

POSTOFFICE GROWTH
Considerable Speculation as to the Appointment.
MR. M'KEAN GOES EAST.

A Marvelous Showing of the Local Office's Condition.
50 PER CENT INCREASE IN YEARS

Upon no subject is the general public more interested than the question as to who Postmaster Larkin will be, and when the appointment will be made.
Although the personality of the appointee is practically conceded to be inseparably connected with Mr. James S. McKean, it is certain that the opposition will be game.

His Record in Doubt.
"No. He was on his way to New York. "By way of Washington." "Oh, no. "Would he see Senator Quay?" "Not at all likely to go to Washington." "When was he bound for?" "East on business." "And that was the sum and substance of an interview with the Postmaster-to-be."

Delegation after delegation of Mr. McKean's friends besieged him yesterday with queries as to whether the appointment would be made as per an alleged semi-official announcement, but at the end of the day not a word beyond what was said from Washington to the conviction dawned that political announcements do not always announce.
There came intimations of a bold sortie upon the Postmaster's position, and it seems to be that the funeral of Mrs. Scott Lord, the sister of Mrs. Harrison, may have interwoven with the usual routine of the Executive.

AN ASTONISHING INCREASE.
Astounding is a mild word to express the progress made by the postoffice service in the last four years in Pittsburgh.
When the present Postmaster vacates his seat in the Postoffice building, to give place to another who will probably fill it nearly as fully as the old one, the increase in the remarkable increase of business which Pittsburgh shows will open the eyes of the whole country to what the Iron City is doing.

REASONS FOR CONSERVATION.
The reason was, he said, that the outgoing Postmaster was responsible for every penny in the building except a trifling over-advance, fixed reserve in the money order department, to keep business running.
The bond under which the Postmaster holds his position, together with the fact that the balance has to be made daily, keeps the gentleman under whose direction the Government sells the general public, the right to interfere with the letter in the straight and narrow path which makes deviations impossible.

NOTABLE ADDITIONS.
Since then there have been added three stations, two of them being in the law and carrier places, and one a stamp agency.
When Mr. Larkin assumed control there were no special collectors and now there are seven, three of whom are mounted.
In some cases wages have been advanced, but the expenditures have been kept down to a figure which places Pittsburgh in one of the foremost positions in the country as a self-maintaining postoffice.

PLACES TO BE FILLED.
The list of places which are exception from the operation of the civil service law is short, but means a great deal to those who can get them.
The places for which the great American public in Pittsburgh has to be made as follows: Assistant postmaster, three stamp clerks, cashier, clerk of second class matter, superintendent of the registry division, superintendent of the money order division, superintendent of the registry transfer, superintendent of stations and stamp agencies.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE DOING.
Some Who Travel, Some Who Do Not, and Others Who Talk.
H. Wickham, President of the Southwestern Virginia Improvement Company, was in the city yesterday, and speaking of the prospects of the Pocahontas coal region, he said that they were exceedingly bright.
The vein in the lower part of the mountain is eight miles, when it tapers to five feet. The company has 400 coke ovens in operation and is about to build more.
The average price for mining in the region is 35 cents, and the mine cost is 15 cents.
The company is now looking for coal to use in the coke ovens, and that new ones will be built in the near future.

Two Unemployed Sellers.
Mrs. Mary Campbell, of Second avenue, is charged before Alderman Cassidy with selling liquor without license, by James McGuire.
Annie Walker and her son, John Shrim, were given a hearing before Alderman Kelly yesterday on charges of selling liquor on Sunday and without license, made by Kate Anderson.
The defendants were held for court in \$1,000 bail on each charge.

Warrants have been issued for the institution of four new Councils of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.
They are located as follows: Clearfield Council No. 304, of Philadelphia; Philadelphia Council No. 305, of Philadelphia; William Town Council No. 306, of Allegheny; and Lawrence County Council No. 307, of Mt. Jackson, Lawrence county.

CARNABAN'S DANDER UP.
He Makes Very Eloquent Assertions about the Squirrel Hill-Schenley Park Middle-Order Streets Hearing on the Right of Way.

Appeals for the Missionary Bishops of Wyoming and Utah.

THEY WANT MONEY TO FUND SCHOOLS

The first missionary meeting held in connection with the annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the diocese of Pittsburgh took place in Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church last evening.
There was a good congregation. In the absence of the regular organist, Mr. T. Doyle presided at the instrument. The collection taken for the Women's Auxiliary was a beautiful one.

IN PASSABLE STREETS.
A Fire on Mt. Washington Last Night Does Damage.

THE RESIDENTS WILL HAVE TO VACATE

THEY PAID FINE PRICES.

AN INSANE WOMAN'S ESCAPE.

AROUND CITY HALL.

BEATING THE CONDUCTOR.

PENNY EXTENDING ITS FEEDERS.

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VOICES OF THE WEST.
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BOUGHT THE SQUARE.
The Pennsylvania Railroad Purchasing Southside Property.

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LAMBING MAY BEHIND.
The Secretary of the Historical Society Says It's a Corpse.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA held their regular meeting yesterday afternoon in the Court House.

Chairman J. C. Porter, of the committee having charge of the preparation of a minute upon the death of Mr. Darlington, an old and honored member of the society, reported suitably.

The report was approved. A letter from Rev. Father A. A. Lambing, Secretary of the association, was received and read. Father Lambing stated that he deplored the lack of interest in the society which was exhibited by the members of the same, and is at present endeavoring to turn the tide in lieu of a corpse.

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