SCHOOL DAYS PAST.

Brilliant Commencement Exercises Held Last Evening on Both Sides of the Allegheny.

A NIGHT OF SCHOLASTIC EVENTS.

Teachers and Pupils of the Twin Cities Preparing to Enjoy Their Well-Earned Vacation.

LITTLE PEOPLE TACKLE BIG SUBJECTS.

Weighty Questions of State Settled Easily By Girls and Boys.

The school terms are pretty generally closed. In some institutions examinations are still in progress, but after this week pupils will be at liberty to sniff the scent of June roses without the nightmare of lessons to con or irascible teachers to make afraid. In consequence, the young folks are as happy as pigs in clover, and may sunburn themselves with impunity for whole months, and lay in a stock of vitality for the next ten months' ordeal. The girls will be at liberty to organize lawn fetes, and the boys to discuss baseball, football, tennis, cricket, etc. None of these games have gotten an overmastering hold in this city, except baseball, and Superintendent Luckey thanks his stars that it is the only infliction that interferes with school routine to a serious extent. Being inclined to obesity and scantiness of breath, Mr. Luckey has probably less incitement toward athletic games than some lean people. He, however, does not carry his antagonism to the point of quarreling with lovers of athletic exercises.

A Harvest of Commencements.

For some time to come the commencements will occupy the attention of graduating classes who will feel that throbbing of the heart they never will feel again, not often, at least, after they begin the real battle of life and find that apples of Sodom thickly strew the pathway of that life that is real and earnest, and though the grave may not be its goal, in their estimation, yet its disappointments are only overcome by here and there a traveler.

The teachers will enjoy their vacation variously and some unusually conscientious ones vicariously. Some will go to summer resorts and some will stay at home from choice and others from necessity. Some are languishing on beds of pain while others are strictly in the swim and will have all the pleasure their means allow.

The complexion of the people's colleges will not be greatly changed at the autumnal equinox. The Second ward school, the Old South, loses two teachers, Misses Coles and Haley, and their places will be filled by Misses Jones and Wilson. Miss Lindsey, of the Grant school, is tossing on a sick bed.

Principal Johnston, of the Eleventh ward, has resigned and gone to the Seventh ward, Allegheny. His place will be filled by Miss Mackrell. Miss Irwins' place will be taken by Miss Rambo.

Mr. Riddle, principal of the Thirteenth ward school, retires. His successor has not been chosen.

One Radical Change of Discipline.

In the Fourteenth ward Miss Hively has resigned to take charge of the education of a husband, and her place has not been filled.

The Fifteenth ward loses Miss Fundenburg, who goes to the High School as a teacher of history, and Miss Hettie Fox, of No. 1, is transferred to Howard school, Sixteenth ward.

In the Twenty-second ward Principal McCabe retires and his place will be taken by Mr. Ellwood. Miss Nelson also retires.

In the Twenty-third ward Miss Martin retires.

On the Southside, with the exception of the Bedford and Allen districts, the school boards have not held elections.

The result of the examinations shows 558 applicants for admission to the High School. It is safe to say that some of them will fall by the wayside, but Superintendent Luckey seemed to think that a considerable portion of the aspirants will make the rifle.

There will be a multitude of picnics during the vacation, and among those who go to see that the youngsters are not bitten by toads or snakes there will be eyes that took love to eyes that speak again, as Byron might say. The High School will picnic at Idlewild, near Latrobe, on Friday.

The Central Board of Education has not fixed the time for the fall session of the schools to commence, but the date is expected to be August 31, which will beat the "kids" out of a day or two of fun, but that day falls on Monday.

CURRY'S COMMENCEMENT.

Enjoyable Graduation Exercises at the Grand Opera House—A Very Large Audience Present and the Enormous Class Acquits Itself Most Creditably.

Local talent, consisting of representative members of the Curry University graduating class, drew an audience at the Grand Opera House last evening unequalled before during the season in numbers and elegance. Shortly after 7 o'clock the theater began to fill, and so rapidly did the people arrive that by 8 o'clock the main body of the auditorium, the boxes and the balconies were packed to their utmost limit, and those who came afterward found standing room in the aisles and corridors.

The curtain rolling up was the signal for enthusiastic and prolonged applause, for in a simulated forest of cool shady trees, with electric lights so arranged that brilliant sunshine seemed to simmer and tremple through the leaves, were seated the 162 graduates—the young ladies arrayed in bewitching creations of white and feather fans and the young gentlemen equally elegant in their attire.

The faculty of the University with the trustees and prominent clergymen occupied chairs to the front and left of the stage. When the applause had simply become an echo, President J. Clark Williams requested Chaplan McGuire to open the programme with prayer.

The "Merry Wives of Windsor," a piano duet-overture rendered by Misses Emma Woelfel and Hattie Nichol was a happy and pleasing beginning of the exercises, and that the performance was creditable could be seen by the smile on Prof. Bissel's face, who instructs the piano pupils.

A Brilliant Young Salutatorian.

Mr. Walter Otto Amsler next came forward and enlisted the sympathy of his listeners at once in the "Trend of Nations" from his standpoint. Mr. Amsler was the salutatorian of the class, and is a young gentleman of clear, concise and bright ideas. He was remarkably clever in his address, so pronouncedly so that inquiries made concerning him developed the fact that but three years ago he was in knickerbockers, and is now but 16 years of age.

"The Crown in the Heart" was the subjec selected by Miss Anna Ernestein Kunm upon which to weave some of the prettiest thoughts in polished language regarding contentment. Miss Emma Griffiths personified "Heart's Delight" by singing a song with that title. The young lady appeared in good voice and a ravishingly pretty gown that displayed a pretty neck and arms. Bouquets almost as large as herself were presented Miss Griffith.

Mr. Richard S. Hoffman represented the business college and appropriately talked upon "Business Ethics." Mr. Hoffman was masterly in his address, and said, among many witty and pungent things: "It is not whether the country is large enough to hold the nations, or whether there is enough soil to grow cereals, but have we honesty and integrity enough to control the business of nations?"

Miss Theodora Marshall, the young lady from Kansas, recited in her own inimitable manner "The Boat Race," and received a storm of applause. "The Interpreters" gave a wide range for the pen of Miss Ella Moore Brown, and many prominent in law, science and literature were paid pretty tributes by the speaker.

Misses Tillie Mackintosh and Bertha Moore, in a vocal duet, "I Pescatori," were introduced to the audience, and the acquaintance was continued further by Miss Mackintosh in "The Mariner Mother's Prayer," with violin obligato by Miss Katherine Ball, and flute obligato by Mr. Thomas B. Atterbury, Jr.

Miss Catherine Alicia Carney with "Thoughts in the Shadows" evolved a very pretty and forcible argument, reinforced by illustrations, to prove that thoughts inspired by sickness, death, sorrow or trouble of any kind were the most worthy a place in the literature of the country.

Hearty Cheers for James G. Blaine.

"The Diplomatic Pen" was exactly the subject for Mr. John B. Eichenauer, who traced the history of the diplomatic relations between countries from its inception down to the present time, and concluded with an eulogy to James G. Blaine, that demonstrated the politics of the young man, and was greeted with a burst applause that fairly shook the rafters of the building. Mr. Eichenauer was twice recalled to acknowledge the appreciation of the audience.

"Quality, not Quantity," was the theme Miss Mary E. Edwards dilated upon until quantity was glad to retire from the superior claims of quality. Miss Sadie Emyle Wolfe accomplished wonders with "Sunbeam Sketches," and succeeded in brightening up the entire house. Grand concert fantasia, "Il Trovatore," a piano duet by Miss Hattie Adams and Jennie Clary, was received with great satisfaction, and "The Minuet" by pretty little Ida Milligan must needs to be repeated, so pleasing it was.

"The Spirit of the Age" was not a disagreeable one as outlined by Miss Gertrude E. Gibboney, and no one need to be afraid of it, though it will bear watching on extravagance and such things, but in all it is a pretty good spirit.

Miss Carrie Terrant with a vocal solo, "L'Estasi," preceded the valedictory address, and reflected much credit upon herself and her teacher. Miss Cora A. Harris delivered the valedictory, and proved herself equal to the emergency.

Full List of the Graduates.

The diplomas were then presented by President Williams—who, in all probability, will retire from his position before another graduation—to the following young gentlemen and ladies:

Classical Course—Miss Cora A. Harris.

Scientific Course—Walter Otto Amsler.

Seminary Course—Anna Ernestein Kumm, Sadie Emyle Wolfe, Catherine Alicia Carney.

Normal Course—Gertrude E. Gibboney.

Conservatory of Music—Sophia Margaretti Simen, Jennie Clary, Hallie Adams, Laura Idlewood Josephans.

School of Elocution and Dramatic Culture—Dora Marshall, Ella Redpath, Marcella Brownlee, Agnes Smith, Mary Kennedy, Nina Milligan, Mary Mitchell, Mazie Fennelly, Alice McCullough, I. M. Field, Miss Belle Davis, Ruth Reuck, Mary Byron, Gussie Wonderly, Blanche Oswald, Mary Nelson, Edith Coffin, May Hoffstott, Kittie Hamm, Alma Kruger, May McCrae Margaret Wise.

Business College—Lizzie G. Lysle, S. Elizabeth Zinsmaster, Julia Lillias Horner, John Wagoner, Charles S. Truex, Grace Florence Hastings, Ada McMillen, Charles Eyster, Agnes Lindsay Glover, John B. Eichenauer, Minnie Berger, Nannie A. D. Braden, Mary Ellen Edwards, Hugh A. Welt, Bessie J. Young, Minnie E. Morgan, J. Alphonsus Madigan, Harry S. Synder, Charles E. Miller, U. G. Davidson, Julia Adelaide Gregory, Charles L. McKinnon, William H. Goehring, W. H. Snyder, Annie May Schaffner, Annie Miller, Dorothy B. Burger, Harriet G. McMaster, John A. Fogarty, Robert S. Hardie, James W. Zacharias, Oliver D. Lewis, Claudine Barnes, Charles A. Hutchison, Mary M. Swaney, George H. Copley, Richard S. Hoffman, W. E. Franklin, Harry W. Gabby, Ada Myers King, Richard L. Fleming, George W. Wilson, Frank S. Daggett, J. F. Peterson, John A. Autenreith, Bertha Edna Derbaum, Albert Henry Lang, Annie G. Gromghar, Helen Josephine Lees, Addie Meredith, William J. Jenkins, William H. Gogley.

School of Shorthand and Typewriting—Ella Moore Brown, Minnie Frew Barnes, Mary Margaretta Burke, Paul R. Bowles, Mayme Alice Burnett, Edna Emily Cope, Alice Marie Campbell, George B. Coburn, Rose Angela Christy, Emma Florence Dahlem, Catherine Isabel Dougherty, Hannah Deery, Margaret Hooker, Emma Horne, Grace Florence Hastings, Elizabeth Marie Howells, Annie Sophia Hart, Angie Haffner, Harry Haulin, Anna Ernestine Kumm, Rosa Margaret Keeling, Carrie Wood Kimberlin, Frank B. King, Anna Loyd, Mary Agnes Dignam, Annie Laurie Stuart, Albert Henry Lang, Lucius Leverett Sloan, Alberta Walshe, James C. Scanlan, Grace Triplett, Howard L. Thumm, Norine Agnes Whelan, John Campbell Wilson, Mary Kane Wright, John May, Katherine Elizabeth Dippel, Mary Ellen Edwards, John B. Eichenauer, Orrie Flickenger, Anna Marie Freebing, Edith Fritchman, Eleanor A. Fulton, James T. Fellows, Agnes Lindsay Glover, Lavinia Gertrude Gray, Margaret Geist, Charles Gardener, Frank Guy, Birdie Gould, Lizzie G. Lysle, Ada Emily Lewis, Lydia Lom, Kate Lynch Laney, Ella Letitia Matthews, Vesta Nell Mevay, Lucy B. McDowall, John J. Moore, Joseph Andrew Null, Anna Perrine, Sara Parker, William P. Patterson, Mary M. Swaney, Cora M. Strother, James Pittaway, Julia Lillias Horner, Essaline Agatha Wasson, Lizzie M. Miller, Minnie Griffiths, William P. Coll, Nell Stone Tibbetts, Frank Stone, Minnie Seubower, Elizabeth Zinsmaster, Jerome Wood, Ashel Hight, Anna E. Black.

WITNESSED BY HUNDREDS.

The Allegheny High School Graduates Bid Farewell to School Days—Everything Passed Off Smoothly—They Present a Charming Programme at Carnegie Hall.

The commencement exercises of the Allegheny High School were held last night in Carnegie Music Hall, and an audience of 1,500 people applauded the efforts of the graduates. The platform was decorated with palms. In front was a row of pretty girl graduates, and behind were rows on rows of handsome boys. An overture by City Organist Wales opened the affair and its course ran smoothly, despite the rumors that there was to be a disturbance. Principal Dodds conducted the exercises. Rev. James T. Satchell made the opening prayer.

"Municipal Reform" was the subject of the salutatory of Charles Francis Sarver. He spoke of city government, with its rings, corruption, enrichment of favorites through granting valuable franchises and awarding fat contracts, corrupt politicians, etc., to the great glee of many of his hearers who had a city politician for a near neighbor in the audience. Election frauds were touched on and the statement made that free local government has been abolished and the rule of the ring prevails.

An essay on "Memories of Greece," by Miss Bessie Buchanan Crowley, followed. All the benefits derived from and knowledge of the arts, literature, oratory and all that is beautiful were credited to the Greeks by the essayist in her paper.

"The Empire of Mind" was the subject of an oration by John Fleming Eggers, who came next. The ingenuity of the human mind in adapting to use water, steam, fire, air, etc., for human conveniences were dwelled on at length.

The Four Classes of Society.

After an overture by the orchestra Miss Ellen Pauline Strasburger delivered an essay on "An Intellectual Aristocracy." She treated the division of society into classes, and rated them into genealogical, wealthy, political and intellectual. After giving her opinion of each and reciting their characteristics, she placed the intellectual above them all.

"Labor" was the subject of an oration by Benjamin Dangerfield. The conditions existing between capital and labor in America, England, Germany, France and Italy were given at length.

A debate came next. It was on whether or whether or not Russia's treatment of her Siberian exiles demanded the interference of the civilized world. The affirmative was taken by Frank Edward Diem. He recited the cruelty, hardship and injustice that the exiles were exposed to by the crimes of the Russian Government against its subjects, and maintained that the inalienable laws of human right demanded fair trials and humane treatment, and justified the interference or other nations.

The negative was taken by David Leslie Patterson. He called attention to the fact that the exiles were criminals, murderers, Nihilists, assassins, Anarchists, etc., and the sentiment in their favor was foolish. Justice and the principles of international law prevented interference.

A Very Touching Valedictory.

The valedictory address was made by Miss Agnes Jarboe, who bade a touching farewell to faculty, school controllers and classmates.

The presentation of diplomas was made by Principal Dodds with appropriate remarks to the class of 1891, and the benediction by the Rev. Dr. Woodburn closed the exercises.

The graduating class of this year is composed of the following:

Academical course, three years—Annie Mary Callen, Bessie B. Cowley, Luella B. Crawford, Benjamin Dangerfield, Frank E. Dunn, Harry G. Fleck, Ernest Forrester, Agnes Jarboe, Anna V. Nolan, Ellen J. Patterson, David L. Patterson, Hattie E. Seitz, William K. Steiner and Ellen P. Strasburger. First honor, Miss Cowley; second honor, B. Dangerfield; third honor, Miss Strasburger.

Graduating from class of 1890, having taken an additional year under the new rules—Margaret R. Stewart, Anetta F. Trimble.

Past graduates—Eva M. Bard, Lillian D. Cree.

Commercial Department—William Anshutz, Albert F. Benkart, John F. Eggers, Alfred K. Grubbs, Charles J. Hornecker, Charles A. Lawrence, George T. Miller, Edward R. Paul, George F. Peters, Samuel S. S. B. Reddick, Charles F. Sarver, Samuel H. Smith and Walter McC. Trimble.

First honor, Alfred K. Grubbs; second honor, Samuel S. S. B. Reddick; third honor, Charles F. Sarver.

The performers were elected without reference to rank in class.

A GOOD CROWD PRESENT.

St. Benedict Academy Exercises Well Attended by Friends.

St. Benedict Academy held its commencement in St. Mary's Hall, at the corner of North and Liberty streets, Allegheny, yesterday afternoon. The attendance was even larger than upon similar exercises during previous years. The programme, which was published in this paper Sunday, was carried out successfully and most creditably to all who participated.

Those who took part were the Misses Maud Hulbert, Gertrude Allers, Annie Schaefer, Tillie Lutz, Alice Steinbeck, Jeannette Hulbert, Ella Barker, Ida Smith, Cecilie Benkart, Mr. J. Wiegand, Mr. J. Labitzky, Miss C. Bauer, Miss Annie Stratman, Miss Maud Hulbert, Miss Mary McLinden, Miss Aline Walker, Miss Clemie Bauer, Miss Clara Mitsch, Miss Mary Lang, Misses Minnie Lattner, Annie Young.

USED THREE LANGUAGES.

Holy Ghost College Graduates Deliver Latin, English and German Orations—A Sensible Address by Bishop Phelan to the Young Men.

The Holy Ghost College held its thirteenth annual commencement last evening. The many relatives and friends of the bright young men of the school had a long climb of it up to the spacious hall at the top of the magnificent edifice; but when once there all their efforts were rewarded by hearing a programme of rare excellence as well as learning. There were addresses in English, Latin and German and while the last two languages named "were all Greek" to many, yet the splendid delivery and expressive manners of the speakers evoked the closest attention to their utterances. The College Orchestra, which furnished the instrumental music is really a most wonderfully well drilled amateur organization. Its admirable work last evening augmented the splendid reputation it made for itself at the time of the performance of the Greek play by the students in the same hall some weeks ago.

The vocal numbers were all of superior excellence, and elicited tumultuous applause. The address at the conclusion by Rt. Rev. R. Phelan, D. D., Bishop of Pittsburg, was one of sound common sense, advice and practical suggestions to the graduates, whom he characterized as students, not for college alone, but for life, and to the young men not yet stepping over into the beginning of active exertions in the world of affairs.

The programme in detail is as follows: Overture, "Fantaisie Mexicaine," College Orchestra; Latin salutatory, John T. Walsh; song, "Music and Her Sister Song," select choir; oration, "Tercentenary of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Thomas Giblin; music, "Symposium Quadrille," College Orchestra; German oration, "Zur Achthundertjahrigen Jubelfeier des Heiligen Bernard," Fred J. Rausch; vocal solo, "Come, Birdie! Come!" Arthur Auger; oration, "A Liberal Business Education," William Grogan; music, "Irene Waltzes," College Orchestra; oration, "The Study of Oratory," Andrew J. Carey; vocal quartet, "Die Kapelle," select choir: oration, "The Study of Logic," Robert J. Lawlor; vocal duet, "The Voices of the Night," Jos. Graffelder and Arthur Auger; vocal solo, "The Heart Bowed Down," Thomas Giblin; valedictory, William J. McMullen; address, Right Rev. R. Phelan, D. D.; Music, "Goodby," College Orchestra.

The class of '91 was composed of Andrew J. Carey, Thomas F. Giblin, Robert J. Lawlor, Wm. J. McMullen, Fred. L. Rausch and John T. Walsh of the classical and scientific department: John Briley, Thomas Cullihan, John Farrell, Francis Klein, Chas. Munhall, Joseph Schnelbach, Chas. S. Pigelmire and Wm. Swift. Gold medals were awarded to James J. Quinn, '92, for religious knowledge; to Michael O'Donnell, '93, for excellence; to Wm. J. McMullen, for highest percentage in senior class. The donors of the gold medals wers Rev. D. Devlin, Rev. Jas. Nolan and Rev. S. Mollinger.

CHARGES OF INCONSISTENCY.

City Treasurer Denniston Strongly Objects To the Action of Governor Pattison in the West Penn Hospital Matter—Resents the Charge of Mismanagement.

All those connected with the West Penn Hospital are still considerably put out about Governor Pattison's veto of the bill allowing the institution $32,000 to make up a deficit. City Treasurer Denniston, who is secretary of the executive committee of the hospital, is very indignant. In speaking of it yesterday he said:

"Governor Pattison has not only acted inconsistently in refusing the money, but has taken occasion to accuse us of reckless mismanagement, an imputation which all those connected with the hospital resent. We give much of our own personal attention, as well as our money, to the institution in the endeavor to have it conducted as such an institution should be and are rewarded by being publicly denounced as incapable of doing things in a businesslike way, of following improper courses, for which the Commonwealth, through its executive head, must chastise us as if we were a lot of boys using the hospital as a private gain. Two years ago the hospital received an appropriation of $25,000 per year for charitable cases. This sum was found to be inadequate, but instead of turning away scores of sufferers they were taken in and cared for. This made a deficit of $10,000 each year, or $32,000 altogether.

"There are two features of the case that show the Governor's inconsistency. He agrees to grant the hospital $45,000 per year, instead of $25,000 for charitable purposes in the future, while he declines to allow the payment of the deficit caused by the same thing during the two years just passed. If the money is necessary one time, how can he argue it is not necessary at another, when the conditions are the same. In the second place he says he has endeavored to follow the State Board of Charities in granting money. It the case of the West Penn Hospital the State Board not only recommended the $32,000 in question, but $80,000 in addition for the payment of an old debt, which latter sum was taken out before the bill went to the Governor. The board unanimously found the hospital worthy of $170,000. The Governor refused to grant the $122,000 asked for."

GOT ALL IT WANTED.

The P., A. & M. Traction Company Holds All the Routes to Woods' Run—It Is Granted an Extension of Time and Everything Else in Sight.

Allegheny Common Councils met last night and the Pittsburg, Allegheny and Manchester Traction Company got everything that it wanted. The only man who saw that this road was capturing all the routes to Woods' Run below the Ft. Wayne road was Mr. Eshelman, but he could not induce his colleagues to see the point. Mr. Rippey bubbled over a few times but subsided when Mr. Knox introduced a resolution to bring Mr. Rippey before the Mayor and make him prove that Councilmen had accepted bribes. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

When the body was called to order it looked so quiet that the Chairman did not think it necessary to call the gentlemen to deposit their pistols with the clerk. The suspected quiet attitude showed itself with the ordinance granting the P., A. & M. an extension of time until October 1. It was passed almost unanimously and without debate. Next came the resolution granting the Union line permission to use the tracks of the Manchester line from Washington avenue to Beaver avenue, and thence by way of Island to Preble avenue. Mr. Eshelman offered an amendment that in consideration the Union line relinquish their rights on the following named streets: Beaver and Washington avenues, Market street and Stanton avenue, thence along private property abutting Preble avenue and thence to Island avenue.

Following this a full majority of Common Council got up and declared themselves opposed to the amendment. Mr. Knox held that if this route were cut off, access to Woods' Run might be cut off at any time, because part of the route now in use was on private property, the owner of which could at any time stop the line. A. M. Neeper, Secretary of the company, made practically the same statement.

All amendments were lost, however, and the ordinance as originally presented was passed. After this came the ordinance granting the contract to Thomas Carlin's Sons for the castings needed by the Board of Public Works. An ordinance repealing the paving of Humboldt street was passed. The Auditing Committee reported progress. Mr. Knox offered a resolution fixing salaries in the Board of Public Works. Mr. Schondelmeyer also offered a resolution directing the Pleasant Valley Company to remove its tracks on the north and south side of Ohio street to the center.

Rooms With Power and Light to Rent.

The attention of parties using power for light manufacturing business, and also wishing a central location, together with the conveniences of front offices, passenger and freight elevator service and electric light furnished by the lessors, is directed to the building, 75, 77, 79 Diamond street.

There is now for rent on these premises to desirable tenants a large area on the sixth floor, lighted on all sides and from a central area also; the whole of the fifth floor, being a space 60 feet by nearly 100, also splendidly lighted in every part; and two rooms on the second floor, sizes 30x20 and 18x18—both excellent for work rooms and offices combined.

Power on these premises supplied with electric light included in the rental. Apply to John T. Shields, Dispatch building, corner Diamond and Smithfield, second floor.

6,000 yards 8c cotton challies at 5c.
JOS. HORNE & CO.'S
Penn Avenue Stores.

CHEAP TIMBER LAND.

Three Men Arrested for Attempting to Work a Next Fraud.

VICTIMS PUT OFF MANY TIMES

With Promises That Transportation Would Be Furnished Soon.

SUICIDE OF A MAN WHO FEARED ARREST

J. H. Hanson, H. Clark and G. M. Watt, of the firm of J. H. Hanson & Co., of No. 96 Fourth avenue, were arrested yesterday on the charge of operating a bogus land agency. During the past few days Assistant Superintendent O'Mara and Detective Shore have received numerous letters from parties complaining about the operations of this firm. These led to an investigation which convinced the police that the men in question were working a crooked scheme. As a result Assistant Superintendent O'Mara and Detectives Shore and Demmel went down to the office yesterday afternoon and arrested the men. They have only been in the city a short time and had scarcely got their office furnished when the police put a stop to their operations.

The plan is one of the neatest ones tried in Pittsburg for some time. The plan was to offer tracts of timber land in the State of Washington. The applicant paid a small sum of money. Title was promised the applicant within 60 days after the agreement was made.

Plenty of Brilliant Promises.

The company promised transportation free to the property, and at the end of 60 days guaranteed a purchaser for the timber on the land at a price of not less than $8 per acre. Twenty-nine dollars purchased 160 acres of ground, and larger or smaller sums in proportion.

Since the firm located in Pittsburg 13 persons are known to have been induced to enter the scheme with their money, and many others have been caught whose names are not known. After having turned over their money they were promised their transportation and papers in two or three days. On applying then they were again put off with some trivial excuse. This was repeated time after time, and finally several of the parties became suspicious and appealed to the police. Those who were caught by the brilliant promises of the firm, with the amounts put into the scheme, as far as known are as follows:

J. B. Carson, Penn avenue, $15; M. L. Matheny, Thirty-first street, Southside, $18; Edward Martin, Fifth avenue, $20; Michael Nolan, 61 First avenue, $28 50; William Ryan, 55 Webster avenue, $29 50. Norton C. Dibble, 27 Third avenue, $10; Edgar D. Smith, 71 Isabella street, Allegheny, $10; Sturgeon C. McDonald, Stanton avenue, $10; John C. Mahoney, 1920 Harcums alley, $5; Thomas Welsh, 2220 Harcums alley, $29 50; M. S. Enslow, New Martinville, W. Va., $10; Timothy Hurley, 2803 Harcums alley, ——; R. S. Nelson, 115 South Canal street, Allegheny, $10.

Prospectus of the Plotters.

The concern was known as the "Washington Colonization and Investment Company, incorporated at Seattle, Wash., April, 21, 1891." The following is a copy of one of the peculiar contracts made with a number of persons in this vicinity by these people, which will explain partially the nature of their business. The contract was printed in green and gold letters above a big official looking gold seal in one corner. The document was worded thus:

Received of Thomas Welsh, $29 50, for which we are to locate him upon 160 acres of timber land within 60 days from date, on the following conditions:

We are to pay all expenses, and as soon as Mr. Welsh gets his title to the said land, we will procure for him a purchaser who will pay $8 per acre for the timber on the said land. All settlements to be made within 90 days from date of this agreement, 189 . Should we fail to fill any part of this agreement we will return the amount paid by Mr. Welsh to him. And if Mr. Welsh agrees to make the payment to him of $850 over and above all expenses, he will transfer the timber on said land to the parties designated, and that he will not, under any consideration, make known the conditions of this agreement to any person without the consent of the company, and that if he does he will forfeit all right to the money advanced to him. Signed by

THOMAS WELSH.
G. W. BENNETT, President.
J. H. HANSON & CO., Agents.

From the evidence shown by the books it appears that the agents have been willing to take anything they could get from persons with whom they did business. The police expect to hear from a large number of other persons who have paid money into this concern to-day. The agents absolutely refused to talk, except to say that they intended to make good every contract they had entered into.

The police have not finished investigating the case, but expect to do so to-day. Until they have further looked into it they have not much to say.

PREFERRED DEATH TO ARREST.

Duncan McKinney Throws Himself From a Hotel Window Because He Imagines a Constable Is After Him—Joseph Guschurofsky Takes Rough on Rats.

Duncan McKinney, aged 42 years, of Willow Grove station, jumped from a window of the Union Hotel at Etna early yesterday morning and was killed. Investigation proved that he did so from fear of arrest. The Coroner held an inquest in the case yesterday afternoon. Developments show that on Monday night McKinney called at the house of Mrs. Rebecca Ward, at Glenshaw, a few miles above Etna, and asked for her sons, formerly residents of Willow Grove. On learning that they were not at home McKinney started for Pittsburg, but missing the train walked to Etna, reaching the Union Hotel about 10:30 o'clock. He talked with H. C. Dunham in the hotel barroom, and said he was feeling worried and tired. He said his sister died seven weeks ago, leaving a daughter of 18 and a son of 14. The daughter he had taken from a Lawrenceville speakeasy a few days ago and gave her a whipping.

For this, he said, she had sued him and Constable Foster was after him to arrest him. He had left his home to avoid arrest.

A few moments after 11 o'clock McKinney drank a glass of beer and asked for a bedroom. Nothing further was heard from him until about 3 o'clock yesterday morning when Christ Graham, on his way to work, found the dead body, cold and stiff, lying face down on the street directly beneath the window. Dr. Kroesen examined the body and found that both wrists and one leg were broken, there were internal injuries and the head had been injured, death resulting immediately. The Coroner learned that Constable Foster, of Mansfield, had a warrant for McKinney's arrest on a charge of assault and battery, brought before Justice of the Peace McMillin by the niece of McKinney's, as he had stated.

From the evidence of all the witnesses and other evidence gathered, it is believed McKinney, having a dread of arrest and the law, had left his home to avoid it. In this condition, and brooding over the matter, he retired, and, a few minutes later, hearing the proprietor and son coming upstairs to go to bed, imagined it was a constable and jumped out of the window. The jury found a verdict accordingly.

Joseph Guschurofsky, a German laborer, aged 40 years, attempted suicide about 6 o'clock last evening at his home on the hill above Twenty-ninth street, with a large dose of "rough on rats." He mixed the dose in a cup of coffee. Immediately after drinking the mixture he commenced to suffer, and was taken to the West Penn Hospital. At a late hour last night he was not expected to live. Domestic troubles were the cause.

COLLIDED WITH THE STATUTES.

BENJAMIN TIMMONS got ten days to the workhouse yesterday for insulting George Gitting.

JOHN W. CHAMBERS, the bogus detective, was sent 30 days to the workhouse, yesterday.

CHARLES VIGLEY and Stevens McGill, two vags, were given 30 days to the works, yesterday, by Alderman Succop.

THE case of Detective Cook, who was charged with extortion by James Walls, was dismissed by Alderman McMasters, yesterday.

SHERIFF DANIELS, of Potter county, brought Johlie Sharp to the Western Penitentiary yesterday to serve two years and three months for larceny.

NICHOLAS BAINE will have a hearing in the United States Court rooms this morning. He is charged with passing counterfeit silver dollars in several East End saloons.

MAGISTRATE MCKENNA yesterday committed Joseph Boyle and Hugh Calland to jail for a hearing Friday, charged with attempting to rob the Penn Incline office.

ARTHUR STEWART, charged a week ago with embezzlement by J. D. Bernd, of J. D. Bernd & Co., was recommitted to jail last night for a hearing Friday before Alderman McKenna.

SOME DEMOCRATS PLEASED.

T. J. O'Leary Sounds Pattison's Praises—Ed Smiley Defends the Legislature Against the Charge of Drunkenness—He Calls Down Representative Jones.

"That's all right," remarked T. J. O'Leary yesterday with a broad grin, when asked what he thought of Pattison's indorsement for President by the Clarion county Democrats. Mr. O'Leary, however, is a strong adherent of the Governor, and he would be an ingrate not to be, for he got everything he asked for. "Pattison may be knocking out bills at a lively rate," he continued, "but he is honest. He is not using the veto power either, to gain popularity, but he gives good reasons for all his actions. Why not make Pattison President? He is able and a first-class man."

Ed Smiley, Chief Clerk of the Senate, claims some of the Governor's vetos are inconsistent. In killing an appropriation for a Reading hospital he said he had established the rule that no such bills would be signed unless they were approved by the State Board of Charities. He turned around and signed a bill for a hospital at Oil City which had not been sanctioned by the board. "Of course, we are not kicking," said Mr. Smiley, "but it shows the Governor either forgets his rule or applies it when he feels like it."

Representative Jones, in his Homestead speech, attacked the Legislature as a drunken set and pound hand and foot to the corporations. Mr. Smiley resented this arraignment, and said: "The last Legislature was the most sober in my experience at Harrisburg. Outside of Russ' Hotel there is no other drinking bout of any account in the city. I frequently went in there last winter, and seldom saw a crowd of members sitting at the tables as in old times. The boys were at work. Most of the drinking was done by the outsiders who came to Harrisburg and not by the legislators. The trouble with Jones is that he talked too much. I will wager that he took up $10,000 worth of the State's time with his long, unnecessary speeches. He is one of the men who is always harping about the poor workingmen. Why, the anthracite, store order and compulsory educational bills were passed in their interest. Nobody ever gets all he wants at Harrisburg, and it is impossible to hold 200 men in line and have them do a great amount of work."

Colonel Thomas M. Bayne came up from Washington yesterday and registered at the Schlosser. He will sail in a short time on his trip around the world. The Colonel said he was devoting his time to farming, and he declined to talk politics. He commended Harrison's administration.

Ex-Sheriff McCandless received a telegram yesterday stating that the Pennsylvania Club in Philadelphia had indorsed Dalzell, and would send delegates for him to the convention.

Rev. Dr. Derrick, a prominent colored minister and politician in New York, was on the limited last evening going to Chicago to attend a convention of the Episcopal Church about sending missionaires to Haiti. He says there are 24,000 colored voters in New York State and they are Republican. He thinks Harrison will be renominated and elected. During campaigns the preacher hangs around headquarters at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, and he generally gets what he wants. He wields a wonderful influence with colored voters in the city.

RUNNING ALONG FOREVER.

Mighty Tedious Work in the Baden Natural Gas Company Hearing.

The contention between the Baden Natural Gas Company and its creditors will have entered its fourth year by the time of the next meeting on the first Tuesday of September. Some of the lawyers, such as Knox and Dickey, are still quite young men, but the Master, M. A. Woodward, though in the prime of manhood, expects to leave the case as a legacy to his grandchildren. There was another hearing yesterday, and John W. Chalfant, of Spang, Chalfant & Co., was examined. The substance of his testimony was that his firm was a creditor of the company, but he was not able to tell whether or no the capital stock of the Baden Gas Company was paid or whether it was founded on credits.

After Mr. Knox got through with Mr. Chalfant, Mr. Raymond took him in hand, but the witness had shot his wad and nothing further was elicited. Mr. Dickey said he had no cross-examination to make.

Master M. A. Woodward, favorably entertained a proposition to expedite proceedings by having a stenographer take the remainder of the testimony, as Mr. Woodward's "fist" is one that would puzzle Horace Greeley's printers. By the way, it looks as though writing will soon be a lost art, certainly so far as lawyers are concerned. It is probable that before this century ends education will be simplified to the extent that pupils at school will only be taught to write their names, a precaution that seems necessary in order that the autenticity of alleged acts may be substantiated in the case of disputed documents, such as the founders of the famous Band of Friendship case. After the present generation passes away the stenographer and typewriter will have the field to themselves, and when nations "hang the trumpet in the hall and study war no more," the art of writing will be extinct, along with the goose-quill pen.

HE CAME FROM SEWICKLEY.

How a Nervous Groom Registered at the Seventh Avenue Hotel.

A very nervous young man from Sewickley went into the Seventh Avenue Hotel last evening and registered "man and wife."

"Oh, that won't do," said Mr. Perdi. "Write your full name. Just been married, I suppose. Feel a little nervous. Well, most men do under such circumstances."

"Thank you," gasped the greatly relieved groom. "Maria and I were buckled by the preacher this afternoon, and I didn't know what you wanted me to put down on that big book."

Mr. Jones is the genial Welshman who hands out keys and answers questions at the house.

"I want a room with plenty of water in it," said a hot and florid man, as he registered yesterday.

"All right," replied the clerk. "I will give you a room with running water and a spring in your bed besides."

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