# MAKING THEM PAY UP

The Department of Charities Going After People Who Allow Their Relatives to Be

SUPPORTED BY THE PUBLIC FUNDS.

Cases of Distress From All Parts of the County Sent to the City Authorities to be Cared for.

BECOMING A GUEST AT THE POOR PARM

A Close Waich Kept Over the Little Wards of the Municipality.

The Department of Public Charities, through Examiner Hoffman, has inaugurated a movement against those persons who are able, but refuse to pay for the support of their indigent or insane relatives. For years and years persons have been kept at the City Poor Farm whose relatives were well able to pay for their keeping, but who preferred to let the taxpayers put up. Mr. Hoffman only started after these people at the beginming of this year, but he has already secured the payment of nearly \$5,000, and will probably double it before the end of the year. Of course, this revenue will largely cease when all the delinquents have been brought to time, but these people will have to keep up their payments so long as they are able or until their friends are removed from the

City Home by death or other circumstances. Examiner Hoffman does not try to push these people, but he insists that they shall pay something toward the support of their relatives who have been defeated in the battle of life. In one case Mr. Hoffman secured the payment of \$2,300 in a lump, and in another \$600. He is now working with a man whose wife has been in the insane department of the City Farm for over 13 years, but whose husband has contributed nothing toward her support in all that time. He will come up to the rack now or there will be trouble.

DODGING THEIR DUTY.

One case which has troubled the department greatly, and which may result in three men going to jail, is that of the Fox family. There are six adult children in this family, three sons and three daughters, the latter married. Some time ago they sent to Ireland for their parents, but when the old people got over here they were neglected. Superintendent Dean, of the Anti-Cruelty Society, took a hand in the matter, but finally the Department of Charities took charge of the case. The sons were taken into court and each ordered to pay \$1 25 a week toward their parents' support. The daughters, who were not held responsible, volunteered to furnish all the flour and potatoes the old people needed. The sons have failed to keep up their payments, and the department expects to take the case into court again. If this is done it will probably go hard with the sons.

The Department of Public Charities is a elty institution, and is not supposed to care for any person who has not established a residence in Pittsburg Nevertheless, numberless cases come to them which they are forced to care for as a matter of humanity. This results in numerous law suits to compel the repayment of expenses incurred in behalf of persons chargeable to other poor districts.

HARD TO FIND.

One serious complaint made by the officers of the department is that the County Poor Directors are so difficult to find when needed. If a man takes sick in Braddock, a foreign laborer working on a railroad, for instance, he is at once shipped to Pittsburg. His employers have no time to scour the hills and dates of Allegheny county in search of a poor director. When the man reaches Pittsburg the police are notified, and they in their turn notify the department. The officers of the latter cannot see the man die on the streets, and so they take care of him, notwithstonding the fact that he should be a charge to the county.

Many people have an aversion to becoming inmates of the City Poor Farm, but to obtain admission to it in the regular way is really a credential of past decency, from a financial point of view. It is in one respect like the beaven of the stern Puritans-there is not room for everybody. To become eligible to bed and board in the City Poor House, with a marine view from the front window, is not so easy. The law on the subject is peculiar in that it discriminates in favor of political carpet baggers. A man who has held a public office in the city for one year can sit at the first table, if he has not saved enough from the perquisites of his office to enable him to live in luxury for the balance of his life. But the household-er, who has been going forth to his work in the morning with his tin dinner bucket, and returning at night with nothing but a good appetite and a hole in his pants, caused by resting frequently while the boss was looking another way, must have paid taxes for two years to give him the right to inscribe his name on the Poor Farm register.

WEALTH'S UNIVERSAL POWER. Wealth appears to be an "open sesame," to the Poor Farm as well as to some circles of society. A citizen who has lived upon and controlled, a leasehold of above \$10 a year is all right after the first 12 months, as is a freeholder. Apprentices indentured here can become guests of the Poor Farm when hard luck overtakes them, and a mariner coming into the Commonwealth, or a foreigner arriving here in good health and living and working here for a year, is wel-comed, if not with effusiveness, at least with hespitality.

There is one point the householders want to watch. If in the charity of their hearts they take in a sick and penniless stranger they had better notify the Department of Charities within ten days, or they will be held responsible for the support of the stranger so long as he remains a public

charge.
The Department of Charities looks closely and carefully after its wards. Mr. Hoffman has charge of all the lunscy cases in addi-tion to his other work. He has prepared an indexed record in which he keeps a history indexed record in which he keeps a history of each case from the time it first comes under his notice until it is finally disposed of or taken out of his jurisdiction. In the same way a record of outdoor relief furnished is kept. There are some amusing features connected with the latter, The majority of the recipients are widows with children, and most of them dislike to give an their most hill, dole when terms for the same forces. up their monthly dole when fortune favors them. The officers drop around to the houses occasionally and sometimes find that the widow is no more. She has married agair. On one occasion a recipient of charity has been discovered running a very successful speak-easy. All cases are closely investigated, and it is not often that the department is very badly fooled.

CARING FOR THE LITTLE ONES. A great number of children are cared for by the department. There is no trouble in disposing of healthy youngsters, and nearly all of them are adopted by well-to-do peo-ple, whose antecedents are carefully investigated. It is not always a childless person tigated. It is not always a childless person
who applies for a boy or girl, but very o ten
the request comes from old people whose
children have outgrown the age of petting,
while their parents have not overcome their
love of little ones.

A number of children to whom nature has

heen unkind are scattered through the State in asylums for the deaf and dumb, the blind and idiotic. All the children are visited at least twice a year by an officer of the depart-ment, and if they are found to be ill-treated retribution swiftly follows.

retribution swiftly follows.

Another thing the department does is to help strangers passing through the city. Often whole families become stranded here without a cent. In that case they are furnished transportation toward their destination. If they have money the department will make up the difference in the fare. In this way the department fails to get credit for the money it saves the city. A man for the money it saves the city. A man reaches here on his way to Philadelphia with but \$5. The official takes the money and furnishes him with a railroad ticket to his destination. The \$5 is turned into the city treasury, and the full amount of the ticket has to come out of the department's

appropriation.

The liability for the support of paupers rests upon the children, grandchildren, parents and grandpareuts.

The predecessor of the Department of Public Charities, of which R. C. Eliions the chief, was the Board of Guardians of the

Poor. The body was created under the act of Assembly passed in 1847, and consisted of six reputable citizens elected by Councils. With the adoption of the new charter this board was abolished and powers and duties transferred to the newly created Department

### CALIFORNIA'S RICHNESS.

A Veritable Wonderland From the Pacific Slope-The Exhibition of That State's Products to Arrive To-Morrow-Everything is Free, No Admission Churged.

"California on Wheels," the free traveling exhibition of the State Board of Trade of California, will arrive in Pittsburg tomerrow morning, by the Baltimore and Ohio road, at which depot it will be located, and will be open free to the public all day to-morrow Friday and Saturday, from 8:30 A. M. to 8:30 P. M. each day. The cars will be side-tracked alongside the Baltimore and Ohio depot, where they will be easily accessible by foot, carriage and street cars.

Gavin D. High, the press correspondent said last evening to a DISPATCH reporter, that "California on Wheels" was nothing more or less than an elegant vestibuled train of three handsome Southern Pacific parlor coaches filled by the California State Board of Trade with all of the interesting natural and manufactured products of the Golden State—from a baby ostrich to

of the Golden State—from a baby ostrien to the bark of the giant redwood trees.

"The object," he said, "is to display all of those semi-tropical fruits which can not be grown in Pennsylvania. Nothing will be sold on the cars, nor will any orders be taken from merchants. The object is merely to show, and visitors will not be allowed to

spend any money at the exhibition even if they wish to do so.

"Among the exhibits which may seem notable to the residents of Pittsburg, either on account of their size or their variety of production there are: peaches 15 inches in circumference, mikado persimmons 12 inches in circumference, pears weighing five and a half pounds each, sweet potatoes weighing 24 pounds, pumpkins weighing 130 pounds, onions two feet in circumference; India rubber tree, camphor tree, cork oak, oranges, lemons, dates, olives, bananas, etc., all grown in the open air in California for commercial purposes and not in hot houses

as exotic curiosities.

At the request of President James R. Kenny, of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, one hour will be set apart on Thursday by Superintendent C. H. Allen, for a reception of the members of the order now in session in this city.

### COULDN'T FOOL THE INSPECTOR.

An Agent for the National Capital Associ tion Tries to Hide His Identity.

Patrick Gammon was arrested on Monday night for drunkenness and landed in Central station. He had given a fictitious name, but at the morning hearing Inspector McAleese quickly identified him as Gammon, one of the sub-agents for the National Capital Building and Loan Association. A warrant was issued for Gammon at the same time that Setton and Dunn were arrested, but he managed to keep safely under cover, being but slightly known, and would prob soly have been at large yet had he kept sober. He was committed to jail for a hear-ing before Magistrate McKenna on a charge of conspiracy.

The police are still at work hunting evi-

dence against two or three other alleged fraudulent concerns of this character, but have not decided to enter suits.

## LYING ACROSS THE TRACKS.

Michael Warsaw Found After Being

Thrown Down an Embankment. About 2 o'clock yesterday morning Michael Warsaw was found lying on the tracks of the Pittsburg, Virginia and Charleston Railroad, on the Southside. He was badly bruised and cut. He said a friend named Gillion had thrown him over an embankment of about 100 feet while

Gillion was arrested, and at the hearing yesterday was held for court. Warsaw was removed to his home, where he is still in a very bad condition.

## DIED FROM HIS INJURIES.

Dr. Campbell Unable to Survive the Attac Made on Him.

James Campbell, the Lawrenceville vet erinary surgeon, who was stoned by boys on Sunday last, died yesterday. John Para-dine was arrested to await the result of the Coroner's inquest.
It is claimed Paradine attacked the old prisoner's son.

Forgot Some of Their Dynamite. Last night a man named Hostetter noti fied the police that the workmen on the sewers had left a dynamite cartridge lying

# on Arabella street, near Denniston avenue, East End. Officer Rainey was sent to the place and took charge of the cartridge. WHAT PEOPLE ARE DOING.

Some Who Travel, Some Who Do Not, and Others Who Talk.

-Rev. P. S. Messey has resigned the rectorably of Trinity Hall, Washington, Pa., and is now on a visit to Europe. He is to return on the steamship Berlin, which sails from Liverpool the Sist of this month. It is said that he will, in the fall, open a school in Allegheny, for boys preparing for college. -Mr. Harry Wilkinson, formerly of THE

DISPATCH local staff, has assumed editorial charge of the Chicago Globe, which, under the new management, will be a straightout Democratic newspaper. Harry is a hustler, and in his new field will undoubtedly win fresh laurels. -Charles M. Thorpe, the young Dia-mond street attorney, and wife, have left for

Chautauqua to spend several weeks. They will also visit relatives at Oil City before their -George Bolton, Vice President of the Allegheny Bessemer Steel Company, and wife, left yesterday for Long Branch, Cape May, and

-On August 26 Mr. George Edwards, an expert on live stock, leaves for Europe, in company with Mr. J. H. Eilis, foreman of Paul Hacke's stock farm.

-Mr. Thomas Curran, of Arch street, Allegheny, accompanied by his sister, Miss Rose Curran, arrived home last evening from Atlantic City. -Mr. A. D. Smith, of Normecutt &

Smith, has, with his family, gone to Heshbon, Indiana county, to spend the rest of the sum--Misses Minnie Jones and Emma Brown. of Jackson street, Allegheny, are visiting

1200 -Gallinger's-1106 Penn Ave. Guns, guns, guns, guns, guns, guns, at Gallinger's, 1200 and 1106 Penn ave. Wsu NO RIVALS WANTED.

Prospective Combination of Allegheny's Street Car Lines.

A Street Railway Combine Beyond Anything America Has Seen.

IMPROVEMENTS OF THE TWO ROADS

The greatest street railway system of America will be that of the Duquesne Traction Company in the future. Over Pittsburg it has stretched a network of 32 miles of tracks. With its ten branches it was considered a magnificent creation from its birth. Not thus satisfied, however, over a bridge of its own it will cross the Monongahels river and draw life and travel from ten miles more of street railways. Mr. C. L. Magee is the head of the Duquesne Traction Company, and he, with the persons interested with him in the Duquesne Traction Company, are almost identical with the owners of the Citizens' Traction and Central Traction lines. With the exception of the Pittsburg Traction Company, the Birmingham Company and the Second Avenue line, the Duquesne controls all the street railways of Pittsburg, and has so surrounded the other lines mentioned that it is generally agreed they will have to become a part of the new system, sooner or later.

With this the system was supposed to end, but Mr. Magee made a combination with the Pittsburg, Allegheny and Man-chester, and that line is now practically leased to the Duquesne Traction Company for a term of 99 years. TALK OF A NEW DEAL.

Now is the greatest surprise of all. The Pleasant Valley Company is the only rival of the Duquesne. Yesterday it was the talk everywhere that even that corporation had made terms with the Pittsburg, Allegheny and Manchester Traction Company, which virtually puts the last rival out of the way, makes the Duquesne Traction Company sole arbiter of street railway affairs in the two cities, and gives it an aggregate of about 85 miles of double-track street railways.

The grandeur of such a deal can be un-derstood when it is realized that this gives to the Duquesne Traction Company unlimited control of the street railways in the two cities, and practically prevents any other company from entering the city. It will thus have entire control in Pittsburg and reached the Southside by its own bridge. On the other side through the Pleasant Valley company it gets control of the new bridge under construction at Ninth street bridge under construction at Ninth street. Over the Seventh street bridge the Pleasant Valley company holds the right to run its cars, and, though the bridge is not generally used now, it runs all-night horse cars over that bridge just to maintain its rights. The new bridge which is to be built at Sixth street will be controlled by the Pitts-

Sixth street will be controlled by the Pitts-burg, Allegheny and Manchester Company —is, in fact, to be built expressly for them. Colonel Flod, the consulting engineer of the Sixth Street Bridge Company, is in Pitts-burg now, selecting the design for the new bridge, and will probably make a decision in a week or so. Work will be commenced and pushed as fast as possible.

SOMETHING OF THE SCHEME The scheme of union, it is claimed, was proposed by D. F. Henry, who is now President of the Pleasant Valley Company. President of the Pleasant Valley Company. He expects to become President of the new company, but a large shareholder of the company says Joshua Rhoades is slated for the position if the deal is consummated. The solicitor of the Pleasant Valley Com-pany would not deny the report, yesterday, and as Mr. Magee is not in the city, others in the Duquesne Traction Company would

When Colonel Stone, the solicitor of the Pleasant Valley road, was interviewed, he said: "While such might be the case, I do not know that it is. Still, I would not like to deny it. I am not a director—only solicitor for the company, and know no more about the management of the road itself than Solicitor John Hampton does about the management of the Pennsylvania lines. There may be a union effected between the new Pittsburg, Allegheny and Manchester Company, but from my knowledge of it I could not say there was a union. I am inclined to disbelieve the story. About three months ago there were such rumors, and six months ago there was considerable talk be-tween the two companies, but I have not heard much said on the subject for the past

three months. George B. Hill & Co., who have consider able Pittsburg, Allegheny and Manchester holdings, were visited, and they denied such a union was ever contemplated. They hold that the Pittsburg, Allegheny and Man-chester is making too much money to com-

bine with the Pleasant Valley.

Fred Gwinner, of the new Pittsburg,
Allegheny & Manchester, was seen at his
magnificent home at Superior stathen. Mr.
Gwinner said he had been sick for some
time, and had not been at any of the meetings. Said he: "I do not know much about
the management at present at the last the management at present. At the last meeting of the stockholders I was elected a director, and notified of my election by

"I do not know anything about a combi-nation of the Pittsburg, Allegheny and Manchester with the Pleasant Valley, but James Hunter, President of the Allegheny Common Council, has talked with me about coming into such a combination, at different coming into such a combination, at different times. I don't remember just how long ago it was. I hardly believe the report is true." W. H. Graham, Secretary of the Pleasant Valley Company, had just returned, yes-terday, from Snow Mountain, with a good, fresh color, and an abundance of fish stories. He had been there two weeks. When asked about the deal, he said: "I have been away two weeks, but such action as that would not have been taken without my knowing it. I do not believe it has been done.

There have been such rumors, but I don't believe in paying much attention to them.

We don't need to combine. We are getting along by ourselves, and it is true we have received many favors from Allegheny

Over both of the great Allegheny lines over both of the great Allegheny lines at present there is a wonderful display of activity. The Pleasant Valley cars ordered from the Pullman Car Company are at last coming in from the shops. Owing to the rush of business their completion has been delayed, but now every few days bring in some additions to the stock. Four new cars arrived last week. A number of little improvements have been made on each of them. During the time the company has been compelled to wait for their cars they had old horse cars fitted up with motors and put on the road. These, however, are disappearing as fast as the new

cars arrive. SOME OTHER IMPROVEMENTS. The tracks of the Pleasant Valley road, The tracks of the Pleasant Valley road, too, are receiving attention. On Sandusky, Lacock and Monterey streets new steel rails have been scattered along the route, to replace the old ones. On Lacock street men are already at work laying the new T-shaped steel rails. Unlike the old ones, they are being laid on cross-ties, and the rails rest on iron supports. While these improvements are going on the cars are running on Ohio street and down Union avenue.

The Pittaburg, Allegheny and Manchester Company has also commenced work. On Rebecca street and on Ohio street, in front of City Hall, Booth & Flinn have their of City Hall, Booth & Flinn have their great machines in place to commence the building of the new road. Yesterday the preparations were made and to-day the work will begin. The steel rails will be laid on cross ties and the roadbed will be filled with concrete. Owing to the scarcity of Belgian block at present, asphaltum will be law to the Hawk coal mines at Johnstown last syaning between the rails. The

coaches for the road are each to have two trucks, eight wheels, and the Thomson-Houston system will be used. This will do away with the terrible roar of some other motors and the unpleasant rocking of the four-wheeled coaches.

### STRICKEN AT THEIR WORK.

SHUTTING OUT ALL COMPETITION. A Bohemian Dies an Awful Death in a Tonnery-Rones Crushed in Mills and on Railroads-It Was Only the Company Suffered.

At 5 o'clock last evening Mathias Westlie, a Bohemian, 42 years old, met with a sudden death at Groatzinger's tannery, in Allegheny. Westlie had been down in one of the vats doing some work. In climbing s ladder to get out he missed his hold and. falling backward, struck the bottom of the tank with sufficient force to break his neck. Patrick Stack, a brakeman on the P. R. R., had his right leg cut off yesterday morning by falling under a train at Thirty. third street while attempting to make coupling. He was removed to the West Penn Hospital. Stack is a married man, 32 years of age, and lives in Lavine street, Thirteenth ward.

A Pole named Hoskiskie, an employe at the Black Diamond Steel Works, had his foot crushed yesterday afternoon by an ingot. He was removed to his home on Troy Hill,

Allegheny.

Central Traction car No. 57 broke a grip at the Wood street crossing of Fifth avenue last night at 8 o'clock, and the passengers had to get out and push the ear to Fourth avenue, where another car came along and pushed the disabled one to the power house. Several passengers were shaken up by the shock that followed the break, but none

### HAVING ITS EFFECT NOW.

Fruits of an Agitation Started a Year Age

by The Disputch. "The agitation instituted by THE DIS-PATCH a year ago for a better and more adequate supply of water for the Southside is peginning to have a telling effect," said Dr. E. A. Mundorff, last night. It was with Dr. Mundorff's aid that THE DISPATCH was able to show up the Beck's Run shindery's contribution to the water used by Southside people and he takes pride in seeing steps being taken to provide something etter. "It they only accomplish something this time," he continued. "We have not had an epidemic this year for two reasons. The water has been less liable to pollution from the fact that the water works pipe was run out to the middle of the river and then turned down stream; and besides, although we have had a long, warm and dry spell of weather, the river has not been low."

Now that a Councilmanie committee is to visit the Southside to investigate the condition of the water supply, the citizens are gathering up all sorts of complaints against the company to lay before the committee. Some say they have no water scarcely in the mornings, others in the evenings. Some say the fault is with the water works—that their capacity is not sufficient to supply the Southside. One gentleman, a printer, in one of the lower wards, said the company was even slow about transacting its business. He paid his water taxes about four months ago, and only received his receipt for it yesterday. When the committee goes to the Southside they will doubtless be met with some curious complaints.

### LEAVES TO GO BAST.

Mr. Robert Williams, of the Carbon Iron

Works, Resigns. Mr. Robert Williams, who has occupied the position of Manager of the Carbon Iron Works for the last three years, has resigned to accept a more lucrative post in the East. Mr. Williams formerly managed the open hearth department of Graff. Bennett & Co. and has the reputation of being one of the

best steel melters in the country.

When Mr. Williams joined his late employers the firm ran but two small furnaces of a capacity of 30,000 pounds each daily. Two others have been added with a capacity pounds each. About 360,000

pounds of steel is turned out ready for the flat mill every 24 hours.

There is no change in the condition of affairs at this mill. Some six or eight furnaces are being run with the help of colored men, but the plant otherwise is idle. Other changes in their management are spoken of with a likelihood of the colored element being withdrawn from the mill.

## ACCUSED OF FLIRTING.

Husband Distrusts His Wife and She Has Him Arrested.

Alfred Jacobs, a resident of East street, Allegheny, was an inmate of the Allegheny lockup last night. Jacobs has a young and pretty wife, of whom he is very jealeus. Last night Mrs. Jacobs alleges her husband came home and accused her of flirting with other men and threatened to shoot her and

Mrs. Jacobs was alarmed at the threats and had her husband arrested. The wite was held as a witness.

# A DEADLY WASHBOARD.

Bricklayer Atlempts to Brain His Son With That Uneful Utensil. About 10 o'clock last night Charles

Strupp, a bricklayer, gave his wife a beating at their home on the Bluff near Pride atreet. It is also said that he attempted to brain his little son with a washboard, but was prevented by a neighbor. Officer Rosenblatt was called, and he sent Strupp to the Eleventh ward station. He

will have a hearing this morning. At the Mercy of a Fire. The residents of the district lying east of Kirkpatrick street and between Jones and Wylie avenues are complaining loudly of the scarcity of water. For several days they have not had sufficient water for culinary purposes, and they say they would be at the mercy of the flames if a fire should break

Discharged the Driver. The boys on the Southside are happy. A 10 cent circus landed last night for a three days' stand. Its arrival was attended by a strike of short duration, caused by a non-union teamster. The man had to be discharged before the others would drive the circus from the depot to South Twenty-first

Will be Buried To- Day. The funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Schuman, of South Thirteenth and Muriel

streets, will take place this afternoon at 2 P. M. The deceased was the woman who had attained the age of 102 years, whose death was noticed in yesterday's DISPATCH.

## LOCAL ITEMS. LIMITED.

Incidents of a Day in Two Cities Condense

for Ready Reading. EARLY yesterday afternoon six masons engaged in building the walls of the new Heidelberg Reformed Church at York fell 25 teet, owing to the breaking of the scaffolding on which they were standing. The injured ones were Peter Shook, John Foose, George Myers, Tyson Dorsey, John Snow and George Richart. THE Allegheny Christian Endeavor Union will give a moonlight excursion on the Monon-gahela river on September 16. There will be several thousand members present, and two steamers will be chartered.

JOHN DILTZ, the Lima boy who shot him-seit with suicidal intent, died yesterday from the effects of his wound. His father, who lives in La Grange county, Ind., will take charge of the body.

# DEMAND FOR BRIDGES

Elaborate Plans of Gustave Lindenthal for Sixth Street.

A FAILURE OF CROPS EXPECTED.

The War Department is Opposed to the Arsenal Park Scheme.

NATURAL GAS VENTS NUMEROUS HERE

Colonel Henry Fladd, of St. Louis, who was intimately associated with Captain Eads in all his great undertakings, is the consulting engineer for the Sixth Street Bridge Company. The Colonel is here now looking over at least a half dozen plans and sets of specifications which have been submitted for the new bridge, and when he has finished his work will make a report. It

will take him at least a week to determine

whether the respective bridges on paper will do just what their projectors claim for them. The one submitted by Gustave Lindenthal, of this city, is on an elaborate scale, massive in proportions and possessing cor responding strength. It will cost considerable money, and may be knocked out on this ground. In his design Mr. Lindenthal proposes heavy stone archways, which is patterned after the European style. The floor will consist of iron, cement and as

phalt. There won't be a particle of wood in

the structure he proposes In speaking of the local bridges last evening, Colonel Andrews said there wasn't s decent bridge in Allegheny county. He would call them scaffoldings, temporary structures that have been put up. The Smithfield street bridge, he added, was built with the idea that the Lake Erie road would be extended, and it is strong enough to carry a locomotive or a train of cars, and even this bridge is not what it ought to be. On all the bridges drivers are warned to go no faster than a walk, they are limited in the loads they haul and soldiers or march-ing bodies are not allowed to keep step. Colonel Andrews stated that he was sur-prised that in a city where the tendency is to make heavy beams, big cannon and other iron articles, of great weight that there is not a bridge that has sufficient strength to bridge that has sumcient strength to transport them. He claims that the bridge companies should keep pace with the growth and development of the city, and more substantial bridges are needed. He hopes that if the Sixth street company re-builds that they will not stop at the price, but erect a bridge that will be one in the strictest sense, where the toll man doesn't stop to ask questions, but no matter how heavy your load, allows you to proceed without taking off part of the burden. Colonel Andrews insists that a bridge ought to carry anything that the streets will support. If a wagon with its load doesn't break down the sewers the bridges

### SOME RATTROAD GOSSTP.

Chairman Blanchard Doesn't Think the Roads Will be Rushed This Fail.

doesn't break down the sewers the broad should be strong enough to keep it out of

George K. Bianchard, Chairman of the Central Traffic Association, passed through the city last evening bound for Chicago. He had been over in New York. In this city Mr. Blanchard received a telegram from the general passenger agent of the New York Central road, in which he stated that all the passenger trains were now run-ning on schedule time. He regards the strike as an unfortunate affair for the men. Mr. Blanchard stated that a meeting of the Central Traffic Association would be held in Chicago to-day. The roads have been talking for some time of advancing the eastbound rates on grain, provisions and dressed beef. Mr. Blanchard said he didn't know what would be done. The Pittsburg freight agents anticipated a heavy traffic and scarcity of cars this fall, but Mr. Blanchard in chatting about the outlook for business

"Everything depends on the grons and at present the reports are very unsatisfactory.

If the crops don't turn out well there will
be plenty of cars this fall. People in making their estimates don't take into account ing their estimates don't take into account the growth of the country every year. Last year 100,000 immigrants settled in the country. These people will not begin to produce until this year. It has taken them some time to become established in their new homes. The other hotels in Chicago do not notice any difference in their trade since the Auditorium House was started. The receipts of the surface roads in New York fell off for one year after the elevated was built, but since then there has been no decrease. You can only explain these facts on the growth of the country which we seldom take into consideration. "Wherever it can be done I favor con-solidating a railroad system. I remember when between New York and Chicago the when between New York and Unicago the lines of road now operated by the Lake Shore and New York Central were con-trolled by 37 corporations. With railroads it is the same as with the man who owns a mortgaged house. He won't improve it as he would if he had a clear title."

# HOPE IT WILL BE BUILT.

Tqe Auxiety of the Reading Road to Reach

Pittsburg is Appreciated. It is the intention of the Philadelphia Harrisburg and Pittsburg Railroad, which was organized a few days ago in the Quaker City, to reach Pittsburg over the Western Maryland and Baltimore and Ohio roads. The Baltimore and Ohio officials here, when asked what they knew about it, said they were not posted, as all such arrangements with the road are made with the people at

This scheme has been broached for some time, and local railroad men believe it will finally be carried out. The Reading will be used from Philadelphia to Harrisburg, and not many miles of road will have to be built to connect the links. If the connecoutlet to the East, which will be a little longer than the Pennsylvania, but the dif-ference will not be great.

## OPPOSED TO IMPROVEMENT.

The War Department Stands In the Way of the Opening of Arsenal Park. Congressman John Dalzell was in the city yesterday. He is rather discouraged over the prospect for the opening of Arsenal Park to the people of Lawrenceville, He says the matter is still in committee and says the matter is still in committee and there is a strong probability that it will never be reported to Congress.

Mr. Dalzell says that the War Department has manifested a strong hostility to the project on the ground that an arsenal in the midst of a manufacturing community, where trouble might arise at any moment, should not be handicapped in any manner. It is not thought by the promoters of the project that the opening of the Arsenal Park will interfere with the operations of the military.

## NO DANGER FEARED HERE.

Too Many Vents to Relleve Natural Ga Pressure in Pittaburg.

The queer explosion of whole acres of more of natural gas in Indiana which was reported in the telegraphic columns of THE DISPATCH yesterday, has puzzled the scientists and frightened the timid. A reof such a dire accident made them all trem-

ble.

A number of natural gas experts were asked for an explanation, but the majority of them doubted the reports, or claimed they were exaggerated. None of them could see what ignited the gas to produce such a wholesale explosion as the accounts stated. One thought that the gas could raise up the earth from pressure alone, but he stated there was no cause for alarm in this territory. There are too many vents to relieve it. relieve it.

### HE HAD ANOTHER NAME.

Brosl Has Been Known in Windsor for Six

Months as Mulling. John C. Brosi, the former Southside jew eler who has been arrested in Windsor Ontario, will be brought back. Last week when THE DISPATCH published the first information that had been available as to Brosi's whereabouts, both the bank officials him back or not. A day or two later word was received that Brosi was arrested, and it was shown that THE DISPATCH had fur-

nished the clew. Last night a telegram from Windsor conveyed the information that Brosi has been sailing under an assumed name while in Windsor. He is known there as John C. Mullins. He has been in Windsor ever since he left Pittsburg, and he says he will fight against extradition. As his will be the first case under the new extradition laws, it will be watched with interest.

### WITHDRAW ING THE MAILS. Western Men Going East to Take the Places

of Strikers. The Government has withdrawn the mails for points in the West and North west bevond Chicago and Indianapolis for the present from the New York Central road road is carrying the pouches. A number of additional clerks and cars were on this line yesterday.

Three carloads of road men passed through the city yesterday bound for the scene of the strike. They were joined here by 20 more which swelled the number to 100. Railroad men in general report that the strike has not affected Pittsburg. They are still forwarding treight and selling tickets over the Central.

### MINOR POLICE MATTERS.

How Some People Ran Afoul of Stern Justice in the Two Cities.

CHARLES BOERDHOFF, of Allegheny, is charged by Humane Agent Berryman with neg-ecting his family. PETER LIGHT, an employe of the Chantauqua ice Company, is charged with striking Charles Hartwag with an ice hook.

LIZZIE SMITH's house, corner of Craig and Lacock streets, Allegheny, was raided last night, and nine persons arrested. LIZZIE WILLIAMS, of Poplar alley, is charged with keeping a disorderly house, and her hus-and with assaulting W. H. Thomas. JOHN HERNER will have a hearing before Alderman Donovan to-morrow on a charge of stealing clothing from his employers, Fisher Bros., laundrymen.

JOHN KILROY, of Madison street, Allegheny, was locked up last night at his wife's request, She said he had been drinking, and had drawn \$244 from the bank with the intention of leaving her and the city. JOSEPH RICHARDS, driver of the Grant en-

gine, Allegheuy, was arrested last night, charged with turning his wife out of the house and nailing up the doors to prevent her getting n again. LEWIS SHAUCKY, the little Italian boy whose the was paid by a Hebrew woman named Shausky, under the impression that he was her son, at Central station yesterday morning, was sent to the workhouse for 30 days by Magistrate Gripp, there being evidence to show that he was a very tough lad.

### Wandered About the Posthous

Yesterday a man was found wandering aimlessly around the pesthouse and acting in a queer way. The patrol wagon was called and took him to the Mercy Hospital. The physicians there managed to learn that his name is Thomas Taylor, but nothing further is known about him. It is not yet known whether the man is crazy or suffer-ing from temporary delirium.

### Doesn't Look So Much Like Murder. James Keller, the Mt. Oliver plumber. who stabbed Patterson Brown on Monday afternoon, was yesterday released from jail for a hearing. Brown is not injured as seriously as at first supposed, and will be able to be out in a few days. He was re-moved to his home on South Twenty-fourth

street yesterday afternoon. They Still Remain Pirm. The Committee on Public Library of the Board of School Controllers, of Allegheny met last night. The only business trans-acted was to appoint a sub committee who are to take into consideration the request of Councils to move the library from the pres-

# ent quarters in City Hall, and if necessary secure a room for the library.

Elected Its Officers. The Security Building and Loan Association met at No. 5 Seventh street, last night and elected Will J. Ford president, James H. Vilchestain treasurer, A. Edlio secre-tary, and C. C. Barr, James A. Dill and D. B. Ross directors. The next meeting will be held at the same place on Septem-

A Mixed Blessing. One of the peculiar features of the proposed opening of Forbes street is that nearly all the property condemned belongs to Mrs. Schenley, and yet her assessment for benefits, in excess of damages, amounts to over \$8,000.

# How to Wash Flannels.

Never soak them. Never have more than one garment in the tub.

1. Make a sud with Walker's Wax Soap in lukewarm water and wash with the least possible rubbing.

2. Rinse thoroughly in clear, lukewarm water until all traces of soap have disap-

peared.

3. Never wring, but take from the water dripping wet and hang up to dry.

4. Iron while still damp and stretch the garment into its original shape, using great care that the iron is not too hot.

5. Use Walker's Wax Soap, as it will not au11,13,14,15

To-morrow, Thursday, August 14, via the \$2. & O. R. R., by Washington, D. C., Bald-more and Philadelphia. Rate, \$10 the round trip. Tickets good for ten days. Parlor car seats on day train and sleeping car bertas on night train now on sale at office, corner of Fifth avenue and Wood street. One Thousand Dollars Forfeit if I fail to prove Floraplexion the

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# WIPING OUT A DEBT.

The Cost of the First City Consolida-

tion Finally Paid Off. PITTSBURG'S SURPRISING GROWTH

Fooled a Commission Appointed by Court Twenty Years Ago.

## NEXT YEAR'S TAXES TO BE REDUCED

City Controller Morrow had scarcely got settled in his office chair after returning from a short vacation when he was confronted by an indignant property holder who wanted to know why he was so heavily and Magistrate Succop would not say taxed. The complainant was James Getty, whether an attempt would be made to bring Jr. He flashed up a bill for \$33 for special city tax. The Controller has nothing to do with the taxes, his business being to see that the financial affairs of the city are economically administered, but he east oil upon the troubled waters by assuring Mr. Getty that this was the last year this tax would be assessed.

This tax is known as the old city special tax, and arose in this way: In 1867, at the time of the proposed consolidation of the old city, then consisting of 12 wards, with the adjacent boroughs and townships, the County Court appointed a commission consisting of Messrs. D. N. White, Alexander Gordon and John Walker, Jr., to adjust the separate indebtedness of the new territory. The duty of this commission was to determine the property valuation of the property of the corporations which were to be annexed. Early in 1868 this commispending the strike, and the Pennsylvania sion made its report, which was approved by Court.

#### DIDN'T GUESS RIGHT. At this time the total indebtedness of the

old city was \$3,011,987 55. After deducting the value of the property held by the city there was a balance on the wrong side of \$485,468 93. To pay off this deficit an annual special tax of 3 mills on the \$1 was levied on the residents of the first 12 wards. The total valuation of the property in the old city was then assessed at \$13,982,290. This special 3-mill tax was imposed with the intention of paying off this indebtedness in 20 years, but the value of Pittsburg property increased so rapidly that it was found advisable to cut down the levy for this purpose, until this year the assessment is but 1-10 of 1 mill on the \$1.

The commission, in arriving at its results, first figured out the value of the property, owned by the corporation which was to be annexed to Pittsburg. This was subtracted from the total debt, and the difference was returned to Court as the net indebtedness, By this calculation Lawrenceville owed \$37,279 52; Collins township, \$574 14; Liberty township, \$637 87; Peebles township, \$239. These three townships now constitute the East End of Pittsburg. Oakland. now the Fourteenth ward, had no debt, but had a balance in the treasury of \$494 84. Pitts township, now the Thirteenth ward, owed \$872 14. The special tax in these districts to wipe out the local indebtedness ceased years ago, Lawrenceville's debt, which was out of all proportion to the others, being liquidated in 1880. RELIEF FOR TAXPAVERS.

# With this year's levy this special tax for the first consolidation ceases, and will thus afford a slight relief to those persons who are sufficiently wealthy to find taxation a are sufficiently wealthy to find taxation a burden. There is a strong probability that the general city taxes will be lighter next year. During the present year a deficiency of \$300,000 had to be met, but this year there will be no deficiency. In addition to this the various departments and bureaus have been watching every corner, and have turned in much more money than usual. This money is turned into the city treasury, and is not credited to the appropriations of

Committee of Councils meets to fix the levy for next year' Probably the most unexpected return has been from the Police Bureau, or rather from the First police district. Inspector Mc-Aleese, as the result of his war against speak-easies, turned into the city treasury over \$10,000 in fines for illegal liquor selfing. Mr. H. H. Bengough, who looks after the payment of vehicle licenses, has also

be quite a sum on hand when the Finance

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made quite a record as a money-maker this year. In fact, there has been a general shaking up all sround, and the city is a

## WHAT SCHOOL MARMS COST

Facts and Figures Presented by the Central Board of Education The Central Board of Education made an attempt last night to elect a supervisor of

music. Four ballots were taken but no one received a legal majority and the election was adjourned until the next meeting. R. M. McCargo was in the lead. The annual report of the district showed the number of schools to be 618. There were only 39 male eachers employed. Their average salary was \$145 per month. The average salary of the female teachers was \$51 per month. There were 31,014 pupils enrolled and the average cost per month for each pupil was \$1 63. The total receipts were \$848,684 02 and the expenditures, \$679,378 49, leaving a balance on hand of \$169,305 53. The total liabilities are \$704.500 and the estimated

value of the school property \$2,230,000.

A change in the course of study for the commercial department by adding English grammar, composition and commercial geography was recommended.

The Committee on Vacations reported a calcudar for ten months for the school term

of next year. They also recommended that the school open on Monday, September 1, and after the enrollment of pupils be dis-missed in honor of Labor Day. The report was adopted. The Finance Committee reported the disbursement during the month to have been \$4,190 61, leaving a balance in the appro-prition of \$208,086 49.

### THEIR GARMENTS SELECTED.

Delamater Guards Will Wear White Trousers and Duck Caps. The Delamater Guards, a colored organization of the Hill, has selected its uniforms,

and they expect to appear some day next week in heavy marching order. The trousers are white; a blue blouse, with white trimmings, will be worn, and a duck cap will adorn the head.

The marching captains have been elected, and when the gentlemen of color first appear they are calculated to raise a furore.

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