TO STAY A YEAR

Time's Latest Offspring Receives a Thrice Hearty Welcome From All Over the Twin Cities.

ONLY ONE DARK SPOT RECORDED.

People at Balls, Parties and Concerts Pay Tribute to the Old and Give Welcome to the New.

NIGHT MADE HIDEOUS WITH THE SOUNDS

How the Opening of the Last Decade Will Be Observed To-Day in Pittsburg.

Last midnight the great bell tolled the death of the old year. The crowds on the street took up the sound, and cheer on cheer was sent up from hundreds of throats in welcome to 1891.

Then broke forth a pandemonium of bells, whistles mingled with the bang of firecrackers and pistols. It may have been a welcome to new born time, or a notice that 1890 was history, but in either event the noise was hideous. Notwithstanding this fact the racket was kept up for an hour and then it dwindled down to a few firecracker poppers who suspended operations when they were popped into Central station.

Prior to this, however, the advent of the circle of months had been celebrated in a hundred ways. Many churches had open doors, and within the fathers of the congregations watched and prayed while the new year advanced.

Dancing the New Year In.

Harps and violins had sounded in every hall in the twin cities, while happy dancers kept time to the merry music, and at midnight only danced the faster as they gasped out a "how-dye do" to time's last child, and with the next breath cried "On with the dance!" With them life's lines ran too smoothly for a more sober thought, or even the memory of a past sorrow. There were balls in Pittsburg, balls on the Southside, balls in Allegheny, balls everywhere—in fact, the whole city was swinging in the mazy waltz as a greeting to the first unit of the last decade of the nineteenth century.

Concerts, too, were among the amusements and nearly every secret order in the two cities, through some of their branches, held concerts. Most of them, too, ended also in the chairs being cleared and room made for the happy couples.

The dance and the divine muse were not all the altars on which incense was burned. The homes came in for a share of the festivities. Pretty maidens met and in dark corners when midnight sounded over grave yards and the other localities where spirits are supposed to walk, they whispered the dark secrets they love to dote on at Halloween and New Year's. The grown up folk celebrated by giving receptions and then went home to dream over broken resolutions and new ones to be forged to-day, and, mayhap, to be broken to-morrow.

Drinking to the New-Comer.

Still another class with raised cups welcomed the newcomer and swallowed the spirits at the same time. The Brooks' law, however, ended this except in the clubs where the bon vivant bachelors and the gay benedicts welcomed New Year until daylight drove them from the punch bowl.

Only one spot darkened the record of the welcome. Pittsburg almost received 1891 in good Pittsburg style with a tragedy. Shortly after 12 o'clock James Totten, an employe at Philip Flinn's restaurant, in the Diamond Market, was accidentally shot by George Robinson. The latter is employed at Wilson's restaurant. The two boys had been working a double game on the New Year by welcoming him and killing rats at the same time. The weapon was a flobert rifle. They had started to go to Wilson's restaurant when Robinson, who was behind Totten, accidentally discharged the gun. The ball entered at the right side of Totten's head and came out above his eye, inflicting a severe scalp wound. The wounded boy fell, stunned by the shock, but in a few moments was resuscitated. The patrol wagon was called, and Totten was taken to Central station. A little later Wilson gave himself up. Police Surgeon Moyer dressed the boy's wound, and as it was not considered dangerous, both boys were allowed to go.

FROLIC AND FESTIVITY.

Social Celebrations All Over the Two Cities.

A big event of to-day will be the thirty-first annual dinner to the newsies and bootblacks of Pittsburg and Allegheny, given under the auspices of the Leader Publishing Company. The dinner will come off in Battery B Armory, old Fifth Avenue Market House. It will begin at 2 o'clock and continue through the afternoon. The war of knife and fork will be varied by the melodious strains of the Second Brigade Band. The dinner like its predecessors will be under the sole charge of the *Leader*.

At the various places of amusement special holiday matinees will be held: the museums will be open from 6:30 A. M., until 11 P. M.

An attractive entertainment will be given by Northside Tent No. 86, K. O. T. M., in their Park way hall this evening. Songs, recitations and instrumental music will make things interesting.

The fair at St. Peter's R. C. Church, Southside, will be continued until Saturday. A select entertainment will be given this evening.

The Long Dramatic Club will give two performances at Odd Fellows' Hall, Southside, today. The organization is composed entirely of Southside talent.

The second annual reception of the Cresson Social Club takes place to-night at the St. Clair Incline Hall.

The Fifteenth Ward Republican Tariff Club will have a jolly entertainment to-night. The club will distribute food, fuel, and clothing among the poor of the Fifteenth ward.

WELCOMED BY WOMEN.

Anniversaries of the W. C. T. U. and the United Presbyterian Orphans Home.

The members of the Moorhead W. C. T. U. will celebrate the fifth anniversary of the union at their hall, corner of Second avenue and Grant street, this afternoon with a reunion. After several hours of social converse a supper will be served by the ladies, and in the evening a musical and literary entertainment, to which friends of the organization are invited, will be given. The programme will consist of an address by the President, Mrs. R. H. Jones, reviewing the work of the union during the five years since its inception and singing by Misses Lillie and Ella Reddick and Arthur Smith, and recitations by Misses Holt and Byron. Also a drill by the 16 young ladies who appeared in the G. A. R. entertainment under the leadership of J. W. Patterson. The unique costumes worn in the Merchants' carnival will be replaced by handsome blue flannel calisthenic dresses.

The regular anniversary exercises of the United Presbyterian Orphans' Home will be celebrated this afternoon at the Home, West Jefferson and Monterey streets, Allegheny. The exercises will commence at 2:30, and all friends of the institution will be made welcome.

AT THE HOTELS.

There Will Be Plenty to Eat, but No One Is Making a Splurge.

The hotels will serve an extra dinner today, but there will be no splurge in the way of fine menu cards. Business at the taverns yesterday was rather quiet. The drummers and business men were going home to spend the New Year, and at the leading houses the registers showed a scarcity of names. The clerks enjoyed the relax, which reminded them of a Sabbath day.

After the first of the year there is always a rush, and for the next three months, if history repeats itself, the hotels will be turning guests away nightly. Some negotiations had been pending for the erection of a new first-class hotel here, but the tightness of the money market made it impossible for the present.

WATCHNIGHT SERVICES.

Ladies of Several Churches Conduct the Pleasurable Programmes—Experiences of the Old Year, and Good Resolves for the New—Special Services for To-Day.

The old year was laid to rest with considerable festivity by the members of the Buena Vista Street M. E. Church last night. The ladies of the church gave their second annual supper, which was followed by a concert, and later by the more serious solemn watch meeting. Mrs. J. W. Lyons, of Lombard street, was the Mikado of the affair and her loyal subjects were the members of the Epworth League and other ladies of the church. The lecture room of the church was the scene of the earlier exercises, and the supper, for which eight long tables were prettily arranged, was in charge of: No. 1, Mrs. Wright; No. 2, Miss McDonough; No. 3, Mrs. W. McKee; No. 4, Mrs. J. D. Chantler; No. 5, Mrs. Hechert; No. 6, Miss Francis; No. 7, Mrs. J. W. Lyon, and No. 8, Miss Lyons. An ice cream and candy table was also conspicuous, and was under the supervision of Misses May Wright, Alice Weible and Miss Lowe. The programme embraced such artists as Mrs. Dr. Leak, Misses Ella Graham and Carrie Angel, also Miss Gaston and the Messrs. Gaston, of Sewickley.

Watch services were held in the North Avenue M. E. Church from 9 o'clock until midnight. The pastor, Rev. T. J. Leak, was in charge, and many members of the congregation gave their experiences for the past year and their resolves for the new.

A genuine old-fashioned watch-night and Methodist campfire was held in the Fifth Avenue M. E. Church, foot of Magee street, beginning at 9:30 P. M. and continuing to the end of the year. Chaplain McGuire presided.

At St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Ninth street, the usual New Year's Eve services were held last night. Rev. J. C. White, D. D., presided.

Among the other congregations which held watchnight services were those of the following churches: Smithfield Street M. E. Church, Butler Street M. E. Church, First Methodist Church, Eighteenth ward; Ames M. E. Church, Hazelwood; Walton Street M. E. Church, and Bingham Street M. E. Church. Special New Year's Eve services were conducted at the First U. P. Church, Lincoln avenue, Allegheny, and nearly all the U. P. and Episcopalian churches.

To-day special services will be held in many of the churches, and at the Catholic Pro-Cathedral, Allegheny, Bishop Phelan will pontificate in the morning. A fine musical programme has been arranged. Several masses will be sung at St. Michael's R. C. Church, Pius street, Southside; St. Peter's R. C. Church, South Twenty-eight street; St. James' R. C. Church; Holy Cross R. C. Church, South Thirty-second street, and St. Paul's Cathedral. Sunday school treats will be given at the Christian Sunday school, Arch street, Allegheny, and at the Fourth U. P. Church, Lincoln avenue.

THROUGH TRAINS DELAYED.

Pennsylvania Trains Held by Wrecks or the Bad Weather.

The through trains on the Pennsylvania and Panhandle roads were badly demoralized last evening. They were all from an hour to two hours late. Since the ridiculous order by the Superintendent of Telegraph not to give any more information to reporters, it is difficult to get the cause of the numerous delays of trains. Whether it was the snow or an ugly freight wreck, as frequently happens, that delayed the trains could not be learned last night, but it remains just the same that they were late enough to provoke the wrath of waiting passengers.

The Panhandle express from St. Louis was more than an hour behind, having been held by hot boxes and a broken-down engine. The limited and mail trains from the East were about two hours late.

GONE TO JOIN HIS FRIENDS.

Another Agent of the Granite State Loan Association in Jail.

William E. Carley was sent to jail by Alderman McKenna yesterday on a charge of conspiracy preferred against him by Bertha R. Brown.

It is alleged that Carley was connected with the men who managed the Granite State Loan Association office in this city, and who were sent to jail a short time ago for trial at court on charges of conspiracy preferred against them by persons who claimed to have been swindled out of small sums of money.

No One in Central Station Yesterday.

For the first time since Mayor Wyman has been in office there were no prisoners in the lockup all day yesterday, nor even up until 11 o'clock. The town was not unusually quiet even for the eve of a holiday, but the emptiness of the lockup and its lonesomeness spoke louder than words for the good order of the town.

SOME PEOPLE WHO TRAVEL.

—John R. Pott, the genial Traveling Passenger Agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road, registered at the Monongahela House last evening. He is out after business, and he never fails to get it.

—Robert McKee, the son-in-law of President Harrison and father of Baby McKee, was a passenger through to Washington last night on the Eastern express. He will spend New Year's Day at the White House.

—The Wentling family and James S. Moorhead and wife, of Greensburg, attended the theater in a party last evening. They had a supper at the Duquesne.

—Inspector Whitehouse was presented with a large crayon portrait of himself last night by the officers who report at the Fourteenth ward station. Lieutenant Kramer made the presentation speech.

—Captain Brophy and Lieutenant Orth, of the Second district, were last night presented by friends with a gold watch, chain and charm, and a gold Jr. O. U. A. M. badge, respectively.

—W. M. Datesman, General Manager of the State Life Insurance Company at Philadelphia, is at the Duquesne. He came over to eat his New Year dinner with friends here.

—General Manager Joseph Wood, of the Pennsylvania Company, returned from a trip over the Panhandle last evening.

—P. C. Young and daughter, of Wellsville, and John S. Orr, of Youngstown, are at the Anderson.

—J. S. Fruit, a member of the Legislature from Sharon, was at the Seventh Avenue Hotel yesterday.

—A. Tommergust, of Berlin, Germany, is stopping at the Duquesne.

—D. B. Bell, of Du Bois, is among the guests at the Schlosser.

—Henry Phipps, Jr., went East last evening.

SMALL SCRAPS OF NEWS.

A COUNTERFEIT $2 silver certificate is in circulation. It is of the series of 1886, and bears the signatures of W. S. Rosecrans, Register of the Treasury, and James W. Hyatt, Treasurer of the United States.

THE gentlemen of "All the Comforts of Home" Company gave the ladies of the troupe a banquet at the Duquesne last evening. It was a full dress affair and much enjoyed.

MAGGIE PATTON, of No. 2823 Mary street, died yesterday from the effects of drinking two ounces of carbolic acid while temporarily insane.

THE directors of the Duquesne Bank held their annual meeting yesterday. They enjoyed a banquet at the Seventh Avenue last evening.

THE Western Pennsylvania Exposition Society will meet next Tuesday at the Chamber of Commerce, hear reports and elect officers.

MISS PAULINE MOON, Anna E. Marshall and Jessie McRoberts have been elected teachers of the Seventh ward school, Allegheny.

THE Princeton Glee Club, 30 people, will be at the Anderson on Saturday. They will sing at Carnegie Hall in the evening.

JAMES McPHERSON Post No. 117, G. A. R. will hold an open installation of officers at Palace Rink next Tuesday evening.

THE Fifth avenue cable line cars were run very irregularly yesterday on account of a great many grips being broken.

A SPARK from a furnace set fire to the roof of the Elba Iron Works yesterday. But little damage was done.

A CHARTER was granted yesterday to the Monon Electric Light and Power Company of Homestead.

THE Medical Pension Board received 29 applications from veterans yesterday.

SHARPSBURG street cars were delayed by snow drifts yesterday.

ALLEGHENY officials want better protection for the city records.

SENT FOR HER LOVER.

Conchetta Mordeste's Struggle With Adversity to Win a Husband.

A ROMANCE OF TWO CONTINENTS.

Hoarding Her Little Savings to Pay the Bridegroom's Fare.

THE MERRY MARRIAGE AT MIDNIGHT

Yesterday afternoon the musty records of the marriage license office were enlivened by a passing gleam of romance. A really touching love story attaches itself to the names of Carmina Giollo and Conchetta Mordeste, which appear linked together in the license list published this morning.

Carmina and his Conchetta are young Italians who have just been romantically reunited after a separation, long and bitter indeed to the hearts of such devoted lovers. Their history is, for various reasons, a remarkable one. The facts of the narrative were obtained from Dr. Leonardo Nardyz, of Smithfield street, who is physician to the Italian colony in Pittsburg.

According to the worthy doctor, the two young people first became acquainted over seas, in sunny Italy. They were born in the province of Basilacata, not far from Naples, and spent their childhood together among the vineyards and orange groves which fringe the Neapolitan coast.

LOVE AND LIFE WERE THEIRS.

Conchetta was pretty with the luscious prettiness of the South. Her playfellow, Carmina, possessed a stalwart form and a fair share of good looks. Their hearts were young and passionate. The sunshine and the scent of the orange groves stole into their souls; and they fell in love as the beeflies to honey.

But Carmina and his little sweetheart were poor. All the stars in heaven were theirs; but of earthly goods they had none. The bad season of '88 plunged the peasantry of Basilacata into dire distress. The vintage failed, and during the long winter things went from bad to worse. Finally, old "Babbo" Mordeste sold his tiny vineyard to buy bread; and trudged with his family to Naples. That was a woful parting between Carmina and Conchetta! But it was only one of many partings which occurred in Basilacata that sad winter.

At Naples Conchetta did not forget her lover, but she worked hard to help her father. In the spring her mother died, which was another severe blow to her tender heart. Then work grew very scarce, and with all their hoarding, the Mordeste family were almost penniless again. But plucky Conchetta conceived a grand idea by which to relieve their troubles.

CONCHETTA STRIKES AN IDEA.

At Naples there were ships—big steamers from far off ports and glorious climes across the ocean. Some sailed to America, that wondrous land where the gold and silver are more plentiful than the orange blossoms at Basilacata. So little Conchetta said to herself: "Why should not the 'Babbo' and little Pepita sail with me to this America they talk of? In a little while we should be rich; and then I could send money to Carmina and bring him out to our palace over there! It is a grand thought. We will go!"

And go they did. Without telling Carmina one word about it, lest he might object to her plan, Conchetta packed up her household goods and took passage with her father and sister for Philadelphia. The old "Babbo" was not very strong-willed. He did not very much care whither he went, if he got enough to eat and plenty of time to sleep. So he allowed Conchetta to spend his last money in the trip to America.

Conchetta had kin in Pittsburg, so to Pittsburg the little family came. But the gold and silver did not come so plentifully, and there was sore disappointment among the Mordestes. The "Babbo" worked a while with a firm of contractors and earned a little money. Conchetta, however, was the real supporter of the family. All day long she trudged about the "Hill," peddling apples, oranges and cheap trinkets. At night she and little Pepita slaved at needlework, making children's dresses and underwear for a little shirt store on Wylie avenue, and so time sped on. The Mordestes had arrived in Pittsburg during the May of 1889. By the summer of 1890 there were several big, bright silver dollars hidden away in Conchetta's narrow room on High street.

CONCHETTA DISAPPOINTED AGAIN.

Carmina's passage money was being rapidly earned. But there is a demon who loves to vex and torture trusting love. "Babbo" Mordeste fell sick from night exposure and damp, and Dr. Leonardo Nardyz was summoned to attend him. Thus it was that the doctor came to learn the story of Conchetta. In caring for the father he came to take an interest in the beauty and sorrows of the daughter. Through his good offices the girl obtained a situation with a prominent Italian fruit firm on Penn avenue. From that time forth her finances began to look up, and the big dollars quite filled the old stocking by her bedside. At last, in October of last year, Conchetta was able to have saved enough money to bring her old sweetheart to Pittsburg. Then came consultations with Consul Max Schaumberg and Dr. Nardyz, followed by the sending of a letter to the pastor of Conchetta's old village home. The letter contained a money order, payable to one Carmina Giollo.

Alas, there was yet another obstacle to Conchetta's happiness. Filled with despair at her leaving Carmina had left his home and was supposed to have joined a band of brigands in the mountains. But the kindly old pastor wrote that he would at once commence a search for the missing swain. During all October and November Conchetta lived in hope and prayed to the Virgin for Carmina's welfare. Her prayers were answered. On the 3d of this month she received a letter from her friend, the pastor. After a tedious search Carmina had been found, sick and poor, among the lazzaroni of Naples. "As soon as he recovers," wrote the good priest, "I will send him out to you, my daughter."

A GRAND AND HAPPY FINALE.

From that time all was wild impatience at the house on High street. Even the sickly "Babbo" caught some of the contagious happiness and left his bed. And on the 24th of December—Christmas Eve—the long-expected, long-sought Carmina elasped his heroic little sweetheart in his arms.

Of course, after that everything went merrily as the traditional marriage bell. New Year's Day is a greater feast day than Christmas among the Italians; so the wedding of Carmina and Conchetta was postponed until the New Year. Yesterday attended by the aged "Babbo," young Pepita, and nearly 20 cousins and friends, the lovers marched into the marriage license office, and asked for the documents necessary for their union. And last night, in the High street house, the twain were wedded.

It was a novel wedding and a fitting close to such a romance. The young people stood with hands clasped awaiting the stroke of midnight. Nearby stood the clergyman, prepared to say the words which were to make them one. All around sat friends, with brimming glasses of sparkling "lachryma christi," the national drink of fair Italy. That lachryma christi came all the way from Basilacata, and had been sent by the old pastor, Conchetta's friend and Carmina's finder.

The moment 12 o'clock sounded the wedding began, and at its conclusion all the guests raised high their bumpers of lachryma christi and cried in joyful tones, "A la salute!" Then followed festivity and frolic, which did not end until the gray dawn of morning.

ANOTHER MAY SULLIVAN.

Detective Allen Stirs Up a Decided Sensation in Oakmont.

A case similar to the famous May Sullivan story was brought to light yesterday by Detective Allen in the arrest of William Harrison. The girl in the case is Annie Pettigrew, of Oakmont, who is not yet 15 years old and a mother. The constable at Oakmont tried to arrest Harrison eight months ago, but he escaped. Since then Detective Allen has been chasing him all over the county, and finally caught him in Pittsburg.

At 'Squire Hotellyn's office last night Harrison wanted to marry the girl, but the Magistrate refused. Superintendent Dean will make charges against Harrison to-day. Several more arrests are to be made.

Concert at the U. V. L. Hall.

Wagner & Elze gave a charming concert in the Union Veteran Legion Hall last night, under the auspices of the Sons of Liberty Council 452, of the Jr. O. U. A. M. Among the features of the evening were several baritone solos by Prof. Creed, piano solo by Prof. Elze and a bass solo by Prof. Isensie.

HELP yourself to get rid of that cough or cold, or any Asthmatic or throat trouble by using Dr. D. Jayne's Expectorant.

M'KEAN'S BUSY YEAR.

Report of the Pittsburg Postoffice for the Past Year—Great Increase in the Tonnage of the Mail Matter—Millions of Letters Delivered.

The report for the year and for the quarter ending December 31, of the Pittsburg Postoffice, were completed last night. A large increase is shown in every branch of the business.

In the money order department 1890 shows an increase in the amount of money handled over 1889, of $420,612 61. In the registry division the increase in the number of registered letters handled in the last quarter over the same quarter of 1889 was 3,393. In the mailing division the increase in the number of letters handled was about 10 per cent and in the number of papers about 7 per cent. A large increase was also shown in the city division.

During the past year in the city department 153 carriers were employed, and 14,860,695 letters, and 2,723,475 postal cards were distributed. The total number of pieces handled by carriers was 37,510,243, an increase of 4,382,536 over 1889. The postage on local matter amounted to $150,182 15. In the 12 months 6,383,943 drop letters were handled, and 1,571,915 appointments or business matters were arranged by means of drop postals. In the mailing division the increase in the number of pounds over 1889 was 52,862, or about 10 per cent. The increase in the weight of newspapers handled was 220,294, or an increase of 7 per cent.

In the last quarter $689,321 65 have been sent through the Pittsburg postoffice in money orders.

A comparison of the same quarters for the years 1886 and 1890 inclusive, shows a steady increase. They are as follows: 1886, $469,719 28; 1887, $585,863 23; 1888, $548,942 55; 1889, $603,045 64; 1890, $689,321 08.

The total amount of money handled in the department for the year 1890 was $2,425,257 50. For the years 1886 to 1890 inclusive, it was as follows: 1886, $1,535,148 97; 1887, $1,815,987 51; 1888, $1,997,537 88; 1889, $2,062,645 09; 1890, $2,423,257 50. The total number of registered letters distributed and delivered was 49,157.

MANY BONES BROKEN.

Accidents That Were Caused Through No Fault of the Victims.

Slippery pavements were responsible for a number of accidents yesterday, though none of them will result in more than temporary injury to the victims.

PATRICK HARLEY—By a falling rail at the Edgar Thomson Steel Works Patrick Harley had his right leg fractured.

CHARLES BERNBERGER—At the Carnegie Thirty-third street mill, Charles Bernberger had his left foot fractured by an ingot falling upon it.

DANIEL SCANLON—The slippery pavement at the corner of Thirty-sixth and Railroad streets caused Daniel Scanlon to fall and break his left leg.

CHARLES BRINER, of Allegheny, fell from a building while painting and broke his left leg in two places.

CHARLES WOLFF—Charles Wolff broke his left leg by falling on Thirtieth street. He lives on Thirty-third street.

JOHN FITZSIMMONS—Sergeant John Fitzsimmons, of the Twenty-eighth ward police station, slipped on the pavement at the corner of South Eighteenth and Carson streets, and sustained an ugly cut in the forehead.

MRS. ANN McGREGOR—Mrs. Ann McGregor, living on Mulberry alley, near Twenty-seventh street, set fire to her apron while trying to light a fire yesterday morning. Her right arm and side were badly burned.

WILLIAM GROSSER—While working in a new house on West Jefferson street, William Grosser, a contractor, was badly hurt by an explosion of natural gas. He may lose his eyesight.

FRED KURTZ—Four-Year-old Fred Kurtz, while coasting on the Perrysville road, had a leg broken.

MANDAMUSING THE MAYOR.

Legal Action Taken to Solve the Councilmanic Difficulty in Allegheny.

City Solicitor Elphinstone and D. T. Watson, Esq., yesterday filed in court a petition for the purpose of settling some of the questions in relation to the city of Allegheny becoming a city of the second class.

The petition is in the name of Joseph Carson, a citizen of Allegheny, and asks for a writ of mandamus to compel Mayor Wyman to issue an official proclamation, ten days before the next municipal election, calling for the election of one Select Councilman from each ward of the city. It is stated that by the act of March 31, 1870, the city is given two Select Councilmen from each ward. By the act of May 23, 1881, the terms of the Select Councilmen are fixed at four years, one-half to be elected every two years. The city contains 13 wards and the term of one member from each ward expires on the first Monday of April, 1891. The terms of the others expire in 1893.

Under the act of June 14, 1887, in relation to second class cities each ward is entitled to but one representative in Select Council, their terms to be in accordance with the said act.

To raise the point involved it is stated that the petitioner believes that the local law with reference to the number of Select Councilmen from each ward is not repealed by the act of 1887, and asks that the Mayor be compelled to issue his proclamation for the election of one Select Councilman from each ward on February 17.

The matter will be argued Monday afternoon.

WILL GO TO COURT.

Twenty-First Warders Will Ask for a New Schoolhouse.

About 25 residents of the Twenty-first ward met last evening in the Methodist Episcopal Church, on Rowand avenue, to take action in the matter of obtaining another schoolhouse in the ward. Those present were in favor of the petition for a new schoolhouse, which, it is stated, the School Board refused to acquiesce in.

The meeting was presided over by Meat and Milk Inspector McCutcheon, and was brief, it having been determined that the only action to be taken was whether or not they should engage attorneys to take the matter into court and have it decided there.

After very little discussion it was decided to engage Attorneys Bell & Fitzimmons and Moore & McElrr. They will present a petition in court Saturday in behalf of those wishing a new schoolhouse, and have the court settle the dispute.

HARD LINES FOR SUSAN.

A Widow Swindled Out of Her Passage Money to Hungary.

Joseph Horodnowitch was arrested last night and locked up in the Twenty-eighth ward police station to await a hearing on a charge of conspiracy to defraud entered by Susan Garbel. The story is a peculiar one. Mrs. Garbel formerly lived with her husband at Homestead, where he was employed in the steel works. Eight months ago he was killed in an accident, and then she went to live for a few days with the family of Horodnowitch, having raised enough money to return to Hungary.

She now charges that Horodnowitch swindled her out of her cash, representing the great perils of a voyage across the Atlantic in winter. She gave him the money on a judgment note payable in one year. Three days later she and her child were turned out of the house.

REGARDED AS CITY TENANTS.

Notices to Quit Served on All the Diamond Market Stallkeepers.

Chief Bigelow yesterday had quit notices served upon all the stand or stallkeepers in the Diamond Market House, notifying them to vacate on or before April 1, 1891.

The stallkeepers are regarded as tenants of the city, and the notices are served to prevent trouble in evicting them in case changes should be necessary when the work of widening Diamond street begins and the consequent construction of an arcade through the market building. It is considered probable that Diamond street will be widened during the year of 1891.

LIENS IN ALLEGHENY.

Low Bids for Property That Had to Be Sold Under the Law.

A sub-committee of the Allegheny Councils Committee met last night to talk over the subject of municipal liens. The session was very short, because there was little for the members to do.

C. Pappert proposed to buy the property on Clark street, formerly owned by John Bowen, for $300, but the bid was laid over. The city brought an ejectment suit against the owner of the property bought by the city for the Columbia engine house.

MORE BOGUS DETECTIVES.

Two Men Arrested for Impersonating Officers on Second Avenue.

John Kesser and Patrick Murphy, two young railroad brakeman, were arrested on Second avenue last night charged with attempting to get money by representing that they were detectives.

No firearms or other equipments such as are usually found on bogus detectives, were found upon the young men, but in Kesser's pockets were found some letters of a very damaging character to the writer, a young married woman at Loydsville. The would-be detectives will get a hearing this morning.

IT CLOGS CONGRESS.

Quay Tells Wherein the Weakness of the Election Bill Lies.

A TEST OF REPUBLICAN HARMONY

To Be Made Next Week on the Passage of the Cloture Rule.

BROOKS HIS CANDIDATE FOR SPEAKER

Senator M. S. Quay and his son Dick came up from Beaver yesterday afternoon and registered at the Seventh Avenue Hotel. They left on the limited this morning for Washington and Harrisburg. The Senator said he would not stop at the State Capital for the opening of the Legislature. He has not been feeling well for some time, and he said he had not taken much interest in public affairs of late.

Among his first callers yesterday were Judge Fetterman and Dr. Barchfield. It was rumored that the Senator would name the successor to Judge McKennan, but he denied it last evening, and said he did not know who would be appointed. Judge Acheson is the local candidate for the place, and Judge Fetterman is putting in some good licks for him. When the reporters called on Senator Quay yesterday afternoon the Judge was busy discussing the Indian troubles with him, and he compared the recent fight to the Custer massacre.

RECEIVED A NUMBER OF VISITORS.

Others who called on the Senator were Postmaster McKean, Collector Warmcastle, United States District Attorney Lyon, ex-Architect Malone and N. P. Reed.

The Senator was feeling better last evening and was in a talkative mood. When asked about the coming Legislature he said: "I think Mr. Brooks will be elected Speaker. He has a strong following and is a good man."

"Is it true, as reported, that the country Representatives will combine against the cities, and try to elect their own candidate for Speaker?"

"Well, I haven't heard of such a movement. The country Legislators will have some good timber to select from. But the farming districts have never lacked for legislation. They generally get all that they want."

This is the only allusion that Senator Quay made to the influence of the farmer in the next Legislature. Other State leaders are inclined to believe that the grangers will control legislation, but this fact remains to be demonstrated.

Speaking of National politics he said: "When I left Washington a week ago it looked to me as if the Federal election bill would be passed without much trouble, but I gather from the newspaper accounts of the proceedings in the Senate that they have gotten into a snarl over the measure.

THE ELECTION BILL'S WEAKNESS.

"The great weakness of the bill is that it is clogging legislation. Other important matters, like the silver and lard bills, are pushed aside, while the demand for the passage of laws on these subjects can't be ignored. I have heard how Senators Wolcott and Teller kicked over the traces, but I cannot say what effect their action will have. The test will come next week when the attempt is made to pass the cloture rule. If it fails to go through, it will settle the Federal election bill. The cloture rule will be something new for the Senate, but it will be nothing like Speaker Reed's rule in the House. I don't think it was ever intended to stop debate, or to prevent a Senator from talking."

When asked if he thought the Democrats and Farmers' Alliance would join hands, the Senator laughed and said: "Oh, no. I do not believe that the Democrats will indorse the platform of the Alliance, but it is too far ahead to speak of their influence. I don't think the farmers will put an independent candidate in the field, but it is barely possible that an independent may be nominated in 1892."

HE SPENT THE MONEY.

Troubles of a Mutual Friend Empowered to Secure a Husband's Release.

On Tuesday Robert Gregg was arrested and placed in jail on a charge of surety of the peace. He was under Warden Berlin's charge for a short time only, when Mrs. Robert Gregg secured the money necessary to obtain her husband's release, for she was horrified at the thought of his having to stay in prison all night.

The money she entrusted to a mutual friend, John Parker, by name, who was to secure Mr. Gregg his liberty and also settle the case. That gentleman almost immediately congratulated himself on his ability to secure the release of Mr. Gregg and also took a drink in honor of that ability. More spirits followed the first installment and soon Mr. Parker was a wanderer in the "Dead Lands" accompanied by the remnant of Mrs. Gregg's money.

In consequence Gregg had to remain in prison until the hearing yesterday morning. Then his wife appeared before Magistrate McKenna and told her story. Her husband was released, and then a warrant was sworn out for Parker for larceny by bailee. Last night Mr. Parker and his jag were found, and when the bells tolled out the old year both were sleeping peacefully in the county jail.

STREET ROAD MAGNATES.

Members of the McKee Syndicate Meet at the Duquesne.

H. Sellers McKee, R. W. Clay, Philadelphia; I. N. Beckley, Rochester; S. H. Short, Cleveland and Benjamin Graham, of New York, held a meeting at the Duquesne yesterday. They are members of the street railway syndicate of which Mr. McKee is the head. After the meeting Mr. Clay said the business transacted did not concern the Birmingham road, but the system in Rochester, and it would not interest the public in either place. He could not say when the Birmingham line would be ready for operation. The road is in good shape, and the bridge is about done.

Frank Craft Turns Up in Germany.

Frank Craft, who disappeared from Lower St. Clair township about two months ago, has turned up in Wurtemburg, Germany. He has written to 'Squire Conrad. Mrs. Craft will at once join her husband.

Police Magistrates' Reports.

Police Magistrate Leslie yesterday submitted his monthly report to the Mayor. The list foots up 102 cases. Magistrate Succop also reported 191 cases.

CAUGHT IN THE LAW'S TALONS.

FRANK KURTZ is accused of stealing some clothing from Mrs. McGuire.

MOLLIE HANLON is charged with robbing William Shultz of a gold watch.

MARY SCHLIFACOLA was fined $26 yesterday for refusing to give her name to an assessor.

MARY BRANNON says her husband Richard beat her Saturday night, and she wants him punished.

MRS. MAGGIE McPARNAN, who left a child on Shetland avenue some two weeks ago, was held for court yesterday.

MCCORMACK GRADY wanted to be sober today, so, at his own request, Magistrate Succop sent him to the workhouse for 60 days.

VAL MALY was committed to jail yesterday by Magistrate King, charged with assaulting Anthony McBane, who lives in the Thirty-second ward.

WILLIAM QUINN has been held for court on a charge of abandoning his 3-year-old child, whom he left with his housekeeper, Mrs. Etta Clifford, of McKeesport.

THIEVES entered the residence of William Donaughy, 3616 Mignonette street, East End, while the family was absent, and stole Christmas gifts to the value of $300.

OFFICER JACOBS, of the New York police force, left this city last night, having in custody Samuel Bush, a watchmaker, who was arrested last week. Bush is charged with petty larceny.

THE police are looking for 12-year-old Willie Spratley, of Liberty avenue, who has been missing since Monday. It is thought that Willie may have taken a trip to Cleveland to visit his aunt.

JAMES BOLYER was held for court by Alderman Means yesterday on a charge of felonious cutting. Some time ago Bolyer and G. W. Reed had a fight, in which Bolyer threw a dish at Reed and cut him. Both men are colored.

WILLIAM MCNALLY and wife, charged with running a speakeasy in a shanty-boat at the foot of South Second street, were sentenced by Magistrate Succop yesterday. McNally got 60 days, but his wife, who was very abusive, went up for three months.

DEDICATING A NEW CHURCH.

The Wilkinsburg United Presbyterian Congregation Will Move in on Sunday.

The new United Presbyterian Church, of Wilkinsburg, is finished, and will be dedicated on Sunday next. The edifice is not entirely new, although the changes and improvements upon the old one has resulted in almost a complete rebuilding. The work of renovation was commenced last May, and has been continued almost without intermission ever since.

The cost of the rebuilding will be about $16,000. The church is of pressed brick, and the style of architecture is composite, leaning somewhat to the Romanesque and Moorish. Inside it presents a handsome as well as restful appearance. The ceiling is paneled in natural wood, and is a work of art in itself. The pews are arranged in a semi-circle, as are those of nearly all modern churches. They will seat 550 persons. The edifice is illuminated by electricity. Three chandeliers depend from the ceiling, and upon each are 15 incandescent lights of 16 candle power apiece. Adjoining the church proper, and separated from it only by a portiered arch, is the Sunday school room. This was formerly the church. It has been beautified in many ways, and looks as new as the rest of the building. The Sunday school room will hold 220 people, so that when the two rooms are turned into one 770 persons can join in the services. The windows are of costly opalescent glass, and the floor is covered with heavy brussels carpet. The heating and ventilating arrangements are very good, and are on the same system as those of the Williamsburg public school, described in THE DISPATCH lately.

The pastor of the church, Rev. M. M. Patterson, has been in charge since 1884. It is mainly to his efforts that credit for the completion of the new church must be given.

The services on Sunday will be opened at 10:30 A. M., by Rev. A. D. Wallace, of Sewickley, the dedication sermon being preached by Rev. J. T. McCreery. A fraternal service, participated in by the various pastors of Wilkinsburg, will be held in the afternoon. Rev. W. J. Reid, D. D., will preach in the evening.

PARTNERSHIP DISSOLVED.

William Witherow Is Now Owner of the Duquesne Hotel.

The Duquesne trouble was amicably settled yesterday by a dissolution of partnership, William Witherow buying out his brother, J. P. Witherow. William Witherow is now sole owner and proprietor of the house, and will conduct the hotel in the future. Charles Miller, who had been made manager by the majority stockholders, retired.

It is said that Mr. Witherow is backed by a wealthy man of this city, and that he intends to enlarge and otherwise improve the hotel.

M'KINLEY AND TEMPERANCE.

How the Greed of Wine Dealers Discourages the Drinking Habit.

Washington Star.]

Indirectly the greed of the importers of champagne wines appears to be promoting the cause of temperance. Taking advantage of the increased duty of $1 per case, imposed by the McKinley bill, they have advanced the wholesale price of that article three times that amount, or $3 per case. Following this action, most of the prominent hotels and restaurants in New York have banded together and marked up the price of the leading brands on their wine lists to $4 per bottle.

This makes pretty expensive tipple, even for well-to-do people, and in facing the situation thus presented a number of the gilded youths of Gotham are showing considerable "sand" and more common sense than could have been expected of them. They, too, have banded together, and, while they do not exactly boycott the swell places to which they used to resort, they are now patronizing those cafes, etc., which are content with smaller profits when they want to "open a bot." Natural result: less champagne consumed. In that aspect of the matter, the McKinley bill doesn't appear to be a wholly bad measure, after all, does it?

An Enterprising Firm.

The H. J. Heinz Co., the well-known Keystone Picklijg and Preserving Establishment, taking possession of their new plant in Allegheny on the last day of the year was made a most enjoyable occasion. The employes, to the number of 500, assembled in the palatial offices and presented each member of the firm with a handsome and valuable souvenir. An appropriate presentation speech was made by J. Wm. Ports and very feelingly responded to by H. J. Heinz and the other members of the firm. It was a most enjoyable affair, and being participated in by all the employes demonstrates the most cordial relations existing between employer and employe, and will always be the more kindly remembered by all present owing to the pleasant circumstances surrounding the occasion. This well-known firm has occupied their old location on First and Second avenues during the last 25 years. Now, in removing to their most commodious and extensive new plant, where they will have