A JOLLY START

To be Given the Allegheny River Improvements.

THAT HERR'S ISLAND DAM.

A Big Public Demonstration is Now Being Arranged For,

WHICH MAY BEAT DAVIS ISLAND'S.

All the Up-River Towns to be Invited to Visit Pittsburg.

PROPOSED SHIP CANAL TO LAKE ERIE

A public demonstration which may equal the dedication of the Davis Island dam is projected by friends of the coming improvements on the Allegheny river. It is proposed to open the work on the Government dam at Herr's Island this summer with a big flourish of trumpets, not because of the fact that the construction of a single dam will be commenced, but for the reason of its significance. The building of that dam commits the Government to a continuation of the enterprise until a string of locks and dams will extend from Pittsburg to Warren, making the noble stream navigable to the New York State line.

THE DISPATCH reported exclusively, a few weeks ago, the purchase of property on the river bank on the Allegheny side by United States District Attorney Allen. He acted under orders from the War Department through the Attorney General. This property is just below the island, and will be the site of lock walls, abutments and tool houses. On the Pittsburg side the District Attorney had to sue for the condemnation of property on account of a dispute as to the price. This suit is now pending, but will be decided speedily.

THE PROPOSED DEMONSTRATION.

It is the first breaking of this ground for Government purposes that public spirited men propose to formally celebrate. The Executive Committee of the Western Pennsylvania River Improvement Association has already had a consultation on the matter. The idea originated with this association, and will probably be managed under its auspices. The Executive Committee's meeting, at which the subject was discussed, was held in this city. The Pittsburg members of this committee are Messrs. Arthur Kirk, George Finley and R. T. Graham. Nearly all of the towns along the Allegheny river and tributaries have a representative on the committee. The officers of the Western Pennsylvania River Improvement Association are Arthur Kirk, Pittsburg, President; Hon. A. Cook, Potter county, Vice President; S. W. Colvin, Allegheny, Secretary; R. T. Graham, Etna, Treasurer.

One of the members of the Executive Committee stated to the writer yesterday afternoon that the celebration will be such as to enlist the sympathy of business men and citizens generally. An effort will be made to have the Councils of both cities turn out in a body, with the two Mayors and the officers of the River Improvement Association. Invitations will also be sent to the members of the Ohio River Commission, some of whom live in Pittsburg, and a special letter of invitation will be sent Colonel William E. Merrill, the officer commanding the U. S. A. Engineering Corps on the Ohio river and its tributaries. Congressmen and State legislators from all the counties bordering on the Allegheny, Kiskiminetas and Clarion rivers will be urged to come.

CROWDS MAY COME.

Excursion rates will be secured on all the railroads running into the city. It is believed this affair will bring more people to the city from a distance than the dedication of Davis Island dam, for the reason that in that instance the benefits arising from the completion of the great work were purely local, while the Herr's island undertaking is a matter of deep interest everywhere up the valley of the Allegheny between this city and New York State. Representing the various counties in the charter membership of the Western Pennsylvania River Improvement Association were the following gentlemen: H. R. Fullerton, Parker City; Joseph E. Beale, Leechburg; R. A. Paul, Saltsburg; J. E. Mitchell, Punxsutawney; A. W. Bell, Brady's Bend; A. C. Weaver, Freeport; J. E. Long, Brookville; James Miller, Franklin; Harry White, Indiana; S. B. McKelvy, Apollo; S. H. Manifold, Parker City; John Du Bois, Du Bois; S. W. Calvin, Allegheny City; A. Cook, Cooksburg; J. B. Reynolds, Oil City; S. S. Crosby, Kittanning, Stephen Forrester, Freeport; Matthew Smith, Springdale; Theo. S. Wilson, Clarion; N. G. Ayres, Sharpsburg. Most of these gentlemen are still in the association, and their influence will send large crowds down to the celebration.

A prominent steamboat owner said to a reporter yesterday evening that he would participate with all his craft in another "steamboat procession," such as was had at the Davis Island dam opening. He became so enthusiastic in the matter that he said he would communicate with the committee and suggest an illuminated fleet off the Point; the duplicating of the flat-bottom oil-barrel boats used on the Allegheny when petroleum was first discovered; and the building of some of the great Cornplanter Indian rafts of early Allegheny days. Those he thought would make unique features of the celebration.

A SNAG IN ALLEGHENY

Just now the Government has run against a little snag. The property they bought in Allegheny to be available for the use of lock walls will have to encroach upon the foundations of the retaining wall of a public street. The United States Government is therefore preparing a petition which will be presented to Allegheny City Councils at their next meeting, asking the vacation of this street. It is hardly probable that Allegheny will refuse Uncle Sam this little favor, but the red tape necessary will cause more or less delay to the great work.

It is not generally known that the Western Pennsylvania River Improvement Association has as one of its objects of organization a far grander scheme than the slack-watering of the Allegheny. Its constitution says the association was organized for the purpose of "collecting and spreading information about the improvement of the great rivers, particularly the Allegheny river and its tributaries, to a minimum stage of six feet of water; and also, to secure the construction of a ship canal from the Allegheny river to Lake Erie."

Connecting the Allegheny river with Lake Erie has been pronounced by some engineers as an Utopian scheme, but others believe it practicable.

A Bad Growler Worker.

Alderman Schaffer committed Daniel McShaffrey to jail yesterday on a charge of larceny. Mrs. Mary Trago alleges she sent McShaffrey for a bucket of beer, giving him a $5 gold piece, and he never returned.

SUICIDE, BEYOND DOUBT.

The Mysterious Hanging of Mrs. Ulmer to a Bedpost Shorter Than Herself—Insane About a Child's Future.

A reporter from THE DISPATCH yesterday went to Beltzhoover borough and investigated the case of the supposed suicide, Mrs. Amelia Ulmer, whose body was found hanging to a very short bedpost last Monday night. It was stated in an afternoon paper on Friday that there were rumors of foul play, and that the circumstances surrounding the death were at variance with the verdict of the Coroner's jury.

The reporter yesterday visited the house formerly occupied by the Ulmer family. It was closed and locked up, and Mr. Ulmer had removed to McDonald station, where he is working. The neighbors were interviewed, and the general impression is that it was a clear case of suicide in a fit of temporary insanity. Mrs. Wesslaiger, a stepsister of Mr. Ulmer, and who had been attending the woman during her illness, said:

"I was probably the last person that saw Mrs. Ulmer alive. I was at the house all evening, and left about 8:30 o'clock. When I left her Mrs. Ulmer was in bed, and I thought she acted strangely at the time. She was dressed in a black overdress and had a sack over the dress. I asked her why she had attired herself in this way, and she made an unintelligible reply. In the afternoon she said to me: 'I feel that I am not long for this world. I am not right (meaning that she was out of her mind).' She talked incoherently, and before I went home I made her promise that she would try to go to sleep."

Mrs. Colligan, who lives opposite the house where the tragedy occurred, said: "I do not think there is the slightest doubt that the woman hanged herself. I was over in her house about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and she seemed to be distressed. She was sitting up at the time, and seemed to be worrying over the future of her baby. The latter is only eight weeks old, and the mother had been ill since its birth. This was her seventh child, and the only one that did not die."

Mrs. Sheppard, who also lives across from the Ulmer house, said: "There is a great amount of talking going on; but I do not think the trouble in that family amounted to more than an ordinary spat between man and wife. Mrs. Ulmer lived a very retired life, and was not of a neighborly disposition. She was a good woman, but did not visit very much. People who knew them say Mr. Ulmer thought a great deal of his wife."

Squire Barr, of Beltzhoover, scouts at the idea of foul play. He cited a number of cases where people had hanged themselves to projections lower than an ordinary bedpost. He said that when he cut the body down Mrs. Ulmer's knees were bent and touched the floor. The position of the body showed that she had died of strangulation.

Undertaker Vierheller, however, sticks to the belief that the bedpost was not high enough for the woman to hang herself.

THEY ARE GROUNDLESS.

Mr. B. F. Jones Denies the Charges Against the Monongahela Water Company--The Answer to be Filed Very Shortly.

Hon. B. F. Jones was interviewed at his home on Irwin avenue, Allegheny, last evening in regard to the filing of an answer to the bill in equity against the Monongahela Water Company, in which Mr. Jones is one of the chief defendants, and H. Sellers McKee is the principal prosecutor. The charge made is that of watering the stock, and absorbing enough thereof to make a difference of $145,000.

Mr. Jones said he had only just returned to the city, and, although he had noticed the bill lying on his table, he had not yet had time to read it over. As the writ is against the water company, Messrs. Knox & Reed, its attorneys, will prepare an answer to the bill.

Mr. Jones said that the charges amounted to nothing, and that they were entirely without foundation. They were made on the spur of the moment.

The answer will consist of a general denial of all the charges made in the bill. Mr. Jones stated that he did not know when it would be filed. He is the principal stockholder in the company, and is also one of its directors.

A LARGE FUNERAL PARTY.

A Number of People Attending the Obsequies of Captain Brown's Nephew.

A funeral party of 30 some people arrived in the city yesterday and registered at the Monongahela House. They came from Niles, O., and New Castle to attend the funeral of Charles S. B. Ward, son of W. A. Ward, of Ward & Co., founders, at New Castle, and a nephew of Captain William H. Brown the steamboat owner of this city.

The deceased was only 21 years of age, and died from an attack of typhoid malaria. He formerly lived at Niles, but for the past few years has made his home in New Castle. He died Friday afternoon and the remains will be interred in Allegheny Cemetery tomorrow. Among the funeral party are:

W. E. Ward and wife, Mrs. Hartzell, Mrs. Leslie, Miss Lide Baldwin, Miss Cleo Baldwin, Mrs. Ingrowham, Mrs. B. B. Robbin, William Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Kouch, Michael Lynch, Michael Kelling, Edward Henry, Myron Crowley, Michael Guggenheim, Francis Wilson, Francis Bentley and David Jones, of Niles; James Trimble and wife, Mrs. Sharpless, Charles Phillips, Samuel Foults, John Hutton, Edward Rice, James Rice and Michael Gantz, of New Castle.

The pall bearers at the funeral will be Charles Phillips, Samuel Foults, John Hutton, Myron Crowley, Michael Guggenheim and Frank Bentley.

A NEW CAR LIGHTER.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Experimenting With One.

The Pennsylvania Railroad is experimenting with a new system of car lighting, which will probably supersede the gas lights now used on all its trains. For the past few days there has been a car lying in the Union depot yards which has been fitted up with the appliances to make the light, and an instructor has been explaining it to the trainmen and others. The car is local coach No. 969, and will remain at the Union station for several days yet.

The new light is called the Carburreter system of lighting and is a mixture of gasoline and coal gas. It makes a blue flame and its brilliancy is said to be greater than that of an electric light. The fluid or gas, as it may be called, is stored in the tank underneath the car, and when the cylinder is charged the power generated will last for a week without having to be renewed. If the experiment is successful the new system will be placed upon all the cars.

AT DR. HOLLAND'S HOME.

Amherst Alumni Form an Association in Western Pennsylvania.

The graduates of Amherst College, in Western Pennsylvania, met at Dr. Holland's home and formed an Alumni Association. Prof. Mather, of the faculty, and a number of graduates, were present. Dr. Holland gave his guests a fine dinner.

John A. Emery was elected President of the association and S. W. Cunningham, Secretary and Treasurer.

Prof. Mather will preach to-day in the Bellefield church.

A Dance on the Stockdale.

A dance was given on the Katie Stockdale last evening by R. J. Henderson, W. H. Gordon, J. R. and S. R. Johnston to 30 couples. The music was furnished by the boat orchestra. A fine supper was served late in the evening. The occasion was indeed a very enjoyable one.

MILK CANS RATTLING.

Farmers to Ship But One-Fourth of Their Usual Supply To-Morrow,

TO MEET A THREATENED BOYCOTT.

Dealers of the Two Cities Not Yet Frightened Into Defeat.

HOW THE MERRY WAR IS PROGRESSING

The merry milk war goes on. A number of additional farmers yesterday signed the agreement of the Milk Producers' Union of Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio, and are now ready to turn all their product over to F. C. Reed, the union's agent. He is ready in turn to dispense the household beverage to retail dealers. A new phase of the movement was announced by Mr. Reed last evening. Beginning with Monday morning, all dealers who wish to buy their milk through Mr. Reed's agency must first get an order slip at his office, No. 616 Liberty street. After that they go to the railroad depots for the milk. Heretofore the dealers have been getting their milk at the trains without any formality.

Although, as agent of the farmers, Mr. Reed now controls 30,000 gallons of milk daily, it is not likely that he will allow more than one-fourth of that quantity to be shipped into the city to-morrow. He does not propose to be caught with a big supply on his hands if the dealers try to boycott him as some have threatened to do. Should order slips be given out during the morning for more than that amount, then a larger shipment will be quickly telegraphed for.

THE FARMERS DETERMINED.

The farmers' agent will charge dealers the same price to-morrow for the milk as they have been paying. After to-morrow prices are not yet fixed. It is supposed a big cut will be made if the dealers try a countermovement with milk from Central Ohio.

J. D. Little, Secretary of the Producers' Union, was rather wrathy yesterday over the allegations made by leading members of the Dealers' Union that the dealers had not been treated fairly by the producers, and that the latter had not given the former proper opportunities to negotiate with them. Mr. Little sent for a reporter of THE DISPATCH and then replied to this as follows:

"It is the dealers who have treated the producers unfairly, and now they are squealing because we have put them in a hole. Listen to this: On February 19 a delegate meeting of the producers was held, at which the constitution and by-laws were adopted. Of this action the dealers were promptly notified. They sent their executive committee to consult with us on March 12th. They said they would agree to pay us 12 and 18 cents, declaring that price was no object, as they desired our union to be organized to protect them. They agreed then to meet us on March 26 to fix matters up. When we came together at that date we could get nothing out of them. They asked that the whole matter be dropped until October. We then offered to sign articles with them to go into effect in October. They declined, saying they had not the power to act for all dealers. We then moved that the next conference be held on April 2, and that the dealers' committee come fully empowered to act. On that date none of the dealers showed up at all. Instead, our President received a postal card from the committee of dealers explaining that they couldn't get enough of the dealers together to transact business. But since we went right ahead without them they seem to have been able to get enough together for a big meeting, at which these charges of unfairness were made.

AMONG THE DEALERS.

Two of the largest retail dealers in the cities yesterday notified Agent Reed that they were ready to receive their supply of milk from him at the farmers' terms, beginning to-morrow morning. One is on the Southside, the other in Allegheny.

Mr. William Dilworth, the leader of the dealers, was met at his store on Pennsylvania avenue, Allegheny, last evening, and during the course of a conversation on the existing trouble, said:

"I have just returned from the Fort Wayne depot, where I met a large number of milk dealers, who were after to-morrow's supply of milk. The feeling among them is stronger than it has been at any time since the commencement of the trouble. They are confident that in the end they will be able to supply the most of their customers' wants. The majority of mine have said they would be lenient and allow me a little time in order to meet their demands. Such is also the case with all the dealers in the city. I have enough milk on hands to furnish all the sick people and babies among my customers. The remainder will have to wait.

TO-MORROW'S SHORT OUTLOOK.

"A milk dealer in Allegheny—I will not give his name—will go after 3,000 gallons of milk on Sunday, and will, on Monday, bring it to the city. This milk will be for Tuesday's supply; so it does not matter if the milk does not get into the city before Monday noon. We have enough on hand at present to supply our customers on Monday morning.

"Several farmers have been in the city and say that the agents of the creamery company have misrepresented the facts in the case, stating that the dealers in the city sanctioned the movement. They did not know they were cutting the dealers off without any warning. This, they say, was not fair, and they would not accede to such demands.

"According to the laws of the association, shippers who have contracts with dealers are permitted to fill them. This, in many cases, will allow the dealers a small supply, as a number of contracts have been made.

A SLIGHT HITCH INDICATED.

"The shippers do not agree with the first order issued by the association, which is that one-fourth of the usual amount of milk shipped be sent to them. This will throw the remainder on their hands, to get rid of as best they can. It does not pay them to make it up into butter at this time of the year. One said to me that he shipped 55 gallons of milk per day. The profits on three-fourths of the milk will be over $25 in a week, and he proposes to pay his fine, which is the amount just named, and get out of the association immediately.

"Taking it all in all, I think we can make a winning fight, and can break the association, or union, or trust, or whatever it may be."

TO BE BURIED TO-DAY.

The Murderous Father and His Little Victim Going to the Grave.

Peter Datz, who committed suicide after cutting the throat of his 3-year-old child, will be buried in a pauper's grave to-day. The body of the child will be put in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Inspector McAleese and Detective Coulson placed a beautiful cross of flowers at the poor child's head.

PUSHING THE DOUBLE TRACK.

President Newell, of the Lake Erie, Makes His Customary Visit.

President John Newell, of the Lake Erie road, was in the city yesterday on one of his periodical visits. Mr. Newell went East last evening.

The work of double tracking the road is being pushed rapidly. The President was too busy signing vouchers to be seen, and he sent out word to the reporters that he had no news this time.

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SPECIAL TRAIN TO OREGON.

A Remarkable Transcontinental Shipment of Agricultural Implements—Wonderful Growth of the Northwest.

The largest amount of agricultural machinery ever shipped to the Pacific coast in one lot will be shipped by Russell & Co., of Massillon, O., to-morrow. It comprises 46 threshing machines, 24 horse powers and 32 traction engines, and will require an entire train to transport it. The train will consist of 24 flat and 2 boxcars, and will be run through from Massillon to Portland, Ore., as a special. The route will be: Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway, Massilon to Monroeville, O.; thence via Baltimore and Ohio Railway to Chicago; thence via Wisconsin Central Railway to St. Paul, where the Northern Pacific Railway will take it and carry it to Portland. The train is expected to make fast time to Portland, where Russell & Co.'s Pacific Coach Agency will receive and reship to various points in Oregon and Washington Territory.

The aggregate value of the shipment is upward of $80,000, and it is probably the largest single shipment of threshing machines and engines ever made. The freight charges on the shipment will amount to about $8,000.

With the exception of one other case where a train of 17 cars was loaded to one consignee on the Pacific coast, this, it is believed, is the only attempt to run a solid train of machinery through to that Territory.

This is a striking indication of the rapid growth of Oregon and Washington Territory in the last few years, and all signs point to a still more rapid growth in the future. It is estimated by those in position to know that the population of Washington Territory will this year be increased 250,000 by immigration from other parts of the United States. From New England, from the Middle States, and even from Iowa, Missouri and Kansas, people are going to seek homes on the North Pacific slope. It is probable that the next census will find Oregon and Washington Territory ranking above many of the older States in population.

THE PROJECT PROGRESSING.

Working Night and Day on the Extension of the W. & L. E.

M. D. Woodford, Vice President and General Manager of the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad, passed through the city last night on his way to New York from his home in Toledo. Mr. Woodford is one of the executive officials of the growing Western line that will run into this city some time in the near future. At present their line extends from Toledo eastward to Bowerstown on the Panhandle and from Valley Junction to Marietta on the Ohio river. They are extending the road from Bowerstown to Wheeling and by the middle of the coming summer they expect to reach the Nail City. In speaking of their line last night the Vice President said:

By the end of next week we expect to begin work laying on the extension of the line from Bowerstown to Wheeling. We now have our energies concentrated on a tunnel under the Cadiz branch. The tunnel will be half a mile long, with 60 feet of a cut. We are working at it night and day and have 400 feet of it completed. By July 1 we expect to be at the Ohio river. We now get a good share of traffic out of this city via the Pittsburg and Western road at Orrville, O.

DOGS ARE FATTER

Since Natural Gas Was Generally Introduced as Domestic Fuel.

"Lean curs are seldom seen on the public streets now," said a police officer yesterday. "The reason is that dogs in this city have actually become fatter since the general introduction of natural gas as fuel. Don't you see?"

THE DISPATCH reporter confessed that he did not.

"Why, there is more garbage and kitchen refuse thrown into back alleys and vacant lots now than when people burned coal," explained the officer. "In those days the average housewife burned all such refuse. Even bones were chucked into the kitchen fire or cellar stove. Now the natural gas grates will not permit the burning of garbage. Consequently it goes to the dogs. I am telling you what my experience on the streets and alleys of three years has shown me. Watch Pittsburg dogs yourself and see if this is not true.

AMERICUS CLUB CHANGES.

The Active Membership Increased and a Few Men Dropped.

The Americus Republican Club held its regular meeting last night. Mr. Harry Darlington, of Allegheny, was elected a life member, and 36 members were added to the active roll. The resignation of a member who has moved to Michigan was presented and accepted, and eight members were suspended for non-payment of dues. This leaves 541 members in good standing in the club.

The Secretary reported the death of W. E. Murdoch, of Sewickley, and a suitable minute was adopted. The club sent a floral tribute to Mr. Murdoch's funeral.

Colonel William H. Reed was tendered a vote of thanks for his tact and diplomacy in procuring a private reception for the club by President Harrison while in Washington.

ADDING TO THE LIST.

An Old Lawrenceville Gentleman Knocked Down by a Cable Car.

As George Lunpert, an old Lawrenceville resident, was crossing Butler street, at Thirty-sixth street, last night, he was knocked down and severely injured by cable car 105, of the Citizen's line. The old gentleman failed to notice the car approaching, and the gripman rang the bell furiously, but before the car could be stopped he was struck by the pilot.

He would probably have suffered greater injury had not Constable Thomas Packer pulled him off the track. Mr. Lunpert's injury was an ugly scalp wound. He was taken to his home on Thirty-seventh street in the patrol wagon.

TRIALS OF A YOUNG WIFE.

Her Husband Deserts Her, but Agent Dean Comes to the Rescue.

A 19-year-old husband was sent to jail yesterday for want of bail by his 15-year-old bride on a charge of desertion. The plaintiff is Minnie Camp, the defendant W. H. Camp.

Minnie claims that her husband deserted her a month ago and went to Michigan. He returned a few days ago when he was arrested. During this time the wife says she and her child suffered for the want of support. Agent Dean, of the Anti-Cruelty Society, helped them generously. Minnie has no friends in the city except an aged grandmother.

A FIGHT IN A MILL.

Mike Kelly is Struck on the Head With an Iron Gas Pipe.

John Bohn and Mike Kelly got into a fight in the Clinton mill yesterday morning. During the fisticuff it is alleged Bohn struck Kelly a blow on the head with a gas pipe, inflicting a painful wound. When the police went to arrest Bohn he had left the city.

A Quaint Old Piece of Scrip.

Mr. S. M. Thorp, of Springdale, possesses one of the most unique old pieces of scrip to be seen anywhere. Printed on thin, transparent paper, it recites that the "Coxsackie (N. Y.) Association promises to pay to I. Swan or order 6 cents." It is the size of a shinplaster, is dated 1815, and was evidently issued just after the War of 1812, when cash was scarce and scrip was resorted to.

BIDDING FOR JOBS.

The Millvale Mill May be Started With Non-Union Men To-Morrow.

OLD EMPLOYES ARE CROWDED OUT.

The Roughers and Catchers Correct Mr. Oliver's Statements.

ONLY A MORE EQUAL DIVISION WANTED

The Millvale Iron Works, formerly operated by Graff, Bennett & Co., will be started to-morrow morning under very peculiar circumstances. Just at present it is impossible to state whether the firm will sign the scale, but it is already a well-known fact that the object of the company that will operate the works is to do so on the cheapest plan possible. The steps that have already been taken are damaging to organized labor. The company has engaged nearly all the day workmen, or those who do not come under the rule or scale of the Amalgamated Association.

The work that has so far been let has been given to the lowest bidder, something that has never been known or heard of around Pittsburg before. The men who called at the office for work were first and simply asked what they wanted for their services. In this way the company will likely save from 50 cents to $2 on each skilled workman per day.

The firm has notified their managers not to hire any of the old men, giving as a reason that they had broken up the late owners of the plant.

APPLIED, BUT GOT LEFT.

Nearly all those men who formerly worked in the mill, who are members of the Amalgamated Association, and who live in Millvale, have asked for work, and not a single one was given any satisfaction.

In the past week a number of colored men who were discharged from the Black Diamond Steel Works during the Knights of Labor strike nearly two years ago, have moved their families into the company houses at Millvale. From this the men infer that the firm intend to operate the mill on the non-union principle.

If none of the old hands are taken back it will not give them any power to act through their committee on the scale question, and those in authority to know have not heard of any move on the part of the head officials of the Amalgamated Association having been made.

The mill will be run on a small scale for one week at least; a portion of the puddling department only will be on single turn, and the large train of plate rolls is to be started later on, making heavy pipe iron. No extra precaution has been made by the firm for any future trouble by any of the old workmen.

NO INTERFERENCE.

A large number of them who are working in the Vesuvius mill, of Moorhead Bros. & Co., at Sharpsburg, stated to a representative of THE DISPATCH last evening, that none of the men who formerly worked in the mill will interfere, as nearly all of them are working in other mills, and a large number have moved their families away from the town.

The old firm had commenced building a new puddling department of 16 double-furnaces, which was nearly finished when the mill was closed in February of last year. They can be made ready to be started in about a month. If the new company starts every department of the mill on double turn, it will give work to about 800 men, who, if paid at the scale, will draw $23,000 every two weeks.

It was also reported last night that a number of puddlers who had formerly been employed at the Clinton Mill had been engaged to go to work to-morrow.

A CHARTER REFUSED.

Mixed Assemblies Cannot Form N. T. A.'s in the Knights of Labor.

The attempt of the glass packers to form a National Trades Assembly of the Knights of Labor, composed of all workers not eligible to membership in L. A. 300 and the A. F. G. W. U., is a failure. It will be remembered, they proposed to form a national organization in the Knights composed of mixers and teasers, boxmakers, coopers, teamsters and others employed around a glass factory.

Master Workman Ross, however, entered a protest to general headquarters, raising the point of law that an N. T. A. cannot be formed of mixed districts. His point was sustained. A charter for the new district was refused.

The glasspackers have decided to send a representative to headquarters and lay their claims before the General Executive Board. They say while in the K. of L. they have induced ten factories to organize; have contributed to every strike, and gave money to men out of employment. They think they are entitled to something now. One of the arguments that will be used, it is said, is that Mr. Ross protests because the formation of the district will decrease the membership of D. A. 3 about 300.

It is stated that President Campbell, of the Window Glass Workers' Association, is backing them in the movement to secure a charter for a National Trades' Assembly.

A number of leading Knights who were seen yesterday agree with Master Workman Ross, and say they cannot possibly obtain a charter unless one of the laws of the organization is violated. The packers say they will withdraw from the Knights and reorganize the old Glass Packers' Union if the desired charter is not granted.

A RUN OF 2,350 TONS A WEEK,

The Largest on Record, at the Jones & Laughlin's Steel Works.

The Jones & Laughlin's Steel Works last week turned out 2,350 tons, the largest run on record for even that mammoth establishment.

In the same connection it may be stated that the puddlers at the Eliza Furnace are still idle, and that one of the furnaces is yet blowing out, and, by the present blasting process, workmen hope to have it ready in about six weeks to resume operations.

D. D. Lewis, foreman of the Jones & Laughlin's blooming department, had one of his fingers amputated last week, owing to an accident.

TRADES' ASSEMBLY MEETING.

New Members Admitted and a Significant Letter from Lewis.

A meeting of the Trades' Assembly was held last night, with Joseph L. Evans in the chair. John Ancho, John Brew, William Steward and Emanuel Corbin, representing Hod Carriers' Union No. 1, and W. H. Decker and J. D. Gearing, of Boxmakers' Assembly, 1533, were admitted as members.

The Executive Board reported a letter from W. F. Lewis, stating that the demand for labor bills which are to come before the Legislature is so great that the supply has become exhausted. He sent them the titles of a number of bills.

Weihe Settles the Trouble.

President Weihe, of the Amalgamated Association, has been making a tour of the Southern iron mills. While at the Lookout Mill, at Chattanooga, Tenn., he settled trouble there. The firm was only working single and used but one force of men. President Weihe explained the rules requiring a division of work, and the mill is now running as usual.

Could Not Get Enough Heat.

Blowing was to have been commenced at Jeannette to-morrow by the tank process, but it was discovered that enough heat cannot be obtained to melt down the batch. This tank is the greatest in the world, and in order to make it work successfully some extensive improvements and alterations will be necessary. This work will require about a month's time.

ROUGHERS AND CATCHERS' TROUBLE.

They Want to Correct Mr. D. B. Oliver's Statement About Their Wages.

A committee of roughers and catchers from the Southside called at this office last evening to make a correction of what Mr. D. B. Oliver stated in regard to their wages. They asked that publication be given to the fact that when Mr. Oliver said that the roughers and catchers on their ten-inch mills earned $5 17 per day each, he forgot to mention the fact that they worked on two furnaces and three men did four men's work. The rules of the Amalgamated Association do not permit this, but the laws of the organization are not enforced in this respect.

The men have no objection to the wages paid by the firm, but want part of what is now paid to the heaters. They say the work done is harder, in many cases, than getting out a heat of iron, but the heater gets twice as much wages as a rougher. They want a more equal division of what the mill earns. The sum and substance of the whole matter is that it will be a fight between the roughers and the heaters, with the rollers who hire them, and the firm who pay the rollers looking on and saying nothing. This will be about the most important matter that will be brought up at the coming Amalgamation convention.

Daniel Davis, of Custer Lodge of the Southside, has announced himself as a candidate for a delegateship to the convention in June. The fight in this lodge will be between Mr. Davis and ex-Vice-President Patrick Wilson.

THE PRICE OF ICE ADVANCED,

And the Haulers and Helpers Want a Corresponding Advance in Wages.

The ice crop last winter was unusually poor, and in consequence prices this season will be higher than for many years past. Notice of an advance will not be a great surprise to consumers, for they have been expecting to pay more for ice this year than last.

A meeting of ice dealers was held yesterday afternoon in the Stevenson building, at which the rates to private dealers were advanced. No advance was made, however, on carload lots. Cards will be printed containing the new schedule of prices and mailed to consumers this week.

The ice drivers and helpers who belong to Local Assembly 7482, Knights of Labor, do not believe an advance is strictly necessary, particularly with the Chautauqua Lake Ice Company, as the ice crop was as good in that region as last year. They are willing to have the rates increased, but they want a portion of the advance themselves and have made a demand for more wages. Several of them stated yesterday that they would insist on their demands for an advance in wages unless the prices remain the same as last summer.

Labor Notes.

THE conference committees of the A. F. G. W. U. and the Manufacturers' Association will meet on April 11 to discuss the price list in the engraving departments.

PREPARATIONS are being made for a big labor demonstration in this city on July 4, the object being to take preliminary steps toward enforcing the eight-hour system. The movement has been started by the American Federation of Trades.

EXCELSIOR LODGE 68, A. A. of I. and S. W. (Jones & Laughlin's steel workers), will this afternoon present to Mr. Phineas Barnes, their manager, a very neatly expressed and handsomely framed memorial, setting forth their sympathy with him in the recent death of his estimable wife.

NOT DEAD YET.

The Moot Court Holds Another Session—Young Lawyers Try a Man for Stealing a Pencil and Acquit Him.

In the regular session of the Moot Court, which convened yesterday afternoon in Common Pleas No. 1, the case of J. McKirdy vs S. Silvey, in an action for damages, was postponed until next Saturday as a result of the absence of the attorneys for the defense, which was thought by the plaintiff's counsel as a point in their favor.

However, the young legal aspirants present concluded to hold magistrate court and the case of the Commonwealth vs Jerry Carney, charged with larceny, E. J. McKenna prosecutor, was taken up.

The defendant, who is a rum seller in Allegheny (and his appearance also indicated that he was a rum "swiller"), was charged with surreptitiously "nipping" a lead pencil from the License Court table, said article being the property of E. J. McKenna. The latter prized it highly from the fact that his deceased sweetheart had given it to him. It bore the marks of a hungry schoolgirl, as it was filled with a million teeth indentations, so characteristic of the studious maiden. It was by these marks that the purloined article was identified.

At this juncture a street band created a temporary adjournment of court, as the judge, attorneys and prisoners all rushed to the window to listen to the music.

Mr. Goss made a preliminary address in which he proposed to prove the unqualified falsity of the charge against his client. During his legal harangue the prosecutor, his attorney and the constable were seen to flip coins for the drinks and to mutter quietly, "that's a horse on you!"

After Mr. Goss had finished the prisoner took the stand in his own behalf.

He said he was a saloon keeper; a resident of Allegheny; 35 years old; not married, but willing to be. He had found that pencil in front of his place of business.

Mr. Goss, for the defendant, made a very creditable and forcible plea in behalf of the prisoner, and his speech was worthy of many an old practitioner at the bar. A decision in favor of the defendant was rendered.

President Callery's Funeral.

The funeral of President James Callery, of the Pittsburg and Western Railroad, will take place at 2 o'clock this afternoon from his late residence on Hiland avenue. The services will be held in St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral in Allegheny. Bishop Phelan will conduct the services.

Pianos and Organs.

To make room for the large stock of Haines' Bros., Ahlstrom, Mason & Hamlin, and Schultz & Co. Pianos, and Mason & Hamlin, Tabor & Worcester organs that are arriving daily, we have concluded to offer the following slightly used pianos and organs at a great reduction:

Bradford & Co. sq. piano, 7½ octaves	$145
Behning & Diel, sq. piano, 7½ octaves	145
Keystone sq. piano, 7½ octaves	175
Horace Walters & Co. sq. piano, 7½ octaves	150
Schultz & Co. upright piano, 7½ octaves	180
Palace organ, 6 octaves	85
Sterling organ, 5 octaves	30
Mellor & Hoene organ, 5 octaves	35
Keystone organ, 5 octaves	55

The above instruments are all in first-class condition and are fully warranted for six years. Easy payments arranged on all instruments sold.

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James McKee, Jeweler, Late of 13 Fifth Avenue,

Now at 420 Smithfield street. New store and a complete new stock. Please call and see him, one door below Diamond street.

WHEN WILL THIS END?

A Member of the Grain and Flour Exchange Arraigns the Roads.

UNEQUAL RATES TURN BUSINESS

From Pittsburg to Western Cities Not Entitled to the Steal.

THIS CITY NOT ONE OF THE FAVORED

Mr. Carnegie's letters on the subject of freight discriminations have awakened great interest among Pittsburg business men. It is just possible a movement will be started to bring such pressure to bear on the Pennsylvania road that it will have to reduce its rates. The woods are full of manufacturers in other lines, too modest to allow their names to appear in print, who have the same complaint to make as Mr. Carnegie. Even the merchants, the wholesalers in particular, suffer from the effects of the railroad's discriminating policy.

As a sample of how the railroads turn away the grain business from Pittsburg, a perusal of the following interview from a member of the Grain and Flour Exchange will show. Said the modest grain man, who has a holy horror of seeing his name in a newspaper:

I am a member of the Pittsburg Exchange, pay $100 a year for the privilege, and yet I haven't bought a pound of grain on the floors of the exchange for a year. Why? I will tell you. I go to the exchange and learn the price of corn; say it is 23 cents per bushel. I at once telegraph Chicago, Peoria or St. Louis for prices, and they can furnish it for 18 cents per bushel.

REMARKABLE COMPARISON.

A customer of mine at West Newton, Johnstown or some other nearby town wants a carload of corn. Instead of shipping it to him from Pittsburg, I order it to be sent direct from one of these western cities, and the freight is not any more than it would cost me to ship this car from Pittsburg to Johnstown or West Newton.

The result is that I don't keep grain in my Pittsburg warehouses anymore. This business which should come from Pittsburg is captured by these western cities. They have big grain elevators and warehouses and employ a great many men, but there is nothing of the kind in Pittsburg. My connection with the Exchange here doesn't do me any good, but I will stick to it because such an organization is a credit to the city. Freight discrimination is turning plenty of grain away from this city.

Here is another sample of how the roads do business: I am engaged also in the flour trade. Punxsutawney is 132 miles from the city and I want to ship a barrel of flour there. It will cost me 13 cents per 100 pounds or 26 cents a barrel to send it from Pittsburg. Buffalo is 228 miles from the same place, and the rate from the former city is only 6½ to 7 cents per 100.

FLOUR FROM BUFFALO.

What do I do? When a customer of mine in Punxsutawney orders flour I have it shipped from Buffalo. I save money by the operation, Pittsburg loses the business and Buffalo gets it.

The fact is that rates are so arranged these days that a Greensburg merchant can buy as cheap in Philadelphia as he can in Pittsburg. The majority of Johnstown merchants go East to buy their goods. Cumberland people go to Baltimore, Youngstown business men to Cincinnati and Columbus, and Pittsburg nearer to these places than any of the cities mentioned by an iniquitous system of freight discrimination loses all this business.

By the way, I have had some experience in trying to secure excursion rates for Pittsburg on different occasions. I know what it is to wrestle and pray with obstinate passenger men. I am convinced the day of a 1-cent-a-mile rate for Pittsburg, no matter what the occasion may be, is past. Other cities can secure these favors, but not Pittsburg. During the late County Centennial one of the managers of the Pennsylvania Company told me that if he had been in the city at the time the 1-cent rate for 150 miles was made he would not have allowed it. "Pittsburg," said he, "doesn't need any centennials, expositions or May festivals to boom its trade."

THEY WOULD ALL WANT IT.

"If Pittsburg is granted any favors then every little way station holding a picnic will ask for a contribution and rates;" and then sinking his voice to a whisper he said: "The inter-State law forbids such discriminations." Alas! if the inter-State law could only reach the unfortunate and helpless shipper in the State, they would rise up and call Senator Cullom blessed.

Why, the wholesale men in the city had an awful time to get a 2-cent rate for the retail merchants within a radius of 200 miles, who have been invited to visit the city during April, beginning on the 22d and continuing until