temper remained unruffled and he made an emphatic denial. Mr. Henricks then stated that he believed a large number of the plates had been accounted for, and he therefore offered the following resolution:

offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The examination and hearing of John E. Murphy, ex-Chief of Police, as to the issuance of vehicle licenses, and the report of the auditors and the ordinances bearing on the duties of the auditing and disbursing officers of the city, show very loose methods in the duties of those who should supervise and control the receipt and expenditure of money due the city, and Whereas, The Chief of Police was only the subordinate of the Mayor of the city whose duty it was, by ordinance, to report under cath each month the receipt of money for delinquents on vehicle licenses, and

Sweet Music in Murphy's Ears. Whereas, The hearing develops the fact that John R. Murphy, by sworn statements of numerous witnesses, accounts for a large number of vehicle license plates, but, owing

number of vehicle license plates, but, owing to the fact that the stubs of the vehicle license books are lost, no full or final audit of the same can be made; therefore, be it Resolved. That the vehicle license matter, together with all other matters charged or appearing against John R. Marphy, be referred to the City Solicitor to make such charges, and in such place as the facts and evidence will justify, and, in the event of the facts. and evidence not justifying any

Council.;
When the Chair asked for remarks no one responded. Mr. Wertheimer asked a question that was answered satisfactorily, and then there was another painful silence. Finally Mr. Lewis broke the quietude. He said: "The charges against Mr. Murphy are grave and serious. They involve the disgrace of Mr. Murphy, his jamily and the Councils that elected him. If this thing goes to the City Solicitor, and it is found that there are no grounds for prosecution. I will be pleased with the vindication. If it goes to court and he is vindicated, I will be still better pleased. I am in favor of this resolution, and if there is any justice to be had in the case, and the City Solicitor can cke it out, let us have it at once."

The resolution was then put to a vote and adopted. It is the general belief that the City Solicitor will not find enough matter to warrant an investigation. The committee, it is stated, referred the case to the City Solicitor through fear that a cry of whitewash would be raised if they passed a

motion vindicating Mr. Murphy.

The sub-Auditing Committee took the inital step yesterday afternoon to continue the work commenced. At a meeting in the afternoon, they decided to recommend to the Auditing Committee that an appropriation of \$2,500 be asked to provide for the city's books after March 1 The present Auditors are being paid as expert accountants out of the contingent fund. Need Money for the Auditors.

They get \$350 a month, which is divided between them. The plan proposed by the sub-Auditing Committee is to have one Auditor engaged to devote all his time to watching the city's affairs. The amount was placed at \$2,500 because it was believed both Mr. McKirdy and Mr. Bigger will have to be retained for some time after March 1. The request for this appropriation, it is believed, will again stir up the bitter feeling between auditing and finance committees. The latter passes on all appropriations and will probably bring forth its principles of economy when the request for \$2,500 is made. Several of the members stated last night that they thought the amount was too large. It is well known that the Finance Committee consider the auditors intruders on their aftairs, and the opportunity for revenge by shutting off the cash may prove too tempt-

ing to ignore. On the other hand the Auditing Committee claims the benefit to the city will cover many times the cost of auditing. At the meeting of the sub-committee vesterday a little mutual admiration was indulged in when Chairman Henricks reported the returns from the market house for the last three months. They were as follows: No-vember, \$1,785 40; October, \$5,141 95; Sep-tember, \$5,166 13; total, \$12,093 48. For the entire 12 months of last year the re-ceipts amounted to \$12,093 48, showing that nearly four times as much money is received from the market house since the audit was commenced as before.

"This shows," continued Mr. Henricks, "that even if I cent is not collected the work done by the auditors will be of great benefit to the city. The other departments have, I think, also increased their earnings, and when things get in good working order the returns will be still greater."

It was decided by the sub-committee to hold two meetings a mouth. One at 4 o'clock on the day of the regular meeting of the Auditing Committee and the other two weeks previous.

#### Wyman Scored on Another Bill

The money due the city by the James G. Wyman Odorless Excavating Company, mentioned in THE DISPATCH several weeks ago, was brought up and the following report made to the Auditing Committee:

ALLEGHENY, Pa., Dec. 3, 1891.

John R. Henricks, Esq., Chairman Auditing Com

SIR-Your auditors would respectfully report that since our report of September 30 relating to license for night soiling we have discovered by reference to an ordinance passed August 20, 1878—M. Ref., P. 390—that persons engaged in the business are required to pay a license of \$25 a year for each vehicle or apparatus employed. We submit herewith a statement that the James G. Wyman Odorless Excavating Company are indebted to the city of Allegheny for license on nine outflits for night soiling for 11 years from 1881 to 1891 inclusive, amounting in all to the sum of \$1.950, less one license short for each year, \$22, leaving a net balance of \$1.760 due the city. \$1.760 due the city.
We also find that the Union Excavating

Comp my are indebted to the city in the sum of \$250, they having three outsteer apparatus, and have paid license for but one for years 1885 to 1821 inclusive. As requested, we also submit statement showing vehicle license due from the James E. Wyman Odorlicense due from the James E. Wyman Odor-less Excavating Company amounting to \$1,120, for vehicle license on tank and pump wagons and buggy used in the business. Also vehicle license due from the Union Excavating Company, amounting to \$252. These charges for vehicle licenses do not include the 10 per cent penalty for every 30 days the same remains unpaid, after June 1 of each year, as required by ordinance massed October 11, 1872. M Ref. P. 288. this of each year, as required by ordinance passed October II, 1877—M. Ref., P. 386—this penalty alone, in the case of the James G. Wyman Company, would amount to nearly \$7,000. Respectfully submitted.

T. W. Bigger, JNO. McKirdy, Auditors,

The Union Excavating Company, it was stated, has since been purchased by the James G. Wyman Company.

#### GONE BY THE BOARD.

A Theatrical Combination Wrecked in This City.

The "Son of Monte Cristo" Company, a theatrical combination, is stranded in Pitts. burg. The company is composed of a dozen people, and they have been showing in the small towns in the coke region. Yesterday M. J. Smith, a hotel keeper of Dawson, came to this city and had the baggage and effects of the company attached for a board bill contracted while the company was shoving at Dawson. The baggage was at the Union station. It was the intention of

night. A hearing in the case will be heard before Alderman McKenna on Saturday J. C. Hays, manager of the theatrical company, will remain in the city until after hearing. The other members of the combination have gone East and the com-pany will dissolve. Smith said last night that he intended having Hays arrested on a charge of false pretense.

the company to have it shipped East last

### New Brickworks at Sharpsburg.

Sharpsburg is to have a new industry in the Sharpsburg Brick and Stone Company, organized last week, which is to manufacture brick and quarry stone on the old Noble farm, located opposite Sumner station. The company is to be a stock concern with \$20,000 capital. An application for a charter will be filed in a few days. The company consists of M. F. Dethlefs, C. H. Wanner, Fred G. Seitz, George S. Davis and Julius I. Livingston. All are well sup-plied with capital, and they expect to de-velop one of the largest brick manufactories

Collector Warmcastle Surprised by the Charges Against Him and His Office.

HIS REMOVAL IS LOOKED FOR,

But His Friends Have the Utmost Confidence in His Integrity and Work.

THE NEW POLITICAL COMBINATION

That Is Charged With Fighting Senator Quay and His Followers.

The charges preferred by Government agents against Internal Revenue Collector Warmcastle and the management of his office formed the subject of general discussion among local politicians yesterday. The publication was a positive shock to Mr. Warmcastle. He was taken completely by surprise, and he, seemingly more than anyone else, was completely at sea in the matter. When seen yesterday Mr. Warmcastle refused to talk of the alleged charges. He said he had no information as to just what the charges are or the ground upon which they were made. Until he had received a report from Washington he said he could not talk knowingly on the subject, and must therefore decline to be interviewed. He said, however, that the affairs of his office had been pronounced correct by Inspector Brooks, and if any irregularities existed they were among his subordinates located outside of his office.

The friends of Collector Warmcastle were more than a little annoyed by the publication of the story. They view with alarm the reported break between Senator Quay and President Harrison, and are confident that before another week Mr. Warmcastle will either be asked to resign or will be removed

There Is No Apparent Excuse.

They all have the utmost confidence i the integrity of the collector. They contend that his administration has been clear and that the affairs of his office have been managed with marked ability, yet they do not hesitate to say that sufficient excuse will be found to justify a change in the management of the office.

Congressman Dalzell refused to talk on the subject vesterday. He said he knew nothing of the reported charges and he also denied knowing anything of the contemplated change in the Revenue Office. Mr. Dalzell left for Washington last night. The report that Frank P. Case would probably ucceed Collector Warmeastle is emphatic ally denied by Mr. Case. He said: "I can not and will not be a candidate for Mr. Warmenstle's position. My relations with the collector are friendly." Mr. Case formerly filled the position. He was Mr. Dalzell's candidate for the place when Mr. Warmcastle was chosen, confessedly through Senator Quay's efforts. Mr. Dalzell at that time did not enjoy the confidence of the President, and all the Federal offices in Pittsburg were filled by Senator Quay's friends.

An Organized War Against Quay. "I know little about the case," Senato Neeb said yesterday. "But I know the revenue laws are intricate, and while the collector might be struggling to satisfy one technicality he might be violating another." The special revenue agents who were in Pittsburg investigating the alleged irregularities in Collector Warmcastle's office have returned to Washington. Inspector

Brooks is expected to return here to-day or Mr. Warmcastle's friends have no hesitancy in asserting that Congressman Dal-zell and Senator Rutan are working together in their opposition to Senator Quay and his following in Western Pennsylvania and no effort will be spared to undo the Quay enort will be spared to undo the Quay forces in Pittsburg and other points in this neighborhood. Mr. Warmcastle was active in his opposition to Mr. Dalzell's candidacy for President of the Republican League Club of Pennsylvania and this it is alleged

s operating strongly against him. Senator Rutan said the charges against Mr. Warmeastle were of such a nature as to demand a thorough investigation. He did not think there was any political plot in the action of the Internal Revenue Department. He said Mr. Warmcastle should not b judged in advance, however, and that the public should, as in all cases against officials, suspend judgment until both sides are

### PEW CLAIMS THERE IS GAS.

The patrons of the People's Natural Gas

He Says the People's Company Will Have a Good Supply.

Company have been complaining ever since cold weather began because they have not sufficient gas, sometimes not any. Even vesterday, warm as it was, a shortage was complained of, particularly in the hill dis-trict. Notwithstanding this fact. J. M. Pew, manager of the company, when asked yesterday the cause of the shortage, said: "None of our patrons have had any right to complain of a gas shortage for the past two days. Our old wells are pretty well played out and we have been pumping gas fron them, but we have been getting plenty to supply our demand, and yesterday we had supply our demand, and yesterday we had so much that we shut down our pumps. The complaints you have heard probably result from defective burners or stoves. We will have plenty of gas for the balance of this season. We have a new well, and a big one-just came in the other day and was turned into our mains yesterday morning It is located in the North Washington

more in that field shortly. We are in bet-ter shape now for gas supply than we were at this time last year."

field, Westmoreland county, and we'll have more in that field shortly. We are in bet-

Another Backer for Hatch. Ex-Judge D. O. De Armond, member of Congress for the Twelfth district of Missouri, was a passenger to Washington last night, and will take his seat next Monday. Dr. W. N. Graham, an old newspaper man and former editor of the Sedalia Times, was his companion. The Judge was in an extremely modest humor, and did not talk to a great extent. He, however, said that Hatch was his man for Speaker, and he would like to have his chances on the fourth ballot. Congressman De Armond was for merly a Pennsylvanian, being born and raised near Altoona, in Blair county.

Builders' Exchange Delegates.

At the monthly meeting of the Builders Exchange next Monday, 20 delegates to the National Association Convention will be appointed, and the question of erecting a new exchange building will be considered definitely. The Pittsburg Exchange wil definitely. The Pittsburg Exchange wil have 21 delegates to the convention, including its representation on the Board of Man agers, giving it the largest delegation in at tendance, and, if united, a power in any decision before the body. It is said the Pittsburg delegation will agitate the policy of rendering assistance to filial bodies in strikes or other troubles.

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TO PAY ELECTION EXPENSES.

elect Council Holds a Special Meeting for ome Unfinished Business - Various Resolutions Acted On and Other Rou-

Select Council held a special meeting yesterday afternoon chiefly to pass the Com mon Council resolution for the payment of expenses of the coming bond election. It took only a few moments to do this and then some unfinished business was taken up. A resolution to compromise the claims of E. P. Jones, Robert Arthur and Bridget Daily for \$4,200 was adopted.

Resolutions that the Chief of the Depart-

ment of Public Works enforce the ordinance to have sidewalks placed on Thirtythird street and requesting the City Attornev to furnish an opinion regarding the right of Councils to grant telegraph and telephone companies the right to erect poles on sidewalks were laid on the table. A resolution requesting the Chief of the Department of Public Works to ascertain by what right the Central Telephone Com-

by what right the Central Telephone Company takes gas lamps away and puts poles in their places caused some discussion.

Mr. Keating—The city has nothing to do with the gas lamps. The Electric Light Company has charge of that, and if the city ever desires to go back to gas the company will have to replace the lamp posts.

Mr. Robertson—The city owns the lamp posts, and the citizens should know what became of them.

The action of Common Council on adopting the resolution was concurred in.

ng the resolution was concurred in. A resolution requesting the Committee or A resolution requesting the Committee on Public Safety to report on the ordinance relative to the removal of telegraph poles and placing wires underground was laid over at the request of Mr. Lambie, who said over at the request of Mr. Lambie, who said the committee was at work on the subject. The action of Common Council in adopt-ing a resolution for the appointment of a committee, consisting of Mayor Gourley, Chief Bigelow, one member from Select and two from Common Council to solicit the aid of Senators Cameron and Quay and the Allegheny county Congressmen in securing that portion of the Allegheny arsenal layng between Butler street and Penn avenu

for park purposes was concurred in.

Resolutions requesting the Chief of Pub lic Works to ascertain the probable cost of repaying Forty-eighth street and Butler street between Forty-fifth and Forty-ninth streets were referred to the Finance Com-mittee, as was also the petition of George Sands for damages to property on Bedfore avenue.

A resolution refunding Thomas Cronin, o the Thirty-third ward, \$19 51 overpaid taxes was adopted, as were also resolutions for the payment of \$89 to the Electric Sup ply and Construction Company, and \$170 79 to George L. Peabody for work done.

Ordinances for the establishment of the office of chief clerk of the Board of Viewers at a salary of \$1,800 per year; and establishing the grade of Cassett street were adopted The contract of the Allegheny Light Com-pany for lighting the city with arc lamps was approved, and Councils adjourned.

#### SIR EDWIN ARNOLD TALES.

Bis First Visit to Pittsburg Clouded 1

Smoke and Dirty Vapor. Sir Edwin Arnold, the distinguished Lor ion litterature, alighted from a Cleveland train yesterday afternoon, tired and travel stained. As he walked out through the Union station he looked up at the smoke bedimmed sky and remarked. "On, what a murky city; it reminds me of Lisbon. You must have a great industrial town here, ac-cording to all reports. This is my first visit to Pittsburg, and I am in the hands of my

The gentleman did not know which hotel he was going to. After he was ensconced in apartments at the Anderson he delivered up a lengthy talk. Among the most interesting things expressed was his desire to spend a week or so in Pittsburg, and visit the great mills and the manufacturing industries. "I know Andrew Carnegie very well," said he "and my regard for him is most kindly. His considerate treatment toward my son when in this country several years ago has not been forgotten by me. In consequence of that I have presented him with the original manuscript of 'The Light of Asia.' He is a

very charming gentleman." Sir Edwin spoke of the greatness of the Str Edwin spoke of the greatness of the States; the cities were wonderfully progressive and the people most magnetic. He liked New York City very much, but was more struck with San Francisco, on account of its cosmopolitan air and picturesque surroundings. He put the Golden Gate City in poetry as an evidence of this fact, when he embarked for Japan on his trip around the world. DOINGS AMONG THE SURGEONS.

### Five Accidents Reported Yesterday-On-

Resulted Fatally.

The total-list of injured vesterday reached five, one of which resulted fatally. One man was killed on the railroad and several minor accidents of a trivial nature were re-ported. This is the list:

ported. This is the list:

Hordman—William Hordman, 40 years old, was run down and killed by an express train on the Lake Erie Railroad near Chartiers at 5:35 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Hordman was walking along the track at the time, and did not hear the approach of the train. The deceased was employed at the Keystone Bridge Works, having only gone to work there yesterday. The body is at the morgue, awaiting the action of the deceased's friends.

Evans—Miss Jennie Evans, of Bond street, East End, while cleaning windows yesterday slipped from the stepladder and rell through the window, cutting her face, neck and hands in a painful manner.

AVELING—James Aveling, of Julius street, yesterday while searching through a vase for a pin, disturbed a cartridge, which exploded, injuring his hand severely.

LEVI—John Levi, aged 12, was knocked down by a Birmingham car near South Fifteenth street. He escaped with a few slight bruises.

Branker—John Blahler was struck by a

BIAHLER-John Biabler was struck by a Fort Wayne train at Woods' Run, yesterday, and had his arm broken and his head cut.

### Returns Favorable to Wyman.

Commissioner Shafer and his merry men spent vesterday in the investigation of Allegheny City ballot boxes. Stayton's man stated that they were looming up proudly, and to this Mr. Bennett responded that the preponderance of loom was on the other side, and that at the rate the four wards had shown up they could afford to lose the 65 votes. Mr. Shafer was non-com-

#### SNAP SHOTS AT CITY AFFAIRS.

THE Public Works Committee of Allegheny met last night and approved pay rolls. A FREIGHT wreck occurred on the Pan-handle near Mansfield yesterday. An en-gine and six cars were derailed. No one was injured.

Dr. Bracon and Lawyer Joseph Young have revived the Thomas Ewing Literary Association, of Forest Grove, and a meeting has been called for this evening. THE stereotypers of the two cities, to the

number of 25, will organize a union separate from Typographical Union No. 7, of which the majority of them are members. THE Journal of Building appears this week in a neat new dress and a new and more con-venient form as a celebration of its fourth anniversary. The improvement is general and agreeable.

Dr. SHEDDON JACKSON, United States Edn. cational Commissioner to Alaska, made an address before the Ladies' Missionary Society at the Smithfield M. E. Church yesterday afternoon. THE Committee on Charities of Alleghens

met last night. The pay roll and the ordi-nance recommending the employment of two additional assistants for the City Home MRS. M. BRONSON, of Arlington avenue, Mt.

miss. M. Davison, or affington avenue, Mt. Oliver, was found dead in bed yesterday morning. The lady had been ill from pneumonia for some time, but her death was unexpected. She was a widow and leaves five children. THERE were two cable car accidents yesterday, but no one was injured. Car 53 of the Central Traction line ran into a wagon at High and Wylis and damaged the car only. At Sixth and Liberty car No. 3 of the Manchester line ran into car No. 205 of the Citizens' line owing to a mistake in the sig-nals. The Citizens' line car was badly dam-aged.

#### DIVIDING DISTRICTS.

New Lines for Allegheny Wards and Voting Precincts.

PROSPECT FOR A LONG FIGHT

Between the Old Ward Politicians and the

Reformers.

PREPARING FOR THE BAKER BALLOT LAW

The revolution in Allegheny affairs will e still further increased during the coming year by the dividing of wards and election districts. At the next meeting of Councils it is probable that the Committee of Thirteen on Sub-division of Wards will be named and that they will start to work at once. The alleged reason for this is that the representation in Select Council is too small. There are now only 13 wards, and conse quently but 13 members. It has not been decided how many more will be created or how the lines will be drawn.

This question will probably be the grounds for as bitter a fight as has ever taken place on the Northside, and will still further increase the ferment in the city politics. The power of the ward workers, it is claimed, will be greatly diminished by the new move, and for that reason the Reformers will give it their undivided sup-

May Destroy the School Districts. The most determined objection, so far as offered, comes from the Board of School Control. This organization has always been noted for clinging to things as ancient as education itself, and carrying out its former policy now claims that the division of wards will destroy the harmony of the school dis-tricts. It is thought that satisfactory arrangements can be made, however, and that only the politicians will be left to fight. Another move that is likely to act like a change of habitation on Allegheny citizens

will be the proposed re-districting of the city for election purposes. In speaking of this yesterday, City Solicitor Elphinstone "The city has not been re-districted for "The city has not been re-districted for about seven years. Some of the precincts are very large, and it is claimed that it would be impossible to pool the entire vote under the Baker ballot law. The remedy offered is for the Court of Quarter Sessions to appoint a commission to divide the wards.

Want the Ward Lines Changed. Under the State Constitution, the court s given the right to divide districts having nore than 250 voters in cities of over 100, o00 inhabitants. There has been no di-vision since Alleghenv reached that size and if there was a petition offered in court, the proper steps would no doubt, be taken. Such a move may be made when the wards are divided."

County Commissioner Mercer thinks i very important that the election districts in both cities be divided before next year's election under the new ballot reform law. Although the Pittsburg districts were di-vided this year, he says there are many that are still too large for the new system. "In Ohio," he continued, "the ballot reform law provided also for dividing districts, but in this State it was considered the present laws were sufficient. They no doubt are, but in order to get the benefit someone must make the first move. There is trouble now when a full vote is out to get them all polled, and under the Baker law a great deal more time will be taken with each

#### NEW OFFICERS NOMINATED.

The Young Men's Republican Tariff Club

Indorse the Bond Issue. At a meeting of the Young Men's Republican Tariff Club held in their club house last night, the following list of officers was nominated: President, Hon. W. Stevens; Second Vice President, D. K. McGuanegle; Corresponding Secretary, William J. Dithrich; Financial Secretary, James H. Graham; Treasurer, Joseph J. Marshall; Board of Directors, C. L. Magee, W. R. Ford, Hon. John N. Neeb, Robert Duncan, John Dovle, Evan Jones, H. P. Ford, Robert G. Patton, William Meese, Charles W Van Hook, Howard Jones, E. N. Randolph, Samuel Graham, John S. Lindsay, E. H. Brady, H. M. Dott, S. T. Richards, Phillip S. Flinn, Thomas G. Meclure and Morris W. Mead.

The following resolution was adopted:

In view of the fact that on the 8th inst., (next Tuesday) an election is to be held in this city on the question of issuing or not issuing bonds to the extent of two million (\$2,000,000) dollars for the purpose of paying the indebtedness incurred by the improvement of streets and construction of sewers, which, under the decision of the Supreme Court of March 16, 1891, must be met by the city at large, and in view of the fact that the said indebtedness must be paid by the city within the next two years, and as the Mayor and Controller have publicly guaranteed that these bonds shall not be issued for any other purpose, the Young Men's Republican Tariff Club of Pittsburg heartily indorse the proposition to issue short loan bonds to the amount of \$2,000,000. Believing it good business policy and in the interest of the taxpayers we urge the yoters of Pitts-The following resolution was adopted: good business policy and in the interest of the taxpayers we urge the voters of Pitts burg to vote in the affirmative upon this

Predicts Success for Sherman.

T. C. Snyder, President of the Canton Steel and Roofing Company, tarried over night at the Monongahela. He is an ex-State Senator and Legislator, and is quite well up on Ohio politics. He is a Republican and worked toe and nail for Major Mo-Kinley in the last campaign. He is heartily in favor of Sherman being returned to the United States Senate, and says the grand old oak will be. Forsker is a young man, and can afford to wait. He said: "People must not think that Sherman is on the wane; he is as vigorous in mind as ever, and stands head and shoulders above any senatorial aspirant in the State."

Mass Meeting of Labor Organizations. The striking printers and presemen of the two cities will to-day issue a call for a monster mass meeting to be held within ten days at one of the large halls of this city. Every labor organization in Allegheny county will be invited. Good speakers are to be provided to state the position of the strikers. The leaders in the strike say the meeting is the result of urgent requests from other leading labor organizations in the county, who are thoroughly aroused and the object is to awaken public opinion on labor matters generally and the printers

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strike in particular.

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THREE MORE INSPECTORS NEEDED. porease in Building Nece

pointment of Assistant Plumbers. Chief Brown yesterday received a communication from the Pittsburg Plumbers' Association, signed by D. K. Becker, James G. Weldon and Charles H. Humbert, in which it was stated that at Wednesday night's meeting of the association a resolu tion was unanimously adopted requesting the reappointment of City Plumbing Inspector William Laydon, and recom ing that two or three assistants be added to that bureau. In the resolution it was stated that on account of the importance and magnitude of the plumbing inspector's duties it was a physical impossibility for one man to do all the work properly and according to the strictletter of the State

The communication was in line with Chief Brown's views on the subject. He says there is no branch of the city business that is of more importance to its health than the supervision of the sanitary plumbing arrangements in dwellings. While there are numerous laws designating what may or may not be done in house drainage and plumbing builders and owners as a rule pay but little attention to them unless closely watched. In this city, where so much building is constantly going on, one man is unable to cover all the ground and give the The communication was in line with unable to cover all the ground and give the work the supervision it should have. It has been evident for two or three years

that to have the work properly performed more than one man should be employed. The expense of two additional inspectors The expense of two additional inspectors has heretofore stood in the way, but a proposition is now talked of to impose a nominal fee for the plumbing permits and the inspectors' services, as is now done in the building inspection bureau. By this means the office would yield enough to pay the entire expenses of the office while the building operations continue as they have been for several years. In Philadelphia last year the plumbing inspectors' fees amounted to \$17,000, and turned a balance into the city treasury after paying six or

into the city treasury after paying six or eight inspectors.

A couple of years ago the sentiment against charging fees for plumbing and building inspection was so strong in this city that a resolution presented in Councils came near being passed to do away with them entirely. Since that time the feeling has changed, and it is now argued that individuals should pay the nominal fees exacted for permits. It is probable that an ordinance will be presented in Councils shortly authorizing fees for plumbing inspection and increasing the number of inspectors.

#### DROPPED DEAD AT THE MEETING.

Ex-Councilman Williams Expires Sudden! at a School Board Session.

John E. Williams, a member of the Twenty-third Ward School Board, dropped dead while attending a meeting of the board at the schoolhouse last night. About f o'clock, while the Secretary was reading his report, Mr. Williams dropped from his chair to the floor and expired in a few

Dr. Holdman was quickly summoned, but by the time he arrived Mr. Williams breathed his last. The physician said his death was caused by appoplexy.

Mr. Williams was 51 years of age and leaves a wife and five adult children. He

was elected to Councils from the Twenty-third ward in 1886 and served two terms. He has been a member of the School Board since last April. Mr. Williams was also a member of the One Hundred and Second Pennsylvania Volunteers and served three years and six

months in the late war. SUPPLEMENTARY WATER ASSESSMENT.

Chief Bigelow's Report Showing Amount in Each Ward. Chief Bigelow yesterday submitted to Con-

troller Morrow the following report of supplementary assessments in each ward: Wards. Amount. Wards. Amount. First. \$146 (e Fourteenth. \$ 783 oo Second 318 56 Fifteenth 23 50 Third. 997 500 Sixteenth 507 75 

#### POINTERS FROM THE POLICE

SMITH ADAMS was arrested last night on a charge of larceny preferred by William But-ler before Alderman Cabill. WESLEY BARBER, colored, was yesterday held for court on a charge of assault pre-ferred by Miss Jennie Maeder.

FRANK WILLIAMS was arrested yesterday by Officer Downey on a charge of disorderly conduct preferred by J. Phillips before Al-derman Gripp. JOSEPH MILLER and Arthur Alcott were ar

rested yesterday on a charge of larceny pre-ferred by J. Bellstein, a butcher in the Alle MRS. REESE, of Filbert street, Allegheny, is mourning the loss of her husband, whom, she says, got \$50 from her and then ran away. She reported the loss to the police. HENRY FORTWAYNE, a tramp, was found in

Keeling's coal vards in an unconscious condition by Officer Brown last evening. He was removed to the Southside Hospital. CHARLES SEIBERT, who escaped from the workhouse last June, has been brought back from Chicago. He says he gotaway by be ing doubled up into a barrel which was shipped away.

John Alonivice, his wife Lena and Michael Willgiusky were arrested by Officer Connelly and sent to the Twenty-eighth ward station on a charge of disorderly con-duct. The party were engaged in a family quarrel on South Tenth street.

THE police officials are puzzled over the case of little Johnnie Haney. His mother who lived on Jones avenue, is in the work-house and Johnnie is slowly dying from a disease unknown to the medical profession. No hospital will take the boy.

YESTERDAY Officer Madison, of the Eleventh ward police station, recovered a valuable English setter dog stolen from George Dilworth, of Fifth avenue, near Morewood avenue, last Saturday. The dog was valued at \$500. The officer saw the dog on Miller street with two colored boys, but as soon as they saw him approaching they ran off leav-ing the dog behind.

Gallinger, Jeweler, Still at the old stand, 1200 Penn avenue. Call and see him.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT,

Christmas Piano and Organ Buyers. You will save money and be sure of get-ting the best possible goods by dealing di-rectly with the great musical instrument house and distributing agency of S. Hamilton, 91 and 93 Fifth avenue, Hamilton building, Pittsburg, well known in the trade as the largest piano and organ house in the State. The instruments dealt in exclusively by

this house need no lengthy introduction to musical people, as Decker Bros.', William Knabe & Co. and J. & C. Fischer pianos and the celestial-voiced Estey organiare known the world over as of the very highest grade. We have also several other excellent and well-known pianos and organs, ranging as low as \$45 for organs and \$175 for pianos.

Where selection is left with us we will

guarantee satisfaction; and an unbroken successful experience of over 20 years, cov-ering hundreds of personally selected in-struments, warrants the public in placing their trust implicitly in our selection. Do not allow yourself to be over-persuad-ed by agents and salesmen of other houses, but come directly to our store, or write us for catalogues, prices and our easy terms. We also take old instruments in exchange. We prefer to deal directly with you, and shall make it of special advantage to you to do so. Respectfully, S. HAMILTON.

"CHEMICAL Diamonda." What are

BUTCHERS AT WAR.

Arranging for a Boycott on the Herr's Island Abattoir.

TRADE OF HOTELS IN DISPUTE.

All the Local Retail Dealers in Meat Involved in the Quarrel.

BEEF USED BY LEADING HOSTELRIES

The Pittsburg butchers, about 500 in number, are just now involved in a quarrel with the Winter Abattoir Company on Herr's Island. The Winter company heretofore has furnished a majority of the local retail butchers with their meat. The company has been killing about 500 head of cattle a week. The retail dealers say that a week ago the Winter people solicited the trade of the Pittsburg hotels. The hotel trade, the butchers claim, is their most profitable business.

The Hotel Anderson, the Seventh Avenue and the Monongahela House each use about 1,000 pounds of meat each week. The Duquesne Hotel and Newell's restaurant each consume about 800 pounds of meat weekly, and unless the Winter people cancel their arrangement with the hotels the retailers will withdraw their trade from the Winters. The butchers have not purchased any meat from the Herr's Island concern. and several of them stated yesterday that they would not purchase any meat there until the wholesalers return to the legitimate

Will Boycott Herr's Island Meat. A meeting of the local butchers will be

held this evening, when it is expected an organization will be perfected, not alone of the butchers who are supplied from Herr's Island, but of all the butchers in the two cities, and a general boycott will be inaug-

wholesale business.

The Winter company has not only been supplying many of the local butchers with meat but they have been buying from the butchers all their refuse, such as fat, tallow, bones and blood. The fat and tallow they have been manufacturing into oil and an imitation of butter, which they have been shipping regularly to Holland, where it was disposed of. From the bones and blood they made fertilizer and sold in this country. This, the butchers say, has been a profitable business, and brings the company much better returns than will the hotel trade in

A Boom for Chicago Beef. The effort to boycott the Winter company The effort to boycott the Winter company has caused the local butchers considerable inconvenience. They have been compelled to kill their own cattle or to purchase their meat from foreign wholesalers. They prefer, they say, to buy their dressed meat at home, but while they are encouraging home trade they are vigorously opposed to having their most profitable business taken away from them, by the trade they encourage.

they encourage.

The fight promises to be a lively one. The butchers are in dead carnest and they say they will not yield until they have driven the Winter company out of the retail trade. The Winter company is just as determined They contend they have a right to sell their beef wherever they can find the best market. They also say they can sell to the hotel men direct much cheaper than to the retail butchers.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC BOXES,

H. Kleber & Bro.'s Annual Importation. Kleber Bros.' importation of fine music boxes, intended for this year's holidays, has just been received and can now be seen at their store, No. 506 Wood street. This lot their store, No. 506 Wood street. This lot consists of interchangeable cylinder, piccolo, guitar, mandolin, sublime harmonic (double comb) and plain boxes. These boxes are manufactured by the old and well-known firm of Mermod Freres, St. Croix, Switzerland, who are acknowledged by connoisseurs to have attained perfection in their beautiful works of art. For elegance of design, beauty of finish charming quality of tone beauty of finish, charming quality of tone and solidity of workmanship these music boxes are unequaled. They can be had only at H. Kleber & Bro.'s, 506 Wood street. Call early and make a selection.

SMOKING JACKETS at Hannach's.

Belt robes at Hannach's. Silk suspenders and handkerchiefs at Hannach's Dressing and manicure sets at Han Silk night shirts at HANNACH'S

30 Sixth street, opposite Bijou Theater. Watch our window display. Your Picture Free And handsomely framed, given away with every dozen. Cabinets, \$1. Last week. Hen-dricks & Co.'s popular gallery, 68 Federal treet, Allegheny.

The Maiden's Jewel. From time immemorial "The Strand of Pearls" have been worn by the fair maidens as their first ornament. It typifies innoence. A nice collection at

HARDY & HAYES', Jewelers, 529 Smithfield street. Three doors from City Hall.

perfection rarely attained and more rarely maintained. The Farmers' Deposit National Bank Invite the public to call and examine their new safe deposit vaults. Information con-cerning the renting of boxes and deposit of

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have brought Minnehaha flour to a point o

valuables cheerfully given. And all rich jewels shown in abundance Our diamond pouch, containing our reserve stock, contains fully as many jewels as shown in our cases. Special efforts to select and choose rich goods for Christmas gifts. We have a large number of new pendants unmounted, and we can select to

suit your ideas, at
HARDY & HAYES',

Jewelers, 529 Smithfield street. Three doors from City Hall. Give Gloves-We Have All the Best, What more acceptable? A handsome pair of mousquetaire suede or kid gloves at \$1 50

or \$2. Superior qualities.

Jos. Horne & Co.'s Penn Avenue Stores B. & B. To-day, Bedford cord reefers, light tan,

with French seal shawl collar. Same in black. Sizes from 30 to 38, \$25, from \$30.

MINNEHAHA flour has no superior and few equals. WATCH for the "Chemical Diamonds."

Christmas Opening -AT-E. P. ROBERTS & SONS.

JEWELS. GOLD. :: SILVER. BRIC-A-BRAC. Exhibition of Marble Statuary.

> Visitors Welcoma. FIFTH AVE. AND MARKET ST.

Looks Like Murder.

Word was received at the morgue night that the body of a dead child had been found at Homestead, and it looked as though it might have been strangled. The

Coroner will investigate the matter to-day. The Leading

# JOS. HORNE & CO.'S

PENN AVENUE STOREL

## HOLIDAY HANDKERCHIEFS! TO-DAY.

Our Grand Christmas Opening of Handkerchiefs, many thousands of dozens from France, Ireland, Belgium, Switzerland. These are the main items:

### LINEN.

Over 1,000 dozens Ladies' pure Linen, hemstitched and embroidered initial Handkerchiefs, five styles of initial at 25c, 35c and 50c each.

Special values Initial Handkerchiefs, in fancy boxes of six, \$1.50 to \$2.75 per box.

Over 600 dozens fancy embroidered hemstitched and scalloped Linen Handkerchiefs, fully 75 different styles to select from in the two great popular-priced grades, 25c and 50c each.

Over 300 dozens white hemstitched

Linen Handkerchiefs, 1/2, 1 and 11/4 inch hem, at 121/2c each and up to \$1.50 for the finest made. Over 75 dozens white hemstitched embroidered Linen Handkerchiefs at 15c each.

embroidered, scalloped and hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs at 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2 and \$2.25 each.

Over 100 dozens fine quality hand-

Real Val. Lace Edge Handkerchiefs, extra fine French linen, at 50c each. Special value. Also a bargain in real French Val.

Lace Edge at 35c each. Finer to finest quality Real Val. Lace Edge Handkerchiefs up to \$5 each. Extreme novelties in French hand-

embroidered hemstitched Handker-

chiefs, in linen and in pineapple

cloth, elegant and select designs, \$2.50 to \$8 each.

OVER 2,000 BOXES Children's Christmas Gift Handkerchiefs (6 in a box), in Printed Hemstitched, Plain White Hemstitched and White Embroidered Linen, at 35c a box and up to \$1.25.

# SILK.

Plain White Hemstitched Japanese. Silk Handkerchiefs, 20c, 25c, 35c and 50c each.

broidered scalloped white Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs, 25c, 5oc, 75c and \$1 each. Embroidered scalloped colored Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs, 25c,

50c and 75c each. Fine French Crepe du Chene Handkerchiefs, white and colored, \$1.25 each. Fine French Mousseline de Soie,

75c and \$1 each; colored embroidered scalloped, 75c, 85c and \$1 each. Fine to finest Belgian Duchesse and Real Pointe Handkerchiefs from lowest priced qualities up to \$40 each.

This great Handkerchief display is

now open for you. Buy while the

white embroidered scalloped, 50c,

stocks and lines are unbroken.

JOS. HORNE & CO. 607-621 Penn Avenue.

SPECIAL A grand offer.

OVER 75 DOZENS Ladies' White Hand - Embroidered

ular \$1.50 quality at \$1 each. On sale this morning. All choice styles. J. H. & CO.

Scalloped Linen Handkerchiefs, reg-

HUGUS & HACKE

Commence this week their ANNUAL INVENTORY

# HOLIDAY SALE.

This sale offers UNUSUAL INDUCE-MENTS to HOLIDAY purchasers, as GREAT REDUCTIONS have been made in all our various departments.

Special:

200 pieces SCOTCH ZEPHYR GINGHAMS, very desirable styles and colorings, regular 25c quality, for the next 30 days the price will be 161/2c a yard.

#### Ladies' Jackets:

AT \$6 EACH we offer the BEST VALUE ever shown in this market. AT \$10 EACH a line of ASTRA-KHAN-TRIMMED JACKETS that everywhere else is sold at \$15.

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