MR. OLIVER SILENT.

The Pittsburg and Western President Will Neither Affirm Nor Deny That the B. & O. Road

HAS GAINED CONTROL OF HIS LINE.

Local Railroad Men and Shippers Believe the Report Is True, and Point Out Advantages.

B. & O. OFFICERS REFUSE TO TALK

But Tacitly and Freely Admit There Is Foundation for the Statement.

President Harry W. Oliver, Jr., of the Pittsburg and Western Railroad, returned from Baltimore last evening where, as stated in a telegram to THE DISPATCH of yesterday, he completed the deal by which the Baltimore and Ohio road secured control of his line.

Mr. Oliver sprained his foot about four weeks ago, and he now walks with crutches. As he painfully limped out of the depot, he was asked for some further details of the transaction.

"How did you know I was coming home on this train?" he inquired. "What has been published in the Pittsburg papers? I read something about it in a New York paper to-day."

The telegram which appeared in THE DISPATCH was carefully recited to him, but Mr. Oliver said nothing. He smiled as he walked along, with nothing but the steady plink-plunk of his crutches to be heard, and the silence becoming irksome he was asked point blank if such a deal had been made.

Not at Liberty to Talk.

"I would like to tell you what I know, but I can't talk about it," he answered. "You know I am a man of few words," and he stopped.

"The public, then, can take it for granted that the deal was completed?" the reporter suggested.

"Oh, no," he replied. "You can't get me into such a trap as that. I won't say whether it is true or not, and that is all that can be said at present."

President Oliver in the past has always been frank with newspaper men, and when similar reports were published he promptly denied them. In this case it therefore certainly looks as if such a movement were on foot, if, indeed, the Baltimore and Ohio had not secured formal control of the road.

The announcement of the deal did not produce much excitement in railroad circles. Most railroad men here, who are on the inside, have expected it. One stated that the Baltimore and Ohio had practically secured control of the road six years ago. Both roads have been a mutual help to each other, and their relations have been at all times very close.

Parallel Lines in Course of Construction.

The Baltimore and Ohio is now engaged in building a branch from Akron to Chicago Junction, where it will connect with the main line. This branch will run parallel with the Pittsburg, Akron and Western which is also in the process of construction, and railroad men have often wondered why two parallel branches should be built when the surrounding country will hardly support one.

The Pittsburg and Western terminates at Akron, and with the completion of the link to Chicago Junction it gives the Baltimore and Ohio road a through line from New York to Chicago by way of Pittsburg and at least 100 miles shorter than the present route. This has always been the dream of Second Vice President Thomas M. King, and it is through his untiring energy that the scheme was finally accomplished.

What changes in local management the new condition of things may make are questions for the future.

The advantages to Pittsburg of another through and direct line to the West are apparent on the surface. This city has been discriminated against in freight rates for years, and at times better tariffs could be secured from the seaboard to the far West than from Pittsburg, which is 300 miles in the interior. The Baltimore and Ohio, by way of its roundabout route to Chicago, has always done what it could to remedy existing evils.

Many Points of Interest in the Dark.

It is stated that the Baltimore and Ohio will keep the Wheeling division for local traffic and as part of its line to Cincinnati and the South. President Oliver was asked concerning this rumor, but his refusal to talk leaves many points of interest in the dark.

Pittsburg shippers were jubilant yesterday when they heard that the long-looked-for move on the part of the Baltimore and Ohio had been made successfully. Everybody knows that such a deal has been contemplated for years, and recently it was reported that the Pittsburg and Western had passed into the hands of the Baltimore and Ohio, but President Oliver promptly denied it. All sorts of rumors have from time to time been published which raised the hopes of local shippers, but they had no substantial foundation.

Not long ago the Baltimore and Ohio contemplated running through passenger trains from Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington over the Junction road to the Pittsburg and Western, and thence to Chicago, but the negotiations were broken off. Such an arrangement can be made now, and it will help the passenger business of the picturesque route out of Pittsburg.

Many Side Rumors in the Air.

Any number of rumors were flying around yesterday over the announcement of the absorption of the Pittsburg and Western by the Baltimore and Ohio. At Beaver Falls it was claimed that the Ellwood Short line and the Beaver and Ellwood Road were included in the purchase. Henry W. Hartman was not in the city, but the General Manager of the Pittsburg Company, which owns both roads, says they have not been sold.

A telegram to Baltimore for additional information elicited the following answer:

Though President Mayer, of the Baltimore and Ohio, declined to admit to-day that there had been a deal whereby the B. & O. had obtained control of the Pittsburg and Western, other officials tacitly agree and admit that there is foundation for the statement. They decline to talk about the matter. The negotiations were conducted by President Mayer, President H. W. Oliver, Jr., and Vice President Thomas M. King. Several efforts were made during the past two weeks to get from leading officers of the B. & O. some statement of the transaction. Some of them denied that anything was being done, and others stated that it was only a renewal of yearly allotments of business. It is quite evident that the purchase has been made by an additional issue of the common stock of the Baltimore and Ohio.

A GREAT RECORD MADE.

Only One Couple Divorced Out of Several Hundred That Were Married.

A telegram published in yesterday's DISPATCH told of the only couple ever married by Rev. Dr. J. G. Townsend, of this city, who were afterward divorced. It was the case of the "Mlle. Charcot" who did the hypnotic act in a New York museum, but who proved to be the former wife of the celebrated living skeleton, Eugene Feralto, who has often given exhibitions in Pittsburg. They met at Corry, Pa., and were married by Dr. Townsend, who declares that it was entirely a love affair.

"I have married several hundred couples," said the minister last evening, "and I am proud to say that this was the only divorce ever asked for."

THE LUCKY THIRTEEN.

An Order for a Meeting of the Social 13 to Look After the Man Who Shot at John Steel—The President's Order.

John H. Detker, President of the "Social 13," a musical organization composed of 13 members, which meets monthly, on the 13th, at No. 13 of a Thirteenth ward street, has issued the following order:

WHEREAS, A dastardly attempt has been made to assassinate one of our members, two shots having been fired at John Steel, conductor 13 on the Central Traction road, last Saturday by an Italian, therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of Social 13 meet next Tuesday evening to take action which will lead to the arrest and conviction of the guilty parties.

Saturday afternoon about a dozen Italians boarded Central Traction Car No. 13, and after Conductor Steele collected the fares and returned to the rear platform one of the Italians claimed that the change was wrong. The conductor replied that he was sure it was all right, but the leader of the crowd did not seem satisfied.

When the gang got off the car at the end of the line it demanded more change and was again refused. After going about ten yards one of the Italians turned and fired two shots, but as the conductor got down on the floor both missed. The balls lodged in the wall of the Herron Hill waiting room.

A MAD MURDERER.

He Stands Up Until His Legs Swell and Has to Be Tied to His Bed.

John Higgins, John and Anthony Moleika, cousins, Andrew Andrullus and John Hatchey are to be tried to-day for the killing of a fellow Hungarian in a shanty-boat row at Chartiers last fall. Higgins is charged with the murder, and the others as being accessories to the crime. Since John Moleika's incarceration in the county jail he has become insane. He spends hours at a time yelling at the top of his voice. He refuses to lay down, and persists in standing on his feet until his legs are swollen out of all proportion. The jail officials are compelled to tie the man down to his pallet in order to get him asleep. Occasionally Moleika will stand at his cell door and allow his hands to hang through the bars until his fingers become black. At other times Moleika will stick his face against the bars and if it is pushed back he will let his head fall forward again as if his neck was broken. The Dixmont authorities won't take the man until the court has passed upon the case, which will be done to-day.

William J. Faulk, the Laurel wife-murder, has recovered his sanity. He acts rationally and is in every way of apparently sound mind. On two or three occasions he has expressed a desire to talk about the crime he committed, but the jail officials will not converse with him on the subject, as it is against the rules of the institution to allow a man to criminate himself.

POSTOFFICE MONTHLY REPORT.

Receipts and Disbursements in the Money Order Department.

The monthly postoffice report shows that in the money order office the receipts amounted to $220,531 20, while the disbursements, including a remittance of $133,499 91 to Philadelphia, amounts to $220,531 20. The letter mail for the month shows 55,078 pounds of letters tied; 2,753,900 letters distributed; 14,233 pounds of transit letters received; 711,650 transit letters distributed; 2,042,250 drop letters; 88,836 as the daily average of letters distributed, and 105,919 as the daily average, excluding Sundays. This is a gain of 7 per cent over January, 1890.

The paper mail shows 45,951 pounds of drops, 168,278 pounds of second class matter, 76,797 pounds of transit and 291,026 pounds distributed, amounting to 1,746,156 pieces. This is a gain of 10 per cent as compared with January, 1890.

A COLD WAVE COMING.

January Was Warmer Than the Average and Has a Low Rainfall.

Sergeant Stewart yesterday afternoon promised colder weather for to-day. He said an Arctic wave was coming from the West, and he expected it to reach Pittsburg last evening. The temperature, he thought, would drop to 20°.

Mr. Stewart was busy yesterday preparing his report for the month of January. He finds among other peculiar features that it was warmer than the normal. The average temperature for this month has been 30°, but 35° was the prevailing height of the thermometer for the January just passed. Pittsburgers have a dim recollection that it rained considerably also, but the rainfall is below the average. The normal is 3.23 inches, but in January 2.43 inches of rain fell.

CHANGES AT THE COUNTY JAIL.

Matron F. A. Burns and Assistant Matron M. McCann Take Office.

The new matron and assistant matron at the county jail took charge yesterday. Mrs. F. A. Burns, the matron, has been connected with the Society for the Improvement of the Poor for 16 years, while the assistant matron, Miss Marian McCann, has had charge of a ward in Dixmont for five years, and has taken three courses in practical nursing, Mrs. Van Ostand, the retiring matron, last Saturday.

Warden Berlin expects great things from the new arrangement. He has long felt the need of an assistant matron in an institution of the character and size of the jail, and is encouraged by the fact that both the newly-appointed matron and her assistant are practical women.

HOME HUNTERS!

Who Read the To Let Columns of The Dispatch This Morning

will find attractive properties advertised for rent by Van Gorder & Lloyd, D. Behen & Son, W. A. Herron & Sons, Humphrey & White, Morrison & Banks, McManus & Co., Geo. Johnston and the Room Renting Agency, the last named being the only firm in Pittsburg handling both furnished and unfurnished rooms. Any of THE DISPATCH'S readers who may have tried to personally visit these widely scattered agencies know that it requires half a day's time and the expenditure of 40 or 50 cents car fare. The convenience of these special lists will, therefore, be appreciated. Mondays and Thursdays are the special rent list days.

PEOPLE WHO COME AND GO.

—Billy Rice, a Choctaw chief, passed through the city last evening, bound for Washington to see the Great Father. He couldn't talk English, but he held up an empty two-quart bottle of whisky to show what a buck can drink.

—Representative Marshall, of Allegheny, returned to Harrisburg last evening. He said the committee appointed to investigate the State banks would begin its work in Philadelphia this week.

—Lewis Walker, a brother-in-law of G. W. Delamater, registered at the Duquesne yesterday morning. He returned to Meadville early in the afternoon.

—Attorney O'Donnell went to Greensburg last evening to assist taking testimony about the Mammoth mine horror before the legislative committee.

—The Hanlon "Fantasma" Company passed through the city last evening en route to Altoona. Ida Maussey, the leading lady, was with the troupe.

—G. W. Willis, of the Louisville *Times*, was at the Monongahela House for a short time yesterday.

—Ex-Sheriff Ed Kyle, of Somerset county, and J. L. Shipley, of Meyersdale, are at the Duquesne.

—A. W. Todd and J. B. Aiken, of Washington, are at the Monongahela House.

—M. J. McMahon and T. S. Adams left for New York last evening.

—E. G. Beatty, of Clarion, was at the Seventh Avenue yesterday.

PLUCKED THE ROSE.

Southside Police Descend Upon a Pleasant Little Gathering.

HUNGARIAN WEDDING BROKEN UP.

Gustav Stero Wanders Around With a Bullet in His Breast.

A NUMBER OF SUNDAY MORNING RAIDS

The beauty and fragrance of the Wild Rose Club, which budded and blossomed on the Southside, has departed; its petals have been crushed beneath the iron heels of the enterprising police.

The Wild Rose Club occupied an apartment above a stable on Wright alley, between South Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets. Jealous persons, who may have been blackballed when attempting to gain admission to this exclusive organization, spoke of it disrespectfully as the "Hayloft Club." It is true the decorations of the clubroom were not ornate, and the furnishings were almost severe in their simplicity, consisting chiefly of beer kegs, full and empty, with a judicious sprinkling of mouth organs.

Saturday night socials were a great feature of this club. On these occasions the pleasant gurgle of lager beer was enhanced by sweet strains from the mouth organs—Bacchus and Pan, those saucy gods, were worshiped in the most approved classic fashion. Occasionally the devotees would send up pæans of praise in voices more remarkable for power than purity.

No Taste for Classical Amusements.

Southsiders residing in the immediate neighborhood, who had no respect for classic exercises, insisted that the Wild Rose Club was a nuisance and a banisher of gentle slumber and pleasant dreams. With the coldness characteristic of people who are not on speaking terms with the gods of ancient Greece, they complained to the police.

Early yesterday morning Lieutenant Johnston summoned a number of his most trusty officers, and the band swooped down upon the temple of beer and music. The worshipers sought safety in flight, and two of them found it, but the Wild Rose was rent asunder and ten of its petals borne off in triumph by the mocking myrmidons of the law, where they were registered as James O'Brien, David Jones, Charles Dock, William Bruse, Frank Shideman, George Miller, Walter Hoffman, George Seebacher and Clarence Bradford.

At the morning hearing Magistrate Succop smiled sweetly, and murmuring, "There is no rose without a thorn," fined O'Brien and Jones, who seemed to be the high priests, $15 and costs each, while the others settled for $4 40 apiece.

Bride and Groom in the Lock-Up.

Lieutenant Moreland, of Allegheny, and a squad of his division arrested 14 people in a house at 36 McClure avenue early yesterday morning, where they were making night hideous by a loud carousal. It was the Hungarian form of celebrating a wedding that had occurred on Saturday night, and among the prisoners were the bride and groom, who spent the night in the lock-up. The Hungarian beverage, "polinky," was really the prime cause of the trouble. Nine of the prisoners, among them the groom, were fined $5 and costs, and the others were discharged.

Lieutenant Schaffer, with Officers Egan, Haas and Moan, raided the house of Neman Freeman, on Second avenue, near Murphy street, about 12:30 yesterday morning. When the officers gained entrance to the house Freeman made a dash for liberty, ran upstairs and jumped out of the second-story window to the pavement below. He jumped to his feet to run away, but his right foot had been crippled, and the officers captured him. He was placed in the patrol wagon with John Gray, Morgan Davis and William Roberts, who were also arrested, and taken to the Fourteenth ward station and locked up. From that time until the morning hearing Freeman complained about his right foot hurting, so after the hearing Dr. Moyer was called, who found his foot broken at the ankle. He was removed to the Mercy Hospital. Freeman was fined $25 and costs, and Roberts and Davis $10 and costs each. Gray was discharged.

Raided a Gang of Crap-Shooters.

A gang of about a dozen colored men were engaged in a game of craps on a cellar door in front of a liquor store just below Wood street on First avenue, about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Detective Conison and Officer Diehl, of the No. 1 patrol wagon, started in to break up the game, but the dusky gamblers saw the officers coming and hastily scattered in every direction. The officers followed, but the fugitives were so fleet of foot that only two were captured, William Brady and Larry Anderson. The players were all deckhands from the wharf.

F. M. Tailor's house, on Thirty-third street, was raided early yesterday morning as a gambling house. Tailor and five men were arrested, the former being fined $20 and the latter $10 and costs each. The raid was made by Officer Bond.

Officers Clishman, Haas, Crehan and Moan made a raid on a lot of tramps at Matthews & Bros.' Coke Works, on Second avenue, Soho, last night, and captured ten tramps. They were all locked up in the Fourteenth ward station.

SUNDAY MORNING HEARINGS.

Police Magistrates Hustle Through a Large Amount of Business.

The Sunday morning hearings were pretty light yesterday. At the Central station there were 38 cases. Michael McDowell was caught while trying to break into a store, and was held over. James Poindexter got 30 days for beating a woman with a lamp at No. 253 Second avenue. John Kendal got 60 days for keeping a disorderly house on Old avenue, and his seven visitors got ten days apiece.

There were 20 cases at the Fourteenth ward station, where Mrs. Annie Copper got a 30-day sentence for keeping a disorderly house on Soho street. At the Seventeenth ward station John Robinson, of Ella street, got 60 days for wife beating.

Magistrate Hyndman disposed of 12 cases at the Nineteenth ward station. The seven colored men who were arrested for shooting "craps" at Finley's brickyard were sent 30 days to the workhouse.

There were 30 prisoners at the Allegheny police hearing.

AN EXTENSIVE ROBBERY.

Sealskin Sack, Diamonds, Overcoat and Other Articles Stolen.

The robbery at the residence of W. Dewees Wood, corner of Forbes street and Meyran avenue, Saturday evening, proves to have been more extensive than at first reported. The articles stolen were, one sealskin sacque, two large pearl finger rings, one necklace set with diamonds and pearls, one set of silver chain bracelets, one breastpin set with diamonds, one diamond scarf pin, seven gold hair pins, three pairs of gold shirt studs, two pairs of gold cuff buttons, two gold hairpins with pearl setting, one lady's gold beaded chain, three fine silver brooches, one Pullman car ticket to Chicago, and railroad ticket and one overcoat.

The thieves gained an entrance to the house by climbing over the rear porch and forcing open a bedroom window. The robbery occurred between 6 and 7 o'clock.

Boarders Have a Fight.

B. H. Roppell and William J. Lias, boarders at No. 155 Second avenue, got into a fight last night at their boarding-house, during which Roppell was struck with some kind of a weapon, cutting an ugly gash under his left eye. Detective Demmil arrested both men.

A BULLET IN HIS BREAST.

Gustave Stero Is Thwarted in Love and Attempts Suicide—Romance of a Hungarian Tenement House—He Still Carries the Ball Imbedded in Bone.

The Allegheny police stumbled on a shooting on Saturday night that had occurred about 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. Officers Donovan and Smith were told about midnight that a man living in a Hungarian boarding house at 98 Adams street had been shot. On investigation they could learn but little about the affair, because of the non-speaking English about the premises, and they arrested five men and one woman that were located in the building. Among them was a man named Gustave Stero, who had a bullet wound in his breast.

When the prisoners arrived at the lockup, Dr. Hazzard probed the wound in Stero's breast and found a pistol ball in it, but as it was firmly embedded in the breast bone it would not be dislodged. The wound is not a painful one and will not cause any serious result and so when Mayor Wyman heard the case yesterday morning he fined Stero $10 and let him go.

It appeared from all that could be gleaned from the investigation that Stero had shot himself with the intention of committing suicide. The woman he loved had jilted him and married another, and after brooding over the matter since last Tuesday, on which day the marriage had taken place, he resolved to end his sorrow in death. It appeared also that his fellow boarders had kept the affair quiet and no doctor had attended him, and as he seemed to be indifferent to the injury, the Mayor thought he was not capable of suffering, and for that reason allowed him to depart. The fine he put on the prisoner was for violation of a city ordinance in carrying fire arms.

TWO SMALL ROBBERIES.

A Fifth Avenue Book Store and Southside Barber Shop Visited.

Early yesterday morning the store of R. S. Davis & Co., at 96 Fifth avenue, was visited by burglars, who forced open a window in the rear and with sledges pounded the combination to pieces and forced the safe open. The visitors were after money, only, as they scattered a large number of checks about the floor and threw a bundle of bonds into a corner. They secured in the neighborhood of $200, and in their haste overlooked several small sums. The thieves left no clue behind.

Joseph Horsdonwiez, who keeps a barber shop at 825 Carson street, Southside, reported to the police last night that his shop had been robbed. The thieves had gained entrance to the shop by forcing open a back window and after ransacking the shop departed, taking with them razors, a pair of hair clippers and a guitar. There is no clew to the thieves.

ANOTHER SAFE RIFLED.

Thieves Break Into the Clothing Store of James H. Aiken.

At 12:30 o'clock this morning Officers Riley and Gillen discovered that the clothing store of James H. Aiken, 98 Fifth avenue, had been broken into by thieves. The combination of the safe had been broken and the contents of the safe taken. It could not be ascertained what was in the safe.

The thieves are supposed to be the same as those who broke into R. S. Davis & Co.'s bookstore early yesterday morning.

FOR A KEG OF BEER.

A Fight Among Italians, and Vincent Gabrio Got the Worst of It.

About 8 o'clock last evening Vincent Gabrio, an Italian, was taken into Tea's drugstore, Thirty-fourth street and Penn avenue, suffering from a severe scalp wound, from which the blood was freely flowing. The man who took him to the drugstore accounted for the wound by stating that Gabrio and several other Italians had engaged in a fight on the hillside above Thirty-third street, the occasion of the fight being the struggle for the possession of a keg of beer which each of the Italians claimed.

Gabrio succeeded in securing the keg and had started down Thirty-third street, when he was struck in the head with a large stone. He recovered shortly after, but the keg and the other Italians had disappeared.

HIT BY A CABLE CAR AND LIVES.

A Small Boy Who Was Too Much for a Traction Line.

Thomas Wilkins, a small boy, who lives on Spruce alley, near Thirtieth street, was knocked down and pushed 10 or 15 feet by a Penn avenue cable car yesterday afternoon, but escaped with only a few bruises. Wilkins, with several companions, was playing on the street and he was standing in the middle of the track when the car struck him.

The escape of the boy is considered miraculous, as he was struck fairly by the car and fell to the ground in front of it. Usually, in such cases, a person gets under the wheels.

NOT ENOUGH ROOM FOR THE DEAD.

The Coroner's Business Increasing Rapidly and a Larger Morgue Necessary.

There were eight bodies in the morgue yesterday, and the dead-room was badly crowded. Coroner McDowell hopes that the bill providing a suitable morgue for Allegheny county will pass the Legislature, and relieve this state of affairs. As the city grows the number of violent deaths increase proportionately, and the present limited facilities are found to be wholly inadequate for the business.

During the month of January Coroner McDowell had 81 cases, and yesterday, the first day of February, he was notified of four deaths needing investigation.

LOOKING FOR THEIR SON.

Charles Ziegler, a Midway Butcher, Leaves Home and Disappears.

The parents of Charles Ziegler, of Midway, Pa., were in the city last night seeking to gain some clew to the whereabouts of their son. They reported his absence to the police.

Ziegler is a young and good-looking man, and runs a butcher shop at Midway. On Wednesday he left for Pittsburg, and had about $100 and a gold watch with him. He has not been heard from since. Ziegler has been married three years, has two children, and his habits were very correct.

STRUCK BY A TRAIN.

James Flattery Instantly Killed on the B. & O. Road.

About 11:30 o'clock last night James Flattery, aged 22 years, was struck by a passenger train at Laughlin station, on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and instantly killed. His remains were removed to Flanner's livery stable.

The deceased lived with his brother on the hillside above Laughlin station.

First of a Series of Lectures.

The Young Men's Hebrew Association opens its series of lectures for 1891 with Rev. Dr. Levy, of Cincinnati. This lecture will take place to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock at the Eighth Street Temple. Dr. Levy has chosen as his subject "Reason and Instinct," and no doubt will be warmly received.

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.

WILL FINISH TO-DAY.

The Ship Canal Commission Meets This Morning to Arrange for

PRESENTATION OF ITS REPORT.

A Very Voluminous Document, and Full of Valuable Details.

DESCRIPTION OF THE ROUTE SELECTED

The Ship Canal Commission will meet today in Captain John A. Ward's office and make final arrangements for presenting its report on the feasibility of the project to the Legislature.

The duty of bearing the report to Harrisburg will be delegated to Eben Brewer, of Erie, who has acted as Secretary to the Commission.

The report is understood to be nearly completed. It will be printed in pamphlet form, and would fill three pages of THE DISPATCH. It has been compiled with the greatest care, and in very great detail, so that any question which might be asked in connection with the subject can be answered from the pages of the report.

Mr. Goodwin has furnished a quantity of valuable statistics with special reference to railroad rates to and from points which will come within the radius of supply of the canal.

Opposition in View From Railroads.

It is expected that the various roads will meet the project with aggressive hostility, and the commission proposes in its report to thoroughly inform the Legislature on every point on which the railroads could make any pretense of opposition.

The route which the commission will suggest as being the most feasible, runs in a slightly winding line from Conneaut, crossing the State line at a point opposite Jamestown and thence to Sharpsville, passing to the west of Sharon and Middlesex, Pulaski, New Castle to Rochester. At this point the canal ends and the Ohio is reached. The report contains the most complete details of every foot of this route and full illustrations are afforded by a profile sketch of the country, and a plan showing the line. The profile sketch shows that the whole line of country between Rochester and Conneaut is practically flat, and that there are no engineering difficulties at all to be surmounted. The cost of this work is estimated to be $25,000,000, and the opinion of the commission is that it can be constructed in four years.

The report also covers the alternate routes. One is from Erie in a winding direction to Conneautville, thence to the State line, which it crosses, and returns in a loop. Thence it travels eastward to Shaw's Landing and the upper waters of the Allegheny river. From Franklin the river is utilized.

A Longer but a Cheaper Line.

This line is about three miles longer than the proposed route, but it is reported as having the advantage of an ample water supply and costing less to construct.

It is not considered at all likely that the State will undertake the work, but the commission will ask for the appointment of a committee to take the matter in charge. It is considered likely that this committee will present the matter to the Federal Government, and seek its aid in effecting some plan whereby the canal may be built. Mr. Brewer, when last in town, expressed the opinion that the public should undertake the matter of construction, and he says he is prepared with figures to demonstrate that any company formed with that object would be a financial concern of assumed stability. The possibilities of what trade the canal might expect is fully set forth in the report. At the meeting of the commission to-day final arrangements will be made for presenting the report. Addenda have been pouring in from individual members of the commission from day to day, and this has delayed the printing.

It is expected that Mr. Brewer will be instructed to proceed to Harrisburg about the end of this or early next week.

A YOUTHFUL ROMANCE.

His Story of Being an Orphan Disproved by His Father's Appearance.

The little boy, John McCauley, who applied for lodging at Central Station on Saturday night and told Inspector McAleese that he had been an orphan for six months and had been living on the streets during that time, was called for by his father yesterday and taken to his home, No. 7 Hamilton Place, Allegheny.

Mr. McCauley said the boy had left home Saturday morning without cause. His parents are both alive and he had a good home.

A FLOURISHING LINE.

Stockholders Will Inspect the Wheeling and Lake Erie Road.

General Manager Woodford, of the Wheeling and Lake Erie road, with ten of the New York stockholders, passed through the city last evening on the way to Steubenville. Mr. Woodford stated that various extensions and improvements had been made, and the stockholders were going over the road to see what was done.

The Wheeling and Lake Erie now reaches Wheeling, and Mr. Woodford hopes some day to see the line run into Pittsburg.

NOT ON BURGLARY BENT.

Peculiar Dilemma of a Rochester Merchant in Allegheny.

J. N. Inge, of Rochester, Pa., was arrested yesterday for trying to get into the millinery store of Mrs. W. E. Smith, on Federal street, Allegheny, with a false key.

It was afterwards discovered that he was a nephew of Mrs. Smith, and wanted to enter the store to leave a package. He was held for his aunt to prove the truth of the story to-day.

CUT OFF FROM THE WORLD.

Only a Telephone Wire Connected the Sonnblick Observatory.

The death of Herr Ignaz Rejacher, owner of extensive gold mines in the Rauris Valley, and originator of the Sonnblick observatory, the most elevated in Europe, recalls the important part played by the telephone in communication with the world of the virtually exiled superintendent of that institution. During several months of the year he is, by the difficulties of his situation, cut off from personal association with the world except by telephone. He hears each day living voices through this instrument, but otherwise he is isolated, and has only a dog for companionship.

SMALL SCRAPS OF LOCAL NEWS.

A MAN who gave his name as King, and his residence as 122 Second avenue, Pittsburg, was found yesterday in Irwin, after lying out all night, having suffered a stroke of apoplexy. He will recover.

JAMES KAUFFMAN, of Forty-sixth street, aged 18 years, had his left leg broken yesterday afternoon by a fall from the abutment of the Thirty-third street railway bridge.

JOHN RUNTZ, aged 8 years, fell from the P. & W. R. R. trestle at the foot of Chartiers street, Allegheny, yesterday, and dislocated his right shoulder.

A STILL alarm was sent to Engine Company No. 14 yesterday for a small fire in the house of W. C. Smith, on Neville street.

JOHN ALLERS was yesterday elected President of Local Union No. 6, American Flint Glass Workers' Union.

THE receipts of the Allegheny Mayor's office for the month of January were $1,237 45.

THE WORK FOR THE ELECTRIC.

Mr. Westinghouse and His Assistants Pushing on With Confidence—The Stockholders Looked to for Subscriptions to Complete the 40,000 Shares—What They Say of the Prospects.

The movement in readjusting the affairs of the Westinghouse Electric Company goes on with renewed impetus on account of the return of Mr. Westinghouse Saturday from the East. Special attention it is said will be given this week to securing the co-operation of the stockholders. The liberality of so many of the creditors in taking stock for their claims and their practical unanimity in refraining from legal proceedings, gives another full month for perfecting arrangements, as even if any were disposed to enter suit now a month would have to elapse before judgment. But the officers of the company say that there is every disposition among the creditors to promote rather than retard the negotiations and that if the stockholders do their part the coast will be immediately clear. The course of Mr. Westinghouse, who put up about $1,500,000 of his own property as collateral for the company, is stated to have had a powerful influence in the East. It was taken as evidence of his faith in the future of the company.

Since his return on Saturday he says he is confident of being able to get even 50,000 shares subscribed in place of 40,000, if the present holders of the common stock come forward and subscribe for the preferred in a small proportion of the common which they hold.

The Stockholders Expected to Help.

The upward movement in the stock on Saturday upon the Exchange and the purchase through the week were regarded on Fourth avenue as a satisfactory sign. The previous apathy of the stockholders and of the Pittsburgers interested in the concern still, however, comes in for some criticism.

"The hesitation of some of the subscribers to the guarantee fund, in coming forward to help, and of the stockholders," said a person very close to the management yesterday, "has been the only obstacle to a quick settlement. Outsiders naturally held back where the parties directly interested in the company did not set the example. The Advisory Committee's proceeding, however, helped greatly in one way. It showed how largely Mr. Westinghouse had staked his own means in support of the company. This action of his, of itself, would have gotten him the co-operation of all the outside capital that was needed if it had not been for the laggard attitude of some of the parties in interest and professed friends. That, however, is probably over now. We have already about 31,000 of the shares of preferred already subscribed. Those in interest who have hung back will probably not wait longer."

Mr. Westinghouse's Faith in Success.

There was fresh talk on Saturday of proposals being made by the other electric companies to the Westinghouse interest with a view to amalgamation. A reporter asked one of the officers of the Westinghouse Electric Company as to these. He was answered: "Mr. Westinghouse has all the time been in a position to make terms which to himself would be advantageous, but his heart and mind are wholly set upon making this company a success of itself. He wishes it to come out with profit for all the stockholders. He showed this by putting up his money when others were inclined to let things go. Even the cold water from the Advisory Committee did not deter him. In place of letting the company go into an assignment, whereby the creditors and stockholders both would have lost all or much, and a profitable business been destroyed, his pluck has brought matters to a shape where the stockholders themselves are now in a position by moderate assistance on their part in taking preferred stock to start the concern on a cash basis."

"What did the subscribers to the guarantee fund do since the Eastern subscription?"

Preferred Stock Taken by the Guarantors.

"All of them have not yet been seen, but about $200,000 of the preferred stock has been taken by some of them. Others who have been waiting are expected to subscribe this week to at least the amount they voluntarily offered at the start. When this is done, and the stockholders have been heard from, the embarrassment will be wholly removed. There will be no danger of the absorption of the works by other concerns or their removal from Pittsburg. They now employ about 1,200 men. There is nothing in the intimation that Mr. Westinghouse felt annoyed by want of support here. He recognizes that the general public in Pittsburg realize that his industries and undertaking have been of large local benefit. The slowness of the stockholders was embarrassing, but, as his success in the East has reassured them, that promises to be all right now. He is an active man, who doesn't bother about temporary disappointments when they are safely surmounted. He feels that the banks and business interests appreciate that his action in sustaining and working for the company was of the utmost benefit at a time when serious monetary disturbances would have turned from a different course such as some who were timid and doubtful urged."

WORKING THE REVIVALS.

Pickpockets Reaping a Rich Harvest at Evangelistic Meetings in Allegheny.

John Hughes, alias "Duke," and Frank Kelly, two very slick pickpockets, were arrested in Allegheny last night by Detectives Steele and Johnson. Both are crooks of national fame. Hughes gives Cincinnati as his present address, but a few months earlier it was the Columbus penitentiary. Kelly comes from Chicago. They had been working the revival meetings at the U. P. churches where Major Whittle was speaking.

Numerous complaints have come from all the places where these revival meetings have been held. Last night Detectives Steele and Johnson attended the meeting at the First U. P. Church on Union avenue. At the close of the meeting they caught the two men, who then gave their names as John Jones and Frank Malin. The police, however, claim that "Malin" is Kelly, of Chicago, and that he is a member of the Columbus penitentiary alumni, while "Jones" is John Hughes, a recent graduate from the same institution. He is known as "the little dude," in polite crook circles.

A HEROIC MILL MAN

Jumps Into the Allegheny River to Save a Boy's Life.

George Pole, a small boy who lives on Stanton avenue, Eighteenth ward, was nearly drowned yesterday morning in the Allegheny river, at the foot of Fifty-second street. He and several companions were rowing in a frail boat when the boat capsized and the boys were thrown into the water. All but Pole held to the upturned boat and were able to reach shore. Pole, however, was caught in the current and despite his efforts could not reach the land. He drifted to Forty-eighth street where two millmen, employed at the Lucy Furnace, were standing. One of them, a man named Everson, sprang into the river and saved the boy. The latter was almost exhausted when taken from the water, but after a rest he was able to go to his home.

KILLED BY LIQUOR.

Mrs. Mary Neeley Found Dead While Her Husband Is In a Hospital.

Mrs. Mary Neeley was found dead in her bed at her home, corner Gist and Forbes streets, yesterday morning. Excessive alcoholism is said to have caused her death.

She leaves a family, her husband having been a long time a patient at the West Penn Hospital.

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TOO THIN TO EXIST.

Michael Delano's Weight Dwindles From 185 to 41 Pounds, When

DEATH ENDS A FIVE-MONTHS' FAST.

An Injury to the Spine Paralyzes the Digestive Organs, and

HE DIES SLOWLY FROM STARVATION

The thinnest man in Allegheny county, and probably in the world, died yesterday at the Allegheny General Hospital.

In the early part of last September Michael Delano, a stalwart Italian laborer, was injured by a fall of earth while digging in a trench. His employers, Dunn & Hastings, sent him to the hospital, where it was found that the man's spine was severely injured, and that his body below the waist was paralyzed. The case appeared hopeless from the first, but every exertion was made to excite the activity of the nerves centering in the spine. Electricity was used, but without any apparent effect, and the man entered upon a five months' siege, where death calmly invested the citadel of life, and patiently waited for the capitulation which was sure to come.

When Delano entered the hospital in September he weighed 185 pounds. He was 5 feet 10½ inches in height, very muscular and well proportioned. When he died yesterday he weighed but 41 pounds. He was literally nothing but skin and bone. Every portion of the framework stood out with startling distinctness; the joints appeared entirely out of proportion, while the prominence of the ribs gave the trunk the appearance of a cage fitted for a bird of carrion. The skin clung tightly to the bones, and the stomach lay so flat that the outline of the spine could be traced through it. The face was pinched and bore a weary expression, but the hair clustering on the forehead, the mustache and beard softened its harshness and lent it some degree of roundness. The skin was waxy and skinny, and looked like the parchment on an old and often-used drum. The corpse, as it lay in the morgue, looked unreal, and was suggestive of the chamber of horrors in a wax-work show.

The immediate cause of Delano's death was simply starvation. The digestive organs were paralyzed and utterly unable to perform their duties, and as a result no food would assimilate. For five months Delano's lamp of life was fed by his reserve stock of flesh and blood, assisted by a strong vitality. When that was consumed, the flame flickered feebly and sank to a spark, which quickly faded out. The fact that Delano suffered but little pain prevented any heavy drafts from that cause upon his vital forces.

Coroner McDowell will hold an inquest on the body this morning, after which it will be interred in St. Mary's Cemetery, as Delano was a Catholic. So far as is known Delano had no relatives or friends in this country, and Messrs. Dunn & Hastings, his late employers, have taken charge of the funeral.

SERGEANT FITZSIMMONS DEAD.

An Old Southside Resident Who Will Be Missed by Many Friends.

Sergeant John Fitzsimmons, of the Twenty-eighth Ward Station force, died at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, at his home, No. 1922 Carson street. The funeral will take place from the residence to-morrow, the hour not being decided on last night. Out of respect for the wishes of the family, there will be no police display at the funeral other than six sergeants, who will act as pall-bearers.

Mr. Fitzsimmons was 72 years old. He leaves two daughters and one son, Mrs. Joseph Weixel, Annie and John Fitzsimmons. His wife died some years ago. He was at one time Justice of the Peace, before the Southside entered the city. He afterward drifted into the brass foundry business, and three years ago secured the position of sergeant at the Twenty-eighth ward station. His death was due to two falls that he received, which his age and weakened constitution could not overcome.

Yesterday's Temperance Work.

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