TAKEN BY SURPRISE.

A Senatorial Committee Investigates Morganza's Finances and Sanitary Condition.

THE CRUELTY CHARGES IGNORED.

Boys Found to Be Healthy, and Tell the Senators They Are Satisfied With The Treatment.

THE FARM NOT A PAYING INVESTMENT.

A Bravy Debt Weighing Down the West Penn Hospital Which May Be Wiped Out,

The financial and sanitary condition of Morganza was investigated yesterday by a Senatorial committee that is making a tour of the State in a Pullman car. The finances of the institution are not quite satisfactory, but for the management all the members of the committee, both Democrats and Republicans, had nothing but kind words to say last evening. The recent charges of cruelty were not aired, as the committee had no authority to probe the subject. The Western Penitentiary will be visited this morning,

and then the committee will go to Erie. In the party were Senators Mylin, Chairman; Mehard, Showalter, Williamson, Flinn, Neeb, Green, Meek, Hall, Me-Donald, Monahan, Smith, of Lancaster, and Upperman.

A Division of the Labor.

Senator Mylin flattered himself that Superintendent Quay didn't know they were coming, but when they arrived in Pittsburg, for fear the Superintendent would not be at the institution to receive them, he sent the manager a telegram. When they got there two committees were appointed, one to investigate the finances, the other to look into the sanitary condition. Senator Mylin said: "This committee has no authority to investigate charges against the management. I suppose a special committee will be appointed for that purpose. I have been on several such committees in my time, and we never discovered anything."

"Generally whitewashed the institutions," suggested a bystander.

"No, that is unjust," replied the Senator. "In such cases you must take into consideration the character of the witnesses, and as a rule you can't depend on the testimony of they come to believe their own untruths."

Found the Books Looking Right.

Senator Williamson, who was on the committee to look over the books, said: "The bookkeeping was all right, so far as we could discover in an examination for two hours which is not long enough. Morganza wants \$110,000 of this sum, \$30,000 is for an addition which the House Committee has ignored. The farm is behind about \$3,000. They accounted for it by stating that the potato and strawberry crops have failed for two years. I understand potatoes were short last season, but my recollection is that strawberries were plenticul. The trouble is there are too many salaried men in State institutions, and it wouldn't surprise me if all State farms failed to pay for themselves. At Morganza they pay the boys from 7 to 10 years old 10 cents per day, or a cent an hour, and the 16year-olds are paid 4 cents. Of course little could be expected from this class of labor." sanitary system, and to inquire into the health of the inmates.

The Health of the Boys Good. Dr. Showalter said the sewerage is perfect, and the health of the boys is good. He only found one sick, and he had sore eyes from an hereditary disease. He reparked that some of the kids were touch specimens of humanity, but they were looking well, and their appearance showed they receive plenty to eat. They are very fond bean soup. He said he couldn't see that any of them had been abused or ill-treated, and he didn't believe the cruelty charges were true. The boys are taught to work, and he was much pleased with the place, as it was his first visit there. In conversation away from the the keepers the boys told him they were satisfied with their treatment, and had no complaints to make.

"Ah, nshaw," said Senator Flinn, "I didn't go out to Morganza to-day, but I don't believe a word of the charges. The names of the men on the board are a sufficient guarantee to me that the institution is conducted properly. They would not tolerate cruelty for a minute. Some of those boys need to be spanked occasionally to keep them in line."

Yes," remarked Senator Morrison, "a little shoe leather is a good thing for boys when fairly administered. They are well fed, even if they don't get champagne and other delicacies at every meal." Other Visits by the Committee

The committee also visited the Deaf and Dumb School at Wilkinsburg, and the West Penn Hospital. They were much pleased with both places, particularly with the hospital. Superintendent Cowan said he received a salary of \$1,600 per year, which the members thought was very low. He complained about a mortgage of \$50,000, which bears \$3,000 annually in interest, and he wants the State to pay it off. The committee is willing that the Commonwealth should wipe out the debt. Mr. Cowan exhibited a summary of the work done in the past year. The patients treated numbered 2,109; total days hospital occupancy, 82,899; average daily cost per capita, 91 cents; reprints, \$94,483 46; expenditures, \$114,798 94. leaving the hospital in a hole for the year amounting to \$20,315 48.

In 19 years 20,606 persons have been cared for, and of this number 13,386 were free. The total cost was \$924,013 93, the hospital raising \$628,174 76 and the balance was contributed by the State.

Chairman Mylin said the committee would occupy a week in visiting all the State institutions. He is a member of the Committee on Elections, to which the Baker ballot referm bill has been reterred. He is auxious to be back to vote for it. The Sena-tor rather hinted that he didn't like the bill, out as there is a strong pressure for some kind of reform in voting, he would support tout of regard for the wishes of the people.

Where the Law Is Most Needed. "The 'eeling in the country is," he continued. "that such a law is not needed except for cities and the mining districts, and and it will burden the farmers with a heap unnecessary expense to carry out the provisions of the act. I understand Quay is against the bill. I saw him not long ago, but we didn't talk about it. Recently a very intimate friend of the Senator told me to vote for all the ballot reform bills if I wished to be popular with the people. When the new Constitution was adopted the people de-manded that the bailots be numbered, but they feel now that they made a mistake. Well, it is like wearing clothes. You get tired of an old suit and want a new one. Last evening the members attended the theaters as the guests of Senator Flinn, a jury of 12 State Senators investigating "The stor" at the Duquesne Theater. Peter J. Hughes, a Philadelphia newspaper man, is accompanying the committee on its tour.

TWENTY-FOUR Pages To-morrow. THE DISPATCH will have everything from everywhere in this big number. Don't miss HE REFUSED TO MARRY HER. MONEY FOR CHARITY.

Pole Induces a German Widow to Bring Him to America and Then Deserts Her -She Will Be Sent to Friends in Chicago.

ment of Charities yesterday by Immigrant

Inspector Layton. He had caught the man just as he was trying to get away with the baggage of five other immigrants. The story was that Syks had induced Mrs. Mary Schwartz to leave the town of Brombach, it the province of Posen, and come to America with him. He had a brother, John Syks, a baker at 2838 Penn avenue. She had little store in her native home, but he in-duced her to sell that and bring himself and her four children to America, he promising to marry her when they reached Pittsburg. It took all the money to bring them this far. On Tuesday night they arrived at Castle Garden on the steamer Ser-via, and yesterday morning at 6 o'clock they landed in Pittsburg. She wanted to be married at once, but he refused and left them at the station. He found his brother, and after dinner he went and claimed the baggage, with the supposed intention of get-ting out of the city. One of the children, wever, saw Syks and called his mother

was arrested. Neither he nor the woman had any money.

Mrs. Schwartz, however, has a wealthy sister in Chicago and will be sent there by the Department of Charities. Inspector Layton has wired the Inspector at Chicago secure a bond from the siste that the family shall not become a charge on the city within the next five years Syks has a wife in Poland, and will be held until the story is investigated.

The woman at once denounced him and he

ROBBED HER HOSTESS.

Lou Davis Pillages the House of Her Friend and Escapes to Oil City-Caught by the Detectives-How They Followed Her.

Detectives Johnson and Steele, of Alle gheny, arrived home from Oil City last night, bringing with them Lou Davis, a woman who is wanted on that side of the river for robbery. The robbery in question was committed on Tuesday last, and the victim was Mollie Woods, who lives at 65 Craig street. Miss Davis has been in the city for some time and has been a frequenter of the Woods house.

On Tuesday last Miss Davis, in company with a man named Clarence Davis, called at the house of Mrs. Woods, and finding the proprietress absent, ransacked her room and made their escape with \$75 in money, a rold watch, a pair of bracelets valued at \$20, a gold ring valued at \$15 and a necklace val-

When Miss Woods returned home she discovered the robbery and at once reported it to police headquarters. The case was given into the hands of Detectives Johnson and Steele, who, after some work, discov-ered that the couple had checked their a rule you can't depend on the testimony of prisoners. People sometimes lie so long that followed thither, only to find that they had gone to Foxburg.

The two detectives followed the trail as far as Punxsutawney, and from there back to Oil City, where they arrived just in time to catch the girl as she was boarding a train for Buffalo. The pair had separated at Foxburg, and in that way the man managed to escape. Miss Davis was locked up to

FIGHTING FLESH, by Cella Logan, is th title of a series of articles on how to reduce the weight, the first of which appears in the 24-page DISPATCH to-morrow. The women should read it.

MRS. FREY IN POSSESSION.

An Attempt Made to Lock Her Out, Sh

Breaks a Window, Mrs. Simon Frey was seen at her home yesterday afternoon, but she refused to be interviewed, except as to what had occurred at her home yesterday. She stated that she Senators Showalter and Mehard are physical solutions, and they were appointed to examine class, and they were appointed to examine return home found the house closed up and the solution of the solution of the weight, the first of which appears in the weight, the first of which appears in the solution of the weight, the first of which appears in the solution of the weight, the first of which appears in the solution of the weight, the first of which appears in the solution of the weight, the first of which appears in the solution of the weight, the first of which appears in the solution of the weight, the first of which appears in the solution of the weight, the first of which appears in the solution of the weight, the first of which appears in the solution of the weight, the first of which appears in the solution of the weight, the first of which appears in the solution of the weight, the first of which appears in the solution of the weight, the first of which appears in the solution of the weight, the first of which appears in the solution of the weight, the first of which appears in the solution of the weight appear Mr. Frey and her brother-in-law inside. After demanding admittance, which was refused her, she picked up the doormat and fired it through the front parlor window. She claims it is her home and that no one

has a right to keep her out. Afterward Mr. and Mrs. Frey held a consultation, which lasted for two hours. and the chances are that their difference will be amicably settled before the hearing, Robertson was seen at his office, on Oneid: street, last evening, and had nothing to say he had called on professional business and could prove it at the hearing.

THE MOON AND THE FRUIT CROP. A Fall of Frost Now Might Not Do Any Serious Harm.

Thursday night was an anxious one to people who wish to see a local fruit crop, as many of them thought there would be frost without any doubt. There were some, however, who after sizing up the surroundings gave the comforting assurance that Jack wouldn't do much harm if he did blow his icy breath, unless he made it a regular freeze, as these weather-wise people said the frost would certainly be a white one, the sun had dried the foliage and the season was the light of the moon. Had it been a night later there might have been some question as to the

latter phase.
The moon filled yesterday and they are consequently in the dark of the moon this morning. As frost falls toward morning, ne this morning would have been in th dark of the moon, but perhaps the dark would not be very potent on the first day of its reign.

BABIES of the World and how they are cared for in the mammoth 24-page issue of THE DISPATCH to-morrow. All the news.

DEMENTED ON RELIGION.

A Philadelphia Cooper Loses His Mind While Visiting in Allegheny.

Frank Fleichel, a demented man from Philadelphia, was arrested at No. 15 Green street, Allogheny, and placed in the lockup. Mr. Fleichel is a cooper by trade and has been demented for some time, caused by a blow on the head. He did not display any violence until be came to Allegheny to visit relatives, when his actions became such as

The demented man's mania takes to religion. Special Messenger Eichenlaub, of the Department of Charities, made the arrest, and had quite a lively time getting the pris-oner to the lockup. Chief Grubbs will send him back to the Quaker City.

JOHNSTOWN FLOOD ANNINERSARY.

The Newspaper Men Who Worked There

to Commemorate the Event. A meeting of the Pittsburg-Johnstown Newspapermen's Association will be held in the office of the Associated Press, No. 49 Fifth avenue, to-morrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. All persons engaged in the work of reporting the flood of May 31, 1889, are requested to attend. The question as to how the association

will observe the anniversary this year wil be decided. It is probable the boys will visit the new Johnstown, and there mee the New York Association on Saturday, May 30.

Only One Death From Grip Yesterday. Only 11 deaths were reported up until last evening at the Bureau of Health. Two were caused by spotted fever. Pneumonia was responsible for two more, and grip caused only one.

Watch and jewelry repairing, lowest prices, at Gallinger's, 1200 Penn ave.

The State Appropriations for Hospitals in the Two Cities. Joseph Syks was brought to the Depart

SOME BIG REDUCTIONS ARE MADE.

Allegheny General and the Mercy Way Below What They Asked.

WHAT SOME OF THE OFFICERS SAY

The managers of several of the local charitable institutions are not well pleased with the amount of money allowed them by the appropriation bills which were passed by the House of Representatives on Thursday. The difference between the sums asked and those which were ap proved by that body is so great as to almost make their heads swim. Under the law all requests for appropriations for charitable purposes must first go to the State Board of Charities for consideration. That body passes judgment upon the needs of each, and their report is made to the Appropriation Committee.

The committee of the present Legislature decided not to be guided entirely by the report of the board, and a sub-committee was appointed to look more closely into its recommendations. That committee spent two days in Pittsburg, visited the institutions asking for State aid, and heard the appeals of their managers. Then they went back to Harrisburg, and upon their report the bills were based.

Some Still Have Hopes. The managers of some institutions, not

only in Pittsburg but throughout Western Pennsylvania, whose requisitions have been hewed down, have still hopes that before the bills go to the Governor for approval they will be amended so as to inure to their benefit. They hang their hopes upon the Senate, which has still to pass these appropriations, There are others, however, who are glad to get what the bills call for, and don't propose to kick. They think it wiser to let well

enough alone.
Five Pittsburg institutions—the Bethesda Home, Mercy Hospital, Home for Aged and Infirm Colored Women, Southside Hospital and the Allegheny General Hospital—asked in round numbers for \$180,000. The bills as passed by the House appropriate for these institutions only \$64,000. Mercy Hospital asked for \$70,000 and got \$20,000; Allegheny General Hospital wanted \$90,000 and received \$30,000; Bethesda Home received what was asked, \$5,000; Southside Hospital got \$7,000 out of \$10,000 asked for, and the Aged and Infirm Colored Women's Home eccived \$2,000 when the managers expected \$5,000.

In other words, the Board of Charities and the Appropriations Committee knocked off \$116,000 from the total sum asked. In this connection, however, it should be stated that the Aliegheny General Hospital in the sum it asked the Board of Charities to recommend included \$45,000 which it was proposed to use in paving off a mortgage on that institution. The board re:used to recommend the appropriation for passing off the mortgage, so that it did not go beleft \$45,000 for the hospital proper, and that sum was reduced \$15,000.

What the Hospital Needs. A member of the stuff of the hospital said yesterday that the last appropriation mad-by the Legislature was \$15,000. When the Legislative Committee visited the hospital they were told that it was impossible to accommodate all those who applied for admission. "We showed them," said he, "that we had built an addition during the past summer which gave us room for 30 more beds. We can of course put in more people than we have, but that would require us t violate the giving each patient space for 1,000 cubic feet of air. We asked the Board of Charities for \$45,000 for general main-The board refused to consider the latter request, but indorsed the first. I am sorry the Legislature has seen fit to cut us down

We need every cent of it. "The sentiment of the members of the Board of Charities, and I presume it is the same with members of the Legislature, seems to be that institutions of this character, so far as their indebtedness is concerned, should stand upon their own bottom. They think that debts are more of a local than a State concern, and should be looked after and paid by the people of the town in which the institution is located. The management here is very conservative and very careful of the funds. We did not ask for money to pay a deficit, for we have none."

A Disappointed Sister Superior The Sister Superior at Mercy Hospital was a very much disappointed lady. There had been such an effort made to get a large appropriation by the officers and friends of that institution, backed up by the State Bourd of Charities that the news of only \$20,000 having been appropriated was not at all pleasant. The managers put in an application for \$70,000 to the State Board, and at a meeting of that body they urged that such a sum be asked from the Legislature. They based their appeal for this amount upon the necessity of building a new surgical ward, the present facilities not being sufficient for the proper treatment of such cases. The board agreed to report the bill with a favorable recommendation Said the Sister Superior:

"I cannot understand upon what ground the appropriation for this hospital has been ent down to such a small figure. There are but few people in Pittsburg who do not know the work this institution is doing. When the sub-committee of the Appropriations Committee were here we showed them how necessary it was for us to construct a for the exclusive use of the surgical ward. They seemed impressed, but evidently were not. I cannot understand why they should give that little hospital over in Allegheny \$10,000 more than they allowed us. The State Board of Charities saw the need of a surgical ward, and their recommendation to the Legislature covered the \$70,000

we asked. Two Appropriations Vetoed.

"We have been rather unfortunate in the appropriations that have been made to ercy Hospital, or rather which have not been made. Governor Pattison vetoed one. but that was owing to a misunderstanding. The managers did not fulfill the letter of the law by first sending their application to the State Board of Charities. Governor Beaver also vetoed one, upon what grounds it is hard to tell. However, I suppose we will have to do what we can with what we get. We may make a start on the new surgical ward anyhow. It has got to be built, and the sooner a beginning is made

the better. A visit to the Ared and lufirm Colored Women's Home, Center avenue and Kirkpatrick street, found the matron glad that an appropriation of even \$2,000 had Been given them, though they were sadly in need of the \$5,000 which had been asked. She said the house contained nine inmates, which, with the samily, was all it could hold. A number of applicants had recently been refused because there was no room for them. It was absolutely necessary to get another Home. "When," she said, "the Legislative Committee came here they had to wade n mud over their shoetops, and we thought

The Bethesda Home managers asked for \$5,000 and got it. This institution is less than a year old and is doing, it is said, most excellent work. The moving spirit in founding was Rev. Charles E. Locke, pastor of the Smithfield M. E. Church. He says the Legislative Committee visited the Home and seemed to be impressed with its usefulness. The money, he said, was absolutely needed, though the Home was managed upon the most economical plan.

Might Have Been Better. The people of the Southside are highly pleased at the appropriation for the hospital

for that side of the river. Dr. Arnholt stated that while it was not as much as they would have liked to have had, still half a load was better than none. From another source it was learned that an effort would be made to have the appropriation increased to \$10,-000 in the Senate. It was also hinted that 000 in the Senate. It was also hinted that the granting of the \$7,000 was due to the influence of M. S. Quay, who, it is said, favored the appropriation. Dr. Duff said some time ago that a decent appropriation could be obtained for the hospital if the people of the Southside would only exert themselves a little and not quietly submit to taking anything that might be thrown at them. The present hospital building does them. The present hospital building does not begin to serve the purpose for which it was rented. It is entirely too small for the large population of the Southside.

COLORED CITIZENS MEET.

ess Than a Score Attend to Discuss Class Discrimination—Broadax Smith Says the Colored Man's Situation Is His Own Fault-No Delegates Elected. The mass meeting of colored citizens

thur street. When the mass meeting organized eight colored citizens were present. During the evening enough stragglers came in to swell the number to 15, but before adjournment they fell off to the original number. J. M. Hall was selected as chairman, and J. M. Foster as secretary.

Chairman Hall announced that the object of the meeting was to discuss the discrimination against the colored race, and, also, to elect delegates to the National Equal Rights Convention to be held in Cincinnati, on May 4. "Broadax" Smith was the first speaker and opened a discussion which lasted for three hours. On the matter of real estate agents not rehting property to colored people, he said it was a business question, and a man had a right to rent his property to whom he pleased. As to the colored man's situation it was his own fault.

business men. Colored property owners would not rent to colored people. Colored men should save their money and buy their own homes or "have the seat kicked out of their pantaloons." John Roy looked on the real estate matter as one of business. Agents as a rule did not handle their own property. He thought that the preachers had no business to take up the matter. They should have attended

to the Gosnel.

On motion speeches were limited to five minutes. Mr. Morton also thought preachers should leave such questions to the wor people, the bone and sinew of the race. Mr. Foster said preachers had a right to their own opinions, but they should say something practical and less about golden stairs and golden slippers. Mr. Foster's time expired before he made the point he

Ajax Jones declined to enter the arena, but said all the discrimination against the colored people was by the colored people themselves. He also thought the ministers should stick to expounding the Gospel. The colored people of Pittsburg got along all right and only needed to economize, Mr. Scott defended the colored people and the preachers.

A point of order was raised by Broadax Smith, seconded by Ajax Jones. During the discussion an interruption was made by Mr. Morton desiring to get \$1 50 to pay the hall rent. Ways and means were discussed and the matter settled by the passing of motion for all persons to call and pay their proportion to "Broadax." The matter of electing delegates to the

Equal Rights Convention was nex: taken up. Some desired to elect at once and others wanted to postpone action until another meeting on account of the small number present. An animated discussion followed, and points of order were blunted against each other; motions made, lost and ruled out of order, until the mass of citizens got tfred and deferred the election of delerates until a future meeting, to be called by the Chair.

FIGHTING FLESH, by Celia Logan, is the

NOT ROOM FOR PEDESTRIANS On the Smithfield Street Bridge Since Re-

pairing the Sidewalk Began. The Smithfield street bridge is a magnificent structure, but the amount of irritation it has stirred up during the last month among patrons is enormous, and where two or three pairons are on the structure together and going the same way they usually organize an indignation meeting. The climax was reached lately when the company decided to repair the west sidewalk with the other totally blocked. The throng meeting on the one walk during the busy morning and evening hours surged against each other like stampeded cattle in a narrow oass, and the amount of damage done thereby in the tearing of dresses, crushing stiff hats and abrading of shins was probably equal to the cost of repairs of the footwalk, the hats being crushed by pedestrians being forced under the girders to avoid col-

Objectors claim that there was no pressing necessity for the repair of the footwalk until the east sidewalk was thrown open for busi-

HE WAS A TIRED BOY.

Young Koutz Drops in on Captain Brophy and Asks Him to Find His Father. John Koutz is a 6-year-old boy who early

displays a talent for lying. He walked into the Seventeenth ward station yesterday and told Captain Brophy that he had strayed away from home on Thursday, did not know where he lived, but had a notion it was at Sharpsburg, and asked the Captain to find his father for him.

The lad had scarcely finished his tale, told very glibly for a youngster, when his

father entered. He said the boy had not left his home on Thursday, but yesterday morning. And then the boy admitted hav-ing lied to Captain Brophy in the hope that he would send for his father, because "he elitired and had not money to pay car fare." Mr. Koutz thinks the boy will feel more tired still to-day.

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THE COMING BUILDERS' STRIKE.

Proposition to Make Tin Plates in Separate Establishments.

THE HOMESTEAD TROUBLE CONTINUES

To-night's meeting of the Building Trades' Council cannot fail to be an interesting one. Several views have been expressed as to the legality of the action taken at the last meeting, and the matter will be again considered to-night. It will also be the last meeting previous to the general de mands to be made by the carpenters for called to discuss the question of the white eight hours. It is expected that the quesrace discriminating against the colored race tion of asking for eight hours for all the was held last evening in Eureka Hall, Arbuilding trades affiliated with the council will be considered.

There have been numbers of new developments in the situation. According to the arrangements of the night previous, 400 hodearriers went out yesterday morning. It is estimated that there are now 1,000 union men idle in the two cities, and the uneasiness as to results, which has been felt, not only in the building industry, but in trade generally for several weeks, continues to increase. The special agents of the various trades have organized what they call the Board of Delegates and daily meetings will be held from now until the whole difficulty is disposed of. One Way Out of Their Trouble.

At vesterday's meeting it was reported that some contractors have already turned He should economize and patronize colored their contracts over to the owners of the buildings, in order to avoid the consequence of a violation of the masters' agreement. The rumored difficulty at Charles Davis' new theater building was brought up, but it was reported that there was no irregularity there and that work is progressing as usual. The Board has arranged to protect the contractors or any union men who desire to con tinue work under the terms of the union.

The Builders' Enchange adopted a resolution, binding the mill and material men not to supply contractors or strikers.

Arrangements are said to have been made with Chicago and Cleveland material men to have branch offices here to supply any orders that may be made during the strike Then an agreement has been made to refuse to work, even after the trouble is over, any material from any house which refuses to supply material,

There has been equal ingenuity on the part of the master builders. They have arranged first, not to furnish any material to outside parties, either to foreign contractors or to the operators of any co-opera tive scheme that may be attempted by the

It is not true that the bricklayers have received any concessions from their bosses. It was reported yesterday that they had granted the eight-hour workday and 5 cents an hour advance, providing the union would withdraw its demand for nine house at 50 cents an hour.

Not Asking for Shorter Hours. The fact is, the bricklayers are not making any demands for shorter hours. They are not affiliated with any of the trades that will be involved in the coming strike, and the bosses have granted them nothing so far. The men are not even asking for an advance, except in respect to increasing the wages of the man who is paid less than \$4 50 | gage given by the road. a day. The chief point in their fight is to equalize the wages of their men.

The carpenters have been rather quiet for two days. There was a meeting of the now popular union 230 last night, and the mater was discussed, but nothing could be learned as to the result of the meeting. It is certain they have withdrawn their objecion to the movement, and the demands for eight hours will be made next Friday ap-

parently unanimously.

The Planing Mill Association will hold another meeting next Tuesday and another meeting of the Master Builders will be held next Thursday evening, at which the final arrangements will be made for the struggle.

DANGER FROM GAS WELLS.

aspector James Blick Points Out How Disaster May Occur From Gas Leaking From Wells Into Mines-He Shows How

It Can Be Bemedied.

In the course of a talk yesterday Inspector James Blick, of the Seventh district, had he following to say: "There is one great danger not directly connected with mining legislation over which the miner and mine nanager has no control, but which will ereafter be a standing menace to the safety of underground workers unless provided against. I allude to our abandoned oil and gas wells. The length of time which natural gas may continue to flow is a matter which we need not speculate upon: it is sufficient to know that the wells are being abandoned one after the other, as being no longer of value to the producers. Now, the point 1 wish to make is that our gas and oil wells in most cases are all drilled through the lower coal measures and in this vicinity most of them are commenced above and pass through the Pittsburg coal bed. When the wells tre abandoned I believe it is the custom to plug them immediately above the gas-bearing rock, and after the casing is withdrawn it is assumed that the upper portion of the well, for some distance down from the surtace, becomes completely obstructed by the natural filling up of sediment from the surface, but underneath which the well wil be full of gas, held under a high pressure, What will be the result in the future when the coal fields, penetrated by hundreds of drill holes, are in course of development? We all know that the loss of thirty lives at the Hill Farm Mine during last summer was caused by mining into a borehole, liberating therefrom an accumulation of and explosive gas. That disaster is only a slight indication of what may occur when coul is being mined among abandoned and forgotten oil and gas wells, unless steps are

taken to guard against the danger.

"As to how that can be best accomplished may be a subject for suggestion. I offer the ollowing: When a well is abandoned, that it be plugged immediately above the gasbearing rock and then filled up to a point above the upper coal seam with suitable coment, which would become hardened and nearly equal to the strata as a resisting ody, and the location of the wells be indicated on county or township maps to be preserved in the county buildings for future reference. The work should be placed under the supervision of the County Engineer, and the cost borne by the parties operating the wells at the time of their abau-donment. It may be urged that the expense attending this method would be the prime factor against its accomplishment, but the expense, although considerable, cannot for moment be compared to the value of human life, which, in all probability, will be sacrificed sooner or later, unless the or some other effective precautionary measures are adopted to prevent it. At any rate, the subject is one of grave importance to the mining industry of the future and is deserving of prompt consideration by the proper authorities."

Watching the Contracts. Pittsburg manufacturers are watching the contracts for the World's Fair closely and will take a large portion of the structural material when the proper time comes. So far, however, there has been nothing done by the commission in the way of letting contracts, unless it be lumber.

Station Men Not Reduced. Commercial Agent Dimmock, of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road, went

East last evening. He claims it is not true that the wages of station agents of the road have been reduced. The report originated from the telegraph operators' union.

DIVIDING THE INDUSTRY.

Scheme to Turn Out Tin Plate in Two Separate Establishments—All Sheet Mill Owners to Be Taken in-Next Week'

A number of Pittsburg manufacturers will go to New York next Tuesday to attend a meeting in that city, called for the purpos of devising some plan by which to interest sheet mill owners to adopt facilities for the manufacture of tin plate. Some of the mills of the country are already adapted to rolling sheet for tin plates, and with a comparatively small outlay many others could be put in shape for this character of work. An informal meeting of Pittsburg manu-

facturers was held a few days ago when the matter was talked over. It was suggested that some means be employed to cauvass the country and ascertain how many manufacturers would go into the tin plate business. It is expected that many of the sheet mills will be represented at the meeting used and when this plan will be discussed and This will in all probably decided upon. This will in all probability bring back into existence the tin plate association which has been allowed to sleep itself almost away for want of

But there is yet a more important feature in the plan. If it is possible to leave the rolling of sheets to the mills who are in a position to do so, and to have the tinning plants proper in the hands of others, it is thought the industry could be thoroughly established with less expense. It is reported that several capitalists are ready to embark in putting up the tinning stacks as soon as they can be assured that a regular supply of block sheets will be formulated at a suitable price.

Ex-Secretary Cronuemeyer, of the American Tinned Plate Association, and P. H. Laufman, will be among the Pittsburg at-tendants at the New York meeting. An effort was made to see these gentlemen ves-terday, but they could not be found. Mr. and he said he thought a sufficient number of the sheet mill owners could be induced to take up the work to supply those who will put up the tinning stacks. Among the mills that are in a position to do this are Shoenberger & Co., the Apollo Iron and Steel Company, the Cannonsburg Iron and Steel Company and Moorhead & McCleane.

ROBBING THE COKE WORKERS. Looking After People Who Use the Strike as a Means for Getting Money.

Fred Heinzey, alias Miller, was arrested on a charge of selling tickets for a concert to benefit the coke workers which was not to be given. Mrs. Perry, of Center avenue, had a ticket, and she declared the concert

was a sham.

In this connection a committee of cokeworkers, armed with credentials from District No. 4, U. M. W. of A., waited upon Inspector McAleese yesterday and asked that anyone collecting money for the miners without a paper bearing the official seal be arrested. The Inspector promised that he would make it unpleasant for any unauthorned persons who used this as a pretext for obtaining money on false preten

Only Intend to Borrow Money. In an interview in Baltimore Thursday Harry W. Oliver said the meeting of the Pittsburg and Western on May 21 was to act on a proposition to issue a loan for improvements on the road. He believed the prope

sition would be accepted and a first mort-

Homestead's New Light. The Electric Light Company at Homestead have men at work wiring the various business places, and private dwellings as Work will shortly commence on the well.

power house, and in two months' time Homestead will be one of the best-lighted towns in the country.

All Lodges Will Meet. Another joint meeting of the seven sub lodges of the Amalgamated Association will be held at the Homestead Opera House to morrow morning at 10 o'clock to consider the grievance of the locked-out men in the

open-hearth shop No. 2. TWENTY-FOUR Pages To-morrow. THE DISPATCH will have everything from everywhere in this big number. Don't miss

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STORY OF A VAGRANT.

Allegheny Officers Rescue a White Girl Frem a Negro's Hovel.

SAD ROMANCE OF HER YOUNG LIFE.

She Married a Big Colored Waiter at a Summer Resort Hetel.

HER MIND SUPPOSED TO BE SHATTERED

Rosa Neill, a typical Southern beauty, was placed in the Allegheny lockup last night for vagrancy. She seemed to be perfectly sane, but at times her mind wanders. and when her story was told no one wondered at it. She was brought down from a miserable hovel on Jackson street, where she had been living in the utmost poverty and degradation. Several times she had wondered out on the street, only partially clad, and it was on complaint of the neighbors that she was arrested. When she arrived at the station house she was poorly dressed and did not bear the marks of a very intimate acquain tance with water. Nevertheless, her beauty appeared even under such conditions. Her hair was black and glossy, and her complexion a rich olive. She gave her age as 18 years, and her appearance did not indicate any more. She had a pretty Southern accent, and the story she told was about as follows:

In 1869 James Neill, a member of an old Southern family, was an art student at the classic capital. He was devoted to his art until when at the Mardi Gras the following year he transferred his love for art in the cold marble statues to that of a living beauty as represented in a winsome Roman maiden. Her parents objected to her American suitor. That, however, was only a down in Genoa. In 1872 the father died, and a few months later Rosa Neill was born. Her mother married again, choosing a husband from among her own people. They came to America and made their home at Washington, D. C., where the girl was raised. Her uncle was a cook at the Cresson Springs Hotel, and Bosa went there to live with him summer a year While there she fell in love with one ago. While there she fell in love with one of the big colored waiters. Her uncle sent her back home, but her black lover followed her, and although her parents protested, the girl eloped with him, and last fall the pair came to Allegheny.

Romance of a Roman Wooing.

Deserted and Heartbroker It was not long before the poor white girl iscovered her mistake. Her- big husband did not prove a pearl of constancy. He did not even provide for her properly. At last the girl lost heart and let herself drift with circumstances. The place she lived in was nothing more than a hovel, and her only bed was a pile of rags. At last, broken down by neglect and cruelty, her reason began to leave her, and frequently of late she has

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gone out on the street with scarcely any clothing. Several times she has fallen in pits, but heretofore the neighbors were of the opinion that she had been drinking. Superintendent Muth said last night that he hardly knew what to do with the case, as the girl could not be considered sufficiently insane to send her to an asylum.

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