FOR SALE.

PUBLIC SALE.

I will offer at Public Sale at the front door of the Court House of Ohio county, on

SATURDAY MORNING, Jan. 22, 1876,

Commencing at 10 o'clock, the following property, to-wit: The house and lot of Mr. E. L. Pratt, situated on the west side of South Broadway street, Island, below Mr. S. P. Hildreth's. Size of lot 60 by 120, and the lot joining, size 60 by 120 feet, corners on the alley and street, making in all 120 feet square, with the improvements thereon, consisting of a new house of seven rooms, good cellar and all necessary outbuildings. The above house is complete and just new, and a chance for some one that is very seldom offered at public sale. The above property will be sold in the whole or in parcels to suit purchasers.

Terms of sale made known on day of sale.

JAS. C. HERVEY,
Real Estate Agent and Auctioneer.
ja18 No. 1406 Market St., Wheeling, W. Va.

FOR SALE—

COTTAGE HOUSE No. 60, South Broadway, Island. Good stable and outbuildings. Apply on the premises, or to

S. F. CRAWFORD,
ja15* At Commercial Bank.

MARKET STREET PROPERTY FOR SALE.

I will offer at private sale until February 5th, Lot No. 130, and one-third of Lot No. 131, in Chapline & Bell's addition to the city of Wheeling, situate on the east side of Market street, opposite Fifth Ward Market House. If not sold before the above date, it will be offered at public sale at the front door of the Court House on said day at 10 o'clock A. M. For particulars and terms enquire of

ja13 J. C. HERVEY, Auctioneer.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF

Valuable Vineyard Property.

By virtue of a Deed of Trust made by Frederick Rogers and Montague Rogers, to the undersigned Trustee, dated the 1st day of March, 1867, and duly recorded among the land records of Ohio county, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 42, page 1, I will on

WEDNESDAY, the 16th day of February, 1876,

At the front door of the Court House of Ohio county, West Virginia, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., proceed to sell to the highest and best bidder the following described real estate, that is to say:

"A part of the farm sometimes called the Frazier Farm, situated on Caldwell's Run, in Ohio county, West Virginia, and which parcel of land is bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at a stone or oak stump at or very near the Huss and Helstimer corner, on the east line of said Frazier farm; thence due north thirty-two poles to a stone or stake; thence south eighty degrees west 62 poles to a stake; thence south thirty-two poles to a stake or stone; thence north 80 degrees east 62 poles to the beginning, containing twelve acres and a half, more or less, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging. Being the same property that was conveyed to the said F. Rogers and M. Rogers by R. Frazier and wife, by a deed dated the 1st day of December, 1866."

TERMS OF SALE—One-third cash, the balance in two equal instalments at six and twelve months, with interest from day of sale, with security to be approved by the Trustee.

HANNIBAL FORBES, Trustee.
WHEELING, W. VA., Jan. 11, 1876. ja11

FOR SALE—

A BRICK HOUSE,

Containing ten rooms and finished attic, hot and cold water up and down stairs, with gas throughout; lot 33 by 132 feet, running back to alley, with good stable on the rear, situate at 1043 Chapline street, handy to Market Square. This property, if not sold at private sale before January 26th, will be offered at Public Auction on that day at 10 o'clock A. M. at front door of Court House.

Terms easy.

A. C. EGERTER.
W. H. HALLER, Auctioneer. ja8

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

By virtue of a Deed of Trust made by William Dillon and wife, to the undersigned Trustee, dated the 10th day of January, 1875, and duly recorded among the land records of Ohio county, West Virginia, in Deed B ok No. 8, page 248, I will on

MONDAY, the 7th day of February, 1876,

At the front door of the Court House of Ohio county, West Virginia, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., proceed to sell to the highest and best bidder the following described real estate, that is to say:

"The east half of lot numbered fifty-four (54), situate on the south side of Fifteenth street (formerly Centre street), in Graham's addition to the city of Wheeling, West Virginia, being the same property upon which the said William Dillon has resided for a number of years, with all the buildings and appurtenances thereunto belonging."

TERMS OF SALE—One-third cash, the balance in two equal instalments at six and twelve months, with interest from the day of sale, with security to be approved by the Trustee.

ja1 HANNIBAL FORBES, Trustee.

PUBLIC SALE—

I will sell on WEDNESDAY, the 29th day of December, 1875, in front of the Court House of Ohio county, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., the following property, situated on the west side of Huron street, between Goodrich and Zane: Houses Nos. 9 and 11, one containing three rooms and kitchen, and one of eight rooms and kitchen. Good pump and good cisterns and hydrants, and fruit on the lot, with all the necessary outbuildings. First lot 32x125, and second lot 24x125.

The above will be sold separate or in the whole, to suit purchasers.

TERMS OF SALE—One-third cash on day of sale, or more to suit purchaser, balance in two equal payments of six and twelve months, with interest, secured by deed of trust on the property for the back payments.

J. C. HERVEY,
Auctioneer and Real Estate Agent,
1406 Market St., Agent for Mrs. Walker Hunter.
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The above sale is adjourned until Saturday, February 12, 1876, at 10 o'clock, when the sale will positively take place, if not sold at private sale before that time. dec30

FOR SALE—

One Frame House, with five rooms, No. 1514 Wood street. One Brick of four rooms, No. 1509, on corner of Wood and Fifteenth streets. Enquire of

WM. J. NESBITT,
de16* 1510 Wood St.

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Remember, this is our Annual Closing-Out Sale, where goods are offered at slaughtering prices.

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The Intelligencer.

FRIDAY, JAN. 21, 1876.

New Advertisements.

For Cincinnati—Steamer Hudson.
Show Cases—Morehead & Co.
Martin's Capital Restaurant.
Secretary Book-Cases—Mendel, Booth & Co.
DeRoy & Weiler, Pawn Brokers.

THERMOMETER RECORD.—The following shows the range of the thermometer, as observed at Silvey's drug store, corner opposite the Post Office:

8 A. M.	12 M.	3 P. M.	7 P. M.
31	38	41	35

THIS must be Centennial Indian Summer.

THE "Pearl of Savoy" at the Opera House to-night.

THE evening schools are to be continued an additional month.

THE Circuit Court will meet this morning at 10½ o'clock pursuant to adjournment.

THE total enrollment in the public schools for the month of December was 3,182.

NINE HUNDRED and ninety-two pupils in the public schools were tardy last month.

THE base ball season will commence early in May, and promises to be an active one.

A TEMPERANCE experience meeting was held in the North Street M. E. Church last evening.

CAPT. RAWLINGS thinks that he will be ready to move the Postoffice back to its old quarters by Feb. 1st.

THE Ohio County Bible Society will meet this evening in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian Church.

THERE were seventeen days of school last month, and one hundred and thirty of the pupils suffered corporal punishment.

THE West Virginia delegation to the National Republican Convention in Cincinnati in June next will be quartered at the St. James Hotel.

TO-LETS are already visible on all our streets. The indications are cheaper rents or empty houses. We advise our landlords not to be too stiff with good paying tenants.

A CHILD'S ARM BROKEN.—On Wednesday evening a little son of Thomas Renforth, who resides near the La Belle mill, fell and broke an arm. The little fellow is only five years old.

S. Y. W. OFFICERS.—A literary society bearing the singular title, "S. Y. W.," has elected the following officers: President, Frank Caldwell; Treasurer, Archie T. Hupp; Marshal, John Halley.

DISTURBANCE OF THE PEACE.—Justice Kammer yesterday issued a warrant for the arrest of Christian Schlosser, who is charged with using abusive language toward John Meyer on the 13th of January.

OFFICERS ELECTED.—At meeting of the Board of Directors of the Peabody Insurance Company, held yesterday, for the election of officers for the ensuing year, William Bailey was elected President, Alonzo Loring Vice President, J. V. L. Rodgers Secretary and Lewis Bailey Cashier.

A GRAND CONCERT.—There is to be a concert at the Disciples' Church, Centre Wheeling (late St. John's), that promises to be a musical treat. It is to come off on the evening of February 4th, and among those who will take part are Mrs. Whitney and Whitaker, Miss Sweeney and Miss Wheat, and Profs. Bassett and Ebeling.

THE COURTS.—POLICE COURT—*Judge Cranmer.*—There were three cases before His Honor yesterday morning, viz:

John Mayer and Christian Schlosser, for disorderly conduct, were fined $3 each. The fines were paid.

Cornelius Mack paid a fine of $2 and costs for assaulting Richard McCormick.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.—The Board of Education last evening met in regular monthly session. Present—Messrs. Collier, Ewing, Goering, Hess, Maxwell, Miller, McClure, Stewart, Stone, Todd, Wheat, Vockler, Mr. President.

The Committee on Accounts reported bills aggregating $2,761 77, which were ordered paid.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds asked till the next regular meeting to report on the fire extinguisher. They also recommended a change of janitor at the Second and Third Ward School, stating that the gross negligence of the present incumbent is so apparent that the committee think that they would fail to do their duty if they did not bring it to the notice of the Board. The report was adopted.

The salary of the janitor of the Second and Third Ward School was fixed at $30 per month during the time the heating apparatus is in use, and $20 per month during the balance of the year.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

Prof. John C. Hervey, Superintendent, submitted the following report for the month of December: Enrollment for the month, 3,182; average attendance, 2,842; do. absence, 340; per cent of average attendance on enrollment, 89; cases of tardiness: Washington, 179; Madison, 86; Clay, 153; Union, 204; Centre, 167; Webster, 101; Ritchie, 102; total, 992. No. of pupils perfect in attendance: Washington, 130; Madison, 56; Clay, 203; Union 179; Centre, 55; Webster, 83; Ritchie, 238; colored, 12; total, 956. Cases of discipline disposed of by Superintendent, 11; pupils suspended for infraction of rules, 1; cases of corporal punishment: Washington, 15; Madison, 22; Clay, 22; Union, 17; Centre, 34; Ritchie, 9; colored 11; total, 130. No. days of school, 17. Number of visits: Superintendent, 66; Commissioners, 7; others 52; total, 125. Number in the several branches of study: Orthography, 3,139; reading, 2,816; writing, 2,339; mental arithmetic, 1,549; written arithmetic, 1,306; geography, 1,163, grammar, 237; history, 133; physiology, 29; natural philosophy, 32; chemistry, 5; botany, 8; astronomy, 4; algebra, 93; geometry, 12; U. S. Constitution, 32; German, 404; drawing, 528. Amount paid for tuition, inclusive of German, $3,748 50.

GERMAN DEPARTMENT.

Enrollment in German classes: Washington, 47; Madison, 27; Clay, 77; Union, 49; Centre, 39; Webster, 46; Ritchie, 119; total 404. Number of classes taught, 43; amount paid for instruction, $260.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Enrollment for the month, 493; average attendance, 362; per cent of attendance, 73; number evenings of school, 17; branches taught and number of pupils in each: orthography, 463; reading, 467; writing, 455; mental arithmetic, 10; written arithmetic, 396; geography, 4; grammar, 13; history, 8; amount paid for tuition, $570.

The Superintendent recommended that the evening schools be kept open for an additional month, making the length of time the schools would be kept open this winter the same as last winter. He also called attention to the condition of the grounds of the Seventh Ward school house, recommending that the Commissioners of Madison district be authorized to make the necessary repairs.

The report was received and filed. The recommendation in reference to the evening schools was adopted, and those relating to the Seventh Ward school were referred to the local commissioners with power to act.

CLERK'S REPORT.

The Clerk of the Board submitted the following report of supplies and books furnished to the teachers, schools, indigent pupils and janitors of the several sub-districts for the six months ending January 1, 1876: Teachers, $151 58; schools, $186 44; indigent pupils, $142 19; janitors, $86 68; total, $556 89. Two of the three months composing the quarter ending October 1st being vacation, no report was made at that time. The report was ordered filed.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A petition was received from the teachers in the public schools, asking to be placed on an equal footing with their German co-workers, so far as salaries are concerned. The petition was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The commissioners of Ritchie district reported the resignation of Miss Kate Leighton, teacher in the C division of the Eighth Ward school, and the promotion of Miss Florence Sperry from the D division to the C division. They also reported the appointment of Miss Annie C. Reeves, teacher in the D division, and asked the appointment confirmed by the Board. The action of the local commissioners was confirmed.

Messrs. Collier and Stone, Commissioners from Madison district, asked that Donel & Hawley be paid $200 as a compromise for the amount of error claimed to have been made in their estimate, when making bids, for building Seventh Ward school house. The appropriation asked for was made.

Mr. Stone nominated Mr. Mortimer Pollock to fill the vacancy in the Board occasioned by the death of Jacob M. Bickel, of Madison district. Mr. Pollock was unanimously chosen.

Adjourned.

LOCAL PERSONALS.—Manager Hamilton, of the Opera House, returned from Pittsburgh yesterday.

Moncure D. Conway will on next Wednesday evening tell an Opera House audience what he knows of "The Devil."

Col. Dabney Reynolds, Cashier of the Merchants' Bank of Charleston, is in the city in attendance upon the impeachment trials.

Mr. J. L. Davis, who has been here several times with a troupe of performing dogs, died in Cleveland on Wednesday.

Miss Maggie Mitchell arrived in the city yesterday morning, and is stopping at the McLure.

Rev. C. S. Bates, of Newark, lectures in the Bellaire Episcopal Church to-night on "No Conflict."

Mortimer Pollock, Esq., was last night elected a member of the Board of Education from Madison district, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Jacob M. Bickel.

Dr. Henry P. Wenzel desires us to state that he is under obligations to Hon. H. G. Davis for valuable papers.

THE A. ROLF BOAT CLUB INCORPORATED.—The Secretary of State yesterday issued a certificate of incorporation to the August Rolf Boat Club, "for the purpose of exercise and promotion of health, for which purpose the said corporation will build such a boat house and purchase such boats and other materials and furniture as are usually kept by a first-class boat club." The corporation is to expire on the 19th day of January, 1896. The sum of $25 was subscribed and paid in, with the privilege of increasing the capital stock to $5,000 in all. The capital so subscribed is divided into shares of $5 each, and held as follows: August Rolf, Joseph Evil, Jacob Nunge, Henry Bieberson and Wm. Gibson, one share each.

NAIL CITY BREWERY.—The stockholders of the Nail City Brewery yesterday met and elected the following directors: Frank Walters, Chris. Siebke, John Roemer, Wm. H. Taney, R. S. Brown, John Butterfield, Chris. Stoehr, T. M. Darrah, H. C. Ulrich. The financial statement of the year's business was read, and showed a profit of over $10,000, or a fraction over eighteen per cent upon the capital invested. At the meeting there were but twenty shares unrepresented. The Board will meet next week for the election of officers.

DID NOT APPEAR.—Peanut Scott, who was arrested for peddling peanuts without license and released upon his own recognizance to appear before Justice O'Keeffe yesterday morning, did not make his appearance as promised. Scott evidently did not understand the consequences of a forfeiture of his bond. He will be re-arrested and examined upon the charge.

OUR GAS BILLS—WHAT THE GAS TRUSTEES HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THEM.—There having been many complaints made in regard to gas bills, a reporter for this paper yesterday interviewed Mr. Mortimer Pollock, one of the Gas Trustees, upon the all-important question. Mr. Pollock very kindly gave our reporter his views upon the subject, which we think will be of interest to all gas consumers.

Mr. Pollock is of the opinion that there is a mistaken impression among the people generally in regard to the duties and responsibilities of the Gas Trustees. The trustees have no interest whatever in the receipts or profits of the work of furnishing gas to the citizens, each of them being under a bond of $5,000 to protect the city from any losses she may sustain. The trustees have the privilege of selecting a clerk, but should any discrepancies occur in his accounts they are held directly responsible for the same.

THE METERS.

Nothing is so mysterious to the gas consumer as the meter, and yet, as a matter of fact, the meter is quite as accurate as any other measure in use. It does sometimes err, but its errors are almost always in favor of the consumer and against the companies. It cannot measure gas that does not pass through it, but may permit gas to pass through without registering the quantity.

Wet meters are liable to stop from freezing, from too much or too little water, and from sending moisture into the pipes. The dry meter is not liable to any of these objections, but being more complicated and more delicate, it is more liable to wear and to get out of order. The inaccuracies which result from wear or corrosion are generally in favor of the consumer, as gas leaks from one space to another and escapes being measured.

The accuracy of the meters is very often questioned by the consumers. The resemblance of the dials lead them to infer that, like clocks, the meters may run fast or slow. But the case is not parallel; the meter is an engine in which the gas is the motive power, and unless the gas passes through the meter, it cannot move. On its dials are faithfully recorded the number of its revolutions in cubic feet. All waste and leakage is recorded as well as the useful consumption.

The dry meters are used here, and the consumer can easily see how impossible it is for them to register more gas than passes through them. But if anything gets wrong with the machinery of the meter, or the diaphragm gets worn out or cracked, of course the gas passes through it without registering; then the consumers get the benefit of the gas without paying for it. From the nature of things, the injury which the meter suffers in use must generally be against the city. If a valve leaks or a rust hole occurs in the measuring drum, or a crack in the leather, gas get through without being recorded. Sometimes the valves of a dry meter become fixed in such a position as to let the gas through without moving. The meters are tested by State Inspectors by passing a certain number of cubic feet through each, and noting whether it is properly recorded on the dials. In New York and Massachusetts a meter is stamped correct when it varies less than 2 per cent; in Ohio the tolerance is 3 per cent. Prof. Wormley, State Inspector for Ohio, in testing 2,321 new meters found only 13 that varied over one-half of 1 per cent. Mr. Stimpson, State Inspector in Massachusetts, in one year tested 11,316 meters; only 148 failed to come within the requirements of the law. Very few of these varied 5 per cent; 62 averaged 8.47 per cent against the companies, and 85 averaged 4.5 per cent short.

The machinery of a meter is not worked like a clock. It measures like a liquid measure, and cannot go until full and ready to go. No matter what the pressure may be, there cannot be any less or any more gas—the amount is just the same. The moment the gas is shut off the work of the meter ceases.

BURNERS.

Far too little attention is paid to the character of the burners. The amount of light produced by a given quantity of gas varies enormously with the conditions under which it is burned. There is no economy of light in small burners. Under the same pressure a burner which consumes four feet of gas per hour gives more light than two burners consuming each two feet. The gas referees of London made a report in 1871 on the subject of burners, in which some points are established which are of great importance. They found that by using good burners instead of bad ones, consumers may obtain from 30 to 50 per cent more light while their gas bills remain the same. The improvement of burners is important as a sanitary reform, as in furnishing the same quantity of light the good burner will consume less gas and consequently air, and will produce a smaller quantity of the products of combustion, and less heat than a poor burner. Burners from two newspaper offices gave only half the illuminating power of the gas, while several of the burners tested gave only one-quarter of the proper light of the gas. These facts and many others which came to their knowledge proved to the referees that "an enormous waste of gas prevails, with a corresponding pecuniary loss to the public."

WHY SO MUCH MORE GAS IS BURNED.

The trustees account for the people burning so much more gas by the fact that the 8-inch main on Market street has been strengthened by a 12-inch main. More than double the amount of gas now comes into the main on Market street than before the main was strengthened. This of course gives a heavier pressure on the burners. And again, frequently a consumer has a big party at his house, when all the gas is turned on and the building illuminated throughout. In this way the bills insensibly increase in magnitude.

Mr. Pollock spoke of an instance showing the difference in the bills of two dry goods merchants, carrying on business side by side, with the same number of gas burners in their store rooms. One of these merchants burned 6,000 feet more gas in 1875 than in 1874, while the other burned 300 feet less in the corresponding years. Yet, owing to the reduction in the price of gas, the former's bill was only a few dollars more in 1875 than in 1874. No complaint was made of this excess, however.

THE REMEDY.

The trustees desire it to be understood that if any complaint is made to them the meter of the consumer will be taken out and tested in his presence, and if not found correct a new one will be substituted. The trustees have always found that when a meter is not correct the city is the loser. The other day a disaffected merchant had his meter tested, and found it had been giving him two per cent more gas than he paid for.

Complaints had been made by the consumers about not getting enough gas, but now that a stronger pressure has been put on the people complain of their bills. The way to detect the dishonesty of the officials is for the consumer to learn to read his meter. Any one of ordinary intelligence can learn to read a meter in ten minutes. If any one wishes to learn to read a meter the trustees will take pleasure in teaching him. After having learned, the consumer can go to his meter on the first day of each month and ascertain just how much gas he has used.

Gas is paid for at the rate of $2 07 per 1,000 feet if paid for before the 10th of each month, and if not $2 30 is charged. In making out a bill against a consumer the Secretary does not take fractions into consideration; that is to say, if a man burns 825 feet of gas he is charged with 900 feet. The additional 75 feet of gas, however, will be credited to him the next month. This is rendered necessary from the fact that if the bills were made out for fractions of 100 feet the work would be almost without end.

In the distribution of gas a certain percentage of leakage is unavoidable, but this can be reduced to minimum by the exercise of a little care. Many people leave their gas burning all night and never think of it, and are astonished at their large gas bills.

In addition, Mr. Pollock called our attention to the fact that December last was a very dark month—unusually so. Many people during the greater part of that month were compelled to light their gas at 3½ P. M. This, of course, would have a great influence on their gas bills.

MAGGIE MITCHELL LAST NIGHT.—The Opera House was thronged last night to witness the performance of this favorite, in a piece entirely new to our stage. The drama, "Lorle, or the Artist's Dream," is one well adapted to the peculiar genius of Maggie Mitchell, who excels in the delineation of the artless graces of innocence, and the expression of the natural emotions and moods of unsophisticated girlhood, mirth, filial tenderness, pride, love and devotion. An artist, bred in courts and accustomed to high social life, loves a simple peasant girl, and his dream before his wedding day of the struggle between love and pride, is represented in many scenes in which his lowly-born "Lorle" is made to feel the social gulf that separates her from others, and the desolation that comes from unrequited affection, scorn, alienation and desertion. But it is all a dream, and the artist waking from the horrors of self-condemnation, again surrenders himself to the flower-bound chains of the enchanting "Lorle," which completes the happiness of both, and ends in a true love marriage.

The piece is well suited to Maggie Mitchell, for it is not in the majestic course of tragedy, where the suffering is always dignified, and the ruin of one mind affects a state, but in the domestic sphere, where the gaiety is that of a bird and the blemish is of a flower, that the Maggie Mitchell of our time has won her plaudits and her triumphs.

"The Pearl of Savoy" will be presented this evening.

NORTH WHEELING LITERARY SOCIETY.—A number of gentlemen met last evening at Dr. Ulrich's office in North Wheeling for the purpose of organizing a Literary Society. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Ulrich, and Dr. Wenzel was called to the chair, who stated the object of the meeting. Mr. Chas. C. Faris was appointed Secretary *pro tem.* The following gentlemen were elected permanent officers of the Society. Dr. C. F. Ulrich, President; Chas. C. Faris, Secretary; James A. Stuart, Treasurer; Dr. H. P. Wenzel, Critic. The following gentlemen were appointed a committee to draft a constitution and by-laws: The President, Secretary, Dr. H. P. Wenzel and Mr. Charles Collins.

Messrs. James Collins, John Robinson and James A. Stuart were appointed a committee to secure a hall to meet in.

Upon motion the society adjourned to meet at Dr. Wenzell's office on Monday evening next at 7½ o'clock. No name has as yet been selected for the society. The society starts out with every prospect of success, as the gentlemen composing it are noted for their go aheaditiveness, and we think will yet give the Waverly boys a tilt they will remember.

DEATH OF JAMES LEWIS.—James A. Lewis, an old and well-known printer, died last evening about 8 o'clock, at his residence in Centre Wheeling. Mr. Lewis was a native of Wheeling, and learned the printing trade here, working many years ago on the old *Times and Gazette.* At the breaking out of the rebellion, in 1861, he enlisted as a private in the First West Virginia Infantry, and subsequently became a Lieutenant in the same regiment. His regiment took an active part in several desperate battles, in one of which Mr. Lewis was wounded. At the close of the war he returned to this city, and was for a number of years employed as pressman in the INTELLIGENCER office. About a year ago he was stricken with paralysis, and has since been an invalid, the greater part of the time requiring a nurse. He was about forty-five years of age at the time of his death. The funeral will take place to-morrow morning.

DISCHARGED.—Justice O'Keeffe yesterday morning rendered his decision in the case of Dr. J. Brown, who was charged by Messrs. N. H. Van Cleve and F. West with obtaining money from them under false pretenses. The particulars of the case were given in these columns yesterday morning. The Justice was of the opinion that the evidence in the case did not show a felonious intention upon the part of Brown to defraud the prosecuting witnesses, and therefore discharged him from custody.

BOY LOST.—Frankie Waters, son of Jesse Waters, of Zanesville, Ohio, disappeared from home on Monday afternoon, January 3. He is about 9 years old, has dark brown hair and eyes, wore a brown hat, and was dressed in dark blue coat, vest and pants and striped red and black stockings. Information of the boy's whereabouts will be liberally rewarded by Jesse Waters, South Sixth street, Zanesville, Ohio.

THERE are panicy times on the wharf this winter among the river men. Dull times in steamboating has left many of them in pretty much the same condition as their colored brother Othello, on one occasion, without an occupation. They long for the watermelon season and summer sunshine.

A YOUNGSTER, while warming his hands over the kitchen fire yesterday, was remonstrated with by his father, who said: "Go 'way from the stove; the weather is not cold." The little fellow, looking up demurely at his stern parient, replied: "I ain't heatin' the weather; I am warming my hands."

THE fence which obstructed the pavement on the Market street front of the Washington Hall ruins, and to which we called the attention of those interested, was removed yesterday and the pavement cleared of rubbish, by direction of the Washington Hall Association.

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