

### **Distressing Occurrence — Two Women Drowned**

On Monday afternoon, about two o'clock, two women were drowned in the Monongahela river by the upsetting of a skiff. It appears that Mr. James Oldham, who plies a skiff ferry between the Point and West Pittsburgh, started across the river with his skiff, having on board nine passengers. When they arrived at the middle of the stream, the skiff was upset by the waves of a passing steamboat, and the entire party precipitated into the river. Eight of the ten persons were saved, but two women, a Mrs. Taylor, and a young woman whose name has not yet been ascertained, were drowned. Mrs. Taylor resided in West Pittsburgh, was a widow, and the mother of four small children. Efforts were made yesterday to recover the bodies, but they have not yet been found. Mr. Oldham, the ferryman, bears the reputation of being a cautious and careful man, and it is a matter of surprise to his friends that he would venture to cross the river with ten persons in a small skiff.