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THE OTHER CONVENTIONS.

A Quiet Time at the Meetings on This Side of the River—Armstrong a Winner in His District—Names of the State Delegates.

Senator John N. Neeb called the National Delegate Convention of the Twenty-third Congressional district to order in Common Council Chamber, Allegheny City Hall, at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. W. H. McGill, of O'Hara township, was elected Vice President. The temporary organization was made permanent by adding Major W. H. Lockhart, Charles P. Long, John Wilson and Charles H. Hetzel as secretaries. Then came the nominations, and William Withrow and John N. Davidson were nominated and elected by acclamation. William Withrow and J. N. Davidson were named as the national delegates. John C. Hetzel and Frank Torrence were elected alternates.

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A DEMOCRATIC PROTEST.

The New Party Resolves Against the Appointment of Tools.

The Democratic Association of Allegheny County held a lively meeting last night. The attendance was unusually large. President Levi Bird Duff was in the chair. About 40 new members were admitted. Charles A. O'Brien offered the following resolution, which, after some discussion, was adopted:

Resolved, That we view with indignation the action of George Fleming and R. M. Lettau, candidates for Democratic honors at the coming State and National conventions in procuring at the hands of the Governor, the appointment of Mr. Mr. B. K. W. Republican to the office of Alderman in the First ward, Pittsburgh. We denounce this proceeding as having been undertaken at the instance and for the benefit of the Republican bosses, and having been accomplished by misrepresenting to the electorate and to the plain detriment of the Democratic party.

The secretary was instructed to forward a copy of the resolution to the Governor. The new Democracy now claims 192 members and they claim to be able to control any Democratic convention that may be held in the immediate future.

Will See Senator Quay To-Day.

Major E. A. Montowh went to Atlantic City last evening to recuperate. He has had a very severe attack of the grip, and he said the sight of Senator Quay in Philadelphia to-day. The Major had nothing to say about politics.

THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH

CAUGHT AT THE CARS.
A Young Southerner Attempts to Klope With a Girl of Sixteen.

THEY HAD ABOUT A DOLLAR LEFT
After Buying Tickets for Cleveland, Where They Had Friends.

BOTH NOW BEHIND THE STATION BARS

It is in the spring that the minds of the young lightly turn to thoughts of love, and there certainly has been an epidemic of runaway matches in Pittsburgh recently. Louis Lasiver, aged 24 years, and Mary Goldberg, aged 16 years, were arrested last night at the Lake Erie depot, when about to board a train for Cleveland, and were locked up in the Mt. Washington police station charged with elopement. The former resides at No. 62 Congo street, while the girl lived with her parents at No. 40 Pester street. They were both braiders in the employ of Sidenberg & Rich, tailors at No. 819 Liberty street. The young man and girl were companions at work, he was a frequent visitor at the girl's house, and he became infatuated with her.

Work at the shop became slack and the young people decided to go to Cleveland, who work in the factory of the proposed trip, and a rumper resulted. The young couple were not to be outwitted and the past week they have been busy arranging for the trip. The parents of the girl were unaware of the plans until yesterday, when the brother of the girl suspected something was wrong.

Steps to Stop the Elopement.

He investigated and learned of the trip. He informed his father, Mr. H. Goldberg, who works at the Liberty street establishment. They decided to head the couple off. The father stationed himself at the Union depot and the brother, Harry, laid in wait at the Lake Erie depot. The young man and girl were arrested at 8:30 o'clock this morning, as he saw from his hiding place the young man snatching toward the ticket office window with his sister. He waited longer, and just as the couple, all smiles, made a move in the direction of the gate he confronted them. They were almost dumfounded and before they could recover their wits they were arrested. Terry Boyle was called and the couple were placed under arrest. The girl went bitterly. The brother ordered them both locked up and a red patrol No. 9 was next in order.

The Young Girl's Story.

The girl was seen shortly after and told the following story: "We were going to Cleveland to work, as we could not make enough money here and we both have friends in that city. I am sure I could see my father in my best friend. I told my father that I wanted to go away. He said part for my ticket, but I gave him \$4." The young man was more to the point and said that he had a job in Cleveland. He was in the world for her. It was my intention to get her and myself work and of course we would room at different places. I did not intend to marry her at once, but I intended to marry her in a few months. I intended marrying her. My parents never objected to my calling on Mary and I was there every Sunday night and many times during the week. I don't mind being locked up myself, but I am so sorry poor little Mary is locked up."

FOR A BUSINESS BLOCK.

A Proposition to Lease Old Home Church Under Consideration—Kaufmann Bros. Offer \$12,000 a Year—Less Than \$15,000 Not in It.

The negotiations for the lease of the First Methodist Protestant Church on Fifth avenue and Kaufmann Bros., mentioned in THE DISPATCH recently, were given consideration at a congregational meeting Monday night. The last formal proposition of the Kaufmanns, read at this meeting, was to pay a rental of \$12,000 a year, an assumed tax of \$1,000 a year would not be less than 25 years, conditional that the firm should build on the ground a \$75,000 building of six stories, which will revert to the congregation when the lease expires, free of incumbrances.

H. J. Heinz presided at the meeting. When the proposition was read it was evident that the leading members of the congregation were ready to consider a proposition to lease the church for a term too long. In the discussion, participated in by C. L. Magee, W. K. Gillespie, Robert Patton, A. B. Rutledge and Dr. Jones, the pastor, it was urged that as the membership of the church is increasing, and as the Methodist Protestants have fewer churches in the city than some of the older organizations, it would be a good policy to divide the congregation and build up two new and larger congregations. The membership of the old Home Church is composed largely of Allegheny residents, with a good many from the South and West. The 25 and Oakland districts, the Old City having the smallest number. It was stated that a good church could be organized in the East End, another in Allegheny and a new place of worship purchased downtown large enough to accommodate the members.

After the discussion a resolution was adopted authorizing the trustees to negotiate for the lease, but that a proposition of four to 1000 a year would not be less than 25 years by the congregation. It was argued in behalf of this resolution that the church was free of debt, in an independent position and that the property would in a few years pay for itself. The wonderful popularity of the mandolin and guitar at the present day is due to the excellence of the patented Washburn make. Their tone both exhilarates and charms. The Washburn finger boards are a revelation to all players. They are made in seven styles, ranging in price from \$22 to \$75, and are warranted for one year. The genuine can be had only at H. Kleber & Bro.'s, 300 W. Wood street. Also in stock a large assortment of the Klebers' Special, Lakeside, Arion, American Conservatory and Keystone guitars and mandolins, ranging in price from \$9.50 to \$20. The above makes are warranted for one year.

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Clever Device for Keeping Back the Too Curious Public.

The Bureau of Police has become excited on electricity. It has proved to be a much better guard to the property of the bureau than a squad of policemen, and it is not hard to manage. About 200 volts of the whole fluid will spread more terror than a whole line of drawn maces. It has accordingly been brought into requisition to preserve the privacy of some of the offices, and has even been debased so far as to be sent to preserve the polish on the nickel plated rails at the various station houses.

These rails are kept brightly polished and every finger mark shows. At the morning hearings they generally suffered the most and were made regular roofing places for the mob that frequent these courts out of pure curiosity. Every method known was tried to keep these railings free from human burdens, but without avail. Superintendent Morris Mead, of the Bureau of Electricity, however, suggested the remedy. A year ago he was troubled with people who invaded the sacred precincts of his electrical instruments and he arranged an electrical mat at the entrance to the operating room. Several people tried it and were tied in knots and the operating room is now sacred from every touch.

A Number of New Appliances.

Electrical appliances were accordingly placed in a number of the station houses with startling effect. The one in Central station was put in on Saturday and Judge Gripp's hearings are every now and then enlivened by an involuntary skirt dance or other comedy. The new appliances are the Spanish fandango. The appliance is simply a copper wire run along the floor about a foot from the base of the railing. It connects with one of the supports and in that way the whole mat is charged. When a person simply puts his fingers on the rail nothing strange is noticed, but he is sure to step on the wire and then there is a transformation scene in which the victim lies out as howl and no one ever tries it a second time.

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Another Peculiar Place.

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The railings in the Courtroom and Nineteenth ward stations have also been supplied with the electric current. In the latter station the water cooler has for some time been supplied with this appliance, but arranged so it could be turned on and off at pleasure. It was originally intended to save the beverage for some of the officers as indulged in its use, but just as a practical joke the current was turned on one member of the force and he laid off for nearly three months as a result.

In the public safety warehouse on Wylie avenue there are a large number of devices for keeping back a too curious public. It has also become quite a sobering-up place for many of the old soaks on the hill. Two sponges are suspended from wires, one charged with a positive current and the other with a negative current. When both of them completes the circuit, the current is not very strong and every morning there are a large number of visitors who go there to have the remnants of the previous night's jag shocked out of them.

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The report of President Goodman for the last year shows that the change of management, caused by Rowland selling out, was one of the best things that has ever happened to the company. It shows total assets to be \$2,015,522.97. The royalties on patents were all wiped out, and