DEMAND THE BOOKS.

Koerner Calls Upon Price to Produce the Evidence of Wyman's Guilt or Innocence.

COMPENSATION, A PENITENTIARY

Or a Grave, Are the Alternates Which Koerner Claims He Has Been Told Are Awaiting Him.

MORE HOT SHOT IN STOCK FOR WYMAN.

Price Charged With Taking a Hand in the Fight for a Consideration.

The Lord's Day lost a portion of its sanctity in Allegheny yesterday through a discussion by almost everyone of what the Auditing Committee's meeting to-night will bring forth. The eyes of the Northside are on Mayor Wyman. Whatever answer he may make to the charges against him will be analyzed to the marrow. The interview of H. O. Price in THE DISPATCH yesterday, in which he denied a portion of Louis Koerner's allegations, was considered a forerunner of Wyman's defense and if the criticism it received is repeated when the Mayor's statement is published, a magazine of numberless pages will be necessary to give it space. Koerner was made more determined than ever by the imputation of Price that he had testified falsely, and renewing the allegation that Wyman and Murphy had collected tribute from the wheel of fortune proprietors, he said that the proof of it could be found in the company's books. He called on H. O. Price to produce the books and prove the guilt or innocence of the accused men. The system of bookkeeping used, he explained, was such that every dollar paid out would be shown on the stubs, and unless they, as is said of others, have been lost in the garbage furnace, Mr. Koerner stated Price could produce them. He expressed a hope that such would be done, and regretted that Price's residence in another State will prevent the prosecutors, if Wyman is placed on trial, from demanding that the evidence be produced.

Koerner Says He Was Superintendent.

In refuting Price's statement that he was a common laborer, Koerner said that he was entrusted with the employment and discharging of men, and was therefore in the position of a superintendent. He reaffirmed every statement previously made and said he was willing to stand over them in court.

Mr. Koerner claims, in addition to what he has already said, that great pressure is being brought to bear on him to retract as much as possible from what he has testified and to refuse to testify further. One of the persons who visited him, he alleges, told him that one of three things were in waiting for him—compensation, the penitentiary or a grave. The compensation, he says, was offered in case he would turn in and help Wyman and the threats were made on the ground that certain gamblers base the continuation of their business on the Mayor's ability to clear his name, and that in desperation they are willing to perjure themselves in order to send Koerner to the penitentiary or to take the steps that will put him out of existence. Koerner views the threats he says have been made as only a bluff. He claims he is in the investigation to stay.

No Difference Who Paid the Money.

Chairman Heinricks, of the sub-Auditing Committee, viewed Price's denial as an explanation with the explanatory part left out. He called attention to the fact that Price simply denied that the firm of H. O. Price & Co. had paid money to Wyman and Murphy and then that it stated that Charles Hurlick run the wheel of fortune, but did not say whether or not the latter paid tribute. Mr. Henricks claimed it made no difference who paid the money, but whether or not Wyman received it. He said that could be proven without doubt by persons other than Koerner who had seen Wyman sign a receipt for the money. In Price's own statement Mr. Henricks said there was the evidence of favoritism for simply charging $5 a day license for a show where liquor was sold, and for which an ordinance provided that $30 a day should be charged. He thought the statement would have no effect, and, besides, he said it ignored the very important charges that Wyman had collected licenses for a toboggan slide and foot races, of which no record can be found.

Hungarian Boarding House Raid.

From another member of this Auditing Committee it was learned that a part of the new evidence to be produced will charge Wyman and Murphy with conducting systematic raids on Hungarian and Bohemian boarding houses for the purpose of extorting witness fees. It is claimed that Wyman learned that these classes save up their money to send home and that on Sunday they get together in crowded boarding houses, but seldom act disorderly. The plan he is said to have carried out was to have a house raided every Sunday and capture from 10 to 20, who at the hearing on the following morning would each be charged witness fees, which the Mayor, as the "proper custodian," said the committeeman, would lay away in his inside pocket. The revenue derived therefrom is claimed to have been from $25 to $50 per week. The claim, of course, was always made that the men were arrested for disorderly conduct, but evidence to the contrary is said to be at hand. The discovery of the alleged conspiracy was made through the auditors, who found that Peter Gillen was fined for being in a boarding house in the Eighth ward, and that his fine was afterwards remitted. An investigation, it is said, showed that Gillen threatened to prosecute for false arrest and that he was sent for and given back his money.

More Lively Developments Promised.

Another charge that, it is claimed, will be brought against the Mayor is that he levies tribute on the proprietors of disorderly houses and compels them to buy their liquor and furniture from certain dealers, from whom he also receives a "divy." This charge, like the others, is backed up with affidavits already in safe hands. Sworn testimony on other subjects is in the possession of the Reform Association, and will be brought out at the proper time.

The interest which Price is taking in defending Wyman caused considerable talk among Allegheny reformers. One of the latter, who is at the head of the movement, stated that Price is anxious to get back to Pittsburg and that he is making a play to get a license to sell liquor at the Homewood racing track. In order to do this, it is claimed he wants the support of Mayor Wyman. Price has been in the city three days. He is a brother-in-law of Koerner and has, according to the latter, attempted to arrange a conference. Koerner claims, however, that he will not see Price alone, as he believes the latter would attempt to induce him to drop the fight against Wyman.

Some of those directly interested in the matter positively stated last night that Mayor Wyman will be prosecuted before the next grand jury on several charges.

The Homestead Democrats Organize.

The leading Democrats of Homestead have organized a club. They will make application for a charter, and expect to take an active part in the next campaign.

YOUNG CHRISTIAN WORKERS.

The Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the East End Y. M. C. A.—Interesting Addresses and Music Make Up the Programme—The Organization Prosperous.

The seventeenth annual meeting of the East Liberty branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, of Pittsburg was held last night in the East Liberty Presbyterian Church, corner Penn and Highland avenues. The exercises were conducted by Peter Dick, President of the East Liberty branch. They opened with an organ voluntary, followed by an anthem, by the Haydn Quartet. The reading of the Scriptures was by Rev. John Weideley. The opening prayer was delivered by the Rev. C. V. Wilson.

President Dick then read the annual report of the association. During the year two members were lost by death. The membership at present is: Sustaining and active, 137; active, 18; sustaining, 58; associate, 3; total, 193, an increase of 36 over the previous year. The income was $2,641 48 and the expenditures $2,598 04, leaving a balance on hand of $43 44. The rooms were open 313 days, with an average attendance of 60 per day, a large increase over the previous year.

The reading of the report was followed with an address by the Rev. William A. Stanton, pastor of the Shady Avenue Baptist Church. He spoke of the parable of the prodigal son, and gave some good advice to young men. After more singing an address was made by Rev. Robert M. Russell, pastor of the Sixth United Presbyterian Church. He gave a brief review of the history of the Y. M. C. A. work and its origin, purpose and relation to the church. He stated that to-day the Y. M. C. A. has, on this continent alone, a membership of 225,501. There are 80 associations in Canada and 1,305 in the United States, a total of 1,385 comprising the International Y. M. C. A. It represents a total wealth in real estate, invested funds, furniture, libraries, etc., of $11,907,381. In the whole world there are 4,153 associations.

After a collection for the association and singing the meeting closed with prayer by Rev. H. Pendleton and the benediction by the Rev. Dr. J. P. E. Kumler.

A LONG SESSION.

Southside Amalgamated Men Meet, but Mill Matters Were Not Discussed.

The members of the Amalgamated Association who work in Jones & Laughlins' Southside mill held a meeting in Weber's Hall Saturday night. The meeting convened at 7 o'clock, and it was just 12 o'clock when it adjourned.

President Weihe was present and addressed the meeting. After it was over he said: "The meeting to-night had nothing to do with the strike. Nothing but routine business was transacted." He refused to say what had been done in the Jones & Laughlin trouble. Vice President Carney was also present, and he said the mill trouble had not been discussed. He said he had begun to investigate the trouble, and thought it would be settled without a strike of the employes of the mill.

Got a Warm Reception.

Mrs. Mary Megahaus, of No. 35 Lake street, Allegheny, reported to Police Superintendent Muth yesterday afternoon that she desired the arrest of William Fogle, who had insulted her. She said early in the afternoon, while she was alone in her house, the front door was opened and Fogle walked in. Mrs. Megahaus did not know him except by name, and asked what he wished. He began cursing her and using vile epithets. She ordered him out, but he refused to go. She then took a poker and started toward him. He fled, but not soon enough to avoid a blow on the head. As he was running down Lake street she threw the poker and struck him again. He disappeared around a corner.

Italians Returning to Italy.

Another batch of 20 Italians and a few Hungarians returned to their native land last evening. Most of them were in doubt about coming back. The principal reason given for leaving the States was that they were home sick, and they had saved enough to keep them in ease for a time. The influx of immigrants to this section is not keeping pace at present with the exodus, and the time may come when Senator Flinn, who complained that he couldn't get Americans to work for him, will find himself also without the swarthy Italian.

Almost a Riot.

Considerable disturbance was caused on Sixth street last night, by a crowd trying to get into the Bijou Theater, to hear the lecture of Dr. J. C. Harrison. The latter had changed his mind and decided not to speak, but the crowd did not know this. Several bill boards were knocked down and one or two men attempted to climb over the iron grating in front. It took six policemen to enforce order.

Another Pool in McDonald.

A. H. Logan believes another strike of oil will be made in the Gordon sand in the McDonald field. He says so much oil is found in this sand as to indicate the presence of a good-sized pool somewhere in the neighborhood. He doesn't think it will reach the dimensions of the present pool, which is probably the largest ever tapped.

LITTLE THINGS OF YESTERDAY.

RITER & CONLEY, of Pittsburg, commenced work yesterday on a new blast furnace for the Edgar Thomson works. It will cost $175,000.

A THREE-MONTHS-OLD child of M. Hirsch, 2407 Butler street, was found dead in bed yesterday morning. It is thought to have been accidentally smothered during the night.

PAINTER'S Union, No. 15, of Allegheny will again put a walking delegate in the field to protect its rights. It is probable that W. H. Jewell, the old delegate, will be selected.

THERE will be a meeting of the colored citizens of Pittsburg and Allegheny to express their indignation at the way the 17 colored aspirants were ignored in selection of the five tipstaves for Court of Common Pleas No. 3. The meeting will be held to-morrow evening at Eureka Hall, Arthur street.

LAFAYETTE HALL was crowded yesterday afternoon and evening to hear the lecture of Father Slattery, an ex-priest, on "Romanism." Police Superintendent Weir was on hand to see that no effort was made to charge admission. There was no such effort. The only thing near it was a contribution box at the door. There were no disturbances, and the presence of the police was not necessary.

DISPATCH WANT ADLETS ARE WELL READ.

NOTE THE INCREASE. FIGURES THAT TALK.

Small adds for 2 months ending October 31, 1891	12,168
Same Period 1890	8,463
Increase *due to cent-a-word*	3,705

THIS RECORD IS CONVINCING.

GOOD SITUATIONS, HELP, BOARDERS.

YOU CAN LET ROOMS FOR ONE CENT A WORD.

TRUSTEE DUSS TALKS

In Denial of the Various Stories Told About Dr. Cyrus Teed.

A SIMILARITY IN THEIR BELIEF

May Lead to a Closer Relation of Koreshans and Economites.

THEIR POSITION CLEARLY DEFINED

Owing to frequent reports recently to the effect that Dr. Cyrus R. Teed, of the Koreshan Community of Chicago, had designs on the treasury of the Economite Society, Trustee John S. Duss, of the latter organization, has prepared a statement showing the true situation. He denies any dishonorable intentions in Dr. Teed. He also shows that Koreshan and Economite principles are fundamentally the same, and that the acceptance by one society of members of the other is justifiable, and that this was the only object of Dr. Teed. His statement is as follows:

My attention was first called to Dr. Teed, in March, 1889, by Mrs. Francesca Emmurtz, of the Koreshan Unity of Chicago, who came here on a visit. One evening she came to me, saying she had heard I had expressed a desire to hear her talk on the subject of astronomy, etc. I listened with disgust, but promised I would investigate the matter. I did so, and found to my utmost astonishment that our entire astronomy is almost pure assumption, and in great part most ridiculous.

Was a Revelation to Him.

Mrs. Emmurtz left some reading matter, among which I remember a little pamphlet exceedingly interesting, it being a concise and logical exposition of the theory that the last ten tribes of Israel were carried as captives into Assyria, located in Media, through miscegenation became extinct as Hebrews; but through this miscegenation became the Indo-Germanic family. This Hebrew-Indo-Germanic race became respectively the Hebrew-Indo-European, and to-day is the Hebrew-Indo-European-American race, showing that the last ten tribes have through the amalgamation with the Gentile world merged into people of the United States.

A farewell address to the so-called Christian churches by Prof. L'Ameraux, in which the inconsistency of the faith and customs of the churches are set forth, also was regarded as a remarkable document. Thus it came to pass that I regarded the literature of this society as worthy of more than a passing notice.

My excuse for reading this literature, should excuse be asked by would-be judges, is simply that this doctrine being in its fundamental tenets so similar to that which the Harmony Society has adhered to these many years needs all the scientific light that can be thrown on it.

Nothing in the Ghost Story.

Last summer Mrs. Emmurtz again visited Economy, but not with my knowledge or consent, neither was it for the purpose of conquering way the ghosts, said to be playing havoc in our (Father Rapp's) house, but simply as she said to stop off a day and see how the society was getting along. Father Henrici invited her to stay at the house and if her business was not urgent to remain a few days. The report, however, about the ghosts aroused the lady's ire, and she requested Father Henrici to allow her to tell the Board of Elders who she was and why she was here. Father Henrici suggested that she talk in Church where all could hear. This was done and it caused considerable stir, not on account of what she said, but because she was a woman. The objection was principally on the part of the hired people. These hired people are composed of all possible denominations. Many of them have no faith in the society's doctrines or workings. After Mrs. Emmurtz's departure a lady cousin of mine took it into her head to go to this Chicago community. She has been there ever since. From what I have heard of her and from what I have seen I must say that the intelligence and earnestness of these people in divesting themselves of all their possessions, forsaking houses, brothers, sisters, father, mother, wife and children, and enduring the ridicule and persecution of a worldly city like Chicago, deserve not only great credit but the moral support of all honorable people.

Not Surprised at Anything.

We were neither surprised nor agitated when a notice was pointed out to us to the effect that Dr. C. R. Teed was en route to Economy to capture $150,000,000, and when he did come we treated him with the utmost cordiality. The doctor explained that his visit here was to refute statements going the rounds that he was after our money. In a few days Father Henrici decided to comply with the doctor's request to call a meeting of the Board of Elders to give him a hearing. The doctor presented views on religions and social questions similar to our own. He said he did not come to negotiate a loan, but was working to bring about a closer relationship between various affiliated societies. The board agreed to take in suitable persons he might send, and as our work lay in the same direction would give him our moral support.

This meeting passed off very pleasantly, and every one was satisfied. Since Dr. Teed's departure there has been a continual tirade, consisting in great part of a rehash of statements of R. O. Spear and wife. I have never seen Mr. nor Mrs. Spear, but I have seen Dr. Teed, and he who looks upon Dr. Teed and calls him dishonest is no judge of human character. Statements like those regarding Dr. Teed have also at various times appeared in regard to Fathers Rapp, Baker, Henrici, Lenz and other members of our society, myself included, made by personal enemies. If utterance goes for anything, and Spear and his wife are responsible for the statements accredited to them, then the least we can say of him is that he has acted like an idiot.

Advice From Everywhere.

We have received a bushel of papers and clippings from all quarters of the globe, also numerous letters and any amount of gratuitous advice, some from people who know something, and some from such whose knowledge seems to be quite limited. Almost all call attention to how Count Leon came in 1832, and by preaching that the doctrine as taught by Father Rapp was wrong lured away quite a number of the society. Now here comes a man who is not a bit like Count Leon, but quite the opposite. Instead of teaching that the doctrines of the society are wrong, he says emphatically they are correct, and exhorts us to remain true to them. Instead of luring away our people he wants to send us such as may be suitable and useful. This sort of thing seems very unsatisfactory to the world at large and our friends (?) in particular. They are in this partly excusable, inasmuch as some ridiculous statements have been made; such as, "Dr. Teed caused the adoption of the young man (myself) into the society;" "Dr. Teed was instrumental in his (my) promotion to this lofty position;" that "trustees Henrici and Duss differ widely in their opinion;" that "a strong time may be expected;" that I have been more or less of a failure in various occupations before my joining this society, etc., all of which are glaring untruths. Now taking all these things into consideration, it does look as though our friends and the public at large are not nearly so much worried about the "changes that are being made in our faith" as at the fact that certain changes for which interested parties and the public have been looking are not going to materialize, and that the Harmony Society is going to stick to its text, remain firm in the fundamental tenets laid down by its founder and his associates and adopt if necessary a "strengthening act" or policy—thus putting an end to the glorious visions and dreams in which some parties have been reveling in relation to the disruption of the society.

Where the Society Stands.

The Harmony Society has always looked forward to a gathering of such people as the Lord may choose, and when in study of the Bible we find it a rule that God operates through human instruments. It is therefore not logical to assume that we are all instruments in His hands for the bringing forth of future events and results? Is it too much to assume that God expects us to use our common sense and daily work toward a certain end for which we incessantly pray? It seems to us that it would be vastly more sensible and consistent if those, at least, who have never demonstratively affiliated with us outside of our pocketbooks, could attend to their own salvation.

To put at rest all doubt as to the societies' ability to cope with difficulties that might arise, it may as well be stated that so far as the finances are concerned they are in safe hands, and in relation to incoming relationship we may as well state that there is no danger whatsoever, since every person has to dwell with us a year on probation, and even after becoming a member of our society would have small chance of causing much disturbance to the system—the entire management of internal affairs being in the hands of the Board of Elders.

JOHN S. DUSS.

NO NEED FOR HASTE.

The City Has Plenty of Resources in Case of Being Without a Central Police Station—No Plans Have Yet Been Made for the Future.

Now that the city has been formally notified to vacate the Central Police station property April 1, the question of new quarters comes forcibly to the front again. Within the next 18 weeks some provision will have to be made for the downtown district. Just what it will be remains to be decided. Comparatively little has been thought and nothing done yet in the matter. Chief Brown wants a new building erected for Central station and Police Bureau offices. But even a prospect of a speedy accomplishment of this desire would not relieve the uncertainty of the present situation.

Work on such a structure could not be started until after the February appropriation and the time between that and April 1 would scarcely be enough to allow the laying of foundations. If the new Central station is assured for next year or even the year following it is probable that some temporary plan will be adopted to fill the requirements until such a edifice becomes something more than a hope. Concerning the present situation Police Superintendent Weir said yesterday:

"Up to the present time no plans and few suggestions have been made for a substitute for our present quarters. There is no need of haste. The city has plenty of time between now and April 1 to make suitable arrangements. There is no chance of the city being left in a predicament in the matter. If new quarters are not in readiness by April we may be allowed to remain here a little longer, or, if we must vacate promptly, we can divide up the business of Central station between the Eleventh and Twelfth ward houses. They are, of course, somewhat inconvenient by being so far from the business portion of the city, but with our good wagon service we could largely overcome that difficulty."

A LITTLE TOO CLOUDY.

Important Results Will Result From Last Night's Eclipse.

There seemed to be very little interest taken in the eclipse of the moon last evening. At the observatory there were but two or there visitors outside of the professors taking observations. The programme was only partly carried out owing to the hazy atmosphere. Prof. Keeler took observations on the small stars that passed behind the moon but of the 30 or 40 that passed only succeed in getting the time on nine, owing to his not being able to see them. He said the time must be taken to within one-tenth of a second when the star disappears behind the moon and emerges from the other side otherwise the observation is of no use, this is done with the chronometer.

Prof. Very took observations on the light and heat given by the moon. He reported having taken several very good measures, but would have succeeded very much better if the atmosphere had been clearer. The result of the observations will be completed and forwarded to the observatory at Dorpat, Russia, where the reports from about 30 other observatories will be sent and there computed and the result will be made known. Prof. Speer, of the Pittsburg High School, assisted in taking the observations.

The eclipse began at 4:57, but it was too cloudy until 7 o'clock to perceive it. About that hour the sky cleared and the eclipse was observable until the finish at 9:05, just two minutes after the schedule time. Taking it all together Prof. Keeler expressed himself as highly satisfied with their experiments.

Government Building Glass Cost $741,000.

Postmaster McKean has returned from Washington where he completed arrangements about furnishing the second floor of the new Postoffice. He says the floor will be ready for occupancy in two weeks. Mr. McKean was looking at the pretty building yesterday. He remarked that the plate glass in the structure cost the Government $741,000. The electric lights in front are too much shaded by the arches, and they are to be extended over the pavement by two fancy cranes. The city put in electric lights on Smithfield street, Third and Fourth avenues, but there is hardly enough illumination, and another are lamp on Smithfield street is needed. The crossings on the three thoroughfares were laid by Chief Bigelow.

May Offer a Low Wilkinsburg Rate.

Yesterday the winter schedule went into effect on the Pennsylvania road. The local trains running to Wilkinsburg are now continued to Braddock, which gives that thriving village better train service out of Pittsburg. The time of the trains has also been continued. The company has not yet announced what will be done with suburban fares, and the agents think they are waiting to see what agreement the traction roads will reach. It is believed by railroad men that the Pennsylvania will finally sell 15 trips to Wilkinsburg for $1, and make 1,000-mile books good to local points.

Demented and Homeless.

Steve Cloasfoot, a demented Austrian, was lodged in the Twenty-eigth ward police station yesterday morning by Officer D. H. Smith. He is better known to the police as John Smith and has been arrested several times before for vagrancy. On account of his unbalanced mind he has been refused admission to the workhouse when sentenced by the Police Magistrates. He is 30 years old and has been in Pittsburg six years. The Southside police will endeavor to have him placed in the City Poor Farm.

Refused to Be Convinced.

Anthony Burns, of Banksville, was placed in the Thirty-sixth ward police station yesterday, for drunkeness. He went to the station to make an information against a man, who, he says, keeps a speak-easy at Corks Run. On being told Corks Run was not in the city limits, and they could do nothing, he got mad and said he would not leave. He was placed in a cell to sober up.

Where to Invest Your Money.

Investors will shortly receive large sums of money from their investments in the Western country on mortgages on property and otherwise. It is estimated that the New England States alone will be enriched to the extent of some $200,000,000 in this manner. Now, much of this money belongs to the trust estates and the like, and must needs be reinvested without delay. The unfavorable experience that many investors have had with many of the railroad enterprises and Western farm mortgages, coupled with the remarkable and eminently satisfactory income derived from some of the industrial enterprises already launched in this country, is inducing them to seriously favor the latter class of investments. The watchful and shrewd financial man is quick to take advantage of this situation, so that the best investments are being secured early, while those who are not alive to the best opportunities will be compelled to take the undesirable securities and non-dividend paying bonds and stocks that are left, which, needless to add, are liable to entail losses to them. This is particularly true of most of the railroad bonds and stocks of the country, because of their over-capitalization. As an evidence of under capitalization, we may mention H. H. Warner & Co., limited. Some two years ago this business was organized under the English company's acts, and during the past two years has paid its debenture interest, amounting to 6 per cent, and dividends of 8 per cent on the preferred stock and 17½ per cent on its common stock. Besides the dividends mentioned above, $306,000 worth of its debentures were paid off and canceled this year and $100,000 carried forward as undivided profits to next year's account.

NEW HOTELS COMING.

Two Magnificent Structures Are Promised for Pittsburg.

A GREAT WOOD STREET HOSTELRY

Talked of by E. M. Ferguson, William Roseburg and Others.

OFFERS BEING MADE FOR THE CENTRAL

A rumor has been quietly circulated for the past few days that a new hotel, of immense proportions and commensurate in every respect with Pittsburg's needs and commercial importance, was soon to be built on a downtown site. According to the story afloat the St. Charles and Central Hotel properties and the intervening ground were to be purchased by a syndicate, which had already secured options on most of the ground, and that the only bar to the immediate perfection of the place was the refusal of Charles S. Gill to dispose of his lease of the St. Charles Hotel. The rumor even stated that Architect Stillburg had been authorized to prepare plans for a magnificent building on the square bounded by Second and Third avenues, Wood and Smithfield streets.

The names of William Roseburg, E. M. Ferguson and others equally prominent were connected with the story. Several were visited yesterday, and, while the result does not exactly bear out the original story, enough was learned to indicate that plans are under consideration for two hotels on that block, one of which will be a large and fine building.

Capitalists Are After the Central.

Architect Stillburg, when seen at his residence in Reserve township, declared that the whole matter was news to him, but Jacob Kaufmann, of Kaufmann Bros., who recently purchased the Central Hotel property, admitted that during the past week overtures had been made by an agent for the purchase of the hotel and ground.

"I cannot give you the names of the interested persons," said Mr. Kaufmann, "and I do not know the agent, but the parties want the ground for hotel purposes. We refused to give them an option, but gave them to understand that we would sell for a fair price. They then made us an offer, but it was not enough, and the matter has gone no further. No, I can't tell you the sum they named, but it was a better figure than we paid for the property."

E. M. Ferguson said, when spoken to on the subject last night, that the building of a large hotel on the Wood street side of the block had been recently discussed by himself, Mr. Roseburg and others, but he said nothing definite had come of it yet. Said he:

"I am satisfied that a fine, big hotel, in proportion to Pittsburg's size and business standing, should be built, and would pay a good interest on the investment. We need a larger hotel than any in the city at present. I own 90 feet on Third avenue in rear of the St. Charles Hotel, running through to Second avenue. This, with the St. Charles and a couple of intervening properties, would make a suitable sight for the kind of a hotel I have suggested.

Want to Rebuild the St. Charles.

"The St. Charles is owned by William Roseburg. We have talked the matter over, and he thinks, as I do, that a big hotel would pay and shonld be built."

"Well, that rather looks as if it would be built then, does it not?"

"Yes, it does. But it would require the expenditure of a large sum of money to build the proper style of hotel, and there really has been nothing done as yet."

Mr. Ferguson said that the purchase of the Central Hotel property had not been thought of in connection with the matter. He did not care to say anything further about the subject at present, but his willingness to enter into a scheme for the erection of a more pretentious hotel than Pittsburg can now boast of was significantly shown by his conversation.

Celebrated Eight Years of Life.

The eighth anniversary meeting of the Pennsylvania Railroad Department of the Y. M. C. A. was held yesterday afternoon in the cozy reading rooms at Twenty-eighth street. The meeting was largely attended. It was opened with Scripture reading by Rev. C. P. Harrah and prayer by Rev. Samuel H. Moore. The annual report was read by Mr. Jacob Weedman, and it showed the association to be in a flourishing condition and doing a good work. Addresses were made by G. A. Warbrinton, Secretary of the Railroad branch of the Y. M. C. A., of New York, and S. L. Seymour, Division Freight Agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Both addresses were on the work which had been accomplished by the railroad branches of the Y. M. C. A. Other remarks were made by Superintendent Robert Pitcairn and others.

Mr. Bartley Dying in Baltimore.

Delinquent Tax Collector Ford yesterday received a telegram stating that his father-in-law, Robert Bartley, was dying in Baltimore. Mr. Ford went there last evening. He says Mr. Bartley is the oldest living man born in Allegheny county. He is now 88, and first saw the light of day in a little house at the mouth of Butcher's Run. He learned the hatter's trade, and for a number of years was engaged in business at Blairsville.

Two Deaths in One Family.

Yesterday morning Mrs. Catherine Flack, wife of Alderman Flack, of Carson street, Southside, died. Her husband is very sick, with but slight hopes of recovery. On Saturday night John Sauters, a brother of Mrs. Flack, died at his home on Eighteenth street, Southside, of dropsy.

SUNDAY'S PRISON POINTERS.

DANIEL MCKENNA, of Fifty-fourth street, was arrested last night by Captain Brophy for keeping a disorderly house. He was locked up in the Seventeenth ward station.

HARRY JONES, the colored boy who went to McVay's livery stable Saturday and appropriated Mr. Hoffstott's horse and buggy, had a hearing yesterday morning before Alder-Hyndman. He was held for court in default of $500 bail.

HENRY ORTHOUS, aged 21 years, has been missing from his boarding house at No. 2621 Carey alley since last Friday. He has been sick a few weeks, and his friends think he has met with foul play. The police were notified of his disapperance.

JOSEPH SHELTON and James Harris will have a hearing before Alderman Hyndman this morning for assault and battery on information made by Max Goldstein. The latter alleges they struck and seriously injured him with a cobble stone November 5.

MAUD CAMPBELL, an inmate of No. 2012 Penn avenue, was a prisoner in the Twelfth ward station last night for getting a mouthful of ink and spitting it all over the back of a young man's light overcoat. She will have a hearing before Magistrate McKenna this morning.

MISS AMELIA MAXWELL was arrested and placed in the Eleventh ward police station yesterday on an information made by Mrs. Martha Simpson, for being intimate with her son-in-law, Charles Washington. Mrs. Simpson lives in the Eleventh ward and Miss Maxwell lives in Oakland.

REPORTS came to the Southside last night of some big drunken brawls in which several men were injured at the speak-easies just beyond the city line in Lower St. Clair Township. One man, it was reported, had received a fracture of the skull. No names or definite information could be obtained.

J. ALFRED COREY, arrested by Officer Yeager at the Monongahela house last Wednesday night, at first thought to be a hotel thief, will be taken to his home in Philadelphia this morning. The young man's father, a manufacturer of boots and shoes, notified the police authorities that he would arrive to-day and take his boy home.

MUDDLE OVER AN ORGAN.

A Strange State of Affairs Arising From a Suit Against a Braddock Church—A Very Unusual Opinion Handed Down by Judge Stowe.

In the suit of Drake versus Irvine, in Common Pleas Court No. 1, reported in the Pittsburg *Legal Journal*, Charles W. Scovel, attorney for plaintiff, scored an interesting point from the fact that Judge Stowe granted it rather grudgingly. The question at issue is where an affidavit of defense admits a part of plaintiff's claim, and as to the rest, sets up a defense insufficient as to part, but good as to the rest, the court has power to order judgment for the part admitted and also for the part not sufficiently denied or defended with leave to plaintiff to proceed to trial for the remainder of his claim.

Query: as to the propriety of the practice.

Plaintiff sued for $1,173 25, balance, due for the building of an organ for a church in Braddock, alleging contract price to be $1,500. The supplemental affidavit of defense sufficiently set up a different contract with plaintiff's agent, in which price was to be $1,250, and plaintiff and his agent to give organ recitals to help pay the same. Defendant also claimed additional payments on account, leaving a balance of $880 80, and asked $500 on account of plaintiff's failure to perform his part of the agreement, admitting $380 80 to be due.

Mr. Scovel held that the allegation of damages was too vague to constitute a defense and judgment was ordered for $880 80, with leave to plaintiff to proceed to trial for the remainder of his claim. It was contended that plaintiff should have judgment for the part not sufficiently denied as well as the part admitted with leave to proceed, etc., and several decisions quoted in proof.

Judge Stowe in his opinion filed said he did not think the defense in relation to damages was so clearly and distinctly stated as to comply with the rule of court by way of setting up a defense, if that were the only defense alleged, but as there was a good defense to a part of plaintiff's claim outside this matter the question was whether under the rules practice judgment should be entered for the sum not sufficiently defended, with leave to go to a jury for the balance. The suggestion that the rule may be so modified as to raise that question is countenanced by the remarks of the Supreme Court in Stedman vs Poterie, 139 Pa. St., 101, but there is no rule of this court that contemplates any such proceeding. The purpose of Rule 11 was to allow plaintiff to take judgment for the "admitted or not denied" in part by precipe filed in the prothonotary's office, not by taking a rule for judgment for such part. "While I have no doubt about the power, I very much doubt the propriety of a practice allowing judgment for a part of the claim which is denied and attempted to be defended by an allegation of facts supposed by the counsel to be sufficient, even when we are of the opinion that there is no sufficient defense actually shown. It would present a curious record to have a part of a case in the Supreme Court and perhaps reversed, while at the same time a trial for the balance of the claim was before a jury here. However, as the Supreme Court has appeared to sanction such a practice and this case appears to be one in which it should be allowed, if ever, we direct a judgment to be entered foe plaintiff for $880 80 with leave to proceed to trial for the balance of his claim."

BEFORE MAGISTRATES.

Police Hearings at Various Station Houses Yesterday Morning—Several New Faces at the Workhouse—The Quantity and Quality of Culprits Very Inferior.

Police hearings were not exceptionally large yesterday morning. There were 32 prisoners before Magistrate Gripp at Central station. Moses Day was given a sentence of 90 days to the workhouse for beating, kicking and choking his wife at their home, No. 26 Tannehill street. The Magistrate gave him a severe lecture, and, in default of a fine of $50, sent him to the workhouse for 90 days. William Schrader went to the same institution for a similar length of time, having been caught by Officer Yeager at a store on Grant street helping himself to eggs and putting them in his pockets. He said he had no home. Clara Dumming was sent to the workhouse for 30 days for improper conduct.

Magistrate Succop had very ordinary cases at the Twenty-eighth ward police station. Six were discharged and on the remainder eight sentences were imposed. Late Saturday night Officer Thompson found Daniel Berry, M. Donanan and M. Carson on Carson street with a keg of beer. He thought they were acting suspiciously and asked where they got the beer. They refused to tell. At the hearing they were fined $1 and costs each each.

There were 25 cases before Mayor Wyman at the Allegheny hearing. At an early hour Officers Milligan and Buscho raided the house of Mary Smith, No. 9 Gerst alley, arresting the proprietress, three other women and eight men. Miss Smith was fined $50, and the others were let off upon payment of the costs.

Magistrate McKenna had a large number of cases at the Twelfth ward station. James McKenna, who struck his wife on the head with a poker, was fined $50 and costs, in default of which he was sent to the workhouse for 30 days. George Gallagher and Andrew Parteus, for raising a row at No. 36 Third avenue, were fined $50 and costs each. John Dhrew was arrested for putting a revolver on a girl at No. 25 Second avenue, was fined $25 and costs, in default of which he was sent to the workhouse for 30 days. Thomas Sullivan, John Hartman, William Hartman and Robert Roberts, who were with Drhew, were fined $5 and costs each.

Magistrate Leslie had only five cases at the Seventeenth ward station. None of them rose above the importance of a $5 fine.

SOME MORE RESOLUTIONS.

The Catholic Mutual Benefit Association Also Denounces Benjamin Butterworth.

The Advisory Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, one of the largest Catholic organizations in Western Pennsylvania, held its regular meeting at Floyd's Hall, Liberty avenue, last night. The council is confined to Allegheny county, where it has 42 branches and a membership of 2,900. The following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, As Secretary of the World's Fair Directory, the Hon. Benjamin Butterworth has been guilty of using such language unbecoming a gentleman filling such an important position, toward the Catholics and Catholic countries; and,

Whereas, The continuance of this man in such a resposible position is very distasteful under such remarks, therefore, we, the representatives of 2,900 fellow Catholics of Allegheny county, demand such an apology as is due, and, upon such refusal, we further demand his resignation as a member of the Board of Directors of the World's Fair Commission; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of the above resolutions be sent the World's Fair Commission of Pennsylvania.

The resolutions were signed by M. J. Maxwell, President, and J. W. Sullivan, Secretary.

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CAUGHT THE BOROUGH.

Right of Way Given on an Offer to Buy the Knoxville Incline.

BIRMINGHAM COMPANY IS AHEAD.

Another Inclined Plane Is to Be Built on the Southside.

A NICE POINT OF LAW FOR THE COURTS

The Pittsburg and Birmingham Traction Company will apply for a charter for an inclined plane from South Tenth and Bradford streets to the house of Louis Fritz, on Brownsville avenue, on next Monday. This is strange, from the fact that they already control the Pittsburg and Knoxville and Mt. Oliver Inclined planes, but the explanation was given yesterday by one of the attorneys, Mr. Hays. He said:

"The Birmingham Traction Company some time ago made a proposition to the Knoxville people whereby they would take the inclined and build an electric line from Knoxville to the city via the Tenth street bridge and Second avenue. The proposition was accepted and the contract drawn up and signed by the Knoxville people.

Captured the Right of Way.

"Then the traction company asked from the borough of Knoxville the right of way over certain streets of the borough, which was granted. Just here is where the traction people show their hand. They have secured these rights and privileges, but as yet have not signed the contract, thus binding the transfer of the Knoxville property to them. The old Knoxville and St. Clair line that is to be sold very soon owns the right of way from the head of the Pittsburg and Knoxville Incline plane through that portion of the city to the borough line. It also has the franchise on Brownsville avenue from the head of the Knoxville Incline to the head of the proposed new incline. It is but a slight grade from there to the top of the hill and, with an inclined plane from 600 to 800 feet shorter, it will necessarily capture the bulk of the trade.

"Then there is another point. The traction company already has possession of the Mt. Oliver Incline and with the new one on the other side of the Knoxville, landing people within 200 yards of it on a much shorter haul, why should they care to be burdened with another incline? They don't, and that is why the contract has not been signed by the Pitisburg and Birmingham Traction Company.

Knoxville May Be Frozen Out.

The question naturally arises, will the Knoxville people allow themselves to be frozen out in this manner? Can they, in lieu of the failure of the traction company to purchase the property, repeal the franchises giving them the right of way through the borough? That is a very fine point to decide. The work of laying the rails has been started and, strange to say, it passes the Knoxville Incline both at the top and bottom, thus securing whatever patronage that cares to ride.

"Of course, there will always be the regular patronage—those who pick their incline on personal grounds and other reasons, but there is still another way out for people who are a little timid of inclines and lifts. The Suburban Rapid Transit Company will soon be in shape to transport passengers to Allentown, Mt. Oliver and Knoxville via the Eighteenth street road, the company having secured the right of way and the turn