# REFORM IN VOTING.

Mr. Wherry Insists That a Constitutional Convention Is Necessary to Introduce the

AUSTRALIAN PLAN IN THE STATE.

Senator Blair Predicted Several Years Age the Bad Effects of Southern Cheap Labor.

THE MONEY MADE IN GROWING GRAPES.

Congressman-Elect Robinson Will Serve His Term in the State Senate.

Another sub-committee of the House Appropriation Committee visited Pittsburg vesterday. This one is composed of the redoubtable S. M. Wherry, the Democratic leader, J. E. Woodmansee and M. F. Sands. In the afternoon they inspected the Mercy Hospital and Newsboys' Home, for which institutions they had nothing but words of praise. Mr. Wherry said he had some fault to find with the Children's Home. Its per capita rate is \$300, while in Butler and several other places he had visited Mr. Wherry stated it ranged from \$50 to \$75. He couldn't see why it should cost six times as much to keep a child in Pittsburg than in Butler. The committee institutions they had nothing but words of Pittsburg than in Butler. The committee left early for California, where they will examine the normal school and return to-

Reduction of Charitable Appropriations "Is it true, as reported," Mr. Wherry was asked, "that the appropriations for charitable institutions will probably be cut off this

To this question he replied: "Well, it certainly looks that way. After all the State institutions have been provided for there will be only three-fourths of a million left to go around, and this sum won't go far." Switching off to his election reform bill,

in which he is most interested, he said: "I can't see how the good features of the Australian ballot system can be adopted in this State without changing the Constitution. We would all like to avoid the expense of a convention, but it is the only proper way in which it can be done. I expect to see my bill passed unless Mr. Baker's election bill should take precedence. If his bill were amended and passed it would be a pretty state of affairs if, after an election was held, the courts should declare the act illegal. What would be done then? Necessity of a Constitutional Convention.

"I have read Captain Baker's bill in de tail, and am well posted on all its features. I am convinced that a constitutional convention is necessary, though we would like to avoid it. Harry F. Walton, the Assistant Solici-

tor of Philadelphia, was standing near by. He is a member of the Bank laquiry Committee. "Fraud in elec-tions," he said, "is confined to the large cities, and I can safely say that it is reduced to a minimum in Philadelphia. I am not acquainted with Pittsburg, but I think there is little unfairness practiced here. Both parties have learned from experience that it pays to put up good men, and they know, too, that the people refuse to vote when they feel that their ballots are not counted. I am pretty well satisfied with the election law under the Constitu-To carry out Baker's ideas it would cost the State \$500,000 to put up the polling booths. In New Jersey I believe they are

"According to Mr. Baker's bill, any man who runs for office can have his name placed on the ticket at the expense of the county if he is indorsed by 200 electors. I don't like this feature, as it is an easy matter to get signers, and in most cases it wouldn't be cessary for an aspirant to go outside of his own precinct.

Grave Fears of Resultant Fraud,

"Suppose there should be factional differences in either party. It would be the aim of opponents to put as many candidates as possible in the field, to divide the poll, and lessen the chances of defeat. To me it looks that the unbridled partisan beat would lead to the commission of numer-ous trauds. In Philadelphia the young men gravitate into politics. The city is full of young fellows with political ambitions. It is not the case in New York, but I suppose there are good reasons for it.'

## OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE.

Allegheny Select Council Meeting Discussed Very Freely Last Night

A great many Alleghenians awoke yesterday morning to the fact that there really had been a Council meeting the night before and no one more fully realized it than Mayor Wyman, after he had fully digested the excellent report as it appeared in THE DISPATCH. Last evening the only theme of discussion at City Hall was that same Council meeting, and while there were defenders for both sides, the majority seemed against \$75 per month clerkships. The Mayor was one of those who stood up for higher money, though he said it was not his

What does concern the executive is that the ordinance cuts the police force four men when it was expected that it would be increased. This cut was made by striking out the provisions for two inspectors and four captains. The Mayor is of the opinion that this was done by mistake.

### CAUSED BY SLOW POISONING.

A Doctor's Opinion of Murderer West's Strange Nervous Trouble.

The jail physicians at Little Washingto were very much puzzled over the peculiar ailment that affected murderer West. When he entered the jail he was a fine specimen of strong and healthy manhood. The doctors have come to the conclusion that the trouble with his spinal column was caused by a sly and cautious process of slow poisoning. One of the physicians thinks that he took some drug in small quantities until it irritated him so that he could take it no longer, and his strange disease of the nervous system was the result.

West's attempt to commit suicide was a failure, and the scratch on his neck was not sufficient to produce unconsciousness. He presented the unusual case of a man losing sensibility from sheer fright and nothing

### STATE LINE AFFAIRS.

Some Stockholders Not Willing to Whach Up for the New Boat

Captain J. J. McCormick, the steamship agent, yesterday received private information about the affairs of the State Line Company. The progressive men in the company laim that some of the stockholders are not doing what they should to put the line in the front rank. The new boat Cali-fornia is completed, and about \$450,000 are needed to pay or it. The leading stock-holders want the small holders to pay their share of the expense, which they refuse to do, and unless they do come up to the scratch the prominent men of the concern threaten to go into liquidation and buy out the other stockholders.

This is the status of affairs, and the com pany is not in financial straits as reported.

Mould on a Contest Case

Mould is accumulating on the Stayton-Wyman contest for the Mayoralty of Alle- than

gheny, and Commissioner John D. Shafer expresses the hope that some day the contest-will have a meet, so that he can get the bal-lot boxes out of his safe. He says he needs the room for other uses.

#### A WARNING FROM BLAIR.

Several Years Ago the New Hampshir Senator Predicted the Evils of Negro Cheap Labor-Workmen Pleased With His Appointment to the Chinese Mis-

"The cause of labor lost its ablest and mos conscientious advocate in the Sen-ate," remarked Immigrant Inspec-Robert Layton yesterday, "when New Hampshire Legislature turned down Senator Blair. I am glad to hear of our friend's good fortune in being appointed to the Chinese Mission. I feel sure the day is coming when workmen all over the country will unite in asking New Hampshire to return him to his seat. He is needed to fight labor's battles.

"He is one of the eleverest, coolest and most quick-witted men I ever not."

most quick-witted men I ever met. He i erratic, but he has a kind heart and was al ways willing to listen to the laboring classes. His speeches in the Congressional Record read like Addison, and he is a master

of good English.

The Senator would curl himself up like a jack-knive in his chair in the com-mittee room, and would pump you dry on any subject in a short time. He is a walk ing encyclopædia of statistics. Four or five and now we have the spectacle of furnaces closed down and iron men asking for a reduction in coke rates, because they can't compete with the cheap Southern pig iron.

Coke workers want good wages, and the coke consumers can't afford to pay the price.

"The negroes in the South work for low wages. In trying to organize them you deal with ignorance on the one side and contend on the other against the hot-headed and determined Southern capitalists. The latter are the strongest, control the elections and rule social life. Senator Blair was right. The negro must be educated or he will be a constant menace to Northern workmen.

#### WILL SERVE HIS TERM.

Mr. Robinson Says He Is Not a Congress

man Until He Takes the Oath. Unless there should be an extra session of Congress, Senator John B. Robinson has made up his mind to serve his term in the Senate. He says he has consulted lawyers and the statutes on the subject, and the opinious given were that he would not be holding two offices.

"My constituents," he said last evening, want me to stay in the Senate for the session. I am interested in some important legislation in their behalf, and am anxious see certain bills passed. They feel, under the circumstances, that another election is not needed. I am certainly not a Congressman until I take the oath, and as I am not drawing pay, I do not see that I am violating any law.

"The people in my district are very much opposed to the uniform text book bill introduced by Senator Robbins. They think they have good schools, and are capable of running them without any interference from the State. It is charged that some publishing company is behind the bill, but I hardly believe it. I think there is enough healthy competition between the different book houses to hold things even. Of course, there is frequently local jobbery in school districts, but it does not amount to a great deal. I am opposed to the State going into the business of publishing school books."

### A MEASURE NOT KILLED.

The Hanging of West an Argument in Favor of Senator Neeb's Bill.

Senator John N. Neeb paid his brethren the Banking Committee a visit at the Monongahela House yesterday. want to correct an error," he said. "about my bill to provide for the hanging of murderers in a regular and specified place. The bill was not kitled, as reported. It was the second measure that passed the Senate, and is now in the House, where it will come up in order.
"I have written to all the Sheriffs in the

State, for their opinions, and expect to hear from them soon. The hanging of West at Washington is the strongest kind of an argument in favor of my bill. Nobody was to blame for the horrible result, but with a regular hangman who is cool and experienced, such a terrible thing would not happen as the breaking of a rope. Why, I have seen ropes when felonwere hanged, stretch as much as seven inches.
Sheriffs should not be required to be executioners, and I believe the bill will be passed by the House."

## THE POETRY OF MOTION.

Mr. Marshali Claims That American Girls

Are Good Walkers. Thomas M. Marshall was sitting in the Union depot the other night watching the people pass by. A dapper young miss attracted his attention by her graceful and elastic walk. Turning to a reporter he said: "Who says American girls can't walk? The palm does not belong to the English maiden, for our girls can walk as well as any Saxon across the sea." They are improving, too, for walking is a healthy exer-

"I often stop when going to myoffice in the morning, to watch the people on Fifth avenue hurrying to their work. It is surprising how many girls are seen on the streets between 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning. The avenue is usually crowded, and they are scurrying along almost on the run. They drop into stores and offices on the line, and work for a living like men. The activity of these girls is a pleasing sight."

### GOING TO DUBUQUE

A Large Party of Mr. Bassett's Friends Will

See Him Married. Quite a party of ladies and gentleme will attend the wedding of C. W. Bassett, General Passenger Agent of the Pittsburg and Western road, at Dubuque next Thursday. Mr. Bassett has secured a Pullman buffet car for his friends, who will leave here Tuesday a ternoon and go to Dubuque over the Illinois Central road. In the party are Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Smith, W. B. Shiller, F. E. Rutan, W. C.

Magee and Robert Gibson and wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bentley, Youngstown; Mrs. A. V. Stewart, Steubenville; J. H. Sheadle, Cleveland; C. J. Morse and wife, T. C. Donald and wife and T. F. Woodman, Chicago. Mr. Bassett, with his bride, will return with the party to Chicago, and then go to California to spend the honey-

## HITS THE NAIL ON THE HEAD

'Squire Handel Thinks Mr. Kirk's Road Bil Couldn't Be Better.

'Souire Herman Handel came in from his Washington county farm yesterday afternoon to pay his regular visit to the Randall Club. When asked about the prospects of the crops, he said: "It is too early to tell. my boy. Wait a few weeks until the frost is out of the ground. The wheat is looking well, but you can't make predictions.

"Have you read the road bill introduced by Mr. Kirk in the House? It hits the nail on the head. The farmers can't afford to pay any more taxes. Their incomes are too small to allow it. It is fair and just to tax everybody as well as property owners to keep up the roads. We had better highways 25 years ago than we have now. Engineers should have charge of the work instead of supervisors. Usually a man is elected supervisor whom the freeholders don't want. If he is severe and does what is best for the taxpayers, he is turned down next year. The State could easily loan money at 4 per cent to improve the roads, and receive payment in time out of the taxes collected. I would like to see Mr. Kirk's bill passed."

#### MONEY IN GRAPES.

About \$2,000,000 Made in Chautauque

County Vineyards Last Year. Owen Gaffney, a wine agent of Broctor N. Y., is at the Anderson. Mr. Gaffney states that last year \$2,000,000 were realized from the sale of grapes in Chautauqua county. The business of planting vine-yards in that section is constantly increas-ing, and wine cellars on an extensive scale are being established. One of the peculiar features of the territory is that not a vine is to be seen on the shores of Lake Chautau-qua. It is too cold, and during the winter the vines are destroyed by the feet

the vines are destroyed by the frost.

The section of the county facing Lake Erie has come to be a great grape producing district. Mr. Gaffney claims that the water of the lake as it freezes during the winter draws the cold out of the ground, and protects the roots of the vines. He illustrates it on the principle of a barrel full of water. If the water freezes the bottom of the barrel is sure to be broken. If a broom handle is put in the water it freezes around it, and the cold is carried off through the opening without breaking the barrel.

Last year 1,300 carloads of grapes were

shipped from Brocton, and on one day the shipments amounted to 40 cars. The plan of preserving grapes in cold storage rooms has been very successful all over the country. At all first-class hotels grapes are to be found on the tables during the winter season. One gentleman realized \$1,200 from a half acre of Niagara grapes. He supplied the Wagner dining car service. Mr. Gaffney claims that many people is the country who could scarcely earn a living formerly from their lands are nov getting rich growing grapes.

#### A BAD BANK FAILURE.

It Required About Five Minutes for a Rus

to Break It. The "Dime Registering Bank" is the latest scheme to save money. The first coin locks the bank and each succeeding coin registers until \$5 or \$10 is stored away, when it opens and all comes out. This scheme is very popular, as the money is safe and can-not be gotten out until the full amount is in. But it has its drawbacks, as a young barber in the Diamond Square knows only too well. The other day the young man was exhibiting his bank, a \$5 one, which had 36 dimes in it. A friend began shaking it, and the owner remarked:
"Oh you can have it if you get it out."

Another friend standing by asked if the same privilege would be accorded him, and receiving an affirmative reply took 14 dimes from his pocket and proceeded to fill out the bank. The owner looked as though he had had an attack of cerebro-spinal meningetis. and as the coins clipped in he began to weaken until the last one went in when, as the cash fell from the bank, he sank ex-hausted in his chair. He declared that "anybody could do it that way," but the victor only remarked that it was like standing an egg on end-you must first know

#### CHARLES L. DAVIS COMING.

Some Minor Details to Be Attended to Be

fore April 1. A telegram has been received from Charles L. Davis (Alvin Joslyn), who was at Memphis last week, stating that he will arrive in the city the latter part of this week. His trip is to look after a few minor details necessary before the work of tearing the buildings from his property has begun on April 1. He expects to return on that date and remain in the city, giving the work of construction his personal attention. He has been letting contracts right along for the past few weeks, but as his present ousiness requires a good part of his tim this work has of course been slow. He says, however, that everything will be in read iness when the time comes.

### A FEATURE OF THE STORM.

The Snow So Fine and Thick as to Almor

Shot Out the Light. During the progress of the snow storm yesterday afternoon it suddenly grew very dark, and it was necessary to turn on the electric lights. A minute later the snow came down in very fine flakes with great oree. The snow was so thick as to almost shut out the light for at least five minutes From the upper story of the Duquesne Hotel the descending flakes looked like ; heavy cloud overbanging the city. Guests of the house anticipated a severe storm, but the darkness soon began to disappear upward like a rising mist.

### Companies on the Move.

This week the Baltimore and Ohio road has the Duff Opera Company, 68 people, to Chicago by way of the Pittsburg and West-ern; "A Brass Monkey" people to Trenton, and the "Struck Gas" company to Chicago, with a stop-over at Wheeling. The last of the midwinter excursions to Washington will be run March 12.

## CONSIDERING A PROTEST.

A New Council of the D. of L. in Steubenvill

in Hard Lines. A new council of the Daughters of Lib erty in Steubenville is not enjoying as rosy an existence as it might. The right to its possession of a charter has been questioned, and the National Board of Officers held a meeting in New York to consider the matter, but they were unable to arrive at any conclusion, and another meeting will be held in Steubenville on Thursday next. Several months ago a council was insti-

tuted at Steubenville, and in a short tim work was commenced on a second in another section of the city. Members of Council No. 1 thought that a city of 18,000 inhabitants had not room enough for two councils, and entered a protest against No. 2 securing a charter. J. W. McCleary, of this city, who is the National Councilor of the organization, went to Steubenville and investigated the went to Stedenville and investigated the matter. After thoroughly satisfying him-self that the protests had been entered through purely selfish motives, he granted the charter for the new council.

Later the members of first council learned that one or two members of the National Board of Officers were not among Mr. Mc-Cleary's warmest friends, and they renewed their protest to the board. W. M. Simons, of New Haven, Conn., was instrumental in having the board called for the purpos of revoking the charter of the new council in Steubenville, but advices from Mr. Mc-Cleary showed that so far he had not gained

### A SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.

The Polish Boy With the New Ankle Bone

Now Almost Well. Samuel Roden, the 9-year-old Polish Hebrew boy, who underwent the bone grafting process at the Mercy Hospital, is nearing the end of his confinement. He has stood it remarkably well, and is growing fat. In two weeks the plaster of paris cast on his leg will be removed. The leg will then be braced, and he will be given a pair of crutches and a chance to try the limb. The leg has now nearly healed over,

only a small sore spot being left.

From it appearance in the plaster of paris mold the indications are that the operation will be successful. Even if it is some time will be necessary for the new ankle bone to accommodate itself to the movements in the socket and eradicate all stiffness.

DR. B. M. HANNA. Eye, ear, nose and throat diseases exclusively. Office, 720 Penn street, Pittsburg, Pa. s&su

## GOLD OUT OF GREASE

How Farmers Make Money by Selling Their Land to Oil Men at

MANY TIMES ITS ORIGINAL VALUE.

The Petroleum Business Hereabouts Runs the Glass Trade Close

IN THE AMOUNT OF MONEY INVESTED

When you see a man in Pittaburg or hereabouts wearing rubber boots and with his pantaloons tucked into them, writing a check for several hundred, or several thon sand dollars, you can make up your mind that nine chances to ten he is a petroleum developer. In a city whose tonnage exceeds that of any other in the United States, a great industry may develop without attracting special attention until, like genius, it bursts out of obscurity at once into full blaze, and dazzles the eyes of the community. The petroleum industry, vast as it is, has scarce yet been appreciated by people not immediately concerned. It is difficult, for want of records, to get

at anything nearer than an approximate knowledge of the extent of the business in the Pittsburg district, which is mainly in Allegheny county and along the edges of surrounding counties that make Pittsburg their headquarters, but standing within the line the cost of development during the past three months is shown to be over \$3,000,000, counting wells completed and rigs up and building. This is in addition to the bonus paid owners of the land, a sum which has enabled impecunious farmers to lift their mortgages, the only crops the majority were able to raise tor several years past, or to improve their surroundings and thereby benefit all classes

Big Bonuses That Have Been Paid. The amount of bonus paid has been enormons, but as there is no record of it, it cannot be given. In many instances it is many times the agricultural value of the farm, and one case is known where \$20,000 was paid on 50 acres which two years ago might have been bought outright for \$6,000 and regarded dear at that. Oil producers, however, are not enamored, as a rule, with the idea of owning land, and will frequently pay two or three times the market value for it rather than buy outright. This money paid comes into the banks of this city and is used in business, It is one of the supports that have en-abled the banks to supply business with currency at the regular discount rates, and this is the only community of consequence in the Union that has not severely felt the pressure of tight money in the last six months.

Almost in sight of this city and within three months, there have been 600 wells either completed or drilling representing a cost of \$4,500 each in addition to bonus paid, pipe lines laid, pumping stations and tanks built of \$2,700,000. While, as has been the case in all petroleum development, there has been an enormous amount of money lost by oper-ators in the shape of dry holes or very light producing wells, yet the estimates of pro-duction furnished by such operators and dealers as J. S. McKelvey, Fisher Bros. and others of their caliber, show that the business on the whole is not only a boon to land owners, manufacturers and workmen of all kinds, but very profitable on the whole to operators at large.

Production of the Pittsburg District. It is estimated that the production of the Pittsburg district is 25,000 barrels a day, worth, at the present low price, \$8,000,000 for the year, enough to pay 6 per cent inter-

est on an investment of \$130,000,000. This estimate does not take into consideration the value of the gas wells struck by these operators the flow of which is being letters: illy wasted to a great extent. months ago there was a real shortage of gas, but there is none now and thousands of peo-ple believe the reason gas companies allow them to shiver, is that they can collect as much money on a short supply as on a full one. There is more gas blowing off into the atmosphere within a few miles of the city, and contiguous to mains already laid

to give it as good a supply as it ever had. If some one were to invent some machine that would force the gas, a very large part of the amount necessary might be had from light-pressure wells that are now considered worthless when they cannot be used for fuel in the field, but there is no excuse for allowing the two big Cornopolis wells to blow away without utilization, and the Niagaralike roar they produce is distressing to peo

ple in the vicinity.

A little calculation will show that the present development of the petroleum business in the Pittsburg district represents more money invested and greater dividends returned than does the local glass manu-

Collins, the Faster, Still on Deck. The official bulletin sent out last night by the physicians on watch at the 30-day fast of Elmer Collins, shows that at the end of the ninth day Mr. Collins had drank 12 ounces of water since noon, had lost six pounds since he began his fast, and his cough was so much better that he felt quite bright and jolly.

George Browne Retires From City Service George H. Browne, who for a number of years has been Superintendent of the Water Bureau, has formally turned over his office to F. W. Wilcox, his successor. Mr. Browne is to become General Manager of the Philadelphia Gas Company, as before stated in THE DISPATCH.

## PROPLE WHO COME AND GO.

-Charles M. Harris returned yesterday from Cincinnati, where he had been visiting his brother, John Harris, Superintendent of the incinnati Street Railway Company. The lat-er celebrated his 50th birthday last week, and ter celebrated his 58th birthday last week, and was the recipient of honors from his fellow officials, the employes of the road and officers of their labor organization, as well as from hundreds of neighbors and friends. -Fred. K. Gifford, of Cambridge, and H.

Herzog, Jr., of Dunbar, are at the Duquesne. Mr. Gifford is a warm admirer of Congressman Bynum, and is working in his interest for the speakership of the next House. -W. T. Espy, the druggist, will leave for New York and Boston to-night to be gone two weeks. He will purchase goods for his new

-H. Eiseman, of Monterey street, Allegheny, sails for Germany to-morrow to visit his parents. He leaves for New York to-night, -Attorney Alcorn goes to Screnton to-norrow to defend the Rowans, charged with

-Dr. W. D. King returned yesterday from a trip through the South, -Mrs. C. Weisser left for New York last night on a business trip.

### SMALL SCRAPS OF LOCAL NEWS

A MEETING of the different committies and thers who have signified their willinguess to assist in the success of Rev. Maurice Kaes assist in the success of Rev. Maurice Kaeder's lecture on "Nuns, Ancient and Modern," to be delivered at Old City Hall Thursday, April 9, will be held at the hall of St. Vincent's Literary Association, Twelfth street, Southside, this afternoon at 230 o'clock. Father Maurice will address the meeting.

The regular Sunday night temperance meeting will be held in the "Little Jim" Church on Rabseca street. Allegheny, to-night. The

neg will be held in the Lattie July Church on Rebecca street, Allegheny, to-night. The meeting will be presided over by William Blackstone, and addresses will be delivered by A. M. Brown, Gilbert AcMasters and others. ACCIDENTAL death was the verdict of the Coroner's jury yesterday in the case of Nelson Kelly, who was killed by a train at Coraopolis

AN OLD SOLDIER'S WOES.

Homeless and Cold, He Applies for a Bed at a Station House-A Veteran Who Expects to Receive a Pension-Three Other

Gottlieb Harr, a German, 69 years old, applied at the Twenty-eighth ward station last evening for lodging. He was at first refused by Sergeant McQuade on account of the station being full. The old man began to cry and said it was hard on an old soldier to be refused a night's lodging. The Sergeant finally took him in.

Harr stated that he had been in this country for 40 years, and was the first man drafted in the Twenty-fifth ward for the war. He said he served in Company L, Two Hundred and Fourth Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Captain Seigler, and had good dis-The Saturday Sociological Seance in Quar-

under Captain Seigler, and had good discharge papers.

Harr claims to have built the house at 42 South Twenty-second street, and that his wife had cheated him out of it. He has

wife had cheated him out of it. He has been living with his son at 2015 Jane street for some time, but yesterday his daughter-in-law intimated to him that he was not wanted. He claims to be a hardworking and sober man and feels his affliction very much, bursting into tears every few minutes. Now that he has no home he will endeavor to get into the Soldiers' Home for the balence. his life. for the balance of his life.

Horr also claimed to have received notice from the Pension Bureau that his applica-tion for a pension had been favorably acted on, but he could not say how much he would get. He also says he was swindled out of \$975, which he paid A. C. Jarrett for a

piece of ground.

Shortly after Harr was shown to his cetl. three strong, hearty-looking men walked into the station house on the same mission. They had been two days in coming from Johnstown, having walked the whole dis-tance. They said that on account of the recent floods they were thrown out of work at the Cambria Iron Works, and came t Pittsburg for employment. They gave their names as Edmund Jones, William Jenkins and John Thomas. Jones says he has a wife and two children living at Johnstown. They were refused admittance to the Twentyeighth ward station and referred to the Thirty-sixth ward police station.

#### MARCH TERM OF COURT.

The Smallest Calendar Known in the Crim

inal Court for Years. Judge Stowe and District Attorney John ston have so cleaned up all criminal cases during the term of court just ended that the calendar for the March term, which opens to-morrow, is the smallest for years. There is but one case on it which is an old one, and of the two defendants in it, one has just been arrested and the other was tried once and the jury disagreed. They are Audrew Schaffer and John Bracken, charged with felonious assault, and will be tried to-morrow. The calendar shows only 81 persons in jail awaiting the action of the grand jury, and the number of cases 92. The calendar of the March term of last year comprised 150

There are but two murderers in the list, an unusually small number. They are James Ward, the murderer of the Means sisters, and William J. Faulk, who killed his wife. The other cases are as follows: Felonious assault and battery, 3; aggravated assault and battery, 1; assault and battery, 7; felonious shooting, 3; pointing firearms, 2; unlawful affray, 3; felonious assault, 4; contempt of court, 2; perjury, 1; false pretenses, 2; defrauding boarding house keeper, 1; selling liquor without license, 2; burgary, 7; entering with intent to commit felony, 3; larceny, 23; larceny from the person, 4, and larceny by bailee, 2.

#### SOUTHSIDE WHITE CAPS.

Joseph Colligan Warned to Mend His Ways and Go Straight Home.

Judging from a letter received by a citigen of the Twenty-seventh ward, the people who claim to be "White Caps" are again at work. Yesterday morning Joseph Colligan, who lives on Brownsville avenue, received a letter which he does not altogether under stand. It contained the following matter and was addressed Colligan in large, bold

JOSEPH COLLIGAN-You must change your ways and go hom - from work as soon as you are done, and don't stop off at half Way houses to see Girls and drink beer or You will get a call from the White Caps.

By Order Committee

In addition to usual crossbones and coffin that appear on such letters, there is an at-tempted representation of a cat-o'-nine tails, as the author terms it. Colligan says he knows of no wrong-doing on his part to cause such a letter to be sent to him, and is at a loss to know who would trouble himself to send such a thing or make such threats. Colligan first thought it was a joke perpetrated by a friend, but after investigating the matter he found that this was not so.

### TRYING THE KOCH CURE

Annie Travis Being Treated at Mercy Hospital, but Is Very Low. Aunie Travis, the 14-year-old colored girl, who was taken to the Mercy Hospital from the Home for Children on Forbes street Tuesday for a course of the Koch lymph treatment, is very low. She was placed under the care of Dr. Stewart, and given the first injection of lymph last Tues-

The girl has been suffering from the disease about eight months, and was pretty far gone. The name under which she is regis-tered at the hospital is Annie Flinn, though her right name is Annie Travis. The dose is 200 drops of water with one drop of carbolic acid, in which one drop of the lymph is dissolved. The one one-hundredth part of this is injected into the back every two days.

### A DAY'S MISHAPS.

One Man Probably Fatally Injured by a Fall on the Street.

Yesterday's accidental happenings included that of an old man who fell on the street and may die. The list follows:

McAuliffe—James McAuliffe, an old man who lives in Milivale, fell on the pavement while walking along Butler street, near Thirty-fourth street, yesterday afternoon and suffered internal injuries that may prove fatal.

Williams—Afinie Williams, a young girl, fell from a stepladder at bet home, on South Tenth street, yesterday, breaking her arm and badly cutting her head.

Wagner—Adolph Wagner is at the Alleghony General Hospital. He had one of his arms fractured by a splitting machine at Groetzinger's tannery, where he is employed. WEST—W. C. West, a brakeman on the Pennsylvania road, was struck on the head yesterday hy a coal tipple at Souman station. He was badly hurt. West lives in Alsoona, and was takeu there.

Donnelly—John Donnelly, of 1908 Carey alley, Southside, had his leg broken last night by falling on an icy sidewalk. street and may die. The list follows:

Bull White Once More in Bock. William White, more familiarly known as "Bull" White, was committed to jail yesterday by Magistrate Gripp on a charge of larceny from the person. The defendant only got out of the workhouse on Thursday after serving a 60-days' sentence, and it is alleged that on Friday he snatched a pocket-book containing \$350 from an Italian on

#### High street. Presented With a Cane

A musical and literary entertainment was given last night at the rooms of the Henrietta Club, No. 4007 Butler street. Robert North, one of the active members, was pre-sented with a gold-headed cane by Homer Nicholls on behalf of the club. G. W. Mc-Candless and W. G. Thomas responded on behalf of Mr. North.

An Emmet's Day Celebration Emmet's Day, March 4, will be cele crated by the Celtic Literary and Dramatic Coroner's jury yesterday in the case of Nelson Kelly, who was killed by a train at Coraopolis Friday.

A WESTBOUND freight train derailed five loaded coal cars at Brinton, yesterday. A defective frog was the cause.

Association in an entertainment at Turner Hall, on Forbes street, with a lecture by John F. Finerty. A pleasant and instructive evening is promised for the friends of the association.

## NAUGHT IN A NAME

Judge Stowe Thinks Penal Institutions Are Overcrowded by

MEN WHO HAVE BECOME FAMOUS.

ter Sessions Court PROVOCATIVE OF SOME AMUSEMENT

Yesterday's sociological seance in the

Quarter Sessions Court did not pan out the isual idiosyncracies of the homogeneous heterogeneity that makes up the population of Allegheny county. After the usual sentences were passed District Attorney Johnston called off a long list of names of persons who were wanted, and as answers were few he turned the majority over to the tender mercy of the law, and forfeited recognizances filled the air like leaves driven by autumnal blasts. 'Squire Patterson recited the usual proclamation in mournful cadence so frequently that the audience had it memorized when he finished the list. The delinquents were charged with all sorts of minor offenses Judge Stowe was in an unusually good humor, the crispy weather agreeing with him, but he was evidently considerably exasperated at the failure of the Granite State oan frauds to return the money promised to their victims, and intimated that it would have been better for them to have done so, as they might have gotten off with a fine and escaped imprisonment.

First Act of the Variety Show. The variety part of the performance be

can upon the introduction of Mrs. Hannah he alleges that on Wednesday evening last Welsh, of Braddock, who deposed that the defendant met and assaulted him with-Maggie Bothman, a rosey-cheeked woman of the same town, had threatened to do up the prosecutrix in the most approved style of the fistic art. Between them the contest On Wednesday night the prosecutor was returning to his home and, it is said, Oliver, who was considerably intoxicated, approached him and demanded in a very insolent manner the time. The defendant, it is alleged, attempted to take the prosecutor's watch when it was exposed, but the ants had secured a considerable share of the feminine portion of their neighborhood,

ranging in age from 12 to 45 years.

The witnesses on each side did their work with a will. It was developed that Maggie Bothman had sued Mrs. Welsh, and it gie Bothman had sued Mrs. Welsh, and it was charged that she was given to this sort of pastime, but Maggie said she had brought but one suit, in which decision was reserved pending the disposition of this case in court. She said this was all the "sewerage" she had been engaged in, and that she was amply justified in all that she had done, for Mrs. Welsh, she alleged, had sent her a comic valentine and not content with her a comic valentine and, not content with the insult it conveyed, had reinforced it with marginal notes in which she (Maggi-Bothman) was referred to as a Homestead

Bothman) was referred to as a Homestead strap, a trollop, etc.

The comicality of the affair so worked upon the visible side of the Judge's nature as to put him in a good humor with both sides, and he let Maggie off on payment of costs. She marched off with a deputy sheriff, wearing a de'il-may-care expression that some thought boded no good to the prosecutrix. In a short time Maggie returned and appeared to be as unruffled as though nothing had occured to mar her felicity. The receipts were \$898 30 in fines for dis-orderly conduct, \$47 45 in fines for drunk-enness, \$126 65 in police fees, \$85 for amusement licenses and \$238 15 by Mayor's felicity. Not Very Much in a Name.

Attorney McElroy next called attention to the fact that Ralph Waldo Emerson had been lingering in that untranscendental institution, the workhouse, since the 25th instant, having been committed by Mayor Wyman, of Allegheny, as a suspicious character. Upon Judge Stowe objecting to the form of patition for release Management. the form of petition for release, Mr. Me-Elroy observed that the name ought to be a guarantee of character, but Judge Stowe thought that names counted for little while penal institutions were so crowded with Washingtons, Daniel Websters,

Henry Clays, Martin Luthers, John Calvias, John Knoxes, etc., that their feet were sticking out of the windows.

The attorney, however, suggested that the petition could be easily amended, and he could not only show that Mr. Ralph Waldo Emerson was a man of family, but also one of substance, and possessed of a comfortable home in Ohio.

Attorney Porte buttressed these positions. and a pretty, petite woman, who answered to the name of Emerson, came forward and said she was the suspect's wife, and could give security to effectuate the will of the Court, if her husband were released, and could prove that there was nothing suspici-ous about him. The Court couldn't stand the racket any louger, and made the order wanted. In the last act the McGinnis family closet

skeleton was exhibited by Attorney Hay-maker, and an order was made that Mr. McGinnis' forfeit recognizance \$500 be paid Mrs. McGinnis, under an act of 1842, which provide that in certain cases the party in-jured by a tort shall be the beneficiary and For one week only.

These goods will be placed on sale Monday, March 2, and continue during the week. not the county.

When this matter was decided the lobby was cleared, and Judge Stowe laid down the scepter, as he will not preside in this

court during the March term. Castle Shannon to Have a Fire Department. The residents of Castle Shannon have organized a fire department. The following officers were elected: President, George Munsy; Vice President. R. D. Rambler; Secretary, H. Brunt; Edwin Scott, Finan-cial Secretary, and Treasurer, Charles Rule. Steps will at once be taken to secure funds for the purchase of apparatus and hose,

Another New Patrol Station.

The new No. 9 patrol wagon wanted at No. 9 engine house, corner of Virginia avenue and Shiloh streets, Mt. Washington, will go into operation to-morrow. Two cells have been constructed in the engine house where prisoners will be detained over night.
It will be a one-horse wagon. Thomas Devine, John Tuigg, William Murphy and
William Hersh will form the crew.

Put His Foot Through the Window. John Daley entered Woog's saloon on Smithfield street, acted disorderly and was asked to go outside. He did not make any further fuss, but when he reached the doc he put his foot through one of the plate glass windows. Detective Sterk arrested the man. He is a plumber, and is supposed

PICKED UP BY THE POLICE. JOHN CHUHL, who is charged with felonion

cutting by Franz Siebert and Michael Zwig-hoefer, was remanded to jail by Alderman Succop last night for trial at court. He cut the two named persons in a row at 1202 Carson street on the night of February 2L. GEORGE STRUTMOEDER tried to ride from Johnstown without a ticket, and, being sued by Special Agent Hampton Houghton for tres-pass, was fined \$5 and costs by Alderman Kerr. JAMES GAYONA was committed to jail for trial at court by Alderman Reilly yesterday, to

EDWARD J. CLARK, who is charged with the larceny of \$10 by George H. Shidle, was sent to jail by Alderman McMasters yesterday for a hearing next Tuesday. HENRY CHEATEM was arrested yesterday by Detective Robinson on a charge of having robbed Theodore Shoenberger's barber shop, on Fifth avenue.

answer the charge of desertion made against

EDWARD TERGEAN, of Collier township. was sent to jail by Justice Drennen yesterday to answer the charge of felonious shooting. BIAS BROWN, a clerk, gave ball yesterday for hearing to-morrow before Alderman Mc-Kenna on a charge of larceny by bailee. JOHN COLSTON, of the Southside, was so to jail for ten days for making things hum in a saloon where he was refused a drink.

CAL MCCARTHY was sent to jail by Alderman McKenna yesterday to answer the charge DAN WHERTING was sent to jail for ten days

AXEL C. HALLBECK, Massage and Me-chane-therapy, 345 Western av., Allegheny.

BOOKS ARE NOW READY.

As soon as a sufficiently large number of

be open for reference to all who conform with its rules and regulations. There are

the work of opening the library by the cumbersome manner in which the books had been purchased under the auspices of Coun-

cils. More than two months elapsed from the time the lists of books were prepared by

the librarian until Councils awarded the

contract. The reading room has been open since July 7 last, the attendance good and

HIT HIM ON THE HEAD.

So Thomas Mahon Alleges James Oliver

Treated Him on Butler Street.

Thomas Mabor made an information be

fore Alderman Kerr at a late hour last

night, charging James Oliver with felonious

assault and battery. The prosecutor lives

on Sherman avenue, Eighteenth ward, and

out the least provocation on Butler street, near Fifty-first street. The weapon the de-fendant is alleged to have used is a revolver.

latter was too quick and prevented the theft. Oliver, it is stated, then drew a revolver and beat the prosecutor over the head very severely, inflicting several scalp wounds. A hearing will be held Wednes-

BUSINESS OF A MONTH.

Report of the Mayor of Allegheny for

The February report of the business of the

Allegheny Mayor's office shows a total num-

ber of 348 arrests and a revenue of \$1,453 55

therefrom. Of the arrests 199 were for dis-

orderly conduct, 82 for drunkenness, 6 for

larceny, 20 for vagrancy and 3 for incorrigi-

bility. There were 44 sent to the work-house, 70 to jail, 131 paid fines and 99 were

ONLY FOUR MORE WEEKS TO CLOSE

OUT PRESENT STOCK OF PIANOS

AND ORGANS.

Co., Limited.

bargains offered should do so at once.
Stock embraces Chickering, Lindeman,
Wheelock, Hallett & Davis, Stuyvesant,
Hardman, Knabe and Steinway pianos;

Palace, Shoninger, Packard and Bridgeport organs. Good second-hand pianos from \$75

upward; organs, \$45 and \$60. Easy pay-

HENRICKS MUSIC Co., Limited,

HOTEL AND SALOONKEEPERS

Should Purchase Linoleums Now to Save

Money.

We have 10,000 yards linoleum which were

wet by the late flood; as these goods are

made to stand the wear of waters, they are

Notwithstanding, we will sell you 75c goods at 50 cents,

\$1 goods at 65 cents, \$1 25 goods at 75c and 80c.

They are not remnants-we can furnish

any quantity desired.

The price is about half what you will have

Will find excellent lists of houses for rent in

The Dispatch to-morrow. Mondays and Thursdays are special rent days.

WE will call on you with samples and

furnish estimates on furniture reupholstery. HAUGH & KEENAN, 33 Water street.

You Should Read the Rent Lists

Fo-morrow in The Dispatch if you are look-

ing for a house. Mondays and Thursdays

New, new, new, new dress trimmings for spring at 710 Penn avenue. REINING & WILDS.

HUGUS & HACKE

FRENCH CHALLIS.

Our complete importations are on dis-play, and a selection now can be easily made from the large variety of elegant new colorings and designs, either in light or dark grounds which we now offer, price 55c a yard. The new styles and fabrics in our

WASH GOODS DEPARTMENT

Also deserve attention this week. American

Zephyr Ginghams, beautiful new colorings and styles, the equal in every way of the

high-price Scotch and French goods—the price but 25c a yard. Other lines of Ameri-can Ginghams, Toile du Nords, Brenton and

Dressden Cloth, over 700 styles from which

AMERICAN CHALLIS.

AMERICAN SATEENS.

WHITE GOODS

skirts and sprons, Plain and Figured Piques, etc., etc.

Cor. Fifth Ave. & Market St.

10 to 25e a yard. In

to select-prices 1234 and 15c a yard.

are special rent days.

627 and 629 Penn avenue.

to pay in 30 days from now.
Edward Groetzinger,

79 Fifth avenue

ents arranged if desired. Remember

discharged.

February.

showing a steady increase.

Readers Who Wish to Take Volumes From the Carnegie Free Library May Register Their Names To-Morrow—What Has Caused the Long Delay.

as E. D. Lash appeared in Pittsburg. He claimed to be a member of Oriental Castle The Carnegie Free Library, of Allegheny, No. 25, of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, will open to-morrow for the registration of applicants for books. Blank applications of Philadelphia. He sung a song of sorrow to the Pittsburg members of that order. to the Pittsburg members of that order. First he appeared at the castle in which Coroner's Clerk Grant Miller is an officer. He said he was a sign letterer and a collection was taken up for him. The castle also found three positions for the man, but he did not turn up to fill any of them. They next learned that a number of the other Pittsburg and Allegheny castles had been duped in the same manner. may be had in the rending room from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. daily. These applications contain spaces for the applicant's name, residence, occupation, together with the name of the person to whom reference can be made, with the latter's address and ecupation. The party indersing the application becomes responsible for the value of any books damaged or lost by the borrower. When the paper is properly filled in it is returned to the library and a card issued entitling the holder to the free use of the in the same manner.

Mr. Miller wrote to the Oriental Castle, asking about the man, and last night re-

with the order. The Philadelphia people said they had also received similar complaints from Christy Park, Connellsville, Coke Center, South Fork, and other localist cards is issued the books will be given out for home use. Meantime the library will AFTER a sleepless night, use Angostura now catalogued and on the shelves about 10,000 volumes. Some delay was caused in

FLEECING THE GOLDEN EAGLE

An Imposter Who Found Rich Pickings

Among the Members of That Order.

A few weeks ago a man giving his name

MARSHELL

THE CASH GROCER.

WILL SAYE YOU MONEY.

We are receiving the largest lot of Canned Corn ever received by

### CAN CORN 5 CANS FOR 25c.

any firm in Western Pennsylvania,

and we offer the biggest bargain in

Corn you ever got.

This is not hard, yellow corn, nor dried corn soaked and canned, but soft, white corn, such as cannot be bought from any wholesale grocer of Pittsburg for less than \$1 00 per dozen.

Send for our large Weekly Price List and get a full list of the great bargains we offer. Mail orders amounting to \$10, without counting sugar, packed and shipped free of charge to any point within 200 miles; 5 per cent discount on all orders amounting to \$30, outside of sugar and meat.

MARSHELL.

99 FIFTH AVE., PITTSBURG, and 79, 81, 83, 85 and 95 Ohio street. Cor. Sandusky, ALLEGHENY.

Dur Dwn Importation!

BIBER & EASTON.

A FEW CHOICE Grand Removal Sale at Henricks Music

In order to close out our immense stock of pianos and organs before removal to our to-be remodeled warerooms, 101 and 103 Fifth avenue (next to postoffice), prices will be re-NEW DRESS FABRICS! duced away down, and persons who have not availed themselves of the extraordinary Black Satin-faced Serges, 40 inch, fo woven polks dots, figures and stripes, at 31 per yard. These are extra value, being strictly all wool, and adapted on account of weight to early spring wear.

"B. Priestly & Co." Feather-weight Black

Challies and Veiling, 40 inch at 50c, 70c, 75c and up to \$1 50. H. S. Veilings in all wool and silk and wool, 40 to 44 inches, at Sic, 90c, \$1, \$1,25 up to \$2.50.

One case All-wool French Plaids, 40 in-

75c. These are very choice, embracing combinations of colorings, bold and streffects, including Shepherd checks, etc. A FEW

CHOICE GRAY

GOODS. 40-inch Gray Foule Serges in five differe shades at 75c and 85c. These are very fine, as wool French fabrics, and worthy your attention. We have just received (to be sold at \$1.25) at line of very handsome, bold gray Plaids. These can be used effectively in combination with plain goods.

41-inch Gray Herring-bone Stripe Suiting in medium weight, a very effective apring dress fabric, \$1 per yard. "R. Priestly & Co.'s" Black Silk and Alpaca "Crystellette," a new and handsome cress fabric for the coming season. Price, \$1.37 to \$1.75. These measure 42 inches.

BIBER & EASTON.

505 and 507 MARKET STREET.

variety, embracing newest ideas as to sha colorings, etc., arriving daily.

N. B.-Cloaks, Jackets and Reefers in large

AT HALF PRICE. LINDLEUMS

WET BY THE FLOOD,

BUT NOT INJURED.

Our Linoleum Department was the colv one reached by the high water.
We will place on sale, beginning MONDAY MORNING, March 2, 10,000

yards, as follows:
4.000 yards at 50 cents, worth 75c.
3.000 yards at 65 cents, worth 32.
Large line best quality English and
American Linoleums, worth 31 25, at 75c
and 80c per yard. HOTEL AND SALOON KEEPERS

A well-selected assortment of this season's new styles and colors, 123/e a yard. Some new sheer and soft-finianed fabrics offered this season, named Pongees, Dimitys and Ludies' Mushin, in beautiful printings on light and dark grounds, 15 and 20c a yard. This season's designs and colorings, 1234c a yard. Chintzes and Cheviots for shirtings,

waists, blouses, etc., in an immense variety of styles in grades that range in price from During the first week in March we will offer 10,000 yards of Lowell best all-wool ex-super INGRAIN CARPETS at 60 and 65c per yard. These goods are selling everywhere at 80 and 85c—the best grade made in this country. Our assortments have never been so ex-tensive. Novelties in Lace effects, Fig-uced Swiss, Plaids, Checks, Stripes, Hemstitched and Tucked Lawns for

Are especially invited to look at the above line of Linoleums, as they will pay one-half more for same goods in 30 days from now. These are NOT REMNANTS -we can furnish any quantity desired, but the sale will last ONE WEEK ONLY.

ANOTHER SPECIAL FOR ONE WEAK.

EDWARD

627 and 629 Penn Avenue