

THE MECHANIC HALL

Will be on the Sign Over the F. and M. Building in the Near Future. A BIDDER FOR THE JR. O. U. A. M. At the Auction Yesterday, According to a Man Speaking on Authority.

THE JUNIORS FILL A LONG FELT WANT

The adjourned sale of the property of the F. & M. Bank of the Southside was continued yesterday morning. Before the sale commenced Mr. J. H. Sorg stated that the assignees were willing to let the property for \$35,000. Several bids were made then until Mr. D. O. Cunningham offered \$34,500, when Mr. H. C. Gearing asked for another adjournment, because he stated that he wanted to consult with some parties who were not present, and who would possibly bid higher.

When Mr. Gearing refused to state on whose behalf he had been bidding, it is pretty well understood that he acted for a secret organization, either the Window Glass Association or the American Mechanics. A visit was made to the homes of President J. Campbell and Secretary George Calk, of the Window Glass Workers' Association, last night, with the view of finding out whether Mr. H. C. Gearing had been acting for the bank.

Several prominent members of the Junior Order of American Mechanics were then approached and questioned on the subject. They all agreed that there was only one building, but there was only one who, from his authoritative position, made the following reliable information: "Yes, Mr. H. C. Gearing has been bidding on the bank property in our interest, although he was not acting on the given authority of the order. There are several of us, however, who think that, as we have to get a hall anyhow, we

MIGHT AS WELL PURCHASE the bank property as any other. It is a well-known fact that we have been contemplating to either build or buy a hall. Our order has a large number of members on the Southside, and none of the councils have suitable or commodious quarters. It was for the purpose of raising enough money to erect a building that we instituted the sale in Salisbury Hall last night. We had a very good fund sufficiently large enough to go ahead, and if we can come to terms with the assignees of the bank next week the property will surely become ours. The building was then called upon at his residence, but he was noncommittal. He would neither deny nor affirm whether he was acting for the Mechanics, but judging from his remarks, it does not seem to be a doubt about the matter.

A BIG INCREASE

In the Population of Allegheny City—The Second Ward Entitled to Two More Councilmen and the Sixth One. Mayor Pearson, of Allegheny, will to-day issue his proclamation for the election on the 19th inst, when Common and Select Councilmen and poor directors will be elected. The election will be held under the old city charter of 1870, which allows two Select Councilmen from each ward and one Common Councilman from every 575 resident taxables. Thirteen of the members of the Select branch will hold over in consequence of the late decision of the Supreme Court, as follows:

First ward, H. S. Hartman; Second, J. W. Labugh; Third, Thomas Brown; Fourth, Edwin Lane; Fifth, W. W. Spear; Sixth, George A. Cochran; Seventh, Anton Roethlisberger; Eighth, Theodore Hestekin; Ninth, Charles H. Hartman; Tenth, A. George; Eleventh, Elveth; Robert McGehee; Twelfth, W. C. Langhurst; Thirteenth, J. G. Walther.

The population of the city has increased wonderfully since the last apportionment made two years ago, and it was thought that almost every ward would be entitled to additional Common Councilmen. Mayor Pearson and Chairman James H. Lindsay and James Hunter met yesterday to decide this matter. It was found that the population in the second ward has increased, and some only lack a few more resident taxables to entitle them to an additional Councilman. The second ward shows a wonderful increase in population, there being an increase of fully 1,000 voters. This entitles the ward to two more representatives, making the number nine. This is now the largest ward in the two cities. The sixth ward is entitled to an additional representative. If the increase continues the Common Council chamber will have to be enlarged before the election, which will occur two years hence, unless Allegheny is made a city of the second class.

Some of the politicians are not satisfied with the terms affairs have taken, but Councilman Wm. Bader, who is a candidate for Mayor expresses himself as in full accord with the decision of the Supreme Court. This will give all the candidates for the Mayoralty named, J. James G. Wyman, James P. Gregg, Jr., and Charles Geyer, a full year in which to work.

TO IMPROVE CENTER AVENUE.

The Avenue to be Paved, Graded and Curbed From Soho Street Out. The Board of Viewers yesterday took a preliminary view of the intended improvements on Center avenue which will cost the city about \$75,000. About \$100,000 of this will be for sewers. They are to be constructed on Herron avenue from Center avenue to Anderson street, Hemans and Kirkpatrick streets and Center avenue from Charles to Reed streets.

TWELVE BUTCHERS EXPELLED.

These Who Deal in Chicago Meat Will be Harshly Dealt With. At the meeting of the Allegheny County Butchers' Association last night, it was decided to work for and support French's meat bill, now before the Legislature, relating to the inspection of live stock. A resolution was passed to strike from the rolls and expel 12 members who were charged with selling Chicago dressed meats. Fred Peters was elected a delegate to the Washington Laugural Central Committee. The members of the association will give a ball soon.

Outraged Maiden Affections.

Amelia Butler and Bertha Singleton, colored, both these same young maidens upon whom to lavish their pure, maiden affections. Their joint bestial deed not agree, and, as true love never runs smooth, a quarrel ensued. Birds got the worst of it and Amelia before Alderman Porter, who committed her to jail for a hearing in court on the charge of assault and battery.

FOR AN INVESTIGATION.

Inspector McAlenee Demands a Speedy Trial on the Charge Against Him Instituted by Dr. H. B. Orr. The following is a copy of a letter sent to J. O. Brown, Chief of the Department of Public Safety, yesterday morning: "Sir—Certain citizens of this city having circulated scurrilous stories in regard to my official conduct, both by word of mouth and through the columns of the public press, which stories are false, malicious and untrue in every particular, and are not made from honest or proper motives, hereby demand, as of right, speedy, public, impartial investigation of said charges, in order that the truth may be ascertained and established to the satisfaction not only of yourself, but also of the public at large. Very respectfully yours, JOHN McALENEE, Inspector of Police, First District.

Chief Brown gave the request immediate consideration, and last evening appointed a Board of Investigation, composed of Messrs. Gamble, Weir, Superintendent of Police, Chairman, Charles H. Palmer, Chief Clerk, and Chief Clerk and Richard Brophy, and Chief Clerk Department of Public Safety Crosby Gray.

The Chief instructed the board to summon all witnesses who were connected with said charges, particularly Alderman M. F. Cassidy and Dr. H. B. Orr, to take testimony relating to said charges, and make a full and complete report of the whole proceedings to him. The Inspector and Assistant Superintendent O'Mara were discharged yesterday by Alderman Cassidy on the charge of disorderly conduct, and the \$30 fines were revoked. Each were held for court, however, on the charge of surety of the peace, in the sum of \$500 bail.

HOW THE THING WORKS.

The water is heated over the boiler of the locomotive, and through a series of pipes will be run into the cars. A Fort Wayne engine has been remodeled to heat the water. In the dome over the center of the boiler, which was formerly known as the steam chest, the results of copper pipe will be laid, through which the water will pass. The water, before being heated, will be drawn from the tender on the reverse side of the engine. A three-way cock will connect a pipe leading to the dome of the boiler. A steam pump about the size of those used to pump air into the air pipes will draw the water from the tender to the dome. In the latter the copper pipes will be coiled as closely as it is possible to get so on until the dome sets upon the hottest part of the boiler, and the steam circulates around the pipes inside the dome, the cold water can be made scalding hot in a few minutes. As the water becomes heated in the dome, it forces its way through a large pipe leading to the other side of the tender. This pipe, by means of a coupling, connects with a larger pipe under the passenger coach. About a foot from the end of this pipe is a "Y" pipe leading up through the floor of the car. Another pipe, which is connected to the upper pipe, the water is forced through the coupling into the next car, and so on until the water has passed through the pipes all the time and the water cannot become cold.

A SPIRITUALISTIC SEANCE.

John Rodgers, Minnie Palmer's Husband, Talks to the Spirits. About one of the happiest crowds that has gathered at a spiritualistic seance in this city was that which crowded the parlors at No. 26 Fifth street yesterday afternoon. The seance was given by Mrs. Morse, the medium, to a number of her friends, and a great majority of those present were theatrical people. Among them were Minnie Palmer and her husband, John R. Rodgers, and a number of other well-known theatricals in reply to the spirits.

Among the spirits materialized were those of a number of Indians and Lucille Western, the well-known subject. The medium asked if any one recognized her. Rodgers, who was personally and intimately acquainted with the lady when alive, said it was not she, but he thought it looked like her. Another man, who was asked to recognize the spirit, but the person addressed was also sure it was the medium. The latter then stated that there were too many influences in the room to admit that the seance was not an entire success, on account of the unfavorable conditions under which she was laboring. During her trance the medium said she saw a very pretty lady in a blue dress. This brought the humorous Rodgers to his feet, and he exclaimed: "What's that?" The medium repeated what she had said, and Rodgers asked: "Is it a boy or girl?" "A girl," said the medium, and Rodgers laughed the questioner subdued.

A SLUGGING MATCH.

Two First Ward Pugs Form a Ring on Smithfield Street. Edward Barry and Buck Cornelius were arrested in front of Fleming's drug store, on Smithfield street, last night for fighting. The quarrel grew out of the hot politics canvassed in the First ward between Matt Cavanaugh and Martin Foley, candidates for Council. Barry is a Republican and a supporter of Foley, while Cornelius is a supporter of Cavanaugh. On Wednesday night they met and made arrangements to go to a room somewhere in the lower part of the city and fight it out. Cornelius and his friends went to a carriage waiting at Barry's saloon at 9 o'clock last night, and Barry claims that when he got into the carriage with Cornelius and five of his friends crowded in, too. He got out, started up the street and stopped in front of Fleming's drug store, when Cornelius and a number of his friends came up. Cornelius invited Barry to fight, but he refused. As Officer Egan arrived Cornelius threw off his coat and caught hold of Barry. Two blows were exchanged before Barry was thrown to the ground by Cornelius on top. Officer Egan forced his way through the crowd, and was caught and held for some time. When he got to the center of the crowd Cornelius had escaped, but was captured afterward. Barry had his finger badly chewed up.

THE ELKS' BENEFIT AT THE BIJOU TO-DAY.

The Elks' annual benefit will be held at the Bijou Theater this afternoon, the performance commencing at 1:15 sharp. It promises to be not only an interesting, but also a highly successful event, as the advance sale of seats indicates that the house will be completely filled. All the theatrical attractions in the city are to take part, making a long and varied program, which cannot fail to amuse. The Elks and their friends will doubtless be there in full force.

MORE LIGHTS FOR LONDON.

The Pittsburgh Electric Company's Second English Contract. As was stated in Wednesday's issue of this Dispatch, the Westinghouse Electric Company were advised by one of their agents on Tuesday that he had obtained a contract for 25,000 more lights. The fact has since developed that the order came from London, England. This makes 50,000 lights which the Pittsburgh company has contracted to supply to the English metropolis.

THE PITTSBURGH ELECTRIC COMPANY'S SECOND ENGLISH CONTRACT.

At a meeting of the Allegheny Council Committee on Streets and Sewers the following contracts were awarded: A sewer on Long alley to M. Gallagher, at \$700; grading, paving and curbing Perry street to Thomas Carson at \$615.24. A number of ordinances and petitions of minor importance were recommended to Councils for approval.

HE WAS TIRED OF LIFE.

Charles Ambergomble, a 65-year-old miner of McKeesport, attempted to commit suicide last Monday night by stabbing himself with a knife. He was in care of a hospital, and was discharged yesterday on his own responsibility. He was in care of a hospital, and was discharged yesterday on his own responsibility.

THE FIREMEN'S LIBRARY.

The "Firemen's Library Committee" has been organized, with headquarters at the Home Hotel. The object is to supply good reading material to the members of the different fire companies.

WITH HEATED WATER. WILL WIN IN ALLEGHENY.

A New System of Heating Passenger Cars to be Tried Here. THE DEADLY STOVE MUST GO NOW. A Train Being Fitted Up by the Pennsylvania Company. PIPES IN THE DOMES OF THE ENGINES.

The Pennsylvania Company has almost completed the fitting up of a train of five passenger cars with a new hot water heater that promises to forever settle the question of the "deadly car stove." In about one week the company will make their first test on a run of the train from Chicago to Pittsburgh. The new heater is the invention of Mr. R. J. Wilson, of this city, and railroad officials say it will solve the question they have been worried about so long, viz: how to comfortably heat passenger coaches without placing stoves in the cars. If the company test of the new heater demonstrates its efficiency, the Pennsylvania Company may place it on all their cars on all their lines.

The finishing touches are now being placed on the last car, and as soon as it is completed it will be sent to Chicago with the others. The test will be made a great event. A large crowd of railroad officials and others interested will go to Chicago and return on the train testing the heater. It is probable that the train will be sent to different points of the country to show the heater to the officials of foreign roads.

AN ASCENDING WITNESS.

In a Murder Case at Jenneette Was Caught Here Yesterday. Martin Donley, of the Perkins Detective Agency, yesterday arrested a colored man named Joseph Johnson, who is wanted in Greensburg on a charge of being an absconding witness in a murder case. About a week before last Christmas Sam Smith is alleged to have shot a man named Jim Green at his home in Jenneette. Johnson stated to a DISPATCH reporter yesterday that Smith was drunk when he shot Green. He would give no other reason for the shooting.

WILL OBJECT TO THE LINE.

The P. R. R. Trying to Run Another Track Through Braddock. The Property Committee of Braddock, with the exception of one member, will hold a meeting to-day with the representative of the Pennsylvania Railroad in reference to the proposed railroad line which is to pass through the town along the river front. The road is likely to meet with many objections, and it is probable that many of them will derive no benefit by the construction of the proposed line.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Ordinances Recommended by the Committee on Public Works. At the meeting of the Committee on Public Works yesterday ordinances to grade, pave and curb the following streets were affirmatively recommended: Keystone street, Duncan street, Boquet street, Halket street and Cabinet alley; boardwalks on Sycamore street, between the Pennsylvania and Erie alleys and McCandless street; sewer on South Fourth street; sewer on Bayone and Neville streets.

A Slaughter House Burned.

A fire broke out in John Herkenrother's slaughter house, in Spring Garden borough, about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. It was located a short distance from the city line and an alarm was turned in from box 102. When the Allegheny fire department arrived it was found necessary to lay a line of hose 400 feet long to the burning building. The loss will amount to about \$500.

PLEASANT AND ABSOLUTELY SAFE FOR CHILDREN.

TOUGH IS THE FIRST WHISPERS OF approaching disease. Tickling throats develop into coughs. Coughs lead to the great enemy consumption. A stitch in time often saves life itself. KIDNEY'S SYRUP. COUGH'S, COLDS, SORE THROAT, INFLUENZA AND HOARSENESS. PLEASANT AND ABSOLUTELY SAFE FOR CHILDREN. PRICE, 25 CENTS. FOR SALE BY ALL DRUGGISTS. FLEMING BROS., PITTSBURGH, PA.

LOCAL ITEMS, LIMITED.

Incidents of a Day in Two Cities Condensed for Ready Reading. The representatives of the First ward, Allegheny, will meet in the schoolhouse to-night. The new steel rail works at Duquesne, on the R. & O. R. R., were put in operation yesterday. The Lincoln Club met last night and made arrangements to observe Lincoln's birthday next Tuesday. WILLIAM YAGLE, of the Sixth ward, has been named a member of the Central Board of Education.

ONE THAT STRIKES THE OBSERVER.

One thing that strikes the observer is the great number of meetings houses and churches dotted over the map. The structures were either attached to the established Church or else they regarded a steeple as sufficient to distinguish it from dissenters' houses of worship. Here you find a picture of a square, unpretentious looking structure, "Presbyterian Meeting House." Then you come to a more pretentious building with a tower, or steeple, on one end, and it is invariably labeled "Church." It is possible that dissenters objected to having their houses of worship so distinguished. They may have objected to figures of speech. The river below Fort Cumberland for 60 or 70 miles, bore the name of Cobonocoush, it became the Potomac.

THE PAPER HANGERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Paper Hangers' Association of Western Pennsylvania, which was recently formed, met yesterday afternoon at their rooms on Fourth avenue and adopted a constitution and bylaws. A scale of prices will be announced at the next meeting, which will go into effect on April 1.

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WHAT A BIG CHANGE FROM THE MAP MAKING OF PIONEER PENNSYLVANIA TO THE PRESENT.

QUAKERS' 1,000-ACRE TOWN LOTS AND ALLUSION TO THE AFFLICTION OF PHILADELPHIANS IN CARRIAGES. NO DISTORTIONS AS IN MODERN DAYS.

Five people now living are aware of the importance attached to the province of Pennsylvania by its British owners 181 years ago. It had a historian as far back as 1708, J. O. Alderson, who says he was honored with the friendship of William Penn, from whom he obtained much of his information. Mr. Oldmixon says: "This is not the least considerable of our American colonies, and for the few years that the tract of land which goes by this name has been inhabited, we believe none has thrived more, nor is more rich and populous. Pennsylvania consists of all that tract of land in America, with all islands thereunto belonging, that is to say, from the beginning of the people who first landed upon the forty-third degree of north latitude, whose eastern boundary from 12 English miles above Newcastle (alias Delaware town) runs all along upon the side of Delaware river. So that 'tis bounded on the east by the river and bay of Delaware and the Eastern sea; on the north by West New Jersey, or rather New Jersey, for it was a great part of New Jersey, on the west by the Indian nations about the heads of Susquehanna and Delaware rivers, and on the south by Maryland; and reaches from Pensberg, near the falls of Delaware river, to Cape Hialepe; at the mouth of Delaware bay, near 150 miles—but it runs along like a strip of land, being very much crowded in breadth by Maryland."

ONLY TWO WORKS IDLE.

The Strike in the Connelville Coke Region Does Not Materialize. The coke trade seems to be picking up a little and the persons agitating strike seem to be weakening. Yesterday morning McClure & Co. notified their men who were on a strike at the Donnelly works that they were willing to resume operations whenever the men, except the 20 who were discharged, were ready. The firm was not particularly anxious to work but the men were, and the Donnelly works started almost immediately after the order was given.

COAL MINERS' WAGES.

An Important Meeting of River Operators to be Held To-day. The Coal Exchange, composed of river operators, will hold a meeting this afternoon to discuss trade and hear the report of the committee that attended the Indianapolis Convention. The delegates sent by the Exchange and the Mammoth works of J. W. Moore & Co. A number of men arrived at several of the works, but all are in operation. There are a number of events at the Hazlett and the Youngstown works that are not in good repair and will not be started unless there is a boom in the coke trade.

LEAD HUBBARD NIGHT GOWN 39c.

Plain chemise, 17c; lace and inserting, 24c; with tulleon bosom, 45c; ruffled skirts, 25c; Hamburg skirts, 45c; lace drawers, 15c; Hamburg drawers, 25c; girls' tucked drawers, 10c. All our fine underwear and infants' cloaks, slips and ladies' wrappers, newmarkets, Jersey, girls' winter dresses, all at low prices. Hats and caps, subject will be received at the meeting to-day, which may have an important bearing on the wages of the river miners.

SEVERAL SUITS CONTEMPLATED AGAINST DISTRICT 3, KNIGHTS OF LABOR.

The success of T. R. Lavine, of L. A. 6330, K. of L., in obtaining judgment against J. A. For 501 has induced a number of grocerymen to take similar action, and J. A. has a Twenty-third street grocery, has a bill of \$430 for groceries furnished the Black Diamond strikers which he is anxious to secure. According to the decision of Alderman Dougherty the district is liable, and he will likely enter suit for the amount.

A RICH FIND.

Booth & Flynn Discover an Extensive Bed of Glass Sand in Allegheny. An extensive bed of glass sand and rock has been discovered by Booth & Flynn in the Ligonier Valley, and the prospects are that this firm will realize handsomely from the find. The bed is located at the foot of the mountain east of the town of Ligonier, and has a 100-foot face, with a thickness of over 100 feet.

A TIN PLATE WORKS.

To be Erected by a Foreign Firm With a Capital Stock of \$100,000. The indications are that Latrobe will get an extensive tin plate works in addition to the large steel plant now being erected in that town. A Scotland firm has about concluded to locate there. The capital stock of the concern is about \$100,000, and they will employ several hundred persons.

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The cold weather and high winds are having their effect on the fast trains of the Pennsylvania road. Last night both the mail and the limited were an hour or more behind time. A freight car jumped the track at Greensburg, and this accident held the trains for a short time.

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Early Wednesday morning the drying house of Mr. Warner, in Ross township, near Keating's hotel, Perryville, took fire and was completely destroyed. The loss was about \$2,000. John Warner and a hired man were slightly burned and the face and hands.

MORE RAILROADS WANTED.

Pittsburgh Merchants Petition the Legislature for a Law Governing Eminent Domain. FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT. HARRISBURG, February 7.—The following petition in the House. It was referred to the Railroad Committee: "The manufacturers and business men of the cities of Pittsburgh and Allegheny respectfully urge the favorable consideration and passage of the bill now pending (the Junction Railway bill). We can see no reason why the lands of a corporation not essentially necessary to the exercise of its corporate franchises should possess an exemption from the right of eminent domain to which the property of every individual citizen is subject. Corporate property should not be clothed by the law with greater sanctity than that of the individual citizen. We believe it should bear the same burdens, be exposed to the same risks and respond in the same manner to the public needs. In our community we have sufficient illustration of the existing law and of its method of administration to convince us of the necessity of a change in the law and its method of administration to subject corporate property to the power of appropriation for necessary public improvements.

THE CLEVELAND AND MARIETTA ROAD HAS BROKEN UP ITS THROUGH FREIGHT ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE PANHANDLE.

The Cleveland and Marietta road has broken up its through freight arrangements with the Panhandle. The former road claims that the Panhandle did not treat their freight in the matter of minimum freight allowances. Hereafter the Cleveland and Marietta will issue its own bills of lading from Newcomerstown.

ALLEGED SHOOTER ARRESTED.

John Dalzauer was arrested by Officer Louis Betz on the charge of shooting George Riddle in the back at a ball in Bloomfield, New York, last night.

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY.

For buying high grade furs at wonderfully low prices. We have a stock of all our furs and are making big reductions in price. You can save money by coming here. Seal, raccoon, seal jackets and small furs all must go.

MEASURES TAKEN AND GARMENTS MADE TO ORDER FOR PRESENT OR FUTURE DRESS.

Choice styles and colorings at 50c in plaids, stripes and mixtures and solid colorings, in the newest shades. 4,000 yards French All-wool Cashmeres—full color assortment, at 50c—these are special good values. Our Silk Sale Continues. A remarkable success. Every yard sold is a certain advertisement of this silk stock, and we invite your prompt attention to the great bargains here.

NEW PRINTED INDIA SILKS.

At 60c, 65c, 70c and 75c, in the latest colorings and most stylish patterns. Black and white, medium and light colorings in Empire and Directoire designs. New invoices will arrive daily, offering the largest choice in these beautiful goods. Novelties in New Embroideries and Laces. A complete stock of Thin White Goods for spring sewing.

OUR "MARK-DOWNS" IN THE CLOAK ROOM.

Are making trade lively here. There never was a time when bargains in Wraps of all kinds were so numerous as now in this Cloak Department—for Ladies, Misses and Children. After-stock-taking Early Spring Styles and Bargains. The attractions for this week. A large force of attentive salesmen to wait on you promptly.

NOW IS THE TIME TO GET BARGAINS IN KID GLOVES.

25c, 35c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00 a pair. T. T. T. HARRIS.

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