I have seen persons waiting for half an hour to be able to get even standing room. This is not right. The traction companies don't seem to grasp the situation. In other cities cars are massed near the theaters and as soon as they are comfortably filled are started off. Some such plan should be adopted here."

At Least Ten More Cars Needed.

Alderman Succop said: "I think there should be at least ten more cars put on the Birmingham to accommodate the public. The company is doing everything in their power to handle the people. Superintendent Elliott said to me just a few days ago that they did not have cars enough to carry the passengers."

Councilman Flynn also thought the company should have at least ten more cars on, especially during the heavy travel in the morning and evening.

"But there does not seem to be any way out of the difficulty," said he. "If you refuse to pay unless provided with a seat the first thing you know a policeman will assist you off the car, and you will get a seat in a different conveyance from what you expected, with the chances very much in favor of your adding to the city's exchequer."

David Reid, of Chicago, was in the city yesterday trying an improved airbrake on the Birmingham road. If it proves satisfactory it will be put on all the traction lines in the McKee syndicate. The airbrake without the improvement has been in operation on one of the Birmingham cars for over a month, and the result was all right. The reservoir is built to hold 30 pounds of air, and this is considered sufficient to stop the average street railway car.

Operation of the Device.

Mr. Reid says the apparatus ceases to act after the reservoir is filled, and this saves power. About three pounds are used to stop a car, and this amount can be pumped in again by two or three turns of the wheel. The airbrake outfit is fastened to the axle, and the motion of the car pumps the air. Murray Verner says it is only a question of time until the authorities in all cities will compel street railroads to put on airbrakes. Mr. Reid states that they are wrestling with the problem in Chicago. Fewer people in proportion, however, are maimed or killed here by street cars than in Chicago. This is considered remarkable when the narrow streets, hills and double tracks are taken into consideration.

It shows that the moter men are more careful in Pittsburg than they are in other cities. Mr. Reid adds that the big cars are popular with railway people, but it doesn't pay to run them. During the day when travel is light a great deal of power is wasted in hauling the heavy cars empty. He thinks a small coach with a trailer is the best.

A PUBLIC MEETING HELD

By Indignant Southsiders for the Purpose of Demanding More Traction Cars—An Open Letter to the Superintendent of the Birmingham Line.

A meeting was held last night in the rooms of the Conkling Club, at which the matter of crowded cars was discussed in a very pronounced manner, and as a result the Birmingham Company will be asked to pay a little closer attention to the comfort of its patrons. Although last night's meeting was called on short notice, it was attended by a very respectable number of citizens. Charles Decklar presided and W. L. Forsythe acted as Secretary. The objects of the meeting were explained and the President and Secretary, in conjunction with D. L. McDonald, were instructed to frame a request to the company asking for more cars, to relieve the strain. After the meeting adjourned the committee prepared the following letter to Superintendent Elliott:

At a meeting of citizens of the Southside and patrons of your road, held this evening, we were instructed to communicate with you in regard to the matter of placing more cars into service at certain hours of the day, when the heavy travel makes riding extremely uncomfortable. We believe in comfort and convenience as well as rapid transit, but of late the crowded condition of your cars in the mornings and evenings has made both an impossibility. It is in the interest of thousands of your patrons that this request is made, and we trust you will give it the consideration it deserves.

SHEPPARD STILL AN EXAMINER,

But a Dispensation Allows Him to Engage in Private Business.

Comptroller E. S. Lacey, of the United States Treasury Department, has refused to accept the resignation of Bank Examiner George Sheppard. Recently Mr. Sheppard was elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Pittsburg Bank for Savings. He accepted the office and tendered his resignation as National Bank Examiner, a position he has held since the opening of President Harrison's administration. An effort was made by the officials at Washington to induce him to withdraw the paper, but he refused, having fully decided to leave public life.

This week Comptroller Lacey notified Mr. Sheppard that he had determined not to accept the resignation. The reasons he gave for this were that Mr. Sheppard's services had proven very valuable to the department and he did not want to lose them. He offered, however, to relieve him of his district and permit him to engage in private business, the Government reserving the right to call on him in case of emergency. The matter was laid before the directors of the Pittsburg Bank for Savings, who consented to this arrangement and Mr. Sheppard accepted the situation. This action on the part of Comptroller Lacey leaves Mr. Sheppard in commission as a bank examiner unassigned. It is a thing that was never before done in the history of the Treasury Department, and is looked upon by Mr. Sheppard's friends as a very high compliment to that gentleman.

Postoffice Plans for Christmas.

The Postoffice schedule for Christmas was announced yesterday. It is as follows: Money order and registry offices will be closed all day; one retail stamp window will be open until 12 M., after which stamps, envelopes, etc., will be sold at the general delivery window; general delivery windows at the main office will be open all day and night, and at stations from 7 A. M., to 12 M. and from 7 P. M. to 9 P. M.; special delivery letters will be delivered as on other week days; all mails will be received and dispatched as usual; carriers and lock box windows will be open until 12 M.; all carriers will make one delivery after the arrival of morning mails; foot and cart collectors will make their regular Sunday collections.

Killed by a Passing Train.

An inquest was held yesterday by Coroner McDowell on the body of Joseph Yure, a laborer living at Cochrans, on the Pittsburg and Western Railroad. Yure was on his way to work yesterday and crawled under a standing train. He put his head from under the cars just in time to be struck and killed by a passing train. The verdict was accidental death. He was 31 years of age and married.

Gone South for the Holidays.

The Eastern trains were crowded last evening with passengers taking advantage of the excursion rates. A number of colored people went South to spend the holidays in their old homes. They make regular pilgrimages to the Southern plantations at this time every year.

Almost Lost His Life.

James McCleary was drunk yesterday, and fell in the river near the Sixth street bridge. He couldn't get out, and Officer McEvoy saved him in the nick of time. McCleary lives in Millvale.

Sickness Among Children,

Especially infants, is prevalent more or less at all times, but is largely avoided by giving proper nourishment and wholesome food. The most successful and reliable of all is the Gail Borden "Eagle" Brand Condensed Milk. Your grocer keeps it.

FORGOT FETTERMAN.

An Attempt to Have Him Indorsed at the Bar Association Meeting Was Ruled Out.

HIS FRIENDS WILL TRY IT AGAIN.

The Lawyers Argue That They Should Name All Candidates for Judicial Honors in the Future.

FORMING A PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

The Details of the Scheme Prepared, but Objections Delay Their Adoption.

A meeting of the Bar Association of Allegheny County was held yesterday afternoon to form a permanent organization for the purpose of recommending hereafter candidates for judicial honors in the United States, Supreme and local courts. Such an organization has been formed, and it is in successful operation in Cincinnati and Chicago. In addition to forming such an organization yesterday, it was intended by the Pittsburg lawyers to indorse ex-Judge Fetterman for Judge Reed's place on the United States Circuit Bench. The organization scheme was worked harmoniously, but the effort at indorsement of Judge Fetterman met with strong opposition and the meeting adjourned without taking any action in the case. An effort will be made to hold another meeting Saturday to consider Mr. Fetterman's case.

W. B. Negley presided at the meeting yesterday. S. C. McCandless was chosen Secretary. C. C. Dickey was in charge of Mr. Fetterman's interests and W. D. Moore had with him a typewritten indorsement of the ex-Judge which the association refused to consider. A petition in behalf of Joseph Buffington, of Kittanning, who is an applicant for Judge Reed's shoes, was circulated among the attorneys yesterday morning. But few signed it, however.

Details of the Scheme.

When the meeting opened M. A. Woodward stated briefly the object of the meeting and outlined the plan as proposed by those who were fathering the scheme. He said that any Judge whose commission will expire may send or cause his name to be sent to this committee. Any member of the bar wishing to be a candidate may send his name and ten members of the bar may suggest the name of any member of the bar as a candidate.

The committee on a day designated prepares an official ballot containing the names of all the candidates named, which ballot shall be sent to each member of the bar. The latter prepares his ballot by making a cross opposite the name or names he wishes to vote for and mails his vote to the committee, accompanied by the following certificate:

I hereby certify that I am a member of the Allegheny County Bar; that I have enclosed my ballot properly marked in an inner envelope and that I will abide by the result of the canvass by the Election Committee of the members of the bar, and by ever honorable means seek to procure the appointment or nomination and election of the person or persons selected by the members of the bar as the candidate or candidates.

The Concern of the Bar.

On a day to be fixed by the committee, the votes are collected and counted publicly. The name of the person receiving the highest number of votes shall be certified to every member of the bar who votes. Mr. Woodward closed by saying that although the public welfare was interested in the matter, he considered that the bar was more intimately concerned. Next fall a member of the Supreme Bench is to be elected, and if the Allegheny County Bar unites its forces it can be felt in the matter. He then offered the following:

WHEREAS, We, the members of the Allegheny County Bar, have long observed and realized that the selection of the judges of our courts, whether by appointment or election, has fallen almost altogether within the influence of party politicians, and that this influence is directed wholly in respect to the selfish purposes and arbitrary wills of such politicians, in utter disregard of the public welfare, in which as concerning the fitness and qualifications of our judges we are pre-eminently concerned; and,

Whereas, This influence, as directed in contests for nominations and elections of judicial officers, has made the canvas for such nomination and election so expensive to candidates, and so charged with the slanders, the corruptions and all the other odious methods of common politics, and also lowering the standard of the efficiency and of the honor and the dignity which the judicial office should command, that it is with well-known reluctance that any qualified man

Will Enter Such a Contest,

and almost impossible that the best-qualified men of the profession can ever be persuaded, even by the most urgent notice of the bar, to do so; and,

Whereas, Owing to the various and special qualifications which fit men of our profession to fill with satisfaction the high and responsible position of Judge upon the bench, it is impossible that the public can exercise a truly intelligent judgment, even if left free to do so; or that any men but those learned in the law and acquainted with the conditions, qualifications and standing in the courts and among his brethren of the bar can form such judgment; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Bar of Allegheny County, declare ourselves organized for the purpose of electing among ourselves and recommending candidates for all appointments, nominations and elections for all judicial positions now or hereafter about to be filled, and in which this bar is concerned, and that we will so recommend candidates preceding all nominations and elections of judges for each of the two great political parties.

Resolved, That this organization shall include at all times, each and every member of this bar.

Resolved, That for the coming year, the present organization now effected, shall be at once completed and the officers fully charged with their duties, shall continue in office until the second Saturday in January, 1893, and

Resolved, That as there are judges to be elected in the coming year, one to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and two in the Court of Common Pleas No. 2, of this county, that the committee above provided for be especially directed to take the vote of the bar at such early period as in their judgment or as may be indicated by the wishes of the bar is best for accomplishing the purposes of this organization.

A Dispute as to Features.

After reading the resolutions, Mr. Woodward moved that the general plan as suggested be approved.

Mr. McGirr said he did not approve of it as a whole. It only provides for the naming of one candidate. This might be a Democrat whom the Republicans would not indorse or a Republican whom the Democrats would not like to be bound to support.

Captain Breck—Well, they did that this year.

Mr. McGirr—The Democrats didn't.

Mr. Cotton—I think the whole matter ought to be referred to a special committee; it is certainly inadequate, as it only provides for the two great political parties. The Prohibitionists are not in it.

Cold Water to the Front.

Mr. Jennings—I suppose Mr. Cotton represents the Prohibitionists.

Mr. Cotton—Certainly.

Mr. Woodward withdrew his motion to approve and allowed the matter to be referred to a committee of ten, with instructions to report to an adjourned meeting to be held next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The committee is composed of M. A. Woodward, E. E. Cotton, F. C. McGirr, W. K. Jennings, E. Y. Breck, W. S. Chalfant, P. C. Knox, William P. Shell, Jr., F. C. Osborne and C. C. Dickey.

Then Mr. Dickey endeavored to introduce the Fetterman firebrand, as above noted. He offered a motion that the bar proceed to indorse a candidate for the place to be made vacant by Judge Reed in the United States District Court, and in commenting upon the matter, said that, as Judge Reed's resignation would take effect January 15, the bar should take speedy action. Other members of the bar were of a different opinion. Mr. Lyon moved to postpone action, but Mr. Dickey replied that a postponement would be an equivalent to a resignation of the appointment. Captain Breck raised the point that as the meeting had not been called for that purpose, the business could not be considered, and the Chair sustained the point. The meeting then adjourned until Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

WARMCASTLE WALKS OUT.

Deputy Mitchell Is Now in Charge of the Office—The Deposed Collector Very Glad to Be Relieved—No Plans for the Future Yet.

Collector Samuel D. Warmcastle was formally removed from office yesterday. His temporary successor, Captain Mitchell, assumed charge of the office at noon and at 2 o'clock in the afternoon the transfer was completed and Mr. Warmcastle walked out of his Federal place into private life. The books of the office, which for two weeks have been in the hands of Government agents, were turned over to Collector Mitchell. The accounts aggregating nearly $13,000,000 balanced to a penny, and every stamp or portion thereof was accounted for. The transfer was made by General Sewall, representing the Treasury Department. The bond originally given by Mr. Mitchell to Collector Warmcastle was transferred to the Government, and Collector Warmcastle's bond of $100,000 stands until his permanent successor is appointed. After the transfer Mr. Warmcastle closed down his private desk, threw himself back into his chair and evidenced his relief by saying, "The worry is over."

"Have you decided what you will do?" was asked the ex-Collector.

"No, I have not," he replied. "I am not yet certain of my future movements. I have already had three business propositions made me, but I have not been free until this minute. There is one thing I have decided upon," the ex-Collector went on laughingly, "I am now going home first to renew the acquaintance of my family, and second, to sleep contentedly for 30 days. I must have rest, and I have now nothing else to do but get it."

It is understood Mr. Warmcastle will go into business in Pittsburg. The charge preferred against Collector Warmcastle which caused his removal was failure to deposit Government money according to the requirement of the rules of the department. The amount of money which had not been deposited by the Collector at the time required was $10,000. The deposit, it is said, was made a day late.

R. A. Fulton Lyon, of Greensburg, who is a candidate to succeed Collector Warmcastle, was in Pittsburg yesterday in conference with his political friends. Mr. Lyon is a young man and an active partisan, yet he has been liberally endorsed by the leading people of Westmoreland county, regardless of party. He claims that Westmoreland county has never had a Federal appointment and he is urging the rights of his neighborhood.

FORAKER CHASING SHERMAN.

Governor Campbell Will Head the Ohio Delegation for Cleveland.

Al. Carlisle went to Washington last evening to confer with some of the Democratic leaders about the outlook for next year. He is a great admirer of Mills, and says Crisp must be hard up for good timber if he intends to put Springer at the head of the Ways and Means Committee. He has been told that John R. McLean is trying to start a boom for Hill in Ohio, but he won't be in it with Grover in the Buckeye State. He thinks Governor Campbell will head the Ohio delegation for Cleveland.

Mr. Carlisle confirms the report that Foraker is making a nip and tuck fight against Sherman. Several members that the Senator counted on have declared themselves for Foraker, and it shows that Sherman is rattled, for in the last few days all his old wheel horses have been put to work. Both sides are freely charging corruption, and Mr. Carlisle thinks the Senatorial election this time will put Payne's methods into the shade. Sherman's lieutenants carried the State, but many of the Legislative candidates put up have turned out to be Foraker men. Mr. Carlisle still believes that Sherman will pull through with a very narrow margin.

WHITE NOT A CANDIDATE

For the Federal Judgeship, But Willing to Go on the Supreme Bench.

The following communication was received at THE DISPATCH office yesterday from Judge Harry White:

My attention while holding court here was called to the statement that I was a candidate when Judge Reed was appointed. It is a mistake. I was never a candidate for the place. My name was never, with my authority, presented to the President. Something was said when there was a vacancy in the circuit judgeship. When, however, it was indicated that Judge Acheson was a candidate, that was the end of it, as public sentiment approved his promotion in advance. I may frankly say, however, that should I be nominated and elected to fill the vacancy caused by the lamented death of my neighbor and professional brother, Mr. Justice Clark, I should try to be as faithful in that great office as I know he was.

Strong Feeling Against Cleveland.

Gordon Tate, a member of the Arkansas Legislature, and Judge M. J. Casey, of Little Rock, passed through the city last evening bound for New York. Mr. Tate says the feeling is strong against Cleveland in the South. Gorman is not well known, and the people want a declaration from him on the silver question. Senator Palmer, of Illinois, is popular, and will get some of the Southern delegations.

An Alderman Wants to Be Councilman.

'Squire Donahoe, of the First ward, has decided to resign the aldermanship to again be a candidate for Council. He intends sending his resignation to the Governor on the first of the year. Harry Toole, who is now employed in the office of Delinquent Tax Collector Ford, is an applicant for the place the Governor will appoint.

THAT DINNER TO-MORROW.

All the Hotels Will Have a Special Layout to Please the Palate.

The hotels are making great preparations to furnish a fine dinner on Christmas. The day would be minus its chief charm without the good eating that it brings. It has been a custom of the local taverns for years to serve their best on the most enjoyable holiday of the year. The Monongahela, Anderson, Central and Boyer will have special menu cards that will be costly and artistic in design. The other houses will ignore the pretty cards, but none of the season's delicacies will be lacking on their tables.

The Duquesne has made arrangements to serve a lunch of roast pig, turkey, salads, etc., in the barroom. Joe Craig furnished four suckling squealers for the purpose, and the cooks will be busy to-day basting and otherwise preparing for the lunch table. A number of people with their friends enjoy the Christmas dinner at the hotels. It is cheaper, and relieves the good housewives of a vast amount of care and worry.

Rush of Baggage and Express Matter.

Baggage Agent Jenkins at the Union depot says the amount of baggage this year is greater than during the holidays last season. The expressmen are kept busy night and day handling the express matter.

Open Christmas Day.

Lies' gallery, 10 and 12 Sixth street.

NO WHITEWASH THERE

Allegheny Common Council Cuts Loose From the Select Branch.

TO INVESTIGATE CHIEF MURPHY.

Ring, Rottenness and Ruination the Pet Names Given to Councils.

AN AUDITING COMMITTEE OF INDIANS

Allegheny Common Council made a desperate effort last night to dispose of the whitewash bucket introduced by the Select branch and succeeded to the extent of having a committee appointed that will proceed with the investigation of Chief Murphy. It was an evident spat between the two bodies of Northside statesmen, and was, besides, a bitter rebuke against the Auditing Committee, which has sought by diplomatic means to shift its own responsibility on the shoulders of an already overworked City Solicitor.

The meeting of Common Council was called for the purpose of considering the resolution from the Auditing Committee instructing the City Solicitor to investigate the charges against Chief Murphy and commence whatever proceedings he thought proper. The resolution was passed in the Select branch unanimously, but with ludicrous protests by some of the members, and came before common pleading for the same farce indorsement. Mr. Knox led the charge against it with an apology of a statement that the Auditing Committee had done good work, but still he thought that they had made a great big mistake in preparing such a resolution. He didn't believe in councilmen unloading their work on the City Solicitor, but as all the rest seemed anxious to do so, he indicated a willingness to join in the funeral procession that was bearing the charges against Chief Murphy to their last resting place. As a matter of form, however, he thought it would be well to hear an anti-burial oration from the City Solicitor.

Solicitor Elphinstone Declares Himself.

"Just what I want," said Mr. Elphinstone, coming to the front in a manner that clearly contradicted the statement that he has fallen in with the Wyman-Murphy element. "The proper course for Councils is to face its duty and to do it. It is not only your duty to investigate Chief Murphy, but it is your best policy. It may be your duty to order a prosecution in court, or it may not, but it is clear that you should do something. Legal proceedings cannot possibly be carried through before January, 1893. An appeal to the Supreme Court will delay a hearing until next October, and other things will keep it back still longer. In the meantime, if Chief Murphy is guilty, he would be holding his official position without protest. I think it is your duty to act at once by appointing a small committee of your most brainy and honest men to act at once. Of course, you are all honest," he added apologetically, and everyone nodded wisely and whispered "here, here." Continuing, Mr. Elphinstone stated that Common Council would not have to wait on Select, but could appoint a committee at once. In the meantime, he stated, if any of the other parties who have so many pages of printed testimony against Chief Murphy wants to acts independently they can bring suit as private citizens.

A Very Remarkable Paper.

Referring to the part of the Auditing Committee's resolution which provided that the City Solicitor, besides investigating stated chages, should include all other matters charged or appearing against Chief Murphy, Mr. Elphinstone said rather sarcastically that it was a paper drawn in a wise, shrewd way, wide as the earth, as high as the air and as deep as—down below. He called upon the Common branch, at least, to do its duty, and a response came in the shape of a resolution from Mr. Lewis providing for the appointment of a committee of five to act in conjunction with the City Solicitor in investigating the charges against Chief Murphy, and to report at the next meeting of Councils. It was agreed that this will relieve the City Solicitor of all responsibility and will at the same time show that Councils is not afraid to face the music. The resolution was passed unanimously.

Ring, Rottenness and Ruination.

During the debate, Councilman W. W. Nesbit made use of an expression that is likely to become as famous on the Northside as was Dr. Burchard's "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion," in the Cleveland-Blaine campaign. He was speaking of the opinion of disgust which Allegheny citizens have for their Councils and at the height of a flow of oratory closed the speech with the statement that they were generally credited with being a combination of "Ring, Rottenness and Ruination." Everybody smiled a moment and then they fell to thinking.

Another hard dash at the city's rulers came from Councilman Knox, who, in speaking of the Auditing Committee, said it reminded him of a band of wild Indians he used to see when he was living in the wooly West. The red men had been driven out with the march of civilization and left only the graves of their dead warriors behind. Once a year, he stated, they returned to their former hunting grounds, and while communing with the ghosts of their departed chiefs, held a powwow that made every pale face within four miles fasten his scalp to his head with a piece of sheet iron. The parallel, Mr. Knox was kind enough to state, lay in the fact that about once every two weeks the Auditing Committee, like wild red men, come out of their reservation, and, with a yell that reaches from City Hall to the County Jail, hold a pow-wow in their own peculiar way over the charges against Chief Murphy—evidently dead, but kept alive by the reformers' bluffs and promises.

The Genuine Christmas Spirit.

Christmas supplies continued to pour in yesterday at the office of the Society for the Improvement of the Poor. The Moorhead schools sent in almost a wagon load of groceries, fruit, nuts and other articles, with a card bearing the good will of the children. A great many small contributions of clothing and groceries were also received from private individuals.

The Whisky Business Is Dull.

Tip Gray, the well-known Monongahela river distiller, was in Pittsburg yesterday. Mr. Gray says there is too much whisky in the market. "The distilleries of this State are nearly all closed down," he went on. "People are not drinking as much as usual, the grain is not satisfactory to the good distillers and many of them have not made any whisky in six months.

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
Increase Due to Cent-a-Word	1,596
The largest two weeks' increase previously reported was	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.

RETURN OF PHIPPS.

He Has Been Inspecting Conservatories, but Declines to Disclose His Plans—The Story of an Armory Gift to a California Town Denied.

Messrs. Henry Phipps and John Walker returned from an extended Western trip yesterday. They have been inspecting conservatories in various cities, and incidentally visited San Diego, Cal., where Mr. Phipps owns about $200,000 worth of property. During his stay at San Diego Mr. Phipps invested $60,000 in the Panio Water Company, greatly to the relief of that concern. A San Francisco paper states that while there Mr. Phipps had obligated himself to build a $50,000 armory for the national guard at San Diego, provided the city would guarantee a revenue of $60,000 a year to support it.

Mr. Phipps was seen at his office yesterday but denied that there was any truth in the statement whatever.

When asked what progress had been made in relation to his gift conservatory for Schenley Park, Mr. Phipps modestly declined to talk. "I have not seen Mr. Bigelow yet," he said, "and would prefer to have a talk with him before anything of our plans is made public. After that Mr. Bigelow or Mr. Walker may be able to furnish some definite information of what is to be done."

Chief Bigelow will have a conference with Mr. Phipps and Mr. Walker next Tuesday. He is very anxious to get the conservatory arrangements made as they will figure in his estimate of the appropriation required for his department under the next appropriation ordinance.

A CHARACTERISTIC CHRISTMAS SCENE.

Point Breeze Lecture Room Turned Into a Store-House of Offerings Last Night.

A truly characteristic Christmas scene took place at the Point Breeze Presbyterian Church last night. It was in answer to a call for Christmas gifts for the poor. The call was made upon the Sunday school of the church, and the response was one to be long remembered.

The lecture room was crowded—the little ones being out in force, each with his or her offering, and all full of earnestness. Mr. Woolridge, superintendent, called the meeting to order. After prayer and singing, Mrs. Forsythe spoke, telling of the good done by giving in the right spirit during holiday times, and telling of the opportunities.

Then offerings were called for. The infant department marched up to the platform, carrying variously clothes, potatoes, live ducks, live geese, dressed turkeys, celery and other edibles, books and toys.

Then the classes were called, Mr. Orr's boys carrying on their shoulders a large dressed pig. Mr. Ivory's class of eight boys came, each carrying a bag of flour. Mr. Hudson's class brought a barrel of apples. Others came with envelopes of money, books and toys of every description.

The scene was most picturesque, and the spectators were delighted. Mr. Woolridge thanked the school in the name of the Young Women's Christian Association. Mr. Woods, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Halleck and Mr. Morris assisted in the exercise, and the Point Breeze Orchestra discoursed music. The church was beautifully decorated, and the whole scene so bright that the treat on Christmas night can do no more than rival it.

DESERTED HIS WIFE,

And When Arrested J. Frank Maher Tried to Stab the Constable.

Mrs. Lucretia Maher, of Steubenville, came to the city yesterday to look for her husband, J. Frank Maher, alias George Harris, alias George Armstrong, who deserted her 14 months ago. She followed him to Uniontown, Connellsville, Latrobe, Scottdale and other towns, but he skipped out in time to evade her. She told her story to Alderman Donovan and produced a photograph of her husband. A lounger recognized it as the picture of a man who was running an engine in Schoenberger's mill. He was arrested, and when faced by his wife he refused to speak to her. The Alderman left them alone, as the woman pleaded to him to come back home. His loud threats alarmed the Alderman, and he separated the pair.

Maher demanded a hearing and was sent to jail for the lack of $500 bail. While going up Grant street, Maher pulled out a long knife, with a keen blade, and tried to stab the officer. The constable was too quick for him and soon relieved him of the dagger.

Fate of the Prize Fighters.

James Mason, James McHugh, Kinzie McCormick and R. J. Brennan were given a hearing yesterday afternoon before Alderman McKenna and held for court trial. The two first were charged with attempting to engage in a prize fight and the latter two with aiding them. The circumstances that led to the suits occurred on Sunday evening last on the Mayflower.

Why Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Is So Popular.

Mr. L. G. Moore, the leading druggist at Point Arena, Cal., says: "I have sold Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for more than a year, and find it one of the very best sellers I ever kept in stock. But this is not all; the remedy gives satisfaction to my customers. It is especially liked for its soothing and expectorant qualities." It will loosen and relieve a severe cold in less time than any other treatment. TTSu

Elegant Evening Wraps in White Furs,

Such as royal ermine, Thibet and Angora fur; also delicate colorings in brocade satin wraps, lined in white furs—all at "greatly reduced prices" to-day in our cloak room—these elegant garments make the most appropriate Christmas gifts for ladies.

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Special Sale of Pure Silk Hosiery.

We offer for the holiday season a rare assortment of Pure Silk Hose, in black and colors, at greatly reduced price: $2 quality for $1 50; $2 50 quality for $1 75, or three pairs in box for $5. The colors are red, gray, bronze, pink, sky blue, nile green and pure white.

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SUICIDE IN HIS CELL.

A Prisoner Hangs Himself at the Nineteenth Ward Station.

HIS HEAD ALMOST TO THE FLOOR.

Little Known About Him, Except That He Is John Howland.

USED HIS HANDKERCHIEF FOR A ROPE

John Howland, a prisoner in the Nineteenth ward police station, committed suicide by hanging last night. Howland was arrested about 11 o'clock yesterday morning on Frankstown avenue by Officer Samuel Parker. He was drunk and staggering along the street, knocking pedestrians to either side and creating more or less disturbance. He was sent to the station. What little information that could be gotten from him was to the effect that he was a laborer, 50 years old and lived on Squirrel Hill.

The man was hardly in his cell until he fell asleep, and several times when Sergeant Lewis went into the cell department he found him still sleeping. About 4:30 o'clock the sergeant wakened him and asked him if he wanted his supper. Howland answered in the affirmative and the meal was ordered for him. An hour later, and before the supper had been brought, Officer Parker went into the cell department to light the lamps. He noticed Howland lying in a peculiar position and called to Sergeant Lewis.

The two men opened the door and found the prisoner dead. He had taken his handkerchief and made a noose of it, into which he shoved his head and tied the other end of the handkerchief to a small projection on the cell closet. He thus lay with his lower extremities on the floor and his head and upper part of the body suspended by the noose, not over a foot from the floor. The body was cold when found. It was released at once and an unsuccessful effort made for resuscitation.

Later the Coroner was notified, and the body was taken to the morgue, where it now lies. There was nothing on the body by which he could be identified. In his pocket was $1 25 and a half dozen new handkerchiefs, evidently purchased for Christmas gifts. He was of fair complexion, with sandy hair and beard, weighed 145 pounds, was 5 feet 4 inches tall and wore a suit of Kentucky jean.

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