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The decrease is due to the recommendations made by Coroner McDowell. Under his instructions bells were first placed on the cars axes. Later he asked for cornermen and they have been granted. In the accidents of last year it was noticed that nearly all the deaths were caused by the cars mounting the sidewalks. The coroner made a demand for life guards on the cars and now nearly all of them are so equipped.

A Precaution That Has Saved Lives.

Another guard against loss of life has been the stopping of all cars before they cross the line of another company, which was one of the recommendations of the coroner's office. The result has been that in the present month, with more rapid transit roads in operation than ever before, there has not been a single death from that cause. It is true a number of people have been injured, but the guards have thrown them off and death was avoided.

The Sanitary of John Woods.

An Inquiry Upon Which Depends the Control of Valuable Property.

A hearing in the case of William Woods versus John Woods, an inquiry as to the state of mind of the latter, was again held before Commissioner McClay, and Judge Fetterman, for the petitioner, was confronted by Messrs. J. S. Ferguson, K. Q. Bigham and N. W. Shaffer. There was much trouble experienced in getting the jury together, and when it was developed that the old gentleman had decided that the weather was too cold and that if they wanted to know anything about him and his mind they might come and see him at Dr. McCormick's residence, on Mt. Washington. As Judge Fetterman had a witness, who was developed to be Henry Schroth, of Bethel township, testified that he lived on the farm of John Woods, the respondent. Schroth said he rented the farm from Dr. McCormick, but he had never seen John Woods on the farm. Witness did all his dealing with Dr. McCormick.

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A Move to Force Northside Councils Into Cashing Up.

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Altermann Brinker is one of the men who is willing to accept an appointment as police magistrate and transact evidence and for just compensation. He said yesterday that he thought councils would pass an ordinance if the matter was correctly presented to them, and that Mayor Wynn would be willing to make the appointments.

It is conceded that Alderman McKelvey will get the appointment in the central part of the city when the Police Magistrates are named. He is sick a great deal of the time, however, and it is thought that James Braun will also be appointed, so that he will be in a position to assist. There is no one skimming for the place in lower Allegheny, but unless human nature on the Northside is any better than elsewhere, a field full when it becomes known that the Mayor is considering the advisability of acting at once.

GLASS MEN MEET.

Their Trade Is Good and Prices Are Reaffirmed—Their Trip Mill.

The regular monthly meeting of the plate and window glass manufacturers of the United States was held at the Hotel Alder. The present prices were reaffirmed, and the general feeling was found to be in a satisfactory condition. Among the manufacturers present were ex-Congressman J. W. Cronin, of Akron, O., representing the Charleroi Glass Company; A. M. Howard, of the Art Plate Glass Company; of Duquesne; E. L. and Edward Ford, of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company; W. D. Keys, of the New Albany, Ind., Glass Company; M. T. Clouse, of the Kokomo, Ind., Glass Company; M. J. Williams, of the Crystal Glass Company, of Elwood, Ind., and J. G. Beemer, of New York City.

Mr. Keys and others of the glass manufacturers are interested in a tin plate now being built at Elwood, Ind. When asked when the tin mill would be ready to start Mr. Keys replied: "I don't know. It will be necessary for us to be making tin before the next Presidential campaign, however."

PENNSYLVANIA OIL FIELDS

And History of Chartiers Valley Discussed by the Historical Society.

The Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania met last evening in Carnegie Hall, Allegheny. Daniel Johnston presided. James W. Drape, Esq., read a paper entitled "The Oil Fields of Western Pennsylvania." The paper gave an admirable description of the locality and productive capacity of the fields since their opening to the world, and concluded with a general review of the fields in the Western part of the State and of the progress made in their development.

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