A GENERAL RUCTION

To Shiver First Ward Factions in License Court.

ALDERMAN CASSIDY'S WAR

On Those Who Downed Him to be Fought to the End.

A SUIT FULL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Alderman Cassidy, of the First ward, declares that he will go into the License Court, which begins its work next week, and on oath will tell what he knows about some of the people who have been selling liquor in the First ward during the past 12 years.

One of the circumstances which have led Alderman Cassidy to this determination is the tangle which has arisen over the suit instituted by Patrick O'Donnell against Patrick McDonough, on a charge of selling liquor to minors. Yesterday Mr. O'Donnell called at the office of THE DISPATCH and presented this note:

As I was misrepresented in your paper of 7th I wish to state that I never brought a chge against P McDonough for selling Liquor to minors and have always known him to keep a 1st class saloon

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WOULDN'T DO SUCH A THING.

Mr. O'Donnell said: "I never returned McDonough for selling liquor to minors. I wouldn't do a thing of that sort. It's a slander on a hard working man. I was at the hearing yesterday at Cassidy's, and I told Cassidy he had no right to put my name to that. I told him I never returned McDonough. He said he had enough witnesses without me."

"Whom do you blame for the mistake?" he was asked, and replied: "I don't blame nobody. I voted for Cassidy, but politics is politics. I did hear that McDonough said that I was nothing but a dirty loafer, running between George Free's and Matt Cavanaugh's. So I went to Cassidy's and sued McDonough for my character. But I never informed against him, I want you to put that in the paper. It worried me so much, when I saw it printed, that I went and got drunk last night."

SIGNED BY HIS MARK.

Alderman Cassidy was seen. He showed the information which had been written out on March 6, and signed by O'Donnell, who made his mark with a pen, as at the bottom of the above note. The information was made in the name of Patrick O'Donnell, and charged Patrick McDonough with selling liquor to minors on February 1, and since that date.

Alderman Cassidy said: "O'Donnell came in here in the evening. He was sober. He said he wanted an information made against Pat McDonough. He told me that he had gone into McDonough's saloon, on Penn avenue, and had seen him selling whisky to a boy. He went up and took the glass out of the boy's hand, and told McDonough not to sell to the young fellow. O'Donnell said that the boy was already drunk. He gave me the name of the boy. Nothing would do but that we should have McDonough arrested that night. He did not want us to wait till morning. We did, however, wait until the next day, when McDonough was arrested. O'Donnell gave us the names of witnesses to call, and they were summoned.

WANTED IT DISMISSED.

"None of them appeared at the time for the hearing, Friday afternoon. O'Donnell came, however, in a decidedly 'high' condition. He wanted to pay the costs and have the suit dismissed. He said he would not swear against McDonough. I told him that I would not dismiss the suit. I continued it for one week, and will try to get the witnesses to attend at that time. If none of them appear, I will be compelled to dismiss the case. An alderman has no power to compel the attendance of witnesses. The only thing I could do would be to present the case to one of the Common Pleas Judges, lay the whole thing before him, and inform him that the witnesses had been subpœnaed and had refused to attend. If the Judge thought the case a criminal affair which ought to be investigated, he would issue a process compelling the witnesses to appear before me. It is a rather tedious process, and I do not mean to undertake it in this case. If the witnesses do not show up I will be perfectly satisfied."

All of the Alderman's statements concerning O'Donnell were corroborated by his Constable and by other men who were present.

WILL TAKE IT TO COURT.

"If O'Donnell does not come here and testify, I will compel him to hold up his hand in the License Court, and I will hear what Mr. McDonough will swear to there, also.

It was at this point that Alderman Cassidy said, with a decided emphasis: "I intend to go into the License Court myself, and tell on oath what I know about some of the people who have been selling liquor in the First ward during the past 12 years."

A general ruction between the First ward factions is expected over the contest for saloon licenses. At the election on February 18 nearly all the saloon keepers in the ward worked against Cassidy's re-election, and for his successful opponent, Patrick J. Donahoe. All of these saloon keepers, as well as many others, are applicants for licenses this year. It is said Alderman Cassidy and his friends are prepared to make some interesting revelations concerning some of them in License Court.

ONE OF THE MARKED MEN.

One man who did not secure a license last year, because Judge White did not think he ought to have one, was Thomas Delaney, the proprietor of the Hotel Delaney. It was charged last year that Delaney was defeated by the influence of the Police Bureau. However that may be, he has this year made his peace with the powers that be, and was a successful candidate for Council at the February election. Having been elected to that office, according to the precedent established last year by Judge White, he cannot secure a license to keep a saloon. The application for his hotel bar will be made in the name of his brother.

Delaney worked against Cassidy, and he is one of the men marked by Cassidy's friends.

DELAMATER'S PRESENT STRENGTH.

Three-Fourths of the Delegates So Far Chosen Are His Own.

Senator George W. Delamater is expected to pay a visit to Pittsburg some time next week in the interest of his boom for Gubernatorial honors. Since his last visit the man who gets the delegates has been abroad in the State and now has a clear three-fourths of all those as yet elected to attend the Harrisburg convention.

Things political are expected to become brisk within a couple of weeks, when the rival candidates for State and Legislative honors commence beating the political preserves for the game which lies low.

STREET RAILS GONE WEST.

The Rock Island Takes 25 Cars From Johnstown to Davenport.

Commercial Agent Hall, of the Rock Island road, last week captured a shipment of 25 cars of street rails at Johnstown for a road in Davenport. Mr. Hall says that large quantities of glass are going west.

The railroad agents are hustling for a 9,000 order of steel rails that may be located in this neighborhood.

READY IN A WEEK.

The Pleasant Valley's Electric Equipment Nearing Completion—The East Street Division to Change Motive Power on Tuesday—Sale of the Live Stock.

The East street division of the Pleasant Valley road will blossom out on Tuesday with the new equipment of electric cars, most of which have arrived from Pullman, Ill. Secretary Graham is uncertain as to how many will be operated at first, as some cars that have been promised are somewhere on the road, but within a week or so the road will be thoroughly in order.

The sale of the stock, consisting of upward of 200 head of horses and mules, will take place on Wednesday at the old stables in Pleasant Valley. The disused cars will be utilized in various ways, as trailers, etc. The entire system will be under electricity within a week, and a great increase in receipts is looked for, the main line receipts having nearly doubled since the electric era began.

For several weeks the main line employes have been "breaking in" both motormen and conductors, and a hard job it seems to be. Motormen seem to learn their duties with comparative ease, but not one man in ten of those experimented with makes a success as conductor. The duties of making change, watching crossings and starting and stopping the car, seem to be too complicated for most of the applicants. Men of quick minds are necessary, and those are not readily obtainable.

Secretary Graham stated yesterday that the high stage of the water was all that prevented progress upon the new iron bridge. It has been impossible to erect the false work to sustain the present structure. The iron for the bridge is all finished and ready to put in place. The Iron City Bridge Works are constructing the bridge, which will be rigid and allow of fast travel. There will be four tracks; the two in the center will be for slow teams and cars, and the two outside tracks will be for fast travel.

The cars of the company will run at full speed across the bridge, and the teams that go on the same tracks will have to keep up with the procession.

A DAY'S ACCIDENTS.

Hogs, Steam Engines, Falling Iron, the Icy Stairs and the Boy With a Sled.

A horse attached to a milk wagon owned by William Wightman, and driven by John Dolin, became frightened yesterday afternoon on Penn avenue, near the East End Hotel, by a drove of hogs. After running about two squares the horse struck a telegraph pole, breaking the wagon to pieces and throwing Dolin out on the sidewalk on his head, cutting a deep gash on the side of his head and injuring his back.

Adam McPherson, a workman at Oliver Bros. & Phillips' mill, at Woods' Run, was severely injured yesterday afternoon by falling under the wheels of a small yard engine. He had both legs crushed below the knees so severely that it is probable that they will have to be amputated.

Conway Hughes, aged 20 years, had his leg broken at the Monroe Boiler Works yesterday, by a piece of iron falling upon it. He was taken to his home on Jones avenue.

About 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon a man named Parker slipped and fell on the stairway which leads from Federal street to River avenue, near the Sixth street bridge, in Allegheny. He struck on the back of his head on an edge of a step and rolled to the bottom, a distance of some 15 feet, unconscious. He was carried into the office of Bradley's woolen mill and Dr. Stewart was summoned. The latter found a wound on Parker's head three inches long which he dressed and sewed up. It was nearly half an hour before Parker returned to consciousness.

A 12-year-old boy named Waldschmidt, while sled riding down Spring Hill, Allegheny, yesterday afternoon, ran into a wagon and was run over. His leg was broken and he was severely cut and bruised. He was taken to his home on Spring Garden avenue.

SOME CONFLICTING GRIPS.

The Fifth Avenue Cable Seriously Damaged by Central Traction Accidents.

Work was to be commenced early this morning putting in a new cable on the lower end of the Pittsburg Traction line. Superintendent Davis stated last night that 3,000 feet of the cable at that end of the line, which is 8,500 feet long, had been rendered worthless by the grips of the Central Traction line cars striking it at the crossings.

The cable has been in use only seven and a half months, and should have lasted a year. Heavier guards have been placed at the side of the cable to prevent a like trouble in the future.

A DAY BIG WITH FATE

To Residents of Coraopolis Who Look for Oil or Gas.

Yesterday was big with the fate of Coraopolis. There was a showing of oil in the well on the farm of George Ferree, a few days since, but just when the anxious crowd's interest was screwed to the highest tension the jars broke, and since then the drillers have been fishing until yesterday, when they got a good bite and drew them out.

If neither oil nor gas is gotten, there is a big disappointment in store for the village, though the territory will be further tested.

THREE ALARMS OF FIRE.

Allegheny Firemen Chased Around Lively for Little Loss.

A pile of burning rags in the kitchen of William Schulze's residence on North avenue, Allegheny, caused box 91 to be pulled yesterday morning. The damage was trivial. A coal shed was burned on Boyle street yesterday. Box 85 was pulled. The damage was about $50.

After midnight yesterday morning Hope Engine Company responded to a still alarm at the Pittsburg and Western Railroad shops, extinguishing with small loss a fire in the roof.

A FRUITLESS MEETING.

The Corporation Committee Called to Consider Supplementary Legislation.

The Councils Corporation Committee was called yesterday by request of the Birmingham Traction Company to consider supplementary legislation regarding the line.

When it was apparent that the supplementary legislation included a complete change of the motive power to electricity—something not contemplated in the original ordinance—the Chairman decided that the matter had to be submitted to Councils and so no action was taken.

COULDN'T STEER HIM.

Farmer Worrall, of Maryland, Refuses to be Fleeced by Crooks.

Two bunko sharps tried to steer Joseph Worrall, a farmer from Maryland, at the Union depot last evening. It was the old game, and both of the scamps knew the old gentleman well. They only wanted $50 to make a fortune for him, but at this stage the farmer raised his cane and the fellows took to their heels.

The confab occurred on the depot platform, and the flight of the two men attracted a big crowd of passengers.

A Resignation Expected.

On the first meeting of Councils in April for the organization of the new civic bodies in accordance with the new city charter, it is expected that the resignation of George Sheppard as City Clerk will be presented, if not a meeting or two previously. He will assume the duties of National Bank Examiner for this district early in April.

TWO MOTHERS-IN-LAW

And What They Accomplished for a Young Williamsburg Couple.

THE WIFE SUES FOR DESERTION.

Hot Cross-Fire of Accusations in 'Squire McKenna's Court.

FAMILY WASHING DONE IN PUBLIC

Marital infelicity and the work of the mother-in-law occupied the attention of Alderman McKenna this afternoon. This time there were two mothers-in-law, as well as other warring relatives.

On March 5 Mrs. Maggie Craig, of Williamsburg, St. Clair township, made two informations against her husband, George Craig, charging him with assault and battery and desertion. She alleged that her husband had deserted her two months ago, and since that time had failed to provide for her and her two children. The assault was alleged to have been committed on December 21, when she claimed her husband took her by the throat. The couple have been married five years and have two children, a boy and a girl, now in the mother's possession.

The hearing took place yesterday afternoon. The Alderman's office was crowded. Mrs. Maggie Craig is a pale, thin young woman, with flashing dark eyes. She was well dressed, wearing black silk and a sealskin sacque. She had no lawyer, but was backed up in the court room by her father, Archibald Warner, her sister, Miss Edith Warner, and an elderly lady friend. Her mother did not appear.

HIS MOTHER PRESENT.

George Craig, the defendant, a handsome young mill worker, was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Jane Craig, and his elder brother, Mark M. Craig. The Craigs were all well dressed, and had William J. Brennen for their lawyer.

Mrs. Maggie Craig, the prosecutor, told her story rapidly and with many angry glances at the opposition. She was several times interrupted. Alderman McKenna and Attorney Brennen were compelled frequently to intercede between the clashing women. Mrs. Craig said, in brief: "He has just led me a dog's life. I never could do anything to please him. The only person that could do anything right was his mother. He was always running up to her house and talking about me. He would not let me have what we needed for the table, and always kicked when I needed anything for the house. He struck me several times, and once he grabbed me by the throat and choked me. He spent money for beer, and then growled when I wanted any. At last I made up my mind that I could not live with him any longer, and I took the children and went to my father's house. Since then he has not provided anything for my support."

WHAT SHE TOOK WITH HER.

The prosecutrix said that she removed from her husband's house to her father's house about $300 worth of furniture.

"She left me my razor and shaving cup," said the defendant.

"Yes, and your dirty old beer bottles," the witness said, with a toss of her head.

"Didn't you drink any of the beer?" the husband asked. To that question the fair witness did not deign to reply.

Mr. Warner and Miss Edith Warner corroborated Mrs. Maggie Craig in all things except the assault and battery. To that there were no witnesses except the husband and wife.

George Craig testified in his own behalf. He positively denied that he had ever laid hands violently on his wife. He said that he was receiving only $12 a week, and that his wife wanted him to rent a house for $15 a month. Because he could not afford that, she constantly complained that he did not keep her in the style to which she was accustomed. He said that he allowed her to get all the provisions and other household necessities she wanted, getting books for her at two stores, one of them being his mother's store. He claimed that she had a well-furnished house. Mr. Craig said that she had deserted him. He asked to be allowed the custody of his 4-year-old son.

ONE MOTHER-IN-LAW'S STORY.

Mrs. Jane Craig, the husband's mother, a heavily built, pleasant-faced woman, told her story. She said: "Maggie came to my house before she left George. I asked her if it was true that she said George had beat her and choked her. She said, 'He can't. He would not dare to lay a hand on me. I'm not afraid of him.' I tried to get them to make up. I thought everything of her until she got to talking to her folks about me, and running us down. She wouldn't associate with anybody except her folks. Nobody amounted to anything except her pa and ma, and Edith and Mary B——."

"Don't you say a word about Mary," chimed in Mrs. Maggie Craig's elderly backer. "She's not here to speak for herself. Don't you dare to mention her."

"Well, I guess I will," retorted the witness. "I guess I can say what she said herself. She said we weren't good enough for her; that our family was below hers."

"So they are," snapped the complainant. "Didn't you talk about my mother?"

"What did I say, Maggie? What did I say?"

A TERRIBLE ACCUSATION.

"You said she kept all the time twisting up that white top-knot of hers."

Mrs. Jane Craig continued: "George used to come to me about Maggie. He said she was always wanting things she didn't need. I gave him money several times, when he didn't have any to buy things for her. I gave him $2 to get her a pair of curtains. She took the curtains and gave them to her mother."

At this, Mrs. Maggie Craig and her female friends stared at one another, with "Oh! oh!"

The witness went on: "She used to come up to my house and be as nice as pie. She never came there but I didn't give her a meal."

"I went after it," said Mrs. Craig, Junior, "to save a meal at home."

"I went down to her house several times, and she wouldn't speak to me."

"I don't believe in fighting one minute and making up the next."

"She could get anything she wanted at our store."

"Yes, and get growled at."

LAUGHED AT THE TRAGEDY.

Thus the dialogue went on, much to the amusement of the spectators, who laughed almost constantly at the details of the domestic tragedy. After Mr. Brennen had talked for five minutes, arguing that the suit should be dismissed, Alderman McKenna said:

"Although the lady may have some ground for complaint, I do not think she has made out a case. She seems to have been well provided for, and she has not established the claim of assault and battery."

"Does a person have to be killed before they can prove it?" asked the complainant.

"Another thing which she seems to have forgotten," continued the Alderman, "is, that a wife should obey her husband."

"Not a thing like that," the lady said, tossing her head toward George Craig, who was leaning against the wall.

The complaints were both dismissed, at the cost of the complainant. After the adjournment Mr. Brennen, for his client, offered to take the 4-year-old boy, and to pay the wife $2 50 a week for the support of the little girl. The offer was refused.

Celebrated His Birthday.

A number of the friends of William Kiefer, of Wabash avenue, West End, called upon him last evening and aided him to pleasantly celebrate his birthday.

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VICTIMS OF CIRCUMSTANCES.

Some of the Stories Told by Applicants for Lodging at the Central Station—A Man Who is Tired of Saving Money for Others.

The weather last night was not propitious for the passengers on the various railroad lines concentrating in Pittsburg. This was evident from the number of applicants for lodgings in the Central station last night. They hailed from all quarters of the compass. One, who looked as if he were a native Senegambian, said he had walked from Alabama, where he was born, with an occasional lift on the "kvars," and expected to get work in Pittsburg. He got a lodging, and will probably figure as a roustabout when navigation opens.

Another was Jacob Stein, who said he was a butcher and said he had lived in Pittsburg for four years, ever since he came from Germany. When asked why he had not saved some money, he replied philosophically: "Where's the use of saving? My last boss owes me $3, and when I had saved $27 and a silver watch before another fellow got away with the stuff from my room while I was at work early in the morning. Gimme a lodging." Inspector McAleese, struck by the profundity of the remark and his recent deposits in the Lawrence Bank, gave him the lodging.

The next applicant was from Milwaukee—evidently a workingman, from the appearance of his hands, and one who had an honest eye, with the capacity of looking his interrogator straight in the face. He said work was scarce in the Cream City, and told the firms he had worked for there. He left a wife and two children there, for whose comfort fuel and food had been provided, but he would have to get rent for them before long, so, like others, he had been directed to Pittsburg as the Mecca of workingmen.

Another came from the suburban districts of Wylie avenue, beyond Kirkpatrick street, where one at least of his parents resided. Being recommended to return to his home, he said he would prefer to go to the workhouse, and may get his choice.

These are a few of the specimens of the lodgers accommodated last night, some giving good reasons, such as cold weather, and others giving poor ones, as having walked from Chicago via Johnstown, but as prisoners were few and the officers hospitable the men who were too poor to stand in front of the ordinary bar were accommodated behind the bars of the station house.

QUITE A CLEVER DOG.

A St. Bernard That Wouldn't Permit a Child to be Hit.

"Come, Nero," said Mr. Post, the other night, at the Duquesne, "step up to the counter and register your name."

The big shaggy Bernard good naturedly did as his master told him. Walking up to the desk he placed his fore paws on the top and then held out one toward the clerk for a pen.

"Shake hands with the gentleman," said his master, and the dog gracefully acquiesced. The clerk grabbed his paw, and dog and man mutually gripped.

"That's a fine dog," the latter remarked. "Where did you get him, Mr. Post."

"Well, I was fortunate to get him at all. Fritz Emmett tried to secure him, and he came within an ace of doing it. I bought him in Chicago, and am taking him home to watch over my little nephew in New York. At the hotel in Cleveland the children were very fond of him and he was just as fond of them. They would jump on his back and he would carry them around as carefully as a mother. It wouldn't be safe for a man to strike a little one in his presence. The dog would resent the blow with some violence. Ah, but I am pleased with that animal," and Mr. Post stooped down and patted the noble head of Nero. The big animal looked up into his master's face and acted as if he tried to say, "I know you love me."

A. J. BRINKER CONTESTS.

Court Asked to Take Up an Aldermanic Election in Allegheny.

A petition was filed in Quarter Sessions Court yesterday asking that the election of W. F. Eisenbeis, as Alderman of the Twelfth ward, Allegheny, be set aside. The petition is signed by some 20 men, resident of the First election district of the ward. They allege that at the election on February 18 the return of the officers of election showed Eisenbeis to have received 206 votes and his opponent, A. J. Brinker, 201, and they allege the return to be untrue. They say that the polls in the First district were not opened until 7:35 o'clock on the morning of election and that Felix Watson, judge; Ambrose Bender, Jr., and Anton Hays, inspectors, and William Kruzkamp and —— Campbell, did not take the oath of office as required by law.

It is alleged that the officers destroyed at least eight ballots; that the judge and one inspector, Bender, opened and scanned ballots and laid them on a window sill instead of depositing them in the ballot box; that 24 ballots were received and counted that were offered by men not registered voters, and that in other cases where votes were challenged they allowed them to be polled. The petitioners make the general charge that the board favored the election of Eisenbeis, and ask to have the return set aside.

THE CORONER'S CORNER.

Three Cases Subscribed by Yesterday's Chapter of Accidents.

D. B. Washington, 45 years of age, was reported to the Coroner's office last night as having dropped dead on the corner of Catton alley, between Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth streets, presumably from heart disease. He leaves a wife and family. The case will be investigated to-day.

Mrs. Mary O'Brien, of Crafton station, aged 60, was instantly killed yesterday morning while crossing the tracks there by a shifting engine. She was the mother of Thomas O'Brien, an employe of the Westinghouse Electric Company of Pittsburg. An inquest will be held to-morrow.

The Coroner decided an inquest unnecessary in the case of Henry Swift, aged 63, found dead in bed at his home on Ross street, Wilkinsburg, yesterday morning.

AN EXPOSITION FEATURE.

Pittsburg School Officials Advocate an Appropriation for an Attractive Exhibit.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Central Board of Education, yesterday, it was decided to recommend an appropriation of $1,000, or as much thereof as may be required, for a school exhibit at the next Exposition. Manager Johnston is now anxious to hear from the Allegheny Board of School Control on the same subject.

The Exposition management say everything points to a fine school exhibit next fall. Every effort will be made to extend the scheme so as to embrace Western Pennsylvania, thus arranging for a permanent feature which will increase in interest and popularity year by year.

DISCIPLES OF BELLAMY.

An Effort Made to Organize a Nationalist Club in Allegheny.

On Thursday evening a preliminary meeting was held at Link's Hall, 128 Chestnut street, Allegheny, to organize a Nationalist club on the lines laid down in Edward Bellamy's "Looking Backward." The matter was discussed, and the meeting adjourned until next Thursday.

The object of the club will be to better the condition of mankind. The membership will not be confined to any class, and all persons interested in the subject are invited to be present Thursday evening.

Granted a Charter to Rebuild.

St. Michael's Theological Seminary was granted a charter by the courts yesterday. It has not been decided whether the corporation will rebuild on the ashes of the old building or seek another location.

AGAINST AN ADVANCE

A Protest Against the Demands of the Roughers and Catchers.

P. & L. E. STRIKE ABOUT ENDED.

Detective Perkins and His Agents on Duty to Prevent Trouble.

TWO ASSEMBLIES DESERT THE K. OF L.

The rollers and heaters have at last demonstrated their intention regarding the demands of the roughers and catchers for a better monetary recognition. At a meeting last night they decided to allow of no increase as far as they were concerned.

When it was announced some time since that the roughers and catchers had, at a meeting in January, decided to demand a 5 per cent increase, it was known that the rollers and heaters did not look any too favorably on the matter and would take some action as soon as possible in reference to it. To that end they secretly secured a meeting place at the St. Charles Hotel for last night, but when THE DISPATCH announced their meeting they changed their minds, and, resolving to meet at some other place, notified the hotel people to that effect.

The meeting was held last night in the Knights of Labor Hall, on Fifth avenue. The hall was crowded to repletion with rollers and heaters from every mill in the district. Representatives from Youngstown, New Castle, Sharon and other places were also present, ready to coincide with the views of the majority, whatever those views might be.

No detailed account of the proceedings could be secured as the session was conducted behind closed doors, but enough was learned from different sources to warrant the statement that the meeting was enthusiastically unanimous in deciding against granting the demands of the roughers and catchers.

It was argued that it was unjust of them to expect any such raise when they—the rollers and heaters had received none. Whenever a general raise, including all departments was granted by the manufacturers the roughers and their brethren would then be benefited, but not until then.

To that end a committee of two from each mill was appointed to take charge of and dispose of the matter. The meeting then adjourned.

It is pretty safe to predict a lively session of the Amalgamated Association in June. The roughers and catchers will present their demand, and there will probably be an open fight between them and the rollers and heaters on the question.

EIGHT CREWS MADE UP.

Bright Prospects for an Early Settlement of the P. and L. E. Strike.

The Pittsburg and Lake Erie officials took steps yesterday to prevent the closing of the mills on the Southside. Quite a number of new men were employed in the afternoon, and by evening enough had been secured to complete eight crews for Chartiers and two crews for the Southside yards. Every effort will be made to-day to break the blockade. The yard at Chartiers has been cleared, and all of the crews will be employed to-day in the endeavor to get the mill material lying at Chartiers delivered to the mills. Some of this work was done last night. It is expected that the company will be able to handle all of the freight after to-morrow.

Nearly all of the strikers' places have now been filled with new men. Seventeen new ones went to work last night. Although there has been no interference from the men who went out, the company has taken the utmost precaution against any trouble. Detective Perkins and a number of his men were on duty in the yards and about the depot last night, and will continue in service to-day to see that the new men are not bothered.

The prospects are bright now for an early settlement of the difficulty. Notwithstanding the denial in last evening's papers that the mills were in danger of closing, the fact remains that unless the company manages to get material to them to-day some of them would not be able to run more than a day or two. But with a full force of men and a day's start on the mills they will be able to keep them supplied.

EVIDENCES OF A TRUST.

The Wire Nail Mills to Shut Down for Two Weeks, Beginning To-Morrow.

It can at last be truthfully stated that the threatened shutdown of the wire nail manufacturers is now an established fact, notwithstanding reported denials of some of those interested.

Carnegie, Phipps & Co. admitted yesterday the truth of the report that they were to shut down that department of their mills for two weeks, commencing to-morrow, but for what reason they would not say.

A number of retail dealers were spoken to, and they one and all stated that the trade was undoubtedly light at present, caused in the main by the bad quality of the weather for building trades, but more particularly on account of the manner in which manufacturers of that particular specialty had "boosted" themselves out of the trade on account of the enormous raise in prices which they had caused to be made.

One notable feature of the matter is that in the Braddock company's joining of forces with the others there seems to be some indication of the combine which they have refused to be a party to for the past year, thereby preventing the trust that the balance of the manufacturers have been endeavoring to form.

ANOTHER SECESSION.

The Steel Shearsmen Vote to Withdraw From the Knights of Labor.

The steel shearsmen last night decided to go out of the Knights of Labor. A well-attended meeting of Local Assembly No. 9910, Steel Shearsmen, K. of L., was held in Knights of Labor Hall. A secret ballot was taken to decide whether or not to withdraw from the Knights of Labor. On the count of the votes, it was found that more than two-thirds of the members were in favor of withdrawing and applying to the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers for a charter. A committee, consisting of James Medsker and James Brown, was appointed to convey the result of the meeting to the press.

In the Knights of Labor the assembly, originally a strong one, has been dwindling in membership until not more than 60 members remain in good standing. They believe that in the Amalgamated Association they can recover their strength.

TO WITHDRAW FROM THE K. OF L.

Bricklayers' Union to Pull Out and Join the Federation of Labor.

Still another secession from the Knights of Labor is promised. Last night it was reported that a meeting of Bricklayers' Union, K. of L., would be held this evening to take some action in regard to their future course as an independent labor organization. It was learned on unquestioned authority that at least 400 members would be present, the majority of whom had by various methods made known their intention.

On the basis of information given it can be stated that the union will this evening, by a vote averaging 99 out of 100, withdraw from the K. of L. and immediately make application for membership in the American Federation of Labor.

Won't Organize a Lodge.

M. P. Carrick called at this office last evening to deny the statement that Joseph L. Evans was to organize a car painters' union, K. of L. Mr. Carrick states for Mr. Evans that he had not the slightest intention of organizing such a lodge. Beside Mr. Carrick has the only power to do so.

CENTRAL TRADES COUNCIL.

The Executive Board Instructed to Take Up Legislative Work.

The meeting of the Central Trades Council last night was well attended. Vice President J. O. Stewart presided. The new delegates admitted were Louis Lepper, Typographical Union No. 9, D. A. T.; John Cavenev, Theatrical Assembly No. 10604; Robert Donaldson, Pressmen's Union No. 13; P. M. Carr, Iron Molders' Union No. 243; Fred Maurer, Brewers' Union No. 23; James Richards and Charles Brothers, Cork Workers' Assembly No. 9863.

The committee appointed to see Morris Koehne in reference to him selling non-union cigars, stated that in future Koehne would sell all union made goods.

Communications were received from the Trade Labor Council of Reading and the United Labor League of Philadelphia in reply to the circular sent out by the Central Trades Council for an expression of opinion on the Australian ballot system. Both bodies replied that in the near future they would adopt resolutions looking toward the furtherance of the Australian ballot system.

R. J. Davis and Gus Kreil resigned from the Executive Board. P. M. Carr and Fred Stoehr were elected to fill the vacancies.

The Executive Board was instructed to employ counsel to prepare bills for the adoption of the Australian ballot system, to have a mechanic's lien law and to prohibit the bringing of bodies of armed men into the State under the deceptive name of Pinkerton detectives, and repeal the conspiracy laws. Also to prepare a city ordinance to have all municipal work done by union labor.

The delegates to the Painters and Decorators' Union stated on the floor that the report that President Evans had by certain remarks antagonized the Painters and Decorators' Union was untrue, and was denied by President Evans and himself.

Clamoring for Protection.

The freight brakemen of the country are beginning to demand better protection. A law was recently passed in Massachusetts requiring the roads to put railing on the cars. Local brakemen think the plan is a good one and they would like to see a similar law passed in Pennsylvania.

TALK ABOUT NERVE.

Timothy O'Brien Displays a Large Amount of the Genuine Article.

Timothy O'Brien, dead-broke and hungry, last evening went to the house of Mr. Harris, on South Seventeenth street, and asked for something to eat. He was given a hearty meal. After he had eaten everything in sight, he declined to leave the house until he was threatened with arrest. He entered then into a neighbor's house, sat down at table and demanded food.

The frightened woman gave him a second meal. He forced her to wait upon him at table, and when the plates were empty, he said that he intended to stay all night and sleep in a soft bed. Officer David Smith gave Mr. O'Brien a board bed in the police station.

Will McConnell's Pet Struggle.

Will J. McConnell will lecture on "My Own Struggles With the Drink Demon," to-night in the M. P. Church, Eighteenth street, Southside. This will be the beginning of a series of temperance meetings there. During the campaign Mr. McConnell will be assisted by a number of prominent ministers of the Southside, and the leading singers will form a large temperance choir.

SPECIAL BARGAINS

In Second-Hand Pianos and Organs.

Four Chickering pianos, $50, $75, $125; baby grand, $200; three Miller pianos, $125, and $150. Eight pianos of various makes, from $10 to $100; one fine Lighte & Ernst, $200; one fine Fischer upright, $250; one Hallet & Davis parlor grand, $300, a rare bargain. Taylor & Farley, Mason & Hamlin, Wilcox & White, Storey & Clark organs from $25 to $50, all in good condition. Privilege given to exchange at any time. Easy payments taken.

LECHNER & SCHOENBERGER,
69 Fifth ave.

Agents for the celebrated Kranick & Bach pianos. wsu

A MAGNIFICENT BARGAIN.

Fine Upright Piano—$190.

An elegant 7½-octave upright, good as new, of latest improvements, swinging desk, excellent tone and handsomely finished case, fully warranted in every respect, for $190, including fine cover and stool. A magnificent bargain at the music store of J. M. Hoffmann & Co., 537 Smithfield street. Also an excellent Decker Bros. square piano in perfect order at a rare bargain.

Removal Prices on Kilt Suits and Overcoats.

The entire line of these beautiful goods, ages 2½ to 6, marked 25 per cent below cost.

A. G. CAMPBELL & SONS, 710 Penn ave.
27 Fifth ave. after April 1.

The Best Line

Of boys' suits is at the P. C. C. C. Boys' suits, sizes 4 to 14, at $1 75 and $2 50. Call and see them. P. C. C. C.,
Cor. Grant and Diamond sts., opp. the new Court House.

This Week. This Week.

A handsome 8x10 photograph in water color of yourself or children for only $1, at Hendricks & Co.'s, No. 68 Federal st., Allegheny. This is no advertising scheme, but a handsome picture. 6

Removal Prices on Underwear.

Our entire stock of children's, ladies' and men's merino, all wool and silk vests and drawers in light, medium and heavy-weights marked way below cost.

A. G. CAMPBELL & SONS,
710 Penn ave., 27 Fifth ave. after April 1.

Excursion to Washington City.

B. & O. R. R. will sell excursion tickets to Washington, D. C., good to visit Baltimore, on Thursday, March 20, at rate of $9 the round trip. Trains leave at 8 A. M. and 9:20 P. M.

USE Matilda Duncan's Blue printed on each; Dixon's lead pencil, with two bags of washing blue, for 5 cents. Wholesale by Johnstons, Eagye & Earl.

Did You See the Baby Laugh

When Mr. Aufrecht, photographer, took its picture? and it's grand; only $1 for 12 at 516 Market st., Pg. Go there. Take elevator.

BEST makes and best styles of Scotch and French zephyr ginghams at 25c and 30c a yd.
TTSSU HUGUS & HACKE.

MATTRESS and feather renovating. Carpet cleaning and upholstering. HAUGH & KEENAN, 33 and 34 Water st. 'Phone 1626.

Bronzes, Bronzes, Bronzes.

Largest stock, lowest prices, at Hauch's Jewelry Store, No. 295 Fifth ave. WFSU

Spring Overcoats.

For a fashionable overcoat go to Pitcairn's, 434 Wood st.

THERE'S no other make of beer so popular as the Iron City Brewing Co.'s. All first-class dealers keep it.

ANGOSTURA Bitters are the best remedy for removing indigestion. Sold by druggists.

TRY Prof. Wundram's Stomachal Elixir for dyspepsia, 25c. Druggists.

NO FENCES TO MAKE.

Ex-Congressman Crouse's Observations on European Completeness.

FOREIGNERS' IDEAS OF AMERICA.

Pittsburg Fast Leaving Boston in the Shade as an Iron Center.

VARIOUS OTHER VIEWS OF VISITORS

There was no meeting of those interested in the Charleroi Plate Glass Company at the Seventh Avenue Hotel, Friday night, as was yesterday reported. The contracts for the plant were let long ago, as published in THE DISPATCH. The inside machinery will be furnished by a St. Louis firm, which is now at work on the job.

Mr. George W. Crouse, the President of the company, comes to Pittsburg very often. He said he had "an errand" to attend to, and he returned to Akron yesterday afternoon. Mr. Crouse is an intelligent man, and he recently spent six months traveling in Europe with his family. In making some observations about his trip yesterday, he said: "The first thing that impressed me about Europe was the finished condition of affairs. Everything seems to be completed. Their roads are well made, are old and kept in first-class order.

ALL IS ANCIENT.

"Everything has an ancient appearance. You don't see a man, for example, making a fence. If a hedge divides land, it was planted years ago, and there it stands to-day, doing honest duty. Along the roads at certain places you will find a pile of fine stones in a corner, and, when a break anywhere is discovered, someone comes by and fills it up. In England the farms are nearly perfect. I never saw such finely kept places, and the land is cultivated to its utmost capacity. We haven't done that here so far. We don't have to now, but I think we will leave the Old Country in the shade when we grow older.

"I was surprised to find that foreigners have a very wholesome respect for us, even beyond our merits and resources. They imagine that America is a wonderful country—and so it is, but their opinions flatter us too much. In studying the immigration question I discovered that the majority of the emigrants who land here come with the same idea that we had when the California gold fever struck the country, and every man was going West to make a fortune. These poor emigrants have high ideals in view, which they never realize, it is true, but they are none the worse off for coming.

LARGE ENOUGH FOR ALL.

"America is a large, progressive country, and their chances to make money and grow are better than across the sea. After all, it takes all kinds of people to make a world. We can't all be rich and influential, though there are not many men who wouldn't like to be. To show you what the English think of America, I recall a conversation I had last summer with one of them. 'Why,' said he, 'we are not in the swim with you Americans. We don't pretend to be. Our only aim is to keep ahead of France and Germany.'

"I spent some time in Austria, without doubt the poorest country in Europe. Business is done at a discount there. The people have so much paper out that they have gotten tired trying to keep track of it. I think Germany has the strongest army."

BOSTON ON THE DECLINE.

Pittsburg Leaving the Bean Town in the Shade as an Iron Center.

Mr. M. P. Tyler, the Boston tube manufacturer who recently located at Washington, was at the Hotel Duquesne yesterday. It was reported that his plant would be finished by next week, when scarcely a brick has been laid. Mr. Tyler said the misleading statement had brought to Washington about 250 men looking for jobs. The plant will not be finished and ready to manufacture pipe for a month or more.

Mr. Tyler has lived in Boston all his life, but he is thoroughly convinced that Western Pennsylvania is to be the great manufacturing center of the United States, if not of the world. Said he yesterday: "Boston is on the decline. I remember ten years ago it was a fine iron town, and much finished steel product was made there. Even the boilers in the Court House were made in Beantown, but who would think of going there for boilers now, or anything else in the iron line that is made here. It didn't take me long to make up my mind what to do when the time came. I used to do a business of $100,000 per year with one firm alone, and I saw it drop down to $5,000 for the same period of time. At one time the Boston 'Change was crowded at noon with people transacting business and Pearl street was blockaded with teams. Go there now, and the 'Change is deserted, and Pearl street is comparatively free from wagons. One has no trouble to navigate that street now.

"We talk about