STIRRED UP A ROW

Lively Meeting of the Mechanics' Benefit Branch.

A Discussion Lasts, That Ends in a Very Close Vote.

A PHILADELPHIA RING ON TOP

The Funeral Benefit Association, auxiliary to the Order of American Mechanics, met in ninth annual national convention yesterday forenoon in the G. A. R. Hall at No. 78 Fourth avenue. President G. Arthur Howell called the convention to order, and said that it had been decided to adjourn until the evening, in order to allow the members of the association to participate in the corner-stone laying and the parade.

The session in the evening was long and exceedingly warm. There were spirited discussions over the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, over the election of officers and over the time of meeting.

MUCH INTEREST EVINCED.

The hall was filled, at least 200 delegates being present. Mr. Arthur presided. Secretary Deemer read the report of the Board of Directors, which was, in substance, the indorsed report of the Secretary. The receipts for the year were \$51,-370 99, made up of 19 assessments. During the year 202 death claims were paid of \$250 each, aggregating \$50,500. During the year 1888 there were only 113 death claims paid. The balance on the books December 31, 1888, was \$3,344 31, and at the last day of 1889 this had been reduced to \$3,263 81.

The secretary's salary was \$500, the rent of an office in Philadelphia \$100, the printing of proceedings of the Junior Order \$251, postage \$68, a roll book \$13, and other small items making up the total sum of expenses.

THE ORDER'S GROWTH.

During the year 1889 the total membership of the association increased from 23,079 to 29,326. Of that number Pennsylvania has 20,555 members, New Jersey 3,593, Maryland 1,470, New York 264, Massachusetts 217, Ohio 1,476, Virginia 1,196, Illinois 136, New Hampshire 133, Delaware 65, Washington 56, West Virginia 53, North

Carolina 45, Wisconsin 39 and Missouri 28. The report contained a statement that the Board of Directors had decided that the secretary should make a monthly settlement with the treasurer. This stirred up a rumpus. The reports of the secretary and treasurer, which agreed, had been, previous to the meeting, refer-d to the Auditing Committee of three members.

AN ODD PREDICAMENT.

The condition of this committee pro sented an odd question to the association. One of its members had resigned about four months ago, so that only two members were left. One of these gentlemen presented a report completely commending the secre-tary's accounting, whi'e the other gentle-man objected to several minor items of expenditure and presented a forcible protest against the monthly accounting. A long debate ensued on these two reports, the Philadelphia delegates main-taining that the report presented by the chairman of the committee was a majority report. The association finally voted to send the two reports back to the committee, and, after electing a third member of the send the two reports back to the committee, and, after electing a third member of the committee, nominate by the Phil delphia wing of the order, directed the committee to formulate a report and send it to the secretary to be incorporated in the published pamphlet of proceedings and finances. Sections In Proceedings and finances. Sections In the published the secretary December 2018."

Mr. Wm. Witherow, proprietor of the Hotel Duquesne, said of the opening last evening: "I have seen a great many public occasions in various parts of the country, but I must say that I never saw such superburners and the published pamphlet of proceedings and finances. Section 1.

ANOTHER BREEZE STIRRED UP.

A Pittsburg member then stirred up monthly, settlement with the treasurer. Another long debate ensued, the result be-The election of officers was then taken up. The Nominating Comm'ttee had prepared a ticket, which has been printed. It was handed around the hall. The ticket was as follows: President, G. Howell Arthur, Philadelphia; Vice President, Lewis A. Harmer, Philadelphia; Secretary, Edward S. Deemer, Philadelphia; Treasurer, Harry A. Heisler, Philadelphia; Directors, D. A. Reese and C. L. Cadwallader, Philadelphia ALL DEBATE SHUT OFF.

No organized opposition to this ticket was prepared. The only fight made was on to make speeches against Mr. Deemer, but were shut off by President Arthur, as being out of order. Personal-ities, he said, could not be allowed. There were loud complaints of gag law, but the Tuesday. ticket went through. There were, on most of the officers, only three or four dissenting votes, but on secretary the vote stood 85 to 49. Secretary Deemer smiled again.

The question of place for the next annual convention was taken up. A cordial invitation was presented from the city of Washington, D. C., and it was accepted without opposition.

Then ensued a fight over the time for

the convention. A motion was made by a Pittsburg delegate to hold the annual convention on the first Wednesday in April. On this there was a syet the thief has not been caught. long contest. It was argued that the con-vention ought not to be held on the day of annual parades, February 22.

TOO MUCH FOR ONE DAY. The example of yesterday was cited to show that a parade and a convention of the Funeral Benefit Association on the same day were inconvenient and seriously interfered with the transaction of business. One delegate pointed to the clock and said: "It is now 1:20 o'clock. We are doing business on the Sabbath day, when we should be sleeping." The vote for a change of time resulted, after a tedious call of the entire roll of delegates, 44 years, 46 nays. The change was not adopted. It was then voted, viva voce, to meet on February 22, 1891. Secretary Deemer smiled again. At 1:30 o'clock this morning the associa-

tion adjourned. A REFRACTORY PRISONER.

How Sergeant Metz Managed to Tame Combative Visitor.

John Haley, a young man of combative proclivities, was arrested for making a disturbance on Ward street last night. He was carted up to the Central station and gave no trouble in the wagon,
When Sergeant Metz attempted to search

him he resented the indignity by slugging the Sergeant in the eye, following up the lead by kicking him in the stomach The Sergeant gathered himself together

and baring his big right arm soon had the prisoner behind the bars, not, however, without a pretty lively tussle.

THE ENTIRE PORCE.

Allegheny's Coppers Discover and Raid Spent-Ensy at Last.

Chief Kirschler, of Altegheny, and the entire force or detectives, shortly after 10 o'clock last night, made a raid on an alleged "apeak-easy," kept by Jacob Hasley on River avenue, near Anderson street. Sixteen men and three women were cap tured and lodged in the lockup.

FIRST TAUGHT THE BLAND.

Contennal Anniversary of the Death of the Abbe de l'Epec-A Characteristic Celebration by Pittsburgers-An Interesting Object Lesson.

The centennial anniversary of the death of the Abbe de l'Epee was celebrated last evening in the chapel of St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Church, on Ninth street. He was the first teacher of the blind in UNTIL LATE IN THE NIGHT France. It was he who formulated the first sign alphabet for the deaf and dumb, which has since been improved upon, until the present complicated but highly expressive

system is the result. Last evening there were about 70 persons present, of whom at least 50 were deaf. Throughout the exercises of the evening animuted conversation was carried on, not only by persons sitting side by side, but by men and women separated by the entire width of the chapel. Strange to say, unlike conversa-tion at the theater, it did not interfere with the exercises, and interrupted no man who was intent upon the words of the speaker The conversation was carried on by the sign

language, and was silent.

J. C. Balis rendered a history of the Abbe de l'Epec and of the work which he had done. As he proceeded with his gestures his thought was translated into English speech by Mr. Stewart, the interpreter connected with the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb,

When the lecture was concluded, B. R. Allabaugh, the supervisor of the institute, gave an interesting object lesson on the black-board. He wrote questions, to which a deal board. He wrote questions, to which a deaf boy 10 years old wrote the answers. One thing noticeable in this and the following exercises was the excellence of chirography shown by the deaf and dumb pupils boys of 9 years were then called to the blackboys of 9 years were then called to the black-board. Mr. Allabaugh described, in sign language, the shooting and cooking of a rabbit, and asked each boy to write the story on the blackboard. One boy wrote: "A man saw a rabbit. He killed it. He cooked it and ate it for dinner." The other wrote: "A man saw a rabbit. He shot it and ate it for dinner." Similar interesting arthibitions were given by the lade. A goodly exhibitions were given by the lads. A goodly collection was taken for the proposed State home for aged deaf persons, to be established somewhere near Harrisburg.

STATUS OF THE LIBRARY.

Why Visitors Have to be Excluded, No Matter Who They Are-The \$250,000 Worth of Pictures Being Returned-Citizens Praise Mr. Scott's Executive Management.

Concerning the statements that some friends of Mr. Carnegie were refused admittance to Carnegie Free Library yesterday, as alleged by the order of Mr. James B. ott, that gentleman said yesterday: "I really fail to see why misrepresentation

ccasionally takes the place of truth when the latter is just as cheap. As a matter of fact the Carnegie Free Library is absolutely in the charge of the City Property Committee, of Allegheny, and nobody is to be allowed access to the building until the status of the permanent control is established. My presence there yester-day is simply due to the fact that the Commission is responsible for \$250,000 worth of pictures loaned by our citizens to the Art Committee, of which Mr. Joseph R. Woodwell is chairman. The pictures were removed from the walls yester day and were being packed for transfer to the owners. It would be a pretty how dy'e do if the public was allowed to tramp around the building with a quarter of a million dollars worth of paintings lying around on the floor. I have no connection whatever with the library and am only in attendance there along with the members of that art committee until the pictures are safely returned to their owners next week. When that is done the traces of the opening will be cleared away and the library will

an was ex not a hitch from beginning to end of the programme. The audience was seated in a most careful and methodical manner, the enthuanother breeze by moving that the Board sinsm was injectious and the applicate was of Directors be instructed to order the sec-retary to make a weekly, instead of a with great nicety, and a more admirable success could not be imagined. Colonel J. M. Schoonmaker occupied the seat next to me, ing the defeat of the motion on a close viva and his opinions were as strongly expressed voce vote. Secretary Deemer smiled again. as my own. On all sides I hear the warmest praise of Mr. James B. Scott's executive ability as shown in the management of the

LOST GLOVES AND MONEY,

And Had a Troy Hill Man Arrested and Held for Trial.

Edward Livingston, who lives at No. 148 Webster avenue, made an information before Alderman Richards yesterday charging Powell Kramer, of Troy Hill, with larceny. Several gentlemen attempted It is alleged by Livingston that Kramer speeches against Mr. Deemer, stole a dollar and a pair of gloves from his overcoat at Lutz's brewery.

Kramer was arrested and committed to jail in detault of \$500 bail for a hearing

> A Cracksman Cracks a Cracker Factory. Yesterday morning a sneak thief entered the office of McClurg & Co.'s cracker factory on Rebecca street, Allegheny, and in the absence of the clerk, stole \$220. The money was in one package, having been brought in only a short time before by one of the wagon men and lay on the desk. The clerl was absent but a moment and on returning discovered the theft. Chief Kirschler detailed a detective to work on the case, but

WHAT PEOPLE ARE DOING.

Some Who Travel, Some Who Do Not, and

Others Who Talk. -Mr. William G. Foster and wife, P. taburg, who spent several days in St. Francis last week, left on Thursday for Key West, Fig., and Havana. Returning they will take in St. Augustine and Jacksonville, and then pro-

-Mr. George Richards, of Crafton, exmember of the Legislature, celebrated his 39th birthday yesterday by giving a reception to his old friends and associates. He was made the recipient of many presents as mementoes of the occasion.

-Mrs. Senator Quay and two young daughters were passengers on the Eastern express last night returning to Washington. Mrs. Quay came on to attend the wedding of her niece at Sewickley.

-Special April Hampton Houghton, of the Pennsylvania road, who has been laid up for a week with la grippe, is able to resume his duties once more. His friends are glad to see him on the streets. -Mr. E. G. W. Dietrich, the well known

architect of New York City, was here last week on business, and stopped with his mother, Mrs. J. S. Dietrich, 147 Second avenue. -Mr. K. Solomon, of Guskys', leaves for New York and other Eastern cities this even

ing. He contemplates returning about March -Miss Stella Kevan, of Sherman avenue who has been visiting in Philadelphia for the past three months, returned home last evening.

-John C. Spofford, of Boston, and J. M. Reed, of Oil City, are stopping at the Duquesne Hotel. -Mr. W. DeWolf leaves this morning

for the East, to return in about three weeks, -Senator E. E. Robbins, of Greensburg, was in the city yesterday. -Harry Metzgar went East last night.

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HARRISON DELIGHTED SOME SERIOUS CHARGES

Col. Bayne Says the President Enjoyed His Visit to Pittsburg.

THE RECEPTION TICKLED HIM.

Notch by Congress. A DEFENSE OF THE ALASKAN SEAL JOBS

Duties on Enameled Iron Will be Put Up a

Congressman Bayne returned to Washngton last evening. The Colonel accomnanied President Harrison to Pittsburg on his visit here, last week, and he remained over until yesterday, thanks to Speaker Reed, who found enough Republicans in his absence to make up a quorum when oc-

casion required. Speaking of the President's trip, Colonel Bayne said: "Mr. Harrison was pleased with his visit to Pittsburg, pleased with the library, but above all, delighted with his reception at the hands of the people. Do you know, he actually enjoyed the public reception at the Court House. Everybody mows that shaking hands is a perfunctory operation, but the President liked it. Every ce in awhile I would ask him if he wasn't

COULD KEEP IT UP ALL NIGHT. "The County Commissioners told me there was a big crowd outside, but I didn't care to discourage him. Finally I said: 'Mr. Pres-

ident, you can maintain this process of shaking hands all night if you want to. There are enough people out there to keep you going.' 'Oh, well, Bayne,' he replied, don't be in a hurry. I am enjoying it."
"But after awhile I could see he was getting tired, and I again asked him if he wouldn't stop. 'Well,' he answered, 'just as you say. If you think I ought to continue any longer I am willing.'

"As soon as he said that I told the comnissioners to close the doors, but the Presi-

dent had had a good time and I could see that he was pleased. "Harrison is a man who will wear, by the way. At the end of his term he will be a popular man. The trouble now is that he is several sizes larger than the politicians thought he was. The people didn't expect much from Cleveland, and so they were surprised when he made a pretty fair President. Harrison has filled the bill thus far

TOM REED ALL BIGHT. 'As for Tom Reed-well, now, Reed is a big man physically, and he is just as large mentally. He is a wonderful man and he has placed the Democrats in a fiery furnace, as a puddler would pig iron. Reed was

very admirably, and the respect for the man will increase as the length of his term de-

right, and he has finally gotten the Democracy into line." "How about the tariff, Colonel?"
"The tariff," Mr. Bayne replied, "won't be reduced except on a few articles, and it will be increased in some cases. There are certain special industries that haven't been properly cared for. Enameled iron, which is made in large quantities in this section is one of these. The tariff will be increased on this product, and it will probably be reduced on sugar."

The Colonel declares that all the talk about the Alaskan lobbyists in connection with the seal fisheries is so much "twaddle." He declares emphatically there is no truth in the reports. He says there can't be anything crooked. Any man, he states, who makes the lowest bid and gives a bond for the safe discharge of his part of the contract can engage in the business of catching seals. The Colonel thinks the skins cannot be prepared in this country, because we can't get the workmen to compete with the English. He insists that all the transactions are as straight as a die.

CUT INTO PIECES.

Terrible Death of Prof. Stephenson n Hazelwood-Bls Remains Scattered Along the Track for Some Distance by a Train-An Old Teacher's Fate.

One of the oldest teachers in the Pittaburg schools was killed about 8 P. M. yesterday. I. was Prof. Isaac N. Stephenson, principal of the Lawrence School of the Fifteenth ward, who was run over on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at Hazelwood. Prof. Stephenson was on his way home and had alighted from a train shortly before 8 o'clock. As he was crossing the track he was struck by a passing train and cut to pieces under the wheels. His remains were found on the track just after the train had passed and were taken to an undertaking establishment. His watch had stopped at nine minutes to 8 o'clock, the time of the

Prof. Stephenson leaves a widow and four children residing at Hazelwood. He was 51 years of age, and has been connected with the Pittsburg schools since 1855. He was formerly principal of the Grant school, and was succeeded there by H. I. Gourley, the Mayor-elect. He was also principal of the Homewood and Wilkinsburg schools for short periods, and has presided over the Lawrence school for eight or ten years.

The Coroner was notified of the case, and will hold an inquest to-morrow.

THE GREAT BANQUET A GO.

Some Settlement of the Americas Club Ruction Has Been Achieved. Preparations are going merrily forward for the grand banquet of the Americus Club. There is some significance attached to this statement, as the Quay contingent of the club was going about swearing that if Congressman Dalzell was to officiate as toastmaster there would be no banquet.

Every member of the club approached

resterday about the matter smiled distantly and professed an ignorance childlike and bland to the last degree.

AN OAKLAND SUSPECT.

A Man in Doubt About His Residence to

be Investigated. Albert McGuire was arrested by Officer Wachter last night and lodged in the Fourteenth ward station, charged with being a suspicious person. It is alleged by the officer that McGuire had been loafing about Oakland for the past several days, and told several stories about where he lived which did not tally by any means. The recent Oakland fires and numerous thefts have made the officers use extra vigilance.

Said to Have Stolen \$24. William Gerhold was arrested vesterday by Detective Glenn, of Allegheny, in Kline's saloon, on Eleventh street, Pittsburg, on a charge of the larceny of \$24 from Bower, of No. 23 Center alley, Allegheny, The men board at the same house and the theft is said to have occurred yesterday.

Fell From n Wagon.

A 10-year-old boy named Luke was quite seriously injured yesterday afternoon by falling from a wagon, at the corner of Ohio and Federal streets, Allegheny. He was taken to his home on Henderson street in an nneonscious condition.

Presented With a Flag.

One of the special features of yesterday's celebration was the presentation of a magnificent silk banner by J. Kaulman & Bros. to Valley Forge Council, Jr. O. U. A. M.

THE Charleroi Land Company's office, at Charleroi, Washington county, Pennsylvania, will be open for business on and after the 4th of March next. M. J. Alexander, the manager, will be on the ground from that date regularly to give everyone his personal attention.

Made Against Labor Leaders by the Strikers at Shoenberger's Mill-Policemen Still Ganrding the Property-Important Meet-

ing of the Strikers. A meeting of the strikers from Sho berger's mill was held at Imperial Hall last night, and important developments were the result. Nearly 100 men were present. Chairman Lysett, of Trustworthy Lodge, presided, and stated that the object of the meeting was to secure the sanction of the strikers to make a test case of one of the

arrests that had been made.

The Chairman stated that upon seeking legal information he had been informed that it was unlawful to arrest a man who merely walked the street and obeyed the law A vote was then taken on the question and all were in favor of having such a test made. Definite action was deferred, however, on the course to

be adopted, until the next meeting.
A general discussion of the situation of
the strike arose. The course of President
Weihe, of the National Amalgamated Association, and District Vice President Sullivan was severely criticised. It was claimed that they had catered to the interests of Shoenberger & Co., and had treated the members of Trustworthy Lodge unfairly. One of the head officers, it was claimed, had acted in an underhand method, while acting in the capacity of an agent of Trustworthy Lodge, and had gone so far as to accept money to ruin the lodge. The pub-lications in the Labor Tribuns of William Martin were denounced as misleading, and presented but one side of the question. Several of those present stated that they were afraid to go home, because their homes were near the mill and since, to be seen in

the vicinity, meant certain arrest.

The report of alleged collusion between one of the officials of the Steel Workers' Association and Shoenberger & Co. will, no doubt, create a sensation among the mem-bers of the Amalgamated Association. To let such rumors go uncontradicted will breed unending discord in certain quarters, and steps will probably be taken to dis-cipling those who are dissatisfied with the settlement made.

Messrs. Weihe and Martin maintain that there has been no official or legal strike at the mill, while the men insist that their cause is just and should be sustained. The company is running its mill almost to its full capacity, and it is hard to foretell what course the strikers will pursue. Four policemen are kept constantly on guard at the place, and will see that no overt act will be ommitted. A visit to Mr. Martin's house late last

the city and could not, therefore, be seen in reference to the matter. The next meeting of the men has been arranged to take place on next Tuesday afternoon, and important developments are looked

night elicited the fact that he was not at home. One of the inmates of the house

stated that it was not definitely known where

Mr. Martin was, but he was probably out of

ARTIFICIAL ICE IN TEXAS.

So Chesp That the Poorest Use It, Says Mr. Depew. Mr. Charles Depew, an old-time DISPATCH reporter, and subsequently real estate broker, is in the city on a visit, after several years' residence in Texas. He states that he came

back to see how much Pittsburg had grown, and he thinks it has done very well. Discussing the very probable failure of the ice crop hereabouts, Mr. Depew says that should there be successive failures until people would be forced to depend on the artificial product, they would soon learn to relish the change, as they would get cleaner ice just as cheaply before long. Mr. Depew says that in Galveston artificial ice sells almost as cheaply as the natural product does in Pittsburg. petition pulled down prices, as the making was very profitable, and what was once a luxury when taken from the North is now regarded as a necessity even by very poor

DRUNKARDS OF CHILDREN.

The Work Which is Being Wrought by the

Jug Business. Inspector McKelvey delivered some forcible remarks last night on the evils of the sections of the Southside when three boys, none of whom were over 14 years, were brought into the Twenty-eighth ward station on charges of drunkenness. One of the lads, the smallest, and probably the most youthful of the three, was carried from the wagon into the cell room in the arms of one of the wagon men, so helpless was his condition. He was bleeding from a cut over the eye, inflicted by the watchman of Cunningham & Co.'s glass factory, so they said, who struck him with a lump of glass.

The two boys who were able to talk denied that they had been drinking liquor,

DOWN ON CIVIL SERVICE.

Connecticut Manufacturer With Strong Tariff Ideas.

but the little fellow's appearance indicated

Samuel Dodd, of Meriden, Conn., who is engaged in the silver plating business, is at the Duquesne. Mr. Dodd is here to buy flint glass for his trade. At one time he was a member of the Connecticut Legisla-ture, but he went there, he says, to help to elect Platt to the United States Senate. Mr. Dodd is a strong tariff man, but he wants the duty on copper removed. Copper is used extensively in his business. He thinks a tax should not be placed on raw materials that cannot be produced in America. Mr. Dodd also is down on civil

service reform in the abstract and concrete. He wants non eof it in his daily regime, and he doesn't like Harrison, either, because Ben will persist in allowing an officeholder to serve out his time.

AN ITALIAN KILLED.

The Lake Eric Gets in Its, Work on the Martuary List. Domita Bonicello, an Italian employed on the Pittsburg and Lake Eric Railroad at jured last evening. He was run down by a trap; H. H. Westinghouse, pressure indi-him cut off both his large. He was run down by a trap; H. H. Westinghouse, pressure indi-cator for air-brake apparatus. him cut off both his legs. He was brought to the city and the West Penn Hospital

Bonicello was 40 years of age, and but recently came from Italy. He boarded in a shanty at Shousetown.

LOCAL ITEMS, LIMITED.

Incidents of a Day in Two Cities Condensed for Rendy Rending. THE Marion Improvement Company elected the following officers yesterday at its office, 125 Water street: President, T. M. Jenkinson: Treasurer, J. A. Elphiustone: Manager, C. R. Maclerry: Directora, T. M. Jenkinson, J. A. Elphinstone, S. N. Barth, C. Kimberland, C. R. Mgclerry, J. A. Rodabaugh and William Wat-

WILLIAM REYNOLDS, the well-known engineer of Municipal Hall, was thrown from his herse on Smithfield street in front of the build-ing and seriously hurt. His knee cap was split and one leg broken. Mr. Reynolds was re-moved to the West Penn Hospital where his

njuries were dressed SERGEANT JAMES M. LEWIS, off Philadelphia. passed through the city yesterday with ten regular army recruits bound for Jefferson Bar-racks, Mo. They were joined at the Union depot by six additional from this city. CITY HALL was deserted yesterday except

by the ever-faithful Controller and his assistant clerk, Virgil L. Adams, both holding up the city financial record and figuring how to defeat the deficiency. THE removal of the ruins of the ill-fated Willey building was commenced yesterday under the direction of Murphy & Hamilton, who will erect three large commission houses

OPPORTUNITY was taken of yesterday being a holiday to clean up the registry and money order departments of the Postoffice.

NO UNWILLING

Now Being Turned by the Allegheny City Property Committee

TO PROTESTS OF THE PEOPLE

Against the Library Being Placed in the Hands of Politicians.

MR. PRATT'S VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT

Mr. Thomas A. Parke, one of the men bers of the Allegheny City Property Committee, stated yesterday that the sub-com-mittee appointed to draft an ordinance for the permanent commission which will control Carnegie Free Library, will meet tomorrow evening to take action. This subcommittee consists of the following Councilmen: Ammon, Chairman, Lare, Kennedy, Parke and Beilstein. The various views advanced in regard to the control of the library will be unreservedly discussed, and the best judgment of the committee will be

brought into play.

The tenor of all the speeches made at the formal opening was so emphatically in favor of a commission of repre-sentative citizens as the trustees of Mr. Carnegie's magnificent gift that it is be-lieved that the issue of politics will not be again thrust into the matter. It is thought that the City Property Committee as a whole is now disposed to listen to the very general test against constituting the future control of the building with an eye to political

MR. CARNEGIE'S VIEWS. Mr. Carnegie, who went to New York yesterday to rejoin his wife and obtain rest after the events of last week, was several times requested to give his views in regard to the control of the building. In each in-stance he reiterated his belief in popular management of such an affair, and said that he had the most implicit confidence in the Allegheny Councils, and was convinced that the future of the building would be intrusted to proper hands. He expressed, however, great satisfaction at the very general form which public discussion had taken, and stated to several friends that he hoped that the various matters in connec-tion with the Pittsburg library would come in for the fullest and freest discussion, as the people who have ideas on such subjects were certainly entitled to an opportunity of being heard.

A gentleman who conversed with Enoch Pratt, the venerable Baltimorean who has the distinction of being the pioneer in the building of free libraries, found that Mr. Pratt had very strong ideas upon the sub-ject of control of such institutions. HIS FIRST AIM.

Mr. Pratt stated that his first aim had been to insure his gift a controlling com-mittee of men active in literary pur-suits, or with sufficient leisure and love of such matters to be willing to devote some daily time to the matter. He had found that even with his library well established and running smoothly, there was a great responsibility existing which could only be properly handled by men of cultured minds. In the task of stocking the library, Mr. Pratt had asked for the lists of books from the most eminent men in the nation, and had discovered that pedantic ideas were not always applicable to a range of literature for the masses, and of an im-

proving character.
It had been Mr. Pratt's idea that books could be indiscriminately selected from the best catalognes, but he found that judgment had to be very carefully exercised in separat ing the wheat from the chaff in literature.

PLAIN AND PRACTICAL WORKS. From the results of his experience, Mr. Pratt had arrived at the conclusion that the plain and practical, both in covers and contents, were the first essentials in stocking the library. In other words, the stand-ard works which must be in every library should be first secured, leaving art treasures, curiosities of literature, and books of refer-ence to the last. He said that the people needed the plainest literary food at first, with dessert to come later in the shape of rarer and costlier volumes; that great judg-ment was very often necessary in deciding upon the most desirable editions of even the rdinary run of books, and that duplication of books, while necessary in branch libra-ries, was not advisable in a library which is to be, like the Allegheny institution, complete under one roof.

ABOUT THE BEST BUILDING. In conclusion, Mr. Pratt said that no building in the United States offered such great possibilities as the Carnegie Free Li-brary, and he hoped to hear of it as filling the measure of usefulness it gave promise of at present. The venerable gentleman proed himself delighted with the quiet hearty and genial welcome accorded the party. The above views were communicated at length by Mr. Pratt to a Pitttsburg gentleman who accompanied the Carnegie party, and the gentleman quoted desires that

the public be apprised of the opinions en-tertained by the Baltimorean.

Not the Same Firm. Joseph M. Dixon, of Dixon & Co., has been greatly embarrassed for a couple of days by the mistaking of his firm for that of Dickson & Co., the druggists, upon whose house an execution was issued several

days ago. A Clever Drum Mejor. The actions of the McKeesport Drum Major who used a musket with fixed bay-

onet for a baton attracted applause as he passed City Hall. He showed great con-trol of the weapon.

Higdon & Higdon, patent lawyers, 95 Fifth avenue. Pittsburg, and St. Cloud building, opposite Patent Office, Washington, D. C., report the following patents granted this week: Pittsburg-J. W. Davy, insulator; same, rail for elevated ways; J. H. Dixon, tool attachment; W. S. Sims, roll; R. H. cator for air-brake apparatus. Allegheny-J. C. Beckfeld & A. Schmid, gas engine, etc.; M. A. Michales, mining machine. Alicona-W. O. Dunbar, journal box for ambulance summoned. Before it could arrive the man died, and the body was taken to the morgue. An inquest will be held to-

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C. C., cor. Grant and Diamond sts., opp. the new Court House.

No well regulated household should be without Angostura Bitters, the celebrated appetizer.

toan two minutes Dr. Sadler had completed the operation without a motion to interfere on the part of th

SWEETS TO THE SWEET.

Pittsburg Ladies Fond of Candles Matro as Well as School Girls Call it a Necessity-A Pretty Girl's Practical Choice of Sweetness.

With a lead-me-not-into-temptation sor of a feeling a reporter, in the interest of the public, sauntered into a fashionable confectionery store yesterday afternoon. A confectionery store is a rather sweet place to visit, but dangerous to the digestion and to the heart of a susceptible mortal, for "sweets to the sweet" is a motto the clerks in such an establishment are constantly

verifying.

By personal observation in the course of by personal observation in the course of an hour, and a conversation with one of the clerks, some very awest information was ob-tained regarding the awests that young ladies affect. "They prefer a young ladies affect. "They prefer a mixture, in buying a pound of candy," said the young man, "French candies, of course, delicate creams of all flavors, with candied fruits sprinkled in liberally. Regular customers? Well, I should think we did have them. We learn to know their favorite candies; in other words, their likes and dislikes to a T, and it is surprising them made on features. prising how much confectionery a well-de-veloped girl can consume. "Nor is the enjoyment of candy confined

to the younger generation. Some married women are inveterate candy consumers. One little matron comes in here every time she passes and buys s box. Sometimes she will remark: 'I have ome at home, but thought I would get some more for lear I might need it.'
Yes, need is the word she
uses, as if it were really a necessity to her, and she is a dreadfully pretty little creature, too, lovely complexion, bright eyes, good teeth, and a general appearance that contradicts the statement that candy is unhealth-During the conversation customer after

customer had entered the store, and number-less boxes had been filled with choice candies by the salesmen, when in tripped a charming little blonde, accompanied by a tail, dark gentleman. Designating her favorite candles with a few words and one or two graceful gestures, she conversed with her companion while her wishes were material-izing. The salesmen presented the neatly-covered gilt-corded box to the gentleman. He, turning to the young lady, gave it to her with the remark: "A testimonial to the fact that I'm 'sweet' on you." Not in the least disconcerted the young lady retorted: "A substantial kind of sweetness; I like to have men sweet on me in this way."

DRUNKARD'S HALLUCINATION. The Popular Bellef That They See Snakes is

a Great Mistake. A man came to the dispensary the other day, says Dr. Frank Heitzig, in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, suffering under the hallucination that he was surrounded on all

sides with cherries. He was the victim of a continued devotion to whisky flavored with cherries preserved in marachina. The pre-valent idea that jim-jams always takes the form of snakes is a mistake. The hallucinations that beset victims to alcoholism are innumerable. I was called once to see a man who imagined that a stream of bouton-nieres was pouring through a hole in the ceiling of his room, threatening to suffocate him. Another man was haunted by an old gray goose. A large fat man believed him-self a bounding gazelle. The appearance of snakes and demons only occur in rare cases, but whatever the delusion the mental tor-

THE MANIA FOR GUM CHEWING.

Manufacturer Says More of the Article i Used To-Day Than Ever.

The demand for chewing gum, says S. A. Jones, a manufacturer, in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, is on the increase every day. It appears as if every man, woman and child has taken the fever and has become a slave to the despotic gum chewing habit. The people at Chicago chew more gum than any city in the Union at present, while St. Louis is fast falling into the wake as a prize gum chewing city, but I sometimes ship 30,000 pieces of gum in one day to jobbers in this city, which speaks for the extent of the chewing habit here. The two principal varieties of gum are one for gentlemen made from Panama importations, which is good for a whisky breath, and the other of a more delicate composition, and which the ladies favor. The ladies variety is made from California fruits.

ROBBED OF HIS TIMEPIECE.

A Gentleman Relieved of His Watch Early This Morning. A daring case of highway robbery took place on Fifth avenue, near the market house, about 12:30 o'clock this morning. Samuel Rossan, the victim, while on his way home, was waylaid by three men who relieved him of a silver watch and chain valued at \$35. The robbers did not do Mr. Rossan very considerable violence beyond rough bandling, and he reported the matter

at police headquarters as soon as possible.

Mr. Rossan signified his ability to recognize at least one if not all of the men, and the police in the different districts were notified, but have not yet succeeded in

apprehending anyone. A Rather Late Start. The ice toboggan slide in Recreation Park

was opened to the public Friday evening. It will be open afternoons and evenings while old man winter deigns to honor this neck of the woods by his presence. One hundred real toboggans are at hand, to fur-nish matter-of-fact Pennsylvanians with all the wild, romantic danger of genuine Canadian sport-if they wish it.

The Botanists' Next Meeting. The next regular meeting of the Botanical Society of Pennsylvania will be held in the Pittsburg Library parlors next Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Colonel Thomas P. Roberts will read a paper entitled "Reminiscences of Brazil." Mr. C. C. Mellor will read a sketch of the life of Frederick Pursh, one of the early botanists.

The Firing Man Arrested. Joseph Renard, the Frenchman who was to make an ascension from Recreation Park yesterday afternoon in a flying machine of his own invention, was arrested at the instance of Chief Kirschler, on account of failure to take out the necessary license, and remanded to jail in default of bail.

BOW TO SEE STRAIGHT. Two Eyes Are Better Than One.

There are hundreds of people who cannot see an object with both eyes at the same time and yet are not aware of the fact. In whatever degree, it is strabismus-"crooked eyes." If the deflection is but slight, two objects of the same are seen where but one should be. If great, the deformity is noticeable to everyone, and the fact of the eye being entirely out of the proper line of vision scon loses its power of vision from loss of exercise. It is a sin to allow a child to grow up with its eyes crooked, causing it not only to loose the sight of an eye, but to be the butt of ridicule by its companions, thus lessening its self-esteem and embitter-ing its life. No person who has had the de-formity corrected has ever regretted it. The case of the son of Mr. John Flaherty, of Walker's Mills. Pa., but ten years o age, will itlustrate the ease and simplicity of the operation in skillful hands. After dropping into the eye a solution of coconine four times in ten minutes, the little fellow

took his seat in an easy chair, and in less than two minutes Dr. Sadler had completed

CONGLOMERATE LARD

Opinion Divided on the Merits of Conger's and Butterworth's Bills.

SOME HOGGERY IN THE HOG TRADE

Deprived Americans of the Business in Europe Years Ago.

WHAT COMPOUND LARD IS, OR SHOULD BE

The trade in this city is somewhat divided in opinion regarding the merits of the Conger and Butterworth bills for the taxing of compound lard, some thinking the public able to get along very well in biscuit making without legislation, while others think pastry might be improved thereby. Mr. Henry Rea, of Rea & Co., says that if

people are deprived of compound lard they will pay some 25 per cent more for the hog product without corresponding advantage. He regards it just as he does oleomargarine—it is a good thing for the poor if sold on its merits, and the infusion of stearine and cotttonseed oil rather adds to than diminishes its claims on the score of health. E. S. Bell said that compound lard, if

properly made, was better than the country lard so much talked about. The trade could easily knock compound lard out if it wanted to. The trouble, he said, was that no one can be sure what is in it for a certainty, as cottonseed oil is too dear. Tallow is not deleterioss, in fact it lends flavor.

At E. H. Myers & Co.'s house Mr.

Succept dodged the issue, but Mr. Myers talked freely. Heattached no weight to the complaint that the country is unable to supply a sufficient amount of the pure article. If properly made, the compound is healthy enough, but it will not keep sweet WOULDN'T HURT AT ALL.

Incidentally Mr. Myers remarked that if

the United States Government were to appoint inspectors in the large packing centers to assure customers purity, no harm would be done. The composite lard cannot be palmed off on customers for the genuine article, as oleomargarin can, as any expert cook can detect the difference and many people prefer it at the lower price to the genuine article. All that is needed then is that the compound be what it is represented. Mr. Myers stated that he was in business in Chicago when this country lost its hold upon European markets, and knew that brokers were as much to blame for it as packers. An order would be sent for long sides and they would be frequently shipped within five or six days after salting and without a renewal thereo at intervals during 20 days, or thereabouts, the time necessary to cure them well. In consequence much meat was and condemned by the inspectors of the dif-ferent governments, and dealers there lost money. In consequence when Historical gan his opposition to American pork he was supported by traders as well as farmers. 'Twas the same in France, and spoiled cargoes shipped to Glasgow and other cities in
the United Kingdom destroyed the reputation
of American pork there also. This greed had
more to do with depriving us of the European market than had triching.

A gentleman at J. A. Hoeveler's establishment said that most people will take the compound article in preference to the pure

-at the difference in price. He regarded i just as healthy as the genuine stuff. Mr. Edsall, of Arbuekles & Co., thought the compound all right as long as it is sold on its merits. He also thought eleomar-garine was a good thing it sold as eleo. Walker, Dunlevy & Co. do not take much stock in compound lard. One of the firm said that no one knew when using it whether it was the product of hogs properly killed or those that had died from accident or or those that had died from accident or disease. Even putrid grease can be deodor-ized so that it cannot be detected by the handler and user, and thus disease may be spread by the use of the compound stuff.

A DIFFERENCE OF TASTE.

He could see no merit in the mixed product, and his abhorence of it was evident. that the compound article gave pretty general satisfaction. They said that most retomers did. In hot weather it was firmer than the genuine article. Once when stearine was high priced and consequently lack-ing in the compound there was great dis-satisfaction among customers. Their lard ran like oil. Mr. Jenkins said the lard of animals that died of themselves was just as liable to be used in the regular way as in the compound article.

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An Allegheny Firm Reported as Solling Non-Union Cigars. The meeting of the Central Trades Council last evening was well attended. Joseph L. Evans presided. John Coyle and James Bakewell were admitted as delegates from

A VERY QUIET MEETING.

Thomas Marlowe Lodge, No. 56, A. A. of I. and S. W. The Secretary was instructed to write to the authorities of the American Fint Glass Workers' Association in reference to glass workers at Tarentum having houses built by non-union workmen. A communication was received from Cigarmakers' L. A., 1374, regarding Morris & Kuchne selling non-union cigars. A com-mittee was appointed to see Mr. Kuchne in reference to the matter.

ASSAULTED A SICK MAN.

Turned Out on the Street While Suffering From Typhoid Fever.

Antony O'Brien was arrested yesterday evening on a warrant from Alderman Lohrman's office, sworn out by John Warbroat, changing him with assault and battery. The information alleges that the prosecutor was a boarder at O'Brien's house on Carson street, and when he fell sick with typhoid fever and became in arrears with his board bill, O'Brien took him out of bed and put him into the street.

A relapse followed the eviction, and Warbroat is still in a hospital as the result. A hearing will be held on March 3.

Michael Mullen, Robert Sullivan, Robert Kelly and James O'Leary were brought to jail yesterday on warrants issued by Alderman Berry, of McKeesport. The charges against the quartet are larceny. They are alleged to have purloined a wagon load of

Crippled by a Fall. George Afton, employed at the Stanton venue brickyards, fell from a scaffold yesterday afternoon to the ground, a distance of 20 feet. His left leg and right arm were broken. Afton lives on Fifty-first street,

MARSHELL,

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THE CASH GROCER,

COMFORT. COMFORT. COMFORT. What is Comfort?

One man's idea of comfort is to have his heels

figher than his head and a pipe in his mouth. Castles of splendor float through the air though

The typical Irishman's idea of comfort is a shillaleh in his band, a bottle of whisky in his pocket and his coat tails trailing beautifully on he ground—a defi for someone to trainp on hem. "Johnny Bull's idea of comfort is plenty of roast beef for his stomach and somebody smaller than himself to thrash.

The German's idea of comfort is "zwei glass lager beer" (zwei is German for 50) and a flaxen-baired fraulein to wait on him. The poor man's idea of comfort is the wealth of the rich man, and the rich man's idea of comfort is the freedom from care enjoyed by the poor man,

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