Of the Internal Revenue Office After To-Day Until a New Collector Is Appointed.

WARMCASTLE'S TIME HAS COME.

It Is Only a Question of Resignation or Eemoval, and This Point Will Be Settled in a Few Hours.

THE CHIEF AGENT NOW IN PITTSBURG.

Colonel Swords Talks on the Difficulty and General Political Topics.

General F. D. Sewall, Chief of the Revenue Agents, arrived in the city yesterday, and stopped at the Monongahela House. The General is a small man with a monstache and goatee as white as snow. He was frank enough to admit that he was here in connection with the Warm-

castle case. The Pittsburg Collector will know his fate about noon to-day. He will be out of a job, but whether by removal or resignation nobody seems to know. As soon as Mr. Warmcastle severs his connection with the office Secretary Foster will appoint one of the deputy collectors to run it until a successor is named. Mr. Warmcastle's bond covers all his deputies, and he will be responsible until the new Collector

A Selection to Be Made,

It has not been decided which one of the deputies will be selected to fill the place temporarily. It is claimed that General Sewall is here to look over the list and pick one out, but on this point he was silent. The General was asked if he knew who would be appointed to the office, or if the vacancy would continue for any length of

To the first question he replied that he had nothing to do with the politics of the case, and he couldn't answer the second. He remarked that he had heard Mr. Warmcastle highly spoken of, and he was sorry for him.

Mr. Warmcastle states that the Government hasn't lost a cent through him, and the revenue agents admit this fact. They one and all express sympathy for him, and they regret the laws are such that he has to The general impression is that Mr. Warmeastle will return to his old place in the freight department of the Pennsylvania Company. Nobody will be happier than he when the agony is over, for he made up his mind from the start that he would have to go.

The Position of the Collector. Mr. Warmeastle feels that all the facts

are known, and that the people understand wherein he did not carry out the strict regulations of the Revenue Department. Mr. Warmcastle worked hard to have the offices on the second floor of the Government building fixed up as soon as possible. His successor will have elegant quarters, and the revenue office will be moved this month.

Colonel H. L. Swords, Purchasing Agent for the United States Treasury, reached Pittsburg from the West vesterday morning. He returned to Washington last evening. He stopped over to attend to some details in connection with the furnishings of the Pension and Revenue offices. He said he would be here again in January to provide for the Court rooms, and he thought they would be ready for occupancy by April.

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The Colonel was sorry for Collector Warmenstle, but remarked that ignorance of the law was not excusable. The Collector has done nothing wrong, but he wasn't aware of certain regulations that are insisted upon rigidly by the Dapartment. This is the sum of his sinning.
On political subjects the Colonel had

more to say. He had a talk in Chicago with Clarkson, and the latter assured him that Minneapolis would be prepared to take care of the crowds. The wealthy people of the town with large homes will remove their families about that time and throw open their houses to the delegations. He thinks that whether Blaine or Harrison is nominated, the Convention will be a very quiet

The Colonel had a chat with Blaine re cently, and he says the Secretary is looking much better than when he was on the stump in 1888. He has a healthy brown color, and the bulging sacks under his eyes have disappeared. The only sign of alvancing age apparent is a slight stoop of the shoulders. Blaine's Mind Not Made Up.

Colonel Swords believes that Blaine doesn't know what he intends to do, but it is only fair to the friends who are working for him that he should declare himself. The Democrats and Mugwumps are more favora-bly impressed with him than they were in 1884, when they feared he would conduct a jingo administration. The Secretary has demonstrated that he is one of the most conservative and reasonable of men.

Wherever Colonel Swords goes he says Republicans admit freely that Harrison has been a good President, and if Blaine won't run there is a strong disposition to renom inate him. His administration has been satisfactory to the people, but some of politicians are disgruntled. The Colonel is inclined to think that the appointment of Goff and Elkins is to be taken as an indieation that Blaine will decline to run.

## LINN NOT THE SECRETARY.

Bob Lindsey Says Jack Robinson Had No Authority to Appoint Him.

Who will be the next to jump into the Senatorial fight? The announcement of Jack Robinson that he had entered the list caused no surprise in Pittsburg. Since the League convention of clubs was held local politicians are prepared to expect anything from him. Those who remember how he backed down before Cameron last winter have no faith in the vacillating statesman from Media. The sendoff which his friend Bill Linn, as Corresponding Secretary of the State League, gives him, is laughed at

A reporter met ex-Secretary Bob Lindsey on the street vesterday. Mentioning Rob-inson's name to the 'Squire is sure to stir

him up.
"I see Bill Linn is Corresponding Secretary of the League," he said. "Robinson had no right to appoint him. The office was created originally by a resolution, and none was passed by the last convention. There is nothing in the by-laws or constitution giving the President authority to appoint anybody to the position. What will Robinson's candidacy amount to? He would not have been elected League President without the aid of Senator Quay, and where will he get votes now. This is a different kind of a fight from manipulating delegates in a convention. The people will have something to say in this contest. Dalzell never goes into snything without first canvassing the situation. He will set up legislative candidates all over the State. I know of a prominent man in Warren who will run on the issue that he will vote for Dalzell for United States Senstor. Hiram Young will have charge of the Congressman's canvass in York. Mr. Dalzell is assured that the people are with him. He will make a red hot fight for the place."

#### A TOTAL LOSS OF \$44,000.

the Damage Caused by the Gas Explosio and the Amount of Insurance-Not Much Credence Given to the Story of a Mysterious Unknown.

The total loss from the fire on Liberty

street Saturday night was \$44,000; the in-

surance as carried by all the losers was \$29,500. The heaviest losers were Siatta & Fugassi, wholesale fruit dealers, who occupied the cellar and the first and second floors of the burned building. They had in the building at the time of the fire three carloads of bananas, two carloads of lemons and one of oranges. Beside this there were stored away several hundred bushels of nuts of different varieties and other fancy fruits. The goods were valued at \$20,000, and everything was a total loss. The firm carried \$11,500 insurance, of which \$4,000 was with the German Fire Insurance Company and \$7,500 the Allemannia Company. Camp & Co. who occupied the two top floors and who were engaged in the manufacture of tobies and eigars, lost heavily. They had over 1,000,000 eigars and tobies and several hundred cases of leaf tobacco in stock; all this, in connection with several valuable molds, was destroyed. Mr. Alex. Wilson, who in reality is the head of the firm, was seen. He said their loss would amount to about \$11,000. They carried about \$6,000 insurance, divided between Ross & Fleming, of 108 Fourth avenue, and the Citizens' In-surance Company. The building was owned

with the German Insurance Company. John Fite, whose butter and cheese house adjoined the burned building, suffered to the extent of about \$5,000. The back end of the building on the side nearest the Dahl meyer building was crushed in and 700 cases of eggs, 300 cheese and 150 cases of honey were destroyed. Mr. Fite carried enough insurance to fully cover the loss. It was reported that immediately after the fire broke out a man was seen crawling out from the basement of the building. was investigated and found to be incorrect A man who was passing the building at the time of the explosion was thrown down. He got up and went off by himself, however. This, perhaps, led to the story.

by the Dalmeyer heirs, and was valued at

about \$10,000. They carried \$7,000 insurance

#### NEW MAIL TRAIN ON TIME.

Railway Mail Superintendents Pleased With

the Fast Express. The new mail train from New York to Chicago on the Pennsylvania road made its first trip last evening. The express was made up of three cars packed to the roof with mail matter. An extrg car will be put on at once. The train left New York at 9 in the morning, and arrived here last evening at 9:10. One car was sent to Chicago on the limited, and another went to St. Louis. The cars will be fitted up with steam

pipes in a few days, as the sleepers on the limited are heated in this way. Superintendent R. C. Jackson, of New York; Superintendent A. Bunt, Cincinnati; R. A. Smith, chief clerk at Philadelphia and Chief Clerks F. C. Gore, Harrisburg James McConnell, Pittsburg, and O. T. Holloway, Crestline, were on the train to see that the mail was properly handled, and loaded and unloaded promptly. Stops were made at Harrisburg and Altoona. Mr. Bunt said they were pleased with the first day's run, and after the men got familiar with the work the business would run smoother. The annual increase in the mails between New York and Pittsburg is large and some provision was necessary to

#### ORDERS FOR 20,000 CARS. The Result of the Freight Blockade on the

Railroads. Joseph D. Wheks went to New York last

evening. He thinks the defeat of Mills for the Speakership has partially restored the confidence of manufacturers. It is taken as an indication that no radical changes will be made in the tariff. He believes Crisp will follow Randal,'s policy, and special bills modifying some feature of the McKinlev law will be passed.

The outlook for the iron business is good. A large number of sales have been made recently. The freight blockage on the rail-roads has resulted in orders for 20,000 cars in the last three weeks. Contracts for 600,among the mills, and Mr. Weeks thinks these signs are hopeful. It will require a great deal of iron to make the freight cars, and this will help the industry. The stock of pig iron piled up in the valleys is nothing unusual, and is not as large as the surplus in former years.

Biddy Fox Creates a Disturbance. Mrs. Biddy Fox, with her 3-year-old child, from Limerick, was arrested yesterday on Wasseh avenue, West End, and lodged in the Thirty-sixth ward station, on a charge of disorderly conduct. It is alleged by Officers Tanny and O'Donnell, who arrested her, that of late she has been getting drunk and acting so had that her husband left her, and vesterday she came to the West End to hunt him. By the time Mrs. Fox appeared on Steuben street she had hundred people following her. The excitement attracted the attention of the officers, and after a severe struggle they placed her in the patrol wagon, and she was locked up in the station house. The officers will make a complaint to Agent O'Brien to have the child taken from her, as she does not give it the proper care.

Deanes Robbed by His Roommate.

David Deanes, of Steuben street, West End, was robbed early yesterday morning hy a fellow boarder at his boarding house. They both retired early Saturday night, and when Deanes awoke in the morning he found his partner had left, taking a silver watch and chain, a leather satchel ing two suits of clothes and \$22 in money belonging to him. Mr. Deanes notified the police at the Thirty-sixth ward station, and Officer Kinney traced the robber to Chartiers, where he learned that he had left for Greensburg, Pa.

Arrested by Her Husband.

Last night about 11 o'clock a big, strapping negro walked into the Twelfth ward station dragging a little eringing Pole. He said to Lieutenant Holmes: "I want this man arrested. He chased my wife from Twenty-sixth to Twenty-ninth streets.' The negro's name was William Strathers, and he owns a barber shop at 2821 Penn avenue. The Pole, who gave his name as Morris Brusnisky, offered no defense and was locked up.

A Southside Poker Joint Raided. The Southside police were on the lookont for disorderly houses yesterday, and as a result two places were raided. At the house of Standish Wemchinsky, 2509 Carson street, a game of poker was going on, and the proprietor and six players were arrested. The alleged disorderly house kept by Louis Ammon, in Enon alley, was raided and the proprietor and six inmates

arrested. No Appeal to be Taken.

County Controller Grier has decided, after consideration, not to appeal the salary increase case to the Supreme Court. He will, however, refuse to accept the extra \$4,000 per year which he could secure for himself. It is felt that an appeal would be useless, as there is no reason to believe that the lower courts view of the ase would not be sustained.

Bought an Overcoat in Partnership. Frank Dennis and James Krotze bought a big overcoat, each paying half and agreeing that they should take turns in wearing it. Recently Dennis has been running a Duquesne car, and Krotze claims he wouldn't give him a chance at the coat or pay his share. He now charges Dennis with larceny by bailee.

# BIGELOW AFTER OIL

He Will Search the Allegheny Clear to 0il City to Discover It.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE WATER

Are Once More Made, and With More Vigor Than Ever Before.

DIFFERENT VIEWS OF THE DOCTORS

The howl about the condition of the city water has revived. This time Allegheny unites with Pittsburg in the general complaint. The oily taste complained of a couple of weeks ago has returned with reinforcements, and the general nastiness is as bad as ever. For a week or two there seemed to be an improvement in the water, and Chief Bigelow and Water Superintendent Wilcox, who have been watching the matter closely, began to think the trouble was over, for the present at least.

A few days ago Chief Bigelow noticed that the nasty oily taste had returned. He had satisfied himselt that the Bear Creek Oil Refinery had not been allowing any refuse matter to flow into the river. The refinery had been closely watched and it was demonstrated that the trouble did not originate there. The oil well of the Philadelphia Gas Company back of Verona was also kept under surveillance and proof se cured that no oil came from that source.

Just as Bad Up the River. Having covered these points, the only ocal ones that he could think of as the cause of the trouble, the chief sent a man up the river to Tarentum to ascertain if the oily condition prevailed there. The report showed that the water was as bad there as when it reaches Pittsburg.

"I am determined to locate the origin of this trouble," said Chief Bigelow yesterday, "and, having covered every other point I could think of, I propose sending a man up the river as far as Oil City, if necessary, to discover the place where this stuff comes from. After we learn definitely its origin we may be able to put an end to the trouble. I should not be surprised to learn that an abandoned oil well in some out-of-the-way place had begun to flow again, or that a spring of oil had burst forth somewhere in the bed of the river and was

causing the trouble." A great many physicians of the city have been interviewed in relation to the water supply and, while nearly all have united in the opinion that the water is bad and unfit for use, a few have held that it is no worse than formerly, and take a stand directly op-posite to the majority. Among these is Dr. Chris Lange, of Penn avenue. In a con-versation on the subject yesterday he said:

A Possible Redeeming Feature. "Notwithstanding the complaints about oil, I am inclined to think it is no worse than it has been for years. People fre-quently take petroleum by the tablespoon-ful as a medicine for throat troubles. I don't think it any good as a remedy, but it does no harm. That it does not affect a man injuriously is shown by the men en-gaged about the oil well. There they are saturated with it. They take it into their bodies constantly by absorption, they breathe it in the air, they drink it with their water and they even get more or less of it in what they eat. You never hear of any bad effect: from it on those men.

as lead works, for instance. It is not long as lead works, for instance. It is not long after a man goes to work in a lead factory until the evil effects of the lead is made painfully visible on his system. Now if oil is not injurious to those who you might say, live in it, how can the small amount taken in with our drinking water burt anyone. I don't believe the water is to blame for any of the diseases that have been charred to it and I think that have been charged to it and I think there is no more to be feared from it than from the smoke we are breathing in the

But take any other branch of business

Not Fit for a Dog to Drink,

Dr. J. H. Heiber, of 1705 Penn avenue, takes quite a different view of the subject. "Is the water bad?" he answered, "well, I should say so. It's not fit for a dog to drink. It not only tastes but it smells bad, and should not be used without filtering. I know it is to blame for many complaints among children. Not serious troubles, but very disagreeable ones. It is hard on the stomachs of grown people, too. Filtration helps it some, but don't remove the oil. As far as the oil is concerned, I don't believe it to be the cause of the trouble. It seems to me it must come from the refuse from oil refineries. Oil don't mix with water, but this refuse, containing poisonous matter, does. Then the surface drainage and sewerage that gets into the Allegheny river is something. thing awful. That is what produces disease and makes the unhealthy smell in the

"But I must say that in the Ninth, Tenth and Twelfth wards, where my practice is largest, there is less disease of a serious nature than for the corresponding season for ten years. I attribute this largely to the improved sanitary condition. We have a improved sanitary condition. We have a good many cases of a mild form of the grip. good many cases of a mild to A combination of grip and tonsilitis. It is not dangerous and confined largely to young people.

THINKS THE LOTTERY WILL WIN.

A Louisiana Man Dazzled by the Glitter of Gamblers' Gold.

F. L. Maxwell and Major Waddell, of Madison Parish, La., two directors of the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific Railroad, passed through the city last evening en route to New York. Mr. Maxwell said the Democrats were badly cut up over the lottery issue, but he thinks the pro-lottery candidate for Governor will win. The Re-publicans are not a unit on the question, and will divide up between the two Demo

cratic factions.

Mr. Maxwell favors the lottery for the revenue that the infernal concern promises the State. A bonus of \$1,500,000 per year for the extension of the franchise to 1920 is too much for him. He defends his position on the ground that Louisiana needs levees and other important improvements, and the people are too poor to pay the taxes. He thinks also there are worse forms of gambling than lotteries selling futurities, he cites, as an example: The people in the South have no further use for Cleveland, and they favor the nomination of a Western

Two Poles Used Up in a Brawl.

Molinto Miknitus and W. Sodoblsky, Poles, were arrested by Detectives Fitzgerald and Sterck last night at the house of John Dickson on the hillside above Soho. The prisoners with several other Poles were drinking in the house of Dickson, and a fight occurred, because one of them refused to set up the drinks, in which knives, beer bottles and glasses were used by the Poles.
They fought out of the house onto the railroad tracks, when the detectives appeared
Miknitus and Sodoblsky. and arrested Miknitus and Sodoblsky. Miknitus was struck over the head with a beer bottle and badly cut. Sodoblsky was stabbed in the right hip with a penknife, and his head was badly cut.

Got Too Hilarious at a Dance. A colored dance was held in North Dallas on Saturday night. The guests got drunk and terrified the citizens by firing off revolvers in a reckless manner. Ernest and Rufus Moore and James Reynolds were ar-rested. Magistrate Hyndman gave them 30 days apiece to the workhouse.

Gallinger, Jeweler, Still at the old stand, 1200 Penn avenue.

# THIS IS THE CHIEFS' DAY.

Bigelow, Brown and Elliott Will Be Re Elected Without Opposition-A Traction Ordinance That May Be Considered-

Some of the Reports Ready. The election of the chiefs of the three departments of the city government is to be made at the special meeting of Councils called for that purpose to-day. J. O. Brown will be re-elected Chief of the Department of Public Safety, E. M. Bigelow Chief of the Department of Public Works, and R. C. Elliott Chief of the Department of Charities, there being no opposing candidates. Their terms of office are four years, Chiefs Brown and Bigelow each receiving \$5,000 per year and Chief Elliott \$4,000, and each Chief be-ing required to furnish a bond of \$50,000 for

faithful performance of duty.

The election will require but a short space of time and afterward the Councils will probably consider a number of ordinances before them, including that one recom-mended by the Corporation's Committee on Saturday, which allows the Duquesne Traction Company to extend its Highland avenue branch to Bunker Hill street, two squares beyond its present terminus, an also to lay a track on Highland avenue across Penn avenue, connecting the Highland and Ellsworth ave-nue branches at the intersection of Center, Highland and Ellsworth avenues. It was stated that an ordinance to carry into effect the issue of bonds authorized by the recent election was to be presented, but no one could be found who knew anything bout the matter. Chief Brown will submit his report of

expenditures for the past year and amount required for next, to Mayor Gourley today. Chief Bigelow says his will be ready to-morrow. Chief Elliott could not say when his would be ready.

## CHARLES L. DAVIS RECOVERED.

His Conservatory to Be Opened To-Night in Honor of Jefferson.

Charles L. Davis has completely recov ered. Though Mr. Davis is looking well, he has left 20 pounds of his form somewhere near the grave he has so narrowly missed. He was ill for 19 days, and the cause was a carbuncle, together with two abscesses in his neck, and afterward blood poisoning and erysipelas set in. At three times all hope was given up, but through the careful attention of the doctors and the nursing of Mrs. Morris Mozer, a relative, his life was saved. Last night Mr. Davis said he had received every attention. Flowers and fruit had been sent to him by the Elks and others, and one table was covered with letters and telegrams from all over the country asking about his health. Ever since he has been able to talk he

has been hard at work giving orders about his conservatory which he is having ar-ranged under the direction of the famous stage manager, George L. Stout. As a compliment of Mr. Davis' appreciation of Joseph Jefferson, it will be opened to-night temporarily. It will not be completed until after Mr. Davis is able to put the finishing touches himself. The conservatory is 35x80 feet and is 26 feet high. In the center an exquisitely moulded white fountain shoots a spray up 20 feet into the air. It is in the center of a charming fish pond walled in by moss-covered rocks. All around the edges are many col-ored fairy lamps and down beneath the waters of the pond shine out incandescent lillies. The conservatory is fitted like a garden while the walls are painted so that the painted shrubbery and the real blend together so perfectly that the blend together so perfectly that the deception is complete and the scene stretches away until it loses itself in the distance. The ceiling represents the heavens, from which myriads of electric stars twinkle. There are rustic seats everywhere and the intention is to make the place a promenade between the acts. Last night Mr. Davis said he would give concerts there before the curtain rises, provided the people could be induced to attend.

#### SUNDAY'S UNFORTUNATES

Two Persons Badly Burned and Two Injured in Yesterday's Accidents. A colored man was burned by an explosion of gas and a child was almost burned to death by its clothes catching fire from the grate. The usual rapid transit accident occurs—a man falls from a cable car and had his skuli fractured. The list follows:

McGladigen.-Willie, the 3-year-old son of Thomas McGladigen, who lives on Forty-third street near Penn avenue, met with a third street near Fenn avenue, met with a serious accident on Saturday night. He was playing in front of the fire, when his clothes became ignited in some way and in a moment he was a mass of flames. His screams attracted his mother, who tore his clothes off and wrapped him in a blanket. She was badly burned herself about the hands and arms. The child was renorted in a critical

badly burned herself about the hands and arms. The child was reported in a critical condition last night.

Brooks—Imsen Brooks, who lives on Thirty-eighth street, fell on the sidewalk on Penn avenue, near Thirtieth street, yesterday afternoon and broke his arm and cut his head badly. He was removed to the West Penn Hospital.

QUEBBEMAN—Rudolph Quebbeman, aged 35 years, fell from the platform of car No. II on the Fifth avenue line at Fifth and Oakland avenues last night, and had his skull fractured. He was picked up in an unconscious condition and carried to his home at 3800 Forbes street. The fracture is dangerous.

GRUBB-James Grubb, a colored man, aged GRUBB—James Grubb, a colored man, aged 35 years, employed at the Manchester electric line power house, was rather severely burned by gas in an engine room yesterday morning. He had a light in his hand and nassed a pine from which gas was leaking. This ignited and flared up, burning his face and hands. His eyes did not, however, suffer. He was removed to the Allezheny General Hospital. His home is at 121 Townsend street, Pittsburg.

## NO GAS AT M'KEESPORT.

The Citizens of That Place Have About Given Up All Hope.

The last hope of the people of McKeesport for an increased pressure in the gas mains has about died out, the last straw being the report that the pressure in the lines of the National Transportation Com-pany, conveying gas from the best of the old gas fields, is failing rapidly. This line is considered one of the best, and its failure is considered the knell of natural gas in that district at least.

The costly pumping engine located on the line of the Versailles Gas Company is not satisfactory as yet, thus lessening the supply away below the demand for the fuel.

Window-Breaking the Rage Now.

Saturday night some unknown party lifted the screens off the window of a shoe store between Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth streets, broke the window and was just reaching in for some of the displayed goods when scared off by an officer. No arrests were made.

Reported and Paid for the Glass, Late Saturday night five drunken men, eturning from the fire, staggered into the front of a store at 1030 Penn avenue and broke a \$40 plate glass window. No arrests were made, as they, in a fit of maudlin repentance, paid for the damage.

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\* ALWAYS GAINING.

The Cent-a-Word columns keep growing The latest comparative exhibit gives the following flattering figures: Adlets for two weeks ending December 12. 3,245 For same two weeks last year, ...... 1,649

1.596 Increase Due to Cent-a-Word...... The largest two weeks' increase pre-1,397 No better evidence of the real popularity of these columns could be produced. Do not fail to read them. It will amply repay

you to use and peruse them. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

# THE ARSENAL PARK

May Yet Become a Reality, to the Delight of 50,000 People.

MOVEMENTS ARE NOW UNDER WAY

That Bid Fair to Secure a Breathing Spo for Lawrenceville.

STATEMENTS FROM THOSE INTERESTED

The indications are that the once abandoned scheme to secure a park for the people of Lawrenceville will yet be carried to s successful conclusion. Since the present session of Congress began, a movement to secure a portion of the arsenal ground for park purposes has been growing. Hugh Ferguson, Common Councilman from the Seventeenth ward, is at the head of the work, and has, as a matter of course, the encouragement and assistance of Chief Bigelow, who would allow no one to excel him in an effort to provide anything in the line of parks. Mayor Gourley is also in with the movement and other powerful allies are only waiting for an opportunity to lend a hand.

A few weeks ago, Councilman Ferguson presented a resolution in Council providing for the appointment of a joint committee, which, together with the Mayor and Chief Bigelow, will have authority to go to the United States Senators of this State and the Congressmen of this vicinity, and ask for their assistance in securing the park. The resolution was adopted and the committee appointed, Messrs. Ferguson and W. A. Magee being named from the Common, and A. F. Keating from the Select

branch. The Committee Sanguine of Success The committee is now preparing a plan to be followed in securing what they desire, and the members are sanguine of success. There is a general impression among Lawrenceville people that the last effort to get the arsenal property was not properly made, and many of them openly charge that Congressman Dalzeil was to blame because the proposition met with so little recognition by Congress. But judging from a state-ment made recently by Chief Bigelow this charge is unfair. In a conversation, about the time of the death of Major McKee, the

"The Major was a fine man, but he kept us from getting the Arsenal Park. We had worked almost night and day on the matter for over a week, and Mr. Dalzell at last got it narrowed down to a point where the consent of but two persons was required. One of these was Major McKee. The other man agreed to consent if the Major would. We were happy. The Major had promised to aid us a few days before. He was tele-graphed for and went to Washington, but he had for some reason changed his mind, and he positively declined to recommend the transfer of the property. We could do no more and the matter was dropped."

Only Wanted as a Loan. Councilman Ferguson thinks there is no doubt but that with the assistance of Senators Quay and Cameron and Congressmen Stone and Dalzell it will be comparatively

easy to get the park.

"We don't propose to ask the Government to deed the ground to the city," said he, "as was done the last time. We will only ask for the use of it until the Government needs it. If we get it we can make a few walks, put in some benches, and make a few other improvements that will not cost much, but will answer all purposes and give 50,000 people a much needed breathing spot. In case of war and the Government needs the grounds we will stipulate in our request that a simple demand by the Government will be promptly responded to by

"Congressman Stone will help us, because many people at Millvale and the upper end of Allegheny, in his district, will be able to avail themselves of the use of the park. park for our per ville and the Eighteenth, Sixteenth, Fifteenth and Twelith wards contain a larger population of working people than any dis trict in the city, but they are far refrom any of the city parks, though they are anxious for such a breathing spot.

How Such a Park Would Be Used. "An illustration of this is shown by the crowds which have thronged the arsenal grounds during the last three or four years on Jubilee Day of the public schools. In the day the grounds were crowded with the children and in the evening the parents and older people gladly embraced the oppor-tunity for an hours's recreation in that beautiful place. It will be a grand thing for our people if we can get this park, and no effort will be spared to that end."

Joseph Lemington, a Butler street merchant, is one of the many enthusiasts on the project. "Why," said he, "the situation of the park is accessible to 50,000 people. We are a large, industrious community and if the city can't provide us with a park the city's officers should help us in getting this one. Mr. Ferguson is doing all in his power for us and I have no doubt will be ably assisted by Chief Bigelow and the Mayor."
Magistrate Leslie said: "Schenley Park

is a beautiful place, but if Lawrenceville gets Arsenal Park you will see that it will have more daily visitors than any park in Dr. H. H. Clark said: "It would be in the nature of a godsend to the thousands of little children in this part of the city if we could get that park. Many of these little folks have never experienced the pleasure of rolling on the grass and never saw it except through the arsenal railings. I am

like every man in this part of the city, heartily in favor of the plan."

FIVE 8350 PIANOS AT \$250.

A Great Holiday Offer. Do you intend purchasing a piano for a Christmas gift? If so, save time and money by going direct to the music store of J. M. Hoffmann & Co., 537 Smithfield street, where you will find the unrivaled Sohmer pianos, the standard pianos of the world; the superb Colby pianos, renowned for richness of tone and solidity of construction, and the magnificent Schubert pianos, the best pianos for the money now made. As a special holiday offer we will sell five splendid full size 71%-octave upright pianos, with latest improvements and excellent tone, fully warranted for six years, worth \$350, at \$250, including cover and stool. For a great bargain call at the music store of J. M. HOFFMANN & Co., 537 Smithfield street,

For liquors of all kinds, foreign or do-mestic, go to Max Klein, Allegheny.

Gents' Gold Rings and Lockets. Many new and choice designs. Plain,

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There were 30 prisoners at the morning

hearing yesterday at Central station. Twelve of them were drunks, all of whom Twelve received light fines or brief sentences to jail, except two, one of whom desired to go to the workhouse and was given 90 days and another who swore off for a year and was discharged. James Redick was sent to the workhouse for 60 days, without a fine, for cutting Robert White with a knife during a quarrel at the Union depot. Thomas Duke and James O'Brien, vagrants, picked puke and James O Brien, vagrants, picked up by Detective Shore, were sent to the workhouse for 30 days each. Hugh Kennedy got a like sentence for insulting ladies on the street. Frank Evans was arrested while beating a man in a house on Shingiss street and an officer broke in the door on hearing a woman scream murder. Evans was drunk d did not know the man he was beating, and had an imagined grievance against him. He got 30 days. A nearly similar case was that of Ernest Hyde, who entered a house on Wylie avenue with an open knife in his hand and threatened to kill a woman. She ran and took refuge in a nearby barber shop from whence he was arrested. He also got

30 days. Magistrate McKenna had 19 cases to settle at the Twelfth ward station. Mike Wells went to his house at 1711 Penn ave-nue, where his wife keeps boarders, Saturnight, and raised a disturbance. He paid \$20 and costs.

Albert Goodser went into McEiroy's store, on Penn avenue, near Seventeenth street, Saturday night, and wanted to fight the proprietor. He got 30 days to Claremont.

John Smith tried to persuade Officer

Thompson Saturday night that he had no right to arrest a friend of his. He paid \$10

Magistrate Succep had 15 cases to dis-pose of at the Twenty-eighth ward station. Oliver White was arrested by his wife, who alleged that he came home drunk and abused his family; he was fined \$25 and costs. Robert Ward, when full of liquor, insisted on fighting Officer Hagerling and as a result was fined \$5 and costs.

Magistrate Leslie had a light hearing at the Sameteerth ward states.

the Seventeenth ward station yesterday morning. John Vogle, an old timer and regular tramp, was retired to Claremont for 60 days. Harry Day entered the house of Maggie Coates, at Thirty-fifth and Charlotte streets, Saturday night, and was given 30 days in the workhouse. Magistrate Hyndman disposed of 17 cases at the Nineteenth and 5 cases at the Fourteenth wards police station vesterday morn-ing. Most of them were common disorder

lies and drunks, who were given the usual There were 19 cases before Mayor Wymar at the hearing in Allegheny. None were of special interest. John Loughrin was fined \$5 and costs for acting disorderly on Lacock street. Samuel McFadden was sent to the workhouse for 30 days, the charge being suspicious character.

Adam Schoener Will Recover. Adam Schoener, who attempted suicide by cutting his throat Friday last at his home on Howard street, Allegheny, was resting easy at the Allegheny General Hospital last night. It was stated that his chances of recovery are good.

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