

GAVE UP THE GHOST.

The Columbia Iron and Steel Company Makes an Assignment.

PAPERS RECORDED AT UNIONTOWN.

Small Shareholders Are Reported as Being Very Badly Hit.

EFFORTS TO RAISE MONEY FAILED.

The Columbia Iron and Steel Company made an assignment last night in favor of Charles A. O'Brien, of this city, for the benefit of its creditors. The legal papers were drawn up by S. L. Mestrezet and placed on record in the Register's office at Uniontown about 8 o'clock last night, by Joseph Butz and Frederick Yeager, Christians Yeager, President of the company, confidant in the sum of \$25,388 to his son-in-law, Rev. John G. Gottman.

It is rumored that large judgments were entered yesterday against both the Columbia Iron and Steel Company and the Pennsylvania Construction Company. Mr. Yeager is President of both concerns. Among the largest creditors are Messrs. Boggs & Buhl, of Allegheny, both of whom are shareholders, and the greater number of the latter are Uniontown people, who it is said, will lose heavily.

The affairs of the company have been in a very mixed condition for some time past. Mr. Butz was in London last summer seeking to raise \$400,000 on mortgage bonds, but failed to satisfy the English financiers of the stability of the company, which was understood to be that the company would not be able to pay any dividends. Last night it was said that the company had under consideration an offer to buy, but this did not materialize. Mr. Butz was asked in relation to the rumors current for weeks of his company's weakness. He said that these were false, and that the contract for the iron works at Monaca might not be able to keep him in the same connection. He said that he was not well posted on the affairs of the company. The conduct of the business was in the hands of Mr. Butz, and Mr. Buhl knew very well what he did know was that he was a shareholder.

The directors of the Columbia Iron and Steel Company are Christian Yeager, E. M. Butz, R. H. Boggs, H. Buhl and Hon. J. H. Ewing, of Uniontown.

The company's plant at Uniontown is in good working order, and when running full gives employment to 1,000 men. Much dissatisfaction has existed among the employees lately, owing to the deferred pay, and it is said that much inconvenience has resulted to a number of families.

VERY NEARLY CONCLUDED.

Mr. Westinghouse Returns to Town and Reports on Electric Affairs.

Mr. Westinghouse returned to Pittsburgh yesterday morning, for a short stay. He is here to arrange details regarding the pending negotiations. Concerning the business of the Electric Company he said that the statement for the first two months of this year shows better net results than the first two months of last year, which is due to the great reduction in the expenses of the company. The railway business has assumed large proportions, due to the character of the apparatus manufactured.

Regarding the placing of the preferred stock of this company, Mr. Westinghouse said that a Dutchess report that the negotiations had progressed satisfactorily, and a favorable conclusion should be reached in a very few days.

It was rumored that President Beal, of the Western Electric Company, was in the city for the purpose of making financial arrangements with the local companies. In reply to a question relating to this, Mr. Westinghouse said: "I have not heard of the presence of the gentleman, and so there can be no truth in the rumor."

Mr. Westinghouse knew nothing regarding the progress of the affairs of the Union Switch and Signal Company. He expects to leave for the East to-night.

EXTREME POVERTY REVEALED

By the Arrest and Conviction of a Woman for Disorderly Conduct.

The arrest of Mrs. Bridget Agen yesterday, and her commitment for 30 days to the workhouse by Magistrate Leslie at the Twelfth ward police station, revealed a case of extreme poverty that will be reported to Superintendent Dean, of the Anti-Cruelty Society, to-day. Lieutenant Holmes arrested Mrs. Agen at her home, 43 Eighteenth street, on the morning of yesterday morning on a charge of disorderly conduct.

After she had a hearing the police returned to the house. They found the aged mother of Mrs. Agen almost unconscious, suffering from a severe beating that she said Mrs. Agen had inflicted. There were four children, all of whom are small, and one quite weak. The family lives in the basement of the house, occupying but one room, and that miserably furnished and containing but one bed. Everything was in a very filthy condition.

REMEMBERED BY COLLEAGUES.

The Bar Association Passes Resolutions on the Death of A. M. Watson.

A meeting of the Bar Association was held yesterday morning to take action on the death of the late A. M. Watson. A large number were present. George Shiras presided, and Judge Stowe, Judge Magee, Judge Collier, Judge Ewing, Judge Hawkins, Judge Acheson and T. C. Lazarus, Esq., acted as Vice Presidents. A large number made appropriate remarks eulogistic of the honorable career of Mr. Watson, and appropriate resolutions were adopted.

The Bar Association will meet to-morrow, April 5, at 10 a.m., at the hotel at Jack's Inn at 12:30 this afternoon, instead of at the Leetsdale church, as reported. A train leaves the Allegheny station at 12:45.

STILL GOING FORWARD.

Details of Troops Leaving for Mt. Pleasant, and More to Follow.

Twenty men of the Eighteenth Regiment left yesterday for Mt. Pleasant, with a detail of 21 men of the Tenth, which arrived en route from Waynesburg. Lieutenant Letts left with another detail of 25 men at 8 o'clock.

The army is in charge of a guard of five men under Sergeant Reed, a squad of five men of Batteries B and C were detailed to reinforce those who have not reported. Those who have not reported are ordered to do so by 10:30 o'clock this morning, to leave by the 11:15 o'clock train for the front.

SOLVING THE RACE PROBLEM.

A New Paper That Advocates the Division of the Colored Vote.

E. H. Taylor, business manager of a new paper devoted to the interests of the colored race and the solution of the race problem, and of which Dr. J. F. Alex. Easton is editor, arrived in the city yesterday. Mr. Taylor thinks that the division of the colored vote is the only solution by which the negro in America will be recognized.

He says the war is over and that the world has moved since 1863, and that the colored man must know.

London-made, Feather-Weight Umbrellas, \$5 and upward—new styles in handbags. Men's Furnishing Department.

Jos. Horne & Co., 609-621 Penn Avenue.

OPPOSED TO THE JUNIORS.

A Row Among the Daughters of Liberty Over the Refusal of Charters—Talk of a Special Session of the National Council—Opinions on It.

The complications arising through the refusal of a charter to a new council of the Daughters of Liberty, in Steubenville, O., is likely to get the national board of officers of that organization into serious trouble. The beginning of this difficulty was published in THE DISPATCH a few weeks ago. Some months ago a new council of the order was instituted in Steubenville. After it had become well established work was begun on it. Members of the first protest and the matter was referred to the board of officers.

National Councilor J. W. McCleary went to Steubenville and made a personal investigation. He discovered that the secret of the trouble was a fight between the Juniors and Seniors, precipitated by the latter. The girls who were most popular with the former were those that were most popular among the Juniors for two councils, although the place has a population of 14,000. At all events, the National Councilor instituted the new council.

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