SECOND PART.

# THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH.

#### PITTSBURG, TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 1890.

THE ELECTROCUTION Everything Ready for the Judicial Thunderbolt at Auburn.

KEMMLER WAITS A SPARK

That Will Mark a New Era in Legal Punishment.

THENEW DEATH-DEALING DYNAMO

And the Awful Chair That Play a Part in the Tragedy.

SOME NICE POINTS TO BE DECIDED

(COMRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH. ] AUBURN, N. Y., April 27 .- Kemmler, who will have the distinction of being the first man killed by a judicial thunderbolt, has now closed the last week of his life. Within 24 hours in all probability his body, after being struck by lightning and carved by doctors' knives, will be moldering under a mass of quick lime somewhere within the prison yard.

The day and the hour of the execution are kept a profound secret. Warden Durston's pride is involved. Hesaid again and sgain that when Kemmler dies no one except those authorized shall know it. He may do the deed if he likes in the dead of night, by electric light or under flaring gas burners. Twenty-seven men in all must be witnesses. These men the Warden proposes to have on hand in ample time before the fatal hour. They will be cautionsly gathered within the prison walls.

When the moment arrives they will be marched down into the gloomy corridor in the basement of the prison. From there they pass through an ante-room into the execution room itself. A door from the



set apart for men condemned to die. They are very simple, these apartments. the dumb animals which have been experi-mented on in the cause of science. Mrs. Durston has repeatedly impressed upon his mind that he is not to suffer pain. The worst for you, William," she said to him, "will be when they come to put you in the chair. If I were strong enough, and were to tell you that I was going to throw you into that chair and instantly kill you, it would not be in the killing that you would suffer, but in the struggle to put you in the chair. You must nerve yourself for that, and then the ress will be nothing. You will know nothing of it." the dumb animals which have been experiordinary handle is not wholly free from dan- that the lower sponge at the base of the ger, and Mr. Durston has had one construct-ed especially for the purpose. It is of rub-ber, and he may possibly take the additional precaution of wearing a rubber glove. Another nice thing to determine will be the length of time the current should re-

Another nice thing to determine will be the chair. If I were strong enough, and were to tell you that I was going to throw you into that chair and instantly kill you, it would not be in the killing that you would suffer, but in the struggle to put you in the chair. You must nerve yourself tor that, and then the rest will be nothing. You will know nothing of it." "Yes, ma'am," he replied in the simple doclie way he always speaks to Mrs. Durs-ton. "I know that I shall not be afraid to go into the chair. I will do all I can to help you all in it and make it as little trouble to you as possible. You have all been very kind to me—you and Dr. Durston and Daniel, and I will do just the way you wat me to." Dahiel is Mr. McNaughton, one of his death watch. He has always liked Daniel, because he has told him that the stories in the Bible were true, whereas Wemple, the other watchman, whom he always calls Bill,



1-Front of north wing, Auburn prison. 2-Window which lights anteroom occupied by Kemmler's death watch, and also, by reflection. Kemmler's cell. 3-3-Anteroom, through which wires descending from roof pass to the execution room. 4-Execution room. 5-5-Electric wires passing from dynamo over prison roofs to the execution chair.

is something of a scoffer in religious matters. In fact at one time poor Kemmler was tossed that the Warden has this full confidence He is placed in a position that needs and will test a firm hand and a steady nerve. about by sad doubts. The good seed which the good Daniel sowed in his watch, the bad will test a firm hand and a steady nerve. A long time ago it was decided not to use the reclining chair which Brown devised and had paraded in pictures about the coun-try. It was found to be cumbersome, and defective in many particulars. Further-more, it was regarded as calculated to bring out whether there minds has defective in Bill uprooted when it came his turn, and Kemmler (this was some months ago) fluetuated alternately between rank skepticism, as represented by Bill, and the rigid Scotch Presbyterianism inculcated by Daniel. It was Mrs. Durston's influence that calmed his mind and changed his doubts into a

out whatever there might be of torture in electrical executions. The chair which has been adopted is chiefly Warden Durston's own device. It is a plain, upright arm chair, with a high back and wide seat. It is made of heavy wood, and the back is so contrived that the occupant will sit in an easy, natural posi-tion. Fastened to the back and so adjusted that it can be raised or lowered to any re-quired height in a triangular or figure 4 shaped contrivance which extends over the head of the occupant of the chair. Through a hole in this the vital wire descends to a cup which fits upon the victims head. This cup contains a wet sponge, and the electric out whatever there might be of torture in strong taith. The task which the poor woman had at

the outset was an arduous one, indeed. The man's moral nature was almost unborn. He had never even heard of the story of the Savior, and when Mrs. Durston read it to him for the first time it reached him as a fresh and interesting piece of news. "If I had known about that Savior story, "I never would have killed her. I would have gone away from her." This was the first time he ever expressed

regret for his crime or admitted that he would do otherwise under the same circum-"I should have killed her anyway," he had always said. "It had to come some sime, and it might as well have come then

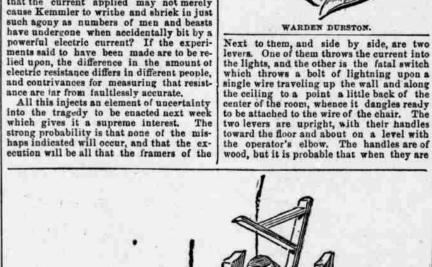
spine will be pressed against the bare flesh. Then, when all the attendants have stood back to a safe distance, and maybe Kemmler has had a chance to say his last goodby,

MRS. DURSTON.

Warden Durston will swing around the atal lever.

And then, what? And then, what? The answer to that question is something the scientific world is just now awaiting with lively interest. On it hangs, in all probability, the issue of legal execution by electricity. Notwithstanding all the fatal accidents, notwithstanding the successful experiments on horses, cattle and dogs, the fact remains that the execution of Kemmler is to a material extent an experiment. It is not beyond the possibilities that when Warnot beyond the possibilities that when War-den Durston lets loose his lightning on that condemned wretch there may be a scene of horror down there in the gloomy basement room such as will rival or transcend the most ghastly deeds ever done in the name of the law upon the scaffold. What absolutely positive assurance is there that the chair and more scatting as will hill instantic and sponge contrivance will kill instantly? It has never been tried. How is it certain that the current applied may not merely cause Kemmler to writhe and shrick in just cause Acaminer to write and sories in just such agony as numbers of men and beasts have undergone when accidentally bit by a powerful electric current? If the experi-ments said to have been made are to be re-lied upon, the difference in the amount of electric resistance differs in different people,

WARDEN DURSTON Next to them, and side by side, are two



arms and two burners. The two iron-barred windows are high up in the front prison wall above the head of a man of ordinary size. Between is built a board frame-work about six feet wide and five feet high. The boards are joined together like the boards of an ordinary floor. On them is fastened the electrical encentry. There is the common electrical apparatus. There is the common electrical bell button. This signals to the dynamo room to stop or go ahead. Next to it is the voltage meter, a tube of brass about A NEW FUEL TO BE SOUGHT FOR. it is the voltage meter, a tube of brass about two feet long, surmounted with a glass cov-ered dial face, with a delicate steel pointer traveling around its face like the single hand of a steam gauge. Wires connect this with a box about three feet high, six inches wide and as many deep, which is fastened to the wall next the voltage meter, and is in fact a part of its mechanism. Next to this is nailed a board bearing a double row of ordinary electric light burn-The Sewerage Question Causes a Long Discussion.

MEASURES PASSED BY CITY SOLONS

Both branches of City Councils met ves-Next to this is nalled a board bearing a double row of ordinary electric light burn-ers. There are 12 lights to each row— 24 in all—and they are as close to-gether as they can conveniently be put. They, too, are to indicate the intensity of the electric current. When turned on they fill the room with a blinding blaze of light. terday afternoon. The only features which excited more than passing interest among the municipal legislators was a general sewer ordinance in the lower house and the Philadelphia Company's increased rate for natural gas, which came up in the local Senate.

> The gas question came up on the award of the contract to the Philadelphia Company for fuel for pumping stations at \$60,000, an increase of \$20,000 over last year. Mr. T. A. Gillespie said he had been connected with the Philadelphia Company for five years, but he was not with them now, and he had no hesitancy in saying that the price asked was cheaper than coal.

Mr. A. C. Robertson said the furnaces could use only gas, and the company theretore had the city in a hole, but after the contract was approved he presented a resolution. which was passed, instructing the Chief of Public Works to make an investigation of patents for manufacturing fuel gas from slack, and which could be used at a lesser cost than natural gas at the present rates. Mr. Robertson thought this matter could be settled by the next time a contract had to be

THE COURT FIXED THE PRICE.

Mr. Robertson presented a resolution, which was adopted, authorizing the Chief of Public Works to pay \$1,720 additional for the Weber property, which is to be added to the Highland Reservoir Park. Mr. Bigelow had secured an option on the property at \$11,000, but the Orphans' Court thought the price was not enough, and placed on an additional \$1,720. Among the new measures introduced into this blanch were ordinances granting the use of certain streets to the Pittsburg and Knoxville Railway Company; establishing the position of Fire Director at a salary of \$3,000; establishing the position of Court Officer, whose duty it will be to prepare all criminal cases in which the city is interested for court, at a salary of \$1,500; amending the charter ordinance by transferring the First ward from the First to the Second

First ward from the First to the Second Police Magistrate's district. Mr. McCord presented a petition asking that the seat of John R. Murphy, represent-ing the Thirty-third ward, be declared vacant, as he had moved out of the district. The matter was referred to a special com-mittee consisting of Messrs. Wilson, Doyle and Miller.

#### THANKFULLY ACCEPTED.

A communication was received from the Controller announcing that the Duquesne and the Birmingham Traction Companies

had accepted the provisions of the ordinances recently passed for their benefit. An agreement was read between the city and Booth & Flinn, by which the latter lease 30 acres of land on Ruch's Hill to the Department of Public Safety for pasture

and horse hospital purposes, on condition that the taxes are paid. The ordinance allowing the Sixth Street

The members of the society and their lady Bridge Company to widen its approach was

# QUITE A CLOSE CALL.

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to the Committee on Corporations. Mr. Ferguson objected. The resolution had been before one committee and it only called for the enforcement of a city law. There was no necessity to send it to another com-The Chamber of Commerce Favors mittee. Council thought different and sent the resolution to the Committee on Corporaions. The Chair read the Select Conneil resolu-The cover the increase in the orice of the Webb property as fixed by court; passed. The lease of the Booth & Flinn property in

Government Telegraphy

BY A VOTE OF ELEVEN TO NINE.

Speeches Made For and Against Mr. Wanthe Thirteenth ward for the Department of Public Safety was read. Mr. Wright moved to refer to the Committee on Public Works; he thought the lease too loose. The motion remained amaker's Scheme.

OTHER WORK OF THE LOCAL BOARD

The directors of the Chamber of Com-

merce held an interesting session yesterday

afternoon. The attendance was quite large,

The meeting was presided over by President

Schmertz, who has fully recovered from his

Hon. G. H. Anderson, Chairman of the

Legislative Committee, which has had under

consideration the act of the Postmaster

General for the establishment of a "tele-

graph system," made the following report:

WHEREAS, The Postmaster General has drafted an act to establish a limited postal

proposition of the present Postmaster General, and heartily commend to the favorable consid-eration of Congress any bill that will effect

A MINORITY REPORT.

This report represented the sentiment of the majority of the committee, but the minority, consisting of Hon. Morrison Foster and Captain William McClelland, held opposite views and presented the fol-

Resolved, That the Committee on Legisla-

tion, to whom was referred the communication from the New York Board of Trade and Trans-

from the New York Board of Trade and Trans-portation recommending favorable action upon the proposed act of Congress establishing a postal telegraph system by the United States Government, respectfully dissent from the ma-jority report, and that at the present time it would be unwise to adopt any system which may lead to control by the Government of the private telegraph correspondence of the people, but believe that the same good results may be accomplished by proper regulation of our present system of private telegraph companies. A discussion arose. Mr. Anderson stated

A discussion arose. Mr. Anderson stated that he believed the Government should

hire the present companies and regulate them at a greatly reduced rate. He referred

to the European system, and spoke highly

reliable, unsatisfactory and unaccommo

dating. John B. Jackson objected to the majority

report from a comparison of statistics he had seen, showing figures about the system of Europe.

President Schmertz differed from Mr. Anderson in regard to the system in Europe, and said he found the system there to be un-

late sickness.

this purpose.

lowing report:

## LACK OF HARMONY

ery Evident Among the Theosophists-The Convention Decides to Retain Its Grips and Passwords-Next Meeting at Chicago.

prevailed

CHICAGO, April 28 .- The final session of the American Theosophists was held this morning. The only paper presented was upon "The Desire for Pleasure, the Pursuit of Happiness, and the Love of Truth," read by the Chairman, Dr. Buck, of Cincinnati. The numerous resolutions reported on Sunday by the General Secretary, William telegraph system between all carrier delivery postoffices by which the usefulness of the tele-Q. Judge, of New York, were adopted, with the exception of that abolishing the initiagraph will be greatly extended and the public given a uniform service at a much lower rate than that at present charged by the existing tion grips and passwords, which was laid on

the table. The lack of constitutional organization in the Governing Council and convention was

than that at present charged by the existing companies; and. Whereas, The United States is the only coun-try of importance on the face of the globe that does not operate the telegraph as part of the postoffice system; and. Whereas, The Chamber of Commerce of Pitts-barg believes that the interest of the whole peo-ple will be greatly enhanced by the establish-ment of a limited postal-telegraph system on such a basis as Congress m its wisdom shall deem equitable and just to all, but always reo-ognizing fully the rights of the companies now in existence, or that may be hereafter organ-ized; therefore, Resolved, That this Chamber welcome the proposition of the present Postmaster General, discussed at length, Arthur B. Griggs, of Boston, precipitating a little bitter contro-versy by opposing the vote now allowed delegates at large not representing any organized branch. The matter was finally referred to a com-

mittee, which will report at the next con-mittee, which will report at the next con-vention. It was decided that no one but the Presidents of the branches and duly authorized members of the council could admit members at large, and the latter only when the former was inconvenient. Chicago was chosen as the place for hold-

fourth Sunday in April, 1891. Wm. Q. Judge, of New York, was chosen as Secre-tary and Treasurer. The following were tary and Treasurer. The following were chosen as members of the council for the ensuing year: Abner Doubleday, Elliot B. Page, Allan Griffiths, R. A. Parker, Mrs. N. M. Phelan, Mrs. S. A. Harris, W. S. Wing, Donald Nicholson, Lillie A. Long, Alex. Fullerton, John M. Wheeler, R. J. Nunn, Geo. D. Buck, John H. Scotford, Dr. Ammi Brown, Wm. Throckmerston, Dr. L. J. Winsor, Louise A. Off, Mrs. Brainard, Miss A. M. Wymap and Mrs. Gertsfeldt.

Gertsfeldt. Messra. Doubleday, Neresheimer, Buck, Griggs, Lapierre, and Merum will act as the Executive Committee. Mr. Thomas, of San Diego, Cal., was chosen as the delegate to the December convention at Adyar, India

India. India. Secretary Judge gave notice that at the next convention he would offer an amend-ment to the constitution by which only presidents and delegates from branches to-gether with a fixed number of delegates at large chosen from those present should be allowed to note allowed to vote. Adjourned sine die.

## OUT IN WILKINSBURG.

Preparations for a Notable Event-Father Lambing's Efforts to Secure Good Music. Meeting of Councils Last Evening-Other News from the Borough.

ALL IN THE WAY. Preparations are already being made for the entertainment of the Wilkinsburg Master Masons' Association, Friday, May 2.

of it.

S. B. Harbison objected to the majority report, and stated that the condition of the civil service in this country, the party dif-ferences, and the motto "to the victor be-longs the spoils," all stood in the way of Government control of the telegraph, as is ould be a centraliz increase in responsibilities. Captain Mc-Clelland and Mr. Foster spoke in a similar vein. Captain John A. Dravo stated that he was in favor of anything new, and that Europe's failure would not prevent the success of the system in this country. He believed in making the telegraph the servant of the people, and make the Govern-ment custodian. A vote was taken, and the majority re-A vote was taken, and the majority re-port was adopted by a vote of 11 to 9. On motion, it was decided to send the action of the Chamber to the Postmaster General. A. B. Cochrane, of the Revere Rubber Company, was elected a member. He is a brother of "Nellie Bly." The report of the Executive Committee on the resolutions of the New York Chamber of Commerce, protesting against the passage of H. R. bill No. 6,420, entitled "An act to provide for taking the eleventh and subsequent censuses," was received and approved. The report was an approval of the action of the New York board.







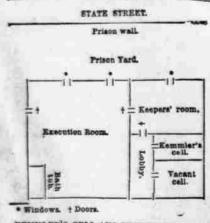
The door from the execution room opens into a narrow little hall or passage. This hall is lighted by a heavily barred window high up

in the wall. On the outside this window is on a level with the beautiful green lawn of the front prison yard with its gay flower beds and shrubbery. Creeping vines cluster about the window on the gray prison walls, and the constant twitter of birds can be heard even within the condemned man's

cell. The two keepers, William Wemple and Daniel MacNaughton, who act as Kemmler's death watch, sit in the narrow passage to which this window gives light. As you enter it from the execution room there is a door of massive iron grating on your right. This door opens into a still narrower pas sage. It is not over 12 feet long, and just wide enough for a man to turn in. This is the little lobby of the two cells which have been specially built for condemned murder They are side by side, these two cells, and their walls are of solid steel. The doors are of heavy steel latticed bars. All the daylight which gets into them is reflected from the opposite dead wall, and even when the door into the keepers' room is flung wide open and the day without is of the brightest, this light is dim and sickly. There are gas burners in the lobby in front of the cells, however, and these can be lighted when needed.

Kemmler occupies the cell nearest the door into the keeper's room. There is an iron bed in it, fastened firmly to the iron floor. There is a chair also and a little stand. Upon the wall in a corner is a box wherein Kemmler keeps his Bible, the letters that are sent by pious people to Mrs. Durston to be read to him, and a few little trinkets. Next to this box, with a pencil attached to it, hangs a slate. On this slate, which Mrs. Durston gave to him, and or which he is very proud, he learned to write. Last New Year's day Mrs. Durston gave him a calendar, and this hangs on the wall next to his slate. A big theatrical poster adorns the wall next to the calendar. The picture that is given with this letter was taken by Mrs. Durston herself. Of course

no photographer could be admitted. The last week of Kemmler's life has been passed very much as the last month has been. He has at no time shown much nervousness, and never less than now. He has no horror of the electric method of execu no horror of the electric method of execu-tion. He has repeatedly said he preferred it to hanging. He is too ignorant to know anything about its nature. He has been told that he will be placed in a chair, and that something will instantly and without pain kill him. This he implicitly believes. All the discussions and theories as to ter-rible torture, the accounts of the learnal



REMALER'S CELL AND EXECUTION BOOM. shreiks of agony of men and beasts when twitch.

the fatal electric current passed through them are to him unknown. He could neither read nor write when he came to Auburn, and all that he hassince heard read Auburn, and all that he hassince heard read has been of a religious nature, or sim-ple stories. Of what is going on in the out-side world he knows absolutely nothing. Mrs. Durston, the noble-hearted wife of the Warden, hus tanght him to write and to read; but he could not master an article in a

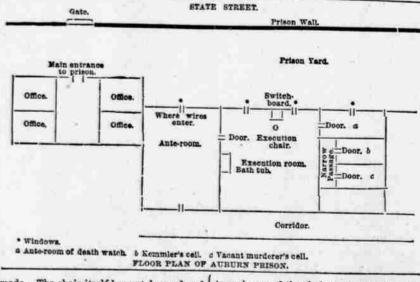
"I should have killed her anyway," he had always said. "It had to come some cime, and it might as well have come then as later." A noteworthy streak in a man of such a nature as his is a fondness for flowers. Mrs. Durston gave him some pansies one day this week, and he was greatly de-lighted. "They are just like liftle faces looking at you," he said. pliances upon him. Warden Durston has made three of these chairs, one for each of

### ALL IN READINESS. The Death-Dealing Dynamo a Pittaburg

the prisons, Auburn, Sing Sing and Daune-mora. All three are now in the prison here. The next one to be used will be the one made for Sing Sing. When the chair has been put in place Product-Playing With Lightning-Some Nice Points to be Determined-Quick Work Expected-The Murderer's Lost and the wires connected, and the 27 com-

cup contains a wet sponge, and the electric wire passes through the cup and into the sponge. Connected with the back of the

mitteemen, doctors and assistants are assen Chair Described. bled in the room, all that will remain to be The execution ceremonies proper will done will be to bring Kemmler in from the probably be an affair of but a few minutes. adjoining room and strap him into the seat. The preparations are now substantially all This last is a very simple process. Attached



made. The chair itself has not been placed to each arm of the chair, to the two uprights at the back, and to the back itself, are stout in position, and will not be until a very leather straps with large buckles. The one at the back of the chair passes around the chest and holds him firmly in an upright short time before it will be needed. All the wires are up, however, and the connections made. The dynamo is in the hollow ware position; those on the two uprights pass around his arms above the elbow, and hold room in the west extension of the prison shops. It is a Westinghouse dynamo, and them fast to the back; those on the chair arms hold his wrists strapped down. Still another set of alternating current. It differs in no respect from any other dynamo of the Westing-house pattern. It will be set in motion by

straps pass over his legs above the knees and hold them down to the chair seat. The feet, the fingers, and the legs below the a belt from a shaft which propels machinery in the shops of the same building. The wires pass from the dynamo room to the roof, and so over to the front of the prison. knees will be free. The feet rest upon a hort support, which extends from the front rung of the chair. The face will be uncovered. Adjusting the straps will probably be

There they pass down the outside of the prison walls and enter the window of the room next to the execution room. They pass down the walls of the execution room a sufficient distance to be easily connected with the chair. The execution room is about 18x25 feet in size. It was formerly used as the reception room for prisoners-that is to say, the room

where they were shaved, bathed and clad in the prison garb. There is a stationary bath b to the right of the door as you enter, and the barber chair formerly stood next to it. The shaving, bathing and hair cutting ceremonies are now performed in another

part of the prison. The electric chair will stand near the outer or front wall of the room, and will be less than 100 feet from the passers-by in the street. Even should the victim utter shrick after shrick the thick, stone walls would stifle them so they would not be heard outside. Of this, however, no fear is felt. Warden Durston is confident from his observation on the experiments made on horses and cattle that death will be as from a thunderbolt, and that scarce a muscle will

The question of the switch lever by which the current is to be turned on to the wires connected with the chair is something which Muaris Memmiles an affair of two or three minutes. All that

the warden, his there also the death warrant will be read. is to be done, and has as little fear of it as Kemmler has had to say either to his



law believed it would be-instantaneous, painless, sure. It might be said right here used pieces of rubber garden hose will be slipped over them, and if Warden Durston takes the advice of most people he that, if it is not, if it results in one of the unhappy contingencies suggested, it will be through no fault of Warden Durston. Whatever a man could do to carry out will wear on his hand a rubber glove. Th levers play over an arc of about six inches. The connection is formed by shoving them forward. They work easily, but not loosely. properly and well his terrible task. Warden Durston has done. The responsibility he is The chair itself is also in complete readi under he fully appreciates, and it has worn upon him, but he has risen to meet it. Whoness. It stands locked up in the paint shop of the furniture factory in company with the two other chairs designed respectively ever follows him will have all the advan-tage of his experience, and will little apprefor Sing Sing and Dannemora. All have ciate the difference between the weight of the burden they bear and that which has

fallen upon his shoulders. Although all the essential details for the execution itsel: have been completed, there still rests upon Mr. Durston an amount of labor and embarrassment which nobody would envy him. The pressure brought to bear upon him for admission has been some-thing beyond belief. The law distinctly designates what number shall be present, and the appointment of only a portion of these lies absolutely with the Warden. The District Attorney and the Sheriff of the county wherein the condemned was con-victed, he is compelled to invite; the prisoner himself may select two clergymen to be with him; and there must be invited also one Judge of the Supreme Bench of the State. Then comes two doctors, two electrical experts and a jury of twelve

persons. These, with seven assistants and the Warden himself, make up the total of DANIEL M'NAUGHTON, RELIGIOUS MEEPER. twenty-seven. It is sale to say that Mr. the straps and buckles attached, but only the one to be used for Kemmler has the wire and cups and sponges in place. The wire, as above described, passes through the figure 4 projection which extends over the occupant's head. The sponge is to be soaked in salted water and is held in the hollow of the cup, Durston has received personally at least a hundred urgent applications for the few places within his power to assign, to say nothing of the still greater number which have been brought to him through prominent State officials. In fact, this branch of

the matter alone has been about enough to make life a burden to him. The subject, however, he has not allowed greatly to annoy him. When it was a queswhich is pressed easily down upon the head by a spiral spring. In addition to the straps already described, it has been decided to hold the head back by another strap. This is a sort of harness of leather, which, when adjusted will tion of killing Kemmler a year ago he made out a list of those to whom he intended to give invitations. To all of those persons, with few exceptions, he again sent invita-tions last week. Several of them, either because they are beyond reach or for other adjusted, will cover the forehead, eyes and chin, leaving only the nose, mouth and a portion of the cheeks exposed. It is tightened by buckles attached to the back of the chair. Perfectly reasons, are unable to be present this year, steady hands might fasten all these buckles and their places have been supplied by others. The list, however, remains to a great extent the same as that decided upon and adjust the head and body to the sponges in the cups in a very brief space of time. It is too much of humanity, however, to expect that there will not be any fumbling

year ago. There will, of course, be an autopsy, though it is not expected that it will reveal anything startling, or of special value to medical science. As to how soon after death the autopsy will be performed is a point of some interest. The case of Mind Reader Bishop is one which bears somewhat upon this question. It will be remembered that in Bishop's case the doctors maintained that in autopsies of the brain and nervous system generally great promptness was necessary, as changes were very rapid. It is probable that this fact will govern the doctors in their autopsy on Kemmler. If, as by no means is improbable, the execution shall take place in the night, then Kemmler may be killed, dissected and buried in quicklime between the setting and the rising

of the sun. The finishing touches have now been pu The finishing touches have now been put on the little room in which the execution is to take place. It has been painted a light gray color and thoroughly cleaned. There is not an article of furniture in it save the iron bath-tub in which prisoners were at one time scoured on their admission to the prison, and an iron sink by the wall close to it. These are firmly fastened to the floor.



DI.T. 1.4 ter under the supervision of the Chief of Public Works, and the ordinance will be reprinted.

#### A HEALTH MEASURE.

Common Councils Passes an Ordinance Providing for General Sewer Connections-Private Sewers Don't Count-Preparing for Uncle Sam's Generosity.

In the Common branch Mr. Bigham, Chairman of the Committee on Public Works, presented an ordinance requiring property owners to connect their premises with public sewers. Mr. MacGonigle offered an amendment

allowing two years after the construction of the sewer before making the connection. He said there were so many sewers being constructed in the East End that the tax would be burdensome to some workingmen who are buying homes on installments. Mr. Bigelow said the measure was asked

for in the interest of the public health, and was a necessity to keep the city in good sanitary condition.

Messrs. Donley and Flinn advocated the original ordinance on the same grounds taken by Mr. Bigelow. After some further discussion Mr. MacGonigle's amendment was lost, whereupon Mr. O'Donnell moved to amend by inserting a provision to cover cases where property owners had made con-nections with public sewers on distant streets before a sewer was built on the street

on which their property abuts. Mr. Donley said this would only perpetuate the system of private sewers. These sewers were bad and the system was worse. The amendment was lost, and then Mr. O'Donnell opposed the ordinance on the ground that it put too much power in the hands of the Department of Public ground that Works. IT GOES THROUGH EASILY.

.When the vote was taken the ordinance

was passed by a vote of 26 ayes to 11 nocs. The negative vote was cust by Messrs. An-gloch, Gallagher, Kearns, King, Mullen, McCarthy, MacGonigle, O'Coanor, O'Don-nell, White and Wright.

Mr. Bigham presented the report of the Mr. Bigham presented the report of the viewers on the opening and widening of Diamond street from the Diamond square to Smithfield street, as previously published. He also presented a remonstrance signed by Marshall Bros., George V. Marshall, Eliza-beth Abercrombie, Mary I. Gates, Annie E. Brown, Caroline S. Hays, 4 nnie M. Bissell, Sarah Arthurs' heirs, Jane H. Steel, Wil-liam Barker (trustee), William J. Sawyer and Isaac Craig. The remonstrance was filed and the viewers' report approved. The filed and the viewers' report approved. The viewers' report on the opening and widen-ing of Cecil alley was then presented and approved. In the absence of Mr. Carnahan Mr.

Bigham reported for the Survey Committee that Mr. Carnahan had been elected chairman. He presented an ordinance for the vacation of Ellwood street and moved its vacation of Ellwood street and moved its indefinite postponement, which was agreed to. Mr. Bigham also presented ordinances establishing the grade of Negley avenue, locating Alder street, Coltart square and Breed street, relocating South Thirtieth street, changing the name of Barton street to Morewood avenue, all of which were

#### passed. . READY FOR A CONTINGENCY.

Mr. Bigham also presented the ordinance locating Municipal place in the court along-side of City Hall. Mr. Bigham said that side of City Hall. Mr. Bigham said that every member of Council knew that the city could not lay out a street or place on Gov-ernment property. If it could, the Arsenal grounds would have been cut into city squares long ago. The object of this ordi-nance was to so arrange that Congressman Dalzell could introduce a bill in Congress to the the mound it to the cut of the ordigive the ground to the city. The ordi

give the ground to the city. The ordinance passed. Mr. Ferguson, from the special committee on the violation of the ordinance relative to the running of trains on Liberty street, re-the running of trains on Liberty street, re-Then will come the test o' Kemmler's nerve. Taken from his cell at night-for it is pretty generally believed the execution will be at uight-and brought into a room filled with grave strange faces, the odd looking conported in favor of sending the resolution to the chief of the Department of Public Safe-

riends are determined to make it a notal event, and the arrangements are on a liberal scale. There will be a good musical programme, many of the prominent singers of Pittsburg having agreed to take part. Erasmus Wilson is to deliver an address.

The Master Masons' annual entertainment is always looked forward to with strong interest in Wilkinsburg. Father A. A. Lambing, pastor of St. James' R. C. Church, believes that good music is an essential part of religion. He

has therefore paid particular attention to his choir. He has plenty of sopranos and altos, and now is trying to induce the young men of his congregation to come forward and supply him with bassos and tenors.

South street is not thoroughly graded yet, but the tremendous hollow over the run is partly filled in, and wagons can traverse the whole length of the thorough-fare, for the first time in its history. If Franklin street were made passable, resi-dents of Eastern Wilkinsburg would beable to get to and from the railroad station easier than at present.

than at present. Borough Councils held a special meeting last night. Borough affairs were discussed at length, but nothing definite was done. The principal matter talked about was the Penn avenue paving ordinance.

#### THEY CANNOT SELL

Judge Acheson Ends the Agony in the Valley Railrond Case.

The case of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company against the Allegheny Valley Railroad was concluded in the United States Circuit Court yesterday. Judge Acheson handed down an opinion in the case denv ing the motion for an order of an inter-locutory sale and dismissing the petition. In his opinion, Judge Acheson said: "Taking into consideration the nature of "Taking into consideration the nature of the controversy and the uncertainty as to the final issue of the litigation, it seems to me very clear that the court would not be justified at this stage of the case by an interlocutory order to impose upon the hold-ers of the bonds of 1869 the proposed terms of sale. And this view being decisive it is

not necessary to discuss or pass upon the other objections urged by the trustee of the condholders against the allowance of the motion."

## A LIBERAL FARMER.

He Gets Himself Into Trouble Through His Liberality. INPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

MIDDLETOWN, April 28.-Harvey F. TTSU Haight, & popular young farmer living near here, is under arrest on a charge of forgery. It was discovered on Saturday that he had

forged the name of Lewis B. Scott, a pros-perous livery stable keeper here, to a note for \$1,000, given by his wife, Mrs. Fannie Haight, which he had discounted at John E. Corwin's bank, in this city. When arrested and arraigned before Justice Powelson he confessed to the offense. Haight is well connected, and up to this dis-covery had borne an unblemished name. He

served a three years' term as an excise commissioner. He was once well to do, but got into pecuniary straits by lavishness of money.

#### Twelve Times Five Hundred.

500 dozen boxes of Krause's headache capsules have been sold in this city and Allegheny since the 18th of Jan-uary. Every box is sold on a posi-tive guarantee to cure any kind of a headache, no matter what the cause; perfectly harmless; especially recommended to prevent headaches caused by over indulging in food or drink late at night. Ask any leading druggist for them, and take noth-ing else. Capsules are easier to take than wders, wafers or elixirs, etc. 25 cents a box, TTSu

Mr. Mullen moved to refer the resolution \$3.

Young Lady Agreeably Sarprised-The Cause Was an Elegant Upright Grand Pinno.

Miss Grace Henderson, 236 Market st., Alleghenv, has been a member of the Everett Plano Club for ten weeks, and is

now the possessor of one of the finest pianos in the world. She had only paid in \$10, and was agreeably surprised when she was notified that her number, 26, had been drawn and that she was entitled to the piano on payments of \$1 per week. This club on payments of elliper week. Inthe dub system is easily understood, and offers ad-vantages in easy payments, without the ex-tortionate prices of the old fogy installment plan. Its principal features are the great reduction obtained by the club contract for 350 pianos, which is a saving of from \$15 to \$100 in the mine and the fact that \$100 in the price, and the fact that while the pianos are given out on payments as low as \$1 per week there are enough members in the club to represent the price of the piano, hence the members get the benefit of the wholesale cash price. The rules provide for the immediate delivery of planos for cash, or on payments is low as \$25 cash and \$10 monthly. The system is good, and the planos have absolutely no superior. They are indorsed by the leading musicians and over 150 families in this vicinity who have purchased them. Piano purchasers will find an elegant stock in great variety of styles and fancy woods at the club warerooms. Call or send for circular to the ALEX. ROSS. manager.

137 Federal st., Allegheny.

ELEGANT SPRING GOODS.

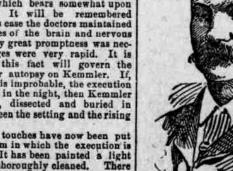
True Economy Dictutes That Buyers Go to Lynch's, 438 and 440 Market Street.

Lynch's, 43S and 440 Market Street. Spring has come and with it merchants are getting in their spring and summer lines of goods, but it is safe to any that a better assortment than that of H. J. Lynch's, 438 and 440 Market street, cannot be found. That this is recognized by buyers is attested by the rapidly increasing patron-age of the establishment. The stock com-prises all the fashionable and leading novel-ties in French and American dress goods, plaids, combination suiting, serges, cash-meres and henriettas in all the newest shades, such as prune, dahlis, beliotrope, grey, old rose, etc. The underward depart-ment is full and complete, comprising bal-briggan, merino, gauze and Swias ribbed for ladies, gents and children. Grent bargains con be had in embroideries, handk crehiefs, collars, gloves, corsets, laces, brauds, but-tons and infants' white dresses. Black, all-wool cashmeres of extra quality, range

all-wool cashmeres of extra quality, range from 45c, 50c, 60c, 75c to \$1 per yard; sheet-ing, towels, napkins, damasks, spreads, lace curtains and housefurnishing goods at bottom prices. In fact, all the lines of goods at Lynch's store are of the best quality and at the lowest prices.

A HANDSOME 8x10 photograph given away tree to-morrow with every dozen of cabinet photographs at Hendricks & Co.'s, 68 Federal street, Allegheny. Don't sail to get one. Good cabinets, \$1 a dozen. Full life-size crayon only \$3.

SPECIAL values in 26-inch umbrellas, loris and Windsor cloths, at \$2, \$2 50 and 3, HORNE & WARD, 41 Fifth avenue,





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