LANCASTER, PA., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1889.

THE BANQUET.

F. & M.'s Foot Ball Team Again Around the Festive Board.

AN EVENING IN ESHLEMAN'S HALL

COLLEGE STUDENTS AND SEMINARIANS TEN-DER FINE ENTERTAINMENT.

The Hall Handsomely Decorated For the Occasion-W. U. Hensel Welcomes the Company and Introduces Several of the Faculty, Capt. Irvine, Manager Campbell and Referee Wiley-A Good Sum Subscribed For the Gymnastum.

One hundred and thirty-four men, young and old, sat down to the banquet given by the students of Franklin and Marshall colege to their foot ball team on Wednesday Eshleman's hall was festoone with long streamers of blue and white bunting and the walls were hung with pictures of the team, handbills of their victorious games, flags and trophies. The record of the season's contests was blazoned on white canvas hung on the north wall and conspicuous among the ornaments was the foot ball diploma brought from Princeton by Captain Irvine. The toastmaster and many of the professors sat on the further side of a table crossing the eastern extremity of the hall, and three long tables stretched from it towards the

doors.

Each guest received a beautiful memento of the occasion—a card, tied with silk ribbon, and ornamented with an engaving of a mountain landscape. Folded between this tasteful cover were two leaves recording this banquet given in honor of the football team of 1889 by the students of the college and seminary.

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Then came the list of toasts with appropriate quotations, and on the last page a list of the members of the team and the season's record of games, showing Franklin and Marshall 166 points ahead.

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In and Marshall 160 points ahead.

A four course banquet was served by Caterer Prine, and all did full justice to it. From time to time through the evening the glee club arose and assembling at the east end of the room sang college songs with excellent effect. The college has not only a strong foot ball team, but a first class glee club.

Following was the programme of toasts : W. U. HENSEL, Toast Master.

PROF. J. S. STAIR, "Herculos, the Latest Addition to the Faculty."

"Health is the second blessing that we mortals

Capable of; a blessing that money cannot buy."
Dr. E. V. Gerhart, "Muscular Christianity." "The wise for cure on exercise depend; God never made his work for man to men

CAPTAIN WILLIAM M. IRVINE, "The Manly "Then strip lads, and to it, though sharp be the And if by mischance you should happen to

fall,
There are worse things in life than a tumble on heather.
And life is itself, but a game of foot-ball."
DB T. G. Apple, "The Modern Athletic Spirit."
"Why should a man whose bleed is warm within,
Sit like his grandsire, cut in alabaster?"
MB. B. J. McGrann.

"He is truly great that is little in himself, and that Maketh no account of any height of honors," "Oh, he sits high in all the people's hearts!"

Mr. Hensel said that no words of formal welcome were needed and no extended explanation of the significance of this oc-casion or the purpose of this gathering. We have met less to celebrate the victories We have met less to celebrate the victories of the past than to prepare for the campaigns of the future. We mean business. (Applause) The story of the origin of this movement is familiar to each one of us and is not only written on the walls of our city and blazoned on college banners, but is shown by thirty thousand citizens of the control of the c is shown by thirty thousand citizens of Lancaster, proud for once at least of the college that has its home among them. This com; any of students and professors, of men who come from town and men who wear the gown, of practical men of Lancaster, means that we recognize in this movement for athletics in the college a power for the welfare of this community in the best sense of the word. The addition of Hercules to the faculty means the exclusion Heroules to the faculty means the exclusion of none of its present members, and by the power of foot ball we do not intend to drive out Greek. We do not forget that it was at the Grecian games that Herodotus read his histories and that Thucidiades took his inspiration from them. Athletics will histories and that Thucidiades took his inspiration from them. Athletics will draw closer the college and the city and the people and students. They will arouse a warmer interest among the alumni and be an advertisement of the institution. We are not only all for the foot ball team but for a movement that will give athletics a home on the campus and a substantial foundation for the future. But I do not propose to take up the collection be fore the sermon. Among a few there may be misgivings as to the effect of this enterprise, but a word from the president of the college is all that is needed to dispel such groundless fears. groundless fears. Song by the glee club.

or Stahr then replied to his toast It may may not be known to you that this is not the first time that Hercules is said to is not the first time that Hercules is said to have been a member of the faculty. In 1873, when the faculty sat for a picture, it was said that they were the assembled gods. The late Dr. Nevin was Jupiter, Dr. Gerhart, Vulcan and Dr. Apple, Mars, and there was a Hercules among them who is here. A little later the professor of mathematics was Hercules, (applause); not the present professor, but a gentleman from Bowdoin who came among us with Indian clubs and dumb bells and aroused interest in athletics. Hercules is here in earnest now and he has come to stay and achieve brighter results. Hercules has a earnest now and he has come to stay and achieve brighter results. Hercules has a very respectable record, but the old Greek Hercules got crazy fits at times and we must watch him. But as a member of the faculty he will be safe, he will be in good company. Old Hercules strangled two serpents in his childhood; this intant Hercules has strangled two serpents at Frank-lin and Marshall. Obscurity and inaction are the serpents he has strangled. We lay stress upon physical culture not as an end alone but as a means. As Hercules is a god of the sun we may hope that he will bring us sweetness and light, and permit me to conclude with that famous saying.—

"mens sans in corpore sano."

Mr. Hensel. We need broader shouldered and deeper chested ministers of the
gospel, and I call upon Dr. Gerhart to respond to toast, "Muscular Christianity."

Dr. Gerhart said that not many years had
passed since he had heard the expression massed since he had heard the expression "muscular Christianity" for the first time. He believed it was Thomas Wentworth Higginson. I have no objection to it. A good thinker needs a strong body. We know what a splendid physique was developed by the games of the ancients, but a good thing may be applied to ignoble ends. Our boys train not for ignoble ends but that they may beat Swarthmore. Dickends. Our boys train not for ignoble ends but that they may beat Swarthmore, Dick-inson and St. John. (Laughter and ap-

St. Paul was a muscular Christian; think St. Paul was a muscular Christian; think of his endurance of torture, "five times endured I forty stripes save one." Athenasious was a muscular Christian. "The world against Athenasious and Athenasious against the world." Hildebrand was a muscular Christian defying the German empire. Gladstone in old age holding the house of commons spell bound by the hour, is a muscular Christian. Put Christianity into your muscles, John L. Sullivan puts no Christianity into his



muscles. In our college there is at least one theologian (Lobach) who can carry the ball to the goal with three men on his back.

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(Applause.)

Whisper song by the glee club.

Captain Irvine of the team was then introduced and received with three rousing cheers. Mr. Irvine speaks with easy eloquence and held close attention. Last spring on the Princeton campus he was talking of his future plans with Hector W. Cowan, the best foot ball rusher in America, and Mr. Cowan asked whether he expected to play foot ball at Franklin and Marshall.



Mr. Irvine answered no, but his friend replied: "Why if those fellows at Lancaster just throw a foot ball so the campus, you won't be able to keep your coat on three minutes." He had tried all games and gave the palm to far ball. Indeed the same and gave the palm to far ball. Indeed the same and gave the palm to far ball. Indeed the same and gave the palm to far ball. Indeed the same and the Mr. Irvine answered no, but his friend replied: "Why if those fellows at Lancaster just throw a foot ball out on the campus, you won't be able to keep your coat on three minutes." He had tried all games and gave the palm to foot ball. There is no game equal to it. It develops many manly virtues and arouses higher ambition. We see in the games of Greece evidence of the inspiring, stimulating effect of

caster grub would beat the world. (Three cheers).

Song by glee club.

Dr. Appel was called upon. He remembered the time when students were expected to be a pale and sickly set, and parents thought it quite right that their boys at college should be in poor health from study. Their condition was not due to hard study, but to lack of manly exercise. There are three merits in athletic exercise. It provides for the development and health of the body, and that is a worthy end in itself, for the human body is at the head of all nature, and in honoring it we honor the Creator. Secondly, it leads man to higher mental effort. There can be no proper development without physical capacity for labor. Thirdly, it develops resolution, and among many other virtues constancy, manliness and other virtues constancy, manliness and tenderness to the weak. With equal, mental and physical development the American people will stand at the head of

American people will stand at the head of nations.

Song by the glee club.
Mr. Hensel expressed regret for the absence of Mr. McGrann. The students all began to sing to the tune of "Bingo."

"Here's to Barney McGrann.
For he is a foot ball man."

The following letter was read:
LEWISBURG, Dec. 3d, 1889.

DEAR SIR: Your very kind letter was received last evening. You certainly are good fellows at the F. and M., and our boys desire to express through me their hearty thanks for your generosity. Personally I owe you thanks for the handsome manner in which you have dealt with me. It will relieve me of a weight of debt, for you remember! said that I would be personally responsible. Congratulations on your victory memberI said that I would be personally responsible. Congratulations on your victory over Dickinson. I feit sure that you had the better team and was surprised that your first score was not better than it was. You have certainlyhad a phenomenal season for the first one. We cannot say like you that we have had an exceedingly prosperous year, but we feel quite well satisfied considering the crippled condition of the team at the beginning of the year. Next year we come back with a complete team, losing no members unless one or two should drop no members unless one or two should drop out accidentally. No men will be lost by graduation. Hoping that Bucknell and Franklin and Marshall shall have the pleasure of contesting the supremacy another year.

I am fraternally yours.

I am fraternally yours,
W. M. Courson
The following poem was received mail and read :

ADAPTED. Twas Dickinson gleaming in scarlet and gold Came to down, on a day, F. & M. players the bold. Tho when the dust vanished and clear was the They saw to their horror F. & M. was still there Like a healthy young cyclone at work by the Like a nearthy young cyclone at work by the piece,
Like an avalanche silding in plenty of grease,
Like a hundred-ton pile driver dropping a mile,
We send back our thanks in the usual style.
One wild wall of terror, one loud yell of woe,
And; red stockings are seen flying round high and low,
While the stern voice of wisdom respects that
old rule
"Boys with straws should ne'er touch the hind legs of a mule."

cents." He said that the college could put a team in the field next year that might



cope with some big college, Lehigh or the University of Pennsylvania.
Glee club, "Sunday School Scholar."
Mr. Wiley briefly replied to his toast, concluding with the statement that if Franklin and Marshall wanted a front seat

bave a gymnasium.
Dr. J. H. Dubbs made an eloquent,

The institution has always taught the equal development of mind and body, but has had no facilities for physical training. I have watched with interest the efforts of the local board of trade to bring industries to Lancaster, and noted that their aim was to draw men and money to the town. The college is a venerable institution, bringing men and money here and only needing a little encouragement to draw many more little encouragement to draw many more students and to bring to the city not only prestige but prosperity. Parents nowdays ask their boys where they will go to college and the boy will choose an institution prominent in athletics. We have a beautiful site for a type and the production of the product prominent in athletics. We have a beau-tiful site for a gymnasium on the north-east corner of James street and College avenue. We do not intend to lower the other features of the course, but to add to them an arm that will give greater worth to the institution. What is now the "baby figure of the giant mass of things to come" can only be developed by furnishing the means in a gymnasium. (Applause.)

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Mr. Hensel then called for subscriptions
and said that if \$2,500 were raised now it
would be doubled before commencement, the trustees would aid the movement and the gymnasium be built. He began with subscriptions of a hundred dollars and as the gentlemen rose in their places and announced their subscrip-tions they were each greeted with

three rousing cheers.

Toward the first object aimed at, viz., to Toward the first object aimed at, viz., to secure twenty-five \$100 subscriptions from citizens of Lancaster, before Jan. 1, 1890, as the foundation of the movement, the following subscriptions are already made:

Williamson & Foster... James C, Wiley. Chas, A. FonDersmith... J. Harold Wickersham... Dr. M. L. Herr. P. T. Watt...

Besides these, two subscriptions of like \$1,100 is already secured, requiring only \$1,400 more to make the movement an en-

Post 405 Officers Chosen. Post 405, G. A. R., at its regular meeting last evening elected the following officers

Like an avalanche silding in plenty of grease.
Like a hundred-ton pile driver dropping a mile.
We send back our thanks in the usual style.
One wild wall of terror, one loud yell of woe, and low,
While the stern voice of wisdom respects that and low.
While the stern voice of wisdom respects that legs of a mule."

Mr. Campbell replied in a happy vein to the toast of dollars and cents, declaring "if you give the dollars we will out up the for the ensuing year :

HASTY ACTION

COUNCILS GIVE ELECTRIC RAILWAY PRIVI-LEGES WITHOUT INVESTIGATION.

Words of Strangers Go Down Easily and Horses are to be Displaced by the Mysterious Motive Power.

The December meeting of select and common councils was held on Wednesday evening in their respective chambers. In select council there were present Messrs. Stormfeltz, Robrer, Haines, Schum, Eris-man, Riddle, Everts, Wise and Long, president.

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The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

The report of the market committee was presented by Mr. Haines. The committee recommended that the new market house be accepted from John Adam Burger, the contractor, and that he be paid the balance due him, that the committee have an insurance of \$13,500 placed on the building and \$1,500 on the stalls, and that \$1,083.00, the amount beyond the appropriation for the new building, necessary to pay outstanding claims, be transferred from the contingent to the new market house fund.

Accompanying the report was a resolution directing the transfer of the above amount and the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Haines the recommendation accepting the building and providing for an insurance were considered.

Mr. Riddle in seconding the motion referred to the market house as a fine building and a credit to the city. The recommendations were approved. Common council non-concurred as to the insurance recommendation.

Mr. Wise presented the petition of Jacob

recommendation.

Mr. Wise presented the petition of Jacob Ottofer for a sewer on Manor street, from Filbert to Dorwart street, to be built at his own expense. Referred to the street com-

Mr. Riddle presented a petition for the scraping and piking of Cemetery street, between Walnut and Lemon street. Re-

between Walnut and Lemon street. Referred to the street committee.

Mr. Everts presented the report of the lamp committee for November. It contained nothing of special interest.

Mr. Schum presented the report of the fire committee for November. In addition to a report of the number and amount of bills paid, the committee recommended an increase in the salary of the chief engineer of the fire department. of the fire department.

Mr. Schum offered the following resolu

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Be it Resolved, By select and common council that from the beginning of the next fiscal year the chief engineer of the Lancas-ter fire department be allowed extra comter fire department be allowed extra com-pensation to the amount of \$300 per annum, payable monthly, said extra compensation to be allowed for the time and labor neces-sarily expended for keeping in repair the fire alarm telegraph line.

President Long ruled the resolution out of order, as it raised the salary of the engi-neer during the term for which he was elected.

Mr. Everts held that it was not increase

of salary, but a compensation for extra Mr. Haines admitted that the

could not be increased, but he held that the amount asked for was not an increase over what this department cost the city hereto-fore. Under the administration of the late fore. Under the administration of the late chief a man was employed to do the work, for which the city paid fully \$300. The present chief engineer assumes all the re-sponsibility of the fire alarm and should e compensated.

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Mr. Erisman held that the question of increase could not be considered until after Chief Vondersmith's term expires.

Mr. Haines said nothing was said about it being an increase in salary when it was decided that the city should pay for the feed of the chief engineer's horse.

Mr. Everts moved that the matter be referred to the city solicitor for his opinion as to the legality of granting the extra compensation of \$300. The motion was agreed to.

Mr. Riddle presented the report of the street committee for the month of Novem-

street committee for the month of Novem-ber. All the items of interest have been published except that in reference to the

electric railway. Accompanying the report was the following resolution: Besoived, That for the purpose of introducing electricity as the motive power of the Lancaster City and East End Street Railway companies, Summer T. Dun-ham, his associates and assigns, shall have the right to operate motor street cars and erect and maintain poles on both sides of each street along the route of said railway and at such point as the engineer in charge of the construction of said street railways may deem necessary to connect the poles on opposite sides of the street, so as to carry the wires which conduct the electric current to the cars. Provided, that said wires shall be main-

tained at the height of not less than 18 feet above the grade or surface of the street or streets and all of the work in locating and erecting said poles and wires shall be sub ject to the approval of the street committee of city councils.

Provided further that the city shall have the right to use said poles to support and carry any city wires as the city may now

or hereafter may desire to operate, said wires to be erected so as not to interfere with the operation of said street railways Provided further, that if any pole should be necessary in Penn Square, the same to be of iron pipe, properly insulated of light construction, all other poles to be of wood, uniform in height and thickness as near as possible, and painted of a colo approved by the street committee of city

councils, and
Provided further, that the privileges
herein granted shall be subject to all the
rules and regulations pertaining to street railways now in force, and Provided further, that the work of con

Arroyaled further, that the work of construction shall not be commenced until 30 days after the passage of this resolution.

Mr. Knight Neftell, the engineer representing the proposed electric railway, was given permission to make a statement and he explained the workings of the electric he explained the workings of the electric system, as described in the meeting of the street committee published in another col-

umn.

Mr. Erisman asked if the road would be operated with one or two wires. Neftell said it required two, because it was considered to

be the safest and in answer to another ques-tion said there was no danger to be feared by the breaking of one or both wires. The force of the current used would be 220

volts.

The wires he said were not covered. A sufficient current could not be gotten out of sufficient current could not be gotten out of covered wires.

The resolution giving the desired per-mission was adopted with but one dissent-ing vote, that of Mr. Wise. Common coun-cil concurred in the action of select council. COMMON COUNCIL.

Common council was called to order at 7 o'clock, and the following members were present: Altick, Baumgardner, Bertzfield, Bitner, Bradel, Brinton, Cummings, Cres-baugh, Dinan, Eager, Eberman, Frantz, Freeh, Herr, Kreider, Landis, Rill, Sing, Underwood, Young, Zook and Beard, presi-dent.

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Mr. Baumgardner presented the city treasurer's report for the month of November. The receipts were \$147.60, expenditures \$19,811.82, balance in treasury \$27,469.80.

The following petitions and communications were presented:

By Mr. Crosbaugh for a sewer on West Walnut street, between Lancaster avenue and Mary street. Referred to street committee.

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By Mr. Dinan, for crossing at Chestnut and Marshall streets, and the repairs to guiter on east side of Plum street, between Orange and Grant streets. Referred to street committee.

Mr. Zook presented a communication from City Solicitor W. T. Brown. He said he had called upon Samuel Fox and asked him to pay the rent due the city for rent of a room where rear of City hall. Fox refused to pay, saying he had no money. The solicitor stated that the remedy was to distrain, and if not sufficient goods were found to take legal proceeding to get possession of the premises. The city solicitor was instructed by resolution to collect the rent or put Fox out of the room. Select council concurred.

Mr. Baumgardner presented the communication from the county commissioners to the mayor in regard to the payment of the sum alleged to be due the county from the city for the opening of streets, Mr. Baumgardner also presented the following: MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR.

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To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Lancaster.

GENTLEMEN—I herewith present for your immediate consideration, a communication and statement from the county commissioners, setting forth the claim of a balance in favor of the county of \$104,617,96, for damages paid in the opening of streets since 1872.

A question involving so large an amount of money is one that interests every taxpayer in the city, and should be met by prompt action on your part, by authorizing the employment of such counsel as may be deemed necessary to represent the city's interest at the proper time.

The action on part of the commissioners, in bringing suit against the city before the matter could be properly brought to your notice, and without affording an opportunity of a mutual understanding, seems unwarranted, and lacks the spirit of friendliness that should exist between the municipal and county authorities.

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If the commissioners have been negligent in their duties in not collecting what
is claimed the county is entitled to, it is
surely no fault of the city, and should be
the greater reason why no hasty action
should be taken.

The interests of the city and county are in
a large measure identical; our mutual and
business relations are the same and we
should be only actuated by a spirit of fairness and right.

The fact that the city pays annually into
the county treasury over \$35,000, or nearly
1-6 of the entire county tax, is a matter
worthy the earnest consideration of our
citizens in the settlement of this claim.

I respectfully recommend that the proper
committee be authorized to employ such
counsel as may be necessary, in conjunction
with our city solicitor, to represent the city
before the courts on the 3d Monday of the
present month.

Yours very respectfully, EDW. EDGERLEY, Mayor.

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Mr. Cummings presented a resolution that the city defend against the demand for payment of \$104,617.96 made by the commissioners of Lancaster county and that the matter be referred to the finance committee with power to act. Adopted.

Common council concurred.

Mr. Bradel presented a petition for the construction of a sewer from the junction of Fourth and Coral streets along Coral street to Third, thence to Rodney street and the Caroline street sewer. Referred to the

the Caroline street sewer. Referred to the street committee.

The following ordinance of Mr. Baum-gardner was read a second and third time and passed, in which action select council

AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING THE PUB-

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Be it ordained by the Select and Common Coun-cils of the City of Lancuster. That the following amounts of money are hereby transferred to Wa-ter Works General and Contingent fund, namely: Four hundred dollars from state tax on loans, four thousand dollars from street damages, and five thousand dollars from laying water pipes, making a total of nine thousand four hundred dollars.

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And it is hereby ordained that from the above sum, five thousand dollars is appropriated to Water Works General and four thousand four hundred dollars to the Contingent fund.

Mr. Bertzfield presented a petition from dealers asking that the smoked meat and produce stands in the new market house be distributed through the house. Referred to the market committee.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Brinton authorizing the market committee to have the new market building insured for \$13,500 and stalls \$1,500.

Mr. Landis thought the amount of insurance was too high by far, as the risks were small. Mr. Eberman thought the same, while it was opinion of Mr. Bertzfield that the insurance should be much higher.

Mr. Frantz was opposed to any insarance, as the rates were too high for the risk. Mr. Baumgardner thought likewise. The motion to pass the resolution was lost.

A recess of fifteen minutes was taken in order to allow the members of common council to go to select council chamber and hear the proposals of the electric railway people. After concurring with the action of select council in regard to electric car privileges the body adjourned.

The agreement.

The agreement made by the stockholders of the Lancaster City and East End railroads with the Dunham syndicate, provides that the stock of the former road shall be exchanged at par and of the East End road at \$62.50 for the \$50 share, for 5 per cent. first mortgage bonds to be placed upon the roads, the amount of the mortgage being restricted to the amount paid for the stock, equipment and construction of the roads. equipment and construction of the roads To effect the exchange the stock is trans-ferred to B. J. McGrann as trustee, who holds it until the Dunham company have complied with their part of the agreement, which is to be within 90 days. The road is to be in operation by June I, next. The stockholders who have not yet signed the agreement are given until January 1st to do so. A large majority have already signed it.

IT IS NOT LEGAL. The Councils Have No Right to Gran

Such Privileges by Resolution. The passage of the resolution giving the New York syndicate the right to occupy the streets of the city with poles is not legs in the judgment of prominent lawyers, privileges can be given and that is by ordinance introduced regularly, referred to a committe, reported by that committee to councils and printed, and no ordinance can be passed on the same night of its introduction.

The resolution as passed needs the signature of the mayor, and during the administration of Mayor Morton when councils passed a resolution that did not meet his views he very promptly, at the next meeting of councils, sent a message and called attention to the injustice done Attorneys not interested in the syndicate say there are any number of authorities to prove that a municipal corporation canno give away such privileges by resolution.

The resolution is clearly illegal under section 11 of the rules regulating the inter-course and business between select and

common councils, adopted on the day of their organization, the first Monday of April 1889.

The sections reads: "All matters within

the sphere of the authority of councils, which shall affect the citizens at large, and which shall affect the citizens at large, and with which they ought necessarily to be acquainted, must be enacted by ordinance. But matters merely respecting the duties of the city officers, or other objects of a particular nature, may be authorized by resolution."

THE STREET COMMITTEE.

aidor Etectric Street Car Privileges. There was a special meeting of the street committee of councils on Wednesday after-

noon to consider the question of giving persons interested in the proposed electric street cars permission to change the system from that of horses to electricity.

Knight Neftell and Summer T. Dunham, of New York, and J. B. Long and Walter M. Franklin appeared before the committee. Solicitor W. T. Brown, esq., was present representing the city. Mr. Neftell was given permission to speak before the committee, in order to tell them exactly what was wanted. He said that he represented the majority of the stockholders of the Lancaster City and East End street car lines, which up to the present time have been operated with horses. It is their desire to equip the roads with electricity. Arrangements have been made to do this and to transfer the holdings of both companies to one. The men interested in this movement have had plenty of experience in running horse and motor cars all over the country, and are conversant with the management of them. He came before the committee to obtain the privilege of operating the cars by electricity instead of horses. There are three modes of running electric cars. The one is by overhead wire, with a large wire in the middle of the street. Another is the storage system with a battery in the car, which is charged at the station, and distributes power as it passes along. The third is the conduit system which has proved a failure in most cases. Mr. Neftell had examined the streets here and found that it would be impossible to operate any system but that of the overhead wires. One great objection to the storage system is that the lightest of the cars used weigh five tons. The overhead system requires the use of poles and the number needed here would probably be from three to five per squars, one on each side of the street. If they are granted the privilege of erecting the poles they will proceed to change the equipment of the road, putting on 14 and 15 feet cars and do sway with all bob tail cars. They will be onabled by the use of electricity to run cars much more frequently and the shou

they would like to have the permission. They are willing not to commence work for 30 days after the permission has been given them, and in the meantime the committee can visit other cities, where electric roads are in operation, at their (the petitioners' expense and see how they are run. If anything has been misrepresented to them they will not ask anything further.

The electric current in use for the overhead wires is the same as that of the incandescent light and it is harmless to human life. This line will be put up with two wires and if one or both break there is no

descent light and it is harmless to human life. This line will be put up with two wires and if one or both break there is no danger, as the current is stopped. The lines at Scranton and Harrisburg are operated with single wires which are not so good or so safe. Mr. Neftell thought it would require about 60 days to equip a line of the kind proposed here. They will make the line as good as possible and will also make some extensions. A motor car of their kind will travel up such a hill as the one at Witmer bridge at the rate of four miles an hour, but will pass up such as that on South Queen street from Vine to Centre Square very readily. The turnouts here may have to be changed somewhat in order to make the running of the cars far more effective and a faster schedule. The cars will all have electric bells to prevent accident. The present stockholders will have nothing to do with the managemen of the road, but it will be in the hands of his men who equip it and make the changes. Mr. Neftell read a resolution to the committee which set forth what privileges they asked for.

Mr. Franklin explained that the majority of the stockholders had agreed to the change, as they thought it would greatly benefit the entire city. Neither of the lines are paying at present, and he thought it would be much better to have a first-class system.

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come suddenly upon the members of the
committee, and they had had but little
time to think over it. He thought it would
be a good idea to explain to both
branches of city councils, and let it be
voted upon. Messrs, Haines and Cummings both were of the same opinion. Mr.
Wise said that he was not opposed to the
road, but he did not think it was right to
grant the company so many privileges road, but he did not think it was right to grant the company so many privileges without having the matter fully explained and talked about. At other times privileges of this kind had been given away with a rush, and he did not think it right. On motion of Mr. Cummings, it was agreed to report to councils and advise them to give the gentlemen interested in the movement an opportunity of explaining the matter as they had to the committee, after which some action can be taken.

The Water Committee Meets.

The water committee of councils met on Wednesday evening and decided to allow John L. Arnold a six-inch water main for his new building on North Queen street and that he be charged \$100 per year water

rent.
The committee decided to extend the four-inch water main on Park avenue a distance of 60 feet, Michael Heidig presented a bill for \$85

Michael Heidig presented a bill for \$85 damages done to the pike on Plum street while he was building it, by the extension of the water main. This bill was presented to the street committee some time ago and by that committee referred to the water committee. The water committee last evening returned the bill to the street committee with the indorsement "the water committee has no knowledge of any damage being done to the Plum street pike through the laying of the water main on that street."

A party of Russian emigrants, consisting

of a man and woman, three small children and a half-grown girl, arrived in Philadelphia on Sunday. Their tares had been paid to this country by a London emigrant society. They were on their way to Lancaster where they have relatives. They hung around the Thirty-second atreet station, in Philadelphia, until Tuesday, when they were put out. Nobody could be found that could talk in the Russian language until the attention of Simon Muhr was called to the case. He sent them to Lancaster and by this time they probably have been added to the Seventh ward colony, which is growing very fast. of a man and woman, three small children which is growing very fast.

Children's Home Acknowledgements

Andrew Brimmer, three large baskets of Andrew Brimmer, three large baskets of pretzels; Thanksgiving serenade by the Iroquois band; \$100, from H. P. Pfeister, of Philadelphia. With the latter donation J. W. Geist received a letter from the generous doner expressing his warm interest in, and appreciation of the home, as he had once been a friendless boy, a former resident of Lancaster county, but by industry and strict attention to business, he is now in the enjoyment of an ample income, which enables him to contribute to the support of other friendless little ones,

STOLE \$72,000.

TRUSTED OFFICIAL WHO MAKES SUPERIOR SUFFER.

The Cashler of Sorgeant-at-Arms Le dom heaves Washington and His Wife With the Money.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—From appearances to-day Edward Silcott, cashier of the sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives, has fied carrying off about \$73,000 of the funds entrusted to his care.

The first news that Silcott had dispensed.

peared and that his accounts were short came out just before the House met at noon to-day and caused great excitement during

The history of the case, so far as learn are as follows:

are as follows:

Silect was a trusted employe, who cashinere from Ohio and was appointed cashing the first of was going to New York and would back on Saturday night. A message wire received from him, dated New York, Meaday morning, saying that he had been detained but would return that night. A similar message reached his wife in this city. As he did not appear Taesday Mr. Leedowas fearful that he had been overtaken become accident, but to satisfy rising mentions began an investigation. The offernic on the control of the control o picions began an investigation. The office safe was forced open and it was found that

safe was forced open and it was found the some \$30,000, set apart for the use of paying teller, was intact. The next inquiry was made at the treasury department, are Leedom was sunned by the result. It was informed that Silcott had called them on Saturday and had drawn about \$72,000. It was possible for him to draw the large sum without exciting comment, a he had for a long time been charged with the duty of collecting the money with which the salaries of the representative are paid.

Silcott is under bonds in the sum of \$50,000, his sureties numbering about fifteen persons. This is, however, an Indemnity bond given to the sergeant-darms, and Mr. Leedom, who is himself bonded in the sum of \$50,000 is directly responsible for the shoring Mr. Leedom has telegraphed Silcott's sureties, notifying them of Silcott's disappearance, and expressing a willinguess to coperate fully in every effort to find himsecure the return of the missing funds Many members were evidently anxious for themselves as well as for Mr. Leedom as they put many queries as to the amount of money left in the safe, and the prospect of getting their salaries.

Mr. Leedom says that he would have trusted Silcott with any sum of mosey Mr. Leedom was just about to turn over his office to the newly elected sergeant-sarrily delays the transfer. Mr. Leedom says that it was within Silcott's power have carried off not less than \$155,000 in stead of the \$72,000 which is missing.

HOUSE COMMITT: 28.

Speaker Reed Appoints One & Exam.
Mr. Leedom's Accounts.
Washington, Dec. 5.—When the He
convened to-day, a communication was
calved from Sergeant-at-Arms Leedom Silcott had disappeared, and that the was a deficiency in the cash account and requesting that the House immediate and requesting that the House immediate investigate his (Leedom's) accounts, resolution that the speaker appoint committee to examine the accounts of a seargeant-at-arms was adopted and a speaker appointed. Messrs. Adams, Start (Vt.), Payne, Reed, (Iows), Holms Blount and Hamphill as such committee. The speaker also appointed the following committees:

committees:
On Rules—The speaker and McKinley, Cannon, Carliale and Raz On Accounts—Messrs. Spooner, B man, Kelly (Ks.), McCord, Hansbr Hayes, Grimes, Lee and Kerr (Pa.). On enrolled bills—Messrs. Kennedy. Townsend, (Penna.), Moore, (N. H.), Kil

The House then, at 12:15 adjourned us

Pittsnuko, Dec. 5.—The Monong house, one of the oldest and best in hotels in the country, was burned

morning.
D. C. Mason, of New York, came d from the fourth floor on a rope mad bed ticking. The loss on building is than \$100,000; insurance \$195,000. building was seven stories in height.
There were about 200 guests in the ho

at the time and all got out in safety. A peculiar feature of the fire was th the papers were drawn for the sale of the building at 3 o'clock this afternoon, the price being \$475,000. Most of the guest lost all their personal property.

The proprietors of the Manchester, Eng.

Eraminer apologize for saying that
millionaire Mackey's wife was a
washerwoman in Nevada; they pay TELEGRAPHIC TAPS.

costs of prosecution and are compelled to pay a certain sum to some charitable institution selected by Mrs. Mackey. Harry Carlton was hanged in New York this morning. He killed Policeman Brea-nan while the officer was arresting him for fighting with other "toughs."

Lee Reilly and Charles Walcott, night

watchmen of a bank in Fort Worth, have been arrested for carrying \$5,000 in silver dollars from the bank one night recently. Part of the plunder has been recovered. Jimmy Hope, the noted bank burgiar, was released from prison in New York and given two days' time to leave the state.

Marriage of a Bicycle Bider.
W. G. Gregg, a well-known bicycle rider of Wilmington, Delaware, was married on Wednesday to Miss Emma, daughter of A. Keen, who lives near Quarryville, Mr. Gregg is well known among the wheelmen of this city. He is a member of the Warren Athletic club of Wilmington. R. F. McDaniel, the long disance wheelman, attended the wedding.

Reidenbach Again in Jail. Reidenbach Again in Jall.

Lewis Reidenbach, acquitted of areas, and who was released from prison on Tuesday, because it was said that the Elgin, Illinois, authorities could not identify him, was re-arrested this morning and will be held to await an officer from Elgin, who is now on the road with a requisition for him.

Omaha Elects a Democratic Mayor. George W. Lininger, Republican condi-didate for mayor, of Omaha, Neb., was de-feated on Tuesday by Richard C. Cushing, Democrat, by a majority of over 1,100.

A Democrat Contests.

At Columbus, Ohio, on Wednesday, W.
V. Marquis filed papers contesting the election of E. L. Lampson for licutemant governor. Lampson was returned with 22
majority.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5,—For-Eastern Pennsylvania: Rain or mow; southerly winds; warmer,