

FOUND OUT AT LAST

Tom Cummings' Dual Life Finally Exposed by a Little Scrap of Paper.

HE HAD TOO MANY WIVES. One Woman Is Deserted So That Her Sister Can Be Wedded.

DEATH REVEALS THE MARRIAGE. The Former Wife Applied for It by an Undertaker's Receipt.

CUMMINGS NOW IN THE COUNTY JAIL

Thomas H. Cummings, of the Southside, is now in jail. He is charged with bigamy and perjury. To both of these he has pleaded guilty. Tom Cummings has only seen 31 years of life, but much action has been crowded into that space of time, with a touch of romance here and there. Ten years ago he fell in love with Mary Elliott, of Atchison post-office, Washington county. She was but a maid of 15, and he had only crossed the majority line. After a short courtship the two were married. For seven years they lived together. Their married life was not too eventful, with roses, and his wife died. One day he left his home in Washington county and it was the last time he was there for many a day.

Mary Elliott had a sister, Elmy. She was younger and single. During all the years of Cummings' married life Elmy had been a regular visitor at his house. Daily they were brought together. First there was a brotherly and sisterly affection. As time went on this affection warmed, budged and finally bloomed into a lasting love for each other. Chastely they met, but of course this grew tiresome and the end of it all was the final desertion of Mary Cummings.

They Woo Chastely.

Soon after the departure of Cummings from his Washington county home Elmy Elliott came to Pittsburgh, where she visited for many months. Soon after her arrival in this city Cummings, too, arrived. He got work on the Southside, and only waited for time to elapse from the memory of his friends the fact that he had deserted his wife. Almost daily he and Elmy met and no one who ever saw them would like a pair of doves ever suspected what a romance the veil of secrecy was hiding. After a year of patient waiting gossips' tongues ceased to talk, and even the little town of Atchison postoffice forgot of Tom Cummings' deed.

Early in February, 1891, Tom Cummings and Elmy Elliott resented themselves to the Allegheny county Register's office and requested a marriage license. Elmy was then living under an assumed name and she went on record as "Elizabeth Hughes."

From then until she died she still Elmy Elliott to her family and old friends, while to those who had not known her past she was Mrs. Cummings. Tom Cummings still kept his own name, but it is alleged made himself a perjurer. He swore to the Register that he had never been married. After this assumption and perjury the couple were given the right to enter into the holy bonds of wedlock. The night of this same day there was a very quiet wedding at Logan's Ferry. A preacher, Tom Cummings and Elmy Elliott made up the number of those gathered around the hymenal altar. After the wedding the couple came back to Pittsburgh and took up housekeeping on the Southside. All this was done without even a whisper of it having reached the ear of Mrs. Cummings No. 1. Several times during the year of her married life she visited her old home. There she was plain Elmy Elliott, young and gay. Her parents and sister were told that she was doing fancy needle work in Pittsburgh. The name of Tom Cummings was never mentioned, for it had become a dead letter in the Elliott household. A year of Cummings' married life passed pleasantly around, but early in April, 1892, Mrs. Cummings was taken ill. She lingered until April 22 and then died. Her family never knew of her illness or death. Even she was buried without them having a chance to take a last look at her.

A Scrap of Paper Tells the Story.

After Elmy was buried Tom Cummings again disappeared. He was lost sight of for a month or two. He then wound up at the old home in Atchison postoffice. Time has for either good or had made a change on him, for he went back to his first love. He told Mary Cummings of his home for her, pinching tears were shed and the breach between them was healed. They were again known to the people of the little Washington county town as Tom Cummings and wife.

Several months of bliss were lived and the past was fast being forgotten when the finding of a little scrap of paper brought a day of reckoning. It was a week or two ago that Mary Cummings, who furnished her sister Elmy's coffin. The truth dawned on her and she hastily sought her husband. An explanation was demanded, but Tom Cummings refused to give it. The outcome of it all was that Mr. Elliott had his son-in-law arrested. He was taken before Judge McMillen, of Mansfield, and to him he confessed his guilt. In default of \$1,500 bail Tom Cummings now languishes in jail to await a trial in court.

HE WAS DEPENDENT.

Louis Marx, of McKeesport, Takes His Life in Pittsburgh. Louis Marx, of McKeesport, yesterday fired a shot into his brain and died almost instantly.

He was on the third floor of S. Kaufman & Sons establishment on Ninth street when he took his life. Daniel Schaffner, an employe of the firm, was in the room with him when the shot was fired, but was some distance away. When he got to Marx he was dead.

Marx was of the firm of Marx Bros. of McKeesport, which failed a day or two ago. The Kaufmans were great friends of his, and were helping him in his financial troubles. He had spent Tuesday night at the home of Benjamin Kaufman.

Yesterday morning he seemed to be in a cheerful frame of mind. Mr. Marx was also interested in a store in Huntington, Ind., which has not been managed as well as it should have been and this, too, worried him.

Coroner McDowell took charge of the body and held an inquest.

Damage Suits Promised.

The Pennsylvania road is building a bridge across Turtle creek. The piers are taking up considerable space on Penn avenue in the borough. Some property owners will be from 8 to 10 feet below grade when it is finished. Lots of damage suits against the road are promised.

PREPARING TO EVACUATE.

The Sixteenth Regiment Expects to Go Home To-Day—General Snowden's Old Headquarters Easily Captured in a Sham Battle—The Colored Man-Eater Caught. Preparation for the removal of the troops from Homestead was begun last night. The boys, while they had no definite orders, were all packing up, and some expected to leave by daylight. Colonel Hulins was in the city today to confer with Brigadier General Wiley, and shortly after six additional deputy sheriffs were sent up. Five of the most reliable deputies were notified to arise at 4 o'clock in the morning to attend the breaking of camp. Among the new deputies are several Pittsburgh policemen who were noted for their fidelity to duty and sternness in suppressing any disorder which occurred upon their heads. Sheriff McClary has now 30 deputies on duty, and feels that he can depend upon them, for they are the result of careful selection, many of them having been at Homestead from 60 to 80 days.

The sham battle of the Sixteenth Regiment yesterday afternoon was witnessed by 1,000 people. It was a remarkable sight. Colonel Hulins started to storm the heights of the schoolhouse hill in possession of an imaginary enemy. The soldiers advanced in the extended order, firing as they charged, and the rapidly with which they surrounded such natural obstacles as 10-foot gullies and heavy cuts for street grades were riddled by a number of veterans of the late war who were present.

For several weeks the non-union men on Shanty Hill have been frightened by a colored man, who rushed into the village at night, and bit the first man he caught, then he was a burly fellow and his attacks were so sudden that he invariably escaped. During the sham battle George Wahl, who had a warrant for mayhem and disorderly conduct against him, placed his hands under arrest. He was flogged severely, and being quite large, Wahl and he rolled 50 feet down the hill before he was subdued. He gave his name as Hayward Lawson.

Detectives Rosell, Wald and Wilson searched the rink for Pinkerton rifles. They found three Pinkerton uniforms, four blankets and an empty gun case. They now think the most of the guns are out of town. "No. 1," says the chief of police, "is a resident of the town and was on fire Tuesday night, and is inclined to doubt his story and to believe that the fire was accidental. Fox insists that a lighted torch was thrown into a barrel of straw in the cellar, and his family had not awakened they would all have been burned to death. Two policemen were sent out to the house, but failed to find any clue. As a result of reported disturbances there a deputy sheriff will be kept at Geartingtown in the future.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY'S GROWTH.

The Commissioners Estimate the Population at 700,000. According to a calculation of the County Commissioners Allegheny county has now a population of 700,000. In 1890, when the census was taken the county contained 520,000 people. The Commissioners estimate the population from the number of registered voters. The registry list contains nearly 140,000 names, but as there is always a large number of voters who neglect to register the number really exceeds that figure considerably. The Commissioners' figures are taken from the registry list, estimating, as is the rule, five persons to each vote.

"One of the best indications I have seen of the growth of our population," said Commissioner Boyle, "was the crowd which turned out on the streets last Saturday night during the parade. I recollect in previous Presidential campaigns Fifth street was generally well filled, but when big parades went by. But on Grant street we generally had a lonesome time if it, the being few spectators on any part of it. Liberty street and Penn avenue were nearly as bad. This year there is a marked difference. On Saturday night every street we traversed seemed to be packed with people, in both cities. It is not, in my opinion, because the cause of democracy is so much more popular, but because there are so many more people. The population is larger. I have noted the same thing every campaign year since the war."

A RECORD BROKEN.

The Grand Jury Adjourns To-Day With Over 1,000 Bills Returned. The grand jury will close its sessions today with the largest record of bills returned in the history of the county. Over 1,000 bills have already been returned, nearly 100 more than any other jury ever acted on, and there is considerable work to be done today. While the jury has been in session the jail has been filled and practically emptied of inmates several times.

It had been the intention on Monday to adjourn sine die yesterday, but on Tuesday 10 or 20 new cases were committed to jail for trial and another day's session was made necessary. The Homestead cases made a notable effect on the number of bills returned by the jury, although they increased the work largely. In each of the Homestead cases all those indicted on each charge were included in one bill of indictment.

HE FOUND A WOMAN'S POCKET.

Frank Sequell Charged With Stealing \$45 From Mrs. Isett. Frank Sequell was arrested yesterday on a warrant sworn out before Alderman Toole by S. T. Isett charging him with larceny. Sequell drives an express wagon, and was moving some goods from Isett's house, at Webster avenue and Roberts street, to Gearting town street, Allegheny. Isett alleges that while Sequell was upstairs getting some furniture ready to move, he opened the door of a closet and put his hand into the pocket of his wife's dress and took therefrom a pocketbook containing \$45. Sequell, when arrested, had spent \$25 of the money, but returned the other \$20. He was held for a hearing to-night.

Smoke Preventers Doing Good Work.

Manufacturers and others in the East End district where smoke is prohibited are complying with the law by placing smoke consuming appliances in their boiler rooms. Chief Bigelow says all but a few have the consumers in and the others are putting them in. There is already a noticeable clearness of the atmosphere in that part of the city as a result.

Robbed Judge Stowe's Residence.

Judge Stowe's residence at Edgeworth was burglarized Monday night and a quantity of silverware was taken. The same night the burglars entered the residence of James Kerr, nearby, but were frightened away without securing anything. The locality is a lonely, sparsely built one, and favorable to thieves. There is no clew to those who robbed Judge Stowe.

Grew Violently Insane.

Charles Bennett, whose mind has been partially deranged for five years past, had become violently insane yesterday, and he was locked up in the Seventeenth ward station. His trouble was originally caused by sunstroke. He tried yesterday morning to kill his mother, and will be sent to Dixmont.

1200—Gallinger—1200 Guns are the best, their diamonds, watches and jewelry the finest, and their music goods are not to be excelled. At the old stand, No. 1200 Penn avenue.

BECOMES A MURDERER.

Attorney William C. Erskine Passes Off at the Mercy Hospital.

END OF A MURDEROUS ASSAULT. A Young Career Cut Short by Plundering Footpads.

ALMOST FORGOTTEN BY THE POLICE.

William C. Erskine, the young attorney assaulted some months ago and robbed of all his valuables on Center avenue, near Fifth avenue, died yesterday afternoon at the Mercy Hospital from the effects of the injuries he then received. What was then looked at, and up to now has been regarded, as a case of common assault, turns out to be a murder.

The matter has been forgotten by the police, and there is no intention on the part of the hospital physicians to notify the coroner of the man's death. Dr. Irwin J. Moyer, of 289 Fifth avenue, told a DISPATCH reporter last night that Coroner McDowell would not be officially notified of Erskine's death.

The circumstances which lead up to the termination of the young attorney's life, at present time, seems to be gone far from the memory of the authorities. What efforts will be made to find the perpetrators now Superintendent O'Mara could not say last night. His impression of the case was that the deceased had been drinking heavily and had fallen from the steps of his boarding house, sustaining severe injuries. The story of the affair at the time presents an altogether different aspect.

The Correct Story. Erskine had been on a spree for some weeks previously to the occurrence. He had moved shortly before that time from the Perryville road, Allegheny, where he lived with his parents, to 229 Dinwiddie street, where he boarded up. He was on his way home when the affair happened. Leaving Fifth avenue he turned into Center avenue and sat down on the steps of a building. For some time he had been there could not be learned, but when found by some passerby his head was crushed in and his face was badly bruised in several places.

A gold watch and chain, some valuable diamonds and over \$120 in money were missing. In relating the story to the police, Erskine said he had been attacked by four men, who beat him about the head with some blunt instruments and robbed him of everything he had.

No Credit to the Story. Little credence was given the affair at the time and small effort was made to find anyone concerned in the assault. Erskine claimed that several checks were taken from him with the other articles, but they were not returned. He was unable to give any clue to the thieves' identity. Since the time of the occurrence the late attorney did little or nothing. He never worked an hour afterward, and had been sick and confined to his bed for some time, and he had been delirious. His business went to ruin, having nobody to attend to it, and the man himself became a total wreck.

On Sunday evening last he was brought to the Mercy Hospital suffering from meningitis and inflammation of the brain. He was in a high state of fever, and was expected to die that night. He lingered on, however, until yesterday afternoon, when he succumbed to his injuries.

Superintendent O'Mara Talks. Mr. O'Mara said no attention was paid to the case, nor did he think it was anything worth while noticing. He does not see what effort can now be made to find anyone connected with the crime. As he understands the case, it was a case of a hard drinker, he said, and the occurrence was attributed to a fall received while intoxicated.

At 229 Dinwiddie street last evening the house was divided and nobody could be seen that could furnish any information. When a DISPATCH reporter called at the hospital the physicians were in bed and declined to see him on the case. Dr. Moyer was the only person that volunteered information on the matter to him. He attended Erskine after being assaulted.

CHRISTIAN MISSIONERS.

A Lengthy Meeting of Delegates to the Convention at Braddock. The Christian Missionary Society, of Western Pennsylvania, met in annual convention yesterday in the First Christian Church at Braddock. Thirty-five missions were represented, making the number of delegates about 400. The opening devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. F. V. Brown, of Braddock, who was followed by Rev. J. C. R. Stivers, of Uniontown, who made an address on "Armed and the Disfranchisement." A number of committees were then appointed.

After the meeting in the afternoon the officers and members of the Y. P. S. C. E. unions present held a session on the advisability of taking up mission work in Altoona. A ladies' devotional service was conducted by Mrs. W. A. Scott, of the East End. Several minor meetings were held, and a number of addresses were made.

THE PROSECUTOR WAS DRUNK.

Mrs. Farrell Locked Up Until She Is Sober Enough to Testify. Mrs. Lizette Farrell was placed in Central station last night that she might be sober today to appear at a hearing before Alderman McKenna in which she is the prosecutor. The hearing was to have taken place yesterday.

Mrs. Farrell, it appears, sold a piece of property a few days ago for \$2,000, and proceeded to get drunk. A. A. Alles, a real estate dealer of the Southside, who knows Mrs. Farrell, took her money from her for her share on the deal, and took her to her room at the West Penn Hotel for larceny before Alderman McKenna. The hearing could not proceed on account of her condition and she was locked up. At the station \$800 was found in her stocking.

They Fought Over Religion.

Michael Maglorius was arrested yesterday on a warrant sworn out before Alderman Gripp by Philip Solomia charging him with aggravated assault and battery. Both live at Watertown station on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The defendant and Solomia were both members of the same religious matters, and he alleges that Maglorius hit her on the head with a lamp.

Chinamen Return Home.

Mayor Gounley yesterday signed papers for Yee Nang and Ha Wah, members of the Grand street firm of Quong, Wong Wah & Co., who intend going to China next week on business. The papers were signed by the clerk of the county courts and issued by two business men who know the men. A photograph of Mr. Nang and Mr. Wah were attached to the papers.

FRANCIS MURPHY IN TOWN.

The Eminent Apostle of Temperance Welcomed by His Old Friends—Another Campaign. Francis Murphy, the well known temperance apostle whose personality and labors are so familiar to the people in Pittsburgh, was in the city yesterday, fresh from California. Mr. Murphy, after two years' absence, was greatly surprised at the changes in the town, particularly the additions to its business architecture. He says that nowhere has he noticed the people so quick of mood as in Pittsburgh; that more activity is exhibited in our city than at any other place he has visited. Mr. Murphy is looking well. His hair is silvered a bit, but his complexion is one of ruddy health, and his hand-shake is as vigorous and surprising as ever. He is still full of work. On Sunday evening next at the Grand Opera House he will hold a mass meeting to which all his friends and acquaintances and pledge-signers are invited. That they will be on hand to give him a rousing welcome goes without saying.

Mr. Murphy proposes after the election to prosecute a brief but earnest campaign in this city, beginning on the anniversary of the late appearance here. Details of this will be published later on. Meanwhile the temperance apostle was busy yesterday receiving on every hand the welcome of old friends on his return to Pittsburgh.

ROBBED HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW.

A. F. Ramsey Confesses to Having Stolen From His Relative. Some time during Tuesday night the residence and shop of George Whittmer at Rupert street and Preble avenue was entered and a gold watch valued at \$75 and \$10 50 in change were taken. Superintendent Luth detailed Detective Zimmerman to look into the case. He concluded that someone acquainted with the premises had committed the deed. Upon inquiry he learned that A. F. Ramsey, a brother-in-law of Whittmer, was suspected.

The detective went at once to the residence of George Whittmer, Sr., at the end of California avenue, and found his man. After considerable talk Ramsey confessed having committed the theft and implicated Jack Delaney, who, he said, planned the robbery and coaxed him to do the work.

Delaney's description was given to the officers and about 9 o'clock last night he was captured by Officer Richardson and sent to the Allegheny county jail. The superintendent said last night that Delaney was mixed up in the Woods' Run robberies which took place last August. A hearing will be held this morning by Alderman McKelvey.

ASSESSORS HAVE A CONFERENCE.

It Is Hinted Some of the Plaintiffs Against the City Want to Compromise. The Board of Assessors yesterday afternoon held a long conference with Assistant City Attorney Christian M. Attorney Shields, of Braddock, relative to the tax suits against the assessors and the city. Further than that they were arranging for the dates of hearings before the master in the equity suits now pending, the assessors would have nothing to say, but from another source an intimation was received that some of the plaintiffs are trying to secure a compromise of their claims with the assessors, with the intention of withdrawing their suits if a fair basis of compromise can be agreed upon.

FIRST MONUMENT DESIGN.

A Plan of the Schenley Park Statue Submitted to Chief Bigelow. One of the plans for the Columbus monument in Schenley Park has been submitted to Chief Bigelow. The sculptor is A. Giannarini, of Allegheny. His plan is for a marble and granite pyramid and shaft, surmounted by a full length statue of Columbus, a total of 33 feet from the base to the apex. The base is of granite 8 1/2 feet wide, built to a height in the pedestal form of 8 1/2 feet. The sides have panels intended for historical carvings.

On top of the pedestal is a round marble slab two feet in diameter and feet high to the capital. The latter will make two topped by a heliostere two feet high on which the statue stands. The figure is seven feet high. In the right hand is held a spear, the point extending three feet above the head.

RAILROAD MEN MEET.

The Firemen and Engineers Hold Their First Session Yesterday. The engineers and firemen are in session at the St. Charles Hotel. Yesterday was spent in organization, hearing of reports and other routine business. Some important matters will be disposed of later on.

Charlie Jackson, the passenger brakeman known all through the country as the "musical brakeman," is in the city. He is meeting many of his engineer and firemen friends who are attending the convention. He has made several hits across the continent, and is a noted banjo and guitar player.

A PATHETIC SCENE.

Martin Dorn's Afflicted Visits the Morgue to See Her Dead Lover. Martin Dorn, a brakeman on the Peconic road, was killed at Elizabeth yesterday morning. He lives in New Jersey. His remains were brought to Pittsburgh, and Coroner McDowell held an inquest. The body will be sent home.

A high night young lady from Elizabeth, who was to have married a young man last week, called at the morgue. She was much affected and the scene was pathetic.

Had His Hand Hurt. Kirkpatrick Anderson, a boy living at 5228 Keystone street, had his left hand badly lacerated at the Coal Road Steel Works, in the Eighteenth ward, yesterday afternoon. He was taken to the West Penn Hospital in an ambulance.

Large Number of Naturalizations. This has been a remarkable year for naturalization in this county. Over 1,000 persons have recorded papers within a year, 600 of which have been within three months.

Kimball Pianos, Kimball Pianos, Kimball Pianos. Special Notice to Piano Purchasers. We have just received a very large shipment of these celebrated pianos, personally selected by our Mr. Chas. C. Mellor, and cordially invite the public to inspect them at our warerooms.

Adelina Patti says of these famous instruments: "It gives me great pleasure to testify to the merits of the new Kimball pianos. It is a wonderful quality of tone, and supports the voice in a most satisfactory manner." (Signed) ADELINA PATTI SCROLOGNA, wood, mahogany, plain and fancy walnut, Kimball, Hungarian and other cases. Come and see the latest styles in Kimball. MELLOR & HOSER, Founded 1831, Waterrooms, 77 Fifth avenue.

A TEST DECLARED OFF.

The Baker Ballot Law Will Not Go to the Supreme Court.

ATTORNEY SANDERSON TALKS.

Chairmen of Both Political Parties Should Unite in the Case.

INTERESTING POLITICAL GOSSIP.

It has been finally decided that no attempt will be made by local politicians to have the Supreme Court pass judgment on the Baker ballot law before election day. Attorneys Sanderson, McKee and Lyon were seen at the office of the firm yesterday and they stated that those who had been talking of such a step had been dissuaded from proceeding any further.

"If the two County Chairmen would make the move," said Mr. Sanderson, "for the law would work damage to the people of both parties, the Supreme Court might take cognizance of the matter and prepare a decision before election day. But I have no idea that, having already passed upon the constitutionality of the law, they would take any action upon the question now if presented as had been advised. It is my opinion the court would simply let the matter rest until after the election, and we would not know in the meantime whether to expect a decision or not."

"The fact is," said Mr. McKee, who approved all his partner had said, "there has been too much sitting around and letting things go without trying to settle this question. At this late date, to much expense has been incurred, and it would cost too much money to make a change in the situation now. Those interested have had months in which they might have tested this matter, but they have sat idly by and allowed things to proceed too far to get a decision to affect the coming election. The Supreme Court is a non-partisan body which can't be hurried. Moreover, there seems to be no real necessity for a decision. The law will hurt no one. If it is found defective in practice there will be time and opportunity to go to the Supreme Court after the election."

A Ballot Decided Upon.

The county commissioners yesterday finally decided that the ballots for this county will be 19x25 inches in size. Bids will be advertised for the printing this morning, and proposals will be received until 3 o'clock this afternoon for the contract. It is probable the contract will be let at once, though the form of advertising may make it necessary to hold the matter over until tomorrow. Instead of bidding for the job for the whole county as was done the first time, printers may either bid on the work by legislative districts or on the whole county. Proposals will be for 840,000 official and specimen ballots, and 210,000 cards of instruction. A sample of the ballot is on exhibition at the commissioners' office. It has six columns, one each for the Republican, Democratic, Prohibition, Socialist, Labor and People's Party candidates, and one blank column.

At a cost of over a number of printers yesterday, the change in the size of the ticket was decided upon. By adopting that size the cost of printing will be greatly reduced. A regulation size of paper is 25x38 inches. The courts now in question are 10x20 tickets. It is believed that there is enough paper of that size in stock in the city now to print all the tickets required. If not, it can be easily secured. A representative of a paper factory at West Newton informed the commissioners yesterday that his company could furnish all the paper required, of any size, on four days' notice. Another point in favor of the 19x25 ticket is that there are plenty of presses in this city in which two forms of that size can be printed at once, thus saving considerable in time and labor.

The County Commissioners are a unit in the decision to change the size of the ballot but the job for the whole county as was done to a strict interpretation of the Baker law the tickets should be at least 22 inches in length and only four columns wide.

A Common Sense View.

"We have decided to take a common sense view of it," said Commissioner Mercer, "because the courts will take that view of it. The question our action when we show that we have arranged the ballots with fairness and for the accommodation of all parties. As the law reads, the candidates of the Prohibition, Socialist, Labor and People's party should be on one long column arranged in alphabetical order without regard to party classification. Our arrangement gives each party a column with appropriate headings so there can be no confusion. There is no doubt in our minds but that the court will sustain our position."

The Commissioners say that while they have adopted this size for the coming election it would not answer for local elections. In a city election, for instance, if this form were carried out, even an independent candidate for Councils would have a separate column and the ballot might spread out to several times the present width. It is the opinion of the Commissioners that until the ballot is in the hands of the voters no further must be followed, the tickets will be arranged according to the circumstances at each election.

Owing to the publicity the ballot question has received, the advertisement for bids will appear in the papers today, and the contract let as soon as possible in order to give the printers plenty of time to get the paper ready.

IN THE FIFTEENTH WARD.

Republicans Open a New Voting School at Alderman Kerr's Office. The Republican Vigilance Committee of the Fifteenth ward met in Alderman Kerr's office last evening. Speeches were made by Attorney A. C. Robertson, County Chairman John Gripp and Senator Upperman who explained the new Baker ballot law, and showed how the ticket was to be voted.

A book has been ordered in Alderman Kerr's office, and a voting school will be opened there this morning. The plan of campaign for the Fifteenth ward was decided upon.

FIRST REPUBLICAN PARADE.

Big Preparations for Saturday Night's Demonstration on the Southside. It is estimated that at least 5,000 men will take part in the Republican parade on the Southside on Saturday night. Chief Marshal Eberhart yesterday appointed C. H. Hartley, Chief of Staff; D. J. McGarey, Adjutant General, and a staff of about 200 aides de camp. Captains of clubs are requested to report at headquarters at the earliest possible moment.

Southside Democrats Open the Campaign. The Democratic campaign on the Southside was formally opened last night at the headquarters of the John A. Snee Club. There was a large attendance and a number of Republicans were present. Joseph McCarthy presided. E. F. Duffy and Joseph Howley were the speakers.

Rolls Books Completed. At the Democratic headquarters yesterday a force of clerks completed the poll books for every election precinct in the county, a total of 417 districts.

Democratic Captains to Meet. A meeting of the captains of all the Democratic clubs in the county will be held

DEMOCRATIC SCHEDULE.

The Meetings Arranged for the Speakers Who Will Address Them. The Committee on Meetings and Speakers of the County Democratic Committee met yesterday afternoon and arranged a schedule of meetings.

At Industry, Elizabeth township, Saturday evening, October 15, a meeting will be addressed by Frank H. Guffy, C. A. O'Brien and Charles Wise. At Wilkesburg, Saturday evening, October 15, speakers, J. M. Breen, J. H. Wise, Joe Fellows and E. Braddock. On Monday evening, October 17, meeting at headquarters of the Jackson Club, Second and East streets, Allegheny, speakers, W. J. Wise, J. M. Caldwell and J. E. Braddock.

Tuesday evening, October 18, John Marston, Jeremiah Dougherty, W. J. Brennan and Henry Meyer will address a meeting at Wylie avenue and Kirkpatrick street. Tuesday evening, October 25, at the schoolhouse, Thirteenth ward, Allegheny, speakers, Henry Meyer, John F. Miller, Frank C. Osborne and Edward C. Laug. At Silver Lake Grove Tuesday evening, October 25, speakers, F. P. Iams, J. J. Miller, Joseph Howley, W. J. Brennan and Charles O'Brien.

DEMOCRATS AT WHEELING.

Republicans Preparing for the Biggest Blowout in Their History. Arrangements for the McKinley demonstration at Wheeling next Tuesday are assuming shape rapidly and the indications are that it will be one of the largest political gatherings ever held in the Ohio Valley.

M. H. McNabb, Secretary of the Ohio County Republican Committee, came up from Wheeling yesterday to arrange extension rates on all railroads. Local clubs will go down in large numbers. Rates on the Baltimore and Ohio and Ohio and Pennsylvania leaving here at 10 a.m., and will take the Grand Army Band with them. They will participate in both the afternoon and evening parades.

BIBER & EASTON.

DRESS GOODS.

AT 25c. You can buy an endless variety of checks, stripes and plaids, also plain goods in any color and fancy weaves in cords, diagonals, etc., in all colors.

AT 35c AND 37-1-2c. We show a very choice line of plaids, stripes and checks in all the newest colorings. The above goods are very cheap. Having bought the entire stock of the manufacturer, we are closing them out under price.

AT 50c. We can sell you the best line of all-wool plaids, stripes, checks and mixtures to be found in two cities.

AT 75c AND \$1.00. You can buy fine Scotch plaids in all the newest and bright colorings; these goods are in great demand now. Come early and get your choice.

AT 75c. You can buy the best 46-inch Serge, in all colors, that was ever sold for the money.

AT 75c TO \$2.00. A line of all the latest and best novelties show any where. Among these are the newest things in changeable effects, stripes, mixtures, etc.

BIBER & EASTON.

J. K. MILLER & CO.

Contract for papering churches, schools and public buildings.

Contract for papering churches, schools and public buildings. 543 Smithfield St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

All Grades of Wall Paper. 543 Smithfield St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

SECOND WEEK OF OCTOBER.

INGRAIN AND RAG CARPETS AT LOWEST PRICES EVER RETAILLED.

We will offer this week two special bargains in best quality all-wool Ingrain Carpets.

One lot at 5