# JUDGING THE JURIES.

## A Consensus of Legal Opinions Indicating Charges

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### THE BURNS CASE COMMENTATORS.

Many Lawyers in Favor of Getting Grand Jurors Differently.

BURNS AND HIS PALS SUBJECTS OF LAW

The legal fraternity, as a whole, is more awake to the necessity of a reform in the method of getting jury material than are the people at large, though the latter are supposed to be the chief victims of the present system. Of course there are lawyers and lawyers, and there are some who can make use of a crooked juror; but, as a rule, lawyers who can see beyond their noses and wish to enjoy an honored old age, are not so short-sighted—not to say dishonest—as to wish to win their spurs by the farce of reasoning to "fixed" jurors. In the opinions by the legal fraternity given below, it will be seen that it is a general belief that no relief will ever be obtained until the political upas that now controls selection shall be rooted out.

As a rule, however, lawyers cling to the belief that a jury of laymen is in some way or other a good thing, Mr. Cohen being the only exception found yesterday. One lawyer held that decisions of masters in equity and lawyers as arbitrators rarely gave as much satisfaction as a trial before a jury.

As a rule the lawyers expressed themselves quite briefly, but to the point, and generally in the tenor of an editorial in yesterday's DISPATCH. Their views appear in the appended quotations:

N. W. Shafer—We had better results when the Judges and Sheriff drew our juries, and fewer new trials were asked for. I think these officials would give us much better jurors than we have been having in late years.

BARRING THE SHERIFF.

J. H. White—I can see no reason why the selection might not be made by the County Commissioners under the supervision of the Judges; but I would not think it wise to put it into the Sheriff's hands in any way. I cannot conceive of any official more likely to be mortgaged to politicians than he. As County Commissioners are now elected from both political parties, the reason for the creation of the office of Jury Commissioner is no longer in being.

George Shiras—Let the Judges appoint the Jury Commissioners. I don't think the law will be changed, however.

T. D. Carnahan—Let the Judges appoint the Jury Commissioners and let their salaries be raised. The right kind of men cannot be had for $2 a day.

L. P. Stone—The Judges must find a remedy.

W. S. Wilson—The only improvement I can suggest is an improvement of the breed of Jury Commissioners.

C. E. Cornelius—The first improvement that suggests itself to me is to take the selection of jurors out of the hands of elective officers. I suppose it would be best, under present circumstances, to put it into the hands of the judiciary, but I can conceive that even then the selections might be better: were Judges elected for life, or during good behavior.

A. M. Watson—Put the whole business into the hands of the Court, and hold it responsible for results.

W. A. Sipe—The office of Jury Commissioner ought to be taken out of politics; he should be paid a better salary, and he should not be allowed to secure his selection from constables or professional politicians, especially of the pothouse stripe. The good people of the country are largely responsible for present bad results, for they try in every conceivable way to escape jury duty, and thus leave it to people very often not fit.

C. S. Fetterman—About the best suggestions I ever heard on the subject came from Russell Errett. In brief it was that when the triennial assessment is made the assessors select a list of names, fit by intelligence and character for this duty, and furnish it to the County Commissioners. Let the requisite number be divided by the commissioners into three bodies to serve during the following three years in such manner that there could be no knowing the composition of a jury until it was drawn, and the "fixer" would be greatly

HAMPERED IN HIS WORK.

This plan would take about all the available material in the county, and when a man had served his time he could not get back for at least three years. No man could tell in which year he would be called on to serve and many avenues to rascality would be blocked.

Thomas H. Davis—Let the Court appoint responsible men and let them learn their duties. Let them make it a part of their business to find who are good citizens. 'Twould not be a very difficult affair. There are good and intelligent citizens in every election district who could furnish a clean list without asking politicians for help.

J. G. Bryant—The duty of selecting jurors is a very difficult one. No man can select 4,000 fit men unless he is a politician who makes it his business to know the people of the county. An honest man would make mistakes that might leave the matter in no better shape than it is now. Then business men who ought to serve slight the duty as much as possible. The trouble consists not so much in the putting into the wheel of improper names, as in the slight of hand in the getting of those names out.

W. B. Rodgers—I am in favor of the Bredin bill, which puts the matter into the hands of the Judges.

Thomas M. Marshall—I haven't thought much about it. I am opposed to reforms. I think the Judges should appoint Jury Commissioners.

J. S. Ferguson—Elevate the office of Jury Commissioner and pay better salaries. The Court should appoint the commissioners.

Josiah Cohen—Regarding the affection of most lawyers for the jury system, all I have to say is that they cling to a fiction which has very little to recommend it except age. In an industrial community like this there is so much of scientific matter presented for disposition in the courts that it is too much to expect an unlearned man to comprehend sufficiently to sit as a judge. The Court, with its liberal education, is much more likely to arrive at right results than a man whose intellect has not been trained.

SHOULD BE OUT OF POLITICS.

T. H. Baird Patterson—The office must be taken out of politics. I have lately had a chance to test the power of a very small politician, and until the hold of this class is gone there can be no radical improvement. As to getting lists of good names, I understand that lists of good citizens, who would make the right kind of jurors, are made every year for school purposes. I don't know exactly what the list is made for, but I understand it contains good names, and I see no reason why that kind of names could not be furnished for jurors as well.

William Reardon—I'm not a reformer; ask Wishart.

W. D. Moore—I would abolish the grand jury as a useless incumbrance and let the District Attorney take the informations made and present them to court; have the court punish aldermen and justices of the peace who sent up trifling cases, by putting the costs on them, and finally have the court select the petit jurors. There would be no need to go further.

J. S. Lambie—I suppose the Bredin bill is not as perfect as experience might make it, but if I were in charge I would have it passed. I think it is the best thing yet offered and it has received the sanction of the Allegheny Law Association.

As a general thing lawyers seem to think they could not get along without juries, and some appear to take it for granted that any sort of an apology for a jury is better than none.

Yesterday Thomas Burns, who is charged with having improper influence on some of the September grand jurors, was examined by District Attorney Porter and Judge Collier, and stated that he had given Doyle $10 and Fred Heil $20. Burns

SAID THEY HAD BORROWED

the sums stated from him. He said he gave Doyle the money before August and before he knew that Doyle was a member of the grand jury. He stated that he gave Heil the money in August after McAleese had sued him, and the case had been sent to court. Burns said that at the time he lent the money to Heil he had a talk with him about the case, but that the latter did not say he would do anything for him. Burns said Heil came to him and after getting the money promised to pay it back. Burns denied that he had ever given any other member of the grand jury money, and also denied that he had met any of the members by appointment at the Albemarle Hotel. He also stated that after the grand jury had ignored the bill, Doyle's brother asked him for money, for a couple of dollars.

At District Attorney Porter's suggestion the oath was administered to Doyle, and he told Judge Collier the statements he had made were true. Judge Collier then held him in $1,000 to answer a charge of attempting to influence the grand jury and sentenced him on the illegal liquor selling charges to 15 months in the workhouse and to pay fines aggregating $1,250. His Honor also stated that he thought it the duty of the District Attorney to make informations against Doyle and Heil.

There were rumors afloat last night that the informations against Heil and Doyle had been made; but it is understood that they will be brought to-day before Alderman McMasters.

Mr. Heil was seen last evening and said that, as far as he knew, no information had yet been made against him. He still denies the guilty receipt of any money from Burns.

## VOIGT WON'T TALK.

**The Arrest of the Former Banking Cashier Causes Considerable Comment Among Southside People.**

The arrest of Mr. Henry F. Voigt, former cashier of the now defunct Farmers and Mechanics' Bank of the Southside, charged with having robbed that institution of about $150,000, was all the talk among the people last night.

Opinions are greatly divided as to the probable guilt of the man. Most of them, however, seem to think that Voigt was not such a bad fellow after all, and they think that the Board of Directors should have looked closer into the books before the loss became so large.

One of the depositors said last night: "If Voigt did take the money, he never used it himself, but gave it to other people, who persuaded him to take it. He has always borne a good reputation; he was a member of the Eighteenth Street Lutheran Church, and a very prominent one, too. I don't think that he himself believed he would be arrested, because he had all the opportunity in the world to run away. He was in Ohio for several weeks lately, and, if he wanted to skip, he might have stayed away then."

President Sorg declined to have any more to say on the subject, because he believes it to be wiser to await the hearing on next Tuesday. He stated, however, that they had sufficient evidence to make a good case against the man. When told that some of the depositors thought the Board of Directors ought to be arrested, too, he said:

"That is nonsense. Our expert states that some of the falsifications were so cleverly perpetrated that it would have necessited the constant presence of the Board of Directors to find out when and where they were made. The mere fact that it has taken Mr. Reed about three months to detect them, shows that the points were hard to find. I hear that some people think I am glad Voigt is arrested. Let me tell you that is not so. In fact, I am really sorry, especially for his family; but the thing involves the savings of a number of poor people, and it had to be done."

Voigt refused to make a statement when he was seen in jail yesterday. He said, however, that he would not employ counsel, because he had no money to pay lawyers' bills, and his defense will be his own statement.

## AN ITALIAN COUNT.

**How a Reporter Did Not Get a Foreign Interview Last Night.**

An amusing incident occurred at the Union station last night, which furnished another practical verification of the modern saying that "it takes a wise American girl to distinguish the difference between a pipe-line digger and a real 18-karat Italian Count.

Last night a distinguished-looking foreigner occupied one of the benches in the waiting room of the station. One of the depot reporters, thinking the man was a titled foreigner, and consequently good for a long interview, approached him. The waxed ends of the Italian's small black mustache caused visions of the probability of the stranger's acquaintance with the Count and Countess de Montecole to flit through the newspaper man's mind. Stepping up to the foreigner and gently tugging the latter's sea-trimmed $75 overcoat, the reporter introduced himself as a newspaper man.

The Count looked at the reporter in blank amazement a moment or so, and then broke out:

"Ah, yona newspaper mana? Yona sella ze newspaper. Is sella ze peanot. Wanta buya soma peanot?"

The reporter grasped frantically at his paper and pencil, and leaned upon his girl's father for support. They finally brought him to.

## THE COLORED VOTERS

**Hold a Meeting and Decide to Demand and Insist Upon Recognition.**

The colored citizens of the Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Eleventh wards held a mass meeting in the Franklin street schoolhouse last night to discuss the question of "Indorsement of Political Candidates." About 40 persons were present, and Ajax Jones presided. He opened the meeting with a speech, recommending the election to Council of Joseph Marshall, of the Seventh ward, and Thomas McMichael, of the Sixth ward.

Richard Keys made a speech condemning all clubs that are not in accord with the Don Cameron Club. J. O. Brown was censured and J. M. Foster made a lengthy address. He said the colored vote in Allegheny county amounted to 3,000, and if they worked together they could compel politicians to recognize them and they would secure their share of the offices.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 o'clock without indorsing any candidate for public office. Ajax Jones will make an address at a meeting to be held in the Sixth ward school house, next Thursday evening, and the Don Cameron Club will attend in a body.

## LIKE THE DENNY CASE.

**The Schenley Estate Files a Bill Against the City Assessment.**

Attorney R. B. Carnahan, for the Schenley estate, yesterday filed a bill in equity against the city assessors and the city of Pittsburg. The case is like the one sued out by the Denny estate against the city assessment.

This suit applies to only one piece of property, the lot fronting 150 feet on Water street, on which the paint and color factory of W. W. Lawrence & Co. stands.

In 1881 the lot was leased to Breed and Edwards for a yearly rental of $1,220, they to pay all the taxes and assessments. They sold the lease to Mr. Lawrence.

The First ward assessor assessed the property in the name of Lawrence & Co. at $25,200 for lot and building. The city assessors assessed the lot to the Schenley estate at $17,600 and the building also at $20,000, a big increase. They claim it should be assessed to W. W. Lawrence & Co.

## SONS AND DAUGHTERS.

**King's Children Entertain Friends With Music and Literature.**

The King's Sons and Daughters' Association, of the Third Presbyterian Church, gave a musical and literary entertainment in the chapel last night.

Among the performers were Misses Emma Woelfinl, Clarke McCrickart, Gretta Williams, Carrie Terrant, Lulu Miller, Nannie Hammer, Lulu and Edna Vogler, Profs. King and Bissell.

## FRANK WANTS TIME

**Before He Gives His Opinion About the Damaged Buildings.**

Building Inspector Frank and his assistant inspected the buildings damaged by the cyclone on Wood and Diamond streets yesterday. He said they were very old, but will give no opinion until Monday.

**That Steeple Will be Repaired.**

The trustees of the Southside Presbyterian Church met last evening and decided to have the steeple of the church repaired. Each corner of the edifice will also be beautified with a new turret. The entire expense will amount to $1,200.

**A Lively Fisticuff.**

James Hessler and Charles Wheeler, mill men, have owed each other a grudge for some time. Yesterday they are alleged to have met on Market street, Allegheny, and fought it out. No arrests were made.

**A PLUNGER.** *Henry Haynie, of the Figaro staff, tells all about a sporting Parisian who is coming to America. See* THE DISPATCH *to-morrow.*

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# THE SESSION CLOSES.

## Proceedings of the D. A. 3, K. of L., Annual Meeting Yesterday.

## LIST OF NEW OFFICERS ELECTED.

### The District Said to be in Excellent Shape at Present.

## DOYLE WILL BECOME AN ORGANIZER

The annual session of D. A. 3, K. of L., closed yesterday afternoon; but before the meeting adjourned the Press Committee was discharged and all delegates present were instructed not to give a word of information of the proceedings. The publication in THE DISPATCH yesterday morning of the proceedings of the previous day, was the subject of discussion at the opening of the morning session. There was great indignation on the part of certain delegates, who claimed that the man who had divulged the secrets of the session was dishonorable and not a proper person to remain in the order. A motion was then offered and adopted to appoint a "detective committee," whose duty it shall be to discover the person or persons who gave out information that they were instructed not to disclose. Several members were appointed to constitute a court to try the persons when discovered.

A DETECTIVE'S THREAT.

Last evening a reporter for this paper was accosted by one of these men, who tried to ascertain the name of the person who had given the minutes of Thursday's session. He failed, and, in order to force a confession from the newspaper man, took off his coat and announced that he would thrash him. Several members of the order interfered, and the "detective" was compelled to retire.

After the discussion on this matter had closed, the election of officers was continued. Miss Laura Powell, the efficient Financial Secretary, has no opposition for the consolidated offices of Secretary-Treasurer, and was unanimously elected.

The new Executive Board will be composed of the following named members: W. C. Krueger, James Petrie, George F. Pitts, J. C. Bowers, D. F. Watts and A. Livingstone. The Master Workman, Worthy Foreman and Secretary are, ex-officio, members of the board.

The Trustees are W. D. McAuliffe, Joseph L. Evans and Michael Lynch.

John D. Hughes was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

The reports of committees occupied the balance of the day, and the session adjourned. It is stated that nothing of importance was brought out, and one committee did not report at all, as some of the members had retired before completing the work. A delegate stated that there was nothing of special importance before this particular committee, and the failure to report would do no harm.

WHY HE WAS ANXIOUS.

An ex-delegate was around all day, but did not enter the assembly room. He said:

"They have got it in for me, and I want to wait and hear what they are going to do."

It was afterward learned that the man had been accused of appropriating a certain amount of the district's money. It was finally decided not to prosecute him, as it would cause too much publicity.

All the new officers were installed, and Master Workman Doyle retired. In speaking of what he intended to do in the future, he said:

"I have a general organizer's commission and propose to go out on the road and organize new assemblies. The order is in good shape, and there is no dissatisfaction in D. A. 3."

Mr. Doyle was not a regularly elected delegate in the convention, his local being represented by Mr. Cunningham.

John Flannery in the current issue of his paper, the *Trades Journal*, says that Secretary Ross' report showed a loss of 7,000 members since January 1, in D. A. 3.

## IN A FLOURISHING CONDITION.

**The Knights of Labor of New Castle Hold Their Annual Meeting.**

The District Assembly of the Knights of Labor, with headquarters at New Castle, held their annual meeting yesterday. Reports showed that the district is in good standing, and the membership is increasing. A number of organizers will be put to work within the next week. The following named officers were elected:

W. H. Hanna, of New Castle, District Master Workman; Elmer Beatty, of Sharon, District Worthy Foreman; W. H. Miller, of Greenville, Pa., Recording Secretary, and T. J. Moore, of New Castle, Secretary and Treasurer.

## ONLY EIGHT HOURS' WORK.

**President Gompers, of the American Federation, Issues a Circular.**

Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, has issued a circular addressed to the working people of America. In it he tells of the decision of the St. Louis Convention to enforce the eight-hour work day May 1, 1890. The circular concludes with "Up! up! workers of America! The slogan has gone forth; eight hours for work, eight hours for rest and eight hours for what we will!"

He advises all workingmen to hold mass meetings and insist on the carrying out of the eight-hour movement.

## LABOR TO BE REPRESENTED.

**D. A. 3 to Send W. D. McAuliffe to Harrisburg to Watch Legislation.**

It is said that General Master Workman Powderly while here suggested that D. A. 3 send a man to Harrisburg in the interest of the labor bills to come up at this session of the Legislature. His suggestion was adopted, and W. D. McAuliffe will be the Pittsburg delegate. The expenses will be borne by D. A. 3.

## THAT WINDSOR ELECTION.

**The Issue Did Not Turn on Annexation, but Was Purely Local.**

The local election in Windsor, Canada, has attracted much attention in the American newspapers on the supposition that the candidates were for and against annexation. The result of the election shows that the annexationist was defeated.

A gentleman who returned from Windsor a few days ago says the election was not fought out on the question of annexation at all. The issues were of a purely local character, and none of the candidates, in their addresses to the people, either mentioned the subject or appealed for votes on this ground. The gentleman thinks the American newspapers were badly hoodwinked.

He further added that along the border there is a slight desire among the people to be annexed to the United States, but in the interior public opinion is strong against such a step.

## NO LIQUOR LAW REVOLUTION.

**Representative Lemon's View of the Year's Legislative Prospects.**

Representative M. B. Lemon, who got back from Harrisburg yesterday to stay over Sunday, said that he did not anticipate much of a revolution as regards liquor legislation prior to the constitutional submission to the people. There were defects in the present law, however, which he would like to see remedied if possible.

**It is an Oft-Told Story.**

While Margaret Walters was filling an oil lamp at her home on South Eleventh street last night, the oil exploded. The burning fluid ignited the woman's clothes and burned her seriously about her body, face and hands.

**The Debris Must Go.**

Chief Bigelow yesterday notified the contractors and owners of the fallen buildings that the rubbish dumped on the Monongahela wharf at the time of the late wreck must be removed in the next 72 hours.

**The Wife in Need.**

Mrs. Sophia Hall, of Spring alley, says her husband, W. A. Hall, deserted her a year ago. Yesterday she had him arrested on a charge of desertion and non-support. He went to jail for want of $500 bail.

**The Pony Kicked.**

John McDonald, an Allegheny 10-year-old boy, tried to ride a pony yesterday. He was thrown off and had his leg broken. The boy lives on Market street.

## THEY NEVER SQUEALED.

**Detective Pinkerton Says Aldrich Bunkoed Two Lawyers and a Nurseryman Here Out of $10,000 Apiece.**

Matt Pinkerton, the detective, who arrested Frank Aldrich in Windsor, Canada, an account of which appeared in THE DISPATCH, and who was recognized by Mr. J. K. Lemon, of Allegheny, as the man who bunkoed him out of $10,000, had a short chat about Aldrich with a Detroit reporter a few days ago.

Pinkerton stated that Aldrich is an old timer, and one of the slickest "bunko" and "gold brick" swindlers in the country. Mr. Pinkerton also said that a well known nurseryman of this city and two prominent attorneys, one of them being the leading criminal lawyer of this part of the State, listened to the siren, and dropped $10,000 apiece. All these bunkoed men in Pittsburg have kept their losses quiet.

Yesterday when Mr. John K. Lemon, of Allegheny, was approached by a DISPATCH reporter in regard to his case, he said:

"We are pretty sure of getting that fellow Aldrich over here from Canada. Why, the prison officials at Windsor, Canada, said that his conduct on seeing me was sufficient to convict him. But we don't need that; I can positively identify the man, not to speak of half a dozen Allegheny people who remember him well on account of his peculiar conduct when he swindled me last September.

"Will I get any of the money back? Well, that will develop later on. I know that the man is worth from $50,000 to $60,000. My only desire, however, is to see him landed in the penitentiary for a good term, and we can probably do this, as he swindled others, who will also prosecute him."

## FLEMING FOUND GUILTY.

**The Pittsburg Druggist Convicted of Illegal Liquor Selling.**

Joseph Fleming, one of the most prominent wholesale druggists of Pittsburg, was found guilty yesterday in the Mercer County Courts on a charge of illegal liquor selling, and will be sentenced Monday. Ever since Mercer county licenses have been reduced in number Mr. Fleming has shipped, per order, large quantities of liquor into different towns where there were no licensed houses, sending part of it by express C. O. D.

Judge Mehard ruled that this constituted an actual sale in Mercer, and not in Allegheny, and charged the jury accordingly. A verdict of guilty was quickly found. Fleming, who will appeal, was represented by able counsel.

John Finch, also of Pittsburg, was found guilty on a similar charge; sentence suspended on payment of costs. The decision is said to be an important one.

## DIVIDING STATE FUNDS.

**The Legislative Sub-Committee on Appropriations in the City.**

The Legislative Sub-Committee on Appriations, composed of Messrs. Fruit, Chairman; William T. Marshall and Captain Clay, arrived in the city yesterday morning from Harrisburg. The committee will visit the Western Penitentiary, Allegheny General, West Penn and Homeopathic Hospitals. Each of these institutions is asking for an appropriation.

The penitentiary is asking for $120,000 for the purpose of completing the new south wing of the building; the Allegheny General Hospital wants $40,000; the Homeopathic $60,000 and the West Penn about $140,000.

The Western Penitentiary was visited yesterday.

## DID HE TAKE THE TOOLS?

**A Man Charged With Robbing His Fellow Workmen at the Mill.**

Several workmen in the carpenter shop of Oliver Bros. & Phillips' South Fifteenth street mill complained lately of losing their tools, and when an investigation was made suspicion pointed to W. J. Crawford, a laborer in the mill, as the thief.

He was arrested by Inspector Stevens and locked up yesterday. A search, made at his home on Southern avenue, Mount Washington, led to the discovery of $20 worth of tools. He will have a hearing this morning.

## SOME MORE BRASS THIEVES.

**Three of a Kind on the Southside Get Into Trouble Together.**

For stealing a lot of brass from Oliver Bros. & Phillips' South Fifteenth street mill, Michael Broderick and Richard Murtha had a hearing before Magistrate Brokaw yesterday. They were both committed to jail for court. Emerson O'Connor, who was charged as an accomplice in the case, gave $1,000 bail for his appearance.

## THE HAILMAN INTEREST

**Goes This Year to the Society for the Improvement of the Poor.**

Mayor McCallin and Presidents Holliday and Ford, of Pittsburg Councils, the commissioners to distribute the interest on the Hailman fund for the poor, yesterday decided that this year it should go to the Society for the Improvement of the Poor, to buy bread and potatoes as the will directs.

## LOCAL ITEMS, LIMITED.

**Incidents of a Day in Two Cities Condensed for Ready Reading.**

OFFICER PEOPLES, injured five weeks ago in a street car collision, is on duty again.

MR. V. B. MENGER returned to the city last evening after a two months absence in the East.

A PIECE of iron fell on Albert Barry's foot, in the American Iron Works yesterday, and smashed it.

A NUMBER of Allegheny citizens were at City Hall to-day looking up points on the Pittsburg charter.

THE children of the Ninth ward school, Allegheny, will give a musical and literary entertainment on Washington's birthday.

DURING the past week the Homeopathic Hospital has received a number of substantial donations from the churches and citizens.

IT is said that Powderly has patched up the bad feeling existing between the Democratic and Republican members of the Window Glass Workers' Association.

REV. R. D. WILSON will open the discussion in the ministers' meeting, Monday morning, on the subject, "Important changes made in the Pentatench by the revisers."

REV. J. R. SUNDERLAND, D. D., of Rockford, Ill., who was recently given a call to the Second Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg, will preach in the church to-morrow.

PETER LINDNER, a well-known glass packer and a member of the Knights of Labor, employed at Adams & Co.'s glass factory, died yesterday at his home in Allentown.

SENATOR RUTAN yesterday telegraphed a friend in Allegheny that there would be no trouble in passing the bill admitting Allegheny to the cities of the second class.

PITTSBURG Select Council will meet next Monday afternoon to further consider the ordinance for the disposition of the bodies of those who die from contagious diseases.

AT the hearing of George Anderson yesterday before Magistrate Gripp for perjury, charged by Constable McInerney, Anderson denied the charge and was held for court.

MRS. SUHR, an old lady of Sewickley, found herself in Allegheny yesterday without any money. She tried to walk home, but was compelled to appeal for aid, which was given her.

DANIEL O'LEARY accused Joe Stevens and Jas. Reed, before Alderman McKenna yesterday, of stealing his wagon from a metal yard on Second avenue. They gave bail for a hearing.

MRS. WARNES HUNTLY, the evangelist, late of England, will address the Sons of Temperance meeting to-morrow evening, at 68 Ohio street. Subject, "Sights of London, England." Everybody will be made welcome, and there will be good singing, as usual.

REGARDING the Lippincott purchase of the Edison phonograph, a local broker conversant with the facts had this to say yesterday: "I will say that Mr. Edison's lawyers could have easily taken $250,000 and there would still have been a big pile left out of the purchase money."

THE funeral of Daniel Cain, aged 102 years 4 months and 7 days, who died at his home, 319 Spring alley, Wednesday, was held at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and was quite largely attended by friends of the family, as well as by a few persons curious to see even the coffin of the oldest man who had died in Pittsburg in a long while.

JUDGE WHITE yesterday held an inquest on the sanity of George Koegler, a young man aged 26 years. The inquisition was asked for by his sister, Mrs. Rose Firger. Koegler was shown to have been unsound mentally since his infancy, and he was declared a lunatic, and his sister given charge of his interest in their parents' estate.

# EDISON WAS BEHIND.

## Westinghouse Beat Him a Few Days in Applying for a Patent

## ON A MULTIPLE MAIN CONDUCTOR.

### How a Break in an Electric Main Does Not Result in Darkness,

### BY DUPLICATING A NUMBER OF WIRES

The question, who had the primary rights to a patent for an invention concerning a system of electrical distribution, Edison or Westinghouse, was decided a few days ago in favor of George Westinghouse, Jr. The points involved in the case were given to a DISPATCH reporter yesterday by Mr. Charles Terry, Mr. Westinghouse's counsel in the case.

In the latter part of 1886 Mr. Westinghouse conceived the invention of multiple main conductors for supplying the primary coil of a converter in connection with circuit controlling devices for connecting the primary coil between any pair of mains.

In plain language this means that Mr. Westinghouse, after having come to the conclusion that in the case of a break of an electric wire, certain places would be thrown in darkness until such damage had been repaired, he conceived the idea that this danger might be avoided if, instead of one wire, an extra one would be run along the line, and when one breaks the other might be switched on the dynamo to prevent any extensive interruption of the current. The principle is the same as the multiple cable system on the incline planes, when, should one cable break, the car is held by the others.

Mr. Edison accidentally happened to conceive a similar idea about the same time. Both gentlemen applied at once for patents, but Mr. Westinghouse handed his application in to the Patent Office on November 23, 1886, while Mr. Edison did not do so until the 6th of December, the same year. The consequence was that Mr. Edison's application was thrown out as being too late.

Mr. Edison then made a charge of interference in his invention. This case was brought before an examiner, who gave the priority to Mr. Westinghouse.

The invention is of great advantage in electric distribution, especially in a city where large places of business are lighted by electricity. The time which would be taken up by repairing a wire is sometimes of very great importance to the consumer. With the aid of this multiple wire, however, any damage to the wire can be remedied without the necessity of shutting off the current and the light.

## THE PARALLEL PARAGRAPH.

**A Part of Lafferty's Bill Shutting Out Competition Said to be N. G.**

In chats with a few well-posted local politicians and lawyers last evening with regard to the new street railway bill (ostensibly to give the traction lines everything in sight and aid to find what isn't), there was a general expression that the forbidding of parallel street railways would be about as constitutional as the forbidding of snowfalls in winter or rains in the spring.

Whether this bill of Mr. Lafferty's is constitutional or not, it is difficult, good lawyers say, to see an excuse for its introduction, right in the wake of Legislator Marland's bill, which, if rightly interpreted, would give the traction roads possession of Philadelphia and Pittsburg.

## A FEW CANDIDATES

**Named for the Important Positions in Allegheny.**

Allegheny will undoubtedly become a city of the second class, and the gossip around the City Hall yesterday was on the question of who shall occupy the important positions. There are but few candidates for the heads of departments, and the only names mentioned are James McAfee, Chief of the Department of Public Safety; James Crow, Chief of Public Works; Major William Hunker, Chief of Public Charities.

The police magistrates will likely be Chief Kirschier, Henry Hunneshagen and 'Squire McKelvy. Ex-Chief of Police John R. Murphy is named for the position of Superintendent of Police.

## IN NEED OF MORE MONEY.

**Homestead's Borough Council Wants to Improve Streets.**

The Borough Council of Homestead has issued a call for a special election to take place on Tuesday, February 19. The object of the election is to obtain the consent of the people to increase the indebtedness of the borough $50,000, for the purpose of improving the main sewers and grading the streets. The amount will not be sufficient to include the paving of the streets.

As there is a strong sentiment in favor of building water works, it is very likely that the increase will not be granted.

**May Music Festival Assured.**

A sub-committee of the managers of the Exposition Society, consisting of John Bindley, D. C. Herbst and W. B. Lupton, held a conference with Prof. Carl Retter yesterday afternoon in regard to the May festival. Some of the details were talked over, but nothing definite was decided upon. Prof. Retter, however, made a positive assertion that the festival would be given.

**A Coming Temperance Mass Meeting.**

The local advocates of the prohibitory constitutional amendment will hold a mass meeting to perfect the union of all temperance organizations, in the North Avenue M. E. Church, Allegheny, January 28, to be addressed by Wilfred S. Bailey. The work of uniting all temperance people in behalf of the amendment proceeds steadily and systematically.

**Youthful for a Criminal.**

Felonious assault and battery and highway robbery are the charges preferred against James Gedden, an 18-year-old youth. The informations were made before Alderman Porter yesterday by John Fisted and Simon Buchman, who are peddlers, and a hearing will be had in the case next Monday.

**Please Call To-Day.**

Through a printer's error, the invitations sent out by Mr. J. W. Beatty, the artist, to view his two latest efforts, was made to read Saturday, February 19. It should have been "January" instead, and those holding invitations are requested to call at the hour stated to-day.

**Taken Up Again.**

James Burke, out under bail on a charge of picking a lady's pocket on Wood street, was, last night, rearrested on a charge of burglary, made by E. F. Acor, Thirteenth ward. His house was robbed of $250 last June.

**An Open Coal Hole.**

Louis Greenburg, an auctioneer, fell through a coal hole on Sixth avenue yesterday afternoon, and was painfully injured. He was removed to his home at 119 Robinson street, Allegheny.

**Homestead Thieves.**

Homestead is infested by a gang of robbers. W. H. Hilderbrand's tailor shop was entered and several suits of clothing were taken. Campbell's store was robbed and an effort was made to enter Thomas Lloyd's storeroom, but proved a failure.

**From One Jail to Another.**

Police Marshal Williams, of Youngstown, is here to arrest Martin Gillespie, as soon as he is released from the workhouse to-day. He is wanted for burglary.

**Cut an Artery.**

John McCaffrey, a boy working in the Fort Pitt Glass Works, fell on a pile of glass yesterday and cut an artery in his wrist. Dr. Hiett attended him.

**His Hand Crushed.**

Thomas McKelvey, a brakeman on the Panhandle, had his right hand smashed, while coupling cars yesterday at Sheridan station.

**May Die Any Moment.**

Captain J. C. Risher, the river coal operator, has had a relapse, and is in danger of dying any moment.

THE beginning as well as advanced stages of cold yield to Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

## KEEPING IT QUIET.

**It Looks From the Interviews That Father Sheedy's People Will Put Up Their Own Schoolhouse in the First Ward.**

The announcement made a short time ago of the proposed erection of a Catholic schoolhouse in the First ward has caused considerable comment, as in this ward the public school premises are leased by Catholics, who conduct a Catholic school there. Whether or not it is intended to abolish this school in the public building, after the erection of the new schoolhouse, is a very interesting question. With a view of getting at the bottom of the matter, a DISPATCH reporter visited Father Sheedy yesterday, who said substantially:

"We have purchased a site for the new schoolhouse, but it yet remains to transfer the deed." As to where the place was situated, no information could be obtained from him.

The next person called upon was Mr. Michael McMahon, who is an active member of the church and also a public school director for the First ward. This gentleman said that he knew of no purchase of a schoolhouse site. It was true that the plan had been mooted to put another story on the church, and also to build a schoolhouse as near to the church as possible.

Another member, also a school director, who desires to have his name withheld, was visited and said: "I do not know of any purchase of a site for a schoolhouse. We probably shall do so, however, in a short time, as the necessity is very great under present circumstances."

Efforts were made to see other interested parties, but circumstances prohibited the expression of their views on the subject.

## TWO CHURCH DEDICATIONS.

**A Presbyterian and a Zion Edifice to Be Consecrated to Worship.**

The new house of worship of McClure Avenue Presbyterian Church, Allegheny, Rev. W. C. Burchard pastor, will be dedicated to-morrow. At 10:30 A. M. there will be a sermon by Rev. David S. Kennedy, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Allegheny; an address by Rev. James Allison, D.D., and special dedicatory service conducted by the pastor. At 3 P. M. Sabbath School, with an address by Rev. George T. Purves, D.D.; at 7:30 P. M. addresses by Professor Henry T. McClelland and Rev. I. N. Hays, D.D. Professor Whiting will conduct the music.

Rev. J. J. Esher, D.D., of Chicago, senior bishop of the Evangelical Association, will preach to-morrow at 10:30 at Zion Church, High street, Rev. George Goetz, pastor. In the afternoon at 2:30 he will conduct the dedicatory services of the chapel recently built on Arlington avenue, Southside.

## NOT A POLITICAL CHAMBER.

**The Commerce Committee Asks Citizens to Elect Good Officers.**

The Committee on Legislation of the Chamber of Commerce met yesterday afternoon to consider the resolution of J. H. McKelvy, that the chamber see that good men are selected for Select Councils.

Mr. Herbst suggested that the resolution be broadened to include the county, and some reference should be made to grand juries. Some other changes of a similar character were offered, but after some discussion, the committee passed another resolution, calling attention to the fact that a municipal election will be held in the two cities in February and requesting citizens to be diligent in their selection of good men for all the offices.

It will be presented to the Chamber of Commerce next Monday afternoon.

## A MULE THIS TIME.

**A Man Charged With the Abduction of the Stubborn Creature.**

Charles Thornton, of Penn avenue, gave bail yesterday for a hearing on next Tuesday on the charge of having stolen a mule from the stable of J. K. Ahl. The information was made last night before Alderman Doughty.

Ahl's stable is located on Pearl street. At the hearing the prosecutor stated he was surprised that Ahl had been able to persuade the mule to follow him, because the animal is generally too stubborn to pull even the lightest load.

## A MISSING CONTRACTOR.

**Anxiety About a Well-Known Citizen of Bellevue, Now Absent.**

Frank M. Woods, a well-known contractor of Bellevue, has been missing for three or four days, though it is hoped no harm has befallen him. It is learned, through his wife, that he sold their home a few days ago, for a mere nothing, gave her half of what he received, and, in her opinion, started for Chicago.

**Claimed She Robbed Him.**

Andrew McGregor and Kate Ryan were arrested last night on Smithfield street for disorderly conduct. McGregor was pulling the woman along and claimed she had robbed him. This she denied. No money was found about her.

**The Silver Brick Yet on the Road.**

The silver brick expected by the Chamber of Commerce from Pueblo, Col., and which is to be auctioned off for the benefits of the sufferers by the Wood street accident, had not arrived up to 6 o'clock last night.

**SPECIALTIES,** *by Clara Belle, Blakeley Hall, Edgar L. Wakeman, Bartlett, Jesse Shepperd, and others will add to the attractiveness of to-morrow's issue of* THE DISPATCH.

**Breaking the Record.**

That's just what we're doing to-day. Just now we've got a lot of winter clothing we want to sell, and we're going to do it in this way. To-day 100 styles of elegant suits, regular price $18, $20, $25, go for ten dollars ($10). Do you need a suit? Come to us. To-day everything goes at 50 cents on the dollar. P. C. C. C., Cor. Grant and Diamond sts., opp. the new Court House.

**See the Half Hose—Fancy Cotton and Merino.**

Also some in fancy lisle thread—extra good values. This department open till 9 o'clock to-night.

JOS. HORNE & CO.'S
Penn Avenue Stores.

**SOMETHING YOU NEVER SAW.**

**Scott's Mineral Base.**

Prettiest and strongest artificial teeth ever made. Warranted for life. No other dentist in the vicinity can make this work. To be seen only at 624 Penn avenue, opposite Horne's—Dr. Charles S. Scott's Dental offices.

**THE PEOPLE'S STORE,**

**Ladies,**

Before buying ribbons look at our assortment and prices and save money.

CAMPBELL & DICK,
531 and 533 Wood st.

**B. & B.**

Remnant sale continued to-day; $3 and $3 50 colored moires go in remnants of 1 to 6 yards at $1 to $1 50 a yard. Come early for assortment. BOGGS & BUHL.

**The Seal Plush Wraps are Going Fast.**

The prices do it—come to-day for one of these best bargains.

JOS. HORNE & CO.'S
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GREAT slaughter of drygoods, this day, at 2 P. M. and 7 P. M., at M. Fire's, 102 Federal street, Allegheny.

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