DOCTOR RIDDLE WEPT

An Affecting Scene in the Library Reading Room.

WILL THE HALL BE SOLD?

A Committee Appointed to Raise $50,000 to Pay the Debt.

DONATIONS AND LOANS WANTED.

If the moneyed men of this city are possessed with half of the literary enthusiasm that was manifested at the meeting of those interested in the mercantile library yesterday there is not the slightest probability that the property will be sold on December 2 for the judgment of $66,000. A meeting was held yesterday afternoon in the reading room of the association for the purpose of taking steps toward standing off the sale of the property, which is billed for December 2. There was a large crowd of men and women present. The former represented all branches of business and the professions, with a sprinkling of clergymen, who lent a ministerial air to the gathering.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 o'clock by W. E. Schmertz, President of the Chamber of Commerce. Captain William McClelland, the well-known attorney, acted as Secretary. The call for the meeting was read by President Schmertz, who stated the object of the gathering. James F. Hudson, a member of the Board of Directors of the Library Association, made a detailed statement of the difficulties which the company was trying to overcome. He gave in a plain, practical way the history of the organization from the date of its charter.

THE FINANCIAL STANDING.

He read a statement of the financial condition of the company, which had been carefully itemized. The statement showed the liabilities of the company to be $303,643 60. This was divided as follows:

Capital stock ($10 per share, $104,142 00; mortgage to Shields' estate, $30,000 00; mortgage to West Penn Hospital, $100,000 00; mortgage to F. R. Brunot, $30,000 00; interest due on Brunot mortgage, $32,850 60; profit and loss, $6,661 60.

The following are the assets:

Real estate, $32,000; construction, 255,221 21; cash on hand, $16,422 39.

Total, $303,643 60.

Mr. Hudson also read a statement of the work of the library, which showed that the institution compared favorably with anything of its kind in the country. The circulation of the books in 1888 was 15,000. The number of persons using the library and reading rooms on ordinary days was 125 to 150, and on Saturdays 200 to 250. The total number of volumes now in the library is 20,000. The attendance in the rooms is increasing monthly. Last week the average was considerably above that of last year.

Mr. Hudson offered two plans to raise the money. He said they only wanted $50,000, as the other $16,000 can be paid from funds in the hands of the hall company. One plan was to solicit from the wealthy men of the city donations to the amount of $50,000. The other was to borrow the money by subscriptions provided the requisite amount is not donated.

CALLING ON THE RICH.

The wealthy people of the city are to be asked to purchase the building and hold it for the library, as it is doubtful whether the $50,000 can be raised. Some real estate agents say the building is worth $325,000, and a standing bid of $300,000 has been offered for it in case a sale is to be made.

President Schmertz said he saw no reason why the property should be sold. This was an extraordinary transaction in an association where the income was $8,000 over and above the expenses. He suggested that the matter be placed in the hands of a number of business men to straighten the difficulty. Mr. Schmertz had to leave the meeting, and James B. Scott took the chair. Rev. M. B. Riddle, D. D., of the Western Theological Seminary, who has been a member of the association since 1849, delivered a speech, in which he was moved to tears at the prospect of the library being left without a home.

THE OLD DOCTOR CRIED.

He said he began to go to the old Pittsburg library when a young lad, and had been kept poor by trying to get and give others a book education. He spoke of the famous Watkinson library in Hartford, Conn., to which people travel from New York to secure works of reference. He said, "If the Pittsburg library dies, the Lord have mercy on Pittsburg." He worked himself up to such a pitch at the idea of Pittsburg allowing the library to go to the wall that his voice faltered and he shook his fist in James B. Scott's face. Mr. Scott laughingly drew back his chair out of arms reach, when the old professor jocularly remarked, "Oh, don't want to hit you, but I do want to hit those whom you represent."

The doctor said there was too much attention paid in this city to natural gas, coal and manufactories. He said when the Pan-Americans came here, the Pittsburg committee took them around and showed them what the muscle could do, but they paid no attention to the brain. He said that when he goes East and talks to college professors and presidents he does not want to talk natural gas. He would like to tell them something about the literary advantages, but if the Library Hall property was sold it would be a death blow to the mental development of the common people.

A MOVE BACKWARD.

He said the sale of the property would be a movement backward in civilization. He concluded his address by hoping that the owners of the "unconsecrated wealth" would come forward and save the library from the fate which now hangs over it.

Rev. J. G. Goettman, of Allegheny, said he believed in an institution like the mercantile library, as it helps to save young men from running into saloons and other places, where a great many would otherwise spend their time. He said it was a disgrace that the wealthy people of the city did not take hold of the institution and save it. He told a story that while traveling about 15 years ago, he registered his name at a hotel as being from Allegheny City. The clerk asked him where Allegheny was? Since then he has always given his place of residence as Pittsburg. He said if the Library Hall property was sold he would feel so ashamed of the rich people that he would never again claim Pittsburg as his home.

NO GREAT DIFFICULTY.

James W. McFarland said if the same trouble menaced any business man or firm he would never go into bankruptcy. He said there should be no difficulty raising the $50,000.

Major T. Brent Swearingen said the tax last year on the property was $1,700. They would have been assessed twice this amount if part of the building had not been occupied by the library, and under a special act was not liable to taxation. Attorneys had given opinions on the matter that all of the building would be exempt only for State purposes.

Rev. David Jones, pastor of the First M. P. Church, said it would be a terrible calamity if the property was sold. Hundreds of people have not the means to purchase books and papers which they now get at the library. The intelligence of the working classes, he said, was what made this city what it was. If the source of this intelligence was killed it would, in many ways, kill the prosperity of the city. Intelligence among the poor, he said, must keep pace with wealth. If this is not done wealth will be a curse. He concluded by saying that if the people of Pittsburg allowed the property to be sold it would be a personal loss and a public shame.

MR. ROSEBURG FULL OF HOPE.

William Roseburg, Cashier of the Bank of Pittsburg, said there would be no difficulty carrying the mortgages on the property. The parties who held them, he thought, would rather keep their money there than invest it in other ways. He said if the members of the board worked together they would be out of the woods in a month.

A committee was then appointed to act in conjunction with the directors to devise ways and means to raise the money to pay off the indebtedness. The committee will meet to-day and is composed of the following named well-known citizens: W. E. Schmertz, James B. Scott, Rev. M. B. Riddle, William Roseburg, Paul Hacke and Benjamin Thaw.

Among the prominent citizens who are taking an interest in the matter and were at the meeting yesterday are the following:

James B. Scott, James O'Hara, C. B. Shea, Rev. Dr. M. B. Riddle, J. R. Morgan, Jr., G. P. McBride, William Roseburg, J. S. Marshall, W. S. Jarboe, Captain William McClelland, R. B. Patterson, S. H. Oliphant, W. McClarren, J. D. Bernd, Major T. B. Swearingen, C. C. Mellor, G. G. Milnor, S. L. Fleishman, W. E. Schmertz, J. W. McFarland, William McConway, Frederick Pinchart, Rev. J. B. Kolbne, Rev. J. G. Goettman, W. L. Scaife, Major D. B. Wray, Professor R. F. Patterson, W. T. Lindsay, Charles Davis, B. G. Bakewell, Benjamin Thaw, M. Rosenbaum, J. T. McCance, E. E. Phelps, E. A. Woods, F. C. Osborn, J. H. McCutcheon, J. L. McCutcheon, J. W. Collins, Rev. D. Jones, G. R. Lincoln, J. G. McFarland, J. R. McKee, W. L. Chalfant and James Collard.

A NOBLE MISSION'S WORK.

What the Society for the Improvement of the Poor Has Accomplished.

The Society for the Improvement of the Poor, has distributed the following goods and provisions in the past two weeks: 600 loaves of bread, 193 pounds of rice, 178 pounds oatmeal, 48 pounds of tea, 164 of sugar, 260 bars of soap, 66 pints of beef tea, 17 of mutton broth, 6 of oyster broth and 320 of milk, 242 grocery orders, 625 bushels of coal and 284 garments. There were 12 new applicants for charity, 457 families were visited and 207 aided, including 803 persons.

Seven hundred and fourteen visits were made to the poor and 77 in their behalf. Situations were obtained for eight persons and day's work for 41. There were six children placed in Sunday-schools and four in public schools.

The Society for the Improvement of the Poor held a meeting at the Y. M. C. A. building yesterday, and made arrangements for holding their annual meeting. It will take place in the parlors of the Y. M. C. A. on Monday, November 25, when the election of managers and officers, will be held. The public meeting will be held in St. Peter's P. E. Church on Grant street on Sunday, December 1, and Miss J. W. Magee, Mrs. L. M. Harding and Mrs. W. H. House were appointed to secure speakers.

MUD ONLY WILL STOP IT.

Petroleum Smellers Between the Panhandle and the P. & L. E.

It looks now as though oil operations in Stowe and Robinson townships will only be limited this winter by the condition of the roads. The latter are now almost impassable, not even jackassible, and if the rain continue two days more teams will disappear.

There is a rush to renew old leases on some farms and some who held off are getting terms they could not have reached with a 10 foot pole two months ago. Micheel Beck has 10 acres below the Arbuckle farm, between it and Chartiers creek. He has leased it for $100 bonus and one-fourth of the oil. A man named Caughey refuses to lease 30 acres for a share of the oil, and holds out for a cash bonus of $200 an acre and all down, $6,000. He doesn't want to be bothered with oil.

Mr. Tate, a Liberty street merchant, has organized a little company of his own, and among the shareholders are Boehmer Bros. They will probe Tate's land on their own hook.

ONCE MORE POSTPONED.

The Cases Against the Museum Proprietors Held Over Till To-Day.

The hearings in the cases before Alderman McKenna against the several museum proprietors for operating immoral shows were postponed yesterday, and will be held at 4 o'clock to-day. At the hour set for the hearing Walthauer C. McNeal, of Smithfield street, and Carlisle, of Sixth avenue, asked for a continuance, which was granted, and their bail in $1,000 was renewed. Lavitsky, who is alleged to have kept the worst show in town, did not appear, and Inspector McAleese suggested that a process be issued for him, but Inspector O'Mara said his bail was good and that he might be given another chance, and his case also was therefore fixed for 4 o'clock to-day.

TAMMER AND TONGS.

A Woman Says She Was Pulled Along the Street by the Hair.

Michael Schmunski and Joseph Krull, who are employed at the Republic Iron Works, have entered cross suits against each other before Alderman Schafer. Krull charges Schmunski with striking him over the head with a pair of tongs, and Schmunski sues Krull for striking him in the face and calling him vile names.

Elizabeth Rodgers alleges that William Carson assaulted her by grasping her by the hair and pulling her along the street. Mrs. Rodgers says that this occurred when she was trying to get her husband, who was intoxicated, home.

HITHER AND THITHER.

Movements of Pittsburgers and Others of Wide Acquaintance.

—Mr. William Shortlidge, of Bellefonte, stopped over last night on his way to Butler. Mr. Shortlidge is the largest producer of limestone and lime in the State, and goes to Butler to contract for the delivery of a quantity of stone for use in a large chemical plant about to be established there under the auspices of Joseph Britton, Jr. Mr. Shortlidge said that Governor Beaver and Adjutant General Hastings were both largely interested in the production of fuel gas, and were about to erect an extensive plant for its manufacture, in connection with the Bellefonte Iron and Nail Works, which were established by the Governor. The nail works are now doing better than at any time in their history. Mr. Shortlidge said that the defeat of the Republican candidate for the Judgeship in Center county, was owing to some 1,200 holding aloof and about 500 who voted against the party on the temperance question. "I will live to see the day," said Mr. Shortlidge, "When the Prohibition party will be a power in the country, and though I am a Republican who say it, the Republican party will go to the wall if they don't put a temperance plank in their platform."

—Chairman Calvin S. Brice of the Democratic National Committee, passed through, en route from New York to Lima yesterday morning, to attend a meeting of the Democracy, which was held last night. Mr. Brice attributed the Democratic gains in Ohio and Governor Foraker's defeat for a third term in office to dissatisfaction with the Governor's policy, antipathy of the people to any one man continuing long in power, a spread of opinion among the people favorable to a material change in the tariff policy. He attributed the victory in Iowa and his party's gains in Massachusetts to the latter cause. Mr. Brice said he was not a candidate for a Senatorship in the sense of seeking the place.

—The Revs. James Hartley, of Steubenville; Campbell, of Dennison, and Hannon, of Shawnee, were passengers through to Baltimore last night, to attend the Catholic Congress. The Rev. Mr. Hartley said that the deliberations of so many prominent Catholics, coming as they did from all sections of the country, would be productive of a stronger cohesion between the clergy and laity. The reverend gentlemen were pleased to meet the representative of THE DISPATCH, and they agreed that as long as THE DISPATCH made its daily appearance among them, they need not to look beyond it for news.

—Mr. Thomas Curran, of 81 Arch street, Allegheny, one of the lay delegates appointed to the Catholic Convention at Baltimore, left Pittsburg for that city last Sunday evening.

—H. C. Frick embarked on board the Eastern express for a trip Eastward last night.

—The Rev. Mr. Flood, of Somerset, passed through to New York last night.

A SPANISH OPINION.

What May Result From Closer Commercial Relations

WITH THE SOUTHERN REPUBLICS.

Uncle Sam Not Credited With Desiring Both Americas.

MEXICO WILL EXCEL THE UNITED STATES

In view of the approaching deliberations of the Pan-American Congress, the following excerpt from an editorial which appeared in the *Avisador Hispano Americano* of the 31st, a Spanish journal published in New York, will prove of unusual interest. A Mexican gentleman expresses the opinion that a commercial treaty with this country is practicable, would not interfere with the dependency of the nations entering into it, and that Mexico some day will become a commercial rival of the States.

Much is said and written pro and con upon the intentions of Secretary of State James G. Blaine as to his foreign policy.

All along the line from the Rio Grande to Patagonia there is nothing to fear.

Mexico, whose limits lie along the line of the United States, will have the border question settled very shortly and satisfactorily.

A Havana, Cuba, periodical of recent date gives an account of this very earnest desire upon the part of Mexico to be on friendly footing with the United States.

WILL BENEFIT MEXICO AND US.

To illustrate we give the dialogue between a prominent Mexican gentleman and a Cuban gentleman. The latter asks:

"But will you not lose the European trade if you form this American alliance?"

"Bah! To-day our principal buyer is the United States of America. Of the 50 millions we export she takes more than 27; England takes 13; France, 5; Germany, 2."

"And Spain?"

"Less than one million. These figures will explain to you why we laugh at the protestation of the Spanish press against the United States, and these plans for a Latin federation."

"Suppose that we formed a commercial union with Spain and France, who together buy of us less than six millions?"

"The United States would then close its ports to us and we would loose 27 millions in order to assure us scarcely six. Good business sense, eh?"

"But! This sovereignty of the United States?"

"First of all we don't believe in it. The thing is to work, to gain money; to extend civilization. We Mexicans are convinced that eventually Mexico will excel the United States. They are rich, and advanced; we are not. But, as we increase in riches and culture, we will create industries. God alone knows where we will stop, with our magnificent soil and our three climates. You will understand that when any of these American nations wish to, they can withdraw from the Union. Beside, the people of the United States are permanent, and we must take into account that not all the countries of Spanish-America produce the same, and that trade in all of them will increase."

"And do you not fear that after the industrial dependency will come political dependency?"

"In the first place there is no dependency. Call it league if you please. Well, good. Commerce is one thing and politics another. For example: After England and Belgium, the country with which France has most trade is Germany. The French buy of the Germans to the value of $60,000,000 per annum and sell to them the same amount approximately, and yet as nations they detest each other cordially."

"The United States does not wish to incorporate territories with a relatively dense Latin or Indian population?"

"Don't you see they would find the best lands taken up and a fusion of ours with the races of the North is very difficult."

NO TERRITORIAL ACQUISITION IN IT.

Thus, in the judgment of this Mexican gentleman, notwithstanding what may be written by others to the contrary, the United States does not, from the respect she entertains for the Spanish-American countries, either for commercial or political reasons, desire the acquisition of foreign territory.

After reviewing the conditions of Hayti, San Domingo, and, at great length, that of Cuba, the editorial winds up as follows:

From the Rio Grande to Patagonia the Yankees do not aspire to fresh territories and that which they desire is to expand commercial relations with brothers and neighbors, who among each other, have grand advantages.

The Spanish part of the Island of San Domingo could not be taken by the colossus of the North, because—although the necessity is inconceivable—she is capable of defending herself.

The Republic of Hayti, steeped in anarchism and blood, would welcome with joy a protectorate of the United States, and thus would disappear the blot with which this semi-savage people stains the civilization of the great three Americas.

The propounders of the annexation of Cuba cannot hope for its realization if they do not gather their fruit when ripe.

The article was very kindly translated for THE DISPATCH by Mr. Philip G. Roeder, of Cleveland, who represents a New York firm of coffee importers, and who rendered such excellent volunteer service in explaining to and assisting the Pan-American visitors when in this city.

BIG RUMORS, ANYHOW.

Petroleum Operations Hereabouts—A Big Refinery.

The past week or so has been very fruitful of rumors as to what certain heavyweights in the petroleum business are or may be doing. The last story told is a scheme to put $12,000,000 into a pipe line and refinery scheme, the refineries to be located on the seaboard and the western end of the line be in Butler county. It is said to be a move of the P. P. A., who are supposed to be dissatisfied with the deal the Standard has given them, though some people think $1 a good price for oil, and that the only people who have right to complain are brokers and people who want to speculate.

Some oil producers say they do not believe the association has anything to do with the pipe line project, though they think Thomas Phillips, Emory, Taylor and others might be in it. It is also suggested that Joe Craig might be in it.

There are people who persist in believing that D. P. Reighard and Joe Craig have sold the Globe Refinery and the A. & W. Pipe line respectively, notwithstanding their denials.

CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY.

An Alleghenian Arrested at Youngstown, O., and Brought to This City.

William Golden, the well-known attorney, is charged with conspiracy in an Allegheny case, the following synopsis of which is given in a telegram from Youngstown, O.: Constable William Billings, of Allegheny, with a warrant issued by Alderman Tatem, came here this evening and arrested D. W. Syphax on a farm near the city where he was painting a house. Syphax resided on Taggart street, Allegheny, and sold all of his furniture to Henry Parge, a furniture dealer. Mrs. Syphax then demanded the goods and Parge also paid her.

Later her father sued Parge for the value of the goods before 'Squire Hathaway, of Tarentum, and obtained judgment for $295 and had execution issued. Parge charges Syphax and the other parties named, with William Golden, attorney for both, with conspiracy to defraud him, and all have been placed under arrest. Billings left for Allegheny to-night with his prisoner.

THE ARMSTRONG MONUMENT.

Final Arrangements for the Parade—Appointment of Officers—The Official Route of Procession.

The Executive Committee of the Armstrong Monumental Association met last night in the office of the Amalgamated Association to complete arrangements for the celebration at the unveiling of the monument on Thanksgiving Day.

Chief Marshal William Weihe announced his arrangements, which were approved by the committee. His Adjutant is William H. Barnes, and Chief of Staff James Penny. The aids will be announced later. Captain William P. Herbert is appointed Marshal of the First division, composed of printers, letter carriers, Post 162 G. A. R. and the Veteran Legion.

Second division, Marshal John P. Eberhart—Window glass workers, flint glass workers, chimney and bottle blowers, cutters, packers and moldmakers.

Third division, Edward A. Keil Marshal—All the lodges of the Amalgamated Association.

Fourth division, John E. O'Shea, Marshal—All local assemblies under D. A. 3 K. of L. and visiting Knights.

Fifth division, A. M. Swartz, Marshal—Slaters and roofers, stonemasons, bricklayers, plumbers and steam fitters, electricians, tile layers, painters and decorators, hod carriers, stone cutters, tinners and sheet iron cornice workers and plasterers.

Sixth division, Thomas Wisdom, Marshal—Iron Molders' Union No. 7, pattern makers, brass workers, machinists and all foundry employes.

Seventh division, J. T. McCormick, Marshal—Horseshoers, coal miners and coke workers and other miscellaneous organizations, committees and carriages.

The line will form at 11 o'clock, the First, Second and Third divisions on Water street, right resting on Smithfield street; Fourth and Fifth divisions on First avenue, right resting on Smithfield street and Sixth and Seventh divisions on Second avenue, right resting on Smithfield street.

The route of procession is from Water to Smithfield street to Second avenue to Grant street to Third avenue to Ross street to Fifth avenue to Washington street to Wylie avenue to Fifth avenue to Market street to Sixth avenue to Bridge to Federal street, Allegheny, to North avenue to Irwin avenue to Western avenue to Ohio street to Monument and disband. The Chief Marshal and Executive Committee will review the procession at Ohio and Marion streets.

Dr. D. B. Surgeon will be chairman of the exercises. Two hundred musicians of the Musical Union will furnish a number of selections. The Rev. David Jones will lead in prayer. An historical address covering the work of the committee will be given by the Chairman, after which Miles S. Humphries will deliver the oration of the occasion. At the opportune moment of the oration the monument will be unveiled by Thomas A. Highberger, a 5-year-old nephew of Mr. Armstrong's from Pueblo, Col.

WAITING FOR ORDERS.

District Attorney Lyon Has no Orders in the Jeannette Matter.

The sun set without anything further from Washington regarding the imported glass workers at Jeannette, than that Solicitor Hepburn and Attorney General Milelr had advised Secretary Windom that the men should be sent back, and that proceedings should be instituted against the importers.

Hon. Walter Lyon thought that if the men were sent back, that would likely be the end of the matter, and that the $1,000 fine in such cases would not likely be levied. He says the act is somewhat foggy. That though the vessel owners might be made bear the expense of transportation back, yet the men must be apprehended and the vessel discovered, and this would be the work of the Treasury Department.

Mr. Lyon did not talk much, but he opined that the men would not raise any serious objection to being returned. The impression appears to prevail that the men will pretty generally go back before long.

A LARGE LEASE.

Mr. Hukill's Essay in the Forks of the Kiskiminitas.

E. M. Hukill, of this city, who is well known as an enterprising and successful oil operator, has leased 6,000 acres of land in the forks of the Allegheny and Kiskiminitas rivers, and means to drill thereon for both oil and natural gas. Operations are to begin soon. The news of this large lease has created quite a stir among oil men, who are inclined to believe that Mr. Hukill has substantial reasons for thinking that he has covered a yielding field.

Just east of his lease the railroad bridge across the Kiskiminitas is in course of completion. The high water of the past few days has caused a delay in the work. The drift is preventing the setting of the temporary work.

VIOLATING MINING LAWS.

The Mine Boss of Laurel Hill Mines Prosecuted by the Mine Inspector.

The mine inspector of the Seventh Bituminous district has entered suit against the fire boss of the Laurel Hill mine for violation of the fourth section of the mining law. The charge is that the fire boss, on September 30, neglected and failed to examine the working place of William Spande, and as a result when Spande entered his working place on that date he was severely burned by an explosion of fire damp.

The suit was brought before Squire Love, of McDonald, who held the defendant. He gave bail for his appearance at the quarter sessions court of Washington county.

INCREASING THEIR CAPACITY.

The Clinton Mills Branching Out in Step With Pittsburg's Progress.

Friend & Hoffstott are putting in a new battery of boilers and two double furnaces in their Clinton mills. Work on a new blast furnace will soon be commenced.

The pipe department closed down for lack of orders last week, and the men employed therein have been suspended indefinitely.

Simply Perfect.

The Union Pacific Railway, "The Overland Route," has equipped its trains with dining cars of the latest pattern, and on and after August 18 the patrons of its fast trains between Council Bluffs and Denver, and between Council Bluffs and Portland, Ore., will be provided with delicious meals, the best the market affords, perfectly served, at 75 cents each. Pullman's Palace Car Company will have charge of the service on these cars.

Sacrifice Sale of Pianos and Organs at 137 Federal St., Allegheny, Pa.

We must have room for the 100 Everett pianos now coming in, and will close out this week our entire stock of other makes of pianos, consisting of Weber, Chickering, Decker, Kranach & Bach, Shoemaker, Hallet & Davis, Knabe, Pease and others. They must get out of the way, and you can have them at first cost if you take them away this week. We also offer a large line of organs at prices from $15 to $100. The fact is that the wonderful success of our Everett piano has killed the sale of these goods, and we have no room for them. Come early and get your choice. Prices and terms to suit purchasers.

ALEX ROSS' MUSIC HOUSE,
137 Federal st., Allegheny.

The People's Store, Fifth Avenue.

Another lot of half or short lace curtains will be given away next Friday morning, 350 at 25 cents each, 200, at 50 cents each. You can see these in one of our show windows on Thursday, but the goods will not be sold until Friday. We insert this notice for the benefit of our out of town customers that they may have an opportunity to participate in this rare bargain.

CAMPBELL & DICK.

A LIVELY RECEPTION.

The Nun of Kenmare Lectures Under Disadvantages.

HER AUDITORS WAXED TURBULENT

A Spanish Count Comes to Miss Cusack's Rescue.

THE SYNOPSIS OF THE LECTURE

The Nun of Kenmare received a tumultuous greeting last night at Lafayette Hall, and the audience was composed of such partisan portions that trouble of more than a lingual nature was several times imminent, but was averted by threats that the police would be called upon. The lecturess was not deficient in nerve, however, and stuck to her subject despite various noisy demonstrations evoked by her language.

The historic hall was packed to overflowing to hear Miss Cusack deliver her famous lecture, "Why I Left the Catholic Church." Rev. J. T. McCrory, of the Third U. P. Church, Pittsburg, and Rev. David McAllister, of the Eighth Street Reformed Presbyterian Church, escorted the former nun on the platform, and the latter introduced her to the audience. Quiet reigned for a moment, but finally some faint applause struggled into being and increased in volume until the hall fairly shook.

In a pleasant voice the Nun commenced her lecture, but before going far some remark regarding the Catholic Church she made was objected to by a strong voice from the gallery. Laughter followed, in which the lady joined, but when she attempted to continue speaking a number of persons in the hall claimed the same privilege. With the utmost good nature the Nun said: "Boys, be easy now; if you can't be easy, be as easy as you can." The good natured sally failed to restore order even when she told them that turn about was fair play, and after she had finished her talk an opportunity would be given the audience to ask her any questions they might wish. The tumult still continued. Finally she asked as a favor that if any one wanted to shoot her they would wait until after she concluded her lecture.

Again quiet reigned until a second remark disagreeable to some and present brought out a response. Then cries of "Put him out!" "Put him out!" were heard on all sides. Calls of "Police" were numerous. The Nun began to look pale, but when Rev. McAllister stepped forward and seemed about to take a decisive step, she pleaded for the offender, and said she knew they would not disturb her any more.

MORPHINE AS A SOOTHING AGENT.

For another short period she was left free to address her hearers, but a third time was very seriously interrupted. With the most wonderful good humor she remarked that the gentleman in the gallery needed some morphine to keep him quiet. At this juncture Rev. McAllister, in a very decided manner, informed the audience that those who did not come there to hear the Nun of Kenmare speak must withdraw from the hall, for if further interruption was attempted, the police would certainly be called in and the disturber put out. Great applause followed the remarks, and in silence the lady was permitted to continue her lecture until permission was given the audience to question her. Then question after question came from all portions of the hall and gallery, and of such a nature that she, in desperation, called upon the gentlemen to show their chivalry to a lady, and asked if America was not a free country where a person could have the liberty of speech. Immense excitement prevailed, and the audience was divided between hisses on one side and cries of "Shame!" "Shame!" on the other. Indignation that a lady should receive such insults, with cries of "Police!" added to the excitement. A voice from the gallery was heard to utter such an insulting remark that Miss Cusack rebuked the possessor by looking squarely at him and saying "Shame on you, "shame on you." At this crisis a man by the name of Robert George, of No. 911 Penn avenue, said he would give $50 if the offender could be ejected from the hall. One party in particular, after listening to the lecture, was not satisfied as to why Miss Cusack left the church, and persisted in questioning her on that point.

HAD ALREADY ANSWERED.

The lady said she had spent an hour in answering that question, and she was not going to repeat her lecture, that either the gentleman did not wish to understand or was not capable of understanding. In either case she was not responsible, but the gentleman became so violent that an unexpected ally developed in the person of Count de Ovies, who is at present stopping at 956 Penn avenue. This young man, small of stature, but exquisitely dressed, with a fierce mustache and gold-rimmed eyeglasses, made an impromptu speech in which he said that he came from Spain, the seat of Romanism, and as a gentleman he would say Miss Cusack could not before a mixed audience give the full reasons for her leaving the Catholic Church, but if any gentleman was interested enough in learning more, and would call upon him, he would be glad to enlighten them. At the conclusion of her lecture some left the hall singing out "goodby" in the height of mockery. On the other hand the lady was fairly besieged with people who wanted to shake hands with her and purchase her books. Purses were opened on all sides, and the Nun had three assistants in distributing books and collecting the money. THE DISPATCH reporter made an exit by climbing upon the platform and leaving the hall by the side entrance after waiting vainly in hopes of getting out the regular way, so great was the crowd around the motherly old lady who had so nobly maintained her composure, temper and dignity under the most trying circumstances.

WHAT MISS CUSACK SAID.

Her lecture, in substance, was more bitter against the Catholic Church and all its dignitaries than had been expected from any standpoint. Her reasons for leaving the church were, in the first place, that it had changed its doctrine since she entered it, and she resorted to various Catholic books to prove her ground well taken. In the second place, it was not, she averred, all that it professed to be. She informed the Catholics present that it was not against them that she was addressing her remarks, but against the system of Catholicism.

In speaking about convent life many familiar statements were made. She compared her own entrance into the convent with that of Miss Kate Drexel, and said everything would be lovely with her until the irrevocable black veil was taken. Then her money would all belong to the church, and if she did not obey the rules she would suffer the same penalties an ordinary sister would. She said she was glad Miss Drexel had wealthy relatives, because she could return to them if she wanted to.

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TWO BOYS DROWNED.

The Sad Ending of an Afternoon's Frolic—One of the Saved Floats Half a Mile—The Bodies Not Yet Recovered.

About 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon an accident of an extremely sad nature occurred at the foot of South Tenth street. Two boys, named Willie Williams, aged 15 years, and Eddie Roberts, aged 15, were killed.

The boys, with two others, named Tommy Murray and Mike Gallagher, all of them being employed as "pull-up" boys in Oliver's Fifteenth street mill, went down to the river to have some fun in a boat. The mill being idle yesterday afternoon, the boys had plenty of time to enjoy themselves. They found a skiff into which the quartet embarked. They had moved out from the shore but a little distance when the boat capsized, spilling the occupants into the water.

Williams and Roberts sank from sight and were not seen again. Young Roberts grasped hold of a rope attached to some barges and was rescued by a man named Cloud. Gallagher went under the barges, and floated down the river as far as the Panhandle Railroad bridge. He managed in some unaccountable way to keep his head above water, and was finally rescued by a man named James, who went out after him in a skiff. Williams lived with his parents at the corner of South Sixteenth and Carson streets, and Roberts' parents lived in Rhey's row on South Seventeenth street.

The accident occurred at 1:45 in the afternoon, and work was immediately begun to try and find the bodies. The efforts of the searchers were unsuccessful. At 10 o'clock last night neither of the bodies had been found.

WILL PROBABLY BE HIGHER.

Shippers Have Their Eyes on Chicago Like the Rest of the World.

The Freight Committee of the Central Traffic Association meets in Chicago to-day. It will be important both to railways and shippers. The matter of special interest to this city is the proposition to take pig iron out of its special classification and make it sixth class; the proposition to rates in lumber, and determine the weight of oil transported in tank cars and rate to be fixed on it. It is said there is no doubt the rate on oil will be advanced, and it is supposed an advance on pig iron rates will also be made.

SIX MONTHS TO THE WORKS.

Patrick Duskin Attempted to Burglarize a House in the East End.

Patrick Duskin, a crook, was caught in the back yard of H. P. Young, Forty-ninth street and railroad, early yesterday morning. He was arrested, and a charge was preferred against him with an attempt to burglarize the house.

Magistrate Brush heard the case and inflicted a sentence of six months to the works on the prisoner. The man has a bad reputation, and has frequently committed breaches of the law that put him behind the bars.

LOVE AFFAIR QUARREL.

Two Men Fight for a Girl and One of Them Sues the Other.

Aswell Missbaug was given a hearing before Alderman Burns yesterday afternoon on charges of felonious shooting and assault and battery, which had been preferred by Hermann Michalk. Both men are farmers, and live at Bellevue. They had a quarrel about a love affair. It was alleged that the defendant struck and shot at the prosecutor.

Quite a number of witnesses were sworn, but their evidence was not sufficient to hold Missbaug, and he was discharged.

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JOHN H. SHOENBERGER ILL.

It is Said That He is on His Death-Bed in New York City.

Mr. John H. Shoenberger is reported dying at his residence in New York City. Mr. Shoenberger is in his 80th year, and nearly 50 years of his long and useful life were spent in this city. His father was Dr. Peter Shoenberger. The family began business in this city about 1832. In those days the name was more widely known through Pennsylvania than that of any other in the iron business. Dr. Peter Shoenberger was a wealthy man for that time, and whenever he found a bed of iron ore and other things located to suit him, he built a furnace and they were strung between this city and Philadelphia, and all along the line you might have heard the Pennsylvania Dutch talk of the doings of the "Shinneburgers." At his death, 40 years ago, Dr. Peter Shoenberger left ten children and gave each a furnace. After his death the firm in this city was G. & J. H. Shoenberger.

John H. went to New York City to live some eight or nine years ago. He was twice married. He was Senior Warden of Trinity Church for about 50 years, and at the last annual vestry meeting was elected Senior Warden for life. He was a very charitable man, gave liberally to many charitable objects during his entire life. Though personally unknown to many of the present generation, Mr. Shoenberger's name will last as long as the city.

FROM THE OLD TO THE NEW.

The Birmingham Traction Company Completing Their Organization.

A meeting of the owners and officers of the Birmingham Traction Company was held yesterday in the office of the Solicitor, J. M. Kennedy, Esq. The object of the meeting was to make the