

THE BUTTERINE WAR

Pittsburg Dealers Hold a Secret Meeting. Campaign Plans Formed.

Western Capitalists Dictate What Shall Be Done. Committee to Go to Harrisburg.

The Legislature to be Flooded With Petitions and Letters. Money in Abundance for the Fight.

An important meeting, which was intended to be secret, was held in the office of the Western Dairy Company in Diamond Square yesterday afternoon.

The attendance was not large, but those who were present counted. Quality, and not quantity, was the motto as to the composition of the gathering.

The Pennsylvania State Oleomargarine Association, which is composed of the Western manufacturers of this bogus butter, had a hand in the meeting, and in fact dictated what should and what should not be done.

All the business transacted could not be learned. Petitions were given to every retail and wholesale dealer in the city, to be circulated among

their customers for signers. They are issued by the Oleomargarine Association. In the statement at the top the existing laws are declared to be odious, obnoxious and monopolistic.

Letters are to be addressed to the physicians of the two cities requesting them to express their opinion upon the use of butterine as a food, and to address the communication, if favorable, to the Sanitary Committee at Harrisburg.

A committee of five was appointed to visit Harrisburg next Wednesday and do effective lobby work for the bill. Mr. Calvin A. Watson, who was recently locked up for selling oleo, is chairman of the committee.

Two of the other members are Messrs. R. P. Houston, of Butler street, and Mr. Samuel Charters, of Grant street. The remaining two committee members are members of the wholesale firm in the city; but their names could not be learned.

This committee has been instructed to do all in its power to have the law repealed. Finally, but not as the least important of the committee's work, a subscription was started to carry on the fight.

A liberal sum was collected by the authorized person, and promises for more, when necessary, were plentiful.

The bill repealing these laws has been favorably reported by a committee, and action will be taken upon it by the Legislature in a few days. The farmers' representatives are fighting the measure bitterly, as butterine comes into the market in opposition to the product of their farms.

The grocers about this city claim that much of the country butter sold in Pittsburg is not country butter at all, but is nothing more or less than butterine, which the honest old farmer has mixed with his home product, or has been simply stamped by him and sold as good country butter.

A physician who has been asked to express his opinion on the subject said he would be very willing to do so, as he did not think the product was harmful, and was indeed more wholesome than the bad country butter which is sold among the poor of this city.

A grocer said last evening that the State law was unconstitutional. He said the U. S. Government imposed a tax upon the sale of butterine, but permitted dealers to sell it. The State law not only does not permit a man to sell the manufactured product as oleomargarine, but fines a man for selling it, even when labelled as oleomargarine.

THE WASHINGTON CENTENNIAL. A Meeting of the General Committee Was Held Last Night.

The General Committee for the centennial celebration of Washington's inauguration met last night in the rooms of the Grain and Flour Exchange. The Ways and Means Committee recommended an assessment on all the organizations represented, toward bearing the expenses.

His Injury Killed Him. A Bishop of Last November Resulted in a Death Yesterday.

William Hunter, residing at No. 5 Bedford avenue, died yesterday morning of injuries received on the 21st of last November. He was a machinist at the Panhandle shops. While working about an engine, he slipped and fell, injuring himself severely.

A Sudden Death. An Old Lake Erie Railroadman Expired Suddenly Last Night.

John Driscoll, 64 years old, employed by the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad Company, dropped dead while at work last night. The deceased lived at No. 6 Crystal row, and heart disease was supposed to be the cause of his death.

STILL SLOWLY RISING. A Political Campaign Amusingly Drawn to a Timely Close.

A Colored Orator Soars Aloft. And a Meeting of Sixth Warders Takes Action on the Three E's.

ALLEGHENY'S LITTLE PRESTO, CHANGE. There are several ways of gathering in a few wavering voters on the night before election, even as there are numerous methods of inducing them to waver at late an election day.

There is little coal to go out, and as the water is certain to last for a few days, the operators were in no hurry yesterday. Captain Rodgers intends to send the Time to New Orleans with a ton.

The Annie Roberts went down the river yesterday to help the Raymond Homer, held somewhere in the Kanawha river with an empty ton.

The Katie Stockdale, Hudson and Sootia are in the city. The Katie started last night for Cincinnati; the Hudson will follow on Wednesday, and the Sootia will start on Friday.

Yesterday afternoon the ice in the Monongahela river gorged at the mouth of Turtle creek. In a few short hours the water in the lower part of the river had risen to a level that was not reached since the late spring.

Immediately after the assembly had been called to order, Mr. Helmhold, the Chairman, said: "GENTLEMEN—I have here a letter, which has been sent to a citizen of our ward, purporting to be in favor of Mr. McMichael, now I want to call your attention to the fact that this letter is nothing but a forgery, gotten up and written by the enemies of McMichael. Here it is:

THE SECOND R. R. LETTER. HEADQUARTERS, JUNIOR ORDER OF MECHANICS, CHICAGO, NO. 24.

DEAR SIR—Your attention is called to the importance of the coming election in your ward, as the future welfare of your children and free public school system is in danger, should the ticket headed by James L. Williams be elected.

A resolution was offered that the American Mechanics pledge themselves to have Mr. Williams, whom they alleged to be the author of the letter, expelled from the order of the United American Mechanics if the suspicion could be substantiated; and Mr. McMichael was then requested to go before an alderman and make an affidavit that he repudiated the idea of having consented to or authorized the writing of such a letter.

At this time the crowd became desirous for oratory. Mr. John Flinn made a speech and, as he was interrupted by an intoxicated individual, Mr. Flinn belabored him with his stick and dispatched him down the stairs with electric effect.

After this little diversion there appeared to be another tumult on the stairs, which was, however, explained by the appearance of Ajax Jones, who had a dozen members of the Sixth Ward Colored Republican Club.

"Hurrah for Ajax! Hurrah for McMichael!" cried the chair, Ajax and made a speech." With such greetings the renowned Ajax was almost carried to the front and lifted on a chair, where he made the following AXIAN ORATION.

GENTLEMEN—I have already spoken in about 24 meetings to-night, but I cannot refrain from following the impulse of my most generous emotions and saying to you that I and other colored men have come down from Mount Pisgah to greet you in your grand and noble efforts, and tell you that we are with you in this fight, man for man.

John Flannery and Master Workman Jenkins up the river. John Flannery of this city the ex-official of the Miners' Organization has been committed to the County Jail yesterday.

Builders Return Home. A Number Want to Amalgamate With the National Association.

Republican and Democrat. An Allegheny Citizen Who is Running on Both Tickets.

Expensive Oledo. Three Men Fined \$400 and Costs Yesterday for Selling the Article.

Not on Speaking Terms. Martha and Sadie Bennett, of Penn avenue, are not on speaking terms just at present, as Martha and Sadie had a disagreement a day or so ago and Martha pulled Sadie's hair. She has made information about her before Alderman Porter, who will adjudge the case.

A Cold Election Day. According to the Weather Observer Stewart, it will be very cold to-day and the election polls. This prediction alludes only to the weather.

AWFULLY MIXED UP. A Paper Against Prohibition to be Read Before the Brewers.

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LOWER FREIGHT RATES. MAY RESULT FATALLY. BARRY'S BRAND STILL IN USE.

An Enraged Colored Man Clubs a New Haven Agent of His Own Race, While Showing His Wife a Sprinkler. A probable fatal assault was made on William Johnson, a colored man, last night by another colored citizen, so it is charged, named Alexander Ryan, who lives on Jones avenue. Johnson is about 25 years old and hails from New Haven. He is canvassing this city in the interest of a patent sprinkler which he is selling for a New Haven firm.

Last night about 8:30 o'clock he entered the house of Ryan, who was absent at the time. Ryan's wife, however, was explaining to the patent, and Johnson was explaining to her Ryan entered, and thinking that Johnson was flirting with her he attacked him and beat him until a nearly insensible condition. He then threw him out of the door.

Johnson recovered somewhat, and wandered to Engine Company No. 7, where he sank to the ground from exhaustion, produced by loss of blood. A patrol wagon was called, and Johnson was taken to the Twelfth ward station, and Dr. Oldshue was summoned. Johnson could give no account of the manner in which he sustained his injuries. They consist of two deep cuts on the head and severe internal injuries. Dr. Oldshue said his case was very serious; that the cuts appeared to have been inflicted with a blunt instrument. Johnson was removed to the Homoeopathic Hospital. No arrests had been made up till a late hour last night.

MAGNIFICENT INSURANCE RETURNS. A Remarkable Board of Directors, Including Vice President Morton and Chauncey H. Dewey.

The annual report of the Equitable Life Insurance Society, published on the eighth page, shows a larger outstanding business, a larger new business and a larger surplus than any other similar organization. It is the largest, strongest and most popular organization of its kind in the world. All its previous achievements have been surpassed. Its outstanding assurances amount to \$569,000,000, its new assurances for the year, to \$153,933,333, and its surplus to \$29,794,715. This is due to its remarkable Board of Directors, who include financiers of national reputation, such as Levi P. Morton and Chauncey H. Dewey. Dr. George Woods, whose managing ability is recognized by such men, and who enjoys the confidence and respect of so generously and kindly gave me East and West, is the manager of the company for Western Pennsylvania.

Attention, Voters of the Fourth Ward, Allegheny. Jacob Ehemer was nominated at the Republican primaries February 13. Watch your ballots and see that his name is on them.

Attention, Voters of the Second Ward, Allegheny. At the request of many citizens I have agreed to run for Select Council at the election to-day. I ask my friends to use their effort in behalf of honest government for our city.

Attention, Voters of the Fifth Ward, Allegheny. I beg leave to announce that I will be a candidate at to-day's election for Common Council, and to ask you to continue the support you so generously and kindly gave me at the primaries on Saturday, feeling sure that if you will do so my election is a certainty. It is needless to add that the outcome of the combinations made and improper methods resorted to to subvert on Saturday, are not a proper criterion of the sentiments of the voters in my ward. For this reason, and having been urged by the best element of the ward to do so, I have consented to continue my candidacy and earnestly appeal to my friends to rally to my support. Respectfully,

CHARLES V. LEWIS. W. W. Wattles. In opening his magnificent stock of Worcester, Doolton and Crown Derby porcelain at a discount of from 20 to 40 per cent and in consequence customers are multiplying daily. This is an opportunity to furnish your home with artistic wares, never before so cheaply, and to make a sale of the past week the stock will soon be gone. 30 and 32 Fifth ave., second floor. TTS

ALL danger of drinking impure water is avoided by adding 20 drops of Angostura Bitters.

Royale—the New Weave in Silks—A fall line in silk and also in black—\$1 a yard; a bargain. J. OS. HORNE & CO.'S, Penn Avenue Stores.

1,000 pairs—An immense lot to put on sale after blanket season is over, but such blankets (Bradley's celebrated) at such low prices will sell if it was August weather. Boggs & Buhl.

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American Satinettes at 12 1/2 and 20c and 35c; the new Henrietta Satinet.

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