnell's museum crowded houses continue to be the order, and at Lang's Adelphi business has been good all through the week, and there will be a matinee performance this afternoon.

Mina Schlapf's Suicide.

The inquiry into the cause of the death of Hermine Schlapf, who is alleged to have committed suicide by taking poison at the house of Louis Engel on the 15th inst., was opened this afternoon before Coroner Scott and a jury at police headquarters.