WEALTH IN WHISKY

Being Sought for by a Large Number of Gentlemen Who Want Permission From Court to

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL LIQUOR.

Two Thousand Applications for License Expected to Be Filed by Next Saturday.

THE SUPREME COURT'S WABBLINGS

Leaves Many Petitioners in the Dark as to Their Best Mode of Procedure.

That many persons in Allegheny county believe there is money in selling strong drinks is evidenced by the fact that applications for licenses are coming in fast, and that a rush is expected during the present week.

At the closing hour yesterday afternoon there were 747 applications filed in the Clerk of Court's office, and it is said that 10 per cent or more of the names are those of people new to the business. Of the applications 645 were for retail license and the other 102 for wholesale, brewers' and bottlers' license. This beats last year's record 65 to date. Next Saturday Clerk McGunnegle will keep the office open until 8 o'clock P. M.

The License Court will convene the third Monday in March with, so far as known now, Judge White on the bench.

Though there are not an unusually large number of applications for license to sell liquor this year so far filed, ex-Sheriff Hunter states that indications point to a considerable eventual increase over last year's list. They come in shoals toward the end of the time, and have still a week. He thinks there will be close to 2,000, with a large increase for retail and a diminution of applicants for wholesale license. Mr. Hunter also thinks it manifest to all who have paid attention to the matter that an increase of saloons such as would wipe out the speakeasies and low grade wholesale houses would be a great moral gain to the country.

Underbidding Saloons for Patronage.

The reason assigned is that saloons must be run with some regard to law and decency, while unprincipled wholesalers have been running the vilest kind of joints with impunity. Some of these have back rooms fitted up with the necessary conveniences for distribution and a party going in at the front with a pony purse buy a bottle or jug of liquor and adjourn to the back room to divide and get fuddled at their leisure, and there is no way to stop the abuse. The amount of liquor consumed in this way is apt to be much greater than it would be were the drinkers to patronize a saloon, for they can drink a pretty fair quality of booze at 5 cents a drink, by buying it by the bottle.

Since some retailers were driven into the wholesale line they have also done much mischief in the promotion of drunkenness in families. Women who would not go into saloons for liquor, and would receive a chilly reception if they did, go to a wholesale house without scruple or hindrance for a bottle of beer, ale or whisky, and troops of children can be seen getting the family supplies at some houses where the sole object of the proprietors is to make money, so that whether the police records do or do not show it, family drinking has greatly increased in the last two or three years.

Wholesalers Who Dropped Money.

There are two reasons why there will be a decline in applications for wholesale license. The first and most effective is that straight dealers in many sections lost money last year, some as high as $1,000, and worked for nothing. The second is the wabbling of the Supreme Court on the question as to discretion on the part of license Judges. The Supreme Court ruled in the Pollard case that when the prescribed qualifications, good character, citizenship, temperate habits, were presented, the Judges had no discretion. These qualifications were not all presented in the record in the Pollard case, but the higher court seems to have overlooked the defect when that case was reviewed.

A year ago Attorney Emmett Cotton called attention, through THE DISPATCH, that the blanks furnished applicants did not furnish a form that would stand scrutiny, and in those he made out for his clients he interlined the qualifications for which no blanks were provided. He suggested that some people might come short if they made out their blanks as prescribed by the forms, and the result proved that he was right. In all the cases certioraried the Supreme Court went back on itself so far as to allow that the Judges could exercise a certain amount of discretionary power.

When a Pimple Becomes Serious.

Thus, if a man had a pimple on his nose, or had accidentally gotten a black eye, either might be sufficient in the estimation of a Judge to prejudice the case of an applicant, and yet that pimple might be nothing more than the evidence of the consumption of too much pork or of an extended diet of buckwheat cakes, or it might be the result of an impoverished condition of the blood caused by unavoidable overwork or worry or might be the result of the applicant's ancestors having eaten sour grapes or of many other things for which the applicant should not be held responsible; but, nevertheless, the rejected has no chance to submit his photograph for the inspection of the Supreme Court, and the Judge is not reviewable. These things along with a Judge's possible bias cannot be certioraried, so some of those who have fears that their platform is shaky will apply for retail license rather than for wholesale, which they went after with vim last year under the impression that their position was impregnable.

A Defective Application Blank.

Attorney N. W. Shafer, however, holds that if applications are made out in compliance with the law the Judges have no discretion. He finds, as did Cotton, that the blanks furnished are defective, and unless amended leave a hole in the applicant's armor through which a Judge can attack him with success. One might suppose that proof of good moral character would include "temperate habits," but it is safer to do a little supererogatory work, even though it may be regarded as superfluous.

The circus that at first accompanied the hearings before the License Court is not likely to be a feature this year, as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Law and Order associations have come to the conclusion that the matter is about as safe in the hands of the judges alone as assistance could render it. These organizations may, however, be relied on to furnish pointers against some people, and the Department of Public Safety and the Allegheny Police Department are expected to throw the light on the dark side of some applicants' record.

The Dangerous Huns.

Three drunken Hungarians created some excitement on a Central Traction car at the end of the line yesterday afternoon. They refused to get off and rushed at the conductor with revolvers, which they fired in the air. The conductor skipped, and so did the Huns.

AN EXPLOSION OF GAS

Causes the Wreck of a House, Resulting in a Loss of $3,500—A Mystery as There Were No Pipes in the House.

By an explosion of gas at 6:10 o'clock last evening the residence of William Sellers, on Cassatt street, was demolished, causing damage of over $3,500.

The house was a two-story brick with five rooms, owned by J. F. Good, of 213 Bedford avenue. At the time Mrs. Sellers was washing the supper dishes, while her sister-in-law, Miss Sellers was sitting in front of the kitchen fire. A rumbling noise was heard in the cellar and a terrific explosion followed, which blew the entire front out of the house. The two women rushed out of the back door and thus escaped injury. The stairs leading from the dining room to the second floor were badly wrecked, while the kitchen wall was blown out and all the windows in the house smashed. The furniture in the parlor and upstairs bedroom was completely demolished.

The explosion was attributed to gas, but just how it got into the house was somewhat of a mystery, there being neither natural nor artificial gas in the house, and Mrs. Sellers stated that there was no light or fire in any part of the house other than the kitchen. There are two gas mains on Cassatt street belonging to the Philadelphia and People's companies, and it is supposed the gas leaked into the cellar from one of these mains.

Mr. Sellers' three children were visiting in Allegheny yesterday; had they been at home a loss of life might have resulted. An alarm was turned in from box 56, but the fire was extinguished before the arrival of the engines.

Assistant Building Inspector Brown visited the scene shortly after the explosion, and after an examination condemned the building. The building was valued at $2,500, and Mr. Sellers' loss will reach nearly $1,000. There was considerable excitement in the neighborhood over the explosion. The people say that the gas mains leak so badly that the boys often ignite the gas on the streets for sport.

A DELAYED ENTERPRISE ABANDONED.

The Contemplated Publication of Another Newspaper in Pittsburg Given Up.

The new paper which was projected last fall under the name of the *Sun* and the direction of Mr. C. D. Brigham, without being published, lingered along in a state of alternating hope and uncertainty until yesterday, when affairs took a shape which, it is announced, gave a quietus to the contemplated enterprise. The gentlemen who were expected to back the venture were deterred by the result of the November election, as well as the outlook for any new newspaperial attempt here. Senator Quay, and others among local politicians who were active on behalf of Mr. Delamater, some time ago declared their purpose of drawing out. This was not done, however, before an office had been rented on Fifth avenue, a press purchased, also type and other fixtures. Various attempts were made to get others interested, but without success.

Yesterday matters came to a climax by a final telegram from Washington embodying an ultimate and positive declination. The office, by the statements of those interested, was closed, and the press was shipped back to New York by a representative of the firm of Hoe & Co., who was here for the purpose. It is stated by some of those interested that about $20,000 was sunk in the preparations before the abandonment yesterday.

DEATH LEFT HIM FRIENDLESS.

Little John McCauley Tells a Sad Story to the Police.

There is a 13-year-old boy at the Central station who gives his name as John McCauley, and says that he is an orphan, without home or money.

The boy states that his father died two years ago on Perrysville avenue, Allegheny, and after that he went to live with his aunt, Annie McCauley, at No. 94 Stewart street, Allegheny. About six months ago his aunt died, and since that time he has been roaming about the streets, living as best he could. The boy said that he had relatives in the city, but just where they live he does not know. An effort will be made to find his relatives.

TWO ARRESTS MADE.

Hungarians Charged With Throwing a Bottle Through a Car Window.

On Thursday, while the limited was passing Bens creek, near Gallitzin, some one threw a whisky bottle through a window which struck Mrs. A. Keele on the forehead, making a painful gash. Special Agent Hampton Houghton, of the Pennsylvania road, went to work on the case, and yesterday he arrested two Hungarians, charging them with the offense. There is a third one yet to be caught.

Mr. Houghton says the circumstantial evidence is strong against them, and he feels sure he has the men who threw the bottle. They were drunk, and were seen near the place about the time it occurred.

A LITTLE BLAZE DOWN TOWN

Attracts a Crowd of 10,000 Persons to See the Firemen Work.

About 11 o'clock last night fire was discovered in the attic of 411 Smithfield street. An alarm from station No. 24 was turned in by Officer Riley, and the blaze soon extinguished. The attic was unoccupied, and the damage was but slight. The third floor of the building is occupied by Fred Guttman, a dealer in uniforms and regalias, and his place received no injury. The ground floor is occupied by the cigar store of J. Rhodes Miller & Co. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a defective chimney.

Ten thousand persons watched the work of the firemen with great interest.

AS BLIND AS THE STEED.

Troubles of Andrew Green, Who Was Gulled in a Horse Trade.

A charge of false pretense was entered before Alderman McMasters yesterday against Thomas Devine by Andrew Green.

Green claims that Devine sold him a blind horse that was worthless. Devine, he alleges, represented to him that blind horses could pull more than those with good eyes. On this recommendation Green paid $35 for the horse, and subsequent events proved that the horse could hardly move itself.

ROBBED AT A RECEPTION.

Guests of W. Dewees Wood Looted by a Well-Dressed Sneak Thief.

A bold robbery was committed last evening at the residence of W. Dewees Wood, corner of Marion and Forbes streets. The regular Saturday night reception was being held. During its progress a thief entered the house and secured a sealskin sacque, several overcoats, a diamond breastpin and a pair of silver bracelets. The matter was reported to the police.

It is presumed that the thief was well dressed, else he would readily have been detected.

AN INFANT ROBBER.

Little Henry Coll Tries to Tap a Milkman's Till.

A little fellow about 13 years old named Henry Coll was arrested by Officer Shultz, of Allegheny, last evening, on the allegation that he had attempted to rob the till of a milk cart on Preble avenue.

The boy made the attempt in all seriousness, but there was nothing in the till to steal but an old passbook, and he took that. He was locked up for Mayor Wyman's disposal to-day.

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OFFERED A NEW CURE

Allegheny Struggling Under a Load of Curative Legislation.

FIGHT TO DIVIDE RURAL WARDS.

Representation in Select Council to Be Based on Numbers.

CITIZENS' MEETINGS WILL BE CALLED

Allegheny, the infant second class city, is in danger of being smothered with the remedies offered for a solution of its difficulties.

At least three new ones were offered at the meeting of the Finance Committee last night. The meeting also developed the fact that the great fight over the division of wards is but an effort to have some of the strong men who represent the outside wards remain in Councils, although the apparent necessity of an increase in the membership of the Select branch makes a charming cloak.

At the opening of the meeting Mr. Elphinstone's revised edition of the Rynd bill received a damper from an informal opinion given by Knox & Reed, in which they claimed the bill was unconstitutional in a number of points. The City Attorney, however, relys on the hope that D. T. Watson will give a different opinion. In case this bill fails, Mr. Elphinstone has another to offer. The new plan is to have a general law regulating the basis of representation in Common Councils the same as in Pittsburg, and, also, to have the representation in Select Councils based on a similiar method, instead of having one from each ward.

Little Time in Which to Do the Work.

It is not thought possible to have curative legislation passed in time for the coming election, but it was thought that special elections could be held afterward.

Although this remedy was suggested, none of the members of the committee seemed enthusiastic over it. Mr. Wertheimer wanted the city divided into 18 or 20 wards irrespective of present lines, and he wanted the division made by a board of viewers appointed by the court. Mr. Kennedy wanted only the rural wards divided as they were the only ones that could be cut up in time for the election, and the great fight of the evening was made on the principal that as the rural wards were the ones where the most work was to be done they ought to have a greater representation. Some claimed it was not right to divide any ward without dividing all. The fight was so warm that even personalities were exchanged, but all ended in harmony. The motion to have all the wards divided that desired a division was passed unanimously, and now citizens' meetings will be held in each ward to decide whether they want any division.

A Special Saturday Night Meeting.

The special meeting of the Finance Committee was called last night to receive Mr. Elphinstone's modification of the Rynd bill. An informal session was held before Mr. Elphinstone arrived. Arthur Kennedy opened with the announcement that both the Rynd bill and Mr. Elphinstone's substitute were unconstitutional. He had held a consultation with Knox & Reed who declared the bills were unconstitutional for a number of reasons. The main one was because they were retrogressive and in direct opposition to recent Supreme Court decision, which said: "Allegheny has passed easily into a second-class city." Any legislation to take it out of that class would be unconstitutional. It would also be establishing two classes of second-class cities.

Mr. Kennedy then continued that the only way to add to the number in Select Council was to divide the outside wards which desired a division. Most of them have two schoolhouses and are so situated as to make the division easy and just. He argued that while the second and third might be divided it would require a great deal of time to make the change, and that could be done later. He believed the rural wards needed to be divided so that too much work would not rest on one man where so many improvements were needed.

An Appeal to Court Wanted.

Mr. Wertheimer wanted to have the Court petitioned to appoint a commission of five men to divide the city into 18 to 20 wards irrespective of present lines, and that the matter of the school question be left to the care of the Board of School Controllers.

This raised a discussion on the question of representation in Common Councils in which Mr. Dahlinger suggested that the representation in that branch should be on the same basis as in Pittsburg, and that the special act for Pittsburg be made general so as to include Allegheny.

Mr. Elphinstone then appeared and said that although Knox & Reed believed his bill unconstitutional he still believed D. T. Watson would give a different opinion. He then took up Mr. Dahlinger's suggestion and said he believed the difficulty in having a sufficient number of Select Councilmen could be settled by having the representation in that branch based on one member for every so many taxables, and thus escape the necessity of dividing the wards. He said he would prepare a bill on this plan and submit it to the Joint Legislative Committee of Pittsburg and Allegheny Councils at its next meeting.

Senator Neeb, who was present, joined with Mr. Elphinstone in the statement that it would be impossible to secure any legislation in time or the February election. However, Mr. Elphinstone thought legislation could be secured and special elections ordered later on.

Mr. Wertheimer then renewed his motion to have the wards divided by commissioners appointed by the Court, but he could find no one to second it.

Then some more talk was indulged in, as to the proper way to divide the wards, and what wards ought to be so divided. The opportunity was used by the members to make speeches on the matter. Mr. Kennedy believed the rural wards that covered so much territory ought to be cut up, notably the Eleventh and Tenth, in preference to the smaller and more compact town wards. Mr. Lane held that the rural wards ought not to be divided if the residents were not in sufficient number to warrant the representation. Mr. Cochrane opposed the division of outlying wards, for the reason, he said, that it would allow their Councilmen to secure legislation for improvements that the whole city would be compelled to pay for.

Beauties of the Rural Districts.

Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Hunter made lengthy addresses, in which the beauties of the rural districts were pictured in truly glowing colors, Mr. Kennedy holding that the march of improvement was toward the hills of Allegheny, and they should be allowed plenty of representation in Councils, while Mr. Hunter lingered more largely on the coming solidity of the suburbs as the substances where the city's revenue would come from if they were not barred out of Councils. He then compared Allegheny to Pittsburg and said the government of the latter was ten times as good as that of the former, and hoped the morn was dawning when Allegheny would awaken from its Rip-Van-Winkle-like sleep.

Mr. Kennedy tried his hand at making motions. He moved that it was the sense of the committee that the rural wards should be divided if the residents so desired.

Mr. Wertheimer was again heard from with an amendment, to the effect that "such other wards" as may desire to be divided be included. Then the dissertations began anew, not either for or against the question really, but haphazzard and hardly bearing on the question according to the Chairman's ruling. Finally after an hour's talk of this kind somebody called the question, and when every member declared he was heartily in favor of it the whole committee laughed aloud at the idea, and possibly the absurdity, of all their purposeless talk. The motion was carried unanimously and will be reported to Councils.

Mr. Cochrane then made a motion to the effect that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare an ordinance providing that the representation in Council be based on the same number of resident taxables as that of Pittsburg.

Before deliberating on the matter it was carried, and when some of the Common Councilmen, notably Mr. McDonald and Mr. Hunter, saw what was done they objected, but it was too late, and the committee adjourned before the matter could be reconsidered. If the ordinance is adopted it will cut down Common Council one-half.

WORKING THE WRONG MAN.

A Young Man Takes Detective McSweeney for a Sucker, but Skips When He Discovers His Mistake—Not Much Counterfeit Money in Circulation.

United States Detective Daniel McSweeney was very much amused at the Union depot last evening.

Dan likes to be taken for a countryman once in a while, to have a little fun with crooked people. When the detective sat down in the station, and put on an old-fashioned pair of glasses, a young man near by sized him up, and reasoned that here was a sucker, so he proceeded to coyly and gently work him. Mr. McSweeney was very accommodating and as green as grass, though it would be a difficult job to find any hayseed in his hair.

The crook told him about a woman he had met here, and incidentally he wanted to know if Dan had traveled much. "Wall," the detective replied, "I was to Bosting once, but that was many years ago." The detective did not recognize the fellow, but he was drawing him out in most beautiful fashion, when a reporter accidentally spoiled the fun. At the mention of the name McSweeney and a question about counterfeit money the crook grabbed his grip and was gone in a twinkle. Dan wandered around the depot in search of him, but he had skipped. He laughed heartily afterward in speaking of the experience.

To the question about how much counterfeit money is in circulation in the United States he answered: "I don't believe the amount will reach more than $100,000. I am sure there is not more than $15 of counterfeit in circulation in Pittsburg. The street car companies who handle coin extensively and the bankers will assure you that what I say is true. Ask any of the street car treasurers and they will tell you that the amount of counterfeit taken in by them every year is a trifling sum. Counterfeiters are watched too closely, and it is no easy job to get their spurious coin into circulation."

SOME CANDIDATES SUGGESTED.

Two Republican Ward Executive Committees Give Preferences.

At the suggestion meeting of the Twenty-eighth ward Republican Executive Committee, held in the Birmingham school building last evening, the following named persons were selected as candidates for the offices named: School Directors, William McGarey, A. K. Duff and J. D. Thomas; Assessor, Frederick Feiger; Assistant Assessors, Andrew Hauenstein, Emanuel Jackson and Richard Perry. Primaries next Saturday.

At the suggestion meeting of the Twenty-sixth ward Republican Executive Committee, held last evening at the Humboldt school building, the following persons were named as candidates for the primaries next Saturday: School Directors, Henry Franz, Robert W. Blaze, James Penney, John W. Duff and John M. Clark; Assessors, John N. Jarrett, Charles Miller, David Baldwin, John M. Clark and Adam Metz.

ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY BANQUET

To Be Given at the Seventh Avenue Hotel, March 2.

The ninth anniversary of the St. David's Society, of this city, will be celebrated by a banquet at the Seventh Avenue Hotel on March 2. Invitations have been extended to a number of distinguished Welsh Americans from various parts of the country who are expected to be present. Among them are Hon. Thomas L. James, ex-Postmaster General; William Dean Howells, the novelist; Rev. D. Parker Morgan, of New York; Hon. Samuel Griffiths, Hon. W. T. Davies, ex-Lieutenant Governor, and Judge Noah Davis, of New York.

The committee in charge of the affair is one which insures a successful and enjoyable occasion. It is composed of Ivor Zacharias, David W. Harris, D. N. Richards, D. D. Roberts, Thomas Morgan, Edward Humphreys and T. E. Jones.

STEPNIAK AND RUSSIA.

A Talk About the Nihilists That is Sure to Be Interesting.

People interested in Russia and the Nihilists of that country will on next Wednesday evening have an opportunity of hearing a lecture by Sergius Stepniak, a man who for the best years of his life was in that country, and now he is an outcast. His talk is directly against the oppression of the Czar's subjects, and he tells no uncommon story in the most tragic manner and with telling oratory. His theme is intensely interesting, and the man is one who commands one's attention.

The lecture is to be given Wednesday evening, at Old City Hall, under the auspices of the Press Club.

CRAPS WAS THEIR GAME.

Six Colored Men Captured in an East End Brick Yard.

Captain Mercer and Special Officer Sweeny, with several officers, made a raid on Finley's brick yard, on Frankstown avenue, East End, last night. Six colored men were arrested and locked up in the Nineteenth ward police station.

A number of complaints have been reported from that neighborhood in regard to colored men congregating every Saturday night and engaging in shooting "craps" and gambling. They always have a large supply of beer on hand, and in this way the night is spent. When the officers arrived last night the game was in progress and several sets of dice were captured by the police.

A MYSTERIOUS CUTTING.

Albert Carter Goes to Bed Well and Is Found Bleeding to Death.

Albert Carter, a colored man employed at the Black Diamond Steel Works, and living on Smallman street, near Thirtieth street, was found in bed by his wife at noon yesterday with a cut on the right leg. A pool of blood had formed under the bed, and Carter was unconscious.

When Carter was restored to sensibility by a physician, he was utterly unable to account for the wound, and the whole matter is deeply shrouded in mystery. Carter recovered sufficiently to go to work at 2 o'clock this morning.

SCHOOL OFFICERS IN TROUBLE.

Principal Waltman and Director McGriffith Charged With Assault and Battery.

Elmer Waltman, principal of the Tarentum public schools, and Mr. McGriffith, one of the directors, have been charged with assault and battery by Mrs. Lea Murray before Alderman McMasters. A hearing will be held on Monday.

Mrs. Murray has a son about 10 years old attending the Tarentum schools. She claims the boy was unnecessarily beaten with a rod by Mr. Waltman and then thrown down stairs by Mr. McGriffith.

HOLIDAY goods in shape of diamonds, watches, jewelry and musical instruments arriving daily. Largest line of music boxes. GALLINGER'S, MWSU 1200 Penn avenue, 1200.

PARADED IN PUBLIC.

Family Skeletons That Persist in Skirmishing in the Courts.

WHY SOME PEOPLE ARE MISERABLE

A Wealthy Couple Find It Impossible to Live in Harmony.

TREATING A PRISONER TO DELICACIES

Domestic infelicities and backyard squabbles between irate women got the usual Saturday airing in the Quarter Sessions yesterday, and there was a vast amount of female oratory, very impassioned, but not always on elocutionary principles or rules.

Elizabeth McCleary, of the West End, said she was willing to maintain herself and family, but objected to her husband's threatening to make a premature angel of her. She said James told her she could sue him as much as she pleased, as Mr. Minnick would go his bail, anyhow. He must give security to keep the peace, and must pay the costs.

Maria Devine, or Devinney, asserted that Lenora Breen had thrown water on her, and threatened to get revenge. Plaintiff had a cloud of women witnesses, and the altercation became so great that Judge Stowe warned them to desist, as the Court had no water handy to throw on the combatants to separate them. Mrs. Breen was required to pay the costs and give security to keep the peace.

The case of Mrs. Anne McGinnis against her husband, William R. McGinnis, came up. A fine of $25 and costs was imposed on him for assault and battery. The case would have possessed humorous features, had it not presented so many sad ones, the family's happiness being wrecked through an unfortunate incompatability of temper which even the possession of $75,000, beauty, and an evident appreciation of culture, cannot obviate.

The Causes of a Family Break-Up.

The impression conveyed was that Mr. McGinnis was a well-meaning but irascible man, and rather too dogmatic in his views of family government to blend with the spirit of the age, and the fact that his mother-in-law, brother-in-law and one son-in-law sided with him, complicated the situation and made it difficult for the court to prescribe a remedy, the more the case being diagnosed the greater the perplexity arising. Attorneys Marshall and Reardon put Mr. McGinnis on the stand and he denied the allegations of Mrs. McGinnis, the children and witnesses generally. He said he treated the family as well as it treated him. On the subject of support he said he had paid $600 to $800 store bills, beside wash bills and other expenses yearly, and in addition the family had consumed the products of a farm.

Mr. McGinnis also stated that his boys went out nights to spelling schools, singing schools, literary societies and church to an extent that annoyed him, and when he remonstrated Mrs. McGinnis and the rest of the family took their part. He also denied that he had ever struck Mrs. McGinnis with with his fist, but admitted that he had slapped her on three occasions with his open hand.

Where the Defendant Came to Grief.

Mr. McGinnis, however, came to grief when he admitted to Judge Stowe that the yearly expense of maintaining the family had got been over $1,200 a year, which the Judge regarded as moderate, considering Mr. McGinnis' circumstances financially, it being admitted that he had $45,000 in money, in addition to real estate of considerable value.

Mr. McGinnis asserted that at one time not long since he had made overtures to his wife for a reconciliation, and she had so far relented as to throw her arms about his neck, and they kissed and made up, when a married daughter interfered and destroyed the entente cordiale.

Mrs. Lang, Mr. McGinness' mother-in-law, was called to rebut the accusations made against Mr. McGinnis, when she astonished the audience by going square back on her daughter. She gave Mr. McGinnis an A No. 1 character for all general and especially domestic virtues. She said Mr. McGinnis not only provided for his family as well as his means would allow, but had been very kind to witness. Mrs. Lang said she was present on the Sunday morning when Mr. McGinnis was charged with blacking Mrs. McGinnis' eye, and knew that the charge was not true. Mrs. Lang took the bits in her teeth when cross-examined by Mr. Haymaker, and refused to answer questions unless she saw fit, and owing to her age she was allowed to have her own way.

Blood on the Plaintiff's Face.

A witness named Walker thought Mr. McGinniss averaged pretty well as a family man, but he had heard him swear at his boys sometimes. He admitted having seen blood on Mrs. McGinniss' nose on the Sunday morning in question.

Mrs. McGinniss' brother, Mr. Lang, testified that McGinniss treated his family as well as its members treated him. On being asked his business by Mr. Haymaker, Mr. Lang replied: "I attend to my own business as well as I'm able." All Mr. Haymaker was able to make on this head was that Mrs. Lang and her son were in a way proteges of the son-in-law and brother-in-law.

J. T. Hoey, a son-in-law of the McGinniss family, rather inclined to Mr. McGinniss' side.

John McGinnis, a son, testified that on a Sunday morning in November his father had knocked both witness' mother and sister down; had threatened to blow up the house, and had locked the boys out when they got home late.

Mr. McGinnis explained that he was talking about some men who were grading and blasting, and he had never said or thought anything about blowing up the house himself.

Mrs. Downing, a married daughter, reaffirmed her testimony in favor of her mother.

Too Far Out to Be Reconciled.

Judge Stowe said it seemed evident the family could not live together in peace, and he would take the case under consideration.

Attorney William McElroy next made application to have a man named Van Fossen let out of jail, stating that he could get work at bricklaying this so t weather, and would pay his wife the $5 awarded, if he were given a chance. Sadie Van Fossen, however, ambled up to the bar and objected decidedly, stating that a woman had been carrying Van Fossen delicacies to jail. Mr. McElroy said the woman was Van Fossen's sister, but this Sadie denied strenuously, and Judge Stowe said if Van Fossen could prove that his ministering angel was his sister the proposition to release him would be considered; otherwise he might stay in jail an indefinite period.

FORCED TO HIRE A HALL.

The Allegheny Authorities Refuse to Accommodate a Petitioner.

W. K. Freid, of Allegheny, author of "America's New Idea," upon questions of political economy, has been petitioned by the heads of all the labor organizations, the newspapers and leading business men, to publicly give his views more fully. He petitioned for the free use of Carnegie Hall, but the City Property Committee, of Allegheny, refused to grant his request. Mr. Freid's friends will secure Lafayette Hall, and the date of his appearance there will be announced soon.

The action of the Hall Committee is criticised, as the signers of Mr. Freid's petition represent all the workingmen's organizations in the two cities.

AN EXTENSION OF TIME

To Be Asked for by George Westinghouse, Jr.—Over 30,000 Shares Have Been Taken, but Other Arrangements Are Incomplete—John A. Brill's Opinion.

George Westinghouse, Jr., arrived from New York yesterday, and after a consultation with the local officials decided to ask for an extension of the time in which the 40,000 shares of preferred stock must be subscribed. He is of the opinion that the whole matter can be straightened up within 15 days. Over 30,000 shares have been disposed of, but the remainder of the 40,000 must be sold as a part of the first bargain.

Mr. Westinghouse stated that his mission to New York had proven highly successful and that negotiations are now in progress for a large number of shares of the preferred stock. Some of the stockholders in the company are expected to take considerable of the stock. At the offices yesterday letters were received from a great many of the outside creditors, while a number of the local creditors paid personal visits and all took stock. Applications for blocks of the stock are now coming in daily, which shows that there is still plenty of confidence in the concern.

John A. Brill, the Philadelphia street car builder, was in the city yesterday. He said he knew of several Eastern men who were trying to secure control of the Westinghouse motor, and there was danger of a valuable industry getting away from Pittsburg. He took preferred stock for what the company owed him. He added that three-fourths of the street railways being built in the country will be electric roads.

MAY CAUSE HIS DEATH.

Newsboy Willie Sullivan Pushed From a Car and Run Over.

William Sullivan, a 13-year-old newsboy, is lying at the home of his parents, 2305 Sydney street, Southside, suffering from injuries that may cost him his life. Late Friday afternoon the youngster jumped upon a Birmingham car on Smithfield street with a bundle of newspapers under his arm. The car was very much crowded, and he was compelled to ride on the platform. When the car had gone a good distance up Carson street the boy was either pushed or fell off.

He fell directly in front of a heavy oil wagon which was coming down the street, and before the driver could stop his horses one of the wheels passed over him, crushing his left thigh. He was taken to his home, where he was attended by Dr. C. C. Herman, who gives but little hope of his recovery. The conductor of the car, E. G. Davis, and John Reefer, the driver of the wagon, were arrested and released in $1,000 bail each by Alderman Succop to await the result of the lad's injuries. The conductor denied any responsibility for the accident, claiming that the platform was crowded, and in the jostling the boy lost his balance and fell.

A FATHER CENSURED

For His Little Son's Connection With the Death of Catherine Kopp.

Coroner McDowell yesterday afternoon concluded the inquest on the body of Catherine Kopp, the 7-year-old girl who died from the effects of an injury produced by being struck with a stone.

Catherine Griffith and John Griffith both testified to having seen "Whitey" Gorgass strike the girl with a lump of coal. Dr. J. B. Sullivan testified to having attended the little girl, and that her death was due to erysipelas of the brain. The erysipelas started from the wound on the left eye. Dr. Sullivan also testified that the wound was not a necessarily a fatal one had the child been taken to a physician right away, but she was allowed to run about and got cold in the wound, resulting in erysipelas.

The jury returned a verdict that the girl's death was due to erysipelas of the brain, caused by a blow from a lump of coal or stone at the hands of Cecil Gorgass, 4 years and 5 months old, and that the father, Ferris Gorgass, be severely censured for the overt act of the child.

WILL VISIT WHEELING.

Uniformed Rank, U. A. M., to Parade With the Juniors of West Virginia.

The State Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., of West Virginia, has extended an invitation to the United American Mechanics, the uniformed rank of the Jr. O. U. A. M., to visit Wheeling, W. Va., on Saturday, February 31, to act as the escort of the State Council of West Virginia during the parade of the Jr. O. U. A. M. on that day. The commanderies from here will go in a body, leaving Pittsburg at noon Saturday and arriving in Wheeling at 1:50 P. M., in time to take their position in the line of parade.

It is expected they will take about 350 members in full uniform. Returning they will leave Wheeling at 7:30 P. M., arriving in Pittsburg at 9:30. The invitation to the Pittsburg order is signed by Samuel R. Warfuel, State Councilor of West Virginia, and John D. Hall, State Council Secretary.

FOR THE FIRST POLICEMAN.

Indefinite Address on a Letter Asking for a Colored Man's Arrest.

Last night a letter was received at the Central station addressed as follows: "First Policeman, Pittsburg, Pa. P. M. Please hand this letter to a reliable one. Important."

The letter was opened by Inspector McAleese and examined. It was dated Millville, Jefferson county, W. Va., and was signed by Mrs. D. Hope. The writer desired the officers to look up Andrew Ross, a colored man about 50 years old, who was supposed to be living with a white woman whose maiden name was Annie Harris, who is about 30 years old. The writer further adds that the woman is married and left her husband in Millville about two years ago. Mrs. Hope concluded her letter by informing the police that if they succeed in finding the recreant couple they will be well paid for their trouble.

TEMPERANCE MEETINGS TO-NIGHT

At the Standard Theater and at the Little Jim Church.

The second rally of the signers of the pledge at the Dunn temperance meeting since its commencement will be held at the Standard Theater this evening, beginning at 7:45 o'clock. The Moorhead choir will furnish the music. Mr. Dunn will deliver the leading address, and short speeches will be made by men who recently took the pledge.

The usual temperance meeting will be held to-night in the "Little Jim" Church, Rebecca street, Allegheny, commencing at 7:45 o'clock. The meeting will be conducted by William Blackstone, and addresses will be made by Gilbert M. McMaster and others.

MR. J. F. MASTERS, cashier for Emmitt & Co.'s Bank, Waverly, O., says: "I consider Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the best I have ever used. After using several other kinds without benefit I tried it, and it quickly cured me after years of suffering with an obstinate cough and throat trouble." WSU

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UNDER A NEW NAME.

The Old Squirrel Hill Electric Road to Make Another Start.

ITS CAPITAL STOCK INCREASED.

Thomas A. Noble and Others to Push the Line to Completion.

EXPECT TO SOON HAVE CARS RUNNING

After many trials and tribulations the Squirrel Hill Electric Railroad has made a new start, and this time it looks as if it would be made a success.

While some of those who started the road had but little faith in its paying capacity—so little, in fact, that they allowed the enterprise to go by default—there were other people who thought there was a bonanza in a road that would enter Schenley Park.

It was last July that the road was sold under equity proceedings, and the following November it was purchased by Thomas A. Noble, of this city, and the deed was delivered the 9th of January. It was reported at the sale in July that it had been bought by New York parties, and later that the Duquesne Traction Company had purchased it. However, all doubts have now been set at rest.

A meeting was held yesterday afternoon in the office of Attorneys Hays & Noble to organize a new corporation, elect officers and to determine upon the amount of capital stock. Mr. Noble presided and the following officers were chosen: President, Thomas A. Noble; Vice President, William T. Cowan; Treasurer, E. F. Hays; Secretary and General Manager, S. J. MacFerran; Directors, Thomas A. Noble, E. F. Hays, S. J. MacFarren, Robert P. Cunningham, Henry Miller and John F. Saits.

Changed the Name of the Road for Luck.

The name of the corporation was changed to that of the Schenley Park and Highlands Railway Company and the capital stock fixed at $100,000. The charter permits a capital of $150,000. The original amount of capital was $50,000, and thus far the expenses of the road have run up to $93,000. The directors were instructed at yesterday's meeting to enter into negotiations at once for the completion of the road. The line is three and a half miles in lenth, and there remains about a mile and a half of track to be laid.

It is thought that the road can be completed and be in running order in from two to three months. In addition to laying the remainder of the track poles are to be erected, wires strung and electric cars purchased. It has not yet been decided whether the new company will have its own power house or use that of the Duquesne Traction Company, with which the line connects. The President of the new road says that the mark will be pushed as rapidly as possible, and he has no doubt of its ultimate success as a paying investment.

The charter of the Squirrel Hill Railroad Company was granted in 1887, and the original Board of Directors was organized in October of that year. Work was begun in the following year. Those who started the project were residents of Squirrel Hill, but as the work progressed it was found that the work was costing more than had been counted upon. Later its construction was practically abandoned, and then ensued proceedings in the courts.

The Tracks Torn Up by the City.

After the final sale of the road to Mr. Noble more trouble came, it being caused this time by the city. Chief Bigelow ordered the tracks within Schenley Park to be torn up, contending that the company had no right to enter its limits. The matter was taken into the courts and decided in favor of the company. The road runs from Fifth avenue and Boquet street over a number of public streets and through private property to the Colfax School building by way of Schenley Park.

Citizens of the Twenty-second and Twenty-third wards are considering the advisability of constructing a new street railway. The route that seems to find the greatest favor is that from Second avenue, near Laughton station, past Schenley Park to the intersection of Forward street and Shady lane.

The route will be two miles long, and an almost level road the entire way. It will open up a large amount of property on Saline, Forward-Murray avenues, Shady lane and other streets. Many of the former subscribers to the Oakland and Squirrel Hill road, it is said, will give their assistance to this route. A meeting will be held in a few days to consider the matter.

Have You Rented Yet?

You will find Special To-Let advertisements describing rooms and houses that may exactly meet your requirements in Monday's Dispatch.

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SALE.

After our Annual Inventory (Feb. 1) many broken lots of first-class merchandise come to the surface that must go at some price. These have been marked down reg