

DARKNESS OF EGYPT

Settles over Pittsburgh, and Causes Considerable of a Rumpus Among the Old Timers.

HARD TO RECALL A PARALLEL DAY

The Fog, Smoke and Gloom Almost Thick Enough to be Cut Into Pieces and Carried Away.

MIXED CONDITIONS OF ATMOSPHERE.

Special Service in the City on a Saturday That Became Memorable.

It has been years since Pittsburghers were treated to samples of weather like those dished up yesterday. The atmosphere was thick with fog, smoke and gloom almost thick enough to be cut into pieces and carried away.

By 2 o'clock in the afternoon pedestrians could reach out into space and grasp almost anything disagreeable. People who object to rain could take mist, and anyone with a grudge against natural gas could become thoroughly saturated with coal smoke.

The zephyrs that came floating out of cheap restaurants were freighted with everything on the bill, from shadow and steam to breakfast smothered in onions and stewed prunes. The cargo in every instance anchored directly over the pavement and gave the fog banks a dusty, pale yellow appearance, to say nothing about the flavor imparted, it being a case of "the hide going with the tallow."

All the streets were coated with a thin covering of mud, which was as treacherous in its make-up as banana peel, and the fog was full of ammonia. No sooner would the unprotected traveler ask some lady's pardon for a moment, while he disengaged her parachute from his eye, than another female with the courage of a lion would burst forth from the gloom and graciously swipe his hand under the test of the mob.

Artificial Lights a Necessity.

Every office, every business house—in fact every place occupied by mortals—the city over had to be illuminated. Gas jets and incandescent lights were as numerous as stars on a summer night, and it looked odd to see great blocks lighted from basement to roof. The street lights were also called into service, but their efforts were very tame.

In spite of all the little objectionable features, however, the show windows attracted considerable attention, and the strange fact about it was that the bulk of the curious crowd was made up of women and children. They seemed to be having just as good a time looking at the trinkets and watching the vague outlines of the boy in the curious costume as the men who were busy cutting up the days and busy turning out to the fowls as a hen rooster again, and fell back upon summer drinks until the next cold.

Score of people could be found in bookstores looking for thoughtful literature. Louffelle's "Rainy Day" found many admirers, but "In Darkness, Africa" was a great success. "The Darker Side of the Moon," however, was Lord Byron's "Dream of Darkness," which tells of a world without sun, moon or stars, where all the clouds had been dissolved and every heart was chilled with a selfish prayer for light, darkness being the universe. This vivid picture came nearer fitting in with the curious estimates by a secret who picked out to be recalled on the spur of the moment.

Little Lane Along the River Banks.

Along the rivers there were very few signs of life. Nothing worth speaking about except fog banks could be seen. It was utterly impossible to distinguish any objects at a great distance. Now and then a steamer could be located by the black volumes that rolled from the tall black stacks, but the white water of the craft was not outlined from Water street.

Many of the old rivermen "allowed" that this was the first time in over 20 years that they had felt the same States as Pittsburgh and every few moments little groups of them would be encountered feeling their way around the corner to a place where they could muster up with something more substantial than mist.

PRELATES ARRIVE.

Distinguished Catholic Dignitaries Come to Pittsburgh—Able Cardinal Gibbons' First Visit to the City—Archbishop Ryan With the Party—A Warm Reception.

The distinguished clerical party expected here for the reopening of the Cathedral today arrived in the city last evening. They were Cardinal Gibbons, of Baltimore, and his secretary, Father Welsh; Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia; Bishop McGehee, of Harrisburg, and Father Murphy, S. J. They were met at the depot by a large crowd of well-wishers, and escorted in carriages to the Episcopal residence. Both the Cardinal and the Archbishop were tired after their day's ride, but were very pleasant to the reporters. Quite a large crowd of men gathered around them, and followed them out of the depot.

A BLESSING IN DISGUISE.

The Prisoner of That Name Who Escaped From the Southside Heard From. It will be remembered that some two weeks ago Inspector McKelvey and Detective Corrigan arrested a man named Blessing, and his wife, Rose, on information from Trenton, N. J., that they were wanted for larceny. The woman in particular was considered as an accomplished thief, several charges of pocket-picking having been made against her. The prisoners were taken to the Twenty-eighth ward station house, but the woman, being sick, was placed in the hospital department. Shortly afterward she made her escape and nothing was heard of her until yesterday, when her whereabouts were ascertained.

Blessing was turned over to an officer from Trenton two or three days after his arrest. It was found that he was a man of imprisoned once more. In common with most people he was laboring under the impression that his wife had committed suicide in some manner or other, and that she had sailed for Germany a week or more before. This theory proved groundless, however, as Inspector McKelvey received information from Trenton last night that she was still in the city, and that she had sailed for Germany a week or more before. This theory proved groundless, however, as Inspector McKelvey received information from Trenton last night that she was still in the city, and that she had sailed for Germany a week or more before.

THE CASE DISPOSED OF.

State Counselor Collins, of the Jr. O. U. A. M., Vindicated by His Order. State Counselor Stephen Collins, of the Jr. O. U. A. M., has been vindicated by the State board of officers. A short time ago Mr. Collins asked the board to investigate charges made against him. The board is composed of J. P. Winowar, Jr., Past State Counselor, Hiram J. Sillier, State Vice-Counselor, and J. P. Collins, Jr., State Counselor. Mr. Collins was before the board and made a statement, submitting at the same time documentary evidence concerning recent correspondence with Mr. Marshall, a member of the order in Kittanning. The board was satisfied with the statement and voted to vindicate Mr. Collins. Each council in the State was notified of the decision, and Mr. Collins will make an effort to have a special service of the State Council called to consider the matter again. This many members of the order think will be done, as 25 councils have called the call before the meeting can be convened, and it requires the representatives of 25 councils to be present to constitute a quorum.

PORTRAITS OF TWO JUDGES

Presented to the Bar Association at Its Meeting Yesterday. The regular meeting of the Bar Association was held yesterday, with President S. A. McClung in the chair. New members elected were Joseph A. McQuaide, George W. Guttridge, Thomas A. Noble and E. F. Hays. The only new member proposed was Edward S. Carpenter, Esq. Two new portraits were presented by F. M. Magee, Esq., of Judge J. W. F. White and Judge J. S. Slagle. Both are excellent likenesses and well executed portraits from an artistic point of view.

GOING TO GALVESTON.

The Juch Opera Company Leaves Over the Panhandle Road. City Passenger Agent A. F. Reed, of the Pennsylvania Company, yesterday contracted to take the Juch Opera Company, 105 people, to Galveston. They left late last evening on a special train, having five baggage cars.

MORLEY WINS THE HONORS.

Arrangements for the American Mechanical Annual Parade. The General Parade Committee of the Jr. O. U. A. M. met last night in the Moorhead building, Grant street, to further arrangements for the parade on Washington Birthday. T. J. Morley, of Lescanette Council No. 442, was elected Chief Marshal of the parade. The contest for the position was very close between Mr. Morley and L. L. Davis, of True America Council No. 196, the vote standing 46 for Morley and 41 for Davis.

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WILL ASK FOR MONEY.

The Committee to Recommend a Free Bridge Appropriation.

No Danger of the Fund Being Diverted to Other Purposes.

Mayor Gourley Makes a Suggestion. Another step has been taken in the direction of free bridges.

At yesterday's meeting of the Councilmanic Committee on Free Bridges, the committee reported that it had secured legislation passed to help the matter along would simply and promptly put a quietus on the whole project. Controller Morrow, however, is confident that the city now has all the authority it needs for the erection, purchase or condemnation of bridges. There is but one thing lacking to insure free bridges, and that is a title of money.

AN ENGINEER'S OPINION.

Colonel Merrill Says the Erie Canal Depends on the Summit Water Supply. Colonel C. E. Merrill, the river engineer for this district, returned to Cincinnati last evening. In a chat about the proposed canal to Erie, the Colonel said: "Everything depends on the quantity of water on the divide between Pittsburgh and the lakes. So much water is divided on this divide that it would be an easy matter to build a canal, and its size would depend on the amount of water; but the question is, how much water is there on the divide? The water on the divide is not on the divide, but on the summit of the divide. The water on the divide is not on the divide, but on the summit of the divide. The water on the divide is not on the divide, but on the summit of the divide.

SCHOOL TEACHING BY CYCLOPE.

The Suggestion of a Thirty-First Ward Director at Last Night's Meeting. At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Allegheny City School Board, last evening, an advisory committee was appointed and given the power to select an attorney and architect to prepare preliminary plans for the proposed new school building. The advisory committee consists of three persons, John C. Thomas, R. L. Jones and Mr. M. Garland, and they will report the work that they will have done at a special meeting which will probably be called for next Saturday evening. It is understood that most of the directors favor a building to cost about \$400,000.

STILL LOOKING FOR A PASTOR.

Trinity Church Seeks To-day in Charge of Rev. Dr. Guilbert. Trinity Protestant Episcopal congregation has not succeeded in making a decision on a rector for their church. Rev. W. O. Lampson's time is up, and he will probably leave the city this week, though he does not intend to preach anywhere for the present. The pulpit of Trinity will be occupied by Rev. Edmund Guilbert, rector of the Church of the Holy Spirit of New York City. He may also stay another week.

AN ALLEGED WIFE-BEATER ARRESTED.

Peter Galts Charged With Knocking His Better Half's Teeth Out. Mrs. Eva Green, of Windon street, Seneca, made an information before Police Magistrate Secop, last night, charging her husband, Peter, with brutally assaulting her. Among the injuries claimed to have been inflicted was the knocking out of two of her front teeth. Galts was arrested and sent to jail for safe keeping until Tuesday, when he will be given a hearing.

DEATH ON A TRAIN.

A Valn Quest for Health Sadly Ended on the Return Trip. James McCue, of Allegheny, died yesterday afternoon, on a Chicago and Erie train. McCue was a passenger on the train from Erie to Allegheny, and he died of a heart ailment. He had traveled through Colorado and California in the hope of receiving relief from consumption. Finding his quest for health a vain one, he was hurried back home with his young wife and sister, and when near Monroeville he was taken with a hemorrhage, which proved fatal.

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ANOTHER NEW INDUSTRY.

The Possibilities of Nickel-Steel Firmly Specimen Furnaced—The Allegheny Bessemer Plant—How It Was Done.

It is about certain that a new industry will be introduced in Pittsburgh. Nickel-steel has for a long time been considered among the possibilities, but until last Friday has not been proven a success.

Nicholas Rattigan, a well-known employee of the Bessemer Steel Works at East End, has by a series of experiments demonstrated the practicability of a new process, by which an exceedingly fine grade of the product can be turned. On the day mentioned Mr. Rattigan superintended a test in the converting department. The old Bessemer process was followed until the point where the molten steel is poured into the ladle, when 350 pounds of the nickel was added. It was cast into an ingot 15x13, which weighed about two tons.

THEY CAUSE ANNOYING DELAYS AND MAKE UNNECESSARY COSTS.

HE WILL WORK WITH LEGISLATORS. Alderman Reinbauer, of the Twenty-ninth ward, has a reform movement under consideration which he confidently expects will cause quite a commotion among the Aldermen of the city generally, and he proposes to bring it before the next Legislature.

His ambition is not cut off, as far as possible, the thousands upon thousands of petty cases that are constantly being sent to court for final settlement, and thereby save the higher tribunals much annoyance and delay, and taxpayers thousands of dollars yearly in the matter of costs.

SOME OF THE 'SQUIRE'S POINTS.

"Under our laws a man can make an information before an Alderman, when he has sufficient cause to believe that another is purely malicious. No matter what becomes of the action, the prosecutor cannot be made to pay the costs. This is one point. Another is that these petty cases are constantly being sent to the higher courts, and the result is they delay legitimate business to a damaging extent, while the useless costs pile up to extraordinary amounts.

AN OUTLINE OF THE LAW.

"This is a rough outline of the law, though there are many minor provisions, as, for instance, trial by jury is optional with the defendant; all fines imposed go to the school treasury of the districts where the offenses were committed, and if costs are placed under the control of the school, they can be held until the same are paid. Now, any one can readily see that under this law cases would not be as numerous as at present. People are not so likely to consent to the situation before they would rush into court with every little family quarrel or clothes-line fight. I have cited only some of the more important features of the law. There are many effective minor clauses, and wherever it has been tried it has given complete satisfaction. People who are impatient of the present law are sometimes subjected to the most annoying delays, solely on account of these trivial affairs, and it is time that some relief should be granted.

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THE COFFEE POISONED.

Charles Jones, of Shaler Township, Held for Court on a Charge of Attempting to Take His Wife's Life—She Tells a Frightful Story.

Charles Jones was held for court yesterday by Alderman Kerr under \$500 bail. The charge against him is attempting to poison his wife, Amelia. Jones is an employee at Graf, Bennett & Co.'s old mill, and lives with his wife in Shaler township. His wife is the present occupant of the home and he is 5-year-old child on Monday night by putting matches in her coffee.

"On Monday evening," Mrs. Jones testified, "I made coffee as usual for myself and child and made it my husband, as he never drinks coffee. At this time the coffee was all right, but when I went to take a cup of coffee before going to bed, I noticed a peculiar odor coming from the top of it. It also had a peculiar odor of phosphorus. I at once suspected that it was an attempt on my life and when I examined it I found several matches in the coffee. I therefore made this information to get him out of the way."

Upon this testimony Alderman Kerr held Jones for court. He has been before Alderman Kerr on two previous occasions—once for assault and battery, and once for surety of the peace. His wife made the charges in both cases.

THOUSANDS OF HOLIDAY UMBRELLAS.

The Most Acceptable and Useful Christmas Gifts Under the Sun. If you want to go to headquarters you must go to Kaufmann's. Here you will find a truly gigantic assortment of silk umbrellas, comprising over 500 different styles, at prices ranging from \$2.50 to \$10.00. Among the novelties sure to attract attention in the combination case, or full dress umbrella, a beautiful Christmas gift for any young man now on his way to college. Kaufmann's show the widest and latest diversity imaginable, with Sterling and German silver handles predominating. Then there are the plated and solid gold handles, natural wood handles, pearl, onyx and ivory handles, pearl deposited in gold and silver, fancy silver-mounted handles, long or short handles, and the best in the world, carved bird or animal design handles, and countless other unique, quaint and tasteful things. Right now, too, while the stock is complete, is the time to make your selection. If you wish, you can pay a small deposit on the umbrella you select. It will then be laid aside for you, and when you call for it you can pay the balance. And, if you want to buy a pair of umbrellas, you can call on handle, you charge will be made for this.

THE GREAT HUSH AT KLEBER & BROS.' ALREADY BEGAN.

Persons can have no idea of the popularity of the Kleber Bros. and the immense business they are doing in the sale of pianos, organs, mandolins, guitars, etc., unless they drop in at their general store, 627 and 629 Penn. Ave., and see the display. And little's wonder, for the Messrs. Kleber have the monopoly of the grandest pianos made in America. Just look and listen to the glorious Steinway and Conover pianos, and the popular Gals and Open pianos, and you will admit that nothing else will compare with them. Besides the Messrs. Kleber will sell at honest, reasonable prices. They have the smallest profit of any dealer, and they give the longest warranty and sell on the easiest monthly payments. Kleber's store is the most popular place to buy a piano in the city. It is plain to see in their honest dealings and their superior judgment.

COFFEE, TEAS, CONDENSED MILK.

And baking goods are what you will find in perfect condition at the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company. All their stores are kept supplied with fresh goods. In coffees there are mocha, Old Government Java, Rio, Maracibo, etc. In teas, Japanese, oolong, young hyson and gunpowder. Old Country teas include English breakfast, caper, assam and orange pekoe. The baking powder and condensed milk are the A. and P. brands, which are the best in the world. Mr. Owen Jones is the manager of the main store, 434 Butler street, 1703 Carson street, 2127 Penn. av. and 2250 Broadway. Sample books, gheeny, and 128 Fifth avenue, McKeesport.

TURKISH BATH.

Mr. Fred Goodwyn, manager of the Natatorium, Duquesne way, has the pleasure of informing you that he has, in consequence of greatly increased business, engaged two more New York manipulators for the Turkish bath. Accommodations are being made, and the bath is open daily. Everyone guaranteed good attention. Spacious accommodations for all night patrons. Swimming pool open daily from 6 A. M. to 10 P. M. Hot and cold water all of an agreeable temperature.

ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Forfeit if I fail to prove Fioraplexion the best medicine for liver complaint, dyspepsia, nervous debility, biliousness, consumption. It cures where all other remedies fail. Ask your druggist for it. Sample book sent free. FRANKLIN HART, New York.

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To give exercise without exhaustion or fatigue, to soothe and quiet the nervous system and induce sleep, nothing can equal the Turkish bath. It is the best in the world. Open night and day.

FEMALE DETECTIVE.

Miss Echols, who has done some clever work in New York City, is now employed at Thornton's, cash store, Allegheny. Her make up puzzles the most expert shoplifter who recognizes her only when she is in the store. Her constant rush in the popular store naturally makes it a sort of shoplifter's, who will be entertained in the future by the above lady.

HOLIDAY LEATHER GOODS A SPECIALTY.

Everything in this line suitable for gifts. Manure, toilet, traveling and jewel sets, collar and cuff boxes, card cases, pocket-books, satchels, cigar and cigarette cases, calendars, photo cases, writing tablets, ink, blotter, mirrors, etc. A. G. CAMPBELL & SONS, 27 Fifth av.

JOHNNY GET YOUR WAGON.

Do you know that Gusk's are giving away a large and substantial express wagon with every sale of \$5 and up in boys' clothing? If you want a good, strong wagon just get your pants at Gusk's and the wagon is yours.

DOLLAR CHRISTMAS BOOKS FOR NOTHING.

They certainly are the prettiest picture books ever given away anywhere. You get one gratis with every boy's suit or overcoat or girl's cloak bought this week at Kaufmann's.

THE FIELDS ARE WHITE.

Not with snow, but with a harvest of goods suitable for holiday purchases at Gusk's. The assortment is immense, and the prices are very much below those usually asked for this class of goods.

WANT CHAPERON OOK.

How Southern Pig Iron Men Injure the Furnace Trade Here.

J. J. Spearman, the Sharon furnace man, was at the Union depot last evening, going to Steubenville. Mr. Spearman says the pig iron business has not improved, and while iron sold for \$18 per ton last year it now brings \$14.25. The furnaces had made their coke contracts up to January 1 at present prices, and Mr. Spearman says so far as he knows they have not asked for a reduction, but he claims the price of coke must come down, or the furnaces will have to stop operations. He thinks iron at \$13.35 to \$15.50 per ton would be reasonable for this fuel. Freight rates to the Mahoning and Shenango valleys still remain the same.

Mr. Spearman states that the Southern pig iron men are knocking out their business. This iron is shipped to Youngstown cheaply than the local manufacturers can produce. The Southern people make pig iron for foundry purposes, and they frequently miss it, and it comes out ordinary mill iron. They sell it in the North for what they can get for it, and this is how the South injures Northern trade. Several furnaces in the valleys have gone out of blast, and Mr. Spearman expects to see others follow.

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Large line of Tapestry Brussels at 50 to 75c. Moquette at \$10 to \$15. Axminster at \$10 to \$15. Wilton Velvets at \$1 to \$5. Ingrains at 30c to 75c. 1000 Pairs Lace Curtains from 75c to \$2.50. A large line of Rugs at special low prices.

A LARGE LOT OF FRENCH COMBINATION DRESS PATTERNS.

\$12.00 Combinations now offered at \$7.00. \$15.00 Combinations now offered at \$10.00. \$20.00 Combinations now offered at \$12.00. \$25.00 Combinations now offered at \$15.00. \$30.00 Combinations now offered at \$18.00. \$35.00 Combinations now offered at \$20.00. \$40.00 Combinations now offered at \$22.00.

A FEW CLOAK BARGAINS.

Several hundred Ladies' Newmarkets, Jackets, etc., in medium heavy winter weights, just received to fully one-half and one-third former price. You can have your choice from goods that sold all through the fall at \$30 to \$50, now at \$15, \$20, \$25, \$30.

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For Ladies and Children, at low prices. Special Low Prices on Seal Plush Jackets, Coats and Wraps. These were bought before any advance in price, and offer them at much lower figures than retail to-day.

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In unrivaled assortment, from lowest up to finest grades. Our Linen Handkerchiefs at 25c is almost endless in variety, embracing all the latest styles in the best work and tape effects in borders and corners.

KID GLOVES.