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Secretary Eben Brewer, of the Ship Canal

Report of Business Possibilities.

The Coroner's Jury Holding the Inquest on the Dickson Building Victims Demand That

ALL OVERHEAD WIRES COME DOWN.

Recommendation That the Fire-Escape Law be Enforced and New Legislation Asked for.

A CRIMINAL PROSECUTION ORDERED.

Coroner McDowell Makes a Suggestion to the Department of Public Safety.

An authoritative demand is made that overhead wires come down, and that fire escapes go up.

The Coroner's jury in the case of Robert Irwin and wife, who lost their lives in the Dickson building fire Thursday morning, call upon the Department of Public Safety to remove all overhead wires, ask that the fir-escape law be amended and strengthened, and notice the District Attorney that he is expected to proceed immediately against the owner or owners of the Dickson build-

The inquest was resumed vesterday morning, Mr. G. W. Moore lived with his family on the third floor of the Dickson building. He was awakened by Mr. Irwin's cry of "fire." He tried to get down the stairway, but was driven back by the flames and smoke. He and his family were rescued by the firemen. The only way of reaching the third and fourth floors was by a stairway leading from the front hall.

Elmer O'Donnell, who roomed on the fourth floor, said there were no fire escapes on the building. He escaped death by jumping from a window to a roof below.

A Fatal Lack of Fire Escapes. Captain Snyder, of No. 1 engine company, who rescued several persons at the fire, was positive the inmates of the Dickson building could have reached the ground in safety had the building been supplied with fire

Fire Marshal McFadden made an examination of the building after the fatality. His opinion was the fire had started in the pathroom in the cellar, and had smoldered slowly for some time before it communicated with the other portions of the building. The building was a four-story one, and was of the class which is presumed to have fire escapes.

Other witnesses were examined, but their | Five Brothers Who Had Not Seen Each evidence threw no new light on the matter under inquiry, and Coroner McDowell charged the jury at considerable length. He read to the members the act of Assembly governing the erection of fire-escapes on and explained its provisions at some length. Their attention was also called to their duty and power in such cases as these. The jury retired, and after some deliberation returned the following pointed and exhaustive ver-

Criminal Action for Negligence Suggested. Mrs. Mary Ann Irwin and Robert Irwin, aged respectively 47 and 50 years, were found dead on the stairway, third floor, of the Dickson buildings, 901 and 963 Penn avenue, Fourth word, Pittsburg, on December 4, 1890, about 3

said buildings were rented and occupied as t ment house; that the said Mary Ann Irwin and Robert Irwin were occupants of rooms on the fourth floor of said buildings, and that said buildings were on fire from about 12:10 A. M. on cas cut off by smoke and flames; that they, the said Mary Ann and Robert Irwin, were suffocated and burned to death while in an attempt to escape from said building, and the jury further find that there was but apper floors, which was inadequate; also that as fire escape or device for the same was in and buildings, in compliance with an act of repetition of life and limb; and further find repetition of life and limb; and further find that the owner or owners of said buildings was rossly negligent and did violate said act of assembly, and recommend that the District

Overhead Wires to Come Down. That the Department of Public Safety of the city of Pittsburg and the proper officers within e county take immediate steps to compel all owners of buildings within the provisions of said act of May 9, 1889, to comply with the said act, and such legislation be procured and rules counted to comply therewith, and also that the proper officers take prompt action to remove werhead wires within the city of Pittsburg the

Coroner McDowell is well satisfied with the verdict and thinks the finding of the jury is the result of a proper estimate of the evidence and the law. To-day the Coroner will turn over his record of the case to District Attorney Johnston and with the latter will rest the responsibility of further action. Under the act of Assembly governing the

erection of fire escapes the penalty for neglect to erect after proper notification and in case death results is from six months to one year's imprisonment. question of ownership of the Dick-

son buildings was not determined by the Coroner's jury. The Coroner had the leases and deeds produced as evidence. The leases were made by Mr. and Mrs. John Dickson jointly, while the deed of one of the buildings was made by John Dickson to his minor daughter for the consideration of \$1. the deed to the other building being made to Mrs. Dickson by a third party. Existing Fire-Trans in the City.

Coroner McDowell in speaking of the existing law relating to fire escapes believes that it should be mandatory upon owners of property coming within its provisions to creet fire escapes, and that the penalty should be imposed without having to wait until a latality has called the attention of the public to the matter. He knows personally of a number of buildings in this city that are fire-traps, in which, should a fire occur, a score, and perhaps a hundred. human lives would be sacrificed. He expeets the matter will be called to the attention of the Legislature when it meets in

January.

Coroner McDowell has a plan which he will suggest to Chief Brown, and which he expects the latter will favor. It is to provide every police officer with blanks, and require him to fill them up and turn them in to the Board of Fire Escapes. The officer will be expected to visit every building of three or more stories on his beat, and record a full description of the premises, the name of the owner and the name and number of the occupants, and, if it is to be used as a factory, give the number of employes. This information would be valuable as it would be thorough. The only expense attached to this plan would be the cost of

## RELICS OF THE FIRE.

A Charred Roll of Greenbacks Found in Mrs. Irwin's Room.

A charred roll of bills was found vester day in the sewing machine drewer of Mrs. Irwin's room. The roll is thought to coutain \$110, but is so badly burned that a will require an expert to determine the amount. Coroner McDowell took charge of the money and turned it over to President J. | Fleming & Son's Market st.

H. Willock, of the Second National Bank, who will send it to the Treasury Depart-ment for redemption. The money will then be placed to the credit of little Willie Ir-

NOT YET SETTLED. The Governor Wants More Proof That Al-

DEMAND GREATER THAN SUPPLY. legheny is a City of the Second Class. City Attorney Elphinstone, of Allegheny, is in Harrisburg in search of information relative to the proposed change of the classi-fication of the Northside city. He had an informal talk with Attorney General Kirkpatrick and Governor Beaver yesterday on the subject. Mr. Elphinstone's chief concern is to have Allegheny in proper shape when it becomes a city of the second class. He holds that without new legislation its municipal affairs will be involved in much confusion, as the act which sought to pro-vide the necessary legislation for the city in

case of the change of its class was defeated. Governor Beaver was undecided as to what the action would be on the application of Mayor Wyman requesting him to certify, in accordance with the laws of 1889, that Allegheny City had sufficient population to entitle it to the advance classification. The Governor thinks he has no discretion in the matter when the information of the necessary number of inhabitants is properly subtion will have to be made into the laws to ascertain what constitutes official information relative to the outcome of the consus. There may be other matters in connection with the proposed change of classification requiring an inspection of the law, and At-General Kirkpatrick has been requested to make the necessary investigation and submit the result of it to the Governor.

## THE OLD HERMIT OF TARENTUM

Taken by the Humane Society to the County Home.

John Dible, an old hermit of Tarentum, was yesterday afternoon sent to the County Home. Dible is 76 years of age, and lived alone in a little 8 by 10 shanty, built of rough boards, with only the ground for a floor. The attention of the Humane Society was called to the case, and Agent O'Brien investigated it. He found Dible, who is partly paralyzed and greatly crippled, in the shed described. He had an old bed, prices for sites, but the truth is we cannot with some tattered and worn-out clothing, and a stove without lids. He had lived by from the railroad tracks, and he lived on what food he got from the neighbors.

When the officers went to remove him to the County Home he became very angry, upon learning their errand, and positively refused to go. Force had to be used, finally, and he was placed in a carriage and driven to the railroad station. The old man has been a resident of Tarentum for 30 years. He formerly owned a little property on what is known as the Avenue in Tarentum, but it was sold for non-payment of taxes. He has tenant who renews a lease that was made a wife living, but where is not known.

#### MET AGAIN IN PITTSBURG.

Other in Fifty Years. Five very distinguished-looking gentlemen, somewhat advanced in years, were | business interests." seen upon the streets vesterday, who proved to be Messrs, Robert A. McKean, of buildings of three or more stories in height, | Charleroi; William R. McKean, of Mansfield, Pa.; James S. McKean, of Kalamazoo; Samuel McKean, of Bellevernon, and Andrew McKean, of Castle Douglass, Scotland, brothers who had not, until within the past few weeks, been together for 50 years, and who occupy the position of father and uncles, respectively, to Post-master James S. McKean, of this city.

Mr. Andrew McKean and his son left last night for New York, from which point they will sail to-morrow for their home in Scotland, and the prolonged stay of Post-master McKean in that city will enable him wish a personal bon voyage to his rela-

# FORMULATING CHANGES.

The Tailors Will Prepare the National Pro-

Tailors' Association met at the Anderson | many of them at \$2 a month. This applied vesterday. Some changes to be made in the constitution and by-laws to be submitted at one entrance or exit to said buildings on the | the annual meeting in St. Louis were formulated. Under the present regulations a bylaw can't be changed without first serving a notice of 60 days on the association. The plan is to change the present modus operandi of getting down to work. A committee was appointed to discuss the advisability of incorporating the national exchange. At the meeting to-day the programme for the national onthering will be prepared. Last evening the visiting tailors attended

the theater and afterward enjoyed a ban-

#### quet. PREPARING FOR THE SCHOOL

To be Established by the Local Institute of Sacred Literature.

The Executive Committee of the Pittshurg branch of the American Institute of Sacred Literature met at the Young Men's Christian Association rooms, yesterday afternoon, and began making preparations for the school, which will be opened about February 1. It was decided at yesterday's meeting to get printed programmes for the courses of lectures and distribute them in the different churches.

The first course of lectures will be given

by Dr. Riddle on the "Li e of Christ. second course will take up the "History of the Old Testament." The school will be conducted in the Christ M. E. Church, First Presbyterian Church and St. Andrew's

## MORE CARS ARRIVE

Bad Weather Interferes With Work on the Duquesne Traction Road.

Yesterday 22 cars for the Duquesne Traction arrived. Work on the streets is entirely suspended on account of the bad weather. Until the frost comes out of the ground the repaying in the East End can't be finished. Scarcely anything is being done in track laying, except to put in cross-ings and connect pieces of the road that have been laid. One of the officers said yesterday that it was difficult to say when the road would be

## A SURPRISE TO MANY

First Appearance in This City of the Colored Jenny Lind.

in operation.

Miss Flora Batson, a gifted young colored lady of New York, sang last night to a large and appreciative audience at the Wylie Avenue A. M. E. Church. Her remarkable voice, which is of equal purity in the upper registers of a mezzo-soprano and the rolling depths of the lowest tenor notes, was a reve-

The flexibility, metal and purity of her vocal organ justiy entitle Miss Batson to the distinction of being called the colored Jenny

## SEVEN RIVAL ENTERTAINMENTS.

Managers Striving to See Who Has the Most Friends and Best House.

The first of a series of seven entertainments was given last evening at Salisbury for the body, which has been turned over to Hall, Southside, under the auspices of George W. Childs Commandery No. 17, L. L. of O. U. A. M., and Unity Council No. 14, Daughters of Liberty. The programme and management each night will be in charge of a member of one the councils, and a great rivalry has

SLEEPLESSNESS, nervous prostration, nervous dyspepsia, dullness, blues, cured by Dr. Miles' Nervine. Samples free at Jos. Tu

arisen as to who will give the best enter-

RENTS RISE RAPIDLY SECRETARY BREWER TALKS About the Prospects of the Proposed Ship

Tenants of Business Houses Whose Expenses Are on the Jump.

No Way to Meet the Daily Call for Medium

Sized Tenements. AN EARLY LOOK ABOUT FOR NEW HOMES

Two facts stand out prominently in the great rent problem for the consideration of those who have to live in other people's

houses. One is that there will be a probable advance in the rates for small houses, and the other is that the man who secures a business place will either have to purchase it outright or pay an excessive price for it.

Every real estate dealer in the city is up to his cars in business, while the season is not yet fully opened when careworn women and distracted men are to be encountered mitted to him, but says a thorough examina- chasing up and down leading and side streets, in search of houses to shelter them. Ordinarily this ordeal begins about February 1, but this year it is different, and inquiries are already being quite freely

> By far the most important feature of the whole question, however, is the scarcity of business houses. During a conversation with a representative of this paper yester-day, Mr. Baird, of the firm of Black & Baird, said. "There is an unusual scarcity of business places in Pittsburg at the present time. We could rent 25 a day if we had them without any trouble at all, and to firstclass tenants.

ANXIOUS TO COME TO PITTSBURG. "We have applications on our books that were made over a year ago by people living outside of this city, who are anxious to come here and establish themselves in reliable secure them.

"In addition to this demand, local capitalhimself for the last six years, and was cov-ered with vermin. His coal he gathered are already on the lookout, notwithstanding that it is yet months ahead of the time when leases expire. And all these persons have splendid financial backing.
"Now let me state some facts that will give you an idea of the situation. A three-

year's lease on a business property of one of our tenants expires on April 1, 1891. The vearly rental was \$3,800. The party has already renewed the lease for a term of years at \$6,000 a year, and was glad to get it at that figure. Another instance is that a for \$3,000 a year at \$5,500 per annum. I feel safe in saving that rates on this class of property will be 40 per cent higher for next year than they were when the leases were made, three, four or five years ago, and the demand is in excess of the supply. To my mind this is one of the best possible proofs of the growth and prosperity of Pittsburg's

RATES ON TENEMENT HOUSES. "How will the rates on tenement houses

ompare with last year?"
"It's a little early to speak definitely on
its subject. We serve notices on tenants on January 1, and usually get a reply any-where between then and February. 1 can say, however, that there is already a great demand for small houses. The supply has been increased considerably, during the year, but it is not large enough yet, by any means. I think there will be an advance in the rents for this class of buildings. With houses that rent 'rom \$30 a month up, the case is somewhat different, as many of them are rented for a series of years."

"Will the advance in the price of natural

gas cause tenants to ask for lower rates?" 'I cannot say so to that, though of course we would have preferred to see the price on that suel remain where it was. But there will be no trouble in renting all the houses, and particularly the smaller ones." Petty & Co. stated that The Executive Committee of the National | all the small houses they had at an advance, to houses that now rent from \$16 to \$18 a month.

DEMAND FOR SMALL HOUSES. "While there had been a great deal of building during the year, there was a still greater demand, particularly for four, five and six-roomed buildings. Hundreds and hundreds of families were forced to submit to the inconvenience of nooling issues and renting buildings that would shelter two or three of them, at the same time paying a big price for such accommodations." When asked if the tenants of larger houses were not advancing rates for single or double rooms, on account of the increased cost of natural gas, Mr. Petty replied that they were, but that this applied only to the down-

Mr. Chapman, of the firm of Lee & Chap-man, said they could rent almost any number of small houses, say from \$17 to \$20 a month. He expected to see rates go up on this kind of property, though one landlord had told him that he preferred to keep reliable tenants at the present figures rather than make any changes. The demand for larger houses was not as great, however, as might be expected. He said he had been trying to rent a 10-room house on Alleghenv avenue, Allegheny, for six weeks, and al-though it had been well advertised, he had not yet found a person who cared to pay the

NOT THE KIND IN DEMAND. He also spoke of the big block of houses recently erected on what might be called a central street, that were not going very rapidly because the great majority of people who rent could not afford to pay the rates

"What Pittsburg needs at the present time," continued Mr. Chapman, "is a great number of small houses. Thousands of them could be rented almost in a day, pro vided they were at all conveniently located. and to first-class people, who would almost get on their bended knees to secure them. You have no idea of how great the demand is for them. It certainly beats anything I ever saw. How about business houses? Why they are simply out of sight. The demand could not be supplied for love or money. I know of two or three instances of houses almost within a stone's throw of this office where the rents have been advanced hundreds of dollars a year, and the present occupants were glad enough to renew their leases at that."

At W. A. Herron & Sons' the same gen-

eral condition of affairs was reported, par-ticularly in regard to business places. They were not prepared to say much about tene-ment houses, but when it came to the first named class, their experience was that of all other agents and dealers who were interviewed on the subject; and quite a number of them, in addition to the ones mentioned, were seen.

## DEATHS AT THE POOR FARM.

A Man Who Wouldn't Claim the Corpses o His Parents.

Mrs. Philomena Ruh, aged 50 years, who has been an inmate of the Pittsburg Poor Farm during the past five years, died there early Sunday morning. Her son, John Ruh, who resides on Spring alley, was notified of his mother's death, but did not call an anatomical society. Ruh's father, Jacob Ruh, died at the Poor Farm on July 15 last, and his body was also turned over to the same society. Examiner Hoffman, of the Poor Board, in speaking of this matter, said that Ruh had been notified and requested to take charge of the dead bodies, but paid no

attention to the matter.

Joseph Huhm, aged 57 years, who has een an inmate of the City Poor Farm during the past ten years, died there yesterday morning. He leaves a wife and two children, residing in the rear of No. 1417 Penn avegoat, and peace reigns once more in the Twenty-seventh ward. nue, who have taken charge of his body.

Canal-He is Enthusiastic Over the In-

The Whole Fight of the Baltimore and Ohio Yard Switchmen

Commission, is very enthusiastic over the AIMED AT YARDMASTER DEITRICH. interest manifested by the Governor in the preliminary report of the Ship Canal Commission. He was eager to learn everything Disappointed Strikers Renew Their Depossible in regard to the big project, and mands for Reinstatement. subjected Mr. Brewer to a long and comprebensive questioning in regard to it. He was quite outspoken in favor of the canal, from what he had learned about it, and Mr. FURNACE CINDERS USED AS BALLAST Brewer left him highly gratified with the re-

sult of the conference.

While Governor Beaver has made no statement as to just what he will recommend, it is generally believed he will advo-cate the idea of the Legislature bringing the matter before Congress this winter with a view of getting an appropriation from the Government. When Mr. Brewer was questioned on this point he replied that the Govhis office in the yards at Glenwood, and the ernor made no intimations to him whatever strikers immediately caught the idea that he as to what he would recommend, but he admitted that he had heard this statement from outside sources. One thing that the final report will show brook.

will be some figures as to the possibilities of the business that can be secured for the caual. At present about 8,000,000 tons of iron are shipped from the upper lake mines. Of this amount about 6,500,000 tons find a market in Pittsburg, Johnstown, the Shenango and Mahoning valleys and other manufacturing centers in this time section. At the present time about 1,000,000 tons of coal are shipped from this valley yearly to the lake ports, by rail, while a like amount goes down the rivers for Western and Northwestern points. The projectors of the canal calculate that these shipments can easily doubled with increased facilities. Added to this the shipments of

pig iron and Bessemer, heavy machinery, etc., from inland points, and the trade that would certainly result from the agricultural regions along the lakes, the total tonnage is fixed at about 13,000,000 tons. This exceeds the amount handled yearly by the Suez Canal. An estimate has been made that 50 cents a ton on an average can be saved on these shipments, which would amount to \$6,500,000 a year, or about 25 per cent of the cost of the big waterway.

Secretary Brewer stated that the figures

as given on shipments were about correct. He said that the final report would have these estimates down to a very fine point, and rather intimated that the showing might be still more favorable. He was asked what the sentiment among members of the Legislature was. He replied that he had met a great many of them during the past few months, and they were all favorable to the project as a rule. He could not see what reasons any of them should have to oppose it for that matter. So far as the opposition from the railroads was concerned, Secretary Brewer did not believe they would exert themselves much against the building of the canal. President Roberts, of the Pennsylvania Company, had declared over a year ago in a speech in this city that the company had more freight business then than could be accommodated. Since that time the increase had been very great. Sec-retary Brewer was convinced that the railretary Brewer was convinced that the railroads did not care so much about low grade freights, such as coal and fron, as in former years. The amount of better class freight was so large that it kept most roads busy to handle it, while the rates were much more satisfactory. Everything, he said, was most favorable to his proposed enterprise, and he trusted that the broader views of the people would prevail when the matter came up for thorough consideration.

## FOURTEENTH REGIMENT WILLING

To Attend Governor Pattison's Inauguration -Captain McClelland Indorsed.

At a meeting of the Fourteenth Regiment National Guard of the State of Pennsylvania, held last evening at the Central Armory, the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That notwithstanding the impression that has gotten out that the officers and members of the National Guard are averse to attending the innumeration of Governor.

Mr. Holbrook repeated a former state-

tant General; therefore be it Resolved That we the officers and members Resolved, That we, the officers and members of the Fourteenth Regiment of the National Guard of the State of Pennsylvania, do hereby respectfully recommend and heartily indorse for said position of Adjuntat General Captain William McClelland, of the city of Pittsburg, whose excellent record of over four years as a soldier during the late war and whose character as a man and a public-spirited citizen is so well known, not only in this community but throughout the State. Be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Hon. R. E. Pattison, Governor-elect of the State of Pennsylvania.

## DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT.

An Accident Ends the Life of Richard Splane, of the Southside.

Richard Splane, aged 65, an old resident of Pittsburg, died at his home, corner South First and Carson streets, at 6 o'clock last evening. The deceased fell down stairs on Sunday night, sustaining injuries which caused his death. The Coroner will hold an inquest to-day.

Mr. Splane was at one time a large

property holder, owning some of the best properties on Smithfield and Grant streets, and several other down-town streets. He formerly kept a saloon on Grant street, and a few years ago moved to the house where he died, and where he kept a saloon until the Brooks law went into effect.

## HE WANTS THE WATCH.

A Search for an Heirloom to be Made in

New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Stanford, of Bell avenue, Nunnery Hill, Allegheny, called on Chief Murphy last night and requested him to write to Inspector Byrne, of New York, relative to a man named George W. Reynard, 143 West Forty-fourth street, that city. Some time ago a gold watch with a his tory and valuable as an heirloom was sent to Mr. Stanford from England. It was detained at the Custom House and finally sold to Reynard. Mr. Stanford is very anxious to secure the timepiece, and will pay very reasonable amounts of money to

#### RICE-GROWING IN FLORIDA. A Syndicate Will Plant 1,000 Acres in the

Orange State. J. P. Scott, a son of Thomas Scott de ceased, the old President of the Pennsylvania road, was a passenger on the limited last evening for New Orleans. He was bound there to consult with leading rice-growers about planting 1,000 acres in

Mr. Scott was very entinusiastic over the scheme, and claimed the experiments were very satisfactory. He says it will be a new industry for Florida, but one that will pay.

#### A COURT-MARTIAL ORDERED. Eighteenth Regiment Men to be Tried for Neglect of Duty.

The first court-martial for over a year in the Eighteenth Regiment has been ordered by Colonel Smith to convene at headquarters, December 22. Major J. Conrad Kay has been appointed officer of the court. A number of enlisted men will be brought before the court for absence from drills and general neglect of duty.

War Over a Goat. Mrs. Elizabeth Rimlinger and Mary Higgins, both of the Twenty-seventh ward, have had a regular Punch and Judy time over a goat which Mary Higgins' son found ranging the nills. Yesterday Mrs. Rimlinger sued Mary Higgins for the possession of the

COMING AT THE ISSUE.

The pending difficulty in the Baltimore and Ohio yards assumed a dangerous aspect last night. The trouble has narrowed down to a dead-open-and-shut fight against Yardmaster Deitrich, and some interesting developments may be expected to-day. About noon yesterday Mr. Deitrich left

had been remo ved by Superintendent Hol-Shouts of victory were uttered by a dozen of the men, who were gathered in a crowd, when they heard the news, and one of their number said confidently: "We will be at

work to-morrow." T. C. Smith, who had formerly been in charge in day time, was in charge of the yard, and John Maxwell, who was formally night yardmaster, had been sent for to go on duty last night.

The men were so positive that the trouble was about to end, and that they would be sent for to go to work to-day, that some of them left the yards to prepare for duty. A damper was put on their glee when word was sent out that Deitrich had not been removed, but that he had been taken suddenly ill. The men got together immediately and held a meeting. It was decided to stand firm for their original demand.

DON'T WANT TO WORK WITH HIM. One of the men said to a DISPATCH reporter: "If they would only retain that man Smith everything would be all right. We have the utmost respect for him. But I tell you not one of us will work under Dietrich. Do you see those men (pointing to a crew on a through freight train). All those men need is the word, and they will be out. That could not have been done five years ago, but our organization has become so complete that we could tie up every road entering the

city if our demands are not granted. "To show how we have been wronged, this man Deitrich, after displaying an unbearable disposition, reported to Superin-tendent Holbrook that we had all been discharged for participating in a strike. Every man of us asked for our time voluntarily, and we can produce witnesses to that effect. But here they have us recorded as being discharged, and railroad managers have an agreement among themselves that when a man is discharged on one road, he cannot be employed on another. And to sum this whole difficulty up, you can say that if this trouble is not settled to our satisfaction pretty soon there will be music in the Baltimore and Ohio yards.

The men claim that only six out of 27 brought from Martinsburg are at work, and that only two through trains were moved yesterday. Four crews were at work in the vards, but it requires seven to handle all the local freights; that is seven day and seven night crews. None of the crews at work can do anything at night, hence the company is not able to handle its business

THE OFFICIALS YET CONFIDENT. The officials claimed, however, that freight was moving all right on the Wheeling division and that the junction is not blocked, as has been stated by the men. Second Vice President King was in the city yesterday, but his mission was to attend a

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WHEREAS, Among the appointments to be made by Hon. R. E. Pattison, Governor-elect of the State of Pennsylvania, is that of Adjutant General: therefore he it everything moving along serenely in a day or two. One very long train of coke came through from Connellsville yesterday afternoon, and one or two other through trains were handled beside what the lour local

crews were able to do. A requisition has been made upon other yards for men, and some are expected here this morning from Baltimore, Wheeling and other points, when it is hoped by the company to clear out their yards.

None of the officials of the Switchman's

Association have been requested to come to Pittsburg. They will not be needed for at least a week yet, even if trouble should break out, and it is quietly hinted even among the men that some of their own numher have been talking too loud, ONE OF THE SENSATIONS. A report came from McKeesport last night

that Vardmaster Deitrich had been assaulted by the men, but this is denied by the men, who say they have tried to keep as quiet as possible, and have remained away from the vards ever since the strike occurred. General Manager J. V. Patton, of the Pittsburg and Western road, said last evening that the trouble on the Baltimore and Objedid not affect his line except in a shortage of freight. The Baltimore and Ohio men claim the sympathy of Mr. Pat-

A meeting of officials was held last night, but it could not be learned if the threatened tie-up was discussed or not. It was given out positively, however, that Mr. Deitrich had not been removed.

PROTECTION FOR BUILDINGS. The Builders' Exchange Considering the Matter of Fire Escapes.

A special meeting of the Builders' Exchange was held yesterday afternoon to appoint a committee to prepare suggestions for making buildings safer. This committee will report at the next regular meeting of the Exchange.

The action was prompted by the discus-

sion over the recent fatalities, occasioned by a lack of fire escapes on the buildings burned last week on Penn and Liberty ave nnes. One of the men who was at the meeting said he thought the idea is to have some plan adopted by which owners must provide fire escapes when the buildings are erected.

#### AN ARMY OF RAILROADERS. Commissioner Wright Completes His Re-

road labor of the country. Mr. Wright makes a geographical distribution of the railroads, according to States and Territories with the object in view of bringing those localities together, in which the gen-eral conditions of labor are practically harmonions and of a like character.

In the investigation the commissioner

covered 60 different roads, on which are

employed 241,910 persons. Tearing Up the Foundation

up all the old pipes and iron foundation of the finishing department of the old Pennsylvania Forge, which was burnt down in July, 1887. The Baltimore and Ohio Company having purchased the property, are now extending their sidings over the ground. The puddling department is yet standing and in operation, but at any time the company may order it to be removed.

A New Coffin Factory. Hamilton, Lemmon, Arnold & Co., the coffin manufacturers, contemplate erecting a

new factory on Mulberry street, Allegheny. The building will be four stories high, 40x 75 feet in dimensions and will cost \$10,000.

TO BE USED AS BALLAST.

Railroad Companies Arranging to Utilize Blast Furnace Cinder. Some important changes have been made at the Soho blast turnace, which was blown out October 15, and which will be put in

blast on a new lining some time this week. In the future the mode of removing the cinder will be changed. The large Modoc cars used to remove cinder from blast furnaces will be dispensed with. By a late order of City Council no more cinder must be thrown over the bank of the Monongahela river at that place, and in the future it will be removed on cars.

Two large lifting cranes are nut up to load it on the cars furnished by the Baltimore and Ohio, who will take it and use it as a ballast. Blast furnace cinder is said to be the best for that purpose. It keeps the track dry and prevents the cross ties from decay-ing. The same thing has been done for years at the Lucy and Schoenberger furnaces. The Allegheny Valley Railroad Company has equipped its tracks to Oil City with this cinder, and the Pennsylvania Railrond Company has nearly all its main lines ballasted in the same way beyond

#### M'KEE'S ROCKS GROWING RAPIDLY. Lots of New Houses Recently Erected and

Many More Going Up. Ex-Mayor Lyon, of the Anderson, DuPuy Steel Works at McKee's Rocks, said yesterday that the growth of this little town had been quite astonishing during the last year or two. A great many houses had been completed and many more were in the course of construction. The growth was a substantial one, as there was enough husiness in the place to maintain more people

than they already had. Speaking of the iron works there, Mr. Lyon said they had plenty of orders on hand, and were running up to their capacity when the supply of natural gas would permit. The shortage had been the source of con-siderable trouble, but the mills were going back to coal as rapidly as possible. The mill of Long & Co., he said, that suspended operations when the Lawrence bank failed, and which was bought in by a company headed by Charles Lockhart, was again in full blast and doing plenty of business. Everything was very prosperous about the place, he added, and the future prospects

#### AN UNSATISFACTORY MONTH. Wrought Iron Pipe Manufacturers Knocked

Out by No Gas. The wrought iron pipe manufacturers will hold a meeting in Philadelphia to-morrow. Quite a number of firms will be compelled to report an unpleasant feature in the trade,

occasioned by the change from gas to coal in

the various mills. Many contracts have been delayed and and some had to be cancelled entirely be-cause of a delay in getting iron, and the manufacturers have had anything but a satisfactory month's business. The outlook is good, however. Prices hold up well and there is not likely to be any change from the present figures.

to present a scale demanding after January 1 a slight advance over the present prices Industrial Notes.

Tailors Want an Advance.

The Journeymen Tailors' Union has agreed

SHEET copper has been suddenly reduced in price from 25 to 22 cents. A NEW lodge of the Amalgramated Association will be organized on the Southside, to-day, by President Weihe. THE puddling department of the Monongahela Iron Works was shut down yesterday, on account of a shortage in the gas supply.

A Number of fireman on the New York Central Roadfhave been promoted for services ren-dered to the company during the recent strike. THE Phillips Glass Company, organized some Oliver Wharton, B. F. Wilson and W. B. Blai

Car Manufacturing Plant for Sale. The undersigned, receiver of the Indianapolis Car and Manufacturing Company, will receive sealed proposals until Decem-ber 17, 1890, at 12 o'clock M., for the sale as West Indianapolis, adjoining the city of Indianapolis, Ind., together with the materials, stock and unexecuted contracts on hand at the time of sale. Said plant in cludes 15 acres of land, with suitable buildings, machinery and appliances, and is complete in all departments, with a capacity of 25 cars daily, and uses natural gas as fuel. It no acceptable proposition is received by the time named the property will be offered for sale at auction on December 18, 1890, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the south door of the Court House, in the city of Indianapolis, For turther particulars and terms of sale

address Matthew Henning, Receiver Indianapolis, Ind. de2,9,10 Our Ulster and Cape Overcost Sale Yesterday was a grand success at Gusky's There's nothing strange about it either, when you stop to consider that we were offering coats worth \$20, \$25 and \$30 for just \$15. It was our intention to limit it to one day, Monday, and we so announced it, but in order that there may be no disappointment among those who did not buy, when they come to see the bargains those obtained that took advantage of our ofter, we will give you two more days, Tuesday and Wednesday, in which to take your choice of any ulster or cape overcoat in the house. The coats may not last but a single day longer, but that will not be our fault.

commissions. Room 4, upstairs, McCance Block, cor. Seventh avenue and Smith-

Sterling Silver-Sterling Silver Brush Sets.

A complete and full collection in new

styles. Remember our goods are far superior to those carried by drygoods houses.

HARDY & HAYES,

Jewelers, silversmiths and art dealers, 529

Winter-Winter

Underwear for ladies, gentlemen and chil-

dren. Fullest assortment and lowest prices.

Jos. Horne & Co.'s

field. Open also evenings.

DURBIN & MWATTY. Jewelers and Silversmiths, Keep their store, at 53 Fifth avenue, open

in the evenings now to give you a chance to see the choicest collection of high-class novelties in gold, silver, porcelain and bronze ever seen in Pittsburg. BLACK goods, a complete assortment of standard staples, all-wool and silk-warp fabries, cheviots, camei's hair and fancy

weaves. Special values offering during our holiday and clearing sale, TTSSu HUGUS & HACKE. Here's a Good Chance, Ladies, Credit, yes credit, that's what J. Dwyer gives on dress goods, jackets, furs, jewelry, etc. No agents, no collectors; no agents no

port on Railroad Labor. Hon. Carroll D. Wright has just issued his fifth annual report relating to the rail-

Penn Avenue Stores. BARGAINS in dress goods, 50c, 75c and \$1 a yard now, tor qualities heretofore 75c to \$1 50. Plaids, stripes, checks, cheviots, etc. A force of laborers are at work digging TISSU

> NOTHING more desirable than Prof. Little's "Comfort" glasses. BIGGS & Co., Jewelers. No Christmas table should be without Augostura Bitters. Appetizer of exquisite flavor

Loss of hair, which often mars the pretti-face, prevented by Parker's Hair Halsam. Parker's Ginger Tonic alleviates suffering.

COAL ON THE JUMP.

Meeting of Local Dealers Called, to Advance the Price of Black Diamonds-Cold Weather and Unreliability of Ga the Causes of the Rise.

People who have abandoned the use of natural gas and returned to coal will learn, doubtless with regrets, that the old-time fuel is going to be quite an object in the bill of expense this winter. A meeting of local dealers has been called

for to-day, at which it is expected the price

per bushe! for coal will be advanced about

2 cents. While an advance has been pre-

dicted in these columns, the date when it

would go into effect could not be stated. A

think it would amount to as much as the

Allegheny people expected. He said that advances were to be expected in the winter

months owing to causes well understood. He added that he knew of no general move-

Some People Will Steal Sheep.

delivered a dressed sheep to the butcher

shop of John Binder, on Ohio street, Alle-

NO ADVANCE

PRESENT STOCK

**CARPETS** 

CURTAINS.

Although the manufacturers have advanced prices from 15 to 25 per cent, our present stock will go at the old low prices.

Large line of Tapestry Brussels at 50 to 75c.

10,000 Pairs Lace Curtains from 75c to

627 and 629 Penn Avenue.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

FOR

Special Values in Fine Umbrellas.

26-inch Gloria covers, with handsome silver denorated sticks, \$1, \$1, 25, \$1, 37. 26-inch German Gloria covers, \$1, 75, 26-inch Congo Silk Umbrellas, \$1, 75, \$2, \$2, 25, 26-inch best English Silk covers, with newest fancies as to sticks and trimmings, \$3 to \$5.

Extra Grades Fine Umbrellas.

28-inch Gloria covers, with choice natural sticks and metals, \$1.50, \$1.65, \$1.85, 28-inch Silk Umbrellas with silver mountings, \$2.75 and \$3.25.

28-inch extra grade silk covers in extra fine

Make your selection early to get choice han-

handles, walrus, horn, hammered metals, etc., \$5 50, \$6, \$7 50.

A LARGE LOT OF

French Combination Dress Patterns

\$12 00 Combinations now offered at \$7 00. \$15 00 Combinations now offered at \$10 00.

\$12 00 Combinations now offered at \$10 00, \$15 00 Combinations now offered at \$10 00, \$25 00 Combinations now offered at \$12 00, \$25 00 Combinations now offered at \$15 00, \$30 00 Combinations now offered at \$20 00, \$37 50 Combinations now offered at \$20 00, \$50 00 Combinations now offered at \$20 00,

A Few Cloak Bargains.

Several hundred Ladies' Newmarkets, Jackets,

etc. in medium and heavy winter weights, just reduced to Jully one-half and one-third former price.

You can have your choice from goods that sold all through the fall at \$6 to \$30, now at \$3,

Bargains in Fur Muffs and Capes

For Ladies and Children, at low prices.

Special Low Prices on

chiefs

Kid Gloves

In all the best known makes in evening and street shades, at lowest prices.

BIBER & EASTON,

505 and 507 MARKET STREET.

\$5, \$8, \$10.

price, and we offer than rule to-day.

Body Brussels at 85c to \$1 35,

Moquettes at \$1 10 to \$1 50.

Ingrains at 30c to 75c.

Axminsters at \$1 50 to \$1 75.

Wilton Velvets at \$1 to \$1 40.

ment to raise prices.

opening of the store.

number of dealers were seen last night, but in every instance they did not care to say much on the subject one way or the other. That the increase in price is a sure thing comes from a source that cannot be doubted. Last night the Water Committee of Alle-ghen; was to have held a meeting for the you should keep in mind. purpose of considering bids for fuel for the city works. A quoram was not present, however, but after Clerk White had imparted some information which he had gained during the day, another meeting was called for 8:39 o'clock this morning, a proceeding without presedent in this city. bination Dress Patterns. The special Christmas Boxes for plain and fancy Dress Goods. proceeding without precedent in this city's history. There was only one bid to con-sider last night, but the chances are there may be more this morning. For some time the coal men have been very independent The big inducements we are offering in fine Black Silks from \$1 50 to \$2 50 and up to \$3 50 a yard, in in their dealings with the city, and did not seem to care whether they the best finish and in makes so reliable that we know they will give got the big water works contract or not. The secret of this was explained to Mr. you perfect satisfaction. White vesterday by several dealers, who in-formed him that a combine would be formed The tens of thousands of Holiday Handkerchiefs. A special fine to-day (Tuesday) for the purpose of advancing prices, and that coal which was now French Linen Cambric, with edge of patent Val. lace, hand-sewn, 35c being sold at 7 cents a bushel could not be bought for less than 9 cents by the large each, or 3 for \$1. quantity as used by the city. When the members learned this they at once decided to hold a meeting at the hour named, as by doing so they could save considerable money Linens, and especially of the beau-

tiful sets in boxes. for the taxpayers. Mr. White did not give the names of his informants, but the infor-The Holiday Ribbons selling for a fraction of their real worth. mation was considered sufficiently reliable to warrant an extra call for the meeting. The Holiday Umbrellas for La-John A. Wood & Son said they knew of no such movement on the part of local dies and Gentlemen, in styles by dealers to increase prices, and had not heard of the alleged combine.

Captain I. N. Bunton, of the firm of Joseph Walton & Co., said he had heard nothing of the movement, but added that he would not be liable to, as their trade was chiefly down the rivers. At the office of Lee & Hamilton the gentleman in charge said he had heard nothing of the proposed advance.
Mr. T. M. Jenkins admitted that there would likely be an advance, but he did not

for any member of the household. SPECIALS FOR TO-DAY.

We offer to-day a small lot of allwool imported Dress Patterns, all

We have just opened a very large importation of Real Duchesse Lace Handkerchiefs at 35c, 8oc, 9oc, \$t, \$1 10, \$1 25, \$1 50, \$1 75, \$2, \$2 25 and up to \$24 apiece. These

chiefs, very fine quality. A very large assortment of Duchesse and Point Gaze Laces by These are Christmas offerings

prices such qualities ordinarily sell for. These are entirely new goods, and the designs are beautiful, especially suitable for house wrap-

Special low prices in all our

Fine French Flannels at 65c and

70c a yard, much less than the

A large line of Rugs at special low Flannels. **EDWARD** OF THE GROETZINGER, COLD SNAP.

pers, gowns, etc.

We to-day institute a sale of La-Largest exclusive Carpet House west of New York City. dies' Fur-Trimmed Jackets that you will marvel at when you see the

Beaver, with full roll collar of Krim-

from \$16. At \$12-Black Diagonal, full roll collar of Opossum, marked down from \$16.

Wale, with full roll collar of Labrador Seal, marked down from \$25. At \$20-Black Cheviot, full roll collar of Astra-

At \$20-Black Chaviot, full roll notch caller of Labrador Seal, marked down from \$28. At \$22-Black Diagonal, Satin-lined, edged

At \$25-Black Cheviot, Satin-lined, Fly Front, full roll collar of Persian Lamb, marked down from \$30.

At \$25-Black Wide Wale, full roll notch collar, marked down trom \$30. At \$25-Black Cheviot, vest front, full roll notch

full collar of Persian Lamb, marked down from \$35. At \$30-Black Diagonal and Black Beaver

At \$10-Colored, variety of cloths, trimmed with Persian Lamb, Satin-lined, marked down from \$30 and \$35.

Seal Plush Jackets, Coats and Wraps At \$22-Navy Blue and Black Imported These were bought before any advance in price, and we offer them at much lower figures Cheviot, full Astrakhan sleeve.

Ladies' Linen Cambric Handkerdown from \$27. This is one of the biggest holiday In unrivaled assortment, from lowest up to fluest grades. Our line of Handkerchiefs at "55 is almost endless in variety, embracing all the new features as to drawn work and tape bargains this store has ever offered. Come early and get your choice. It's a big lot, but big lots go quickly

JOS. HORNE & CO.,

609-621 PENN AVENUE.

the hundreds, the most novel, the most unique, and all entirely new.

The Gloves and Hosiery for Ladies and Children at very interesting prices for busy Holiday times. The Fancy Goods display in the center of the store. Hundreds of articles that will make acceptable presents. You can find something

The special display of Table

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

JOS. HORNE & CO.'S

PENN AVE. STORES.

Some important points which

The big reductions in fine Com-

Pittsburg, Pa.,

Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1890.

The Leading

Drygoods House.

new and fresh, in plaids and stripes, William Bader, early yesterday morning, at only \$6 a pattern. There are but 50 of these and they will sell on sight, as they ought to bring \$12 to gheny, hanging it on a hook in front of the store. The sheep was stolen before the \$14. See these in the center of the store to-day.

> are more than ordinary value. Exquisite Point Gaze Handker-

the yard, 11/2, 2, 3, 5 and 8 inches in width, from \$1 up to \$20 a yard. Very fine real Duchesse Lace Flouncings from \$35 to \$75 a yard.

from the Lace Departments.

TAKING ADVANTAGE

goods and learn the prices.

At \$11-Black Diagonal Cheviot, full roll collar of Cape Seal, marked down from \$15. mer or Labrador Seal, marked down

At \$15-Black Cheviot, full roll collar of Labrador Seal, marked down from \$20. At \$18-Black Beaver, with ornaments and full roll collar of Labrador Seal; Wide

khan; Black Diagonal (vest front), full roll notch collar of Labrador Seal, markeddown from \$25.

with Persian Lamb, marked down

collar of Labrador Seal, marked down At \$28-Black Cheviot, Satin-lined, fly front,

Satin-lined, with full roll collar of Astrakhan, marked down from \$35.

At \$21-Colored Beaver, Mink trimmed, marked

in these stores during holiday times.