robbed of \$700. Two men made the assault,

The office is in the rear of the Town Hall

both of whom escaped.

CREATED CONFUSION.

The Announcement of the License Law Defect Agitates Dealers and Attorneys.

AN OPINION FROM JUDGE SLAGLE

Practically Nullifies the New-Act, and the Applications Will Be Made-Under Last Year's Forms.

THE VIEWS OF THOSE INTERESTED.

All the Pittsburg Members Supported the Bill When Before the Legislature.

Judge Slagle, who will be one of the next License Court Judges, gave it as his opinion yesterday that retail license applicants must procure their bondsmen in their respective wards just as they did last year. In other words, the Judge construes the liquor law of 1891 as being no law at all and in accordance with his opinion Clerk Mc-Gunnigle will have the license applications prepared as they were made out last year.

The discovery of the bungling work of the Legislature, an account of which was published exclusively in THE DISPATCH yesterday, created unbounded confusion among liquor dealers, both wholesale and retail. The retail dealers were especially exercised. From early morning until the close of office hours yesterday retail dealers from every section of the two cities, and from the boroughs and townships crowded into the office of the Clerk of Courts hunting for information. All of them had read the law as it was issued by the State, but none of them had dreamed but that they could go anywhere within the county lines for their hondsmen. They are uncertain whether the bungling amendment killed itself or killed the law which it was intended to change, and they are not entirely clear whether it would be worth their while to even make application for license.

The Attorneys Were Very Busy. Besides crowding into Clerk McGunnigle's office the dealers rushed to their lawyers for some definite information, but the attorneys were unable to throw much light on the subject. "It all depends on the judges. They must rule on the law," was the decision of all the attorneys and the dealers returned to their business more confused that

Clerk McGunnigle was little less troubled than were the saloon keepers. He had already ordered printed the blank applications and the blank bonds to be distributed among the dealers. His order had been filled by the printer, but the discovery of the legislative blunder left him uncertain what to do. Judge Ewing had given him but little information the day previous. The judges who will hold License Court were not on duty yesterday and Mr. Me-Gannigle was compelled to visit Judge Slagle at his home. The butchered law was shown the Judge and he ordered that under the circumstances the applications and bonds must be prepared as last year. This official information relieved Mr. McGunnigle. He returned to his office, issued another order for blank applications and bonds and says everything will be in readiness for the liquor license applicants at the proper time.

The Intent of the Amendment.

The effort to amend the Brooks high iccuse law was made at the last session of the Legislature in response to a general de-mand from the saloon keepers of the cities of the State. The intended amendment was to allow the license applicant to secure his which his place of business is located, in stead of being restricted in securing bonds-men in the ward in which the saloon is f the State the property owners do not satisfy the law in regard to the boudsmen.

They all applauded the amendment.

They were anxious to secure other charges in the law, but were satisfied with the amendment granted them. The amendment which the Legislature evidently intended to adopt was considered the most important of many amendments introduced into the Legislature and it was chosen for adoption by the committee to which all the amendments to the Brooks bill were referred. An effort was made to have the same amendment passed by the session of '89, but all liquor legislation at that session was tabled to give the Brooks law a chance to assert itself.

Thinks It Nullifies the Increase. T. D. Casey, the Liberty street wholesaler, when seen yesterday contended that the legislative blunder nullified that section of the new liquor law which increase the license fee from \$500 to \$1,000 and that if the courts decide that the Brooks law has not been changed in regard to the location of the bondsmen they must decide that the amendment regarding fees must also fall. Many other wholesale dealers contend that the fee feature of the amendment to the Brooks law has not been affected, and that it will stand at \$1,000. Discussion among the wholesalers was decidedly lively yesterday. They, too, consulted their attorneys, and, while they were not uneasy regarding ittsburg, they are fearful that in other counties in the State where they have cus tomers, with the courts always ready to grasp at any excuse for refusing license, the legislative blunder will supply the excuse. It is certain that the Judge or Judges in each county in the State must rule on the question, and should any of them rule gainst the license applicants it would be necessary to earry the case to the Supreme

The Construction of the Law.

"The Court has no authority or power to construct he law as the Legislature in-tended to make it, but as they find it in the statute books," an attorney said yesterday "Who in the world can tell what Pennsyl vania's Legislature means, when its men bers can't say themselves what they mean. It is certain that the confusion and blunder in the proposed amendment to the Brooks law will create trouble, and if I mistake not will furnish considerable grist to the lawvers' mills. The amendment was intended to relieve the saloon keepers, but from indications it will be an expensive lurury for them."

The Pittsburg members of the Legislature came in for considerable abuse by the saloon keepers yesterday. The Pittsburg members of both Houses supported it.
"Our people were too busy looking for

street contracts down in Harrisburg last ression to read the laws they passed," one saloon keeper said. "We thought we had a nice thing in the amendment, but now we passed off smoothly and pleasantly. find that Mr. Brooks and his bill had better

Central Hotel to Be Refurnished. The Central Hotel has been leased Anderson & Rowan for five years with the privilege of renting for five more. The nouse will now be renovated and refurnished from attic to cellar. The proprietors intend to make a first-class hote old stand if first-class stuff will do it. The billiard room in the rear of the office will be raised, and will form part of the lobby. Even the windows will be torn out and everything modern will be put in the house. The hotel was purchased about a year ago by Kanimanns, and it was thought it would be used for a clothing store, but this change won't be made until the lease on their present building expires.

ONLY TWO APPEALS IN.

ow the Work of the Board of Assessor Progressing-More Rapidity Expected in the Future-Wards That Are Next in

Board of Assessors heard appeals from the new triennial assessment. Only two appeals were filed. The board had only advertised to receive appeals from the Fifteenth ward, but one of those filed came

Vesterday was the first day on which the

from the Twenty-fourth. It is expected that hereafter the appeals will come in more rapidly, the inclement weather yesterday being credited with keeping down the number. Yesterday's appeal from the Fifteenth ward cama from Mrs. L. Kuhn. She was assessed \$3,300 on a lot No. 3343 Penn avenue and \$2,500 for the dwelling thereon. She is satisfied with the lot assessment, but wants the house reduced to \$1,800, that being the value previously

fixed upon it.
Charles Lauz, brick manufacturer of the Twenty-fourth ward, was assessed for \$18, 870. His appeal covers several properties. He asks to have the assessment on a two-story brick dwelling on Carson street, near South Thirty-fourth street, reduced from \$3,500 to \$2,500 and a stable in connection therewith reduced from \$250 to \$200. Two lots at the intersection of Carson and Sarah streets assessed at \$2,200 he wants reduced to \$1,050, while two 16-foot lots adjoining which are assessed at \$300, he asks to be increased to \$600. Three other lots on Carson, near South Thirty-fourth street, he

asks to have reduced from \$4,680 assessed by the board to \$3,750. The board now has in hand the assess ments for the Seventh, Ninth, Tenth, Fifth teenth, Twenty-fourth and Thirtieth wards.
Appeals will be heard from these wards as follows: Fifteenth ward, until Saturday next; Twenty-fourth ward, from to-day until January 4; Ninth and Tenth wards, from January 2 to 5 inclusive; Seventh and Thirtieth wards, from January 5 to 7 scripts giving the detailed assessment for each property on request of the owners. Several hundred such requests have already been sent out and the assessors desire that every taxpaver who wants a transcript of his taxes shall send in his order at once

STILL FIGHTING FOR A NAME.

For the Third Time American Med

Try to Change Their Title. The third, and what will in all probabil ity be the final attempt to change the name of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, is now being made. The voting DISPATCH reporter Senator Quay talked among the councils commenced Saturday night and by the last of the week 150,000 members will have expressed their preference between the present name and the Order of United Americans. So far the vote has been pretty evenly

divided. Of course, the councils in Penn-sylvania are voting against the change. Smoky City Council, on the Southside, voted 88 solid votes for the old name last night. Pride of the West Council, in Allegheny, voted on Monday night. There was a big fight there, the vote being in the neighborhood of 37 to 22 in favor of the present name. All the large councils, and specially the older ones, that have cour charters, are voting large majorities against the change. The others are more evenly divided.

In Ohio the vote so far has been more than 2 to 1 in favor of the change. In Illinois where the members have experi-enced the greatest difficulty with the old name the vote will be almost solid for the Order of United Americans. Councils in the East are making a fight against the West. There is also a fight being made from some sections against the proposed change because it is supported by certain State and national officials.

INNES NOT ARRESTED YET.

The Blairsville People Are Very Deteri to Prosecute Him.

Prof. Innes, the Blairsville school princi pal, is still at large, though the police are after him and expect to capture him to-day. Detective Coulson declares his belief that Innes is being persecuted, but a gentleman tective is mistaken. Said he:

stead of being restricted in securing bonds-men in the ward in which the saloon is located. In certain wards in all the cities in which he asked that the charges against him of debauching the morals of his pupils live in the ward, and it is al-ways difficult for the saloon keepers to of the boys who made the astonishing confessions refuse to let the matter drop, and professor be arrested. Blairsville people blame the Pittsburg police for allowing Innes to escape to Chicago, where they think he now is. The excitement at Blairsville is great, and former stanch friends of the professor have abandoned him en-

Told His Story Too Often.

Yesterday afternoon a well dressed man called at the Central police station on Diamond street, and endeavored to tell Sergeant Larimer a story of unrequited love, but the sergeant could not make head or tail of it and finally put the man out of the place. He was persistent, however, and kept coming back until he had been ejected four times. The sergeant thought the man was crazy. Last night he again went to the station. Sergeant Gray was on duty at the time and believed the man to be on the verge of delirium tremens and gave the man a cell. He gave his name as C. L. Whiteman.

To Consider the Cattle Ordinance. A sub-Committee of the Public Safety Committee, having under consideration ar ordinance regulating the driving of cattle through the streets, will meet to-morrow afternoon. The ordinance was affirmatively recommended several months ago, but was objected to in its present shape, and will be amended to suit the objectors.

Found Happiness in New Jersey. Renwick Scott and Miss Nannie Mehaffey were married Christmas at Camden, N. J. He is the son of A. J. Scott, a Pittsburg wholesale shoe dealer, and the girl is a resi dent of Stewart station. Neither was of age, and so they skipped and still are waiting for the paternal blessing. It has not

ome as yet TALES OF TWO CITIES.

THERE was a district meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society held at the Butler Street M. E. Church yesterday afternoon. The meeting was well attended, and many delegates from different parts of Allegheny county were present. Nothing of importance

Cononen McDowell was notified yesterday afternoon of the death on Mt. Oliver of Joseph Alloway Brunner, who was killed by a lall of slate while digging coal. He was found there buried under a pile of slate in his own mine. THE ladies' organization connected with the Birmingham Turners held a reception

A LITTLE daughter of John Newton. 4 years, was burned at her home in Knox-

ville, by turning a kettle of hot water over on her. She was badly scalded about the face and hands, but she will recover. POLICE LIEUTENANT GEORGE SCHAPPER fell in a hole in one of the Soho mills Monday, and besides spraining his leg badly was otherwise injured. The injuries will lay him off duty for some days.

THE "Q" Club, composed of Episcopal preachers, met at the Seventh Avenue yesterday afternoon to discuss religious subjects. After the discussion they had a

THE congregation of the Southside Presby terian Church held an entertainment and supper last night. Several hundred people were served lunch in the lecture room. No action was taken on the Greensburg wolf-hunt at the Humane Society meeting

Quay Says That He Is for Blaine First, Last and All the Time.

THE SENATOR'S IDEA OF RUTAN.

B. F. Jones Formally Announces His Candidacy for National Delegate.

Senator M. S. Quay and his son Dick arrived in Pittsburg from Beaver yesterday. The went directly to the Hotel Duquesn and were assigned to parlors B and C. They brought up the river with them distressing weather, but the elements were not violent enough to protect them from the flood of callers that swept down upon them before they had got comfortably arranged in their apartments. Politicians of high and low degree, among them former friends and former foes, seemed to have heard the general alarm: "Quay's in town" and with one accord they seemed to hurry to the hotel for an audience with the great politi-

cal Kris Kringle. The keepers of Mr. Quay's political conscience were there. Those who would willingly hold any office from a Township Road Supervisor to Internal Revenue Collector of the Pittsburg district came in to "just see the old man," and others who would gladly go into a scramble for any crumb that might tall from the Senator' generous political table called to register afresh their undying allegiance to the silent statesman. The hotel elevator leading from the street to parlor B, where the chief held his council of war, wearily groaned out its disapproval of politicians generally, and the porters and office boys were fairly exhausted announcing the presence of the anxious, aspiring visitors.

No Indorsement for Reed's Place. Senator Quay was improved in health. His rest at home had revived him, and he good naturedly received all who came to visit him. Some of his visitors agered about his parlors all the afterne 1. They acted as assistants at the gener eception. Others came and went without delay. To a freely. He declared his high regard and personal friendship for ex-Judge Fetterman, and he paid a rather glowing tribute to ex-Senator Butan's political shrewdness. Mr. Quay is not the silent Senator any longer. He talks without restraint. "Who will be appointed to succeed Judge

Reed?" was asked.
"I don't know," the Senator replied.
"Have you indorsed anyone for the

"No, I have not. I feel very kindly to Judge Fetterman, but several of my friends have announced themselves for the place. Crumrine, of Washington, Grier, of Butler, and Buffington, of Armstrong, are all friends of mine, but I have always felt a

"Is Jack Robinson in earnest in his can-didacy for the United States Senate?"
"Well, I hardly know. I have seen Jack but once since he announced himself, and then we were too busy to talk of the Senatorship. Jack was after a postoffice in his dis-trict. I think if Jack is a candidate he will be able to beat Mr. Dalzell."

"Have you been watching our local poli-"No, I have not," the Senator replied.
Then T. H. Baird Pattersoa, who was in the room, said: "A mill man told me yesterday that Senator Rutan was not in it, over in

Allegheny. Quay's Opinion of Rutan.

Senator Quay smiled for the first time uring the interview. He shifted his head windward and laughingly remarked: "Don't be too sure about that. Rutan will be found in many a wood pile in Allegheny before the election is over."

Senator Quay's long political association with Senator Rujan no doubt enables him to talk knowingly of Mr. Rutan's political

"Is it true that you are for General Alger as second choice for President?"
"I have no second choice. I am for Blaine

Will Blaine be a candidate for the "I think not. I believe, however, if the

convention unanimously nominates him he "Is there any likelihood of the convention ominating Mr. Blaine unanimously?" Mr. Blaine is wonderfully popular. don't know what the convention will do,

Senator Quay will return to Beaver to-day. He will come to Pittsburg again to-morrow.

FEHL IS THE APPRAISER.

issioners Weir and Mercer Get To-

gether on the Appointment. The County Commissioners yesterday afternoon elected Harry Fehl Mercantile Tax Appraiser for 1892. There was only one ballot, Commissioners Weir and Mercer both voting for Fehl. Commissioner Boyle gave B. J. Kearney, an Eleventh ward Democrat, a complimentary vote. Emory Thompson, of McKeesport, had been a candidate for the place until the publication of the particulars of the fight was with drawn yesterday morning after a confer-ence with leading politicians in Chlef Brown's office. C. L. Magee was present

Brown's office. C. L. Magee was present at the conference but refused to take sides with either candidate.

This released Commissioner Mercer from obligation to Thompson's friends and he agreed to support Fehl. Thompson's friends allege that he was promised the place for 1893 if he would withdraw, but this is denied by the other side who say that remained by the other side who say that no such deal was suggested. The appointment of Fehl gives satisfaction, as he is well-fitted for the

McKenna on the Jiles-Clark Contest. "The contest between Jiles and Clark for a place on the State Central Committee is growing decidedly interesting," Charles F. McKenna said yesterday. It is is a word derful political mix-up too. The lion and lamb are chasing each other through the district and the political kangaroo keeps dodging through the underbrush picking up dodging the other animals overlook. It McKenna said yesterday. "It is is a woneverything the other animals overlook. It demonstrates one thing," Mr. McKenna concluded, "if the Democrats would fight their common enemy as viciously and vigor-ously as they fight among themselves, then Allegheny county would certainly be Demo-

McKinley Preparing His Inaugural Speech Mrs. William McKinley, Jr. passed through the city last evening bound for New York. C. M. Bowsel, the newly-appointed chief executive clerk, accompanied her as far as this city. Mr. Bowsel will return this morning. He says the Major is recovering from his illness very rapidly, and has commenced to prepare his inaugural speech. He will be all right by January 11 when the inauguration takes place. W. B. Garwell, of Marietta, has place. W. B. Gartrell, of Marietta, h been appointed assistant executive clerk.

A Candidate for Alderman

A. E. Johnson, Alderman of Knoxville borough, has recently resigned; with a view to emigrating to California. Among the candidates for his position is Matt W. Boyce, tipstave of the Court House. Mr. Boyce was for four years in the Union service under Colonel Rowley.

HAS NO NEXT CHOICE. is popular in this city and his friends will M'DOWELL HAS A BILL

JONES FORMALLY IN THE FIELD. The Pattle for Delegate on the Northsid

Now Decidedly Interesting. B. F. Jones at noon yesterday formally announced his candidacy for delegate to the Republican National Convention. Mr. Jones is for Blaine for President if the Secretary is a candidate. If Blaine is not a candidate Mr. Jones, while he refuses to express himself, will likely be for Harrison. With Mr. Jones' announcement opens MOVEMENTS OF LOCAL POLITICIANS what promises to be one of the hottest dele gate fight in the history of Allegheny. The friends of the ex National Chairman have promised him positively that he will be elected. Harry Oliver has not yet said whether he will enter the field against Mr.
Jones, or whether he will run with Mr.
Jones against Witherow, Henricks, Wier
and others. Mr. Witherow's campaign has been going on for two years. His delegates have been chosen with care and consideration, and he is confident of success. Mr. Oliver's candidacy would mean a fight between him and Mr. Jones for the second

place, with enough of the other candidates in the contest to make it decidedly interest-Mayor Wyman's friends announced yes-terday that the Mayor had reconsidered his determination to stay out of the race for national delegate. He believes that with Jones, Oliver and the others in the field he

JUDGE HARRY WHITE ON QUAY.

He Asks for Information Concerning the Beaver Statesman

Judge Harry White, of Indiana, Pa. who is a candidate for the nomination of Supreme Judge of Pennsylvania, was in Pittsburg recently. While passing along Smithfield street he met an admirer of Sen-Smithfield street he met an admirer of Sentor Quay. "What's new?" the Judge asked, after shaking hands. "Nothing new," the other replied. "Quay's in town," he then added in the way of correcting himself.
"Quay, Quay," Judge White replied slowly, "Quay," he went on; "It appears to me I have heard that name before. What does he do?" the Judge asked without evidencing even the suspicion of a smile.

"He's a former," the Judge went on;

"Political committees, as a rule," Mr. Quay's friend answered. The two walked away in different directions.

GEOBGE B. HILL'S WAGER. He Pays It by a Banquet to Members of the

Buckskin Club, George B. Hill gave the members of the Buckskin Club a banquet at the Duquesne last evening. It was in payment of a wager that he lost that J. N. Davidson would not kill a bear during the summer outing of the club in Canada. Mr. Davidson shot bruin, and had a humorous affidavit taken in Toronto as proof. The affidavit was accepted by Mr. Hill, and it caused considerable laughter when read at the festive board

The menu was printed on buckskin, ornamented with a picture of one of these noble mented with a picture of one of these nonice animals. The club is composed of 15 members, 11 living in Allegheny, and the other four reside in Canada. Among those present were Dr. Voight, John H. Dalzell, Dr. C. A. Carpenter, J. N. Davidso

A Traction Conductor's Trouble,

R. C. Sell, conductor of car No. 229 of the Citizens Traction road, had a hearing before Alderman Donovan yesterday on a charge of assault and battery preferred by Dennis O'Conners. O'Conners is an old man. On Christmas Day he boarded the car at Twelfth street to go to East Liberty. The car was full and he stood, holding on to a strap. The conductor passing through to collect fares, ordered him aside. He did not comply quick enough to said Suit, who stopped the car at Fifteenth street and threw him off in the mud. O'Conners fell and cut his head besides being covered with mud. Sall was held in \$500 bail for strip!

Insane, But Without a Bomb. A man named Val. Hauser is in the Twenty-eight ward station house. He is thought to be partially insane. He came up the river vesterday and went directly to the office of Dr. Wood, on Sarah street, Southside, where he acted in a manner that indicated unsoundness. He has friends in Allentown and Dr. Woodendeavored to get the man to go to them, but he persisted in

lingering around the office. The doctor finally notified the police and had him removed to the station house. A Toll-Tuker's Vigorous Methods. Henry Blume was arrested vesterday or

a charge of assault and battery preferred by Karl Ketzner before Alderman Donovan. Blume is toll-taker at the Sixteenth street bridge. On Christmas Day Ketzner, who had a quarterly ticket, started across the bridge. Blume stopped him and demanded toll. He refused, and a quarrel resulted. Blume knocked Ketzner down and beat him. Blume gave \$300 bail for a hearing

PEEPING THROUGH PRISON BARS.

ROBERT E. DOOLITTLE had a hearing before Alderman Donovan yesterday on a charge of larceny. The plaintiff is Dan McAleese Both Doolittle and McAleese are grocers at Groveton. McAleese claimed that he or-dered a box of canned tomatoes and also one of canned corn, and that Doolittle took the goods from the depot and sold them. Doolittle was held in \$300 bail for a trial by

ALEX. WALKER was arrested by Office Miller last night and locked up in the Twelse hard locked up in the Twelse ward police station. The charge against him is larceny from the person. On Christmas day he got into a quarrel with a man in a Penn avenue poolroom, and in the course of the fight took a golu watch from

EDWARD COFFEE and Stephen Halphin were arrested yesterday on a charge of disorderly conduct, preferred by H. C. Weir before Al-derman Burns. The defendants have been in the habit of loafing around Weir's house at 23 Cresson street, and acting disorderly. They gave \$300 bail for a hearing Thursday. CHARLES CAIN, of Dresden, O., was given a nearing before Alderman Gripp yesterday m a charge of larceny, preferred by Mrs. Minnie Joyce, who alleges he stole two watches from her store on Old avenue, He was held for court. JOHN HALLEGA WAS given a hearing before

Alderman Beanny, of Allegheny, yesterday and committed to jail for 19 days on a charge of cruelty to his child, a little boy, whom he compelled to drink beer. STANY CHESKY was committed to jail last night by Alderman Warner on a charge of surety of the peace preferred by Martha Nimburg. He will be given a hearing to-

norrow John Brown, a resident of Liberty street, near Ohio street, Allegheny, was arrested last night on complaint of his mother. She alleged he was beating and abusing her. BRIDGET VON HEISTER entered suit before Alderman Donovan yesterday against John Clark for attempted assault. Clark gave \$500 bail for a hearing Thursday. John Diesst, charged with assaulting his

landlady on South Twenty-first street on Christmas night was held for court yester-THOMAS GANNON was given a hearing yes-

terday before Alderman Gripp on a charge of horse stealing and held for court. JOHN PIETRO, of Woods' Run, was locked up yesterday for beating his wife's face with a hobiail shoe. To the Trade.

Boyce was for four years in the Union service under Colonel Rowley.

If you wish to purchase one or a hundred barrels of whisky in bond or tax paid of any of the well-known Monongahela Valley ryes or Kentucky bourbons or fine blended goods, call on the William H. Holmes Company, 158 First avenue and 120 Water street, distillers of "Holmes' Best" and "Holmes' Old Economy."

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For the Legislature Making Trespass on Railways a Misdemeanor. Express Arent-The Sum \$700.

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 29 .- [Special.]-REGIMENT HAS BEEN KILLED

The most daring highway robbery ever com-mitted in Washington occurred to-night. At 8:50 o'clock James A. Agnew, agent of the Adams Express Company, was sandthe Steam Highways of Allegheny bagged as he was leaving his office and

County in the Past Five Years. FEATURES OF THE CORONER'S REPORT

Coroner Heber McDowell will appea before the next Legislature with a bill making it misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment, for persons to trespass on railroad. He will ask the other Coroners of the State to join with him. This will be the main recommendation in his report this

Few people who note each day the list of deaths on railways think ever of the aggregate. Within the year just past 230 were so killed in Allegheny county, and within the period of the last five years the railroads, through death's door, have mustered out a regiment of men and left behind a whole brigade of weeping widows and helpless orphans to this cold world's charity. Of this number of killed over 70 rest in unknown graves. And more than this, a thousand others within the year were injured and some were maimed for life.

During the year the Pennsylvania road claimed 53 victims. The Panhandle stood next with 36, and the Baltimore and Ohio killed 34. The deaths on the other roads were, Ft. Wayne, 14: West Penn, 14: Pittsburg, Virginia and Charleston, 15; Lake Erie, 15; Pittsburg, McKeesport and Youghiogheny, 7; Pittsburg and Western, 11; Allegheny Valley, 10; Cleveland and Pittsburg, 2; and on the private roads at mills, 18. Taking the deaths in months, 21 fell in January, and the same in February. March saw 6 victims and April 11. For May, June and July, it was respectively 10, 17 and 23. In August there were 10 deaths, and in September there was one death every day and two left over. Twenty-two died in October, but November swelled the number 1, and this month there have been 28.

Railways Cause One-Fourth the Deaths. Inside the five years there have been 4,052 deaths from various causes which rendered a coroner's inquest necessary and one-fourth of them was caused by the railroads. Of the deaths this year two and one third were employes of the road and over half the entire number were persons who were walking on the tracks and there were

many employes among this number. During the year many safeguards to life have been added by the railroads. Many of the grade crossing dangers bave been remedied by the various roads. The Pennsylvania Railroad is now constructing a hand some overhead bridge at Roup station. This death-trap is well remembered by the tragic deaths of Richard Wray and Officer Thomas Chidlow. The bridge at Center avenue has Chidlow. The bridge at Center avenue has also been a great safeguard, and the Coroner hopes for a further extension of the work. He has several times recommended further precautions at Wilkinsburg, where a large number of people have been killed. There should be gates there, on account of the immense number of people that are handled at that station. At Union station, with all the thousands that pass through them every day not one was killed in all the year, and last year only one child was killed there.

But One Collision in the Year, A remarkable fact was that there was only one collision, that at Whitmer station, where but one was killed. The only pas-senger killed on a train was Clara Fleming, of Washington, Pa., who was hit by a stone that rolled down from the hill-side near the Point Bridge. Many passen-gers, however, have been killed just as they got off trains. Perhaps one of the worst mud. Sell was held in \$500 bail for a trial cases was that of Nancy O'Freel, Father Sheedy's housekeeper. She was an old lady, and at the time she alighted at the Point Bridge station of the Panhandle, a train was due from the opposite direction. The noise of the leaving train drowned that of the coming, and as she turned the second train killed her. The Coroner recomnended a watchman there and also that people should only be allowed to get off on ne side as is done on traction cars.

Another cause of death to passengers are

the poorly lighted stations. Two ladies have lately been killed at Sewickley from this cause, and at the inquest on Mary Con-nor, killed there on December 16, the jury recommended that the station be better lighted and that a comfortable station be erected on the south side of the track. In talking of deaths on railways yesterday Coroner McDowell said: "One thing that may be said for the railroads is that people go out of their way to walk on railroad tracks. One was the case of a McKeesport man, who went a square out of his way to walk on the track because the street was muddy. Just as he reached the rear of his nome he was struck by an engine and instantly killed. There are scores of others. such as the two men who were killed Christ-mas at Copeland. I believe there should be an act to make it a misdemeanor to walk on

a railway track. Will Ask the Other Coroners to Help. "It would be a charity to pass such a law and would leave fewer widows and orphans on the bounty of the State. There is such a law in England. It is right, for now when quick trains follow each other the delay caused by the grinding up of one hapless traveler may be enough to cause another train to crash into the other one. It should be passed for the sake of the other lives the toolishness of one person will endanger. I will prepare such a bill and will ask the

other coroners of the State to help. "The President in his last message and the one before said more were killed by railroads now than there fell by rebel bullets in the war; and it is true. Most of all, each freight car should be inspected before it is placed in a train. The brake rod and wheel kill more than anything else. When the engineer whistles for down brakes the men take hold of the wheel. The nut is either loose or off, and when the weight is thrown the wheel jumps off and the man is pitched between the cars. Then there's but a wheel still dangling on the rod, and the missing brakeman lies mangled by the track. There is no one on whom responsibility can be placed. Every part of a steamer is examined by the Government, and, with this appalling death rate on land, why can't this reillance be extended to the railways?

Seriously Injured by a Runaway Mule. Robert Gray, son of the pit boss at the Moon Run mines, was so badly injured vesterday that Dr. Oustot had doubts of his covery. A mule attached to a pit car became unruly and started to run, and young Gray was thrown down and a pit wagon drawn over him.

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

OF THE DISPATCH AT

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A Daring Highway Robbery in the Early Evening Close to Little Washington's The East End Agitated by Robberies Police Headquarters-The Victim an and Rumors of Robberies.

EIGHT TRAMPS IN ON SUSPICION.

Police Officials Believe the Reports Have Been Fraggerated.

THE NECESSITY OF MOUNTED POLICE

building, just off the public square. Many valuable packages and much money are re-Reports of robberies of dwellings and of ceived every day. 'those which come in on eople on the highways have been coming late trains and have to be kept over night, in with alarming frequency for the past two are placed in a large safe in the drugstore months, and people in the East End where of Dr. George W. Roberts, close by. This evening a large number of packages, containing in the aggregate \$2,100, were received. Mr. Agnew had placed the most of these in this safe and was leaving the office the depredations are most common are beginning to feel uneasy. In fact few men in that part of the city who are compelled to be on the streets late at night care to go out with the remainder, eight packages which contained \$700, when he was met at the door unarmed. The police officials maintain that many of the reported robberies never occurred and that many of those which

The alarm was given within a minute, but both men had disappeared down a dark alley. One officer was in police headquar-ters just adjoining, and another officer was on the main street within 100 feet of the have occurred were greatly exaggerated. But allowing this to be true, there have been too many, and the East End people are alarmed, not knowing when they will spot. Mr. Agnew described the man who struck him as rather under the medium suffer at the hands of the marauders whom the police seem powerless to apprehend. size, heavy set, with a light mustache and without an overcoat. Chief Orr has re-ceived a telegram from Conductor Drake, of the Baltimore and Ohio 9 o'clock train, Two robberies were reported yesterda morning, both from the East End. One occurred at the residence of John Neeley, on Riverview avenue, Eighteenth ward.

stating that two men answering Agnew's description had left his train at Taylors-According to Neeley's story, he town. These men, no doubt, are the robbers. was awakened about 1 o'clock yesterday morning by a man's hand passing over his face. As he was about to jump from his bed the man struck at him with a sandbag, but missed him, and the weapon struck the headboard of the bed, It was reported yesterday afternoon that splitting it in several pieces. Neeley then Chairman Abbott, of Carnegie, Phipps & drew a revolver from under his pillow and Co., had received a telegram from the Navy began to fire, and he claims he saw two Department to come to Washington on the men run out the door and down the stairs. first train. Secretary Tracy wanted to see He rain to a rear window and fired again as him about hurrying up orders for armor and the thieves emerged from the door below. deck plate, in view of impending war with Chile. Mr. Abbott may have received such Several Shots Were Exchanged. telegram, but he didn't go to Washington

They returned the fire exchanging several shots, none of which took effect though Neeley declares he hit one of the burglars and that he found a trail of blood leading from his yard to the roadway after daylight. Entrance to the house was secured by cut-ting a panel out of a rear door. Neeley claims that the thieves secured several hunclaims that the thieves secured several hun-dred dollars worth of stuff from the lower ship it without the usual tests. The pro-tected deck plates for the New York have part of his house before awakening him, be-sides \$105 in cash and a check for \$200 on the Merchants and Mechanics' Bank. He could give no description of the men as owing to the darkness he could only discer-

The other case reported was that of John Best, of Homewood, who alleges that on his way home late Monday night he was assaulted on Frankstown avenue near Beckett's brickyard, and relieved of a package containing a new suit of clothes. Best re-ported the matter to the police. He says his assailants were colored men, but could give no description of them. A gentleman called at this office last

night and reported that at an early hour resterday morning he had been followed a long distance on Hiland avenue by two colored men, who were evidently about to assault him when a policeman appeared and they ran down a by street and disappeared.

Superintendent Weir was asked last night hey ran down a by street and disappeared. Superintendent Weir was asked last night what steps were being taken by the police bureau to stop the frequency of East End Two Thousand Officers Required.

"What can we do," was his reply. would require 2,000 policemen to cover that part of the city effectually enough to prevent robberies entirely. When a thief wants to commit a robbery he can do it out in the rural districts in spite of us, though we can generally capture the man afterwards. The place where this man Best was robbed is one of the louliest places in the city and to properly cover that section, Homewood, would require as many police as we have in the whole Second district. We are doing all we possibly can but there is a limit to sub-agent for a Montreal tobacconist, who what we are able to do with the number of fur-trimmed, are greatly reduced in

the East End district, said: "We are using every effort to put a stop to the robberies in our district. Many that have been reported were grossly exaggerated, and some never took place at all. I believe the recent robberies were the work of tramps, though there is reason to suspect a number of colored men out here whom we are watching closely. I have given orders for the arrest of all tramps in this part of the city. We arrested eight of the class at Beckett's brickvard in Homewood to-day. Four of them are colored men, and they may be the ones who assaulted Be

The Inspector was asked why the two nounted police in the East End had been discontinued. "Because of the mud," was the reply. "In the winter season horses cannot travel fast enough through the deep mud on the unpaved streets to be of any real service. On the paved streets to be of any rear service.

On the paved streets the men on foot can get along well enough. What we need in the East End is about 100 more patrolmen and about 25 mounted police. With such a force we could cover that section pretty effectually, and in view of the rapid way in which the East End is building up it will not be long until it will need as many policemen in proportion to territory as are now employed down town."

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A member of the firm said they had received no instructions to rush the orders for plate. Mr. Abbott frequently goes to Washington to confer about the work. The plate for the Monterey is in an unfinished condition and the firm has not been told to

A VERDICT POSSIBLE TO-DAY. Arguments of the Attorneys and the Judge's Charge in the Graves' Trial. DENVER, Dec. 29.-The attorneys made heir closing speeches in the Barnaby trial

been shipped as fast as completed.

ABBOTT DID NOT GO.

the Trouble With Chile.

Not Hurrying to Washington Because

ast night.

to-day, and the case will go to the jury tomorrow. Judge Ri-ing's charge says: You ought to commence the investigation of the case with the presumption that the defendant is innocent, and you should act presumption of innocence is overcome by a proof of guilt so strong, credible and conclusive as to convince your minds beyond reasonable doubt of his guilt. Then you ought to acquit him. You must wholly disregard anything which you may have heard before you were accepted as jurors, and you must not allow any feelings of fear or favor any extressions either in favor or early stressions. or any expressions, either in favor or against the defendant, to influence you in any de-gree, and your verdict must be based solely on the evidence in the case.

SMUGGLED LOTTERY TICKETS. Agents of the Louisiana and Lotteries in Trouble. OTTAWA, ONT., Dec. 29.-The Governnent has made an important seizure of Louisiana and Mexican lottery tickets at Montreal for having been smuggled into Canada, such articles being dutiable. The man from whom they were seized is named Lemay. He pleaded that he was simply a was general agent for the whole city.

A long list of persons in Montrea

PROPLE COMING AND GOING. W. B. Lupton went to Vîrginia last evening to look after a slate quarry in which he is interested. It is located about 90 miles from Richmond. Mr. Lupton says the finest varieties of roofing slate are found in the State. He thinks it is a great place for young men.

chiefly tobacco and eigar dealers who acted as sub-agents, has been secured, and inter-

esting developments are expected.

early yesterday morning, and the two sec-tions coming together wrecked four cars. The through trains from the East were de-layed two hours. Nobody was hurt. J. J. Spearman, the Sharon furnace man, was at the Seventh Avenue Hotel yesterday, the is growing weary waiting for the rail-roads to reduce the rates on pig iron and

D. McPherson, of Memphis, accompanied

A freight train separated near Bolivar

by his daughter, Susie B. McPherson and her teacher, Miss W. W. Dudley, registered at the Duquesne list evening. Mrs. J. Stanley Brown arrived from Cleveland to visit friends in Allegheny. She was Mollie Garfield, the beautiful daughter of the dead President. President Monsonat, of the Cleveland, Akron and Columbus road, passed through the city last evening bound for New York.

Daniel O'Day, President of the Standard

Oil Company, was in the city yesterday. He went to Buffalo last evening. Al Johnson, of Cleveland, was at the Union depot for a short time last night en route to Washington. H. S. Richardson, of New York, is visit-ing his brother. Manager Richardson, of the Monongaheia House. C. A. Egley, commercial agent of the Queen and Crescent route, is in the city hustling for freight.

W. P. Rend, the coal man, has returned from Chicago, and is once more at the Monongahela House. J. K. Becker, Chief Engineer of the Pan Miss Mary Moorhead was among the pas-sengers for New York last evening. James Whitcomb Riley registered at the Inderson yesterday.

Major Kay left for New York last even

A Prominent Iron Man Found Dead. LEWISTOWN, Pa., Dec. 29 .- A. H. Lee, man ager of the Logan Iron and Steel Works at Logan, near this place, was found dead in an adjacent creek this morning. The cause is unknown. Mr. Lee was widely known in the iron and steel trade throughout the

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