

IN A BAD BOX. Allegheny Councilmen Discuss the Charter Move.

EVILS OF THE THIRD CLASS. City Solicitor Elphinstone Explains the Situation.

HUNTER DENIES SOME CHARGES. And Says the Committee Are Not After Any Part Offices.

ACTION POSTPONED TILL TUESDAY

A special session of Allegheny Council was held last night to consider the charter legislation. President Lindsay called the Select branch to order, and Mr. Henricks immediately moved to go into joint session for the purpose of hearing the statement from City Solicitor Elphinstone.

Mr. Hartman was opposed to this, and objecting to taking any action, saying the Supreme Court had not made a decision on the question yet, and things were going along all right. Mr. Lane and Mr. Henricks favored the joint session, and finally, with the understanding that Select Council would only hear the statement from City Solicitor Elphinstone, the motion was adopted.

Mr. Lindsay presided at the joint session, and City Solicitor Elphinstone was requested to explain the situation and show how the new municipal bill will affect Allegheny City. He prefaced his remarks by saying that it was a matter of grave importance, and that action should be taken immediately. He said:

This is an issue that must be met, and must be met as early as delay will be dangerous. In 1873 the Legislature passed three classes, and we were in the third class. Subsequently it was amended, extending the number to four classes, and in 1877 the Legislature in 1877 increased the number to seven, under which we were placed in a class by ourselves. About five months ago the Supreme Court declared the act unconstitutional. This affected our city, especially in the matter of grading and paving streets and other public improvements. It left us in a class by ourselves, and that class is the third class.

In order to prevent a state of anarchy the Supreme Court has stepped aside in order to allow the present Legislature to frame a law dividing cities of the State into three classes. There are 24 cities in the State that will be placed in the third class. It will be placed in the third class. It will be placed in the third class. It will be placed in the third class.

There are not many members of the Columbus Club who are connected with the city having Catholic members, but few of them are total abstainers. The Catholic in this city will meet Sunday evening in the church to renew their pledges for the coming year. They expect to have a large number of new signers.

FROM WHISTLING ELIJAH. General Harrison Thanks the Butcher's Protective Association for a Reason. The Butcher's Protective Association met last night in Old City Hall, with Fred Beilstein in the chair.

INDIANAPOLIS, December 28, 1888. J. F. Beckley, Secretary of the association, read a set of resolutions on the re-establishment of competitive cattle markets, and the enactment by the State of live-stock inspection which will raise beef above the suspicion of disease. These resolutions, which are to be embodied in a bill and presented to the State Legislature, were adopted.

THE DUNA MERCANTILE AGENCY had a representative present, who wanted the butchers to adopt a system of referring each and every complaint to a select committee of five each ward and two in Common Council. This would reduce the number of complaints to 13 and in Common Council, which would be a gain.

THE NEW OFFICERS. The Young Men's Tariff Club Chose Leaders for the Year. The Young Men's Republican Tariff Club held its annual election of officers last night. The old officers were all re-elected, except the Board of Directors. The following is the list as elected:

KILLED BY A TRAIN. A Swiswale Boy Knocked Down on His Way From School. John Downey, a boy about 8 years old, was killed on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Swiswale yesterday afternoon. The child was coming from school, and on his way home he had to cross the tracks. He had already reached the middle before he noticed a train coming. He tried to run back but fell, and was hit by the train.

A RAILROAD AT CORNHORSTATION. The big car at Cornhorst station, on the Allegheny Valley Railroad, is about to be abandoned by the company, and a straight line has been built, which goes from Brilliant station to Wildwood. The curve was nearly half a mile long, and it frequently caused a great deal of delay to freight trains.

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TO PREVENT STRIKES. Coke Workers Ask for the Adoption of a Sliding Wage Scale.

A LETTER WRITTEN TO OPERATORS. River Miners to Make a Move for a Uniform Scale of Wages.

CHANGES IN THE CARNEGIE FIRM. The Scale Committee of Coke Workers, consisting of William Rhodes and M. P. Kane, appointed by the joint convention of D. A. N. E. of L., and sub-division No. 4, N. T. A., 135, to secure the adoption of the joint scale of wages for the coke workers, issued the following letter to the coke operators yesterday:

The workers employed in the coke-making industry in the Connellville region, through their representatives at a joint convention held at Scottdale on Saturday, December 29th inst., decided to demand a scale of wages for the coke workers, and have selected a committee to meet their employers or their representatives for the purpose of drafting a scale of wages which shall govern the coke workers of this region for the coming year. We firmly believe that if such a result be brought about that at the expiration of the year both the employer and the employed will be anxious to renew the contract. We believe that the system of regulating wages that has been practiced in the region in the past, that of strikes and lockouts, is just as objectionable to the employers as the workers. We have no objection to the development of new fields and the introduction of competing fuel, while they are inferior to the Connellville coke, have the virtue of always being obtainable. We have no objection to the development of new fields in this region, so long as the supremacy in the market, and if the property is to be secured, some system must be adopted by which suspensions of work will be made impossible in times when there is a demand for the product.

Now, as employers submit that the best possible preventative of labor trouble is the adoption of a sliding scale of wages, the workers of the region have practically demonstrated that they wish to avoid strikes and lockouts, and that they are equally anxious to secure in the future the same benefits that they have secured in the past. We are not asking for a scale of wages, but we are asking for a system of wages that will be fair to both parties.

AGAINST THE SIDEBARDS. The Members of Catholic Temperance Societies Must be Abstainers. A movement has been set on foot by the members of the Catholic T. A. B. societies of Philadelphia to inaugurate a crusade against drinking bars in social clubs which have been run under the name of "sideboards." If they carry the matter to the national temperance organization, known as the National Alliance Union, it will affect Pittsburgh and the members of the Catholic temperance societies who are connected with social clubs will have to withdraw from the latter.

ON THROUGH DEPTHS. The Latest Determination by the Board of Assessors. The Board of Assessors had a busy time of it yesterday receiving appeals and answering questions on the new assessment. Nearly 100 appeals were received. The board has had its time so much taken up with this part of the work that they have had no opportunity that they expected to review the appeals.

FOR UNIFORM WAGES. Miners of the Monongahela and Kanawha Valleys Move on Once. Joseph Mainz, local organizer of the new Miners and Laborers' Progressive Union, yesterday issued a circular to the river miners, calling a convention to be held on Monday, January 14, in Monongahela City. The object of the gathering is to devise means for making the mining rates in the Monongahela and Kanawha valleys uniform. The circular says:

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A CITIZENS' MOVEMENT. Meeting of a Secret Committee Yesterday— Plans for Watching the Municipal Campaign.

THE FINE DISTINCTION. Clearly Explained by A MASTER OF HIS MOTHER TONGUE.

WIT FOR MINISTERS, LAWYERS AND ALL. The Hon. Daniel Dougherty Amazes a Keen, Critical Audience.

Occasionally there is a man born who can say such beautiful and touching things that he keeps himself, and he becomes a Great street lawyer. Then there are men born who say such funny things that they actually laugh themselves, and they become Great street lawyers. But very rarely are there men born who can make others laugh or cry to suit their own whim or notion, and these men are not Great street lawyers.

THE CABLE ROAD KING. Mr. Yerkes Says That Electricity Will Not Replace the Cable. Mr. C. P. Yerkes, the owner of the Yerkes cable car system, and the President of the Northern and Western Chicago Cable Lines, passed through the Union depot last night on the limited, from Philadelphia en route for Chicago. While conversing with the reporters about the cable road system, he said:

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