

RIGHTS OF CITIZENS.

As Against Railroads Ably Defended by Hon. A. C. Robertson in Select Council.

ANOTHER MOVE FOR FREE BRIDGES Foreign Laborers Not to Be Entirely Excluded From Employment Upon Public Works.

PRESENT VALUE OF SHELLEY PARK, According to Chief Bigelow, Runs Away Up Into the Millions.

Select Councilman Robertson made a vigorous attack upon the Pennsylvania Railroad's infringement upon the rights of citizens, and also filed an eloquent plea for free bridge communication with the South-side, in Councils yesterday.

Mr. Robertson called upon an ordinance directing the Chief of the Department of Public Safety to enforce the ordinance of Public Safety to the time and movement of trains on Liberty street.

Mr. Keating moved to refer the ordinance to the Public Works Committee. In defense of his motion Mr. Keating said there were already ordinances in existence regarding this matter.

There was one that prohibiting the railroad company from moving a train along Liberty street between the hours of 9 A. M. and 3 P. M., but the strict enforcement of this rule, as with many others, would work detrimentally to many of the citizens of the city and the business men on Liberty and other streets, for whose accommodation the rule was occasionally disregarded.

The ordinance passed relating to this matter were for the reasonable convenience of both railroad and citizens. Their strict enforcement would be a convenience to neither, and if this new ordinance were adopted the Chief of Public Safety would be compelled to enforce it or flagrantly disobey the orders of Councils.

CITIZENS HAVE RIGHTS.

Mr. Robertson—it is highly important that this ordinance should pass. I do not desire to see Liberty street, the Pennsylvania Railroad, but as that corporation had no regard whatever for the rights of the people, no consideration for the convenience of pedestrians and pays no attention to the ordinances already passed, I believe that something should be done at once to impress upon the Pennsylvania Railroad officials that they do not control the city streets as well as their line.

They have been frequently compelled to wait 10 or 15 minutes to cross Liberty street, at all hours of the day, and I have seen 1,000 people stand waiting at the corner of Sixth street, upon the train, for an hour or an hour and a half day's pay because they could not reach their posts of duty on time.

The fact that it is a convenience to the business men to have the train stop at the convenience of so many citizens is interested with. The business men already have too much their own way, and the inconvenience now for the business men's interests. It is almost impossible to get along the sidewalks at certain hours of the day because of the train.

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EMERY COMING HERE.

He Has Another Big Bundle of Reading Matter for Delamater TO FIRE OFF AT LAFAYETTE HALL.

Chairman Mapes and Tom Marshall to Speak With Him Saturday.

A HOUSE-TO-HOUSE CANVASS IN ORDER.

Chairman Ayres, of the Independent Republican Committee on Meetings and Speakers, yesterday arranged for a mass meeting of Independent Republicans at Lafayette Hall on Saturday night.

The speakers will be ex-Senator Emery, who says he has another bundle of fact for the committee, and Marshall and Chairman Mapes, of the Independent Republican State Committee.

A number of prominent Republicans called at the Independent headquarters in the Bissell block yesterday and tendered assurances of support of the movement in favor of Emery.

The following are samples of the letters received at headquarters yesterday: Peter Shields, Esq., Chairman Council on Organization.

Dear Sir:—In reply to your circular letter of a few days ago, we are proud to say that we are good Republicans, but independent enough, however, to repudiate the nomination made for Governor by the Pennsylvania State Convention.

We are not active politicians, but in the present emergency we are ready to do our duty according to our own convictions, and will endeavor to disseminate our opinions as best we can.

Very respectfully, W. J. WHITE, Secretary Dist. College.

A TOURIST IN TROUBLE.

George Whitton, an Irishman who has lately reached this city, had made preparations to take his wife and family back to Belfast, Ireland, his native home, and the 920 train last night on the R. & O. when his family and a large number of friends got to the depot about 9 o'clock.

As it came near the time for the train to start, Whitton family were getting out to board the train when a dispute occurred between Whitton and the gatekeeper which wound up by his being placed on the train.

The time for the starting of the train drew near, and the gatekeeper refused to let Whitton and his family start out to board the train.

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THE FATE OF THE INFANTS.

What the Revision Committee Will Do To-day Before Their Adjournment of This Meeting.

The revision of Chapter III on foreridation was finally finished by the Presbyterial General Assembly Committee yesterday and thought it is not ready for public inspection.

Chairman Roberts vouchsafed the information that there were some very radical changes made in the chapter.

The chapter IV was received and adopted. The changes in this chapter were also taken up, but its final consideration was postponed until the Washington meeting is opened.

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AGAINST THE CHINESE.

National Laundrymen Claim Ine Mongolian Injures the Trade.

MONEY MADE ON SMALL CAPITAL. How the Laundry Business Has Grown in the United States.

PRIZE ESSAYS READ AT THE MEETINGS. The laundrymen of the United States and Canada commenced their annual meeting yesterday at the Monongahela.

The morning and afternoon sessions were taken up with preliminary work, and at the evening meeting a number of prize essays were read.

Thirty-two new members were admitted into the association.

President Doremus, in his annual report, made an attack on the Chinese laundrymen, and referred to the benefits of the association.

He alluded to the good standing of the laundrymen in New York by reason of their union, also the fight against a cut-rate laundry concern in Chicago, which was won by reasonable combination.

Referring to the Chinese association, President Doremus said that they could not as a national system be quite interesting.

They would have to contend with the press and military. Local organizations, however, could do much to suppress them by quietly working to exterminate exercises, a number of tenants are permitted to occupy rooms and a number of Chinese are employed in the laundry.

He recommended that the association lay out the country in districts and the creation system was quite interesting.

The evening session of the association was given to entering exercises, a number of papers were received and read on questions of interest to the laundry business, in competition for prizes.

Papers were submitted on "Cash vs. Credit," "Cleanliness in the Laundry," "Work and Wages," "Progressive Ideas," "The Chinese Question" and "Decent Standards." The prizes offered were three gold medals. The papers were read and the winners without will report the winners to-day.

The man who wrote on the Chinese question had ideas very similar to those advanced by President Doremus. He said that 7,000 Chinese laundries in America, employing 95,000 hands, who earn annually \$30,000,000. Three years ago, according to figures furnished, \$4,700,000 were invested in laundries, and since then the investment has greatly increased in value and investments.

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THE CLOSING WEEK OF THE EXPO OPENS WITH A RUSH.

Wonderful Mechanical Birds—Scotch Night—The Patriotic Societies to Turn Out Wednesday Night—Visitors Give Opinions on the Closing Week of the Exposition.

The closing week of the Exposition promises to be truly a crowning week in the way of attendance.

Last night's crowd was very large. To-night the band will play Scotch music, and to-morrow night a programme of American airs has been prepared in honor of the attendance that night of members of all the patriotic orders, such as the J. O. U. M. Patriotic Sons of America, and kindred orders.

A large crowd is expected. Last night's feature was "Direct Lines" mechanical birds. The birds are such a wonderful imitation of feathered songsters that they are being sold at a profit.

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