TO BE SIGNED TO-DAY

Gourley Will Attach His Autograph to the Appropriation Ordinance,

BUT ENTERS A PROTEST.

Not Over $100,000 Should Have Been Expended on the Parks.

THE TAX BOOKS IN GOOD SHAPE.

Official Valuations in Wards That Were Previously Estimated.

A POINT RAISED ON AN APPOINTMENT

The appropriation ordinance for 1892 will be submitted to Mayor Gourley by the City Clerk this morning, and, as stated in yesterday's DISPATCH, he will sign it at once, though he will probably write a public letter in connection with it stating his reasons for so doing. The Mayor is not entirely satisfied with the ordinance. He thinks the park appropriation should have been reduced to $100,000 and that the $75,000 for the purchase of land for Highland Park should have been struck out.

But he says it is important to have the matter settled at once in order that the collection of taxes may begin, and that the taxpayers will have an opportunity to get the 5 per cent discount allowed those who pay the whole year's taxes in March. He says the books should have been opened for collections on the 1st inst., and he thinks that if he should veto the ordinance according to his inclination it would only cause delay without accomplishing any real benefit to anyone.

The Tax Books in Shape.

The assessors have the tax books in such shape that as soon as the Mayor signs the ordinance a force of clerks can be put to work and by working night and day have the books for six or eight wards ready for the City Treasurer's office by Monday morning. This will be done in order to accommodate the public. The assessors are still working on the Fourteenth and Twenty-second ward revisions and expect to complete them next week.

Chief Clerk Jenkins, of the assessors' office, yesterday, completed the addition of total gross valuations in the Eighteenth, Twentieth and Twenty-first wards. These are three of the wards in which the assessors were only able to furnish estimates of the valuation when they submitted their report to Councils last Monday week. The actual figures are widely different from the estimates, particularly in the Twentieth ward, and are based on the new classification rule recently adopted by the Board.

In the Eighteenth ward the completed figures show the full taxable property to be $3,016,504; rural, $2,104,989; agricultural, $688,198; personal, $9,880; total, $5,819,571. The assessors' estimated valuation total was $5,187,554, of which $2,235,289 was full, $2,352,648 was rural, $543,677 agricultural and $35,940 personal. The increase over the valuation of 1891 was 15 per cent.

No Agricultural Class There.

In the Twentieth ward the full taxable foots up $20,482,877; rural, $2,722,581; the agricultural classification is wiped out; personal, $65,430; total, $23,270,888. The total valuation in the assessors' estimate was $25,636,098, of which $5,969,778 was full, $18,714,683 rural, $869,367 agricultural, and $82,000 personal. The increase over the 1891 valuation is 56 per cent.

In the First district of the Twenty-first ward, the full taxable foots up $2,137,151; rural, $3,982,485; agricultural, $458,393; personal, $20,470; total, $6,598,499. The assessors' estimate fixed the total valuation at $6,574,542, of which $1,980,017 was full, $3,922,714 rural, $641,811 agricultural and $30,000 personal. The increase over the 1891 valuation is 52 per cent. In the Second district the full taxable is $1,490,912; rural, $3,121,027; agricultural, $491,646; personal, $11,975; total, $5,115,560. The estimate gave a total of $5,042,893, of which $583,706 was full, $4,152,076 rural, $294,186 agricultural and $12,925 personal. The increase over the valuation of 1891 was 52 per cent.

It is understood that the Mayor has notified the City Treasurer, the Chief of Public Works and the Chief of Public Safety that they each have employes in their offices who are non-residents and who must be taken from the city payroll. The Mayor would not give any explanation and refused to say whether he had taken such or not.

A Question on an Appointment.

In this connection a question was raised yesterday over the appointment by City Attorney Moreland of ex-Judge Charles Fetterman to the vacancy in the city attorney's office made vacant by the resignation as assistant city attorney of the present District Attorney Burleigh. The appointment was approved by the Finance Committee, but has not been confirmed by Councils, and the question raised is that Mr. Fetterman is not and never has been a resident of the city, being at present a resident of Allegheny, and therefore not eligible.

The Mayor was the first to think of the matter, and he called on Major Moreland about it. The Major, however, produced the ordinance creating the position of Assistant District Attorney and showed that it did not require residence in the city, only that the appointee should be a member of the county bar in good standing. This satisfied the Mayor and he is pleased with Judge Fetterman's appointment. The legal advisors of the city, including Mr. Fetterman, who is an assistant, are City Attorney Moreland and assistants, Thomas Carnahan and W. H. House.

QUITE A GOOD DAY

For the Contribution to the Russian Famine Fund.

The contributions received by Treasurer W. R. Thompson, of the Russian Famine Fund, yesterday, were:

Hanover, Indiana county, U. P. Church, $1; Leesburg U. P. Church, $1; First Presbyterian Church, Hamill, Pa., $1; First Presbyterian Church, Bridgewater, $26 23; Sunday school of the same, $40; D. C. Irish, New Castle, $10; Greenside Avenue U. P. Church, Cannonsburg, $46 32; R. K. Wilson, Ohio, $3; Martin & Hogan, $1; First German Presbyterian Church, Allegheny, $16; cash, $2; J. P. Cameron, $10; Rev. J. R. Warren, Kirkwood, Mo., $20; "E. M.," $2; Presbytery of Pittsburg, $68 50; C. E. Ramsey, $25; Miss A. Y. S. Benham, $10; teachers and pupils, Chinese school, Allegheny, $7; a friend, $1; Ladies' Missionary Society, Sixth Presbyterian Church, $12 46; West Bellevue borough, $112 61; Miss Cooper, collector, $17.

Held for Assaulting a Child.

Martin Kulfoski entered suit before Alderman Donovan yesterday, charging Toma Kamuski with assault and battery on the person of his child. The defendant lives on Penn avenue near Fifteenth street, and the plaintiff at 1211 Liberty street. All of the persons implicated in the case are employed in a restaurant on Chestnut street, Allegheny. Kulfoski alleges that one day in the early part of the week, the defendant became exasperated at his little daughter who was playing around and gave her a severe whipping. Mrs. Kamuski will be given a hearing to-day.

AN OBJECTION ENTERED

Against the Appointment of Viewers by Mifflin Street Property Owners—Advantage Taken of a Point in the New Law.

A number of property holders on Mifflin street, Sixteenth ward, yesterday served notice on City Attorney Moreland that they would oppose the appointment of viewers on the vacation of and reducing the width of a portion of that street. An ordinance was passed several weeks ago providing for the change.

Mifflin street is 40 feet wide along all but about 300 feet of its length, to where it intersects Thirty-ninth street. Thomas B. Graham owns two narrow lots fronting on Thirty-ninth street and running back 144 feet along Mifflin street. If the street is narrowed a strip 10x144 feet will be added to his lots, giving him that much ground free of cost, and it is said he is about the only person who will be benefited.

G. W. Rankin, C. Miller and others, owning property on the opposite side of the street, are the opponents to the proposed change and they have taken advantage of the opportunity provided by the new State law to prevent its consummation. That portion of the law affecting the case provides that 60 days must elapse after the Mayor signs an ordinance before an application to court for the appointment of viewers can be made, and during that interval objections or remonstances may be filed. The evidence Mr. Rankin and others have submitted is so strong that the city attorney said yesterday he would not proceed with the application, but would allow the ordinance to fall.

SOUTHERN IRON BLAMED.

How It Has Led to the Present Over-Production in the Pig Iron Market.

The cut of 2½ cents on manufactured iron articles to Chicago and 3½ cents to East St. Louis was announced in THE DISPATCH yesterday. The reduction will continue until next September. The new rates put iron into the fifth class in less than carloads and sixth class for carloads. A reduction is made every spring at the opening of navigation, but it was done earlier this year on account of the depression in the business. The railroads realize that the iron trade is flat on its back, and the cut will help the business a little.

A freight agent advanced a theory yesterday to account for the present iron depression. He thinks the trouble was caused by cheap Southern iron. Pittsburg was the first town to feel the competition, as the shipments to this city were made at a low rate on the river. The Valleys were protected by their position. The local manufacturers saw that the only way to protect themselves was by enlarging and remodeling their furnaces. This was done, and accounts to some extent for the activity in furnace building here in recent years. The increased production displaced the Valley iron shipped to Pittsburg, and the Valley furnace men to hold their own had to follow in the footsteps of the Pittsburg people. The result is overproduction of the worst kind, and nothing can be done except to wait for the country to grow. This is very cold comfort, indeed, but according to Chairman George R. Blanchard the annual growth of the United States is wonderful, and in a few years the iron trade will right itself.

LOW NAIL RATE TO TEXAS

A Cut From 84 to 50 Cents Falls to Boom the Depressed Trade.

W. M. Clark, commercial agent of the Missouri Pacific road, went to Brooklyn last evening. He says the cotton trade is so dull in Texas that all the farmers who have barns are storing their crops, and will hold the product for better prices. Cotton can be bought for 6½ cents per pound. Last fall the hop crop was large in New York, and they were sold for 15 cents per pound. The farmers held them, and at present double the rate prevails. Mr. Clark says storing the cotton ties up the money for a year.

The rate on nails to Texas points has been cut from 84 to 50 cents in the last three weeks. The Missouri, Kansas and Texas road is suspected of doing some slashing. The nail rate hasn't been so low for years, but it has not boomed the trade in the least. The nail manufacturers in Wheeling are not anxious to ship, as they are afraid they won't be paid. This only shows how dull business is in the Southwest when such a cheap nail rate fails to catch the jobbers and makers.

A New Staff on April 5.

On April 5 a competitive examination will be held at the West Penn Hospital in order to secure a new medical staff of resident physicians for the year following. The staff at present consists of five physicians, but the number will be increased to six. Those retiring are Dr. E. Wible, who goes to Greensburg; Dr. A. C. Clark, who will practice in Lawrenceville; Dr. F. L. Todd and Dr. E. L. Neff, who will go to Arch street, Allegheny, and Dr. H. J. Anderson, who will practice in the East End.

Dropped Dead in the Woods.

Samuel Beck, 23 years old, employed as an oil pumper in the McDonald field, was found dead in the woods near McDonald yesterday morning. Coroner's Clerk Grant Miller investigated the case yesterday afternoon and found no evidence whatever of foul play, there being no marks on the body. It is supposed that Beck dropped dead in the woods from heart trouble. An inquest will be held this morning.

Will Have an Office Here as Usual.

Thomas M. DeWitt, Superintendent of the Wells, Fargo Express Company, registered at the Monongahela House yesterday. He said he had received no instructions about the Pittsburg and Western, but they will vacate the road on the 15th. He will know to-day what the company intends to do in the future in Pittsburg.

The Cruelty of Wolf-Chasing.

Sam O'Brien, of the Humane Society, has been invited to witness the wolf chase on Paul Hacke's farm, near Greensburg, to-day. The agent has an idea that the sport is cruel, even if wolves are dangerous animals. However, he will not decide until he has seen the sport.

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THE DISPATCH'S

CENT-A-WORD COLUMNS.

ALL FOR CLEVELAND.

That Is What the Candidates for National Delegates Say, but

SOME PEOPLE ARE SUSPICIOUS.

A Very Lively Contest Already in Progress on the Northside.

THE COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETS TO-DAY

"The Democracy of Allegheny county will have a good case of false pretense against certain politicians, if their schemes are carried out," said a prominent disciple of the Jeffersonian faith yesterday. "One of the greatest bunko games ever attempted in Pennsylvania is now under way, not only here, but in other sections of the State.

"The masses of the Democratic party, here as elsewhere," continued the speaker, "are for Grover Cleveland for President, first, last and all the time. There is a friendly feeling for Pattison and other possibilities, but only in case the popular ex-President should positively, and of his own accord, retire from the field. Some months ago, when the Hill clique began its propaganda, the leaders of this unscrupulous and reactionary element of the party negotiated with Keystone Democrats of some prominence for the delegation to the next National Convention. An effort was then made to secure control of the State organization, but resulted, as is well known, in ignominious failure. The real friends of both Cleveland and Pattison stood together, as indeed they still do, and the mere mention of their names was enough to cause the Democracy to rally to their standard and defeat that scheme.

Another Effort Made Under Cover.

"But these self-constituted leaders, foiled in this attempt to deliver the goods, with a perseverance worthy of a better cause, determined to try it again. Realizing that the feeling of the Democrats of Allegheny county is practically unanimous for Cleveland, they have masked their real sentiments. In the last few weeks prominent candidates who have slated themselves for national delegates have made vociferous declarations either for Cleveland or Pattison, but always with a string attached. Stories have been circulated by them that Secretary Harrity and even the Governor himself were getting ready to sell out to Hill, and other extravagant charges have been made.

"The purpose of all these statements is to create confusion and deceive the Democratic masses as to who are really in favor of Cleveland's nomination. If the schemers succeed in getting part or all of the representatives they will endeavor to have the delegation go to Chicago uninstructed and then sell out to Hill, or whoever may be the chief candidate of the anti-Cleveland combine. A Hill conference was held in this city recently, and there is no lack of funds behind the movement. I no not care a copper who the national delegates from Allegheny county and the State at large are, but the Democracy should see that its will is carried out by insisting on ironclad instructions if necessary."

Position of the Randall Club.

When the attention of Samuel A. Duncan, the hustling President of the Randall Club, the leading Democratic organization of Western Pennsylvania, was called to the above statements he said: "The gentleman is correct in practically every particular. There is undoubtedly an attempt being made on the part of the element indicated to secure a trading delegation to the National Convention. The Randall Club is almost unanimously in favor of Grover Cleveland, as has been demonstrated whenever a test has been made. The same is true of the Democratic masses in every section of the State."

Albert J. Barr thought there were no grounds for impeaching the integrity of the gentlemen who are running as delegates ostensibly for Cleveland. He said that he did not know of any underground Hill movement, and thought if there was any that it would be a failure.

"Allegheny county is for Cleveland," he said, "and so is Pennsylvania. The ex-President will have every one of the 64 delegates from this State to the Chicago Convention."

"And will he be nominated?"

"That is too far ahead, but the indications are that he will. All I know is that Pennsylvania will be a unit for him. There are no contests in Allegheny county except in the Twenty-third Congressional district, and that is on local issues. The people are for Cleveland and delegates will have to be governed by their constituents."

A Statement From Ex-Postmaster Larkin.

Ex-Postmaster John B. Larkin, a most pronounced Cleveland man himself, was very guarded in his statements when interviewed yesterday afternoon. "Who are the bona fide Cleveland candidates for delegates to the National Convention?" said he, repeating the reportorial inquiry. "They are George Fleming and James M. Guffey in the Pittsburg district, and Henry Meyer and Herman Kunkle in Allegheny. Mr. Guffey and Mr. Fleming have no opposition, and at this time I prefer not to say anything about the opposition in Allegheny."

"Do you consider Mr. Guffey a sincere Cleveland man?"

"Well, he has told me he is for Cleveland if he can carry New York. He is a man of such reputation that I could not doubt his word. He has been a liberal contributing member of the party, and there is no reason why we should not believe him or why we should not honor him by making him a district delegate."

"What did he mean by his proviso that if Cleveland could carry New York he was for him?"

"I presume he meant that if it was so decided at a conference to be held by the party leaders some time in the near future. I did not press him on that point because I believe he will represent the wishes of those who will elect him, and they are all unqualifiedly for Cleveland, who will be nominated beyond a doubt, just as Mr. Guffey will be elected. Now, outside of any reports that have been circulated or published concerning his alliance with Wallace and Hill, we believe Mr. Guffey will take him at his word, and there will be no opposition to his candidacy."

The Fight on the Northside.

On the Northside there is already a lively contest on for national delegates. It is claimed that T. O'Leary has written letters to different Democrats in the Twenty-third district, saying that neither John Huckenstein nor Lee Frasher is for Cleveland, that their announcement that they are for the ex-President is only a sham. Frasher was very indignant about the matter yesterday and said: "It is a fact that O'Leary has been writing such letters. One of them was received by John M. Kennedy, of Fayette street. He knows that both Huckenstein and myself are for Cleveland." Mr. Frasher declares himself openly in favor of Mr. Guffey, and is making a lively canvass.

Mr. O'Leary made the following statement last night: "The story that I am following Frasher in his effort to deceive the Democrats of Allegheny City is not true. So far as my writing letters is concerned it is a lie out of the whole cloth. In conversation with a friend about the candidacy of Cleveland I told him that Frasher was against Cleveland, and I still reiterate this charge. It is but a few weeks since Hill apparently had the call—just after his snap convention. Frasher and his gang were then yelling loudly for Hill. They changed their tune when they found the Cleveland sentiment so strong. They now appreciate that the Democracy of Allegheny county are not for Hill, and that they will not be in it unless they deceive the people by claiming to be for Cleveland. I have not interfered in Allegheny City politics up to this time, but I desire to let the friends of Grover Cleveland know that Frasher and his crowd are not for him, and if elected they will not support him in the National Convention. They know they have been shouting for Hill, and their conversion to Cleveland is too sudden to be sincere."

GROVER WILL BE THE MAN.

W. A. Lynch Says New York Doesn't Control the Politics of the Country.

W. A. Lynch, a prominent Democratic lawyer of Canton, was in the city for a short time yesterday bound for New York. He has frequently been offered the Congressional nomination against McKinley, but he never accepted it under the old order of things. Mr. Lynch and the Republican Governor have always been the warmest of friends. Mr. Lynch thinks that Cleveland will be the party nominee in spite of the New York delegation. "New York doesn't control the politics of the country," he said, "and that fact will be demonstrated most effectually at Chicago. The Ohio delegation will be solid for Cleveland."

Mr. Lynch is the new president of the Pittsburg, Akron and Western road. He said a few people took snap judgment on the company a week ago on a bill which won't be due before March 25. Everything was soon explained to the Court and satisfactorily settled. Mr. Lynch says the road will be extended to New Castle this summer. The engineers are now at work laying out the route. Mr. Lynch states that it will be shorter than the B. & O. between Akron and New Castle. The President admitted that there was something in the talk that the line will be pushed to Butler, and connect at that place with an extension of the Beach Creek road. He added that the subject was not under discussion now, and he didn't want anything said about it. He thinks the road has a bright future.

DEMOCRATS TO MEET TO-DAY.

They Will Fix a Time for Electing State Delegates.

The Democratic County Committee will meet in City Hall, Pittsburg, this afternoon to fix a time for holding primaries to elect del-

E. F. Acheson, the Washington editor, went to the National Capital last evening. He will in all probability be nominated for Congress by the Republicans in the Twenty-fourth district. He said he didn't blame the Greene people for insisting on county equality, but he claims the only fair basis of representation in conventions is the Republican vote. Such a rule was passed by the last State Convention, and it applies to all sections. Mr. Acheson says the conferee system is not heard of in the West. He has been assured that Greene county Republicans will not revolt if the new rule for nominations is recognized.

Gone Back on the Randall Club.

Colonel John W. Echols has deserted the Randall Club, and is now a full-fledged member of the Americus Club. A few days ago he made a strong speech in the club room, declaring that the tariff was the only true policy for America. He claims the South would be Republican if the negro problem was eliminated. Hereafter the Colonel will march with the Americus Club and whirl a red, white and blue umbrella.

REFORM dress by Viscountess Haberton in THE DISPATCH to-morrow.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE.

Arrangements Will To-Morrow Be Completed for the Demonstration.

The arrangements for the St. Patrick's Day parade will be completed at a meeting of the Board of Erin to-morrow afternoon. There will be but one parade, as both branches of the organization have united to make the demonstration complete.

Colonel Felix McKnight has issued an order that the Lieutenant Colonel will report at Ferry and Water streets at 12:30 P. M. Captains, William Rotchford, Coleman Welsh, James Cuff, John Madden, Edward Daly and Mark Lavone will report to Adjutant John Crowley. He will report to Major Charles Shields, who will report to Lieutenant Colonel John McGirr, who will report to Colonel Felix McKnight. The column will move to Wood and Water streets pending the order of Grand Marshal J. J. McGuire.

SPECIAL departments by special writers are a strong feature of THE DISPATCH to-morrow.

MINOR ACCIDENTS OF A DAY.

Five Persons Reported Injured in Various Ways, None Serious.

The total number of accidents reported yesterday reached five. Broken and crushed limbs were the most serious ones. The list follows:

JAMES MILLER, a driver for Enze & Schafer, had his right arm broken by falling from a wagon on Ohio street. He lives in Etna borough.

THOMAS CONLIN, an employe at Clark's mill, fell from a scaffold in the mill yards last night and broke his arm and badly bruised his side and shoulders. He was taken to his home on Liberty avenue.

C. H. SHAW, a brakeman on the Pittsburg, Virginia and Charleston Railroad, was taken to the West Penn Hospital last night for medical attention, having had his hand crushed while coupling cars at Elizabeth.

CHARLES FRANK, an employe at Carnegie's Thirty-third street mill had his leg run over and badly crushed by a truck load of iron last night. He was taken to his home on Thirty-ninth street.

ALFRED ENZE, a son of William Enze, of Enze of Schafer, brewers, of Allegheny, had his hand crushed yesterday afternoon against a wall by a wagon backing against it.

TALES OF TWO CITIES.

KATE MCNICHOL, who was picked up on Penn avenue two weeks ago by Officer Thompson, and who was taken to the West Penn Hospital for treatment, was taken from that institution by her mother yesterday. The mother promised to take good care of the child and not let her father have her again.

HENRY LOEFFLER, 69 years old, dropped dead at his home on Forty-fourth street last night. Coroner McDowell was notified and will hold an inquest this morning.

A REMONSTRANCE has been filed against the liquor license application of George Elbourne, Anderson and Robinson streets, Allegheny.

LIVE topics of the time discussed and illustrated by W. G. Kaufmann in THE DISPATCH to-morrow.

A Former Letter Carrier in Trouble.

P. J. Gilmore, a former letter carrier of this city, was arrested yesterday by detective Robinson on a warrant charging him with embezzlement. The information in the case was made before Magistrate McKenna by James O'Reilly, an insurance agent, who alleges that Gilmore, while acting as an agent for him, collected and appropriated to his own use a small amount of money. The defendant was held to await a hearing.

Credit, Credit, Yes, Credit.

J. Dwyer sells fine dress goods, silks, satins, laces, in short everything in ladies' wear, on credit. Yes, credit. Room 4, McCance block, 701 Smithfield, corner Seventh avenue, upstairs.

PITTSBURG SHIVERED

All Day Yesterday Because of a Marked Shortage of Natural Gas.

THE MOVEMENTS OF THE MERCURY.

Warmer Weather and Clear Skies Promised for the Near Future.

FROLICS OF THE WILD MARCH BREEZE

Pittsburg traveled from the tropics to the frigid zone in the last few days and yesterday afternoon started back again. The trip was as rapid as the city's progress, and the return promises to be as delightful as the weather. Yesterday morning was disagreeable. The thermometer's fluctuations were as varied as figures on a stock board, and until noon yesterday it looked as if the bullish tendency of the Northern gale was going to be as great a sweep as the Reading deal. In the afternoon the thermometer started upward and Signal Service Observer Stewart said it would continue warmer. He predicts clearing weather for to-day.

The lowest point reached by the thermometer was 13° above zero. The wind blew a hurricane from the west, and where it didn't capture hats and awnings there were none to be found. Over in Allegheny, where swinging signs are allowed, there was a general confusion of broken boards and ruined signs of every kind. The removal was more complete than if ordered by a city ordinance. The storm did what the authorities should do, and in so much shorter time that its supremacy was denied by none.

Not a Partisan Storm.

It wasn't a partisan storm. On Smithfield street Mayor Gourley's flat-crowned hat was seen traveling a dozen yards in advance of its owner at an early hour in the day, and a few minutes later all that could be seen of Tim O'Leary was a wave of Democratic air chasing a tariff-protected high silk hat that lacked only proper staying qualities to be the best in the market.

As a sprinter after head gear, however, George Shiras, III., proved himself a professional. The race began at Virgin alley and Smithfield street, and wasn't ended until the popular young attorney went under the wire at the Pleasant Valley passenger station.

In the Northwest yesterday, the mercury in the thermometer went up as fast as if in a nitro-glycerine explosion. At Bismarck, it took a jump of 40° and then was only at 34. Other stations showed a similar record. In the East it was not so cold and was not stormy. It was a Northwester as bad as landlubbers usually see and a great deal worse than ordinary mortals would make any effort to get.

A Shortage of Natural Gas.

Of course, there was a shortage of gas. As the cold wave neared Pittsburg, gas fires got weak, then weaker and finally so low that each fire seemed like a consecrated candle at its own wake. There was hardly enough heat in many gas fires to melt a cake of ice in a month, and as for keeping humanity warm, a lighted toby and a piece of phosphorus would have come nearer supplying comfort.

It would have been an act of charity to have let, loaned or given out on the shares a few pounds of natural gas to the Department of Charities. Chief Elliot in ice is an object for sympathy, and he would have received it yesterday if every person else had not been in just the same unhappy condition. The supply all along Fourth avenue was so low that the gas pipes were dwarfed in carrying it.

The rivers have been falling at all points, but the rise lasted long enough to let out all the coal that was ready to start. Several large coalboat tows will be ready to start to-day or Sunday. The Signal Service people think the weather will be at its usual condition on Sunday, unless the Law and Order people insist on no change on the Lord's Day.

Delayed by the Blizzard.

The limited on the Pennsylvania road was knocked out for an hour last evening by the blizzard. The wind was strong along the Juniata river, and forced the train to lose 30 minutes between Harrisburg and Altoona. In the Alleghenies the weather was about the same as in Pittsburg. There was little snow, but the air was keen and nipping.

TRUE BILLS FOUND.

Saitta and Mazzio Are Both Charged With the Murder of Old Jack.

The grand jury returned true bills yesterday in the now famous Liberty street fire case, in which it is claimed "Old Jack" lost his life.

P. A. Saitta, of the firm of Saitta & Fugassi, is charged with murder, misdemeanor and setting fire to his building with intent to defraud insurers. John Mazzio is also charged with murder and misdemeanor in connection with the same case.

It is alleged "Old Jack" was hired to set fire to the firm's building, and that in doing so he lost his own life.

Arranging for the McKee's Rocks Election.

Attorney Frank Thompson and Squire Bryan yesterday consulted with the County Commissioners relative to preparation for an election at McKee's Rocks and it is thought the borough will be organized about April 1. The Commissioners stated that they expected to be able to furnish the election machinery, as they had contracted for it for use in Allegheny City and the work would be commenced in time to furnish all necessary for the Rocks people.

A Big Purchase of Coal Lands.

Within a few days a syndicate has purchased 5,000 acres of coal on Little Sewickley creek. No particulars could be learned, as the gentleman giving the information said he could not divulge, and he would not even allow himself to be quoted, but he is a man in position to know what he talks about.

PICKED UP BY THE POLICE.

ALFRED KINNEY was arrested at Thirty-first street last night by Officer Thompson. He was drunk and took up his stand in front of St. John's Church, on Penn avenue, and as the people came out from the services he made insulting remarks to them. He was taken to the Twelfth ward police station.

EDWARD BROSNAHAN was given a hearing before Magistrate Succop last evening on the charge of improper conduct toward the children of the Lutheran School on South Eighteenth street. He was sent to the workhouse for 90 days. He is a laborer and about 30 years of age.

PETER PARILINA, an Italian, who lives in Clay alley, was committed to jail yesterday by Alderman Richards on a charge of assault and battery preferred by John Dunn, who alleges Parilina assaulted him with a shovel last Thursday evening.

JOHN MILLIGAN, a motorman in the employ of the Pittsburg, Allegheny and Manchester Traction Company, was remanded to jail for court yesterday by Alderman Madden, of the West End, on a serious charge preferred by Margaret Beauzell.

WILLIAM BUTLER entered suit before Alderman Donovan yesterday, charging Robert Cathing with assault and battery. Butler is a newsboy and Cathing is employed as porter at the Albion Hotel.

WILLIAM MCCANN and Thomas Williams were arrested last evening by Officer Walker on Frankstown avenue and lodged in the Nineteenth ward station on a charge of disorderly conduct.

W. J. GREGORY was arrested yesterday on a warrant sworn out before Alderman Madden, by Mrs. L. St. Clair, charging him with disorderly conduct.

WANT PITTSBURG RATES.

Nearby Towns Petition for Local Advantages on Transcontinental Business.

An effort is being made by the initial lines to have the transcontinental rates for Pittsburg extended to a number of nearby towns. The representatives of Western lines in the city met at the Lake Shore office yesterday to confer on the subject with agents from the Pittsburg committee. The transcontinental lines do not recognize the 40-mile limit, though towns like McKeesport and Braddock are accorded Pittsburg rates. On business to Chicago, Bellevernon, Charleroi, West Newton, Greensburg, Latrobe and other towns within the boundary drawn by the railroads receive the same advantages as this city. The local lines will ask the Western and Transcontinental Associations to extend the Pittsburg rates to the places mentioned.

A proposition was made to the Western agents, but it was not clear as to some points, and another one in writing will be prepared. All the Western representatives can do is to refer the matter to their superiors, and they have no assurance that the request will be granted. The argument is made that on such a long haul West Newton, Charleroi and the other nearby towns are entitled to the same rates as Braddock and McKeesport.

BRADDOCK NOT TO BE A CITY.

The Borough of Rankin Station Practically Settles That Feature.

The election in the new borough at Rankin station will take place on May 3. The decree creating the borough, which was issued Tuesday, is looked upon as the death knell of Braddock's city aspirations. The movement to get a city charter for Braddock and towns around it was started over a year ago and has been traveling a rocky road ever since. North Braddock objected out of fear of increased taxation, and while a howl was going up from the people in that end of town Rankin stepped in with a petition to be organized into a borough.

The effort was opposed by Braddock citizens, but the court held that outside interference was not to be considered. If a city had been organized there would have been no trouble in getting free mail delivery. Congressman Dalzell has been making an effort to get free mail delivery for the city for some time, but has been handicapped by the fact that the population is divided. The business is not sufficient to get free delivery, but if the population was united in a city corporation Postmaster General Wanamaker has indicated his willingness to grant free mail delivery.

A CROSS of copper, found in the Mound Builders' haunts at Chillicothe, proves their relation to the early tribes of Mexico. Read the argument in THE DISPATCH to-morrow.

Trouble Over the Uniform Contract Rule.

There is not a little trouble brewing between the Builders' Exchange and the Pittsburg architects over the uniform contract rule. Under the uniform contract system no clause is allowed to be inserted in a contract telling what kind of labor is to be employed. On this point the contractors are not satisfied. They claim they are often requested to specify "union labor" in their contracts by the property owners, and if they cannot do this there is danger of losing the job.

The Bottle Trade Depressed.

The *Pottery and Glassware Reporter* this week says the flint and green glass bottle trade is in a depressed condition, even worse than it has been for years. This is greatly due to the holding off of the brewers and bottlers, owing to the uncertainty of their licenses. As the license question is not decided until May, and after that month there is only one of the fires left, the factories will not be able to make up for their losses.

The Story Denied.

J. W. Scully, of McCully & Co., flint glass manufacturers, denied that there will be a combination of the bottle makers similar to that of the United States Glass Company. He thinks it would be unprofitable.

Will Not Reduce Before May.

If there is a reduction made in the river miners' wages this year it will not be before the latter part of May. The operators as yet have not shipped enough coal to supply the lower markets should a strike occur.

The Letter Box Was Charged.

Thomas J. Black, a letter carrier employed at station B, Lawrenceville, was severely shocked by electricity while making his rounds on Thursday night. A letter box on Eleventh street had become charged with electricity by a wire which extended down the telegraph pole to which the letter box was fastened, and which had been crossed by an electric light wire. When Black attempted to open the letter box he was knocked down, where he was found a few minutes later by a policeman. The charged wire was removed.

BASEBALL gossip apropos of the beginning of the new season in THE DISPATCH to-morrow.

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DOING IT FINE WITH A PEN.

The Declaration of Independence on a Common Postal Card With Room to Spare.

Some people find odd amusements. The other day a postal card came to THE DISPATCH with the entire Declaration of Independence written upon it with an ordinary steel pen. Besides there was room enough to spare for at least 500 more words. This would make a total of about 2,000 words in all upon the card. It is the old style size of card.

The writing was done by Walter C. Mahaffy, of one of the city theaters. He did it in about three hours. Just to get his hand in he is going to write a history of the United States on a card ten inches square. The history will contain 11,212 words. He would like to get into a contest with somebody and claims he can write 3,000 words on the ordinary sized postal card so they can be read by anyone who has ordinarily good eyesight.

Backed by Local People.

J. F. Grimes, of the Knoxville Land and Improvement Company, is one of the directors of the World's Columbian Exposition Transportation Company. Thomas E. Jones is general manager instead of a director. It is the local branch of the International Exhibit and Information Company, of Chicago. The gentlemen in the company are well known in Pittsburg, and their names alone is a guarantee that money will be safe in their hands. So many wildcat schemes are being worked to catch the unwary visitor to the World's Fair that reliable transportation companies are sure to be in great demand.

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