IN ONE CONVENTION

Candidates for Three City Offices to Be Named by One Set of Delegates.

THE CITY COMMITTEE ACTS.

Controller Morrow's Determination to Retire From Office

CONFUSES THE LOCAL LEADERS.

An Earnest but Secret Conference Held in Chief Brown's Office.

MAGEE AND FLINN DISAGREE ON MAYOR

The Republican City Committee at a meeting last night in City Hall decided that one convention will nominate the Republican candidates for Mayor, Controller and City Treasurer. The arrangement and decision of the committee grew out of the almost unbounded confusion caused by the announced determination of E. S. Morrow to retire from the Controller's office and the alleged intention of Mayor Gourley to enter the contest for the Controllership.

The peculiar condition that had arisen in city politics seemed to concern C. L. Magee deeply, and all day yesterday he was flitting about City Hall arranging for the City Committee to do just as it did. During the afternoon Mr. Magee, Senator Flinn, Dr. McCandless and Chief Brown held a long conference in the private office of the Department of Public Safety. They discussed the Republican candidate for Mayor, but they reached no conclusion on the subject. Mr. Magee announced that he was unalterably opposed to the nomination of McCandless. Senator Flinn just as positively announced that he was pledged to and was in favor of the nomination of McCandless for the place, and Chief Brown reserved his preference until the big leaders have agreed among themselves.

No Agreement Was Reached.

The big leaders did not agree, however, and the action of the City Committee followed. The dispute will likely be settled at the primaries, and whichever of the two leaders succeeds in controlling the city convention will name all three candidates to his own particular liking.

Later in the afternoon Mr. Magee held a conference with Major Denniston. The Major was anxious that E. S. Morrow should be continued in the Controller's office. He was opposed, also, to the one convention idea, but Mr. Magee refused to yield the point, and when Pension Agent Bengough carried Major Denniston's fight into the City Committee he found himself with but one supporter. It was reported last night that Mr. Bengough was himself a candidate for Controller. He refused to confirm the report.

There is little doubt that Mayor Gourley will go into the fight for the Controllership, and there is considerable talk of a combination between the Mayor for Controller, a Democratic candidate for Mayor and Major Denniston for City Treasurer. The promoters of the combination propose that the citizens shall indorse this ticket which they contend would make it very hard to beat.

Major Montooth Asked to Stand.

The Magee people who are opposed to the nomination of Dr. McCandless for Mayor are still endeavoring to induce Major E. A. Montooth to accept the Mayoralty nomination. They contend that the Major can be elected and as an inducement to have him accept they have promised to complete the ticket by nominating Postmaster McKean for Controller and Major Denniston Treasurer. Major Montooth still declines the nomination. He asserts that he is a trifle weary of politics, but his admirers are hopeful that even while he is protesting he will consent.

Mr. Magee said last night that he had no information on the Mayoralty fight. He admitted he was very much interested and without ruffling a feature he remarked that the people of Pittsburg were entirely competent to select the candidates for the several city offices.

The meeting was a brief one, but it was long enough for the adoption of one important measure—providing that the delegates to the convention shall each cast the Republican vote of his district at the last Presidential election, instead of a single vote as heretofore. This is the rule in vogue at county conventions.

The Call for Republican Primaries.

At the meeting last night District Attorney Burleigh presided and Magistrate Gripp acted as secretary. The room was filled and Chairman Burleigh stated it was needless to announce the object of the meeting, as all knew it. The calling of the roll, etc., was dispensed with and business commenced at once.

Prof. Samuel Andrews offered the following:

Resolved, That the Chairman of the committee be empowered and is hereby directed to issue his call to the Republican electors of the city of Pittsburg for the holding of Republican primaries in the election districts of said city on Saturday, December 31, 1892, between the hours of 7 and 4 P. M., to elect from each district a delegate to a convention to be convened on the Tuesday following, viz., January 3, 1893, at such time and place as the Chairman of the committee shall hereafter designate, then and there to nominate a candidate for Mayor, a candidate for Controller and a candidate for City Treasurer.

H. H. Bengough objected to the form of the resolution. He wanted the candidates to be nominated at two conventions instead of one, for the reason that one of the candidates has already set up a number of delegates throughout the city. They were all good party men, but he had a disposition for a separate convention if the committee did not object. To this end Mr. Bengough offered an amendment to the resolution, providing that there be two conventions called; one to nominate candidates for Mayor and Controller and the other a candidate for City Treasurer.

The Amendments Knocked Out.

Prof. Andrews objected to the amendment. He said the purpose is for concerted action, which is needed to keep up Republican government in this city. There is not a city east or west in as good condition as Pittsburg. It has a good city government and they should keep it. For this he favored concerted action and one convention.

C. L. Magee said that under the Baker ballot law there are as many groups on the ticket under the party name as there are conventions nominating candidates. To his mind this was the strongest argument for one convention to [illegible]inate all three candidates, becaus[illegible] quire only one cross t[illegible] ican city ticket, a[illegible] terest of the n[illegible] of Mr. [illegible] draw his [illegible] ddition [illegible] the [illegible] tes [illegible] he [illegible] did, [illegible] to [illegible] ions. [illegible] was [illegible] the convention will be held under the old rules and not under the rules of the Baker ballot law, which applies only to general elections, and the meeting adjourned.

WITHOUT HIS CONSENT.

Controller Morrow's Declaration That He Was Not a Candidate Was Premature—He Will Abide by It—Gourley May Accept a Nomination.

Controller Morrow yesterday formally announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election. He had not intended to make the announcement so soon, but others made it for him, he says, without his consent and in violation of confidence. As it has been made, however, he says, he will not deny it.

No announcement could have caused greater surprise. In some circles it was received without regret, but to the people at large it was received with sorrow. In City Hall there was general regret among the genial Controller's friends and acquaintances. No man who has held office in many years was held in such esteem and so generally admired as this conscientious man by the employes and officers in the municipal building. So far as he will express himself his retirement is for domestic reasons.

The retirement of Controller Morrow opens the way for Mayor Gourley as a candidate for the place. His Honor would not heretofore say that he would be a candidate under any circumstances. Now it is different. When asked yesterday whether he would accept a nomination for the place, he said:

"If a widespread sentiment should show itself that the people desired me for a candidate, and proper persons were named for the balance of the ticket, I might be induced to run. I am not hunting political place. I am totally indifferent to official position, and have felt that I would be glad when my present term shall be ended."

"Do you think a citizens' ticket could win?"

"Undoubtedly it could, if the right kind of men were placed on it. The people want men who will honestly administer the municipal affairs and the Baker ballot law will see that those who get the votes are elected."

"Would you accept a place on a ticket with Bienhauer as a mayoralty candidate?"

"No, I think not. Mr. Beinhauer is a well meaning man and I believe conscientious. But he is hardly the man to win on a citizens' ticket. He is comparatively unknown except in some of the Southside wards. A substantial business man, well-known all over the city should head such a ticket."

Assistant City Controller John J. Davis is also talked of as a candidate for Controller, and his candidacy has many friends. He was out of the city yesterday and it is not known whether he will make a move for the nomination or not.

ALL ARE FOR LAFFERTY.

Allegheny's Legislative Delegation Indorse the East End Member for Speaker.

The Allegheny county delegation to the next Legislature met yesterday afternoon and decided to support Martin Lafferty, of the East End, for Speaker of the next House. The meeting was attended by all all the Allegheny members. They decided to push Lafferty for the speakership and they also decided that they will, when the Legislature convenes, act together in voting for officers of the Legislature. They will support Charles E. Voorhees for Chief Clerk of the House. An effort was made to have them to vote for Harry Huhn, of Philadelphia, for Recording Clerk. They decided not to vote for Huhn but will probably vote for Rex, who was Recording Clerk of the last House.

Mr. Lafferty has been a member of the House of Representatives for 12 years and when the next session convenes will be the oldest member in the way of continuous service in that body.

A NEW MOVE LISTED.

Judge Martin, of New Castle, Out for the District Attorneyship.

It was reported in Pittsburg yesterday that Judge J. Norman Martin, of New Castle, is an applicant for the position of United States District Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania. John C. Bane, the young Democratic leader of Washington county, is also announced as a candidate for the place.

The Pittsburg Democrats are almost unanimous in the support of Assistant District Attorney Fagan for the position.

Little Hope for Indiana Democrats.

Frank Sanson, the Democratic editor of Indiana county, was in Pittsburg yesterday in consultation with political friends. He says the Republicans of his district are very much distressed over Cleveland's election but the Democrats are not much concerned because the postoffices in the county were only recently filled by Republicans and they expect no change for three or four years.

Miller Must Make Up His Mind.

Secretary Foster yesterday sent a telegram to George W. Miller saying the department would like to know his intentions regarding his appointment as Internal Revenue Collector for the Pittsburg district. Mr. Miller replied that he will go to Washington early this week. His friends say he will accept the appointment.

His Confidence in Cleveland.

George A. Macbeth, the glass manufacturer, has just returned from the East. He said he had as much confidence in Cleveland as he had in Lincoln. He also said he did not believe that Mr. Cleveland had entered into an arrangement or had made any promise to the Tammany Democrats.

They Want to Be Constables.

James Brislin, constable of the Second ward, has come out as a candidate for re-election, while Joseph Weber, deputy constable in Alderman McMasters' office, has declared his intention of running for the position of constable in the Second ward, Allegheny.

General Guthrie in the Field.

Ex-Adjutant General P. N. Guthrie was announced yesterday as a candidate for Pension Agent under President Cleveland. General Guthrie says he will not circulate a petition asking for the place.

Found a Woman's Pocketbook.

Mrs. Fitzgerald, the wife of the detective of that name, found a pocketbook containing some money and visiting cards at a Smithfield street store last night and turned it over to her husband, who left it at police headquarters. The cards were engraved with the name of Miss McMillin, who is supposed to be the owner.

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ROOMS.

If you desire to rent a good room, or find a nice boarding house, consult the "Rooms To Let" and "Boarders Wanted" columns (Tenth page) to-day. Some of the best houses in the city are represented.

JACK CLIFFORD NEXT.

The District Attorney Denies Argo's Statement and Says the

HOMESTEAD TRIALS WILL GO ON.

Will Not Nolle Pros the Cases and Does Not See How He Could.

ATTORNEY ERWIN RETURNS TO ST. PAUL

Jack Clifford will be the next Homesteader to be tried for murder, unless some change in District Attorney Burleigh's plans are made. The time for the trial has not been fixed, but it will be heard soon.

Mr. Burleigh denies the assertions made by Attorney Argo. "No one had any authority from me," said he, "to say that the cases would probably be dropped. I do not think that anyone ever approached the Western lawyer with a proposition or intimation from the prosecution. I am not going to nolle pros any Homestead case. I cannot see how I could, and surely Mr. Argo knows that it cannot be done. I want it understood that I am going to try every Homesteader who was indicted by the grand jury."

The intimation made by Attorney Argo that the other cases would be dropped caused considerable discussion yesterday. Many people thought it was the sensible thing to do, but they doubted if it could be done under the law.

How Outsiders View the Situation.

It was argued that so far as the Carnegie people are concerned they are satisfied now that the strike is settled. The firm has been put to great expense collecting evidence, etc., and the managers would like to see the drain stopped as soon as possible. There is not much glory in being tried for murder, and it will require some money to defend the members of the steel company who are indicted. Others claim that enough lives have been sacrificed, and the lesson for both sides has been so severe and bitter that another riot of the proportions of the Homestead affair will never be repeated.

Surprise also is expressed that the jury in the Critchlow case disregarded the judge's charge and the testimony. It was generally believed that the verdict was based on the alibi alone. The statement of the four jurors that they acquitted the prisoner because they considered the presence of the Pinkertons on the river as an unauthorized invasion is corroborated by another juror who was considered the most conservative man among the 12, and from the prosecution expected a vote for manslaughter at least. This juryman states that they had made up their minds to acquit before Bill Erwin, the St. Paul lawyer, made his speech.

Erwin Returns to St. Paul.

Attorney Erwin and his wife left for St. Paul early yesterday morning. As he was leaving the hotel the clerk asked him if he expected to come back. Mr. Erwin replied that he was not sure, but if he did he would notify the hotel people. Mr. Argo stated that his colleague would know before he left whether the other cases would be tried or not. This looks as if Mr. Erwin had not been informed and he expects to return. Mr. Erwin prides himself a little on his resemblance to Julius Cæsar and Cicero—who have seen him say he looks a good deal like Count von Moltke who was said to be silent in seven languages. The St. Paul lawyer is certainly eloquent in one.

Since the verdict was handed in considerable that occurred at the conferences between the lawyers on both sides has leaked out. It was learned yesterday that Erwin's prospects of making a speech in the case were very slim at one time. It was only the protest of Major Montooth that secured the opportunity for him.

Montooth Gave Erwin His Chance.

It will be remembered that Critchlow's lawyers met at the Monongahela House last Sunday to decide what they would do. It had been agreed that Messrs. Brennen and Cox should conduct the cross-examination, as they were familiar with the locality and all the facts. Some discussion was indulged in before it was arranged who should talk to the jury. First it was decided that Brennen and Argo should make the opening speeches and T. M. Marshall and Major Montooth should close. The Major at this point suggested that Mr. Erwin had been overlooked, and so far as he was concerned he didn't want to speak, and would gladly give way to the Western lawyer. This is how Mr. Erwin happened to get in his work, and only the attorneys for the defense knew what a narrow escape the public had of not hearing or reading his eloquent address.

It is now stated on good authority that if the other cases are tried the local lawyers will do the work, and Messrs. Argo and Erwin will serve in an advisory capacity. It is safe to say that a man as adroit as Erwin can change his tactics at will, and make a strong argument to a jury along other lines.

M'LUCKIE TO SURRENDER.

He and Hugh Ross Are Now Confident of an Acquittal.

The long-talked of matter of Burgess McLuckie's return to Pittsburg has been settled at last. Hugh Ross, who is also wanted in Pittsburg for alleged treason, conspiracy and murder, was in Youngstown last evening in conference with his counsel, W. S. Andrews, and Burgess McLuckie. Both the accused are confident of securing their acquittal when brought before a jury In company with W. S. Andrews they will come to Pittsburg to-morrow and surrender themselves to the authorities for trial.

IT pays to advertise for a situation in THE DISPATCH. One cent a word is the cost.

Candy Men at Odds.

George Conomas was given a hearing before Alderman McMasters yesterday on a charge of fraudulently retaining partnership goods, preferred by Michael Notaras. The two men owned a candy store at No. 232 Fifth avenue and some time ago dissolved partnership. Notoras alleged that Conomas sold a portion of the furnishing of the store for $250 and kept the money. Conomas was held under $500 bail for court.

The Fires of October.

Chief Engineer Humphreys, of the Bureau of Fire, made a report yesterday of the alarms for the last month. There were 49 regular and 23 still alarms; 18,424 feet of hose were used and 10 sections bursted. The highest water pressure from an engine was 250 pounds and from a plug 110 pounds. The report of the nine men overcome by smoke at 147 First avenue was also included. No estimate of losses was given.

The Winners Banqueted.

Philip Schultz, the Penn avenue saloonist, last night gave a wine supper to patrol wagon company No. 3. This is the company that won the honor at the recent inspection. Inspector McKelvey, Captains Dennison and Waggoner and a number of other police officials were present. The event was a very enjoyable one.

Killed by a Street Car.

Andy Miller, of Spring Garden avenue, Allegheny, was killed yesterday by a Duquesne car. Miller was driving a wagon, and was run into. The vehicle was wrecked, the man killed and the horse badly hurt.

WRIGHT'S fleecelined underwear, special price to-morrow 75 cents, at Sailer's, cor. Smithfield and Diamond streets.

HE MARRIED ANOTHER GIRL.

Edward Caruthers Gets Himself Into Much Trouble Through His Faithlessness—Arrested After a Stay of Two Years in Canada—Nearly Died in Jail.

Edward Caruthers, of West Newton, and formerly a baggage master on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, nearly died at the county jail on Friday night, but yesterday was thought to be out of danger. His ailment is delirium tremens, but that is not the cause of his confinement in the jail. He was arrested last Monday and committed for court by Alderman McMasters in default of bail. The charge against him is a serious one, brought on three informations made by a woman three years ago. He had been paying attention to the woman, but suddenly married another girl. After his marriage the suit was brought.

It was during the life time of Constable Al Heiner, who was given the warrant for Caruther's arrest. Hearing a constable was waiting for him at the Pittsburg depot he left his train at Hazelwood and eluded arrest. Two months later he was located and arrested at Wheeling, but he secured his freedom on a writ and went to Canada, where he has lived since.

Last week he came to this city on a visit. Detective P. J. Murphy had been given the warrant for his arrest, and placed him in jail. Caruthers had been drinking hard for some time, and at the jail developed a very severe case of delirium. On Friday night Warden McAleese and Dr. Chessrown, the jail physician, thought he would die, and worked with him from 8 o'clock to midnight. Yesterday he was not entirely out of danger, but it is thought he will recover.

The woman who made the information against him has since married. All the parties in the case are very well to do.

FINE THANKSGIVING DINNERS.

The Local Hotels Furnished an Excellent Menu on the Holiday.

The Thanksgiving dinners at the local hotels were very fine, probably never having been excelled on such an occasion. On the bills of fare could be found all the delicacies of the season—venison, wild duck and turkey, quail, pheasants and prairie chickens were as common on the tables as ham and eggs at cheap boarding houses when eggs are the cheapest. The supply of everything was plentiful, and served without stint. The Central Hotel had an unusual bill that would be hard to beat. The dinners at the Anderson, Monongahela House and St. Charles would have satisfied the most exacting taste of the greatest gourmands.

It is related of an ancient king who was fond of oysters that he hired a slave to tickle his palate with a feather that he might fill up a second and third time with the bivalves. Possibly a great many people who ate their Thanksgiving dinners at the Pittsburg hotels would liked to have imitated the example of the old-time ruler.

LOOKING FOR A FIGHT.

A Non-Union Workman From Homestead Gets Himself Into Trouble by Boasting.

John Gavria came down from Homestead yesterday and began to look for a quarrel on South Twelfth street. He started in by proclaiming that he was a Homestead "scab" and was not afraid to own to it. This did not have the effect of moving any one to molest him, so he began to kick some crates and baskets in front of a grocery store about the street. After amusing himself at this for a time, he walked across the street and entered a saloon. His antics had attracted some attention by this time and quite a crowd had collected about the place. In it were a number of workmen. William Parker, not being pleased with his conduct, offered to do him battle. About this time Officer Smith stepped in and spoiled their fun by locking them both in the Twenty-eighth ward police station for a hearing this morning.

TWO CRUISERS NEARLY FINISHED.

Mr. Buell Thinks Whitney Will Not Accept a Cabinet Position.

A. C. Buell, of Washington, the steel inspector for Cramp & Sons, registered at the Duquesne yesterday. He comes here frequently to examine the work done by the Carnegie Company for his firm. When asked how much his company had been delayed in building Government vessels by the Homestead strike he declined to answer and changed the conversation. He remarked that he always steered clear of that subject. He said the armored cruiser New York and the protected cruiser Columbia are nearing completion and will soon be launched. At present the Cramps are at work on cruiser No. 13 and two battle ships.

Mr. Buell is an ardent Democrat, and he would like to see Whitney the next Secretary of the Navy, but he doesn't believe that Cleveland's chief lieutenant will accept a Cabinet position.

FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED.

A Turtle Creek Baker Disappears With $500 on His Person.

The police were asked yesterday to look for Peter Kilean, 30 years of age, German and a baker, doing business lately at Turtle Creek. He had only been in that town a short time, having bought his shop recently, on which he paid $300 on account.

Last Saturday he left home to attend a meeting of journeymen bakers in Allegheny where he expected to hire an assistant. He had $500 with him at the time. As far as known he never reached the meeting in Allegheny and nothing has been heard of him since. His brother, an only relative in this country, reported the disappearance and believes he has met with foul play.

STRUCK BY A CAR.

Mary Potter, Aged 70 Years, Narrowly Escapes a Sudden Death.

Birmingham Car No. 30 yesterday afternoon struck Mrs. Mary Potter while crossing Carson street at Twenty-third street. She is aged 70 and on account of her feebleness could not get out of the road. She was crossing in rear of an up-bound car, and did not see No. 30 until too late. She was badly bruised and injured, but will likely recover. The patrol was called, which removed her to her home at 1811 Fox alley.

The Death Purely Accidental.

Thomas Garvey's case was before the Coroner yesterday. He was killed Friday by a Birmingham electric car. The death was shown to be purely accidental and the motorman exonerated.

Personal.

Mr. Charles Taylor, for 20 years in the business office of the Presbyterian Banner, has embarked in the furniture business at Third and Market streets, the new firm being McGill & Taylor. Mr. Taylor has made many friends and has bright anticipation of success in his new business.

Klebers' Pianos in the Lead. Buyers Prefer to Deal at Klebers'.

Twenty-five pianos and organs sold already (Steinways, Conovers, Operas) for Christmas gifts at Klebers'. Save money and buy at Klebers', 506 Wood street.
Don't forget 506 Wood street.

Solomon & Ruben

Will place on sale to-morrow morning a large assortment of exclusive novelties in children's kilt overcoats. Designs all our own. From $2 50 up to $5.

Kranich & Bach, Emerson, Starr

Are the people's favorite pianos. Sold only by Lechner & Schoenberger, 69 Fifth avenue.

WRIGHT'S fleecelined underwear, special price to-morrow 75 cents, at Sailer's, cor. Smithfield and Diamond streets.

HARDMAN PIANOS. The marvel of musical success. To be had only at Mellor & Hoene's, 77 Fifth avenue.

THE WIRES GO BELOW.

Underground Conduit Bills Made Laws by the Mayor's Signature.

CHIEF BIGELOW'S NEW SCHEME

To Sell the Market House for $100,000 and Divide the Money.

HIS HONOR RECEIVES AN APOLOGY

The underground wire ordinances were yesterday made laws. Mayor Gourley signed them. They were the last of all the bills passed at the last meeting of Councils the Mayor had before him. Consequently there will be no veto message to consider at to-morrow's session.

There are two ordinances. One requires the telegraph, telephone and electric light companies to put their wires underground west of Grant street within four years from November 15, 1892, 25 per cent of the work to be done each year. The other is a general order prescribing how the work shall be done requiring all companies which may hereafter come in to put their wires underground, and providing regulations for the maintenance of the system. One of these regulations provides that the city shall have the right to use the conduits of the various companies for the fire and police alarm telegraph system whenever desirable. It was on this provision that the Mayor hesitated to sign the bill. He thought that it should stipulate that the city's use of the conduits should be free of cost perpetually. The ordinance had originally contained that stipulation, but it had been stricken out as unnecessary, the understanding being that no charge could be made to the city. Superindent Metzgar, of the telephone company, informed the Mayor that his company so understood it, and the Board of Directors had already provided for it in the subways being put in on various downtown streets.

Even this was not satisfactory to the Mayor and he declined to sign the ordinance until Chief Brown promised that at to-morrow's meeting of Councils he would introduce a supplemental bill covering the point. This will be done to save time. The underground wire bill has been hanging fire in Councils for over three years and it was feared that if sent back it would be delayed for possibly another year, there being some hostility to it there, notwithstanding its popularity outside of Councils.

Another matter to be considered at to-morrow's meeting is Chief Bigelow's bill of regulations for parks. It has been twice defeated because of its liquor prohibition feature, but it is expected to pass this time by a narrow majority.

BIGELOW'S NEW SCHEME.

Will Ask Councils To-Morrow to Sell the Fifth Avenue Market House—$100,000 Already Offered—Wants to Divide the Money Between Schools and the Military.

A new plan for disposing of the Fifth Avenue Market House which seems to meet with approval is proposed by Chief Bigelow. In view of the cross fire between the military and school authorities in their efforts to get possession of the property the Chief thinks the best plan would be to sell the property and divide the proceeds between the High School and the military. The property would bring $100,000, that much having already been offered. With $50,000 he says the Central Board of Education could buy, at Bellefield or near it, a much larger and more desirable piece of land for High School purposes. With the same amount the military could be provided with a good tract of land in a district as convenient as the Market house.

To-morrow he will offer a resolution in Councils authorizing the sale of the property. If it is passed he will proceed with the sale as soon as possible. He declares the city has as much right to provide for the citizen soldiers as for the school children. He has pledged them his assistance, and if Councils will not agree to sell the market property he will lease it to the soldiers. He claims that site is too valuable, and in other ways unsuited either for High School or military purposes.

Among the sites named for the armory are the Snyder square at Liberty and Twenty-eighth streets and the wharf above the Exposition. The former is a block bounded by Spring alley, Liberty, Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth streets. It was bequeathed to the city a number of years ago by Peter Snyder. No use has been made of it except as a place for the storage of water-pipe and timber by the Public Works Department. State legislation would be necessary to get the wharf site. Chief Bigelow won't talk of it, but Captain Lew Brown, of Battery B, thinks it would be just the place. He advocates a boat club house in the basement for the soldiers, and a gymnasium to make it attractive, thereby drawing a good class of men to the service.

No other sights have yet been talked of for High School purposes. Mr. Bigelow says he knows of several excellent ones which can be had for $50,000 or less, but he prefers not to mention them until the question of selling the Market house is settled.

MR. M'CRORY'S APOLOGY.

He Didn't Mean That Mayor Gourley or Chief Brown Were Bribe Takers—Invites the Mayor to a U. P. Ministers' Meeting.

Mayor Gourley yesterday received an apologetic letter from Rev. Mr. McCrory in regard to a statement made by the latter at the U. P. ministers' meeting last Monday. Mr. McCrory during his remarks at that meeting intimated his belief that disorderly houses were suffered because those running them purchased their privileges by bribing city officials. No discrimination was made as to what officials were referred to, and the Mayor a day or two later expressed his views rather vigorously as to Mr. McCrory's remarks. He declared that Mr. McCrory, or any other man who was in a position to make such a statement, was not doing his duty as a citizen unless he pointed out the individuals and came forward with proof that would not only justify the charge but the impeachment and criminal prosecution of the bribe taker as well. The remark as made reflected not on one or two, but on every city official.

In his letter Mr. McCrory declares: "I don't for a moment believe that the Mayor or the Chief of the Department of Public Safety would yield to any such influence. I only regret that any consideration holds them back from striking a death blow at this criminal business."

The letter concludes by stating that the U. P. Ministers' Association will meet on Monday, and the members would be glad to have the Mayor present to hear the report of a committee on the much-discussed disorderly house question adopted. When asked whether he would accept the invitation, His Honor said it was possible he would, though he might have business on hand to prevent.

Two local religious papers came out editorially this week, denouncing the stand taken by the Mayor in relation to disorderly houses, calling on him to carry out the law by having them all closed, and stating that the law being in existence it was clearly his duty to enforce it, leaving the care and disposition of the inmates to the law and the Christian people of the two cities. The Mayor was non-committal when asked what he had to say to these attacks. He said he had expected criticisms, but was not convinced that the course he had followed in the matter was not for the best.

THREE APPEALS SETTLED.

A Light Day's Work by the Triennial Assessment Commissioner.

Three cases were considered before Commissioner Beal in the triennial assessment hearings yesterday. Alfred Harrison's property on Westminster street and Ellsworth avenue was up on the question of classification. He wants it assessed as rural. W. A. Herron and others testified that its character had not changed in three years, notwithstanding the street improvements. The City Attorney would not consent to the claim, but several other properties of Mr. Harrison's were settled.

Mrs. Harriet Stratton's property, 117x128 feet on South Highland avenue, was settled by reducing the valuations to $1,500 on the residence, throwing off the $150 on the stable and allowing the ground to stand at $11,934 full. The appeal was to have the classification made rural, but the evidence made it ridiculous.

D. W. C. Bidwell's Twenty-third ward property came next. There are 66 acres of it, rough land. It was assessed at $129,560, or $1,809 an acre. He claims the figures are 400 per cent higher than its value. The case was settled by reducing 50 acres to $1,000, buildings to $6,750, and 16 acres on Forward avenue to $25,890, one-third to be classed as rural and the balance agricultural.

HUSTLING FOR VOTES.

Mr. Cochran Hopes to Be a Compromise Man in the Speakership Fight.

S. G. Cochran, of Kittanning, a candidate for Speaker of the next House, went to Philadelphia last evening to see what he could learn about the fight. The others in the field so far named are Speaker Thompson, of Warren; Harry Walton, of Philadelphia, and Samuel Stewart, of Verona. It may be possible that Burdick, of the Burdick oil bill fame, may enter the race, though he has not announced himself. Burdick is a strong man and would cut some figure. At present Mr. Cochran is engaged in getting the pledge of the members in his Congressional district to support him. He has seen some of them, and they are willing. He thinks that all the Representatives in the district will indorse his candidacy.

"I feel," said Mr. Cochran, "that my chances are very good. Should Philadelphia and Allegheny unite on one man, then, of course, his election would be insured, but I don't think these two big counties will pull together. They did not two years ago when the country forced the nomination of Thompson. My idea is that Walton and Thompson will have the largest vote on the first ballot, and I hope to show up with enough backing to make me a factor. I think that neither Thompson nor Walton will be elected, and then a compromise will be made on another man. Sam Stewart, I understand, is a candidate. I am told he won't have the full support of the Allegheny delegation and that will weaken him. This was his trouble two years ago. I am in the fight to do my best and hope to win."

A MEETING OF INDEPENDENTS.

Citizens of the Thirtieth Ward Meet to Boost F. C. Beinhauer for Mayor.

A room in the basement of the Thirtieth ward school house last night was comfortably filled with voters to hear speeches made in the interest of F. C. Beinhauer for the Mayoralty. Anthony Mullins was called to the chair.

J. H. Davis made the first speech. He urged the necessity for reform in the municipal government, and said the Southside had never received a square deal in the management of city affairs. The time for a change was ripe and now was the time to strike the blow. Louise Kleyle followed. He argued that on account of the mismanagement the city taxes had so increased as to make it practically impossible for manufacturers to have their plants within the city limits. So many of them had already been moved or their removal was under consideration that it was high time the people grasped the true situation or Pittsburg would no longer possess the mills that had made her famous. Mr. Beinhauer then made a characteristic speech, in which he further emphasized the necessity for reform and an independent candidate.

BLACKLISTED MEN MEET.

They Want Strike Benefits While They Are Refused Work.

The blacklisted men who the Carnegie Company will not take back into the mill, held a meeting at Homestead yesterday afternoon in the Amalgamated Association headquarters for the purpose of taking steps to obtain relief from their present straitened condition. Many of them are badly in need of the necessities of life, and if they are not assisted their families will suffer terribly during the cold weather. The men are mostly old employes of the mechanical department, and they say they have a right to strike benefits the same as if the strike was still on for at least a reasonable time to get other positions. At the meeting remarks were made by several Amalgamated men, who assured the men that everything possible would be done in their behalf.

The deputy sheriffs were all called off last night and for the first time in many weeks the borough is protected only by the police force, which numbers four men. One is on duty during the day and three at night.

Amputation May Be Necessary.

Michael Dorras, of Duquesne, was brought to the Mercy Hospital yesterday at noon. He had been run over by a steel wagon in the Bessemer steel works at that place. His injuries were a compound fracture of the right leg, a compound fracture of the left arm and numerous bruises on the body. It is thought that amputation of the injured limbs may be necessary.

25 CHRISTMAS PIANOS AND ORGANS Sold Already at Klebers', 506 Wood Street.

Not less than 25 pianos and organs sold already at H. Kleber & Bro.'s, 506 Wood street, all of them intended for holiday presents. They are of the famous Steinway, Conover and Opera makes. Also several of the celebrated 7-octave piano-organs. The large majority prefer to deal at Klebers' for they are fully convinced that they can get the best bargains there, that they can be thoroughly trusted and relied upon, that the house of H. Kleber & Bro. was never known to take advantage of a customer.

Not less than seven pianos were sold yesterday, Saturday, alone. Call early at Klebers', 506 Wood street, and make your choice while their stock is full, for if business continues in the same ratio their warerooms will be completely emptied before the arrival of Christmas.

TRACTION MEN, HERE IS A SNAP FOR YOU.

Solomon & Ruben

Have the best made traction goods in the market. Overcoats, extra heavy flannel lined. Heavy cloth and leather bound pockets with deep storm collars, $10 and $12.

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Special Holiday Prices.

New organs at $50; new pianos at $225; second-hand organs at $25; second-hand pianos at $75; easy payments. Every instrument fully warranted.
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A beautiful half life size crayon or water color given away with one dozen photographs by Hendrick & Co., Popular Photographers, No. 68 Federal street, Allegheny.

EIGHTY-NINE kersey overcoats, all colors, regular price $13 50, special price to-morrow $9 75, at Sailer's, corner Smithfield and Diamond streets. Brass front.

KRAKAUER PIANOS. Phenomenally popular. Cash or payments. To be had only at Mellor & Hoene's, 77 Fifth avenue.

WOUNDED MAN'S RIDE.

He Is Brought From the West Virginia Mountains on a Sled.

NOW IN THE WEST PENN HOSPITAL.

He Refuses to Tell Who He Is, and Says He's From Shousetown.

THOUGHT TO BE A SECRET SERVICE MAN

A mysterious personage was brought to the West Penn Hospital yesterday from the mountains of West Virginia. He was shot in the leg there and his two companions hauled him 15 miles on a handsled down the mountain side to the nearest physician. The curious thing about the whole affair is that none of the men will divulge their names.

Their patient came into the city last night on the through train on the Baltimore and Obio railroad. He was suffering from a gun shot wound in his leg. The bullet was fired from a 38 calibre gun, and passed through the member just above the knee and broke the bone. The man claimed to be an oil driller. He says his home is in Shousetown, on the Ohio river. According to the meagre details he would give, he was out gunning in the wilds of West Virginia and shot himself. He says the accident occurred Thanksgiving evening. The nature of the wound makes his story look very doubtful.

The men who brought him to the hospital were as close-mouthed as the injured man. They gave the impression they were from Shousetown. They claimed to have hauled the man 15 miles on a handsled, so he would get medical aid.

The impression at the hospital is that the fellow is a United States detective, as well as his companions, and think he was hunting moonshiners when the illicit whisky manufacturers got the drop on him.

A BIG TEMPERANCE MEETING.

Francis Murphy Has So Far Secured 14,000,000 Signers to His Pledge.

Francis Murphy commences a two weeks' siege to-night against the drink course of Pittsburg. It marks the anniversary of some 15 or 16 years of hard work. During that time 14,000,000 people have taken his pledge. They came from every country in the world. Many have broken their pledges, but thousands have not. Numerous men have signed when 14 and never broken over until they were 25 years of age. The meeting to-night will be held in the Grand Opera House, and afterward in Lafayette Hall.

Killed While Gathering Wood.

J. A. Senemann, an old man of Braddock, was killed by a McKeesport and Youghiogheny train yesterday. He was gathering wood along the tracks and did not see the train. He lived with his daughter, Mrs. H. C. Jenks, and was 80 years of age.

Died From Her Injuries.

Mrs. Annie K. Grein is dead. She died yesterday morning. She was the woman who was struck by a train at Crafton last Tuesday. Mrs. Grein was a market woman, and was putting her truck on the train when hit. She was 71 years of age.

Moore in the Pulpit.

The reformed sporting man, John J. Moore, will speak in the Diamond Street United Presbyterian Church to-night. He will distribute "T. I. G." buttons to all signers of the pledge. This is the first time he has ever spoken from a pulpit.

Fine Diamonds and Watches.

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Will give extra values to-morrow in single and double-breasted overcoats. Cassimere lined, reef and velvet collars. Cut in the latest fad. Prices, $15 and up.

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Silks in Newest Colorings

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32-inch Pongee Silks at 50c. These are in wide range of shades and excellent quality.

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BARGAINS IN BLACK SILKS.

Gros Grain Silks, in extra value, at 55c and 75c.

AT $1.

Extra 24-inch Gros Grains.
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Everyone who went to Sunday school has pleasant recollections of the annual treats they used to get when children.

The little box or bag of candy had more value to them then than a wagon load would at present.

Without any possible doubt, the best way to reach the heart of the average youngster is through his stomach, and who knows what train of thought may, in after years, be started by the recollections of a pleasant Christmas Eve and that precious box of candy.

We feel interested in Christmas Treats and make the following offer:

10 Per Cent Discount on All Candies to Sunday Schools.

We will furnish

HANDSOME BOXES FREE OF CHARGE

And all orders received before December 15, when so desired, we will weigh the candy, pack it in the boxes and deliver it ready for distribution without extra charge.

Thus relieving the committee on purchase of candy of all labor.

Send for our SPECIAL CANDY PRICE LIST FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Or, if possible, come to our store and allow us to show you our candies.

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DRESS GOODS FOR HOLIDAY BUYERS.

We offer this week 100 pieces of Wool Fancies, Cheviots, Stripes, Plaids and Mixtures, AT 50c A YARD.

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Ladies' Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs.

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