THE PLUMED KNIGHT MAY RESIGN,

And Openly Enter the Field as an Oppo-

nent of Ben Harrison.

VIEWS OF CONGRESSMAN M'MILLIN

FIRES TOO FREQUENT.

The Board of Underwriters Delivers a Pointed Communication to Conneils

UPHOLDING CHIEF BROWN'S STAND.

Governor Pattison Requested to Sign the New Street and Curative Bills Now Before Him.

A LIVELY THAT IN THE COMMON BRANCH.

Select Conneil Passes the New Poor Farm Ordin ance Unanimously.

Chief Brown's efforts to secure more modern apparatus for the Bureau of Fire are being heartily seconded. The fact that ordinary engines are not powerful enough to cope with a great fire, as spoken of in THE Disparce, has become generally manifest. Some decided action will be taken very soon. Already the Board of Fire Underwriters has taken the matter into consideration and has discovered, with very little investigation, that Pittsburgh's fire de-partment is lacking in several of the more modern applicances. The big Seventh street fire demonstrated to the board the inefficiency of the equipments. When Select Council convened in regular session yesterday afternoon a communication from the Board of Underwriters was presented, conaining the following resolution

Need of Better Fire Protection. Resolved. In view of the large number of great

led and are in course of construction in the ness center of our city, and which not only business center of our city, and which not only add to the beauty and prosperity, but largely benefit the city in added taxable property, and are therefore entitled to as full protection as possible by the lite and water departments; and also, in view of the fact that the fire department

in view of the fact that the are department hand depend upon apparatus and engines provided for past years—when few, if any, buildings ex-ceeded four stories in height—but which are en-tirely inndequate for present necessities, and the department is therefore unable to do as effective department is increase unance to do as encouve service as they might with better equipment. Therefore, The Board of Underwriters would re-spectfully petition the councils of Pittsburg that they make such appropriations to the De-partment of Public Safety as would enable the de-

criment to provide better and more powerful ap-trains for the fire department in the line of a orable water tower, or such appliances as will desire the most efficiency from the best of en-tions.

J. B. McFadden, Secretary. Referred to a Champion of the Matter.

The communication was referred to the Chief of the Department of Public Safety. There is little doubt about Chief Brown's action on the matter. He has frequently expressed his belief that the Bureau of Fire was not fully equipped, and argued in favor of a fire boat and water tower. While both of these could be used to good effect, either the present system.

Chief Brown will consider the question of a water lower to-day and decide on some action on the communication. The paper did not reach Common Council.

A WORDY BATTLE.

Common Councilmen Magee and O'Don nell Cross Swords on a Resolution Asking the Governor to Sign the Street and

Mr. Magee stirred up a hornet's nest in Common Conneil when he presented a reso-lution asking Governor Pattison to sign the new street nets and curative bill now before him Mr O'Donnell was a strong objector to any such thing, and the two had a wordy barrie which finally resulted in a victory

for Mr. Magee.
Mr. O'Donnell-1 am not familiar with these bills, never saw them, and very much doubt whether any Councilman knows what - in them. These bills are not approved by people. A meeting was held in the meil chamber of representative people, which certain amendments were proto which certain amendments were pro-posed. None of these amendments were in-corporated in these bills. I have all faith in the Governor. If he signs the bills I will believe they are good bills for the people. I am opposed to the resolution. It is not needed. The Governor will exercise his scretion, and will pay as much attention this resolution as the Legislature did to be amendments proposed by the people he met in the Council chamber.

the amendments proposed by the people who met in the Council chamber.

Mr. Magee—I ask for information—how many persons attended the meeting; how representative these persons were; how much money in taxable value they stood for, how they compared in number with the 250,000 people of the city; how many amendments they prepared?

Mr. O'Donnell—It was a representative meeting and the men stood for millions.

Mr. Magee—I demand direct answers to my questions before I proceed.

Mr. O'Donnell—All I have to say is that the meeting was composed of more representa-

meeting was composed of more representa-tive men than this body.

Mr. Magee-The meeting was smaller than Conneils, although the whole people were invited to attend. The bills were sent down to Harrisburg. Everything that was sug-gested was put in that it was thought the Supreme Court would approve; everything stricken out that it was thought the Supreme Court would no proper to the supreme Court would no proper to supreme ourt would not sustain.
Mr. O'Donnell—Was sthe provision for ecting heads of departments by the people

ted?
Magee—Mr. Chairman, we are only ng about street bills. What I object to ving a Councilman come in here and e long speeches about something he is nothing of. I protest against such a

lisplay of ignorance.

The Chair—We cannot allow any personal attacks.
Mr. Magee-Well, then I will say I protest such a blunder.

When the question was put Mr. O'Donnell called for the yeas and mays. The vote stood \$6 yeas to 1 no. Mr. O'Donnell cast the one

NO TAX ON NON-USERS.

Lively Discussion in the Common Branch Over a Resolution to Exonerate From Water Rent All Who Do Not Use the City Supply.

Common Council had quite a lively tilt over the water assessment question. Mr. Magee, from the Committee on Finance, presented a resolution exonerating all persons assessed but not using city water. Mr. Righma asked for an explanation, saving that under the law no assessment could be made if the water was not used. Mr. Mages said he was not familiar with the resolution, as he was absent from the meeting of the committee, and had not seen it until just be-

O Donnell—There are places where the transins have never been tapped.

Mactionigle—In my part of the city a fleid is built up in three months, and it possible to by water mains us fast as its are opened. The result is that pecave put flows wells, and in many cuses not using city water. They have been sed and the amounts are charged to a The City Attorney thinks it would be are twee out these charges. Money duot be collected from a man who does see water. That is good sense, regardof any ophtion.

less of any collaion.

Mr. Magree—The city attorney's opinion
has been misinterpreted. A district in
which the mains are hild and fire protection into the mains are hid and fire protection given must pay for the water. The city has been put to the expense, after loud clamor from these districts, or putting down the mains and the people there must pay for it. Any other plan would be districted. The Southside, which does not get a drop of city water, is forced to pay the tax for general water purposes and I desire to put myself on record as being in favor of a water consumption tax on every house standing on a street where a city main in laid. I move to postpone for their consideration of the resolution.

Mr. McEddowney—It is unfair to tax man for water he does not use. If it is lawful to assess a man #10 for water he does not use, it is lawful to assess him \$100.

Mr. MacGonigle—Mr. Magee has quoted the Supreme Court he forgot that the Supreme Court frequently changes its opinion. The City Attorney has said that tax could not be collected from a man who didn't use the water. As for the Supreme Court, let it alone find it will reverse itself.

Mr. Righam—The resolution is unnecessary. This water assessment is a rent, not a tax. It cannot be collected if the water is not used, but the exoneration should be made in individual cases, and on due proof being submitted.

After an hour's discussion, during which

SOME MINOR BUSINESS. Small Grind in Both Branches of City

Councils Yesterday Afternoon. In Common Council the awards of the De partment of Charities which were sent back at the last meeting, were presented again.
This time the award of groceries was to
Dilworth Bros., instead of Haworth & Dewhurst; of milk to William Colteryahn, who
had the award before; and the fish was to

had the award before; and the fish was to Mrs. M. F. Jackson, who had the award before. The milk bid was the same as before; Mrs. Jackson reduced her bid for fish from 12½ to 12 cents a pound; the grocery bid was not read, but the Chair said he understood it was lower. These were approved in Select. Both branches granted 442 to Frank Loder, a policeman, for a broken leg and other injuries received while on duty.

The resolution to refund 201 33 of overpaid taxes to the A. French Spring Company was adopted in both branches.

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In Select Conneil Mr. Miller presented an ordinance granting the Central Traction Company the right to construct a branch line on Tunnel street, which was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

The award of contracts by the Department of Public Works was approved in Select and

Common.

In Common Council the awards of the Department of Public Safety, as previously published, were read and approved without question.

President Holliday, of Common, appointed
Messrs. Dunn, Mason and Shannon a committee to prepare a minute on the death of
P. J. White.

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In Select Council resolutions were adopted refunding overpaid taxes as follows: George Heinlein, Thirty-fifth ward, \$56; James Laughlin, Twenty-third ward, \$691 21. Common Council passed the resolution to pay contractors for work done on street im-provements affected by the Supreme Court decision.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chief Elliot Will Handle the Poor Far Matter By Himself.

The new Poor Farm ordinance was presented in Select Council by Mr. Perry, who moved a suspension of the rules in order that it might be considered at once. The ordinance differs little from previous ones ex-cept that Chief Elliot, of the Department of Charities, will select the farm most suitable for the city instead of the Department of

for the city instead of the Department of Awards.

Mr. Benz offered an amendment to the ordinance requiring 20 days to elapse instead of ten after the advertisement before the bids shall be opened.

Mr. Keating—This Poor Farm question has been agitated for almost a year now and every owner of a farm knows whether he wants to sell or not. I don't see the use of waiting more than ten days to open bids. In fact, if I had my way we would not want more than 24 hours.

Mr. Perry agreed with Mr. Keating, thinking 10 days plenty of time. Mr. Benz then withdrew his motion and the ordinance was put to vote, jassing unanimously.

NO DIVISION IN THE BODY.

The Christ Church Congregation is Quite Satisfied With Present Arrangements Plans for the Rebuilding Deferred-The College Resumes Work.

that the congregation is scattered over the

the whole, and there was not a dissentient voice raised or a protest uttered against the acceptance of the offer. There has been no talk of a division among the congregation, and you can give any such report an unqualified contradiction. The question of rebuilding, removing or dividing the church has not been considered, and when the future of the congregation is discussed it will be governed by entire harmony in the clurch and not because we are temporarily holding services in the Bijou."

There was no meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Pittsburg Female College as was announced by several papers would be held yesterday. Nothing in relation to a rebuilding of the burned premises will be considered until insurance matters, now being acted upon by committees representing each

the fire, was resumed yesterday. The residental apartments had been got into trim, and about a dozen students had returned to take up the thread of their interrupted studies. It is expected that a day or so will see the full number of girls again at

Succeed Langley. The Board of Trustees of the Western University of Pennsylvania held their regular meeting at the Y. M. C. A. rooms at Seventh street and Penn avenue vesterday afternoon. Dudley 8. Liggett, a member of the present graduating class, was elected assistant in the physical laboratory. C. B. Connolly was chosen an assistant in the woodworking department of the shops, and F. B. Anderson was appointed to manage the iron working in the shops under Prof.

acceptance of the directorship of the Allegheny Observatory and the Chair of Astro-Physics in the University. Prof. F. W. Very was chosen Adjunct Professor of Astronomy. Chancellor Holland was authorized to take steps to establish a post-graduate course in astronomy. Hon. J. H. Reed and J. A. Brushear were elected members of the Board of Trustees, and Reuben Miller was elected President of the board.

Arrangements were made for a course of special lectures for next year. Among the lecturers engaged are Profs. Riddle and Wilson, of the Theological Seminary: Rev. George Hodges, Hon. John Dalzell, Andrew Carnegie and Colonel James Andrews.

than favorably with those in use on other rban electric roads. It was said yesterday

urban electric roads. It was said yesterday that an effort would be made to run some of the cars next Sunday, and Southsiders declare that some more rapid means of communication with elvilization cannot be too soon placed in vogue.

The Duquesne Traction Company ran a car over the entire length of its fine last evening, and the result was regarded as very satisfactory. A gentleman who traveled on the Fifth avenue line at the same time states that the Duquesne car beat the traction company's time by some minutes. This fact is regarded as important because, whereas the latter cannot improve its speed under its contract with the city, the electric line will be cambled to run more rapidly by reason of its freer rein. The road is expected to be in operation within a week.

from John McMahon of Ashley, Montana asking information about two Scotchmen named Findley, supposed to be in Pittsburg. The letter stated that a brother of these men had been drowned and it was desired to no-tify his friends.

IN THE POWER OF THE LAW. Joseph Vooel charges Alex Thomas, John Cunningham and John Barmettler, three

YESTERDAY Alderman McMasters fined

OSCAR LABELL will have a hearing before Alderman McMasters, Thursday, for trying to jump a board bill. ALDERMAN MCMASTERS yesterday afternoon eing submitted.

After an hour's discussion, during which Wise, the Attorney.

Messrs. Gompers and McGuire Think Courage and Manhood Will

Two Conferences and a Meeting in La fayette Hall Yesterday.

and the following gentlemen were named as Vice Presidents: William Calhoun, John Pot-ter, Thomas Bailey, A. B. Smythe, M. P. ter, Thomas Railey, A. B. Smythe, M. P. Skelly, K. L. Phillips, R. J. Davis, A. M. Swartz, G. D. Hughes, Robert Addy, J. S. Johnson, W. H. Irwin, E. E. Jones, W. G. Rippel, T. McMasters, J. C. Beck, Robert Tenary, George Jones and C. C. Thomas.

Mr. McIver, introduced P. J. McGuire, the the day in the city, as the speaker of the evening. Mr. McGuire is a middle-aged man with a head of gray hair. He is a fluent speaker and he interested his audience for over an hour. He began his address by stat-ing that he had great confidence in the local struggle, and that with determination, firm ness and solidity, success is assured for the carpenters. He said he was glad the carpenters of Pittsburg had recognized the neces-sity of taking the present step for shorter hours and advised the men never to concede anything on the question of hours of labor "Pittsburg is not alone in this fight, and she must keep up her record as a first-class city," said Mr. Maguire. "The bosses say the carpenters are the only tradesmen making the demands, and that the trade does not justify the demand. On closer questioning,

system. Found the Local Situation Encouraging. Mr. McGuire next referred to the condition in which he has found the local situation, and said he never knew a strike where the men were more united and recalled the nine-hour fight which was won when the union had fewer members. Taking up the arguments of the bosses, gained through his interview with them, Mr. McGuire said some of the contractors objected to the de-mands because there are so many carpenters who are not worth more than \$2 25 a day.
"My only remedy for that is not to employ men who are not worth the scale wages, said he. "They are not compelled to em-ploy them. The woods are full of us, and I

iff you need assistance, we will help you. We can give you something for running expenses now, and may be able to do more for you after a while. The bosses try to tell you that your forces are divided that the Germans will not stick. Well, I am glad the

Germans are still sticking."

Taking up the question of a conference
Mr. McGuire advised that a committee be
appointed with full power to act. "Be conservative. The older we grow in organization the more conservative we become. Both sides ought to have standing conference committees for the settlement of all strife. They should meet each other half

workmen and give them certificates of work-manship. I don't think the workmen of Pittsburg are ready to adopt a system that was discarded by the French Government 12 years ago, and that was abolished by Eng-land over 300 years ago.

Once More Advised to Stand Out.

In closing, Mr. McGuire advised the men to stand together and follow the advice of the men who have been chosen to manage the fight. "The carpenters have accomplished one good deed at least," said he.

plished one good deed at least," said he.
"You have made the Builders' Exchange
stronger than it ever was before. I am
glad they recognize the value of organization. They seem to be fighting your organization and your walking delegates, but they
had to organize to do it.
"You are out now ten days. There has not
been a sign of riot, or bloodshed. You are
prepared for the fight and I believe if you
remain firm to your organization you will
win. The bosses are trying to bluff you by
telling you there is nothing to do. Its funny
that as soon as there is a trade trouble, there
is nothing to do. The history of every
strike is that just as soon as a settlement
has been reached, everybody is given plenty
of work. The union in this county is in
such a position that it can win this fight,
and I want you all to remain true to the
cause."

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Mr. McGuire closed by calling for a vote on the question, and every hand in the house went up in favor of eight hours.

Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, was introduced next. He began his short address by answering the argument sometimes made that the men wanthine hours' pay for eight hours' work. He branded it as ridiculous, saying that it might as well be said they get 12 or 14 hours' pay—the time they were employed 40 or 50 years ago. Carrying out his argument further he said it might as well be argued that men receive seven days' pay when they only work six in a week. "You demand eight hours and 35 cents an hour," said he.

Mr. Gompers referred to the lock-out of the plumbers and stonemasons, and said he could see no other reason for it than a desire on the part of the Builders' Exchange to bluff the carpenters into weakness. "The contractors are bluffing," said Mr. Gompers. "Well, there is a rule in draw poker to the effect that the man caught bluffing loses the game."

One Way of Reckoning Up Losses.

heard among employers of labor relative to the losses of a season, Mr. Gompers told how the reckoning is done. "If a contractor counts on making \$1,500 on a job," said he, "and only makes \$1,000, he counts that he has lost \$500, and by the end of the year he has lost a fortune. Contractors ever complain about losing so much every year. That's how they lose."

Mr. Gompers closed by describing the work done by labor organizations in the past 30 years, saying that no organization has done so much for the advancement and solution of all the questions which go to make up human life and American civilization as those.

A. M. Swartz, ex-agent of the local district, made a few remarks, saying that the reports so far are favorable to the men, and with a little firmness on their part the fight can be carried to a successful issue.

W. H. Irwin, Thomas Buirley, Charles F. Knight and Arthur H. Smythe, local leaders, made brief speeches. The latter said the success of his organization had been the means of bringing in numerous applications for membership from neighboring towns.

Mr. McGuire arrived in the city yesterday morning and registered at the Hotel Duquesse. Early in the day he held a conference with the leaders of the strike. A noticeable feature of this meeting was a marked coolness between Mr. McGuire and Mr. Swartz, which reminded all present of the late difficulty in the Brotherhood during which, it is claimed, the latter was enobred out of an office to which he was honestly entitled.

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The conference lasted some two hours and every plase of the local situation was discussed and explained to Mr. McGuire. The strike had been precipitated against the advice of the General Executive Board, but he assured the local leaders that since they are in the fight, they would receive all the support possible from the general officers.

A Conference With the Employers. After this conference had been concluded Mr. McGuire expressed a desire to have a Mr. McGuire expressed a desire to have a talk with the master builders. Robert Davis and James Johnston, representing the Carpenters' Council, accompanied their General Secretary to the headquarters of the Builders' Exchange, where quite a number of prominent members of the association were found. The labor leaders were received very cordially, and a secret conference was soon in progress.

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"It was my desire that I might hear your should take place, so that I might hear your side of the situation from your own mouths," said Mr. McGuire to Mr. Hamilton.

"We will be glad to answer any question you may desire to ask bearing on the present difficulty," replied Mr. Hamilton, "but we must ask you to understand that we are un-

Policing HELD FOR HIS CRIME

James E. Stewart Will Have to Stand a Trial for His Life.

DAMAGING EVIDENCE IS ADDUCED. The Murdered Woman Anticipated Her Husband's Awful Deed.

WANTED HER BROTHER TO PROTECT HER

The first step in retribution for the brutal murder of Mrs. Maria Elizabeth Stewart at Mansfield on Saturday sight, was taken yesterday by Coroner's Clerk Grant Miller. When James E. Stewart was again placed in jail last evening it was for him to remain there until he was taken out and put on trial for his life or liberty. The forcers's lawy decided that the erty. The Coroner's jury decided that the throwing of the lamp was done "with feloni-ous intent." Although the evidence brought out only substantiated the published ac-count in The Disparch yesterday, additional strength was added to the threats which the husband had previously made. In fact, it came out plainly that he had contemplated such a deed, but whether he intended to carry out his plan at that time of course could not be decided.

The inquest was held before Squire Mc-Millen at Mansfield, and James Pointer, the

Millen at Mansfield, and James Pointer, the
father of the murdered woman, first took
the stand. He had talked to her at 11:20
Saturday night. When he had entered the
room she exclaimed:
"Well, father, you've come to see me die?"
He replied that it was hardly as bad as
that and then asked how it happened. As
near as he could remember she related the
story in these words:

The Murdered Woman's Story.

"Jim came home late and I saw he was drunk. I got supper for him and after he ate supper, he undressed and threw his clothes on the supper table. Then he locked the door, and pulled down the blinds e concluded, The Strike Committee was in session nearly

their fight yesterday, and returned to work. Their wages range from \$3 to \$3 50. Their wages range from \$3 to \$3 50.

The plumbers who are on strike held a meeting yesterday. It was reported that ten firms had withdrawn the demands presented a few days ago, and their men will go to work to-day. The ten firms employ about 50 men.

Local Union No. 385 of the carpenters will meet to night to hear charges against Harry Bauer and others in that union preferred by officials of the Carpenters' Council, for par-ticipation in the nine-hour agitation among the carpenters. It is said that similar charges have been preferred against mem-bers of other unions.

QUITE SATISFACTORILY RECEIVED.

house Electric Is Indorsed. house Electric Company, the authoritative announcement of which was published in Sunday's DISPATCH, was generally received in the city with a genuine feeling of relief, and much satisfaction by those immediately concerned, namely, the stockholders and creditors. The scheme has already received. creators. The scheme has already received the approval of the stockholders and creditors most largely interested, and it remained to be seen yesterday how others financially interested in the company would receive the propositions made by the reorganization syndicate, or committee.

A Disparter reporter, who made a careful investigation among many of the creditors.

A Disparce reporter, who made a careful investigation among many of the creditors and stockholders, found that the plan was received with general approbation. During the day a number of "assenting" stockholders made out the required transfers of stock on quick recognition of, and benefit to be derived from, the plan as indicated. Among them were members of the creditors' committee, who had no hesitancy in at once giving adhesion to the proposals. The status of the Electric Company is now regarded as assured, and in a very short time the company is expected to have as many men at work as before.

The Trustees of the Amalgamated Associa

The quarterly meeting of the trustees of the Amalgamated Association completed its work yesterday after a two days' session. The work of the association has increased so two days, to andit the books. This was formerly done in a few hours, but not within the last year. The committee that has the annual picnic

The committee that has the annual picnic in charge is progressing as rapidly as possible. An effort is being made to have the picnic in the Beaver fair grounds this year. The matter will be settled in a few days.

The statement that an advance in puddling will be asked for in this year's scale is denied by members of the National lodge, who say that such an action this year would be unwise, owing to the condition of the iron trade, which has not been much worse during the year than at present.

Industrial Notes.

awarded the contract for shoes, yesterday, to R. Taggart & Son, because theirs is a

THE Rosena furnace, belonging to Oliver Bros.' plant at New Castle, is to be put in operation, after an idleness extending several months.

A NUMBER of delegates to the annual convention of railway conductors, which conenes in St. Louis this week, passed through ALL hopes of reviving the American Window Glass Company has now been given

up. This statement was made yesterday by a prominen amanufacturer. In its review of Southern industries for the week ending May 9, the Tradesman, of Chattanooga, reports 41 new industries against 56 for the previous week, 11 new buildings, 8 new railfoads, dummy line and 1 electric line.

building, on Pennsylvania avenue, to hear the reports of delegates who were in attendance at the International convention, instance at the International convention, installed the Association of the Pittsburg Association, all of whom will make a report. Members of all of the branches throughout the two cities are included.

HAYS POST 3 G. A. R., at its meeting last night, made arrangements for the burial of its late comrade, Augustus H. Johnston, The detail will meet at the post headquarters at 2r M., and proceed to Gilleland's undertaking rooms, Grant, near Sixth avenue, where the remains are lying. The interment will take place in the soldiers' plot in Allegieny Cemetery.

Lizzie, who lives near the "pulled" pre says the girl arrested bore another and falsely gave Lizzie's to the police. The regular monthly meeting of the Iron City Microscopical Society will be held to-night in their rooms on Fifth street, Rev. W. J. Holland will talk on. "The Mouthparts of Butterflies."

Fave changes have been made in the sum-mer schedule of the Lake Erie road. Sev-eral trains leave a few minutes later or earlier than formerly.

ONLY 38 deaths were reported in Allegheny last week, against 49 of the preceding week. Eight deaths were caused by spotted fever.

John Hirsh, the Pittsburg and Western conductor, who was injured in the wreck on saturday, is now considered out of danger.

Farmer Wolff, of St. Leo's Church, Woods' Run, celebrated his tenth anniversary as an ordefined priest yesterday morning.

Whilly France and his face healty humand. WILLIAM FULTON had his face badly burne

at the Linden Steel Works vesterday Trimmed Bonnets and Hats For the May Festival. Largest assortment COURTS OF YESTERDAY.

it for a Commission for the Sale of a Charter-Opening of the May Term U.S. Circuit Court-Suing for \$20,000 for a

The suit of James G. Fulton against William H. Denniston is on trial before Judge Stowe. The case is an action to recover a commission for the sale of a charter. Mr. Denniston was the owner of a charter for the East End Life Insurance and Improvement Trust Company. the East End Life Insurance and Improve-ment Trust Company.
Fulton claims that it was agreed that if he sold it for Denniston for \$13,000 he was to re-ceive a commission of \$5,000. The charter was sold to parties in Philadelphia, but Den-niston refused to pay the commission, claim-ing to have arranged the sale himself.

Congressman McMillin, the Ter THE U. S. CIRCUIT COURT OPENS.

Seginning of the May Term, and the New ngton. Mr. McMillin thinks his chance Clerk Sworn In. for election to the Speakership are improv The May term of the United States Circuit Court began yesterday, with Judges Acheson and Reed on the bench. The list was called, and of the 53 cases on the list 44 were con-Ludwig was sworn in as Clerk of the United States District Court to succeed Stephen C. McCandless. On motion of Mr. W. F. Chalfant Mr. McCandless, the retiring clerk, was admitted to practice in the District Court. Mr. McCandless was the recipient of hearty congratulations from numerous friends as well as Judges Acheson and Reed.

The first case to be taken up to-day is that of Elizabeth Ross, widow of Samuel Ross, Jr., of Washington, Pa., against the Central Life Insurance Company. The suit is to recover a life insurance of \$3,000 which her husband had placed on his life. The defense is that Ross committed suicide, and the terms of the policy exempted the company on that account.

everal People Convicted, but About as Many Were Acquitted.

In the Criminal Court yesterday John Gorman was convicted of assault and battery on

Michael Wallace, and convicted of assault and battery.

Mary Denniston and Kate Kohout were tried on cross suits of assault and battery. Verdicts of not guilty were returned and the costs divided. William Kelly was acquitted of a charge of keeping a ferocious dog which was alleged to have bitten a son of Arthur Morgan. The costs in the case were divided. Trial Lists for To-Day.

Jones; Cawley vs Ferrigan; McMurtrie vs Boyd et al; Haworth et al vs Fowler; Papa-Boyd et al; Haworth et al vs Fowler; Papa-den vs Cohen: Murdoch vs Price; Oberman vs Steffig; Direw vs Stenger; Reed et al vs Schrader et al; Fleck vs Fleck. Common Pleas No2—Demling vs Green et al; Hulings Lumber Co. vs McDonald; Dim-mick use vs Failey et al; Heller vs Dick; Globe Varnish Manufacturing Co. vs Dauler; Close & Johns; Gasper vs Barnes; Ewing vs Browarsky et al; Barnes vs Clark Sons & Co. Criminal Court—Commonwealth vs Pat

Wants \$20,000 for a Crushed Foot. Bertha L. Haven yesterday entered suit against William P. and Isaac Reno, owners of the steamboat Venice, for \$20,000 damages of the steamboat Venice, for \$20,000 damages. The plaintiff states that last December she attempted to board the boat to take passage to McKee's Rocks. As she stepped on the gangplank she was seized by two of the deck hands and pulled on board in such a manner that her foot was caught and crushed between the boat and the landing.

Appealed to the Supreme Court. An appeal to the Supreme Court was taken yesterday in the case of George C. Kountz against the Pittsburg, Allegheny and Manchester Passenger Railway Company. The suit was to have declared void the lease of the Pittsburg, Allegheny and Manchester Passenger Railway Company to the Pitts-burg and Allegheny Traction Company, and a decree was made in favor of the defend-

Briefs From the Courts. THE suit of Ross & Marshall against D. W. Brown, an action on a contract, is on trial before Judge Ewing.

A DIVORCE was granted yesterday in the case of David Harvey against Catherine Harvey. Desertion was the ground. THE jury is out in the case of V. K. McEl

terday: Samuel F. Heidelberg and wife vs Lydia Boyd, administratrix of Henry Boyd, \$7,985 and \$1,987 27; R. M. Head vs Charles B. Head, \$7,999 68; B. Jaffe vs Simon Shupinsky, \$150; J. Bennett & Son, vs same, \$649 43; S. B. Vandevort vs R. G. Holmes, \$305 65. EUGENE LUCOT yesterday entered suit against Michael Rogers for \$2,000 damages.

Everyone Call

At our store to-day. Great \$10 men's suit sale. P. C. C. C., corner Grant and Diamond streets. REAL ESTATE SAVINGS BANK, LIM. 401 Smithfield Street, Cor. Fourth Avenue

If You Want a Plano See the three kings at Hamilton's, 91 and 93 Fifth avenue. Bargain sale this week. Pianos and organs for everyone.

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LINOLEUMS at prices not to be found in any other store in either city, at Welty's, 120 Federal street, 65, 67, 69 and 71 Park

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> A. G. CAMPBELL & SONS,

AUFRECHT, Photographer, constantly leads in low prices and fine work. Chil-dren's pictures a specialty at 516 Market

Democratic leader, passed through tife city last evening, bound for his home from Wash-

ing, and he confidently expects to get there. He was not surprised to hear of Blaine's illness, and he believes the Secretary of State cannot live more than three years. "Mr. Blaine's appearance," he said, "always indicated to me that he was prone to paralysis, and you can mark my words that his death, when it comes, will be sudden. He is very full on one side of the face, and the flabby muscles show a tendency to facial paralysis. His color also would indicate a touch of Bright's disease, and altogether I don't think the distinguished statesman will live much longer. I am informed by those on the inside that Mr. Blaine and his friends are very much goaded by the articles of Russell Harrison that have appeared in Frank Lestie's Weekly. A movement is on foot to antagonize Harrison from this out through Blaine. If Mr. Blaine recovers his health I expect to see hin resign from the Cabinet so that he can make an open and fair fight. This is the programme now, and will be carried out as I am informed. Blaine has made his reputation, and whoever carries out his reciprocity ideas the Secretary will get the credit for inaugurating them. No man has ever accused President Harrison of not being bright. He is narrow, always has been and ever will be. He lacks the broad gauge of Cleveland, and for that reason will never be recognized as a great man.

"I am not worrying about the Democratic party being unable to keep the big majority in line. The prudence and patriotism of the Democracy will assert itself. When the Republicans predict that we are liable to be wrecked by the silver question they forget they are in the same boat, as the extreme Western States have always chamored for free silver. If the Democrats don't do better work than the last House I will be greatly disappointed. In the South we have been forced too keep together, or be destroyed entirely. The force bill was intended to subvert the Government, but its effects would have been felt in the North first. In the South the people are noted for their resistance and would not submit to it. Whenever the elections are placed in the hands of appointed judges then the freedom of the ballot is destroyed. A man elected by either party w "Mr. Blaine's appearance," he said, "al-ways indicated to me that he was prone to

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Received to-day the best 10c and 15c gold papers in the city; also, the best wide borders, 18 inches, 20c and 25c; 9-inch, 15c: 6-inch, 10c. J. KERWIN MILLER & CO.,

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PENN AVENUE STORES.

We have an enormous stock of

INDIA SILKS

To sell this month.

OUR POLICY

This season has been to avoid the purchase of any mixed lots of India Silks manufactured a year ago and made up of undesirable colorings and old, bad styles, even at a low price, but to offer purchasers of India Silks the largest variety of newest and latest colorings and designs at the most moderate prices. Accordingly we ask an inspection of our

75c and \$1 India Silks.

The best India Silks anywhere, if you desire India Silks that are fashionable in pattern and color and of SUPERIOR OUALITY. extra width and immense variety.

SEVERAL HUNDRED PIECES. In almost one hundred different styles and colorings, are here.

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In black ground and India Silks just received-see them. Now is the time to buy the HABUTAI WASH SILKS.

Dresses, at 65c and 75c, worth goc and \$1 a yard. A special purchase of pure Silk, Black Surah Striped

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GRENADINES AT 75C. New Bordered Black Silk

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High novelties in Fancy Grenadines, in spot and figured effects. in high colorings, much below the usual prices.

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BLACK SURAH SILKS At 75c, 24 inches wide. It beats them

A big bargain in

all, as you will say when you BLACK INDIA SILKS. Ask to see the qualities we are

selling at 75¢, 85c and \$1 a yard.

They have both extra width and fine quality. The new Black Figured India

Silks at \$1 a yard are selling

fast-just the thing for summer

MAY the month to buy India Silks in this largest and most complete Silk Department.

JOS. HORNE & CO., 609-621 PENN AVENUE.

INGRAIN Tapestry Brussels CARPETS

Are Creating a Lively Trade at the Penn Avenue Carpet Palace.

5,000 yards Ingrain Carpet at 35c, worth 45c. 5,000 yards Ingrain Carpet at 40c, worth 50c. 10,000 yards Best All-Wool Ingrain Carpet at 60 and 65c, worth 75c and 85c. 6,000 yards Tapestry Brussels at 50c, * 6,000 yards Tapestry Brussels at 600,

3,000 yards Topestry Brussels at 75c, 5,600 worth 10c.
pairs Lace Curtains at 75c to 85 a pairs lace Curtains at 75c to 85 a pairs—10 to 15 per cent less than real value.

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put to vote, passing unanimously.

Common Council will consider the ordi-

It was stated in some circles yesterday that the Christ Church congregation was dissatisfied with the selection of the Bijouas a temporary temple for divine worship, and one story was published to the effect that the congregation would divide and form separate bodies. It is very well understood

that the congregation is scattered over the Northside, East End and city proper, and this fact may have given rise to the report, which has transpired to be without any foundation whatever.

When these reports were mentioned to Mr. Lee S. Smith, who is a prominent member of the congregation and a member of the Board of Trustees, he gave them an unhesitating and unqualified contradiction.

"With regard to the selection of the Bijou," he said, "I have seen more than 100 individual members of the congregation and am acquainted with the sentiments, I may say, of the whole, and there was not a dissentient voice raised or a protest uttered against the

acted upon by committees representing each side, shall have been adjusted.

The work of the students, interrupted by

KEELER COMES TO PITTSBURG. The Director of the Lick Observatory Will

Prof. S. P. Langley, Secretary of the nithsonian Institute, tendered his resignation as director of the observatory, which was accepted. Chancellor Holland an-nounced that Prof. J. E. Keeler, the astron-omer of Lick Observatory, has signified his acceptance of the directorship of the Alle-

MORE RAPID TRANSIT. Both the Birmingham Traction and the Duquesne Will Soon Be Running. Thirty cars for the new service of the Birmingham Traction Company have arrived at Thirtieth street, Southside. They are commodious and will compare more

Hunting the Findley Brothers Mayor Gourley yesterday received a letter

Samuel Erben \$10 and costs for beating his horse on Thirty-Third street. Agent Berry-man brought the suit.

GIVEN A WATCHWORD.

WIN THE CARPENTERS' STRIKE

SMALL SCRAPS FROM LABOR CIRCLES. A mass meeting of striking carpenters tha filled Lafayette Hall, including the galleries, was held last night. D. J. McIver, President of the Building Trades Council, presided,

General Secretary of the Carpenters and Joiners of the United States, who had spent

why we want eight hours, because there will be more work for each under that kind of a

they say there is not enough work to justify the granting of shorter hours. That's just

dare say there are contractors who don' know enough to be in the business." In reference to the report that the local strike had not the support of the Brother-hood, he said: "You have now taken steps that you cannot retrace without injury, and

way at all times."
On the eight-hour movement in general Mr. Maguire said it was the question of the day, and one that the carpenters cannot now afford to give up. "Eight hours a day or nothing. The bosses propose to classify the

Taking up another remark frequently heard among employers of labor relative to the losses of a season, Mr. Gompers told how

athorized to go into a conference toking toward a settlement of the strike."

The explanation was satisfactory and a talk followed, insting until after B o'clock. Mr. McGuire endeavored to secure all the points upon which the contractors stand, and then made an effort to show them that they were in the wrong, and the best thing they can do for the general good of themselves, their men and the community in general is to crant the eight hours and

they can do for the general good of themselves, their men and the community
in general is to grant the eight hours and
go to work.

The contractors were not so easily impressed, and so informed Mr. McGuire. The
latter then wanted to know when a conference could be held at which the contractors
would be authorized to deal with the men.
Mr. Hamilton replied that he did not see
how they could go into a conference without
authority from the association, and no
meeting will be held for over a week unless
a special meeting were called, which is not
probable, as the contractors are not anxious
for a conference. "You would not refuse to go into a confer-ence with your men if they were to request it?" inquired Mr. McGuire.

Wash Their Hands of It All. "Well, they broke off the negotiations when we were willing to confer, and our conference committee has been relieved of any further duty pertaining to the present "Well," continued Mr. McGuire, "you had

better secure a settlement as soon as pos-sible, or your skilled workmen will leave the city. I have been informed that some have already left."
"They have that privilege," replied Mr. Hamilton. "If any feel like going away they can go. We will then be at liberty to bring in men from other localities without committing an injustice to the local workmen." mitting an injustice to the local workmen."
"But there are none to bring in from other places," quickly replied Mr. McGuire.
Mr. Hamilton was seen after the conference, but he assured the reporter that nothing definite had been done, except that the contractors had succeeded, through the admissions of Mr. Davis and Mr. Johnston, to prove that the conferences had been stopped by the men while the contractors were still willing to talk the matter over. He further stated that there was nothing new in the situation and could not tell when there would be any important developments. "The matter is no nearer a settlement han it was the second day after the strike," he concluded,

all afternoon hearing reports from the vari-ous locals, Mr. Irwin was seen, but he had-nothing new to give, except that a few ad-ditional firms had conceded the demands. One of the Battles Won. The 900 marble cutters who went out on

men. Local Union No. 385 of the carpenters will

The Reorganization Plan of the Westing-The plan of reorganization of the Westingcreditors. The scheme has already received

FINISHED THEIR WORK.

day to elect delegates to their National Con-vention. THE Master Plumbers will meet Wednes GILLESPIE BROTHERS sent 38 men to Jersey City last evening to lay 40 miles of 36-inch pipe for the city water works. THE committee on charities in Allegheny

SMALL SCRAPS OF LOCAL NEWS. THERE will be a meeting Saturday even-ng of members of the Y. M. C. A., at their

THE name of Lizzie Moss appeared in the police reports among those arrested in a Twelfth ward speak-easy Saturday night.

The semi-monthly report of the Associa-tion for the Improvement of the Poor shows the number of persons who have been aided to be 1,115.

the door, and pulled down the blinds and went upstairs to bed. I washed the dishes, but when I went to throw out the water I found the door locked and the key was gone. I called upstairs to Jim for the key, and he said it was in the lock. I was scared then, because Jim had threatened to kill me several times before, so I got the hatchet and began to pry the door open. He heard me and came down cursing and swearing at me. I pried the door open as quick as I could, and just as I was about to go out I turned and saw him throwing the lamp at me. It struck the door frame and the bowl of the lamp struck me on the back. The oil ran all over me and before I knew it I was all on fire. I ran out to Mrs. McIntyre's and fell in the yard. Jim tried to pull my clothes off but his hands got burned and he left me alone and went back. Mrs. McIntyre and the neighbors carried me home and now I know I am going to die."

Mr. Pointer testified of his own knowledge that Stewart had abused his wife repeatedly and that he had never properly provided for her.

Mrs. Pointer corroborated her husband's Common Pleas No L.—Granby Bronze Co. vs. Maloney & Co.; Cowan vs Allen; Griffiths vs.

Mrs. Pointer corroborated her husband's testimony and said: "I never heard Stewart accuse his wife of infidelity but she told me at different times that he had and threatened to kill her if she told about it. Four weeks ago he beat and abused her so that she could scarcely stand and she was compelled to come home for two weeks to be treated and doctored up." Her Brother Came Too Late. William P. Pointer, the dead woman' brother, testifled that on Saturday Mrs. brother, testified that on Saturday Mrs. Stewart went to the store in Mansfield, where he is employed, and said to him:

"Will, Jim is drinking and I am afraid he will kill me. I want you to come up and stay in the house with me to-night."

Young Pointer promised her that he would go, but did not get there until after she had been injured. As he entered the room she said:

"Oh, Will, you came too late! If you had come up sooner this would not have happened."

pened."
Mrs Lucy McIntyre asked Stewart, just after the assault, why he had committed it.
He replied that he did not expect it to be so He replied that he did not expect it to be so serious.

James Crouch and William Henderson each told how that several days ago they had met Stewart, and he had said he was going home to kill his wife. They advised him not to, but he added with a curse: "I am going home to kill my wire."

The testimony of the other witnesses was only corroborative. The jury quickly made up its verdict, and Stewart was taken back to jail.

THAT TEA COMPANY FAILURE. The Union Pacific Concern Turns Over Its Company for the benefit of creditors was placed on record yesterday in the Rec office. The assignment is made by Robert Leslie, David and W. A. McBride, composin the firm of McBride Bros., and doing bus ness as the Union Pacific Tea Company George H. Macy, of New York, is the assignee. All the property of the company, consisting of the main store in New York and 44 branch stores scattered throughout the country, is assigned; also, private property on Fifth avenue, New York, owned by Robert McBride.

Robert McBride.

The company has eight stores in Pennsylvania, five of them being in Pittsburg. They are at No. 19 Diamond street, No. 433 Market street, No. 1824 Carson street, No. 4010 Butler street, and No. 1821 Penn avenue. They also have one at No. 124 Federal street, Allegheny, and one cach in Bradford and New Castle. The assignment must be recorded in every county in which the company has property. The store at 1224 Carson street was open for business as usual all day yesterday.

MUST SETTLE WITH THE CAPTAIN. Delinquent County Taxes That Are Now to Be Collected. People owing taxes to the county, gener ally on real estate, that have been delin-quent for years, will soon be invited to the County Commissioners' office, to settle with the Captain. Many cases have been running ten years, property owners preferring to pay ten years, property owners preferring to pay
the l0 per cent penalty rather than the tax
itself. The amount due is said to run into
hundreds of thousands of dollars.

It has been intimated for some months
that a move would be made on those in arrears, and yesterday the Commissioners decided that the ax must fall. It may make
some people squirm, but it will be pro bono
publico.

What Do You Know About a Plano? That it is one of the few articles of manufacture whose real value can only be determined by actual use. The only guarantee therefore that the purchaser of an instrument has is the reputation of the maker for first-class work. Go to Hamilton's, 91 and 93 Fifth avenue, the reputation of each in-strument established.

Also six, lisse and line French linen hand-embroidered, 75c to \$6. We are having a special sale of 10c, 15c, 25c, 35c and 50c goods. They are worth double the price.

A. G. CAMPBELL & SONS, 27 Fifth avenue. B. & B. If we could always get such chances to buy 50 piece lots—what are they? 32 inch wide printed dimities, only 15 cents. Boggs & BURL.

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ARTIFICIAL cyes inserted; expert adjuster of spectacles. Mannion, 67 Fifth av. Best \$1 spectacles. Linerusta waiton, pressed goods, hand-made goods; also cheap and medium grades, with ceilings, friezes and borders to match, and a full line of wood moldings, at Welty's, 120 Federal street, 65, 67, 69 and 71 Park

Penn Avenue Stores.

It will be to your advantage to buy a pair of my fine calf dress shoes at \$3; popular lasts. At G. D. Simen's, 78 Ohio st., Alle-Th Lies' Photo Gallery. Good work, low prices, prompt delivery, 10 and 12 Sixth street.

tinued. During the morning session W. F. Ludwig was sworn in as Clerk of the United

CRIMINAL COURT GRIST.

Patrick Leonard. Martin Dougerty was found guilty of simple assault on Mrs. Kate Murphy. John and Anna Scoffeld were tried for aggravated assault and battery on Michael Wallace, and convicted of assault

Criminal Court—Commonwealth vs Pat Kelly, Mike Dohela, C. L. Wachter, Martha E. Brenneman, W. L. Lippincott, Thomas Dutch, Richard Beale, Smith Beale, (2); Henry Freeman, Charles Johnson, Edward Tracy, John Glenn, Charles Lipkow, J. B. Wilson, Mary Ramsey, John McCaw, Peter Lorbig.

haney and others against the P. V. & C. R. R. Co., to recover damages for a right of way taken through the plaintiffs' property. THE jury is out in the case of Catharine Fulmer against McKeesport borough, an action to recover damages for injury to prop-erty caused by the overflowing of a sewer. The suit of Anna E. Lutz against D. Bullion is on trial before Judge Harry White. It is an action for damages for water flowing from the defendant's property into the plaintiff's cellar, causing dampness and thereby sickness in the plaintiff's family. THE following executions were issued yes-

Lucot alleges that Rogers filled in earth against a party wall between their proper-ties on Elliott street, Thirty-sixth ward, thereby forcing the wall over, covering a well and crushing in the foundation wall of Lucot's house.

Capital, \$100,000. Surplus, \$69,000. Deposits of \$1 and upward received and interest allowed at 4 per cent.

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gheny, Pa.

See the Three Kings. They are included in the bargain sale at Hamilton's music store, 91 and 93 Fifth are-une, this week.

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