

FAGIN'S OUTRAGE, A Very Clever Gang of Crooks Modeled on His Plan Brought to Light.

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STEELE AND JOHNSON MAKE RICH FIND

A crew of a gang of thieves that will rival the famous one operated by that philanthropist, 'Fagin,' of romance, has been found in Allegheny. From \$2,000 to \$3,000 worth of stolen booty has been recovered and is now under a guard of police, and the detective and police officials of Allegheny are well over the affair. Mary Reiswick, a member of the gang, is the leader of the gang, is under arrest and now in Allegheny Central station. She is a plain, ordinary looking girl, but a very bright one. She is only 23 years old, and has been in clutches of the law before, but the officers were not able to prove much against her. Her latest game was doing housework by the day, and the store of valuables in the rich old shanty which she called her home, proves how shrewd she succeeded.

McLURE'S MISTAKE

E. W. Linton sees the Law and Order Manager and Two of His Assistants for \$1,000 Damages for False Arrest—The Defendants Would Accept No Explanations. Attorney James K. Wallace yesterday filed a suit on behalf of E. W. Linton against Robert McClure, the Law and Order agent, Henry A. Crooks, a resident of Oakdale, and Frank May, of McKeesport, who were charged with damages for false arrest. Captives were issued for the arrest of the defendants and bail required in the sum of \$300 each. Linton is a teamster at Oakdale. He states that on January 7, 1922, at Oakdale, while he was at his occupation of teaming, the defendants, without cause or reason whatever, but under pretense that they had a warrant for his arrest, seized and assaulted him and his assistants on him, and took him away from his team and work. They brought him to Pittsburgh and took him before an alderman, where he was discharged, and he was taken to the city jail. Linton states that when he was arrested he told them he was not the man the warrant named, and proposed to establish the fact that he was not the man named in the warrant. For the shame and disgrace he was put to, and the annoyance he suffered Linton wants the man for whom the warrant was issued and for whom Linton was mistaken was charged with illegal liquor selling.

Penitentiary Oil Preferred

Carnegie's Thirty-third street mill, where the Rose fuel system is in use, has been using Lima oil. Yesterday a change was made, the Producers' Company having indicated the company to use oil from the McDonald field. It is cheaper and is said to be better oil for fuel. The Hall Pump Works, of Allegheny, Kansas, has been ordered to deliver two city tanks to the city. The Producers' Company is making an effort to have the manufacturers in general adopt the system.

A Big Coal Deal

Yesterday one of the largest sales of coal land that has been made in Westmoreland county for a long time was consummated. By the sale of 3,000 acres, owned by J. M. Guffey, Thomas Irwin and W. B. Howell, were sold to Charles S. Peters, of New York, for \$100,000 an acre. The land lies in Sewickley and North Huntingdon townships.

SHIMMERED OVER THE STATUES

PETER GLENN and Joseph Dean were given 30 days for fighting on Second avenue Friday night. DANIEL MADONAN was arrested yesterday by Detective Gumbert on a charge of assault and battery preferred by William Craig. PATRICK KENNEDY was arrested before Judge McKenna yesterday for disturbing the peace in front of the Trinity M. E. Church and was sent to the workhouse for 30 days. YESTERDAY police headquarters were advised by an employe of the Benmarsh and Solo iron mills, and a fellow employe, engaged in a fight Friday night, and Foley had an eye kicked in. Mark Smith, who was arrested by the police, was committed to jail in default of bail. JOHN MOONEY, Frank Foster, Mike McIlvey, John Madden, Neal Dougherty and Edward Keenan were arrested on Water street yesterday for vagrancy and sent to the workhouse for 30 days. SAK KITCHEN, of Millvale, was sent to jail for ten days yesterday. He quarreled with John Bower and attempted to horsewhip him. Bower was arrested before Judge McKenna yesterday. THOMAS REED, of Beaver Falls, was locked up in the Twelfth ward police station, Friday night, on the charge of drunkenness. He was discharged by the judge, as he pleaded complete insanity. JAMES McLAUGHLIN, of Lawrenceville, was knocked down and robbed of \$60 by two foot pads early yesterday morning on Water street near Perry. The victim was taken to Central station where his injuries were dressed.

WEALTH HIDDEN AWAY IN A LOFT

Another trunk was broken open and in it were found more laces, together with fine mapkins from which the embroidered initial had been picked out. There were also many other fine materials in this trunk. The others were not opened last night, as the detectives were afraid they might get themselves into trouble if they took the stuff away and returned it to the owners of all of it, so it was left at the shanty under guard until they are advised what to do by their superiors. The detectives, however, expect to locate the ownership of much of the stuff to-day and to-morrow.

An Interesting Event at the Jail

Warden McAlene had a wedding at his hotel on the hump yesterday. John Milligan, a young man from Kansas, who recently became a resident of this city, was married to Miss Maggie Brazile, of the West End, by Alderman Madden. Milligan's father, a well-to-do farmer, came on to see that the ceremony was performed. The party left the jail together, the groom being happy that he had not to spend a year there as he had expected.

Alderman Braun's Crusade Indorsed

The school board of the First ward, Allegheny, met Friday night and passed a resolution commending Alderman E. L. Braun, of that ward, in high terms for issuing the notice to the proprietors of disreputable houses of the ward to vacate by April 1.

MONEY FROM THE WEST

Being Placed in Eastern Real Estate and Mortgages—A Swede Who Came to This Country in the Steamer, but is Now a Financial Power. While it may seem somewhat anomalous for the West to send money to the East for mortgage investment, yet it is done, and some of the money that built Kensington came from Minneapolis, and a considerable number of people further east have gotten back from the same place. The Pittsburg members of the Savings and Loan Association, of Minneapolis, held a meeting on Friday night in the office of W. S. Nesbit, on Grant street, Mr. Nesbit being counsel for the institution in this vicinity. The organization pays 14 per cent on the money paid up, and 7 per cent to those who are denominated common stockholders, that is, those who pay in by the month.

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AN INTERPRETER WANTED.

The New Street Act Likely to Go to Court Again—The Majority Clause Again a Stumbling Block—Trying to Prevent the Vacation of an Alley. There is an ordinance before Councils which will probably bring the new street act into court again, to get a further translation of the clause, "a majority in number and interest," relating to changes or improvements on streets. The ordinance in question provides for the vacation of Mint alley, from South Sixth street to a point 88 feet west of South Seventh street. The Pittsburg, Virginia and Charleston Railroad Company has a large freight depot on their property covering both sides of the alley up to the point designated. The alley is 20 feet wide and seldom used. The company agrees to make the 88 feet stretch 35 feet wide and to pave and improve it. The opponents to the act are the owners of a lot fronting 88 feet on Carson street at South Seventh, and running back at the same depth to the alley, but will not be interfered with by the vacation of the lower end. John Gray, one of the owners, is said to be the only person really opposed to the ordinance, but he has secured the names of the three above him to a remonstrance against it.

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OPPOSED TO THE LEASE.

Business Men Will Watch the Action of Councils on the Market House Proposition—Strong Remonstrances to Be Presented To-Day—Vetoed From the Mayor. The last regular meeting of the present City Council will be held to-morrow, and it is probable the session will have some interesting features. The most important matter to be considered, as far as could be definitely learned yesterday, will be the lease of the Fifth Avenue Market House to the Eighteenth Regiment and Battery B. The business men and property holders who have been opposing the lease will be on hand numerous, and they will present remonstrances, signed by all the property holders for squares around the market house, asking Councils not to approve the lease and stating their objections to having that valuable property given away for any purpose. A number of Council members have informed one of the remonstrances yesterday that despite all the remonstrances and all the opposition they could muster, including Mayor Gourley, the lease would be approved by Council, and that would be the only thing necessary, as under an ordinance passed by Councils in 1890, Chief Bigelow has the right to make a lease to the military companies, subject to the approval of Councils. As the opponents of the scheme have been counting largely on the Mayor's veto, they are disappointed in an ordinance conveying the lease, the information that no such document was necessary caused considerable discussion and did not leave the Mayor with much to say. A number of gentlemen of means in that locality have determined that if Councils will not protect them in the matter they will not put up all the money necessary to fight the case in the courts, and will ask for an injunction to restrain the city from executing the lease as soon as it is approved by Councils. They are great in favor of the Mayor's veto, and in their favor by Attorney W. J. Howard, who was quoted in an interview Friday saying that a lease such as is proposed would be an illegal outrage, which no court would sustain. It is generally expected that the Mayor will have one or two veto messages to Councils, one against the lease and one against the other and the other against the Armstrong alley vacation in the Twenty-first ward. Some friends of the latter ordinance called on the Mayor yesterday to urge that he move off. All business had closed down and no one in the town cared for anything else but the parade. It was formed in the following order:

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Expected to Adopt a Sewer System That Will Meet Future Demands. At a special meeting of the Wilkesburg Council last night the report of the Sewerage Committee was adopted unanimously. The report recommends the adoption of the separate or Waring system, and that a 24-inch main be run from the southern boundary of the borough to the outlet of the Monongahela river, with lateral sewers. This will have the capacity to carry off the house and roof drainage of Brushport, Wilkesburg and Edgewood, based on a house population of 25,000, which represents the present population of inhabitants. In this system flush tanks at the houses are connected to the main sewer line by means of a small pipe. These flush tanks will require 150 gallons of water a day. The Pennsylvania Water Company has agreed to supply the 130 tanks at the rate of \$1.50 each. This will be accepted by the board, and the contract can be made with the water company. The Waring system will cost \$160,000. Next Monday night there will be an adjourned meeting of the Council to vote on the proposition to issue bonds to this amount, as all the bonds to be issued will be for \$100,000. The citizens of the borough, it was stated, will vote for the building of the sewer, as the present poor drainage has been the cause of much sickness. Dr. Brown, of the public school, estimated that it will pay \$5,000 toward building the sewer.

MANY SUITS ARE PROMISED

Charges of Fraud to Be Filed on Both Sides in Allegheny. According to people from the inside or Northside has just commenced, and information will be made against many more officials and Councilmen. Both sides have got down to work and many new suits are threatened for this week. Attorney J. Scott Ferguson is authority for the statement that he has a clear case against Auditor McKirdy, who comes up for a hearing before Alderman Braun tomorrow afternoon. It has also been stated that Alderman Braun would enter suit against William McKenna, the Republican nominee for Mayor, for taking city contracts when he was in Council, but Mr. Braun denied this last night. It was also stated last night that suit would be brought against one of the Auditing Committee leaders for acting as a viewer on the opening of a street while he was a Councilman and for receiving a bribe of \$500. Similar rumors were about about a number of the other Councilmen yesterday.

Kicked Out Foley's Eye

William Smith, a Soho iron worker, was arrested yesterday by Detective Sterck on a warrant from Magistrate Gripp's office. He is charged with aggravated assault and battery by James Foley, who is lying at the Mercy Hospital in a critical condition. Both men are employed at Moorhead, McKean & Co.'s mill, and early yesterday morning they fell out over the building of a quarry occurred in which Smith knocked Foley down and kicked him in a brutal manner. Smith kicked him in the right eye, almost knocking it out of the socket. The doctors at the hospital say he will lose the sight of the eye.

How the Taxes Are Coming In

City Treasurer Dennison has already collected \$289,749 81 in taxes since he received the books from the assessors. Of this amount, \$217,112 39 was collected in the past week. This week it is expected the receipts will foot up about \$400,000 more. The statements have now been turned to everybody and the rush will naturally follow in the coming week. Bernhardts Goes to Brooklyn. Bernhardts and her company left for Brooklyn in a special train shortly after midnight. The great train carries away pleasant recollections of the city, even if the dead's make a barrel of money.

A QUESTION OF TIME

Now Agitating Many Saloonkeepers of Allegheny County. VAGUE POINT IN THE BROOKS LAW. Liquor Dealers Want the Opening and Closing Hours Fixed. A RULING TO BE ASKED FROM THE COURT. How early and how long shall the saloons of Pittsburgh be opened is the one question that is now being discussed by saloon men and others interested in saloons in Pittsburgh. On this important and, to the saloon people, decidedly interesting point the law is said to be vague, and no rule has been established for the guidance of the saloonkeepers. In several of the cities in the State the saloons are kept open all night, notably in Harrisburg. In Washington, D. C., where they have a law similar somewhat to the Brooks high license law, they have special licenses for all-night houses, while in many towns in Pennsylvania the saloons are, by order of Court, closed anywhere from 9 o'clock in the morning until midnight, and not opened until 6 o'clock in the morning. R. C. Christy, who has become more or less famous for his opposition to license applicants, says he will endeavor to get a ruling from the Allegheny County Court on this question, and if the Court declines to make such a ruling he says he will prosecute some one to test the case in the Supreme Court. Attorney William Hunter, with a party of other lawyers, were discussing the matter last night, but he don't know what Mr. Christy means. Mr. Hunter said, "It is certainly not the talk of an attorney. The Brooks law says nothing on the subject. It is only in the case of saloons which shall open. The license law of 1867 and the act of 1872 provided, one of them for the hour of closing and the other for the hour of opening, but these were repealed by the Brooks act, which leaves the opening and closing with the Court. Again, how in the world would Mr. Hunter prosecute a saloon keeper without law on the subject. There is no record kept in License Court, and certainly Mr. Christy would not go to the Supreme Court without a case when he knows he cannot make a case to test the case. The law says that a saloonkeeper contemplating going to the Supreme Court to compel the lower court to make a ruling to suit him. The subject is likely to be discussed in court before the licenses for this year are entirely disposed of. When Brooks, the author of the Brooks high license law, was in Pittsburgh recently, he said to a DISPATCH reporter that his bill did not contemplate the regulation of hours for a saloon. That, he said, should be fixed by a city or borough ordinance.

THE STRANGEST CARGO EVER SEEN

Six Barges Carry a Block of Frame Houses as Their Freight. HE novelty of moving buildings from one side of the street to the other, or even for squares, has long been a subject of interest to the public. A new departure