

SEEN IN MISTS.

A Picture of Pittsburg in Her Wet Weather Costume.

PATAGONIA IN THE TOWER.

Admiring the City From Above Her Beautiful Temple of Justice.

SHADINGS IN GRAY TO REMEMBER.

The City Hall Tower the Farthest Object Discernible in Fogs.

THE PEN AND PENCIL WORK TOGETHER.

AID Don Pedro Alonzo de Alcantara, the Pan-American delegate from Patagonia (which country, you will remember, wasn't represented here at all last week), to the complimentary Pittsburg newspaper man: "I pray you, let us ascend to the summit of your Court House tower, and from that lofty standpoint, gaze upon the City of Iron."

"It rains," pleaded the newspaper man; "the streets are uncomformably muddy and the general aspect of things is distinctly disagreeable. The street cars are crowded with dripping loads; every eigin of vantage has been taken advantage of by shoals of shivering warblers. Wherefore, Senor de Alcantara, I would humbly ask permission to insinuate that the day is somewhat unpropitious for the ascent of Pittsburg's Court House tower."

"I am not to be deterred by a little rain," replied the representative from Patagonia. "I have but another day to spend in Pittsburg; I don't want to see any more ma-

At that moment came the wild whistle of a river steamer—wild and suggestive of the spirit world sounding shrilly through the gloom of mist. "Ah! cried the senator, 'you are beginning to be appreciated, my good Philistine! Is not that your City Hall down there where the gloom is deepest? I thought as much. I don't mean to be disrespectful, but I suppose; but we cannot see the City of Parks! Just now. We cannot even see its river! Let us turn to another window.'"

"Turn they did, accordingly, but in that direction the rain was heavier still, and it blew in their faces with anything but a gentle kiss."

"Did you ever have rheumatic fever, senor?" asked the newspaper man, but the Patagonian merely turned the other way, standing out clearly against the fleeting clouds, rise the dark twin towers of the Cathedral. Grant street and Wylie avenue—streets of roadway, and red sidewalk—stretch.

"You cannot accurately discern the point at which they become buried in mist, they fade so gradually. We strain our eyes to follow their course; but it is beyond our ken. Other spires rise here and there, up-lighting the cross, against the demons of the air, unnumbered of the showers He hurls upon them. Heavily laden vapors crawl along the slippery streets, and the legends of umbrellas look like bees swarming down at the crowded corners. And over the dome of the glorious gray—warily to live upon the canvas of a Whistler!"

"I envy the man who can admire the shadings of a leaden colored cloud, in the middle of a rain storm!" observed the newspaper man.

"There is a certain amount of beauty in everything," cried the senator; "and, if man doesn't search for it, and find it, so much does he lose for himself. Now for the east window."

The newspaper man turned with alacrity. The wind was not blowing through the east window; but the fog seemed to be heavier here than elsewhere. "Climb up, climb up, however, the Court House building could be seen distinctly. The bright red of the roofs was comforting to the eye, after so much somber coloring, and both the senator and the newspaper man gratefully upon it."

"It is an oasis in the desert!" said the newspaper man.

"A red oasis, quotha!" exclaimed De Alcantara. "What an oasis! What an oasis! Is it not curious, my friend, that under all that mist, people are living warm and happy; living in luxury beneath the slimy waves of that sea of mist?"

"I should think it was," said the newspaper man grumbled, "even at the risk of being considered curious."

"The best misty view of all. Taclly they moved toward the southern window. The rain had even begun to damp the spirits of the volatile senator, but he made a last effort, however, and became enthusiastic over the southern view."

"The roofs shine in the rain," he said. "How curious, my friend, can you pierce through such a fog as this! Look at that darker streak winds across the gray! That is the brown Monongahela, is it not?"

"Yes," replied the other, "and it is funny that it looks so far away. Why, on a clear day, you can see it quite close. It then looks as though you could almost jump into it from this tower. In fact, this is a much pleasanter place on a fine day. You should see all the lovers that come up here these whole shoals of Romeos and Juliets."

"I can imagine it," said the senator; "but now I would we could see Mount Washington; but that is impossible. Thither smoke-wreaths are being, sheeted specters, ghostly hands, hastening to the shores of the brown stream. Above the spirits of those who are dying are seen on every side floating away through the clouds, to cross that dismal stry, which is darker far than any river we wot of here? It is a quaint conceit, to give life to these poor wretches, which, after all, are but the ghosts of those which men are burning. But this is no place to moralize. It is about time to descend."

"I should think it was—quite time," said the newspaper man; "I am extremely glad that there are but four windows to the tower."

De Alcantara corked his lip, the true Castilian air, and took a last long look at the fog-wrap city.

"Pittsburg of the mists," he cried, "fare thee well! I have seen thee in the sunlight; I have seen thee in the twilight; but, believe me, I like thee best as I see thee now!"

So saying, he drew his cloak about him and followed the newspaper man, who was already half-way down the stairs.

BRENNAN.

W. A. HOY'S description of a new mission started in New York by girl graduates is a feature of to-morrow's DISPATCH.

bellis" ejaculated the newspaper man; "this beastly rain is coming right into the tower."

"Yes!" cried the senator, "the soft rain falls alike upon the just and the unjust, and kisses all things with a lingering kiss. It is playing its pleasant pranks down there among the chimney tops."

SENOR IT WRESTLES GAILY with the white smoke-cloud that curls from THE DISPATCH building yonder. Now the mist is the victor; now the smoke pushes its way to the northward; now again the wind veers, and nature triumphs over

THE Monogahela and the Hills Beyond, as Seen From the South Window.



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A FOSSILIFEROUS RUMOR.

The Story of the Pennay Invading Fifth Avenue Up Again.

The old rumor that the Pennsylvania Railroad buying Fifth avenue property on which to erect a passenger station, is again making its rounds. The rumor, when it bobbed up yesterday afternoon, brought with it an elaborate scheme of elevated tracks, change of grade, and various radical departures from the present state of affairs.

The story also mentioned the property that the road proposed buying. It is the Spaulding property, corner of Fifth and Smithfield streets, and the property adjoining is also mentioned. The story is very complete, and it really is a pity that there is no truth in it. That such is the case, however, will be proved on reading Assistant Superintendent Trump's remarks on the subject. Mr. Trump said:

"This thing comes up so regularly that we have begun to look at it with a certain amount of weariness. There is no word of truth in the story. Moreover, I do not think that the Pennsylvania Railroad will ever build a station near the center of the town than it now are. The growth of the city naturally tends this way, and our present station is becoming more central every day."

"As the elevated track part of the thing, some one's imagination has run riot."

This will quiet the rumor for a time, but it will undoubtedly come up again, and probably with the same amount of truth.

WANTED TO SPILL GORE.

Two Belligerent Italians Who Were Armed to the Teeth.

Two Italians, Steven Julian and Tony Calabria, engaged in a drunken quarrel on Eleventh street shortly after noon yesterday. Julian drew a revolver and Calabria pulled out a long knife. There would soon have been old Roman gore on the sidewalk had not Officer Mulvihill been at hand and arrested the belligerents. Julian is 24 years old and lives at No. 27 High street. He could not speak English and his residence was not learned. He is 40 years old. A knife and a razor were taken from him. Julian's mother visited the Central station and tried to coax the officers to release her son. She said he was "only a little boy and wouldn't hurt anybody."

AN INHUMAN MOTHER.

As 11-Year-Old Child a Mass of Warts and Blisters. Eva Doppana, a German child 11 years old, was yesterday taken to the care of her mother by Humane Agent O'Brien. The mother lives in the rear of No. 185 Ohio street, and the little girl was found in an outhouse, where she had slept all night. Mr. O'Brien said that the child has been shamefully abused, and that her body is almost covered with warts and blisters, caused by severe beatings and starvation against the mother, charging her with cruelty and neglect of her child, was made before Judge Pearson of Allegheny.

THERE IS NO ESCAPE.

Corporations and Others Must Disclose Personal Property.

ASSESSORS AND COMMISSIONERS Are on Top and Supported by a Decision of the Supreme Court.

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The building is to be of brick and stone and is to be 60x90 feet on the ground and three stories high. It is the intention to house all borough officials in it and also the fire department, police station, etc; put a tower on it and a clock in the tower, in short to make it a structure worthy of one of the liveliest towns in Western Pennsylvania.

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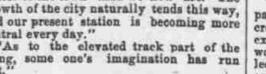
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The engine promised for the Thirty-first ward will furnish protection to the Thirty-second and Thirty-fifth wards in the Thirty-first ward alone there are between 900 and 1,000 registered voters, making their claim for better fire protection. The Councils cannot be so easily disregarded. No. 2 Engine Company has come up the Brownsville road at different times; but it is a hard pull, and, in time of a large fire, time would be lost that might result in great destruction.

With Mt. Washington and Duquesne Heights it is different. They depend almost wholly on the inclines, and it is only a wonder that they have escaped fire so far as the hill districts are concerned. The names named say they will watch movements in regard to the engine houses, and not be fooled out of their protection by unnecessary delay.

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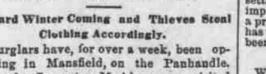
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DUTIES OF SQUIRES.

Judge White Tells the Jury What a Conspiracy is in Law.

SUITS FOR MONEY ARE ILLEGAL.

The Doughty, Manesse and Callen Cases in the Hands of the Jury.

THE BIJOU WANTS \$2,000 IN DAMAGES

The conspiracy cases against Aldermen Manesse, Callen and Doughty were continued in Criminal Court yesterday. Alderman Manesse was called and stated that he had no alterations to make in his testimony given in the Bander case. A number of witnesses—among them Clerk of Courts McGunneale and Leon J. Long—testified to the previous good character of Alderman Manesse.

Alderman Callen testified in his own behalf, and stated that although a number of suits had been brought before him by the Bander agency, yet he had never entered into an agreement with Bander or anybody else, whereas the costs were to be divided. Mrs. Davis did not give him a dollar, but left 25 cents with which to treat the boys. Witness never signed a blank warrant, but always filed them.

The previous good character of Alderman Manesse was admitted by the prosecution, therefore no witnesses were called. Arguments were then taken up. Mr. Marshall argued on behalf of Doyle and called witnesses who testified that Doyle could not again be convicted of the same offense. Messrs. Keenan and Long also argued for Aldermen Callen and Manesse.

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IS HE INSANE?

John A. Miller Borrowed Small Sums and Forgot to Pay Them.

The ejectment suit of the heirs of John A. Miller against John F. Rivers to recover a lot on Forty-fifth street, Seventeenth ward, is still on trial before Judge Ewing. It is alleged that John A. Miller, who conveyed the deed to Rivers, was insane and incompetent to make a deed, and that he was imposed on and only received \$1 for the lot. One of the witnesses testifying as to Miller's characteristics, said he was insane and incompetent to make a deed, and that he was imposed on and only received \$1 for the lot. One of the witnesses testifying as to Miller's characteristics, said he was insane and incompetent to make a deed, and that he was imposed on and only received \$1 for the lot.

WORK OF LAWYERS.

Michael Burk was acquitted of assault and battery on William Thompson.

Thomas M. Markell, for false pretenses, was released from jail, having furnished bail for his trial.

In the Criminal Court yesterday Albertina Wilson, the Allegheny girl who had pleaded guilty to concealing the death of her child, was called up for sentence. As the girl has secured a good home with a respectable family she was allowed to go on payment of costs.

O'DONOVAN ROSSA'S NEW CULT.

Pittsburg Irishmen Take no Stock in Eccentric Movements.

Pittsburg Irishmen take no stock in the new society organized in New York by O'Donovan Rossa, and christened the "United Irishmen." It is a revolutionary organization, and Rossa has announced that at the meeting held in New York last week to form the society, there were present Irishmen from Pittsburg and numerous other cities further East.

Mr. Cornelius Horgan, who is a representative man in Irish movements in this city and a prominent member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, said yesterday:

"I do not believe that a single Irishman from Pittsburg attended Rossa's meeting. The Irishmen of this city have too much sense to be any about in Rossa or his movements. We believe in constitutional means, in supporting the policy of Charles Stewart Parnell, and are opposed to Irish and dynamic Rossa never did any more than to try to advance the Irish cause. He has been an injury to it. The announcement of his new society and his manifesto are read by the Irishmen of this city and thrown aside without any further attention. His wild scheme will not find any support here. Rossa has only gotten up this new society to call the attention of the world to the fact that he is still alive."

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