WILL SUE THE STATE

Because of the Killing of One Insane Patient by Another Unfortunate.

A PECULIAR DAMAGE CASE.

Relatives of J. J. McFee Will Take the Dixmont Tragedy to: Court.

ENTERING A CLAIM FOR \$50,000.

Attorney Charles F. McKenna Says There Is Good Ground for Action.

A SIMILAR SUIT NOW ON IN NEW YORK

An interesting suit will be instituted shortly against the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to recover \$50,000 damages for the killing of John Johnson McFee, an insane patient at Dixmont, by O. A. Williams, another insane patient. The killing occurred two weeks ago. McFee was sent to Dix mont from Allegheny about a year ago. He was a harmless invalid who talked incessantly. Williams was committed to the institution two days before the killing. He was brought to the asylum by the Sheriff of Washington county. He, too, was considpred harmless.

On account of the crowded condition of the institution several of the unfortunates were placed in the same room. The second might after the arrival of Williams one of the attendants was attracted to the room by bounds of scuffling. It was discovered that Williams was viciously struggling to atrangle an insane deaf mute who was in the froom with him. While resuscitating the more the physicians found McFee lying in a corner of the room. He was dead. The Relatives Want Damages.

Williams had stuffed his month full of cloth, and with a strip of the hed sheet had tied the mouth shut and death resulted from strangulation. Williams admitted the killing. He said he wanted to sleep and was unable to do so on account of McFee's chattering. "He's not dead. He'll be all right in the morning," Williams said when charged with the murder. He was at once confined in a ward with other violent

patients.
McFee was buried at Williamsburg, where some of his relatives live. Other of his relatives live in Ohio, and they have retained Charles F. McKenna to look after the case for them. The Coroner held an in-quest on the dead McFee. The authorities were experated, as the evidence showed that they were not responsible for the

Httorney McKenna says the State is responsible for its officers, and he believes there is good cause for action. He has been ooking into the history of Williams and he is confident he can establish that Williams was known to be violent before he was committed to the asylum. Since the killing it has been reported that Williams was at one time sent to the penitentiary for attempted murder and that he became insane while in the prison. This report could not be verified last night.

A Precedent for the Action.

The suit when brought will likely attract widespread attention. It will be contested enruestly on both sides. Mr. McKenna said last night that a similar suit was recently brought against Kings county, N. , where a man had been dangerously hurt a lunatic who had been released from the Kings County Insane Asylum before he had been cured and while the authorities he was insane. The New York case has not yet been decided.

"The law in my judgment is clear in such cases." Mr. McKenna said. "The persons, parties or corporation responsible for the management of Dixmont I believe can be held responsible for McFee's death. The low bearing on the subject will stand test-

"If the case should be decided against the hospital it will bring about many new conditions. It will prevent the overcrowding of the institutions and will also prevent dangerous lunaties from being discharged from the institutions whent hey are unsafe

A SAD AND SUDDEN DEATH.

Miss Katherine Shaw Expires While Attending a Pittsburg Club Reception-Prompt Medical Assistance Proves to Be of No Avail-Many Sorrowing Friends.

Miss Katherine Shaw, daughter of Dr. Thomas W. Shaw, died suddenly early vesterday morning of heart failure at the Pittsburg Club, where she had been attending a breception. The last waltz of the evening's entertainment was being danced by the guests when Miss Shaw complained of ill. ness and without warning sank to the floor and soon expired. She was carried into the were applied by friends, who were not ware of the seriousness of the case They finally became alarmed, and Dr. Hutchinson, who was present, was called. Drs. Mercur and Tyndall were also hastily summoned. There were still signs of life. but the physicians worked with her for two hours without avail. The relatives of Miss Shaw were sent for. Her father, Dr. Shaw, George E and Dr. Charles S. Shaw, her brothers, who had been at the reception but had retired earlier in the evening, soon arrived, but they were too late. She was beyong all earthly assistance.

Miss Shaw was in her 28th year and was well known and highly respected in the so-cial circle in which she moved. The stricken family have the deepest sympathy of a host of friends. The body was removed to her father's residence on Ridge avenue, Allegheny, yesterday morning, where the funeral services will be held to-morrow

morning at 10:30 o'clock. A member of the club in speaking of the sudden and said ending of the evening's en-tertainment said that Miss Shaw had seemed particularly bright and happy all evening, but had not danced much. He was very near when she sank to the floor and thought that life was extinct then, due probably to heart failure and apoplexy. The sudden end was the general topic of conversation

The Coroner Will Investigate.

Coroner McDowell was notified vesterday of the sudden death of a man named Frank Beatty at a boarding house at 43 Fourth avenue. So far but little lus been learned of him. He is a stranger in the city and has been here but a lew days. He became siek, and called at the free dispensary on Sixth avenue for medicine, where Dr. Matthews attended him. He was told to come back, but failed to do so, and vesterday he died. The body was taken to the morgue, and his death will be inquired into to-day.

Will Organize Permanently.

The Washington Association composed of American Mechanics, met in Sallers hall last night and admitted twenty new members. It was decided to organize per-manently on Saturday, February 20. After April 1 the headquarters of the association will be at 641 Smithfield street. They will have the use of the entire second and third floors, and will keep the rooms open during

A PECULIAR PRIZE FIGHT.

ron Workers Settle a Quarrel According to London Rules, With Their Wives Acting as Seconds-The Principals Are New Occupying Prison Cells.

which two iron workers were the principals. Martin Carlin and William Griffiths, more familiarly known as William Williams, are neighbors, but were unable to agree in a neighborly manner. Frequent quarrels occurred between them, which finally came to an end by their agreeing to settle who was the best man in the prize ring. London rules were adopted and a regular ring formed back of the old car stables. The wives of the men acted as seconds and the mill started. After the first blow was struck all rules were abandoned, the men hammering one another without any at-tempt at science. When a knock down oc-curred time was called. The mill was finally declared off, as the men became ex-When the police went on duty at 2 o'clock

the affair was reported to them. Detectives Fitzgerald and Sterk were detailed to investigate the case. Carlin and Williams were arrested and taken to the Fourteenth ward station. Both men were able to walk, beyond a beautiful pair of black eyes and a badly smashed nose, seemed none the worse for the encounter. An effort was made to find some of the witnesses, but no one would acknowledge having seen the fight, evidently being afraid of arrest.

ONCE MORE TO THE FRONT.

The B. & O. Will Straighten the P. & W. and Cut Down the Heaviest Grades. About a week ago a mindicate of foreign bankers and the leading officials of the B. & O. road paid a visit to Pittsburg. They went over the Pittsburg and Western and the Junction roads, spending very little time in the city. Within the last few days the syndicate has finally agreed to take the \$5,000,000 issued by the company in common stock. One of the London bankers, Mr. Fleming, while here, told a prominent Pittsburger that in a short time he would hear good news. The \$5,000,000 which the road gets puts the company on a first-class finan-cial footing, and will enable them to make the improvements so badly needed all along the extensive system. The foreign capital-ists were very much pleased with the prop-erty, and after looking over the road had no besitation about advancing the money.

A good deal of the money will be spent on the Pittsburg and Western road. For that matter a number of improvements have been made along the road within the last year. The Ellwood short line, which runs between North Sewickley and Rock Point, shortensthe road four miles, and reduces a grade of 75 feet to about 19 feet. It is proposed now to cut down Chewton hill, and build the road around the Bakerstown tunnel. When this is done it will avoid the heaviest grades on the road. The line is to be straightened and double-tracked at once. Few people know that 15 miles of new road were laid between here and New Castle since the Baltimore and Ohio bought the Pittsburg and Western. The gentle-man who furnishes the above information is assured that the fast express trains to Chicago will be run through Pittsburg in the

BROWN'S MILL BADLY DAMAGED. A Mysterious Fire Breaks Out in the Car

About 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon the watchman on duty at Brown & Co.'s Tenth street mill discovered a fire in the carpenter shop, which is located in the southeast portion of the works. An alarm later the second alarm was struck. The engine companies responded promptly, and by good work the fire was soon under con-

trol and was soon put out. The origin of the fire was a mystery which the members of the firm nor none of the employes of the works could solve. It being Saturday afternoon, the mill, as is the cusin the mill except the smouldering ones in the puddling furnaces. The fire, as is usual, attracted a very large crowd of sightseers and the police had their hands full in controlling the crowd. The loss was es-timated by Mr. Brown at about \$5,000, which was fully covered by insurance.

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About 9 o'clock in the evening the flames broke out again, and another alarm was sent in. The blaze was an incipient one and was quickly subdued. A line of hose had been left by the firemen after their first visit in the afternoon, but the watchman at the mill, who had been given the plug wrench to turn on the water if needed, went off and took the wrench with him, and the alarm had took the sent in The water the alarm had to be sent in. The men at the mill became incensed at this action, and for a time it looked as if a large-sized fight would result, but Chief Steele threatened them all with arrest and they ceased.

MILLVALE FIREMEN INJURED.

A Church Blaze Which Came Very Near Producing Some Fatal Results.

St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church on Lincoln avenue, Millvale borough, was damaged by fire yesterday afternoon, and three firemen were severely injured. The fire started from an overheated flue in a room in the rear of the building. It burned for some time before it was discovered and edressing room and the usual restoratives an alarm sent in. The Citizens' Fire Company were soon at work, however, and though retarded by the large crowd, suc-ceeded in subduing the flames. During the progress of the fire a chimney crock fell from the roof and struck on the heads of Foreman John Huebner and Firemen P. A. Madden and W. H. Dixon, who were stand-ing close together. All three were knocked insensible and terribly cut about the head. They were at once taken to their home

and physicians summoned, who dressed their injuries. Huebner was the most severely hurt, but last night he was resting easily, and it is thought is out of danger. Madden and Dixon, while badly cut, are not dangerously injured. The damage to the church by the fire will amount to about \$800, covered by insurance.

The Butter Was Stolen. Officer Cole, of the Penn avenue district, arrested a man named Wm. Enright last night who was trying to dispose of a firkin of butter at a very low price, and about which he could give no good account. After the prisoner had been locked up in the Fif-teenth ward station, it was found that the butter had been stolen from Mr. Kelly who

keeps a grocery store on Penn avenue.

Arrested for Laying a Switch. Three men were arrested yesterday morning at Millvale for trying to lay a switch on Bridge street for the Millvale Street Railway Company. Since the session of Council Tuesday night, when no satisfactory arrangement was made with the street railway company, the burgess had had two men on duty day and night. Burgess Reed threatens

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Land Offered to Assessors Below Their Figures Finds a Market,

A prize fight out of the ordinary occurred out Second avenue about noon vesterday in BUT THE DEAL IS NOT CLUSED.

> Mayor Gonrley Again Expresses Decided Views on the Valuations.

ANOTHER LENGTHY LIST OF APPEALS

As predicted by THE DISPATCH ter days ago, an appellant who on his appeal offered to sell his property at a low figure has been taken at his word and a number of others will probably receive a call before long. Thomas Phelps, ex-Delinquent Collector, on Thursday filed an appeal on his assessment. The assessor's had fixed a value of \$57,390 on his 27 acres on Forward arenue, and \$6,025 on his residence and outbuildings. In his appeal Mr. Phelps declared this away too high and offered to give a commission of 3 per cent to the assessors i they would sell the whole property for \$33,000

Real Estate Agent Burchfield was wideawake when he read the appeal in Friday's DISPATCH. He knew the property was desirable at that figure, and going to William Howley, the railroad contractor, and John Steel, of the East End, pointed out to them the opportunity. Inside of an hour they were at the Assessor's office examining the appeal and satisfying themselves that the offer was properly made. Yesterday Agent Burchfield offered Mr. Phelps a cheek for \$33,000, it is said, but he declined to close the deal. It is further stated that Mr. Burchfield has decided to enter proceedings to recover his commission, on the ground that he has fairly earned it.

Mayor Gourley Talks Again. Although Mayor Gourley has ceased writing letters, he is still giving the assessment question considerable thought, and he expressed his views about it in his characeristic manner whenever there is occasion. In conversation with a couple of gentlemen vesterday, he said:

"I have heard dozens of men say within the past week that they intend to sell every foot of ground they own in this city as quickly as possible. Some of them are holders of considerable valuable real estate. Their determination is the result of the neavy taxation in prospect as a result of the necesse in valuations all over the city. This people have considered. Suppose a number of large tracts of valuable ground in va-rious sections of the city are thrown on the market by men determined to sell. What will be the result? Why, there will be a general depression in values all over the city that the most economic management of municipal affairs possible would not counteract in 15 years. The action of a few would cause a panic, and everyone would be anxious to sell, and values would take a downward course, the end of which could only be conjectured.

For the Betterment of the City. "Now, there is no reason in the world why Now, there is no reason in the world why this should be the case. It is a bad policy all 'round, Every effort should be made to encourage men to own their own homes. The greater number who own their own homes, large or small, the greater number you have who are interested in the city and ts government and the better city you will have. But men won't buy property if they are threatened with high taxes on a valuasoutheast portion of the works. An alarm tion of their property to its topmost penny. was instantly turned in from box 32, and I believe that unless the Board of Assessors make a very radical change in their plans before completing this assessment they will have practically paralyzed the growth of

property in the Eighteenth ward, and they are many, had determined his assessment too high and filed an appeal. Eighteenth ward property is not high priced, and the bulk of the holders own small lots and cheap dwellings, but they appealed just the same. Many of the appeals were only a few dollars less than the assessors' figures, and the saving to the owners, if granted, will be a trifle, but the people wanted their rights and took the only way open to get them.

John Dalzell is an apeliant in the Third ward. He is assessed \$36 000 on 30x110 on Fith avenue between Grant and Smithfield streets, but in his appeal states that his lot has only 20 feet frontage. He accepts the rate of \$1,200 per front foot as the basis of valuation with the coxection in frontage. Mazuric & Gray assessed \$36 000 on 20x100 feet adjoining the above appeal for a \$24,600 valuation.

The Masons Ask a Big Cut. Charles C. Baer, as President of the Trus-tees of the Masonic Fund Society, appeals for a reduction of Masonic Hall, on Fifth avenue. It is assessed at \$250,000 on 70x120-foot lot and \$100,000 on the six-story stone avenue. It is assessed at \$250,000 on 70x120foot lot and \$100,000 on the six-story stone
building. No objection is made to the latter,
but a cut to \$210,000 is asked on the lot.

Mrs. Aunie H. Boss asks cut from \$47,400
to \$35,000, 132x60 feet on Wood street, between Fifth avenue and Diamond street.

The Twelfth ward only sent in a few appeals yesterday. J. B. Morgan, assessed
\$48,800 on 120x417 feet on Railroad and
Twenty-first streets, asks for a cut to \$36,600,
though he accepts a valuntion of \$15,250 on
120x120 feet on Twenty-first street. Agnes
Mackrell or Schrauple is assessed \$9,978 on
two lots fronting 75 feet on Smallman street
at Twenty-fourth. She asks a reduction to
\$75 a foot, claiming her neighbors are only
assessed at that rate. Adam Ginber, 24x120
feet, Smallman near Twenty-ninth street,
\$3,120: appeal, \$5,000. William Tappe; 30x72,
Twenty-ninth street, \$2,700; appeal, \$1,800.

John W. Herron, as agent, appeals on behalf of Mrs. Scheniey, on the old Scheniey
homestead, in the Eighteenth ward. The
land, consisting of 1057, acres, on Stanton
avenue, adjoining the Allegheny Cemetery,
is assessed at \$317,296, the old mansion at
\$10,000 and the cottage and other outbuildings at \$5,300. An appeal is made for valuation of \$84,000 on the land, \$7,500 on the mansion and \$5,000 on other buildings, Mr. Herron asks for agricultural classification, as
the land is largely made up of deep ravines,
and even the front part of it is of such character as to be unfit for building purposes.

One Clitzen Who Is Furious.

Charles Sanders wants to know what is done with the city taxes. He is assessed \$1,200 on 20x110 foot lot on Carnegie avenue and \$2,400 on 26x100 feet on Butler street which he values at \$500 and \$1,600 respect which he values at \$500 and \$1,600 respectively. He asks: "The general demand in our ward is, What is done with the immense sum of taxes collected! Why not give the citizens their rights, as demanded everywhere? An itemized statement of expenditures published in the daily papers. This will satisfy every one, and until it is done there will be discontent. It is impossible to check the demand." will satisfy every one, and until it is done there will be discontent. It is impossible to check the demand."

The Standard Oil Company's Eighteenth ward property is assessed at \$714.295, including their refineries, tanks, barrel factories, drying kilns, filling houses, engines and all other machinery. Their land lying on both sides of Butler street, and amounting to 43% acres, is assessed at \$460,555, which their appeal asks to have reduced to \$197,955. A cut of about \$25,000 is also asked on the buildings, etc.

Charles Cornelus is assessed about \$175,000 on a 45 acre tract which he purchased from John Sawyér at public auction in 1888 for \$14,000. He says it has never been assessed in lots until flow, although it had been laid out in a plan 15 years ago. There are no streets open through it and there is no justice in assessing as city lots. He has sold 100 of the finest of the lots, he says, out of the \$21 in the plan, for from \$50 to \$40 each, but on long time and with no interest on deterred payments. The reductions asked by Mr. Cornelius innount to about 200 per cent. John J. Culton is assessed at \$23,556 on his machine shop and land on Fifty-fourth street. He swears he paid only \$12,000 for the land in 1891, and has put up a building costing \$10,000. As the land was unfit for any other purpose, he says he should not be assessed at more than its cost to him.

D. M. Lloyd, for I loyd & Waring, appeals for a cut from \$91,515 to \$37,033 on 101, acres lying on both sides of Butler street.

A Radical Difference of Opinion.

One Citizen Who Is Furious

A Radical Difference of Opinion. S. M. Willock is assessed \$46,720, or \$16,000 per acre, on 2.92 acres, lying between the Allegheny Valley Railroad and the river at foot of Fifty-fourth street. He says the ward assessors have valued it at \$6,000 an

DECLINED THE CASH.

acre, which is ample for exation purposes, but he will submit to \$2,000 an acre.

Among other Eighteenth ward appeals are the following: C. F. Selbert, 614 acres, Stanton avenue, assessed \$19,500; appeal, \$10,500. George W. Garrard, 20x101 feet, \$2,683; appeal, \$2,000. A. J. Burbank, 2 acres. Butler street, \$6,300; appeal \$1,000. Grant Dibert, 12 acres. Stanton and McCandless avenues, \$35,794; appeal, \$20,000. E. Griffin, 21x7214 feet, Fifty-fourth street, \$1,000; appeal, \$900. W. H. and J. S. Wilson, 48x115, Stanton avenue, \$2,160; appeal, \$1,440.

The Highland avenue property and residence of Samuel Hamilton is assessed at \$65,563, of which \$3,000 is on buildings and the balance on the 64 acres of land. In his vigorous protest Mr. Hamilton says be bought the place three years ago for \$2,500, and at the same time a leading city official would only offer \$13,000. The ward assessors have placed a value of \$17,800 on it, and owing to the nature of most of the land that is enough, but Mr. Hamilton will stand a valuation of \$35,600 on the whole property.

The Pitzeburg Lind and Building Company, among many other appeals, on small property, ask for a reduction from \$12,850 to \$7,000, on \$34 acres on Matilda street. D. H. Wallace, assessed \$27,250 on 114 acres on Highland avenue, appeal \$2,400. Mrs. E. M. Donavan, 15x112 feet Frankstown avenue, \$11,250; appeal \$9,000.

TO BE SETTLED TO-DAY.

The Pittsburg, Alleghrny and Manchester Strike Will Probably End With To-Day— Many Old Men Coming Back-A Striker Tells How It Was Lost.

Yesterday, in all probability, was the last day of the strike on the lines of the Pittsburg, Allegheny and Manchester Traction Company, as it was stated the K. of L. would officially declare it off at a meeting

Twelve of the strikers returned to work yesterday morning. All day yesterday the old men were coming and applying for reinstatement. The 12 men who went to work yesterday morning were all given daylight runs. It was thought that was done for a drawing card on the rest of the strikers. Yesterday afternoon a DIS-PATCH reporter was in the company's office when several of the old men came in search of employment. They were all penitent and expressed great sorrow over having left the company. The first of the nine men who applied for reinstatement during the day, was exceeding bitter against the union. day, was exceeding bitter against the union. He said: "When I came here several months ago and secured a position with the company, I had never belonged to any labor organization and knew nothing about them, and was told I would have to join. It has been clearly demonstrated to me that the union was more of a harm than a benefit

started we, at one point, had the strike won save for the thick-headedness of some of the men. When District Master Workman Dempsey and the others composing that committee which conferred with George B. Hill that night came back and reported has ing secured some concessions from him this brainless policy was shown. It will be remembered Mr. Hill gave his word and honor that he would do certain things for the men, but said he would not take the power on himself of signing any article of agreement. Mr. Dempsey and the others on the committee expressed themselves in favor of accepting Mr. Hill's proposition. They had no sooner done this than several of the memberg charged them with having been bought and demanded that they get Mr. Hill's agreements in writing to prove they had not been. This, you know, could not be done for the above reasons stated, and we lost the strike once virtually won. I am confident the strike will be declared off to-night." Another young man, who asked for employment, broke down and wept like a child. His story run like this: "I was employed here when the strike was declared, and to keep from being called a 'scab' I went out. I was satisfied with my work and the remuneration received. I am work and the remuneration received. I am from week to week to keep my wife and child. My little stock of money soon run out, and I had no means of getting more. The union has not paid me a cent in benefits. About ten the city and the real estate business. Any real estate dealer will tell you that his business has dropped off within the past two weeks. The high valuations have driven it away."

It seemed yesterday that every owner of property in the Eighteenth ward, and they are many had deformined his assessment. If you give me a position, I promise you I will never leave you again

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promise you I will never leave you again without a just cause." MORE MEN DISCHARGED.

Iwenty-two Adams Express Messenger Removed During the Week,

The wholesale discharge of Adams express essengers continues, and it certainly looks like a hardship. The men are not saying much, but a strike, involving other railroad employes is sure to follow. It is claimed that a tie-up has already been Yesterday the entire force of ordered. Adams Express messengers on the Cleve-land and Pittsburg road, eight in all, were told that they wouldn't be needed any longer. During the week 22 men were discharged, as follows: Eight on the Cleve-land and Pittsburg, six on the Ft. Wayne and eight on the Panhandle. In the list are James O'Neil, Wm. Lauer, Sr., and his son, M. J. Cronin, Messrs. Rockwell and Fowler, of Cleveland, T. C. Little and C. H. Miller. The crusade against the employes has not extended to the Pennsylvania road, but there is no talling when they will be

but there is no telling when they will be dropped with the others. The only way that the men can account for their removal is that they joined the union of express messengers. The organization has made application for admission to the Federation of Railway Employes, and it is now pending before that body in New York, Most of the men said they joined the union innocently for the beneficial features it offered. It is said that the express company takes exception to the seventh clause of the union's constitution, which provides that difficulties with the employers shall be settled by strikes, if necessary.

Only Fighteen Left. The forty-seventh signature to the job rinters' scale was yesterday received in he person of John S. Boreland, the Water

street printer. This leaves only 18 non-union offices in this district. Several of union offices in this district. Several of these have expressed an intention to sign. Tobe Men Still Striking The striking employes of the Continental Tube Works are still out, but their places are being filled with other men. They were asked to work by the piece, but refused to do so, as they think it impossible to make as much money as by the day.

The Charlerol Glass Company's Additions. Twenty new pots will be fired in the Charleroi Plate Glass Factory to-day. This will make a total of 80 pots, with a monthly capacity of 200,000 square feet. The pots which were started during the week have been run successfully.

Labor Notes THE angle mill in Carnegie's Twenty-ninth street mill is being changed to roll plates. Hereafter all large angles will be made at the Upper Union mill on Thirty-third

**************** ANOTHER STEP FORWARD.

Adlets for 5 months ending January 30,731 Similar period the year previous. Increase due to cent-a-word...... 10,568

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mon Council, Murray A. Verner; School Directors, C. I. Gray and Dr. Davis; Alder-man, J. B. Hyndman; Assessor, William

Principal S. A. Andrews, of the Howard School, an Open Candidate.

THE REASONS FOR HIS AMBITION.

School Pirectors Soon to Be Elected Will Help Decide the Matter.

WARD MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE CITY

The latest sensation in educational as rell as political circles, 's the information obtained yesterday by a DISPATCH re-porter that Principal S. A. Andrews, of the Howard school, Sixteenth ward, and who resides in the Thirty-sixth ward, is a candidate for the position of Superintendent of city schools against the present moumbent, George J. Luckey. This is the first time Mr. Luckey has had opposition and at the expiration of his present term will have completed his 25th year as Superintendent of the schools of Pittsburg.

The gist of the details of the contest will be found in the following interviews with the two contestants Principal Andrews said: "Yes, I am a candidate. Mr. Luckey and I are personally the best of friends. 1 have been principal in the Pittsburg schools for 20 years, and I consider the superintendency the height of my ambition n the profession. I consider this the opportune time for me to try reach the position. Mr. Luckey has been superintendent for many years and if I should wait many more years before being a candidate the probabilities are that both Mr. Luckey and myself would be shelved for a man younger than either of us. I wish to reiterate that, personally, Mr. Luckev and I are and will be the best of friends."

Superintendent Luckey said: "It is ather early yet to discuss the contest, as the election does not come off till May, 1893. I look upon it in this way, that the city school directors and the people who elect them are the judges who should decide to fill the position for the best interests of the schools. Educational interests should be the factor to the election of such

should be the factor to the election of such a high office as superintendent.

The contest no doubt will be extremely warm, as both candidates are certainly popular, and it will add interest to the approaching local election, when 72 new directors will be elected. It is the 222 directors to such a least the supering local was also the supering local ways. of the ward schools who elect the superintendent. The position is worth \$3,500

NINTH WARD DEMOCRATS

Hold a Lively Meeting for the Nomi of Local Candidates. The Democratic suggestion meeting in

the Ninth ward was decidedly interesting, inasmuch as there were two contests. The meeting was held in the exhibition hall of the Ralston school building, and that room was full to overflowing with about as an enthusiastic set of political howlers as one would wish to find. The meeting was presided over by Select Councilman Martin Brophy, John Rowan acting as secretary. The first contest was on the nomination for Common Council which was between J. J. McGuire, the present incumbent, and Andrew Winstrel, an ex-policeman. The bollot resulted in a victory for Mr. McGuire, the vote being 148 to 60 in favor of the

Perhaps the hardest fight that has taken place in the ward for years was the one for the three-year term school director between John Schreiber, the present member of the board, and ex-Alderman C. O'Donnell. This fight, which has been bitterly waged for some weeks, resulted in a victory for Mr. Schreiber, the vote standing 119 to 94. Joseph Snyder was nominated for the one-year term director and James Harden for this foregreen. chief assessor. The meeting was the largest and most enthusiastic that has been held in

REPUBLICANS AT WORK

They Arrange for National Delegates in th Twenty-Fourth District.

The Republican County Committees Fayette and Greene, yesterday appointed three members each of the Congressional Committee of the Twenty-fourth district to arrange the primaries to select two delegates to the National Republican Committee, and to nominate a member of Congress. The Greene county commit-tee called its primaries for March 5, and its convention for March 7. Captain J. B. Donley, of Greene, ex-member of Congress, is in the field as a candidate for delegate to the National Convention. Recorder Von Bonhorst is a candidate in Allegheny county, and probably J. M. Reid will be the candidate in Fayette county. The Congressional Committee from the Twenty-tourth district will likely meet in Pittsburg about the middle of February to Pittsburg about the middle of February to arrange for the District Convention. It is probable that the old plan of representa-tion will be adopted, which will give part of Allegheny 18 delegates; Washington, 16; Fayette, 14, and Greene, 5. It is ex-pected that Allegheny and Washington counties will unite and elect Von Bonhorst

and Donley. Both Parties Make Nominations. The Republicans and Democrats of the Thirty-fifth ward held their several sugestion meetings last night. The Republicans met in the lower schoolhouse, Henry Sanders presiding. Those nominated were: For Common Council, George L. Holliday; School Directors, two to elect, W. C. Reitz, J. B. McMurray and M. W. Aultman; As-S. B. McMurray and M. W. Aultman; Assessor, William Bond. The Democrats met in the upper schoolhouse, Edward Shannon presiding. Their nominations were: Common Council, B. Ciegle; School Directors, Edward Shannon and Harry Simmons; Assessor, William Bond.

Spinneweber Won the Day The Republican primaries in the Twenty fifth ward yesterday were exceedingly lively, particularly the fight for the Aldermanie nomination between J. P. Spinneweber and John Blank. It was won by Mr. Spinneweber, who received 153 of a major-ity. The rest of the ticket selected was as follows: Select Council, Herman Rohr-kaste; Common Council, Thomas Wallace; School Directors, Chris Lode and John McKain; Assessor, William H. Hammett.

In the Twenty-Fourth Ward, The Twenty-fourth Ward Democrats met last night and suggested the following named candidates for the ward officers Common Council, John End; School Directors, John Murphy and John B. Yelick, Ward Assessor, Peter Burns. The Republi-cans of the ward will hold their suggestion meeting next Thursday evening. Mark Donley has no opposition for Common Council, and Jerry Carney will be named

Thirty-Third Ward Democrats. At the Democratic primaries in the Thirty-third ward last night the following ticket was nominated: Belect Council John Laughlin: Common Council. Constinu Gallagher; Judge of Election, John Flaherty; Inspector, Henry Burk; School Directors, Patrick McDonald, John Keppler, Patrick Fenton; Assessor, Michael Rodgers; Alderman, B. W.

Hyndman Is Again Nominated. The Republicans of the Twentieth ward held their primaries yesterday afternoon, and as there was considerable hustling by the political workers a large vote was polled. The following is the ticket selected: Select Council, William J. Ramsey: Com-------

NO CANDIDATE IN SIGHT.

Southside Citizens' Meeting That Went Up in Smoke-No One Wanted the Office -Refused to Indores the Democra

There was a lively suggestion meeting in

the Twenty-eighth ward last night. Demo-eratic voters had called a meeting to be held in the schoolhouse, and the citizens called theirs for the same time and place. There was a large attendance of the voters, and the proceedings were somewhat exciting. The Democrats succeeded in gaining possession of the hall first, and elected Thomas Murray and Adam Heil Chairman Thomas Murray and Adam Heil Chairman and Secretary respectively. The following ticket was then named as the Democratic candidates for the several ward officers: Common Council, Thomas H, Ward; School Directors, Sam W. Miller, M. J. Haden, John Knapp; Assessor, O. H. Lutton.

The Democrats then adjourned and the citizens called their meeting. The first thing that was undertaken was to attempt to indore the Democratic fisher various.

named.. When the vote was taken the mo-tion to indorse was declared lost by two votes. There was a dispute as to the correctness of the decision, several people standing around the rear of the hall claiming not to have been counted the way they voted, but, after considerable wrangling, the decision of the chair was confirmed.

A committee was then sent out, as it were, bearing the nomination for Common Council around over the ward, for the purpose of having a sent out. pose of having some well tried independent citizen accent it. Dr. J. D. Thomas was first visited, but he declined. A similar result followed a visit to George I. Monroe. In addition to refusing the nomination, Mr. Monroe condemned in strong terms the manner in which the two meetings had been called and conducted.

called and conducted. The committee returned to the hall and reported the result of their trip. After a prolonged and disconnected discussion the citizens adjourned without either indersing the ticket named by the Democrats or naming one of their own. Not being able to come to an agreement on a candidate, they thought it wisest not to attempt to fill of the offices and the meeting ad-

TWELVE MILLS IS THE LIMIT. haide Taxpayers Enter Another Protest

Against Schenley Park.

side. John Bradley presided, and Alder-

The Republicans of the Twenty-sixth ward held their suggestion and primary meeting last night in the Humboldt schoolhouse. It was the largest meeting of its kind, it was stated, ever held on the South-

man McGarey acted as Secretary. The following were nominated: Select Council. Daniel Braun; Common Council, Henry Franz and William Bradley; School Di-Franz and William Bradley; School Directors, Charles B. Dietz and Fred Egglesdorf; Assessor, Charles Miller.

A series of resolutions were adopted in which it was claimed the assessments were too high, and that taxes will become unjustly burdensome. It is also claimed that the requests of the Chiefs of the Safety and Public Works Departments are asking for unaccessful large amounts. are asking for unnecessarily large amounts. Are asking for unnecessarily large amounts.

A protest is made against the amount of money to be appropriated for Schenley Park, and said the sum should not be over \$50,000. The ward representatives were instructed not to vote for a tax levy of over 12 mills. A change was also asked in the disposition of the old East Birmingham bor-

On motion Messrs, David Deakin, John M. Clark, Edward O'Hars, Henry Lisfelt and Leonard Hahn were appointed a committee to the Board of Assessors and other proper city officials.

Thirty-second Ward Indignants. A lively meeting of citizens of the Thirty-second ward was held at the ward school house last night. The attendance was large and several fiery speeches were made against the property assessment. A "It will prove the greatest s resolution was adopted condemning the assessors and the assessments, and it was decided to put a citizens' ticket in the field.

Harmony in the Second Ward. The citizens of the Second ward at a wellattended meeting last night adopted a reso-Jution indorsing James W. Piatt for Com-mon Council. Mr. Piatt, it is said, will not likely have opposition for the place.

Third U. P. Church, Allegheny. Union M. E. Church, Allegheny. Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Wylie

venue. Homestead Catholic Church, two organs Presbyterian Church, Butler, Pa. Presbyterian Church, Oakdale, Pa. Indiana Catholie Church, Indiana, Pa. Lutheran Church, Kittanning, Pa. Lutheran Church, Greenville, Pa. Presbyterian Church, Meadville, Pa. Baptist Church, Shady avenue, city. Presbyterian Church, Scottdale, Pa. Baptist Church, Uniontown, Pa.
Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth, Pa.
Baptist Church, Duquesne; presented by

Mr. Carnegie.
All the above churches have bought and are using in preference to all other organs the inimitable Vocalien church organs at H. Kleber & Bro.'s, 506 Wood street. Several new church organs of same make just re-

Special To Let Advertisements To-morrow (Monday) in The Dispatch. Do not fail to read them if you want a house or

Cupid Valentine Spoons Just the thing for a valentine souvenir. A very presty design. Sterling silver. Price, \$1 00 and \$1 25 each. Mailed free. Sold only by E. P. Roberts & Sons, Fifth avenue and Market street. WFSu

During Our Fire Sale

We give you the chance to step into our store and select any overcoat or ulster in the entire stock for \$13. This includes garments that are worth \$25, \$30 and \$35, and for which tailors would charge \$50. This is no ordinary sale, but, because of our late fire, we are justified in selling off every garment at an enormous reduction, lower than any other clothier dare name. To-morrow you have our permission to walk through our establishment and pick any overcoat or ulster for \$13. It matters not overcoat or ulster for \$13. It matters not what the former price was. None of these fine goods were damaged by smoke, fire or

P. C. C. Pittsburg Combination Cleth-ing Company, corner Grant and Diamond streets, opp. the Court House. SUPERB water colors now on exhibition

Special To Let Advertisements To-morrow (Monday) in The Dispatch. Do not fail to read them if you want a house or

at Carpegie Hall.

IF your complaint is want of appetite, try Angostura Bitters before meals. TTSSU Rent Lists

Are advertised in Monday's Dispatch. These columns are of great interest to all in search of homes. Valentine Spoons, The latest fad—decidedly new—happy combination of arrow, heart and bow knor. Sterling silver, gold bowl. Price, \$2 90. Mailed free of charge. Introduced and sold only by E. P. Roberts & Sons, Fifth avenue and Market street.

Rent Lists Are advertised in Monday's Dispatch. These columns are of great interest to all in search of homes. A NEW MERIT SYSTEM

Of a Searching Character Will Select Those

to Be Advanced.

OFFICE RECORDS ARE ALSO A FEATURE

Assistant Postmaster Edwards returned

esterday from the East, where he had been

nspecting the workings of the new merit

system of promotions in postoffices. He visited the offices at Boston, New York,

Philadelphia Washington and Baltimore. in all of which the plan is in successful

operation. Mr. Edwards desired to make

imself familiar with the method, as it is to

be introduced in the Pitteburg postoffice at

This move is the result of an order issued

ime ago, It was to the effect that on and

by Postmaster General Wanamaker some

after the 31st day of January, 1892, all pro-

motions in postoffices having 50 or more officers, clerks and other employes, shall be

made upon the basis of an office record to be

kept and on examination to be conducted in

the manner hereafter described, and such

promotion shall be made upon merit and

irrespective of every other consideration.

The examination shall be uniform for all

ffices, and shall include not less than the

How The Trials Are Made.

For those engaged in clerical work-lette

office work and practical ques

regard to the postal service generally.

writing, mathematics, accounts, questions

For those engaged in the actual labor of distributing and handling mails-Distribu-

tion to be shown by case examinations, in-

Promotions on Merit Only.

In case of a vacancy in any non-excepted grade the examining board shaft determine and report to the postmaster the person who, according-to the standard prescribed, is best fi:ted to fill the place, and the promotion shall be made by the postmaster accordingly. The decision of the board shall be based on the examinations and records mentioned above. The examinations prescribed by this order shall in all cases be competitive, and opportunity to take the same shall be afforded to all applicants for the next lower grade en-

tunity to take the same shall be afforded to all applicants for the next lower grade en-gaged in the same class of office work, and to all other applicants who for meritorious reasons may be specially designated by the postmaster. The Examining Board shall review the office records quarterly and re-port to the postmaster whether any reduc-

tions or promotions ought to be made.

The Examining Board of the Pittsburg office is as follows: Albert J. Edwards,

Chairman, executive division; Louis Vier-heller, Sceretary, city division. Geo. B. Mackey, registry division; G. G. Wagner, mailing division; E. E. Heinle, money order division.

plan not heretofore in operation in the Pittsburg Postoffice," said Mr. Edwards.

Another improvement to the Pittsburg Postoffice will be the new stamping ma-chines, previously described in THE DIS-PATCH. They are expected here this week, and will be put into use at once.

Rent Lists

Are advertised in Monday's Dispatch.

These columns are of great interest to all in

Eventsion to Washington, D. C., Via B. & O. R. R., on Thursday, February 18, 1892. Round trip \$9, and tickets good ten days. Trains leave B. & O. station 8 A.

HUGUS & HACKE

Announce this week the opening of

NEW

SPRING DRESS

GOODS.

SCOTCH, ENGLISH, FRENCH

AND GERMAN FABRICS in a

myriad of rich and effective designs.

FRENCH LADIES' CLOTHS in

great variety of exquisite new spring

SCOTCH CHEVIOTS, novelties

in stripe, diagonals, wave and dap-

An elegant assortment of the new

FRENCH SERGE, 50 inches

wide, a very choice quality, full line

BLACK GOODS.

Of STAPLE and NOVELTY

weaves we show the most extensive

Medium and light-weight special-

All Wool and Silk-Warp Henriettas.

Cor. Fifth Ave. and Market St.

ENGRAVED

W. V. DERMITT & CO.,

407 Grant street.

Hemstitched and Plain Bordered

Convent Cloths,

Nun's Veilings,

Tamise,

Carmelite,

CALLING CARDS, ETC

Challi,

Camel's Hair Cloths, Clairette,

Nun's Veilings in all qualities.

WEDDING INVITATIONS,

lines in this market

Bedford Cords,

Drap de Almas,

Cheviots.

Crepons,

Melrose,

CREPON, PLISSE and JACQUARD

weaves in all the new colorings.

colorings \$2.50 to \$4 per yard.

pled effects.

for the betterment of the service

search of homes.

M. and 9:20 P. M.

"This is the only feature of civil service

cluding knowledge of connections, and

following subjects:

MARSHELL Adopted to Govern Promotion in the THE CASH GROCER. Pittsburg Postoffice.

WILL SAVE YOU MONEY. CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

Did the low prices for fruit last

summer tempt you to start a small preserving factory in your kitchen? If they did, don't read these prices. They will make you feel badly when you remember how the jelly would not "jell" and the preserves stuck to the bottom of the kettle.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

GOOD FRUIT JELLY. A 20-Pound Pail, 65c. PURE APPLE BUTTER. A 20-Pound Pail, 85c.

This is not made from "skins and cores." It is made from apples, cider and spices. Nothing else. CHOICE PRESERVES

A 20-Pound Pail, \$1.35. These are good. We mean this, and know they will please you. You cannot duplicate these goods for these prices anywhere else in

They are 30 per cent less than any wholesale grocer in the city will sell

Pennsylvania.

EXTRA FANCY PRESERVES In 11/2-Pound Stone Jars ONLY 15c.

reading tests, together with such of the sub-jects for clerk examinations, not exceeding three, as may be determined by the local examinations. sects for cierk examinated by the local three, as may be determined by the local examining board.

For stampers—A trial of speed and legibility, together with not more than three of the subjects on which clerks are examined.

Each of these subjects shall have a weight of 40 points on a scale of 100.

The office records, blanks for which will be supplied by the Postoffice Department, shall take into account the following subjects: Regularity, ability, habits, application, industry, adaptability and health. These shall rate 60 points on a scale of 100.

In each classified postoffice there shall be a department examining board of five—one each from the mailing, city delivery, money order, registry and executive division, subject to the approval of the Postmaster General. This board, under the direction of the Postmaster, shall supervise the examinations and records.

Promotions on Merit Only. These are usually sold for 2-lb jars, though they actually hold only 1 1/2 lbs. They are very attractive and a bar-

Send for our weekly price list and order by mail.

MARSHELL, Corner Ohio and Sandusky Streets,

ALLEGHENY. 24 and 25 Diamond Square, PITTSBURG.

> NOW OPEN. . OUR OWN

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CURTAINS

NOTTINGHAM.

BRUSSELS,

IRISH POINTE. ANTIQUE and TAMBOUR. All entirely new, and different from any previous importation. Prices

lower than last season. Call and see

the goods when out shopping. **EDWARD**

GROETZINGER. 627 AND 629 PENN AVENUE.

Lace Curtains jobbed at the lowest

Eastern prices.

BIBER & EASTON. SPECIAL SALE THIS WEEK.

HOUSEKEEPING . GOODS AT SPECIAL LOW PRICES.

NOTTINGHAM LACE CURTAINS In full lengths and new designs

AT 50c, AT 85c, AT \$1.00, AT \$1.25, AT \$1 75, AT \$2.00,

AT \$2.50. We call special attention to a large offering at \$2.75, which is the Lace Curtain bargain of the season. Odd Curtains and 1, 2 and 3 pairs at reduced prices to close.

IRISH POINT CURTAINS in very wide assortment at lowest prices. CHENILLE PORTIERES, dado and heavy fringe top and bottom, special value at \$4.50 and \$5.

100 WHITE

CROCHET BED SPREADS AT \$1.25.

WORTH \$1.50. New Table Damasks, in great variety, with Napkins to match, at close

inch Damasks at 50c and 65c. Sheetings and Shirtings in this February sale at

WHOLESALE PRICES.

prices above actual cost. See our 62-

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505 AND 507 MARKET ST.