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"I told him nothing short of my release from the pen would suit me better. "Would you be willing to pay me \$5 for it, Van?" he said, "I should get you into the hospital and keep you there to help me?"

"I told him I would, but I hadn't got the \$5 just then, though I expected a friend of mine would come in on next visiting day and slip it to me, as he had promised to do. "All right," said the doctor; "I'll fix you out!"

THE AGREEMENT KEPT. "The next day I was transferred to the hospital department. I remained there until after the next visiting day, when my friend from the outside came to see me. But the money didn't come. My friend insisted that he had not been able to secure it up. I was badly broken up, but couldn't help it, for I had done my best to raise the cash. That evening Mahanoke came to me and said: "Well, Van, did you get the \$5?" "No," says I, "he couldn't scare it up."

"All right," says he, "I'll fix you back you to the blocks!" "And back to the blocks I did go, the very next day. "I don't know, I saw Warden Wright passing through the corridor, and complained to him that I had been thrown back to the blocks and out of the hospital. I asked him why it was. "There was an official complaint against you for not attending to your duties," said the warden.

Official, says I, "The Little Dutch Doctor wears the stripes as well as me. He had me put out of there because, after I worked all day and nearly all night for him, I couldn't get \$5 from a friend to pay him for the position."

"The warden said he didn't believe it; turned on his heel and walked off. That's the truth, and I'll swear to it to-morrow if they want me to. My residence is No. 2118 Larkins alley, Southside, and they know right where to get me if they want my testimony."

A LETTER TO BEAVER.

Graver Allegations Reliably Reported to Have Been Transmitted to His Excellency, the Governor of Pennsylvania—Will He Also Take a Hand? With the duty that the opening of the investigation doors has imposed upon every person who really has pertinent evidence to offer bearing on the Mahanoke charges and other allegations, it would be unwise in any such person now to refuse to disclose what he knows that will clear things up, either for better or worse. Such individuals, if they should hang back and, at some later day, when the whole matter had been officially disposed of, should renew the damaging stories against one functionary at the penitentiary, would hardly be entitled to a respectful hearing. The officials have wisely opened the doors for all reliable light to enter. It will be futile, therefore, to wait until after they have obtained all the light possible and formed their conclusions, to attempt any renewal of such stories as have not for 20 years damaged or even, heretofore reflected upon, the fair fame of Riverside's management. Those who really know anything authentic and reliable that will help to set right the at present somewhat confused conditions of the prison in this respect, owe it to the management to come forward now, or henceforth hold their peace.

It was in this view of the case, doubtless, that a well-known citizen of Pittsburgh had much to do with the late Governor. "I have written a letter to Governor Beaver, telling him that I believe a high executive position demands of him to take a very deep interest, if not an active part, in this investigation. I have written him that there are graver charges which have only been hanging over this shoulder since he came out. I have written him that if there were evidence of a homicide having been committed in that prison within the last four or five years, it would be his personal privilege, if not duty, to get at all the proof bearing upon the case. "I have worked in intimate political connection with Governor Beaver, and I think I know him well enough to say that he will favor or permit no half-way measures, if there is anything wrong at Riverside."

THE INSPECTORS WROTH.

The Charges Against Dr. Mahanoke to be Investigated at Once. An informal meeting of some of the members of the Penitentiary Board of Inspectors was held in Mr. George A. Kelly's office yesterday morning. They agreed that the charges against Dr. Mahanoke must be investigated at once. They seemed to think the charges were made for financial purposes.

Mr. Kelly said to a reporter: "We have had several informal meetings. The charges are so serious that we will investigate at once. I did not say that we would hire detectives to ferret out the truth, but we will do the thing. I desire the investigation to be as open as possible, and reporters will not be excluded. I regard them as the best kind of detectives."

Mrs. Dr. Swift, one of the Board of Visitors, said she was afraid Mrs. Mair had lost the receipt in changing her residence. She said the inspections were made by her and one had to be going in and out all the time to become posted. This Mrs. Mair did to a great extent.

A LEGISLATIVE INQUIRY.

By the House in Referred to the Riverside Charges Feasible. A Harrisburg telegram to THE DISPATCH last night stated that Secretary Stone was much interested to-day in the report published by THE DISPATCH concerning the investigation at the Western Penitentiary. He had been at the institution on Saturday, and had heard vaguely of the matter, but had not understood it to be a recent occurrence. Neither had he heard of the investigation. The matter, however, was not one that concerned his or any other executive department, but was one that interested the warden and trustees of the penitentiary.

A member of the House Appropriations Committee, who arrived yesterday, said the matter was one that would interest that committee, and "it was not beyond the bounds of probability that an inquiry would be instituted in its behalf."

PRESIDENT BIDDLE SUMMONED.

The Visiting Committee of the Board of Charities Telegraph Him. It is known that the ladies who compose the Visiting Committee of the State Board of Charities, decided at a meeting yesterday afternoon to send for Cadwallader Biddle to Philadelphia. Mr. Biddle is President of the State Board of Charities, which is a

EQUAL MINING RATES.

The Reason Why the Late Monongahela River Strike Was Ended.

JOHN FLANNERY'S WORDS DID IT.

The Builders Reported Progress on Their New Building. The members of the Monongahela River strike were represented by John A. Wood, Addison Lysie and Captain W. O'Neill; the railroad operators by W. S. DeArmit, F. L. Robbins and other alternate delegates. One of the river operators, in speaking of the convention, said yesterday:

There is a scheme on foot to hold a little convention of the operators and miners interested in the Monongahela River. The Ohio, Kanawha, Muskingum and Mississippi rivers as a side issue to the other convention. The interests of the operators and miners in these districts are more closely allied than those of the other districts. If the side convention is held, there will be a strong probability that the question the late strike was based on, will be settled for sometime at least. The history of this has not yet been told, and although the convention has not yet been held, the publication of the matter will do no harm, as the delegates will be called in order before it gets out. The settlement of the strike last Friday was a surprise to many of the operators themselves. At the meeting John Flannery, the ex-secretary of the miners' organization, and John B. Rice, one of the present national officers, appeared and pleaded with the operators to declare the strike off. Mr. Flannery stated he had made a personal investigation throughout nearly the whole river district, and the suffering among the miners was terrible. He pictured to them the horrors of poverty caused by the strike, and urged them to declare off. A number of operators said this was impossible. They stated they could not afford to pay 3 cents while their competitors in the Kanawha and other districts were paying 2 cents. They then asked what benefit the operators were deriving from the strike, and the reply was that they were getting 3 cents on the Monongahela river, give their competitors 2 cents, and they would be able to do an easy matter to bring the Kanawha operators up to the same rate. He showed them where it would be better for the Monongahela operators to try and have the Kanawha operators to pay the three-cent rate.

CHINESE CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S.

In Allegheny With 60,000 Firecrackers and a Feast at the Central R. F. Church. Yesterday was the Chinese New Year's, and if any evil spirits bother the 37 Chinese Sunday school scholars of the Central Reformed Presbyterian Church, Allegheny, for the next year it will not be because the annual festival was not observed by them in true Chinese style, or because the 60,000 firecrackers which were set off last night were not loud enough to scare even a modern witch. In the evening the Chinese members of the school with quite a number of their friends who patronized their wash-a-washa houses, gathered in the church. Rev. J. W. Spraul, the pastor of the church, opened by prayer and reading of the scriptures, followed by some of the Chinese scholars with reading and a song. The party then repaired to the church steps and proceeded to set off the firecrackers. The noise was so loud that it was heard in the streets. The party then repaired to the church steps and proceeded to set off the firecrackers. The noise was so loud that it was heard in the streets.

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The Tasty Work of the School of Design Praised by Friends. The School of Design held its annual reception at the art rooms, in the Penn building, last evening, and indeed the members' friends are many, to judge from the groups of persons, young and old, that gathered around the different pictures, designs and specimens of decorative work. From the number of young gentlemen present it would appear that the young ladies have a number of admirers of their handiwork in the sterner sex. And, from a stroll through the rooms, it would seem that their appreciation of the work was wholly justified by the display.

A NEW BRIDGE.

McKeessport Citizens Will Have a Walk Across to Duquesne. The passenger bridge to connect McKeessport and Duquesne, which has been talked of so much recently, has assumed definite shape, and it is certain that the bridge will be erected by capitalists of McKeessport. A notice has been given that the charter for a new bridge across the Monongahela river will be applied for. Dr. Thomas L. White, M. F. Ryan, William Denny, Henry Reiber, A. W. Smith and others will form the company. The name will be the Duquesne and McKeessport bridge. The structure will be built from the foot of Riverton street, and will cost not less than \$30,000. This is about the point where the McKeessport and Bessemer Railroad Company propose building a bridge.

WHITE CAPS IN ALLEGHENY.

John Hohmann Receives a Notice and Appeals for Protection. John Hohmann, a cigar manufacturer of No. 8 East street, Allegheny, applied to the Mayor's office last night for protection from White Caps, stating that he was afraid to leave his home on account of the following letter which he received yesterday morning: PITTSBURG, February 4, 1889. John Hohmann: As we based and know that you don't care for working and don't tend to your wife and child, that we'll give you short notice that you cannot work under our hands. This is the first and last. Mr. Hohmann said he always treated his wife and child properly, and though he did not fear the White Caps, thought the police ought to know of their threats.

A SUICIDE PLOTTED.

A Man Taken Half an Ounce of Chloroform to Poison Himself. Michael Dinner, a runner of the Mahoney Hotel, on Liberty street, yesterday attempted to commit suicide by taking half an ounce of chloroform. He held his sister that he had taken poison, and she ran immediately for Dr. Hiett, who succeeded in restoring the man with the stomach pump. Dinner lives on Bedford avenue.

TWO LADIES AT WAR.

Mrs. C. H. Crumble yesterday sued Mrs. V. M. Ashe for malicious libel and mischief and larceny from the person. Both ladies are well-known residents of the East End. Mrs. Crumble claims that Mrs. Ashe had circulated malicious stories about her, that she took her watch and poured acid into the works. In this shape it was returned through friends.

THEY ACCEPT THE REDUCTION.

The employees of the Bradock mill, who have been on a strike for some time, will go to work to-day. They had a meeting yesterday, and it was decided to accept the reduction of 8 per cent in their wages.

RIVER MINES START UP.

All the river mines started yesterday to work. The miners' strike is over, and the mines are back to work.

THE BUILDERS' EXCHANGE.

The Committee on the New Building Reported Progress. The Builders' Exchange held their regular monthly meeting yesterday. The question of erecting a new building for the use of the Exchange was brought up but nothing definite done about the matter. A number of sites in the business portion of the city upon which the committee has secured options were suggested. The committee was continued, and will further report at the next meeting.

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His Sister in St. Louis Would Like to Hear From Him. Mayor McCalla received a letter yesterday from St. Louis asking for information concerning James Freeman, who came to Pittsburgh 29 years ago. He is supposed to have resided on Liberty street.

THE DECREE REVERSED.

The Supreme Court at Philadelphia yesterday reversed the decree of Judge White, restraining the Department of A. W. S. by a preliminary injunction from purchasing two Amoskeag fire engines. The officials around City Hall were jubilant when they heard the result.

OLE AND IRON RATES GO UP.

Certain commodity rates from Chicago to St. Paul will be advanced to-day. The only two articles affected in this territory will be oil and iron. The former will be advanced from 17 to 25 cents, and iron from 15 to 17 cents.

GILT EDGE FRAUD.