Matters Which Worry the Officials and Shape the Course of Municipal Legislation.

ATTACKING THE CURATIVE BILLS.

It is Claimed That the Legislature Overstepped All Bounds in Passing

FLAGMEN WILL BE RELD RESPONSIBLE.

Pittsburg Pays the Tribute of Another Life for Rapid Transit.

The advocates of street-curative legislation xesterday found themselves solidly opposed when they came into court, and, through City Attorney Moreland, asked Common Pleas No. 2 to appoint viewers to assess bene-fits and damages on a large number of streets improved under the laws of 1887 and 1889. Mr. Moreland urged immediate action, as he said further delay would stop all improve-ments for this year. Just at this juncture Messrs C. A. O'Brien and C. C. Dickey objected to the appointment of viewers and, fter an extended discussion, the matter viewers were named.

Subsequently Mr. Moreland repeated the erformance in Common Pleas No. 3, but nd Dickey and O'Brien again confronting him. This court refused to appoint, and Judge Ewing hearing thereof rescinded the sintments he had made. The same scene was enacted in Common Pleas No. I, and Judges Collier and Single

after a hearing fixed Friday at 2 o'clock P. M. for a hearing. Altogether there were I7 lawyers drawn up

in battle array with kunpsacks packed for a long fight on behalf of the objectors. Councils Do Not Have Jurisdiction.

Attorneys C. A. O'Brien and M. A. Wood-ward filed in Common Pleas No. 2, on behalf of Frank Shanley et al. objections to the apliention so far as Bongs avenue was con cerned. This is the street on which interest

While it is true as alleged in the petition of ouncils purporting to authorize the grading of Boggs avenue from Bailey avenue to the city line and also true that a further ordistance was passed and approved purport-ing to authorize the paving and curbing the come from Bailey avenue to Louis Neeb's nd for want of jurisdiction in councils. It is further objected that it is not true as

sileged in the petition that the work was one in accordance with the terms of the ordinance, but on the contrary, the engineers and other officers and agents of the city changed the grade, shape and width of the avenue, as established by the ordinance. Violated the Constitution.

It is true, as alleged, that the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has declared the act of June 4, 18-7, under which the city claimed o set, unconstitutional and void, and held all proceedings relating to the improvement void and set them aside upon the ap-peal of the parties hereto, and this on the grounds that the act violated the Constitufrom of the State in locally changing the cristiction and regulating the practice of the courts in denying to those now objecting the right of petition and a remedy by the course of law for their grievances rising out of the proceeding as will more ally appear by reference to the official resort of the decision in Vol. 127, p. 234, Penncitants State Reports.

the proceeding by reference to the concentration of the proceeding and processed an act on the lith of May, the express purpose of overcoming act of that decision, and especially to ad assist the city of Pittsburg to collect ost of the work: yet it is objected that General Assembly had not the power to get the want of jurisdiction in Councilis in anching the ordinances relating to the improvements, which were null and void from the r inception and incapable of ratification; and it is respectfully submitted that the meral Assembly in passing the act expending the incommission of the attorney the incommission of the attor

the fight will be based in a large number of Pleas Judges will meet and determine whether they will hear the matter now or appoint the viewers as prayed for and hear egument later. The opinion is hazarded by some that the court will dismiss the excepaving them to come up on appeal. This could protract the fight, but from the desire would protract the fight, but from the desire to see the question definitely settled the motion will be pushed rapidly in any event.

The objectors will cover pretty much the same ground. C. Dickey takes the position that the city was a trespasser, as the legislation under which it acted was not constitutional. He donles that the city can make a lien by a law passed after the work was done; that the movement is a violation of the bill of rights; that the work being illogal no compensation can be claimed for it. He also holds that the curative legislation providing for collecting cost of street and sewer improvements from property owners regardless of value of improvement will not stand. He holds that it is the value of the improvement and not its cost that of the improvement and not its cost that should be collected, as in some instances more is charged for work than it is worth,

are constructed on private property, and aid legislation undertakes to prevent the owner of this property from suing for damges for trespass.

From the determined stand some of the objectors are taking one thing is evident viz.; that when the matter is once settled by the court it is likely to be settled for all time

and finally that the curative legislation is unconstitutional in that many of the sewers

ar as accrued.

vening City Attorney Moreland said:
ourds of viewers will be appointed
nder the new street laws. Common
ourt No. 2 will name the board to act
tes in the old city and Southride. on streets in the old city and Southside.

The board for all the East End streets will be appointed in No. 3. To-morrow in Common Pleas No. 1 viewers for sewers in all parts of the city will be appointed."

HOLDS: THE BILL OVER.

The Case Against the Citizens' Traction Company Is Not Clear Enough.

Judge McClung handed down an opinion yesterday in refusing an injunction asked for in the case of Warmcastle and others against the Citizens' Traction Company. The complaint was that the company allowed cars to stand on Frankstown and Penn avenue, obstructing approach to the property of the plaintiffs. The defendants in the plaintiffs suffer no damage other an that common to the public. Judge McClung says he doubts the right of the plaintiffs to maintain a joint and, as it could readily amended in this respect, for the court the bill will be allowed to lie. The nitific, however, are entitled to some rebut the fact is not clear enough to justically a prediction of the court of the fact is not clear enough to justically a prediction. my awarding a preliminary injunction. tional affidavits and renew the motion if at any time the defendants fail to afford all possible facilities for passing around or be-tween the cars at the point named. In the case of the city against the Central ction Company, an injunction to restrain

Traction Company, an injunction to restrain them from tearing up Center avenue between Herron avenue and Soho street, for the purpose of laying tracks, an injunction was refused, the defendant company having a right of way. The attorneys in the case made but short arguments, the question being one for disposition of the Court.

The heavy rains of Tuesday washed out a direct the Philadelphia Company was digging along Frankstown avenue near the Home-

KILLED BY A CABLE CAR. A Little Italian Child Ground Under the

Wheels at a Crowded Corner-Attorney Moreland Says the City Cannot Be Re SCALE SIGNED AT YOUNGSTOWN. sible for Officers' Negligence.

At 6:30 o'clock last evening a little Italian boy was ground to death under the wheels of a Pittsburg Traction car. The accident occurred on Fifth avenue just above Smithfield street. It was just at the time great crowds of people were hurrying along the streets bound for home and supper. Many of the latter were doubtless poorly relished by those who saw the affair. Car No. 16 was down the steep grade with a small

Gripman C. M. Porter was sounding his gong to clear the way across Smithfield street, and was just preparing to put on brakes to slow up at the crowded corner. Just then he saw a child run out from a doo Just then he saw a child run out from a door to his right and dart through the crowd of passersby toward the street. Closely following was a woman, frantically, endeavoring to catch the child. The little one reached the track just as the cardid. It was all over in an instant. The gripman saw the child in front of the car. He put all his weight on the heavy brake lever. The heavy car slipped about eight feet down the grade and then came to a halt. When Gripman Porter looked out again he saw a stream of blood trickling down the rail.

Crushed Under the Wheels.

In a moment a crowd had gathered and the mangled body was pulled out from under the wheels. The child was Viasi Vito, the 4-year-old son of Dominic Vito, who lives in the rear of No. 119 Fifth avenue, just op-posite the place where the accident oc-curred. The boy lived about 20 minutes after being carried from the street. His head and left side were crushed by the wheels.

head and left side were crushed by the wheels.
Coroner McDowell was on hand in a few moments, and empaneled a Jury. After viewing the body, it adjourned until 11st o'clock this morning, when the inquest will be held. In the meantime the car had gone on down around the loop, leaving a bloody mark on the rails at each revolution of the wheels. When it reached the corner of Smithfield street Detective Shore boarded it. He stood back of Gripman Porter until he finished his trip at the other end of the line, where the detective placed him under arrest.

Later in the evening Superintendent Davis furnished bail in the sum \$2,000 for Porter's appearance at the inquest this morning. The City Will Not Be Liable

Two serious accidents on traction lines in as many days caused considerable comprincipally centered at the time the test was ment about the city last night. The provoting the proceeds to hiring officers to watch dangerous corners came in for its the city of Pittsburg that ne ordinance was | share of the talk. The point has been passed and approved November 25, 1887, by raised that the city, by thus hiring these

raised that the city, by thus hiring these men, becomes liable to suits for damages in case of accidents resulting from the negligence of such officers. City Attorney Moreland was asked yesterday whether this would be the case or not.

"That question has been decided time and time again," said he. "If an accident results from the negligence of the company operating the road, it will, of course, be held responsible. In case it is caused by any neglect on the part of the officer at the corner, he is individually responsible, and not the party hiring him. The city will get into no litigations on that question."

THE SMOKE CONSUMER QUESTION

Will Be Considered by the Public Safety

Committee To-Day. A special meeting of the Committee on Select Councilman Warmcastle at 1 o'clock this afternoon to consider the smoke consumer ordinance presented by him last week in blank. Mr. Warmcastle has drafted the ordinance, and it is complete for printng as soon as considered by the committee. He hopes to have the bill reported to councils this afternoon, and refused to divulge its contents until it is presented in the

According to the reports at the Union depot the Pennsylvania carried 50,000 people into the city on the Fourth, the Panhandle has a record of 18,000, and on the Northwest system 205,000 tickets were lifted on the day before the Fourth. The record for the day is 15 per cent better than for last year.

Republican Club at Bellevne Bellevue is organizing a Republican club. Prominent residents have affixed their names to a petition, and there is no doubt' the club will be formed. It will be admitted! to the National League, and will elect deligates to the State Convention.

LITTLE JAGS OF JUSTICE.

OFFICER CREHAN last evening arrested John Brinesky for assaulting Mary Crinesky. WOLFGANG STERN was put under \$300 baflon a common charge made by Michael Frank. They live out Penn avenue.

ANTON WASSELL claims John Cyfrick gave

him a severe thumping. It is assault and battery. They live in the Tenth ward. SOUTHE BRYAN, of McKee's Rocks, vester

THOMAS MCCARTHY charges Joseph Kelly with striking him on the head with a bat during a baseball game. Alderman Burns will hear the case. THOMAS MENTZER, of Allegheny, was held

for trial at court by Alderman McKenna ves terday on a charge of desertion preferred against him by his wife. MICHAEL KEARNS was committed to jail by

Alderman McKenna yesterday to await a hearing on a charge of surety of the peace preferred against him by Mary Burke. JOHN ORSZULAK, Stanislaus Haroboulge and Joseph Schmergel were sent to jail yesterday by Alderman Succop to await a hearing to-day on a serious charge pre-ferred by Mrs. Marianna Haszke.

MRS. MARY FOLEY lives on the hillside in the Fourteenth ward. Yesterday her husband. Patrick, came home drunk, and she claims he cut her under the eye with a knife. A warrant was issued for his arrest. ROBERT CARSON was arrested in Allegheny last evening on complaint of his father, who alleged the son had taken his horse and buggy out for a ride and had broken the vehicle. The father made a charge of mali-cious mischief against the sec. cious mischief against the son.

James McCorn, of Thirteenth street, aged 12 years, was sent to jail by Alderman Mc Kenna yesterday for court on a charge of felonious assault and battery. He is accused of stabbing the 12-year-old son of Patrick McNamee in the leg with a large pocket besto.

HENRY KOHLER, aged 17 years, of Mulberry alley, was arrested last evening by order o Inspector McAleese for the robbery of the auction store of C. H. Weinhaus, on Smith-field street. He was identified by the two little Italian boys who assisted him in the

ROBERT CONLEY, an Il-year-old boy, w. locked up in the Eleventh ward station on suspicion of having stolen a pocketbook containing \$1 40 and a gold ring. The boy was helping a Mrs. Brady to move her household goods, and is alleged to have taken the ring and pawned it, and to have put the \$1 40

Sickness Among Children,

Especially infants, is prevalent more or less at all times, but is largely avoided by giv-ing proper nourishment and wholesome food. The most successful and reliable of all is the Gail Borden "Eagle" Brand Conwood driving park and the force of the water carried away a portion of Frankstown all is the Gail Borden "Eagle" Brand Con-all is the Gail Borden "Eagle" Brand Con-densed Milk. You grocer and druggist the Gail Borden "Eagle" Brand Con-densed Milk. You grocer and druggist keep it.

Chief Bigelow vesterday notified the company that they must put the street in good condition at once, but they have not agreed STARTED THE PLANT P. H. Laufman & Co.'s New Tin Plate

Works at Apollo in Operation.

A Rochester Bottle House Forced to Run During the Shut Down.

The additions to the tin-plate plant of P. R. Laufman & Co., at Apollo, have been completed. The first black sheets were rolled yesterday, and the tinning plant will be put operation by Saturday or Monday sure There are three pots each with a capacity of 1,400 sheets 28x100 in size. This means 200 boxes a day 20x28 or 400 boxes 14x20. This will rive the mill a capacity of 7,000 a year. It will be the largest mill in this country and one of the largest in the world, and yet it would take 50 such plants to produce the quantity of tin consumed annually in America. So there is plenty of room for the

P. H. Laufman & Co, have been making six-inch plates for some time and their prod-uct has been placed on the market as a standard article. The architects of the United States Government have indorsed

United States Government have indorsed it and the Pennsylvania Railway Company has placed its fourth order for plates.

A box of the home product was sent recently to the professor of chemistry at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, who made a careful test and pronounced it equal in all respects to Gilbertson's old method, which is about the highest priced tin imported. This tin its sold at \$22.50, while the home product is quoted at \$17.

P. H. Laufman & Co. contemplate changing their mill again, later on, so that the capacity will be doubled. Mr. Laufman said yesterday: "We intend to confine our trade entirely to terme or roofing sheets. We cannot fill half the orders we are receiving. Other manufacturers are also making the bright plate, and inside of six months there will be several additional plants on the market. The magnitude of the business is overwhelming to the ordinary minds, or rather the contrary, as our people do not consider what benefits would accrue from all departments of trade, but it is coming."

SIGNED AT YOUNGSTOWN.

Amalgamated Scale Will Be Accepted by

Mahoning Manufacturers. The Mahoning Valley Iron Company has signed the scale, but the Mill Committee of the Amalgamated Association has not yet attached its signature owing to the con-struction placed on the nine-hour clause. The matter has been referred to the officials of the Amalgamated Association. A call has been issued by the puddlers of the Sixth district to meet at Youngstown to-morrow at 2 r. M. to consider among other things the provision in the new scale compelling them to pay helpers an additional 5 per cent.

The scale has not yet been signed at Steelton or any of the manufacturers at Harrisburg. Major Bent, of the Steelton plant, says he will never sign the scale. "They may close the doors," said he, "but they cannot open them." Active Amalgamated men are being dropped, and it was said on Monday night that many of the employes "are not so enthusiastic over the proposed strike as at 2 P. M. to consider among other things the so enthusiastic over the proposed strike as they were at the outset of the present agita-

ONE GLASSHOUSE RUNNING.

A Rochester Firm Forced to Resume by Pressing Orders.

Work has been resumed at the Point Bottle Works at Rochester, which is a union factory. It was expected to remain closed factory. It was expected to remain closed during the usual six weeks' shutdown, which is observed by all other union factories.

The plant suffered greatly, however, during the flood in the spring and was idle for two months, being enabled to resume operations only by the aid of Rochester citizens. This loss in time and the heavy demand for fruit jars is given as a reason for the present resumption in work.

THE BUILDING OUTLOOK.

A Meeting of Journeymen Painters Called for To-Day.

Master mainters feel now that their fight is won. The division in the ranks of the men has brought about this feeling, and many of the contractors say they have enough appli-cations to fill all the vacant jobs in their recations to fill all the vacant jobs in their respective shops. Some developments are looked for among the journeymen to-day. A meeting will be called to determine whether the trouble will end or continue.

The rush in preparations for building continues among architects and contractors. The following telegram was received from Lancaster last night:

"To-day Abraham Kauffman, formerly of Columbia, but now a large building contractor of Pittsburg, was in this city gathering up men to go to work on the building boom now said to be on in Pittsburg. He left for that city on the fast line, taking with him several skilled turners and other workmen."

A Carpenters' Benefit.

A complimentary benefit was given for the striking carpenters at the Bijou Theater last night, and it will be repeated to-night. The play presented was the "Chip o' the Old Block." with Lynn Welcher and Miss Fanny Temple as the leading characters. There was a big audience.

Industrial Notes. READING moniders are on strike against reduction in wages. A \$38,000 water works was put in operation

at Chambersburg yesterday. A ROAD-MAKING wagon has been invented by Frank Hofer, of Chambersburg. OPERATIONS were resumed at the Scottdal-Iron and Steel Company's plant yesterday. AFTER an idleness of over two years the Charlotte Furnace Company is running this

THE miners at Morgan's mines are the only ones who are out at Bellaire for the nine hour day. A NUMBER of coke plants will run but two

days this week and the shipments will great Dayrowand Springfield are to be cut off from a supply of gas on July 45 for ten days while repairs are being made.

ACTIVE preparations are being made for the removal of the Norway Tack Company's plant from Wheeling to Norristown. THE works of Howe, Brown & Co., Seveneenth street, closed down yesterday with the exception of the Bessemer department. The cause was a lack of stock.

INDIAN CONVENTION COMING.

Arrangements for the Reception of Dele gates Are Progressing.

The Indian Association held a special meeting yesterday afternoon at the boardne on Stockton avenue, Allegheny, to make arrangements for the convention of the National Indian Association, which will meet in Allegheny on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 18 and 19. Miss N. M. Pressly presided, and read a letter from the National Association accepting the invita-tion of the Pittsburg and Allegheny associaon. After discussion it was decided that the

National Association should provide the speakers for the occasion. The reception of the delegates will take place on Tuesday evening. November 18, and the day meetings on Wednesday, November 19, will be held in some Allegheny church.

IN ABOUT SIX WEEKS' TIME.

Mr. Patterson Thinks, the New Pos

Department Will Be Ready. Superintendent Patterson expects to have the postoffice department of the new Federal building ready for the mailing department about the middle of August. He said yesterday the department would be in full swing in the new quarters by the let of October. The system of esplonage employed at Washington and elsewhere will be adopted here. A circular room, reached by a stairway and commanding a view of the men at work beneath, is being erected. Thus a watch can be kept on the employes without their knowledge.

The entire force of tradesmen is now concentrated on the postofiice department with a view of hurrying it onward. Some of the furniture has arrived, and generally the appearance of the work warrants Mr. Patterson's prognostication. said yesterday the department would be

An Outline of the Amount of Space the

Buildings Must Contain-The Architects Are Invited to Make Plans and Compe for Large Premiums.

CARNEGIE'S GREAT GIFT.

The architects of Pittsburg now have chance to earn enough money to take a trip to Europe to study foreign and ancient styles of buildings. It is announced that they may furnish competitive plans for the Carnegie Library building or buildings, and that two premiums will be paid; 5 per cent on the cost of construction for the plans accepted, and to competitors furnishing the six sets of dFawings adjudged next in merit \$2.000 each MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIAL ITEMS

cepted, and to competitors lumining the six sets of dawings adjudged next in merit \$2,000 each.

It is left to the judgment of the architects whether there shall be one building or seven, the only requirements being that on the ground situated at the main entrance to Schenley Park room shall be provided for the library with stack rooms, a music hall, an art gallery, a museum and accommodations for a general meeting of the Academy of Science and Art, the Art Society, Engineers' Society, Microscopical Society, Botanical Society, Amateur Photographers' Society and the Architects' Society.

In the preliminary letter of information for architects the Board of Trustees sets forth that the accommodations for the library must be sufficient to take care of 200,000 volumes for reference and 25,000 volumes for circulation, so arranged that an addition can be made to increase the library to 500,000 volumes without injury to the artistic effect of the exterior or detriment to the general plan.

The music hall will have to be large enough to seat at least 2,000, and the stage must be made to accommodate a chorus of 400. A large divided organ will be placed on each side of the stage where the proscenium boxes are usually located. There is no objection raised to a gallery if the architects think it will add to the general effect.

The art gallery will be large enough to furnish 600 lineal feet of hanging space, and it is suggested that this be divided into several rooms with a top light and so arranged as to be capable of indefinite extension.

No limitations are placed upon the provisions for the museum, but it is suggested that this be divided into several rooms with a top light and so arranged as to be capable of indefinite extension.

Architects are included in the letter, which insist that all the buildings shall be made fire-proof and shall cost no more than \$750,000.

Architects are instructed to furnish type-written explanations of their drawings, and to have their plans at the office of the Presimany firms contemplating going into the

Architects are instructed to furnish type-written explanations of their drawings, and to have their plans at the office of the Presi-dent of the Board of Trustees before upon of the first day of November. The erection of the buildings will commence as soon thereafter as practicable.

LIGHTING NOT SATISFACTORY.

llegheny's Sub-Committee on Public Lighting Postpones Action for Additional Yard Arms, Pending a Report From a Sub-Committee as to the Rela tive Merits of Gas and Electricity.

The sub-committee on lighting, of Alle-gheny, met last night. The first matter presented for discussion was a resolution as to whether gas was not more economical than electricity, and whether the same re-sult could not be attained with gas suit could not be attained with gas as at present, with an equal expenditure of money. The committee seemed to be at sea as to what to do with the resolution. Superintendent of Lighting Hunter was called upon to express his opinion of the merits of each system. He said that the present system was far from perfect, that there were undoubtedly dark spots in the system, and that while it was a fact that electric lighting cost more than gas, there was no comparison in the result. They had the plant and might as well continue using it. A motion was made retertinue using it. A motion was made refer-ring the resolution to Mr. Hunter for a re-port thereupon, but City Clerk White inter-posed with a remark as to its illegality. Finally a sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. Rudolph, Bothwell, Paulin, Al-brecht and Winters, was appointed to ex-amine into and report the difference of cost of the two systems.

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A letter from Librarian James W. Benney, of the Schools Library, came up next in the form of a resolution. It asked that the city would supply the library with electric light, the wiring, etc., being done by the Board of Control. It was recommended affirmatively to the general committee, Superintendent Hunter remarking that the power could be spared.

spared.

Following ensued discussion as to the erection of more mast arms. Chief Ehlers said that the amount of money at their disposal would just cover running expenses, and he doubted if there was money to meet the cost of new work. Mr. Rudolph said that if he didn't get more yard arms in his ward he would put in a resolution for gas. A motion was made to refer the matter the Savarintendent but on Mr. motion was made to refer the matter to the Superintendent, but on Mr. Bothwell desiring to know what the Superintendent could do in the matter, it was abandoned. The Superintendent said that he said the Chief could easily determine where additional light should go. It was suggested to refer the matter of additional lighting to the Superintendent for report, but Mr. White pointed out that a sub-committee they could not refer the matter to him. Finally the question was laid over, as well as the consideration of a pile of petitions which came up next.

ALLEGHENY AUDITING MATTERS. Mayor Wyman Responsible for Witness Fees-Auditors Not Refused Books. The work of the auditors of the Allegheny City accounts is exciting comment around Municipal Hall. Following the publication in yesterday's DISPATCH, Mayor's Clerk Hunin yesterday's Disparce, Mayor's Clerk Hunneshagen said last evening that the auditors
were not refused any books they required.
Mayor Wyman said yesterday he was responsible for all the money in his possession.
Controller Brown remarked that the
Mayor had nothing to do with vehicle
licenses, and that the winess fees do not belong to the city. Auditor Bigger admits
that the Mayor turned every book in his
office over to him except those connected
with witnesses' fees.

SCRAPS AND SCREENINGS

St. Francis Church at Homestead will be dedicated next Sunday at 1 o'clock. A special train will be run from Union depot at 9 o'clock. Rev. Father Duffner, pastor of the church, will have charge of the ceremonies. Work has been commenced on the new Sixth street bridge. The middle pier is also begun and already a large excavation has been made in the bottom of the river for the

Four Pittsburgers are on the Servia which is now being towed back to port on account of a broken crank pin. They are Sidney Cooper, William Dickson, William Purcell Cooper, William and B. N. Jacobs. Ar a meeting of the Board of Managers of

the Church Home held yesterday the re-ceipts of the fair held June 25 were found to be about \$2,400, with expenses amounting to MICHAEL MURPHY was committed to fail

yesterday by Alderman McKenna on a charge of surety of the peace preferred against him by his wife Mary. The Governor yesterday granted a respite to Alexander Killen until November 5, in order that the Pardon Board may more fully consider his case.

Mas. George Sexton, who was severely burned on the night of Fourth of July, is said to be in a critical condition. Her re-covery is doubtful. COLONEL FELIX McKNIGHT has called a

meeting of Company C, Hibernian Rifles,

Board of Erin, for Saturday evening at 7 o'clock. THE Pittsburg freight agents will meet today. Nothing of importance to shippers will be considered. Two additional rooms are to be erected adjoining the Reynoldtown schoolhous

An epidemic of measles is prevailing among the children of the Ridge Avenue Orphan Asylum, Allegheny. Two of the children have died, and 39 are suffering from the disease. The epidemic has spoiled the summer vacation of the asylum for the present, as it was intended to pass the heated term at Bellevue, where a house had been secured for the season.

Stabbed in the Hin John Goettler was accidentally stabbed in

the hip with a large knife by a fellow-workman at the Washington Brewery Company's plant on the Southside. The latter's name is unknown. Goettler is dangerously hurt. Park Institute.

The Park Institute, of Allegheny, occupies a prominent place in the arena of intellectual training. The most approved ideas and experiences are all drawn upon in the

SCENES ABOUT TOWN

The Criminal Court Now a Popular Resort for the People.

LAWYERS BESET FOR AUTOGRAPHS

Why Pedestrians Should Pat One Wide-Awake Policeman on the Back.

GOSSIP OF THE DAY IN THE BUSY CITY

THE crowd which is filling the Crimina Court these days to hear the racy details of Mr. Fitzsimmons' practice of burglary as a fine art is really as interesting as the men and women, prisoners and advocates, who are the chief actors in the drama. The other ourts being closed a larger number of lawyers than usual, even in a cause celebre are scated within the bar; and it is notice able, too, that a great many of these at torneys at leisure are young, nattly dressed men. Among the public beyond the bar the percentage of respectable people is notably larger than usual in oriminal trials and a very different body of spectators from that which used to lounge in a cloud of evil odors in the old court room a few years ago. The trial is telling upon Fitzsimmons; h

is not nearly as chipper as he was tendays ago, and the sharp lines of his face are sharper than ever, while his eyes are dull-looking, and the rings under them are dark, tears. There is absolutely nothing interest-ing about the other prisoners arraigned with Fitzsimmons, unless it be the wonder-fully glossy wealth of black hair coiled at the back of Mrs. Clark's head. The court officers are still often asked to point out Laura Snowden, the interesting witness, who sits a picture of demure and very conscious innoceace in a fur-way corner by the prisoners' pen. A large number of the spectators in the front seats are women; most of them evidently personally acquainted with some of the parties whose liberty is in danger. The proceedings were not at all exciting yesterday, but the audience seldom changed, and most of those who were at the morning session came back again in the afternoon. What the mob will be like when the grave charge of murder against Fitzsimmons is tried the court officers dread to think. It is already evident that this will be the most sensational murder trial yet held in the new court house, and the theaters being closed, the halls of justice will for once compete with baseball for popular favor. officers are still often asked to point out

The Petition Nuisance. A LEAN, ill-favored fellow crept into a Grant street office yesterday and thrust a greasy, thumb-marked scroll of foolscap under the nose of a lawyer sitting there, at the same time whispering in his ear. The lawyer took a pen and wrote his name be-neath somes others on the sheet of paper, without saying a word, and the hungry looking man rolled up the scroll and de-parted. Then the lawyer turned to me and said: "That bird of evil omen belongs to a flock that could be well spared. He wanted me to sign a petition in his favor for some

office be's after.' "And knowing his character you signed the petition? "Looks queer, doesn't it?" continued the lawyer. "But the fact is that the significance "Looks queer, doesn't it?" continued the lawyer. "But the fact is that the significance of petitions signed by lawyers is generally understood to be waste paper as far as having any influence is concerned. So many petitions have been circulated among and signed generally by the bar of Pittsburg during the last two or three years that the market is flooded with them. That's why Mr. Porter, when he was a candidate for the judgeship, did not have the regulation petition from his brethren of the barsent to Harrisburg. When that man just now asked me to sign his petition I observed that a dozen lawyers of far greater eminence than I can chaim had already signed it, and I felt it would take less time to append my signature than to refuse and be asked to give my reasons for so doing. If he gets all the members of the county bar to write their names on that sheet it won't do him a particle of good, for all the powers that be and the politicians especially understand exactly the value of this sort of indorsement. Still, it would be better all around if the whole business were stopped; the custom of indiscriminate indorsement is vicious, and, as some might say, what is worse, such indorsement is altogether futile."

MAYOR WYMAN has a large fund of patience but some heavy draughts have been made upon it of late. Last Monday the Chief lagistrate of Allegheny City went to Steubenville to participate in the celebration of Labor Day. One of the city's employes left his desk in City Hall and slid away stealthily with a couple of friends to Steubenville likewise. Of course, about the first person Mayor Wyman met in Stenbenville was the Mayor Wyman met in Steubenville was the clerk absent without leave-it's always the fate of the truant, as man learns first in his schoolboy days. But Mr. Wyman acted as Pooh Bah might have done under similar circumstances and didn't allow his Mayor's eyes to see the clerk, and the latter had a very good time in Steubenville until the evening, when he and his friends encountered three woe-begone individuals who were out of work, nenniless. viduals who were, out of work, penniless but full of the most ardent desire to get to but full of the most ardent desire to get to Pittsburg, where they were persuaded they could get something to do. The three Alleghenians were touched at the sight, and being full of philanthropy among other things, gave their return tickets to the three men out of a job and received their blessings. Then they, the Alleghenians, proceeded to celebrate some more, and forgot all about returning to Pittsburg until the last train had gone. So had all their money they found.

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The truant cierk borrowed enough money to send a telegram to Allegheny for funds. The telegram which was addressed to Mayor Wyman, read as follows: "If you want me back in City Hall send ten dollars!" And the report was current in Allegheny yesterday that Mayor Wyman had not decided whether he wanted Mr. — back at

Warring on the Hand Trucks. ALL good citizens ought to be grateful to Police Officer Welsh, the sturdy and courteous cornerman at Wood street and Sixth avenue, for the war he is making on wheelarrows, or rather on the truculent knaves who persist on pushing such vehicles over the sidewalk and the toes of pedestrians Yesterday in particular Officer Welsh did perfectly right in ordering an over-grown boy with a heavy barrow from the pave-ment, after he had collided with one man at least in his mad career.

Just after beholding this incident I met Chief Brown and asked him about the law as to the wheelbarrow and hand truck nuisance and he said: "There is a city ordinance forbidding the use of such vehicles on sidewalks, and my orders to the police are that the ordinance shall be strictly enforced." the ordinance shall be strictly enforced."

There are still a good many policemen who need to be reminded of the existence of this ordinance, and in the narrow streets downtown, which are always crowded nowadays, it is really a very important item in the well-fare of pedestrians that the hand trucks should be kept to the roadway.

An Echo of the Forbes Street Accident. SPEAKING of the collision between the uquesne and the Atwood street electric cars at Forbes street on Tuesday, Mr. Kellner, who was in the accident said yesterday "The account of the accident in THE DIS-PATCH was by far the most accurate in every way of all published. As for my escape I attribute it to the fact that I was able to attribute it to the fact that I was able to brace myself, by kneeling and partly lying on the floor, for the shock before it came. After the confusion was over and I was assiting Mrs. Davies from the car I saw that her left wrist was badly bruised and already swellen. I thought that as she could move her fingers her arm was not broken, but this morning she informed me she had sustained a compound fracture."

Scared the Bystanders. A LARGE crowd of people around City Hall yesterday afternoon were startled to see two linemen take hold of the charged wire on the Birmingham road with their hands. The first one to mount the ladder wore a big pair of gloves, and the people supposed they pro-tected him from the electricity, but the next moment they, were much surprised to see the moment they, were much surprised to see the second man grab the wire with nothing on his hands. The pair tugged away and fixed something at a conflection as indifferent to the powerful current as a babe is to danger in its mother's arms.

"Why doesn't it kill you?" shouted a bystander to the men. "Oh," replied one, with a broad grin, "we have cork soles." It was very simple. The workmen were insulated; that is, the ground connection was cut off, and the electricity never touched them while they were in contact with the wire.
They also stood on wood, which is a fair nonconductor. Without that cork sole the men
would have dropped dead as if struck with
a mighty stroke of lightning.

BONDED DEBT.

One Summer Resort Worry. Said a prominent society woman yester-day: "What do I miss most when I am away from home for the summer—why, my mani-cure and chirophist I think. It is a streak of luck if I happen to find one at a sea resort who understands her business; as a rule they who understands her business; as a rule they are very incompetent and mutilate the fingers dreadfully, to say nothing of the feet. It is not such an easy thing, you know, to trim the flesh from about the nails without rendering the fingers sore by so doing, and nothing so ruins the appearance of the hand as improperly treated nails. Yes, I think I miss more, and long more for the clever scissors of Madame than anything else I leave behind me. And my feet, sometimes give me a great deal of pain, but come to think about it I really suffer more with my husband's feet than I do with my own, he grows so awfully crusty when his pedal extremities are not given their usual care. A chirophist is really necessary to the happiness of a jamily when the head of it has corns or bunions."

Effects of a Good Dinner. "Did you ever notice," said popular John Schlosser yesterday, "how a man's feet are affected by his dinner? Well, just watch yourself the next time you go to the dining yourself the next time you go to the dining table and see how your feet act. Ten to one when you first sit down, involuntarily, they will assume a position directly under your chair. As your dinner progresses they will gradually creep under the table, and you will find when the coffee and toothpicks arrive that they are just as near the opposite side of the table as the length of your legs will permit."

IT MAY BE WIPED OUT.

Brushton Threatens to Scoop in Another Section of Sterrett Township—Why Building Moves Toward the East—Loss of Energy Down the River.

Brushton borough people held a meeting on Monday evening and decided to make an effort to annex to the borough what was once Second precinct of Sterrett township in order to get an outlet to the city. The movement is an amicable one, and there will be no fight with Wilkinsburg.

This move suggests the thought that if Justice Sterritt's name is to be perpetuated in the name of a township, as so many of our judiciary are, a new one must be carved out. Three beroughs have been carved out of Sterritt township, leaving only a small corner containing about 65 voters and this remainder will be absorbed by some of these beroughs ere long, as they are ambitious and are constantly looking about for a chance to enlarge their boundaries. The boroughs carved out of Sterrett township are Brushton, Wilkinsburg and Edgewood. Brushton people propose to have city conveniences along with suburban comfort and have fire extinguishing apparatus, water mains and electric light, and expect within a few weeks to come to the city on an electric railway. in order to get an outlet to the city. The

water mains and electric light, and expect within a few weeks to come to the city on an electric railway.

The course of these East End settlements is in strong contrast with the supineness in the west and northwest suburbs. There is some steady improvement in some of the smaller villages on the Ft. Wayne Railway, and they are decidedly pleasant towns in which to live, and to some people the railway gives all the traveling facilities needed, but Sewickley people seem to be averse to any further enlargement unless they can choose the people who are to come, and this may be all right, but there are other down-river places that want population and haven't sand necessary to stimulate its movement in their direction. Both of the Bellevue boroughs want electric railways, but they have so far expended their energies in talk, and on the south side of the river those who could accomplish something lie on the bank of the pool like the cripple awaiting some one to shove him in that he might be cured. They most either get the steam railway companies to run half-hourly trains or lag in the rear of progress and remain practically as far away from the city as Beaver Falls and New Brighton and without possessing within themselves the means to induce people to settle. They are much like most Allegheny farmers—so near and yet so far. These farmers are near enough to the city to make their land investment too high and taxes the same to compete with farmers on Western lands, that cost one-tenth or one-twenteth same to compete with farmers on Western lands, that cost one-tenth or one-twentieth as much, with no substantial difference in freight rates, and yet the majority haven't energy sufficient to adapt themselves to changed conditions, but keep on tilling the soil, as their fathers and grandfathers did before them, raising grain crops that do not allow a profit of 3 per cent, on the invest-ment.

May Result in Hydrophobic Mary Beers, of 180 Manton alley, Thirty-first ward, who was bitten by a dog last Thursday evening on South Thirteenth street, is reported in a serious condition. It is feared that hydrophobia will set in. Every effort is being made by the attending physician to prevent the disease from showing

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Finance Committee Differs on Controller Morrow's Plan

TO HAVE A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE

The question of a popular vote on increase

Several of the Members Very Strongly Opposed to the Idea.

IT WAS REFERRED TO A SUB-COMMITTEE

ng the cit, debt to pay for street improve ments has been submitted to a committee o three. At a meeting of the Finance Committee yesterday afternoon it caused con siderable discussion and found several op-ponents. Controller Morrow's communication and ordinance for a popular vote was the first business taken up by the committee. Messrs. Keating and Paul both argued strongly in favor of the plan. claimed that it would be fully two years before the assessments on many of the improved streets could be colof the improved streets could be col-lected from the property owners, for in the courts every possible ad-vantage to delay or evade payments would be taken by those opposed to paying for improvements to their proper-ties. They held that unless some action of the sort suggested by the Controller was taken the unpaid contractors would soon be filing judgments against the city, and the courts would probably grant them. The People Are Down on Debts.

Mr. MacGonnigle-I am opposed to the Controller's plan. I do not believe the pe Controller's plan. I do not believe the peo-ple will favor another increase of the city's debt. If given an opportunity they will vote it down. The sentiment is so strong against the plan that the expense of holding an election would be a useless one. As to con-tractors entering suit against the city there need be little fear. There is an understanding between the contractors and the city on all between the contractors and the city on all improvement that the latter shall be allowed improvement that the latter shall be allowed two years to collect its money. Until that time there is no danger of any judgments being filed against the city.

Mr Bigham—While the Controller's plan is theoretically plain and clear it will be found impracticable if carried into effect. The argument is in favor of the ordinance because it looks feasible, but those in favor of it will find, even if the people can be persuaded to support and elect the increase of debt, there will be a great many who will say that as the city has paid the debt against their property they will not pay it back if they can avoid it.

Will Put the City in a Hole.

Will Put the City in a Hole, "They will exert every available in fluence," he continued, "to secure either a ise or a total exoneration. Th city will then have to make up for all this money by taxation, and the people whose property has been benefited will be just that nuch ahead by reason of the increased valu-

property has been benefited will be just that much ahead by reason of the increased valuation."

Mr. Binder also expressed himself as opposed to the plan. After more discussion, a motion to refer the ordinance and accompanying communication to a committee, as named, consists of Messrs. W. A. Magee, A. F. Keating and H. P. Ford.

The petition of Julia Devine, who claims \$1,500 damages from the city because her home on Lewis street, Eighteenth ward, was destroyed by fire last May on account of alleged insufficiency of water supply, was also refered to a sub-committee. Messrs. Mac-Gonnigle, Pani and Delaney were appointed. The ordinance providing for the appointment of three Assistant City Attorneys at an annual salary of \$2,500 each was affirmatively recommended to Councils. Resolutions for the following warrants were also recommended: To John A. Bennett, \$113, and John A. Dravo, \$44.73, for supplies furnished without contract to the Department of Public Safety; Philadelphia Company, \$507.32 for cast iron water pipe; Dr. Oldshue's estate, \$125, for professional services rendered to Fire Bureau employes.

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