

FORMING A NEW TACK.

The State Legislature Will Be Called in to Smooth Over Allegheny City's Difficulties.

SHELVING A DIVISION OF WARDS.

George Elphinstone Offers a Panacea in the Shape of a Revised Edition of the Rynd Bill.

IT WILL BE PRESENTED ON TUESDAY.

Special Committee and Council Meetings Will Be Held to Reach Matters.

The scheme for the division of wards in Allegheny received a black eye last night from City Attorney Elphinstone, but another plan has been suggested.

It is claimed that while dividing lines can be drawn in, on time for the February election, it will be impossible to have either the school districts or voting precincts properly arranged in that time, and therefore 13 Select Councilmen feel and over their lost seats.

The remedy now offered is to run a bill through the Legislature providing that the present status of Select and Common Council remains as it is for two years although by some legal jugglery the heads of the most are to be elected at once, the bill to be the same plan as that prepared by Representative Rynd except that part of the second class city charter is to be operative before 1923.

No Change in Common Council. In the two years thus gained the wards will be properly divided, so that when all the new dress is taken on, the unlucky 13 will not number all the members of Select Council. Even if the wards are divided Mr. Elphinstone says there will be no change in the representation in Common Council.

The Committee on the Division of Wards met last night and decided that as Mr. Elphinstone's plan offered a possible solution for the difficulty it should be followed.

The new bill will be submitted to a special meeting of the Finance Committee on Thursday. Another meeting of the Committee on the Division of Wards will consider the bill as reported from the Finance Committee. After that a special session of Council will be called Monday night as the bill can be forwarded to Harrisburg on Tuesday.

At the opening of the meeting last night Chairman Lane explained the necessity of action. He then called on City Attorney Elphinstone, who stated that he had considered the questions put by Mr. Cochran at the committee's last meeting, and in reply to the first question would state that there will be no change in the membership of Common Council. That body will remain the same as now.

Another Problem Yet to Be Solved. The other question involved school districts, and while Mr. Elphinstone had made up his mind on the subject the other counsel had not, therefore it could not be answered just present.

Mr. Hartman wanted to know if the committee was safe to go ahead and divide the wards. Elphinstone said that there could be no harm done by going ahead.

Mr. Hubley wanted to know that, should the committee divide the wards, could not the ward be made into a school district without additional expense.

Mr. Bader wanted to know if the members had consulted their constituents on the subject, and he desired that a vote on the question be taken just to show how the members stood.

Mr. Dahlinger said that at the last meeting he had decided to have Councilmen prepare some ordinances on the subject, and if any had been prepared they should be presented at once. That would show how matters stood.

Mr. Elphinstone said that he had prepared an act that he thought was constitutional and could be gotten through the Legislature before the coming election. This bill provides for the representation in both branches of Council as at present, to be continued for two years. At the end of that time Council could be elected as provided for by the laws governing a second class city. The object of this bill was that time may be gained, so that the wards of the city might be evenly divided, and not with a rush, as was the case at present.

Pleas of Time Before Election. There would then be plenty of time to make all arrangements for the change which could work along smoothly. The bill could take the place of Mr. Rynd's bill, which is No. 2, and it would be passed in plenty of time before the election.

Mr. Lane stated that a consultation of the members from the Fourth ward had been held recently, and that it had been decided improper at the present time to divide the wards, as it was too close to the time of election and would seek great harm to change the political situation.

Mr. Hartman would see no reason for delay. The wards should be divided immediately and legislation on the subject is for future consideration. The division could be done with less trouble than six months hence.

Mr. Suman thought that some wards could be divided at once, and that it would not. This was particularly so of the wards in the center of the city, which contained only one schoolhouse. To divide the wards now would mean to get into a mess that would take two years to get out of. The work should be done in a business like way, and the advice of the City Attorney should be followed.

After some further discussion on the matter it was decided by Mr. Suman to call a special meeting of the Finance Committee for tonight at 8 o'clock at the City Hotel. Mr. Elphinstone's bill will also be presented at a special session of Council on Monday night to approve the bill so that it might be sent down to Harrisburg at once and placed on the calendar with the other bills.

The committee then adjourned to meet on Monday night before the meeting of Council.

WIFE OF ARQUILLA IS THE SUBJECT OF FABLE. B. Ward's Peruvian letter for THE DISPATCH to-morrow.

THE LAST DAY OF GRACE. Westinghouse Preferred Stock Cannot Be Purchased Later Than This Afternoon. The Local Creditors' Committee has finished its work and made a report to Mr. Bannister, but the figures are kept secret, awaiting the return of Mr. Westinghouse. He was expected yesterday, and as he did not arrive he is looked for today. Today will be the last in which stock will be sold, but the full report may not be ready by Monday. Considerable of the preferred stock was sold yesterday.

It is understood that the work of the Creditors' Committee was eminently satisfactory, otherwise it would have continued on duty until to-day instead of making the report Tuesday evening.

R. J. Vankirk Missing. The Southside police are looking for R. J. Vankirk, of Bennett station, who has been missing from home since Wednesday. Vankirk is 31 years old, of medium build, has two fingers off his left hand, and had on dark clothes.

THREE BEATS BEATEN.

Film-Flamers Go Up Against a Hard-tender Who Is Too Out for Them—Two of the Sharpers Arrested—Lawrenceville Storekeepers Done Up.

Frank Lemon and Jack Quinn were arrested yesterday afternoon and sent to Central station. They were charged with being suspicious characters by Captain Brophy and Officer Ford, who arrested them.

Quinn, Lemon and another man, whose name is not known, are supposed to be the persons who have been operating the "flim-flam" game on the store-keepers of the Twelfth ward and in Lawrenceville for the last week. During that time a number of the small business places in Lawrenceville have been victimized by the operators of the three men. Nearly every store out Penn avenue had been visited, but the majority escaped being caught by the game. The storekeepers in the police, say yesterday Captain Silvius and another officer started out Penn avenue to trace the men down. They discovered several places along the route where the men had attempted to play their game.

At the saloon No. 2812 Penn avenue the men lost a \$5 bill through the ingenuity of the storekeeper. They had tried to play the game, and used a \$5 bill. The storekeeper saw the trick they were attempting and grabbed the bill. The men demanded the bill, but the storekeeper refused, remarking that "if you call in an officer you can get it."

Captain Silvius learned toward the afternoon that the men were in Lawrenceville, and he started out to trace them. He was accompanied by Officer Ford, ran them down at Forty-fourth street. There were three of them, but one escaped.

THEIR THEY CAN STAND IT. Two Men Willing to Go Without Eating for 30 Days for \$1,000.

The offer of Manager Davis, of the Fifth Avenue Museum, to pay \$1,000 to any man that will fast for 30 days, has already borne results. Mr. Davis reported yesterday that two candidates for the honors and the money had put in an appearance at the museum.

One of them was from Greensburg. He gave the name of Samuel Liston, and said he had gone on a long fast six days without eating and thought he could go the full month. Another was a young physician of this city who gave his name, but declined to be mentioned, and said he would not care for publicity until he had consulted with his friends.

The contest will be conducted in an upper room of the museum. The men will watch the faster night and day. They will be sworn and care will be taken to select well-known citizens. Physicians will also be appointed to watch the men, and the contest will be inaugurated with two weeks. Mr. Davis still expects others will enter the novel contest.

FOUND UNDER THE TRACK. William Brathwait Discovered in an Unconscious Condition at Hulton.

William Brathwait, a well-dressed, young man, about 18 years of age, was removed to the West Penn Hospital about 9 o'clock last evening in patrol wagon No. 5. He was brought down from Edgewater, a station near Hulton, on the Allegheny Valley Railroad, by the express shortly before 8 o'clock, suffering from internal injuries and a severe fracture of the skull. He was in an unconscious condition.

The conductors of the train on which he was brought from Edgewater, stated that the young man was found near the railroad tracks in a feeble condition, the inference being that he was struck by a train. He was still in an unconscious condition at the West Penn Hospital until 11 o'clock last night, but the physicians there entertain the hope that he may recover. Brathwait is the son of a well-known contractor, and lives with his parents at Hulton.

CAUGHT A DESERTER. Samuel Mulholland Steals a Watch and Is Fined Upon by Army Officers.

Samuel Mulholland, the man arrested by Detective Bended on Thursday for stealing a watch from C. K. Noss, a Pittsburg and Western Railroad engineer, was found yesterday in the regular condition of the regular army. Mulholland was stationed at the post at Buffalo, N. Y., from which he deserted about eight months ago. Inspector McAleese by the merest accident discovered the prisoner's identity, and immediately notified the United States Army officers at the arsenal on Penn avenue.

Sergeant Baburet was sent up to Central station to get Mulholland, and to return him for transportation to New York, from whence he will be taken to a sea coast port to be imprisoned for his offense.

CORNERMAN IS A HEALTHY FOOL AND MAKES PLEAS COMPLEXIONS; Editor Seema tells all about it in THE DISPATCH to-morrow.

THEY SIGNED THE PLEDGE. Eighteen Men Did Farewell to Drink at the Standard Theater.

A large number were present last evening at the Dunn temperance meeting in the Standard Theater, New Grant street. The meeting was opened with an address by Miss Susan Jones, of the Moorhead Union. She was followed by speeches by Joseph Whitehead and G. N. McClaster.

An eloquent appeal was the closing address of Mr. Dunn. At the conclusion of the address, about 18 men and boys signed the pledge. The dividers of meetings will be done with less trouble than six months hence.

FIRED UP THE GAS. Coal Will Hereafter Be Used at the Allegheny City Firm.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Allegheny City Board yesterday, it was decided to discontinue the use of natural gas at the firm.

Major W. P. Hauker, the Secretary, presented his annual report showing the average number of inmates of the city hospital to have been 234, at an average weekly cost of \$1.84 per inmate. The expenses for last year were \$30,201.96.

PEOPLE WHO COME AND GO. —Mrs. Belva Lockwood passed through the city yesterday, for Monongahela City, where she lectured last evening. She said she belonged to the Women's National Press Association, and left tonight for the city, and had not intended to attend the convention and banquet.

—Mrs. Z. X. Snyder and Miss Jane E. Leonard, of Indiana, registered at the Seventh Avenue Hotel yesterday. Miss Leonard is the proprietress of the hotel.

—Colonel Bennett H. Young and Judge A. E. Richards, of Louisville, are stopping at the Monongahela House. They are interested in Southern railroads.

—Ed. Luscif, formerly a very popular clerk at the Hotel, is in the hotel, and may remain here as one of the clerks in a leading house.

—Assistant General Passenger Agent Frank E. Smith, of the Pennsylvania Company, went to Cincinnati last evening.

—J. P. Kirkpatrick, of Palmer, Mich., and George W. Short, a Cleveland iron manufacturer, are at the Duquesne.

—O. K. Wheelock, of Bedford, and J. M. Stewart, of Indiana, are among the guests at the Scholastic.

—F. J. Hoare, general manager of the Riverside Iron Works, at Wheeling, was in the city yesterday.

—Mrs. William Thaw left for New York last evening.

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ON A BROADER BASIS.

The American Tinned Plate Association to Be Reorganized.

MILLS NEARLY READY TO OPERATE. Miners Want a Revision of the Bills Relating to Their Craft.

MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIAL ITEMS. The American Tin Plate Association is to be broadened in its scope and field of operations.

Edwin Norton, of Norton Brothers, Chicago, and Clarence R. Britton, of Britton & Co., Cleveland, were in the city yesterday, and both gentlemen visited the United States Tin Plate mill at Demmler for the purpose of investigating the plant.

At a large meeting held in the office of the association in this city, the question of disbanding entirely was first taken up. It was argued by some that the need for continuing the organization was obliterated by the attainment of the object for which the association was established—to secure a duty on tin plate. The friendly relations created since the organization has been in existence worked against the proposition to disband, and instead of carrying it through, a plan to reorganize on a broader basis was adopted.

Scope of the Scheme Proposed. The proposed scheme is to include in the association all the present members; to absorb the Western Sheet Iron Association, which is largely represented in Wheeling, Cleveland and Chicago, and to admit all other tin plate mills in America. Norton Bros. are erecting three mills, which are expected to be in operation by August 1, and Britton & Co. will complete two mills by that time.

Recurrence of Big Plant Rumors. One thing that carries out Mr. Norton's idea is the fact that so many firms are preparing, with apparent confidence, to manufacture tin plate on an extensive scale. A local firm said to be preparing for the erection of plants that will have a combined capacity of 70,000 boxes a week, while a Philadelphia concern is said to have a new automatic machine about ready to put on the market for the manufacture of the article by machinery.

The United States Tin Plate Company will be ready to manufacture tin plate for the market by the time the duty goes into effect, and it is expected that inside of two or three years the market can be supplied by the home product.

Congressman Niedringhaus, of St. Louis, passed through the city last evening, bound for Washington. He will retire at the close of this Congress.

Mr. Niedringhaus has faith enough in the tariff to build a tin plate plant, and he thinks there is little hope of a Democratic tariff knocking off the duty. His plant will be completed in July, and 1,200 men will be employed. Most of his machinery was ordered in Pittsburg.

BOTTLES CLASSIFIED. Freight Agents Regret That Mr. McCague Is Quitting the Business.

The Pittsburg Committee of Freight Agents met at the Lake Shore office yesterday to consider the question of making through rates to St. Paul, but the matter was postponed.

The committee appointed on the classification of bottles reported. There are so many kinds of bottles that some were not classified, and when shipped were given the glassware rate, which is higher than the bottle schedule. All varieties of bottles are provided for now.

George McCague, who leaves the Lake Shore to-day to take a position with Carnegie, Phipps & Co., resigned the secretaryship of the Hotel Hotel, Hotel Blanche, Leopold Wade, who is known in the profession as Miss Fontainebleau.

Mr. Jerome and Miss Fontainebleau played tennis at the Hotel Hotel yesterday. The strong glare of the footlights ripened their love, they became engaged to be married, and Miss Fontainebleau retired to private life at the end of the season. A few days ago she came to this city, and to-day she will assume the role of a matron.

WANT JOBS FROM UNCLE SAM. One Hundred and Thirty-Two Applicants and No Places Vacant.

The Pittsburg postoffice officials will hold a civil service examination on Tuesday. They will get 132 candidates through their paces and see how late they can trot from a civil service point of view.

All these people are desirous of obtaining positions under Postmaster McKean, and possibly one or two could be induced to take the civil service test. Mr. McKean is a gentleman of the postoffice. As Mr. McKean is not prepared to resign, and he does not expect to have any vacancies in the office, the prospect before the candidates is very gloomy.

DRUNK OR DEMENTED. Trying to Determine the Condition of a Man Who Was Noisy.

M. J. Mahon was sent to jail yesterday on a charge of disorderly conduct. Mahon was charged with acting disorderly at the St. James Hotel on Thursday night.

At the hearing yesterday morning before Alderman McKean, it could not be proven whether the man was drunk or demented. This gave rise to the suspicion that Mahon was demented. He was then committed to jail until a further investigation of the case could be made.

READ Robert Louis Stevenson's opening South Sea Island letter in to-morrow's big DISPATCH.

SMALL SCRAPS OF LOCAL NEWS. Two bay horses owned by John Boyd, the Allegheny livery man, ran away on Beaver avenue yesterday, and bumped into a car, breaking the bumper pole and slightly injuring one of the horses.

CAR No. 5 on the Central Traction line went out of control on the morning of Thursday, and yesterday morning, delaying traffic on that line. The second Avenue Electric line and Short line. It was the second accident of that line within 24 hours.

THE FRIENDS OF ex-Alderman Porter are circulating a petition for his release from the penitentiary. The petition states that he is in bad health, and will die if he is not promptly freed.

Mrs. S. McKee and Mrs. William McCreehy have issued an appeal to the public for funds to help the children of the West Penn Hospital.

THE FLAG on the postoffice was at half-mast yesterday, and the building was draped with black bunting in respect to the memory of Secretary Windom.

PICKED UP BY THE POLICE. FREDERICK J. SEMINS, of Sewickley, is charged with assaulting Lizzie Semins.

CHARLES ROSS, alias Barker, is charged with stealing a coat and vest from No. 31 Fourth avenue.

ALEXANDER HEFFMAN was committed to jail by Alderman Warner last night, charged by Eulogius G. Gernert with being drunk in the street.

JOHN GEMBERT, aged 17, was committed to jail without bail by Alderman Stork, of Allegheny, last night on a charge of aggravated assault.

BERNARD GOLDEN, a boy, is accused of robbing John McCue of \$28. McCue was stopping at the Hotel Hotel, and Golden, in Fifty-fifth street.

Mrs. RUTH WOODRUFF of Webster avenue, claims her husband knocked her down and then kicked her in the face. Woodruff was locked up for a hearing.

THE POLICE are looking for Annie Miller, who has been borrowing black dresses from East End families on the plea that she wanted to attend the funeral of her mother.

THE ROADS TO RUIN.

Seem to Pass Through Districts Run by County Supervisors.

A MAN WITH UNLIMITED POWER. It Is Observed He Fixes Highways That Advance His Interests.

DEBTS OF UNKNOWN RESPONSIBILITY. A reader asks THE DISPATCH what are the powers of township auditors; whether they have any control of the road supervisors; whether a road supervisor can fix the tax rate as high as he pleases, and also contract for more material or labor than payment provided for in the tax duplicate; and finally, if such a debt exists, incurred by the predecessor of a road supervisor in office, whether a portion of the tax levied must not be applied to the reduction of the indebtedness.

The writer says that in view of the vast interest taken at present in the road question and kindred topics, the matter is of vital interest.

It appears there have lawsuits grown out of the action of supervisors at times, and sometimes he has been brought to book for exceeding his bounds, but in a general sort of way he is about the biggest man in the township and sometimes does pretty much as he pleases. His discretionary power is large, and he may "salvate" the taxpayers pretty strongly in his estimate of the amount of tax he sees fit to levy.

A Theory Not Always a Condition. It is the theory that debts incurred by a supervisor must be paid and occasionally an auditor is called in to audit the account derived from fresh levied taxes for that purpose, but as a taxable has the option to work out his taxes, it is an uncertain source of revenue in some districts and a certain one in others. Near the city where men can make more money in their ordinary avocations than the \$1.20 or \$1.50 allowed for the business of a supervisor, it is not surprising to labor by the taxables and in the back districts all the work done on the road amounts to comparatively little.

There are isolated instances in this county where supervisors have used part of the road tax levy to pay debts. The general policy, however, is not to incur them, but to keep the tax rate as low as possible for themselves. In some districts near the city the office of supervisor has been a little mist, as alleged, supervisors hiring cheap Italian labor to do the work, and then paying the price paid for it and that allowed such labor by the township. It has also been shown in a lawsuit that a supervisor found an amount of money in his pocket preparatory on his farm and made the township pay therefor, the strategy consisting in selling the material excavated to the township for making a road.

As auditors, the law contemplates them as a body designated by the term, though a lawyer who "has been there" states that the work sometimes done by such bodies is of the most creditable kind. It is not surprising to find an expert bookkeeper, and township auditors are not, as a rule, chosen on account of any special fitness in this direction.

The law states that township auditors must meet on the second Monday in April each year, and that two will constitute a quorum. On the date mentioned they are required to audit the accounts of the supervisors, township treasurer and of such other township officers as may be required to be audited. The report must be filed with the township clerk, and if there be none such it shall remain with the auditor for general inspection.

Township auditors are empowered to compel the attendance of witnesses and production of books and papers and to administer oaths to the auditors. They are also authorized to subpoena witnesses and to appeal from their findings to the Common Pleas Courts upon appellants giving sufficient security for the payments of costs.

Sliding Scale of Supervisors. Road supervisors must account to the township annually, and the amount to be collected before a Justice of the Peace from whom an appeal lies to the next Court of Quarter Sessions. Townships may increase or diminish the number of supervisors by vote.

There is one fatal weakness in the road supervision system as frequently developed in the township near the city. For instance, the population part of the township is very likely to combine and elect men whose interests lie in that part and in consequence the highways in the populous part are improved at the expense of the more rural work. The supervisor is backed by P. F. Smith, J. J. McCormick, Walter Morris and Robert Fry.

As a case was disposed of before Judge Collier and Single the other day that may shed some light on this feature of the case, it is referred to here. The defendant, a township supervisor, was charged with neglecting to repair a road. The plaintiff sought to restrain Supervisor George Evans of Charters township, from leveling and improving Prospect avenue from the railroad bridge to McKean station, and asked for an injunction to stop the work. The supervisor was backed by P. F. Smith, J. J. McCormick, Walter Morris and Robert Fry.

On behalf of the supervisor it was contended that he had power to cut off humps and fill holes, as he was doing, and thus render travel safe. Judge Single ordered, in this view, and Judge Collier observed that if the defendant were allowed to exist where the danger might be remedied, and supervisors were brought before him in Quarter Sessions for neglect of their work there he complained of, he should surely punish them. Accordingly the injunction was dissolved.

Supervisor's remark is notice to five out of six supervisors that they might be yanked into court and punished, for there is scarce one of them that is not preying on the taxpayers. The defendant is not to mention the large number of small bridges with chinks in them, not only large enough to allow a horse's foot to pass through, but also a horse's foot.

The love of office must be very strong that spurs a man to accept a supervisorship in the average country district, for if he were to make the highways at good as they are, he would be defamed by a howl of rage.

The whole subject suggests the necessity of a supervisory power that does not depend on the taxpayers, but on a country constituency. Why, one of the wealthiest farmers in this county objected to the improvement of a road running in front of his place, on the ground that if the road were made good the assessors would raise his valuation.

ITALY AGAINST AFRICA. An Argument in Which a Hoe Played a Big Part.

An Italian banana vendor, whose want of English prevents the possibility of his name becoming known, occupies a bank in the Allegheny General Hospital, nursing a cast iron made by a hoe welded by a lusty son of Africa. The Italian was passing up Henderson street, and seeing a gang of men working on a house, went over, with the expectation of making a few sales. The workmen decided to have a little fun, but it resulted disastrously for the man from sunny Italy, as he got the worst of an argument with a colored hod carrier.

The colorless Italian was present later in the day, and gave the name of Henry Jenkins. The Italian is not dangerously injured. His scalp is divided against itself, but his skull remains intact.

WASHINGTON IN STONE.

The Equestrian Statue to the Great General Arrived Yesterday—Proud Work of Patriotic Americans About Finished—What It Looks Like.

The equestrian statue of Washington, to be unveiled in the Allegheny Parks by the American Mechanics on February 23, arrived in the city yesterday and was placed in position in the park where it will be placed in position immediately.

The monument was made by the Smith Granite Company, of Westley, R. I., and is said to be the only equestrian statue made entirely from granite in the country. The whole monument will consist of three bases, a die, a shaft and the statue. The first base is 12 feet by 8 feet, and the other bases rise in gradual proportions to the die, which is 7 feet, 9 inches, by 3 feet 9 inches, by 2 feet 1 inch. This stone, which adds largely to the beauty of the monument, has three panels on the front and rear and one on each end.

In the front center panel, is skillfully carved in bas-relief an eagle with outspread wings, upon one side of which is a vessel under full sail, and upon the other a laurel branch and an oak branch. The panels upon each end contain a shield, upon which is carved the emblem of the J. O. U. M. The smaller panels contain, respectively, a laurel branch and an oak branch. The inscription: "Erected by the Junior Order of United American Mechanics of Western Pennsylvania" is raised in polished letters; and the figure of the American Revolution, with its own horse in command, is upon the right side of the pedestal. The figure of Washington, clad in the uniform of the American Revolutionary War, is upon the horse in command, with the head turned slightly to the right, with a chapeau in right hand and arm extended as if returning the salute of his troops.

The figure is copied from the marble statue in the Capitol at Richmond, by the French sculptor Houdon. The remainder of the work is the completion of the sculptor, Edward Pausch, of the Smith Granite Company. He has produced a form in keeping with the serene and composed majesty of the original, and the figure will convey to coming generations a lofty ideal of him, who was "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

The completed statue in the required amount of money necessary to pay for the monument. The contract price was \$10,000, about \$1,000 of which is yet needed. It is expected that the balance of the money will be raised before the monument is unveiled. Donations are now being made by the various councils and a fair will open in the Grand Central Hotel on Saturday night, under the auspices of the Daughters of Liberty, part of the proceeds of which will be devoted to the fund.

RAN INTO A ROCK. One Man Killed and Two Injured in a Freight Wreck on the Panhandle—Brakeman Gray Flung and Steamers to Death—The Engine Shattered.

Brakeman J. T. Gray was killed and Engineer Oscar Albaugh and Fireman D. C. Mahon terribly injured yesterday morning in a freight wreck near Sheridan station, on the Panhandle.

As the train emerged from the Cork run tunnel the engineer saw a rock rolling down the hillside onto the track. Although three on the air brakes and reached for the lever to shut off the steam, but at that moment the engine struck the rock and the locomotive and three of the cars jumped the track and plunged against the rocky side of the hill. A stone was thrown which struck the boiler, the steam chests were torn from their places and the steam rushed out.

Brakeman J. T. Gray, who had taken his place on the front car, was thrown preparatory to turning the next switch to side track the train, was pinioned between the engine and the side of the cut. He was caught in a standing position, and was completely crushed. The engine was completely wrecked, and the steam chests were torn from their places and the steam rushed out.

The men were cared for as well as possible by local physicians, and then brought to the city. The injured men, Brakeman Gray and Mahon were removed to the West Penn Hospital, where Gray died in a few minutes.

HELD FOR STEALING BREAD. James Fannon Arrested a Few Days After He Leaves the Penitentiary.

James Fannon was arrested yesterday by Officer Malley on Penn street for picking the lady's pocket. The theft was witnessed by James V. Jenkins, who raised an alarm, causing Fannon to drop the pocketbook and start away on a run. Officer Malley started in pursuit and captured him, landing in the Central station. The pocketbook was recovered.

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Took Too Much Morphine. Henry J. Beecher, aged 32 years, died suddenly at his home, No. 40 Market street, yesterday morning, and the verdict of the coroner's jury, at the inquest last night, was that death came due to an overdose of morphine, to which the deceased had been addicted.

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