THIS CITY OF HOMES

Is Rapidly Leaving the Much-Vaunted Community of Philadelphia Far in the Rear.

FIGURES THAT TELL THE STORY.

City Assessors Find That 20,000 Pittsburgers Have Purchased Homes in Three Years,

DIVIDING UP LARGE TRACTS OF LAND.

How Rapid Transit Roads Help to Fill the Municipal Treasury.

Pittsburg will soon rob Philadelphia of the honor of being, par excellence, "The City of Homes."

A statement prepared in the City Assessor's office yesterday shows that during the year 8,000 deeds have been made for lots cut off larger pieces of real estate, and that to-day there are 8,000 more property-holders in Pittsburg than there were a year ago.

Chief Assessor Frank Case estimates that there have been 20,000 additions to the ranks of landed proprietors in this city since the last triennial assessment in 1888. The record of real estate transfers for 1890 exceeds that of any previous year, but 1888 and 1889 were not behind in furnishing those signals of prosperity—deeds for building lots. Not all these pieces of property have been dedicated to residence purposes. Some have been used as business sites, and others were bought for speculative purposes, but the great majority have been purchased by the heads of families, who have grown tired of paying rent, and who fail to see the humorous features of the annual moving day.

A City of Landed Proprietors.

The figures of the Assessors are startling, but not unpleasantly so. If 75 per cent of these purchases were for the purpose of erecting homes, it shows that 15,000 families, embracing, according to the census average, 75,000 persons, have ceased to live in rented houses. In other words, in three years over 30 per cent of the city's population has been added to the already long list of the people who do not fear rent day, and to whom a landlord's warrant forms but a thrilling feature in a sensational melodrama. It is estimated that to-day at least 60 per cent of Pittsburg's population live in their own homes, and that if the present purchasing rate is kept up, the man who does not own his house and lot will be a rarity within the next five years.

Of course, all the property transferred is not purchased outright. In many cases, and particularly where a poor man is buying a home, but a portion of the whole amount is paid down and a mortgage is given for the balance. In either event, however, the title is vested in the purchaser, and he becomes responsible for the taxes.

Keeping the City Employes Busy.

These transfers create much work for the City Assessors and the City Treasurer. In both offices the size of the books containing the names of the taxpayers is continually being increased, and yet are constantly being found too small. It has also necessitated the employment of additional clerks in these offices.

These purchases of real estate will have a remarkable effect upon the next triennial assessment. Under the law, real estate can be valued for taxation but once in three years, and then at its present value. The Assessor is not allowed to anticipate any probable enhancement of value. Mr. Case related one instance of this yesterday. A large tract of land close to Schenley Park was used for agricultural purposes, and was assessed upon that basis. Shortly after the assessment was made the park gave a boom to the property, and the owner promptly cut up his tract into building lots, some of which he sold at fancy prices. Notwithstanding the increased value of the property, it is still paying taxes as if it were being used for farming. Next year, however, when the land is again assessed, this tract will be taxed upon its present value, and the City Treasury will be a large gainer.

Rapid Transit Helps the Treasury.

Mr. Case thinks the city has been a heavy loser by the non-completion of the Squirrel Hill Railroad. He said: "If that road had been completed and had given good service, one of the prettiest portions of Pittsburg would have been opened up to settlement. It would have been cut up into building lots, and the increase in the city's revenue from taxes would have been enormous. I know many persons who would like to live there, if it was available. I should like to live there myself."

In speaking about the work of the triennial assessment, which commences in a short time, Mr. Case said: "It is a very difficult and complicated business. We have much to contend with that the general public knows very little about. However, I think we were very successful last time. But six taxpayers appealed to court from our decisions, and we won half the cases, although I think we ought to have won them all. It is impossible to forecast the increase of valuation, as shown by our next assessment, but if this era of prosperity continues, it will be unprecedented. As THE DISPATCH intimated a few days ago, there will be little or no agricultural land on our books next year, and the limit for rural property will undoubtedly be extended much farther from the heart of the city."

A Sure Sign of Stability.

Mayor Gourley has noticed with pleasure the accessions to the ranks of property-holders. He said: "It is a sure sign of prosperity when the men who work in our mills and factories are able to purchase their own homes. I am, indeed, glad to see it. I think, however, that much of the real estate is held at too high a figure. I know outlying portions of the city is held at a figure which is almost prohibitive. If these tracts were cut up into building lots and put on the market at a reasonable price, there are many mechanics who would avail themselves of the opportunity to secure homes.

"Within the past three or four years immense tracts of lands in the East End have been laid out in streets and built up. When I stop to think of the number of men who opened up East End property it is really startling. This city is growing fast, and it is no mushroom growth. It is a sure sign of stability when our workingmen own their homes."

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A BIG WATER MAIN BREAKS.

Sudden Changes of Temperature Weakens the Great Iron Pipe.

Several hundred East Enders rung up the office of the Water Bureau yesterday afternoon to notify the officials that the 36-inch distributing main on St. Clair street had burst, and the only water supply they had was that which was flooding them.

Superintendent Browne immediately sent out a force of men to repair the break. He said the recent sudden changes of temperature had undoubtedly found a weak place in the main and had caused the rupture. He hoped to have the break repaired by this morning.

KNOCKED THEM OUT.

A Broken Cable Ties Up the Pittsburg Traction Road All Night—A Harvest for the Hackmen—Repairers Working to Have the Cars Running This Morning.

Patrons of the Pittsburg Traction Company who chanced to be downtown last night were mad when they got ready to return home. Many of them waited hour after hour for a car, but no car came, and they had to either fix the gleeful cabman out for the holidays or walk.

About 8 o'clock the cable at Boston street, Soho, broke, and from that time on until morning all business was suspended. The breaking of one little cable accomplished what a mighty storm tried in vain for about two days and nights to do, knocked the big system completely out. Theater-goers in particular were badly inconvenienced, but the Pennsylvania road and the Citizens' line helped many of them out of their trouble. Others living in the vicinity of Oakland, or on this side of that station, hopped out and footed it home.

Many persons who wanted to reach East Liberty walked to Oakland, where they obtained cars on the east end of the line, which was kept running. Passengers coming in from East Liberty were brought as far as the Oakland power house, where the cars were switched round and the passengers were hauled back to East Liberty, where they took the Penn avenue line for town. In many instances passengers stuck to cars for an hour, reading newspapers and waiting for the cars to start, before they finally gave it up and concluded to walk.

It is expected that the break will be repaired and the cars started at the usual time this morning. The cable that broke has been in use for five months, and should have lasted four months more. It is thought that the heavy pulling during the storm the last few days strained the rope and caused the break, as the outer strands of the cable were all frayed. There is a new cable at the Oakland power house, and it will be put in place after travel has ceased to-night.

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TOUGHEST KIND OF LUCK.

One Wanderer Who is Not Recognized in Good Society at Claremont.

George Williams, 18 years old, who claims New York as his home, was arrested in Allegheny yesterday as a suspicious character. The arrest was caused by some railroad men at the Washington avenue crossing. Young Williams appeared at this crossing and disposed of a rather fine overcoat for $1, a silk muffler for 25 cents and a pair of gloves for 15 cents. This aroused the suspicions of the men, who reported the matter to the police. Detective Glenn made an examination, and discovered that the coat had been stolen from Victor Egbert, who lives at 52 Bidwell street. The prisoner also wore a fine brown chinchilla overcoat, which he admitted was stolen, but refused to state where from.

Williams, it is alleged, was arrested twice in Pittsburg. On the first occasion he was sent to the workhouse for 30 days, and while in that institution was so much beyond control that on his second commitment they refused to receive him, saying that he was crazy. The prisoner was then brought back and given 48 hours to leave the town, which, to use his own statements, he did by migrating to Allegheny.

OBJECTED TO THE DELAY.

A Gentleman Who Kicks on Waiting Over a Day on a Train.

H. S. Hudson, of Cortland, N. Y., arrived in the city last night. He is another of the passengers of the Baltimore and Ohio, who has a tale of woe regarding the late unpleasantness that blotted out the picturesqueness of that line. Mr. Hudson was at Meyersdale, near Glencoe, and there was where the snow had drifted on the tracks to the depth of from 4 to 8 feet. At 3 o'clock Thursday morning he was aroused from his sleep to take the train for Pittsburg. But he didn't, at least not for 33½ hours. On the level there was 32 inches of snow in that benighted country.

But that which made Mr. Hudson especially angry was the answers he received to his queries as to how late his train was. "Only a few minutes yet," was always the reply, and he thinks Ananias was taken out of roast after the 33½ hours that that answer was given to the passengers, and his place reserved for a certain railroad official.

ROAST PORK FOR PRISONERS.

A Litter of Nine Pigs to be Sacrificed for a Christmas Feast.

The prisoners at the county jail will have a feast on Christmas provided by a man who has been there himself and knows how it feels. The jail menu takes no account of feast days or fast days, and therefore the change in the bill of fare will be appreciated by the 200 or more prisoners.

Last summer a German butcher was released after serving a nine months' term for running a speak-easy. His first act was to purchase a litter of nine pigs and he has been fattening them ever since. Next Wednesday he will slaughter and dress the whole nine, and the next day, Christmas, they will be roasted and served to the prisoners. It is estimated that they will make 450 pounds of roast pork, or about two pounds for each inmate. Warden Berlin will furnish mashed potatoes and cold slaw for the side dishes.

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PEOPLE WHO COME AND GO.

—Hon. George W. Crouse, of Akron, O., Vice President of the Aultman-Miller Harvesting Machinery Company and ex-member of Congress, is stopping at the Seventh Avenue. Mr. Crouse came to the city to attend the funeral of Dr. Chandler.

—John H. Wallace, of New York, is registered at the Monongahela House. Mr. Wallace could not be seen, but the clerk vouchsafed the information that he is a prominent stove manufacturer and is looking up the business in Pittsburg.

—Howard H. Burgess and wife, of Cleveland, arrived at the Hotel Duquesne last night after being snow-bound on the Baltimore and Ohio for 33 hours. Mr. Burgess is a prominent business man and ex-newspaper man.

—Oscar T. Jackson and B. A. Winternitz, prominent attorneys of New Castle, are in the city on legal business. Both gentlemen are connected with the defense in the famous bribery cases.

—Colonel B. F. Crawford, General Manager of the United States Baking Company, went to Mansfield, O., last night to spend the holidays with his family.

—E. A. Ford, General Passenger Agent of the Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne and Chicago, accompanied by his wife, went to Chicago last evening.

—Thomas Bernard, Superintendent of Construction of the Western Union Telegraph Company, went to Buffalo last evening.

—W. E. Reis and wife are registered at the Monongahela. Mr. Reis is a prominent New Castle business man.

—E. C. Harley, Superintendent of Construction for J. P. Witherow & Co., is in the city.

—M. C. Watson and H. M. Bell, of Indiana, Pa., are guests at the Seventh Avenue.

—County Commissioner-elect James G. Wier is confined to his home by a severe cold.

—The name of Dr. H. H. Eames, of Baltimore, appears on the Monongahela register.

—James M. Lambing, of Ajax engine fame, is registered at the Seventh Avenue.

—Fred. Goodwyn, manager of the Natatorium, is on a business trip to New York.

—F. H. Oliphant, a prominent oil man from Oil City, is in Pittsburg on business.

—D. J. Geary, Superintendent of the Oil City Tube Works, is in the city.

HER CHRISTMAS GIFT.

Governor Beaver's Certificate Will To-Day Give Allegheny

THE RANK OF A SECOND-CLASS CITY

How the News of the Promotion Was Received in City Hall.

CHIEFS OF DEPARTMENTS LOOMING UP

Much excitement prevailed in Allegheny official circles yesterday when the news arrived that Governor Beaver was about to issue the certificate for the elevation of the transpontive municipality into a city of the second class.

The information came rather late in the afternoon, when many of the principal City Hall notables had left their offices. A number of them, however, were interviewed on the subject. Mayor Wyman, one of the first spoken to, said:

"Yes, I have just read the telegram from Harrisburg. I am very much pleased, indeed, to know that Allegheny has at last taken the position she deserves among American cities. I really do not know the exact formalities—if there be any—which are to follow the Governor's issuance of the certificate. I believe that there is no appeal, once that document is duly signed and delivered. I always favored the change, and my name was signed to the petition sent to the Governor.

"I presume some new wards will have to be mapped out, as the present small number, 13, would hardly answer for a city of the second class. This, of course, will bring a number of new councilmen into office. Then there are the elections for the various new offices, such as the chiefships of the Public Safety, Public Charity, and Public Works departments. As I am not a candidate myself, I don't suppose this is any affair of mine. Councils will of course select the men they want for the various positions."

CHIEF MURPHY DECLARES HIMSELF.

Chief of Police Murphy was next seen. Mr. Murphy was a little surprised on hearing the news. He said: "I did not expect the certificate to be issued so soon. I am really at sea about the next steps necessary to assure the city in her new position, but I believe that the Governor himself was not very clear about the legal mode of procedure in the matter."

Mr. Murphy was informed that the weight of legal opinion held that no further formality of any kind was necessary. He continued: "I am, as heretofore, a candidate for the future office of Chief of the Public Safety Department. I believe I can fill the bill to the city's satisfaction, and I am going to make a good fight."

Clerk Dilworth was next seen. He said: "The present Councils will elect all the officials necessary. There will be no necessity whatever for an election of new Councils before the election comes off. As Mayor Wyman says, the city would have to be redistricted. The present classification of wards would only give 13 members of Select Council. That would scarcely be fair, allowing the Tenth ward as much power as the big Second ward, which could easily be split up into three, or even four wards. The redistricting will not be done by Councils, but at the request of the wards themselves.

"The plan of action is this: The ward desiring division presents a petition to court, and the Judge in the case appoints a board of viewers to determine the justice of the request and decide upon boundaries, etc. Upon the Board sending in its report, the Judge, if it meets his approval, will notify the Mayor to appoint a day for a vote of the people on the subject. Notice of such an election would have to be posted 60 days in advance. Thus, it would be some time before the city could be redistricted. But that need not deter Allegheny's becoming a second-class city, in the least."

SCRAMBLE FOR THE OFFICES.

Everywhere the fat offices attendant on the new state of things were the subject of discussion. For the post of Chief of the Department of Public Safety, Chief Murphy has some important opponents. The principal of these are ex-Mayor R. T. Pearson, ex-Councilman Thomas Brown, of the Fourth ward; Councilman T. C. Harbison, of the Third ward, and ex-Councilman D. T. Mulvey, of the First ward. Ex-Mayor Pearson said yesterday: "I am pretty confident of winning the position. I think the majority of votes in Councils will be for me. I will certainly fight it out to the end." The other candidates are equally positive of victory.

In the struggle for the Bigelowship of Allegheny, or in other words, for the position of Chief of the Department of Public Works, several candidates are ready to bound into the lists. The most notable are Superintendent Edward Armstrong, of the Allegheny Water Works; City Engineer Ehlers and Councilman E. A. Knox, of the Sixth ward.

Major W. P. Hunker, Clerk of the Poor Board, will have it all his own way in the Department of Charities scramble, unless, indeed, it is true, as reported, that D. T. Mulvey will desert the Public Safety tournament to try a bout with the gallant Major.

Among the detectives and police joy reigned all day. It is fairly well established that Detectives Steele, Glenn and Kornman will secure comfortable positions as Inspectors of Police, and a number of captains, lieutenants, etc., will be appointed from the force in general.

Chief Jones, of the fire department, was asked yesterday if he were out for the Superintendentship of the Bureau of Fire, but he preferred not to answer. The Chief's friends are, however, prepared to boost him for the honor.

Captain Bell is looked upon as the future Superintendent of Police; but last evening the worthy captain could not be found, so the interviewer was obliged to leave his opinions out of the general crucible.

NOT AVERSE TO THE CLERKSHIP.

Robert Dilworth, Clerk of Councils, though quite communicative with regard to his friends' desires, did not care to speak about his own. However, it leaked out in the course of conversation that the estimable clerk would not refuse the position of City Clerk, if it were offered to him. And on this latter score there need not be much doubt.

The following is that portion of the act of May, 1889, relating to the changing of third-class into second-class cities:

The classification of said cities, respectively, shall be ascertained and fixed by reference to their population, according to the last preceding United States census, or any municipal census taken later, and whenever it shall appear by any such census that any city of the second or third class has attained a population entitling it to an advance in classification as herein prescribed, it shall be the duty of the Governor, under the great seal of the Commonwealth, to certify the fact accordingly; which certificate shall be entered at large upon the minutes of the Councils of such city and recorded in the office for the recording of deeds of the proper county. At the municipal election, occurring not later than one month after the date of such certificate, the proper officers shall be elected, to which the said city will become entitled under the change in classification, and upon the first Monday of April next succeeding thereto the terms of all officers of said city then in office, whose offices are superseded by reason thereof, shall cease and determine, and the city government shall be duly organized, and shall thereafter be controlled and regulated by the laws of this Commonwealth, applicable to the same under the respective classification hereby fixed and appointed.

PARNELL at his home in Avondale and at his hunting lodge pictured in pen and pencil for to-morrow's mammoth issue of THE DISPATCH. Twenty-four pages, 192 columns.

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MORE OF THE STORM.

The Railroad Trains Run After a Fashion Without Regard to Time—The Baltimore and Ohio Gets Through at Last—A Little Blizzard.

It has been several days since a through passenger train arrived from the East on schedule time and it will probably be a few days more before that happy event occurs. The snow blockade has been broken, but it is impossible to make any kind of time over the roads. The Baltimore and Ohio got three trains in yesterday and one of them came around via Wheeling. The great trouble was in the vicinity of Glencoe, where for several miles the snow drifted several feet deep on the track and it required a large force to clear it away. General Superintendent Walter and Division Superintendent Holbrook went down from this city to hustle the work along. It was 4 o'clock before the first train arrived in Pittsburg over the Eastern division. The wires are reported to be in good shape now and the officials expect to be all right in a day or so.

The Pennsylvania Railroad trains were all more or less late, but had the advantage of the other road. The limited was but half an hour behind schedule, but several other trains were very late. The Altoona affair caused considerable trouble.

James Bryant, of Greencastle, was in the city yesterday and told about the storm at Clinton postoffice, Findlay township, where he was during its progress. He declared that the storm was like unto a blizzard in that section and there were great fears among the farmers that their stock might be frozen.

The avenues in Schenley Park have been rolled and there will be excellent sleighing there to-day. Arrangements are being made for a high old time with sleighing parties, etc.

Last night it grew colder than it has been since the storm began. However, the Signal Service people declare that to-day will be bright and warmer. They still promise that the sleighing will continue until after Sunday, at least. This will give a good chance for the enjoyment of winter's pleasures.

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A DAY'S ACCIDENTS.

A Man Killed at the Edgar Thomson Steel Works by Falling Iron Ore—Other Mishaps of a Minor Nature in Pittsburg and Vicinity.

The accidents yesterday were numerous, mostly on account of the snow. Broken limbs from falls on the ice lead the list. Following is the list:

WILLIAM MCCLURG—William McClurg had his arm broken as a result of a fall on the ice on Forty-fifth street.

JOHN POMISKI—While clearing the snow from a shed near the Crescent Steel Works yesterday morning John Pomiski fell and sprained his back.

FRANK AUKE—While coupling cars at Brinton station on the Pittsburg, Virginia and Charleston Railroad, Frank Auke had his right arm crushed.

A. N. DICK—A. N. Dick, East Liberty baggage agent, had his head injured by falling on the railroad.

MISS JENNIE WILSON—Miss Jennie Wilson, of Allegheny, accompanied by a friend, went sleighing. The horse dumped them into a drift and went back to the stable.

JOHN DRENGUBAR—John Drengubar, aged 24, was suffocated at the Edgar Thomson Steel Works, at Braddock, yesterday, while working in the stock house, by a mass of ore falling upon him and burying him.

BELL-JACKSON—John Bell and Robert Jackson were thrown from a sleigh while driving along Bingham street, near South Fifteenth street, last evening, by running into a hole in the street. Jackson escaped with a few slight scratches, while Bell was seriously injured about the head.

THOMAS BOLASKI—Thomas Bolaski, employed at Singer, Nimick & Co.'s mills on the Southside, had three of his fingers so badly crushed by a piece of iron falling on them yesterday morning that they had to be amputated.

MRS. EVANS—A woman named Mrs. Evans had her leg broken by falling on the pavement on South Thirteenth street yesterday afternoon.

THE HAPPY SCHOOL GIRL.

Scores of Them Pass Through the City, on Their Way Home.

The blithe and winsome school girl has taken full possession of the railroad business. Hundreds of them have passed through the city within the past two days, en route home for the holiday vacation. The limited seems to be their special train, as there are more school girls on that train than any other. Last night that train was quite late, and the majority of the passengers sought the solitude of their berths before it reached Pittsburg, but the school girls did not seem to be thusly constituted, and a score of them swarmed the platform during the stop at the Union depot, taking complete possession. A phalanx of half a dozen marched up and down the platform, sweeping everybody else aside.

There was also quite a number of college boys and cadets from military schools, in their natty gray uniforms, among the passengers.

BROKE UP THE SERENADE.

Two Well-Known Southsiders Arrested for Playing on a Hand Organ.

Frederick Colteryohn and George Weise, two well-known citizens of the Southside, were arrested by Officer Brown on Carson street last night while playing a hand organ. They were taken to the Twenty-eighth ward police station, where they stated that they had been serenading some of their friends.

Colteryohn is a milkman and Weise is a soap maker. Colteryohn said he had to be out to deliver his milk this morning, and put up $30 for his appearance before Judge Succop. When he did so he said: "I think it funny to pay $30 for playing a tune on the street."

HE FORGOT TO TAKE THE STABLE.

L. Steel Charged With Stealing a Carload of Plunder.

A. M. Hochwender yesterday made an information before Alderman Beinhauer, of the Twenty-ninth ward, charging L. Steel with larceny. Steel is charged with the larceny of two ladies' saddles, two wolf robes, two double sets of driving harness, one barouche, one buggy, three sets of hoods and toe weights, eleven barrels of hay and one light set of buggy harness.

Hochwender alleges that while in Philadelphia last July Steel went up to his stable on Fifth avenue, near the Market House, and stole the above articles. Steel entered bail for a hearing on Monday.

A Pointer.

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ROASTED IN MID-AIR.

Superintendent Winn Electrocuted While Repairing a Break.

BURNED CLEAR THROUGH HIS SHOE

Assistant Superintendent Clark Makes a Wonderful Escape.

A SOUTHSIDE LINEMAN KNOCKED OVER

George Winn, Superintendent of the fire alarm in Allegheny, was electrocuted about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

While repairing one of the lines, the spur of his "creeper" cut through the insulated covering of a telephone cable. The current passed through his body, and death was instantaneous, and apparently painless.

Ever since the ravages of the storm, Tuesday night, Superintendent Winn has been out on the lines with his men, repairing the damage. He had worked unceasingly, and yesterday afternoon would have seen every line in perfect order. With Assistant Superintendent Clark he was finishing up at Manhattan street and Washington avenue.

Mr. Winn took one end of a wire and climbed the post, while Mr. Clark held the other end of the wire. The Superintendent had reached the cross bar, when suddenly Mr. Clark saw smoke rising from his foot. He realized the horror of the situation and dropped his end of the loose wire.

The next instant George Winn's body seemed to tremble in the air and then shot head downward to the ground. The body struck a pile of snow six feet high, but went clear through, and when the remains were taken out it was found his neck had been broken by the fall.

KILLED BY AN ELECTRIC SHOCK.

Physicians were called at once. Dr. Guilliford, assisted by several other medical men, made an examination, and decided that he had been killed by the electric shock. Life was extinct before he fell from the pole. The enormous power of the current was shown by the fact that it burned clear through his boot and stocking and left the deep, black mark of the creeper on the sole of his foot.

Assistant Superintendent Clark, who was with Mr. Winn, was congratulating himself last night on his marvelous escape. He said: "I hardly know how I escaped. While Mr. Winn was climbing the pole I was trying to straighten out the wire and was still holding the one end when he received his death shock. I dropped the wire as soon as I saw his foot smoking, but of course the current had passed through him by that time. The only way that I can account for my escape is that I had on rubber boots and gloves, which served as insulators.

"After George Winn fell I examined the pole and found that he had stepped on a telephone cable instead of the iron step. The spur of his creeper had cut through the insulation. Of course, the current followed the iron creeper and death came like a flash.

"The only way I can account for the heavy current in the telephone cable is that it must have been crossed with the electric light or street railway wires. On the fire and police poles there are nothing but the fire and police wires, telegraph and telephone wires. I have no idea where this wire could be crossed. Of course, we do not have anything to do with telephone wires. The current may have come from Pittsburg, for in the city light lines in Allegheny only a very small current is carried in daylight—nothing like the current which this wire contained."

A WELL-KNOWN ELECTRICIAN.

George Winn was 53 years old, and was one of the best known electricians in the county. He was a lineman for a long number of years, and for the past ten years has had charge in Allegheny. He was a married man and has one son, William Winn, the boy who recently preferred charges against Chief Jones, of the Allegheny fire department. Mr. Winn's married life was not happy for some reason and two years ago he secured a divorce. Since then he has been living as a Bohemian. He had a room fitted up in City Hall, and he took his meals wherever he happened to be when he was hungry.

Since the charges were preferred against the fire chief the relations between Mr. Jones and Mr. Winn were anything but pleasant. Only a few days ago Superintendent Winn ordered Chief Jones out of the operating room.

When the great storm called for unusual labor it is said Chief Jones offered him more men, but Mr. Winn refused any assistance beyond what he had regularly. He did work in clearing up the tangled wires that was considered wonderful, and died just as he was completing it.

SHOCKED ON CARSON STREET.

A Lineman Falls From a Pole and is Picked Up Insensible.

A lineman employed in repairing telegraph wires on Carson street, near South Thirteenth street, received a severe shock last evening by coming in contact with an electric light wire. He was up on a ladder at the time, and was thrown to the ground, a distance of 15 feet.

He was picked up in an unconscious condition and taken to his home by his fellow-employes. His name could not be learned.

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20,000 Christmas Turkeys.

Arrangements all completed for about 20,000 dressed turkeys, country dressed, heads and feet off, entrails out; also, large lot of dressed chickens, ducks and geese, one-half to arrive on express trains, Tuesday, December 23, at 7 A. M., the other half Wednesday, December 24, at 7 A. M. All poultry will be country dressed and strictly fresh, also price will be reasonable. Call and leave orders early. JOHN FITZ,
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NO CHANGE YESTERDAY.

Switchmen Patiently Awaiting the Arrival of Their Officers.

There was practically no change in the switchmen's difficulty yesterday. The men expected the grand officers to arrive yesterday, but the latter did not get here for some reason. No answers were received from the companies, and none are expected now until the officials of the Switchmen's Association arrive.

A general meeting of the men was to have been held last night, but it was postponed until to-night in the hope that Mr. Downey would get here to-day. The time specified by the men when the demands were submitted having expired, the superintendents are not expected to make any replies. They must deal with the higher representatives of the employes, providing the list of grievances are approved by them.

Henry Lanon was the only member of the Press Committee who could be found last night, and he would not give out any definite information.

A TALK ON FREE TRADE

And the Effect it Would Have on the Industries of Pittsburg.

An address will be made before the Single Tax League, on "The effect free trade would have upon the industries of Pittsburg," to-morrow evening, at 7:30 o'clock.

The public is invited to be present and to take part in the discussion that will follow the address. The league's rooms are at 64 Fourth avenue.

Crushed in the Roof.

Hundreds of dollars worth of goods were destroyed in the O'Leary glasshouse at Monongahela City by the roof crushing in with the snow.

Erecting Its Plant.

The Pittsburg Portable Forge Company has begun the erection of their new plant on Smallman street.

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Special Notice.

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As we are the only importers of these goods, and having bought before the McKinley bill went into effect, we can give special prices. We have also a large stock of California evaporated fruits and canned goods of all kinds at lowest prices. Call and see us.
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THE LARGEST PLAYHOUSE

In the City Will be the Remodeled Bijou Theater—How Messrs. Gulick & Co. Shuffled the Cards and Dealt Themselves the Winning Hand.

Gulick & Co. seem to be on top. Mr. H. M. Bennett, one of the firm managing the Bijou Theater, under lease from the Library Hall Company, has obtained a controlling interest in that company.

The history of the trouble regarding the mortgage held by Felix R. Brunot has been told so often that it need not be warmed over at this time. The present Board of Directors of the Library Hall Company is said to have been opposed to a renewal of the lease of the theater to Gulick & Co., the lease expiring in 1892. Mr. Bennett, however, did not wish to abdicate at that time, so he has quietly secured $65,000 worth of the $104,000. As this gives Gulick & Co. a clear majority, it goes without saying that when the annual election of the company comes off on the 10th of next month Mr. Bennett will stand pat, as he will have the winning hand and no necessity for a draw.

The effect of the election will be that the lease will be extended and the theater will be lowered to the ground floor, and there will be four entrances, one on Penn avenue, one on Sixth street and two on Patterson alley. This will make room for another tier of seats, and the remodeled Bijou will have more seating capacity than any other theater in the city.

It is the understanding that the library will not be disturbed, but will continue in its present home until it is housed in the Carnegie building.

Messrs. Bennett and Dawson were both seen last evening. The latter said nothing, but Mr. Bennett stated that the above was in substance the status quo.

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