Shepard produced some memoranda and began talking about other points in Gray's testimony. He was interrupted by his counsel, who told him what he was saying was immaterial. But the Colonel did not agree with his counsel. He prattled on. "That will do," cried Mr. Parsons, his color rising. Colonel Ingersoll rose and started to ask a question. Colonel Shepard prattled on.

Couldn't Choke the Good Man Off.

"You must be governed by your counsel," said Judge Parker. But the witness prattled on. The jury began laughing.

"Have you any question to ask the witness?" the Court said to Colonel Ingersoll.

"Yes, if I ever get a chance," drawled Colonel Ingersoll.

"You are entitled to examine him now," said the Court.

"Mr. Gray has said," began Colonel Shepard again, but both lawyers on both sides and the Judge joined in smothering him, and then Colonel Ingersoll asked: "Did you take one or two drinks at the Everett House?"

"One."

"Sure you didn't take more?"

"Sure."

"No?"

"No."

"Then you went home?"

"Yes."

"Did you feel any difference in the morning?"

"I felt very well in the morning," answered Colonel Shepard, and he glanced angrily at the infidel.

"Oh, that's all right," said Colonel Ingersoll. "I understand, you know, and have no objection to your drinking. I just wanted to know, that's all."

Then recess was taken, and after recess no one was admitted to the court room except those who could be seated, which was about a tenth of the number who wanted to get in. There were only two witnesses after the recess—a tailor, who stated the terms of his advertising contract, by which he paid the *Mail and Express* advertising bills with cloth, and who also denied that Mr. Gray owed him anything; and a clerk of the police department, who identified as something he had furnished, a memorandum in Gray's possession giving the figures paid by the city for election advertisements. Gray was recalled and swore he had received the memorandum at Police Commissioner McClave's office on July 12, 1888, and had seen Mr. McClave on that day.

The Court Differed With Counsel.

Ex-Judge Noah Davis at 2:15 o'clock began a legal argument in support of his motion that the Court instruct the jury to dismiss the case. His argument was principally that a master had a right to dismiss a servant for incompatiblity when the contract between them gives that as one of the grounds upon which their relation as master and servant could be terminated.

Judge Parker interrupted Mr. Davis in some surprise, and asked if his contention was good law why masters could not as well discharge the servant for dishonesty without substantiating his assertion. The Court called counsel's attention to the fact that the Gray-Shepard contract specified that "dishonesty, incompetency or incompatibility when proved" should be grounds for discharge. The Court thought there was as much obligation resting on the defendant to prove one of the grounds as the others.

Mr. Davis said he hoped the Court would not finally rule as intimated until further argument was heard. Mr. Davis, turning to the alleged attempt to bribe the Police Commissioner, said it was preposterous to suppose that a servant knowing of some sin or crime of his master could hold that as a reason for retaining his place in spite of the servant's subsequent frequent breach of contract.

"You need not argue further on that point," said Judge Parker. "This Court is not going to hold any such absurd principle of law."

Took a Recess to Freshen Up.

When Mr. Davis, after speaking an hour, sat down, his associate, Mr. Parsons, whispered earnestly to him, and Mr. Davis rose again and said he hoped the jury would not assume that he had admitted that Mr. Gray knew of any crime committed by Mr. Shepard. He (Mr. Davis) had merely admitted for the sake of argument that such might be the fact.

Ex-Judge Dittenhoeffer then rose and said at Colonel Ingersoll's suggestion he would answer categorically the legal contentions made by Mr. Davis. He had not talked minutes when the Court interrupted him, saying it was not necessary for him to proceed further. The Court directed the other counsel to proceed with the summing up.

Mr. Parsons suggested an adjournment until to-day. The Judge looked inquiringly at Colonel Ingersoll.

"Oh, I never opposed an adjournment in my life," said the Colonel.

"In the morning," urged Mr. Parsons, "I will be fresh, Colonel Ingersoll will be fresh, the Court and jury will be fresh, the reporters will be fresh."

"Yes, we'll all be fresh in the morning if you'll only let us off," coaxed Colonel Ingersoll. The Judge smiled and let them off.

OLEO DEALERS HELD FOR COURT.

Swift and Decisive Hearings in Alderman McMasters' Court.

A number of oleomargarine cases were heard by Alderman McMasters yesterday. The hearings were short and decisive, and without an exception the defendants were held under bail for court. The informations were made by J. M. Anderson. The men held were Owen McCann, Fourth avenue and Market street; W. E. Emmel, Allegheny market; E. D. Young and C. F. Marshall, Allegheny market; P. McCormack, Pittsburg market; Reuben Smith, McKeesport; J. B. & George Snyder, Wilmerding; J. J. Doyle, Pittsburg market.

The following persons were to have been tried but did not appear, and their hearings were postponed until Monday: L. Nineshack, E. Hurst and J. F. Bental, Pittsburg market, and D. Hastings and H. M. Gilleland, Allegheny market.

THEY HAD GOOD LUCK.

A Philadelphia Party Returns Home With a Carload of Game.

A party of Philadelphians in a special car passed through Pittsburg last night over the Pennsylvania Railroad on their way home from a ten-days' hunting trip in Southern Arkansas. In the party were A. R. Little, a director of the Pennsylvania Railroad; Henry C. Butcher, President of the Southern Cotton Seed Oil Company, and his son, Henry C. Butcher, Jr.; Clarence R. Lewis, who was commissary of the city troops during their stay at Homestead last summer; Alex. Van Rensler, Henry Ellison and William C. Drear.

Attached to the special car of the party was a baggage car which was well filled with all kinds of game. They had been wonderfully successful and were returning home delighted with their experiences.

WORKED THE OLD GAME.

Two Men Arrested for Stealing Clothing From a Second-Hand Dealer.

David Moore and David Reese were arrested last evening by Officer Tobin as suspicious persons.

L. Cohen, a second-hand clothing dealer on Penn avenue near Thirteenth street, reported to Officer Tobin that two men had stolen a coat and vest and a pair of shoes from his store. One of the men engaged Cohen in conversation and the other made off with the plunder. About an hour later two men were found in Shanhoetz's clothing store on Penn avenue, near Sixteenth street, who were trying to pawn a pair of shoes, and also carried a coat and vest. They were placed under arrest and sent to the Forty-second ward station. Cohen identified his goods.

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ATTACKS AT NIGHT.

Highwaymen Find Business Easy at Present in Fashionable East End.

THEY ALL AVOID ARREST.

A Young Man Assaulted and Very Narrowly Escapes Death.

WOMEN AFRAID TO GO OUT ALONE.

Two Ladies Are Assaulted on Winebiddle Avenue by Men.

HOUSEBREAKERS BUSY ON THE HILL

The highwayman has his home in the East End. He seems as free there from detection as he would in the mountains of West Virginia. Women are afraid to go abroad—even to visit a next door neighbor —after night and men must carry a small sized arsenal for protection.

Attacks by highwaymen in the East End are as frequent these days as street car fatalities—that is, nearly every day. Armed ruffians chase helpless women along the most fashionable thoroughfares of the suburbs and assault them. Business men are waylaid as they go home in the evening, and even boys are unsafe. These outlaws, like the Cooley gang, will hold up youths who have only ventured into their teens, and take any small trinket they may possess. So numerous have these attacks grown that the big tax payers and smaller ones, too, are kicking. They demand better police protection and more street lights.

A Woman's Peril on an East End Thoroughfare.

Cut-Throats in Ambush.

Within the past week two of the worst outrages yet committed have occurred. M. C. Bryant, of Oliver, McClintock & Co., who lives on Cypress street, yesterday told a DISPATCH man a story that would do credit to a wild Western town. "Delbert Wentworth," said he, "lives in Oakland, and the other night started out to call at my house. He is a boy of 16 years and rather well developed. It was about 9 o'clock when he got off the Center and Negley cars at Cypress street and started toward my home. I live beyond the Osceola school house, which occupies the greater part of the space between Baum and Osceola streets.

"Delbert had just passed Baum street, and was walking by the vacant lot just at that side of the school building. There is a little plot of ground there grown high with weeds. As my young friend passed the place he heard a movement in the weeds. It was so slight that he attributed it to the wind blowing through the dry stalks. The next moment he was hit an awful blow on the back of the head. The same instant someone caught him by both arms from behind. The assailant loosened his grip on the right arm and tried to reach around in front and grab Wentworth by the throat.

The Bandit Draws a Stiletto.

"The moment the young man found his right arm was free, he struck at the highwayman. The right was landed fair on the fellow's mouth and the robber fell back into the gutter. In the extremely bad light he was seen to draw a knife, which looked like a stiletto. He then made a grab at Wentworth's leg and tried to pull him down. My friend saw the movement and kicked the man on the head a couple of times. The boy was afraid he would kill his assailant and stopped administering punishment. He then cried: 'Police! police!' but he might as well have called on the earth to open up and swallow his foe. Wentworth left the fellow in an unconscious condition and tried to find a policeman. He went along Osceola street to Liberty, down along that avenue to Center and from there clear to Neville and Ellsworth before he found one of the city's guardians. It was, of course, too late then, as the fellow had escaped in the meantime.

Attacked by an Armed Highwayman.

"The next evening a friend and myself were coming home from our places of business. It was about 7 o'clock. We got off the street cars at Liberty avenue and walked over to Osceola street. It was quite dark, and when near Osceola street my friend pointed out an object on the opposite corner.

A Man in Woman's Attire.

"From the manner the person was clothed we supposed it was a woman. We walked over and found it was a man. He looked like an Italian and wore a slouch hat drawn down over his eyes, and pretty generally answered the description of the man who had attacked Wentworth. My associate asked him what he was doing. The answer came back in gruff, broken English: 'Looking at the street.' He then hurried away.

"I think it is an outrage the way the citizens of the East End are being treated, and especially in the neighborhood I live in. We have no police protection at all. I have lived there a year and have never seen a policeman in the whole time. There is not an electric light on Cypress street. A couple of dirty old gas lamps are expected to light up the thoroughfare, but they don't. Things have gotten so bad that our wives and daughters cannot venture out at night at all, even to call on a neighbor. All property is not taxed as 'rural' either."

A DISPATCH man was out in that locality yesterday. A number of people were spoken to, and they are all complaining about police protection, One gentleman said that if he did not come down town occasionally he would not know what a policeman looked like.

At Winebiddle and Liberty avenues T. J. Williams, a prominent contractor, lives. He, too, has a grievance. Several nights ago Mrs. Williams came down town to attend some entertainment. She was to return about 10 o'clock, and her husband was to meet her at Center and Liberty avenues as she alighted from the street cars. For some reason Mrs. Williams came home on the Penn avenue cars and got off at Winebiddle. She started down this most fashionable avenue alone.

A Defenseless Woman Assaulted.

When about half way home a man sprang from behind a clump of bushes and caught her by the arm. She screamed out and broke away from him, starting to run. She was awfully frightened and in the excitement fell. The man ran up to her in an instant, again catching her by the arm. She made another break for liberty, screaming as she ran. The highwayman followed her a short distance, but afraid of her screams gave up the chase. Persons hearing the woman's cries went to her assistance and took her safely home. She was nearly prostrated by fright and hurt herself quiet severely in falling.

The husband, in speaking of it yesterday, said: "If we had the proper police protection my wife would never have been assaulted as she was. I never see an officer out in this locality. It is a frequent thing to hear of ladies being assaulted on Winebiddle avenue. Only three or four days ago there was a girl attacked just near my house, and my next door neighbor heard her screams and rescued her. There is plenty of light on Winebiddle avenue, and what we want now is to see a policeman out that way, annually at least."

HE WAS PROBABLY SANDBAGGED.

Michael Dorkins Picked Up Unconscious at Four Mile Run.

What may turn out to be a case of sandbagging was brought out at the Mercy Hospital yesterday morning. Michael Dorkins was brought to the hospital about 3 o'clock in the morning by several friends. They stated that they had picked him up on Bates street, at Four Mile Run. All of the parties were intoxicated, but they asked for Dorkins' admission to the hospital, saying he had been sandbagged and robbed.

Dorkins was very drunk, and told a story of having been struck and knocked down as he was walking along the street. After he fell his assailant struck him several times about the face and took some money from him. He lay for an hour or so before his friends found him. All day yesterday he lay in a semi-conscious condition. Frequently he arose and complained of sick headaches. There was also considerable bleeding from the nose.

These symptoms would seem to indicate a fracture of the skull at the base of the brain. The physicians, however, think that there is nothing wrong with the man except an overdose of liquor, and believe that he will be all right when he sobers up. He has a black eye and several bruises on the face.

A REIGN OF TERROR.

The People of the Hill Are Receiving Daily Visits From Robbers.

The Hill is terror stricken. Every day there are attempted robberies and outrages perpetrated out along Wylie avenue. This has been going on since Thanksgiving, as it was on that night an attempt was made to enter Lewis Sholls' grocery store, just beyond Chauncey street on Wylie avenue. Some days later Mrs. Howell's house, at Junilla street and Wylie avenue, was attacked. The robbers tried to get in the front door, but were scared away. Last night Frank Ransom's residence on Uphold street was entered, but the burglars were routed before they secured anything. The people want better police protection.

Prevented a Highway Robbery.

Officer Free arrested three men last night on Water street, two of whom the officer thought were trying to rob the other. At the station the suspected men gave their names as John Conner and Valentine Hauser, and the other who was drunk, as George Fisher. He had $22, and a bank book showing a deposit of $110 to his credit, while Conner had $2 and Hauser 98 cents. The latter said he lived in Allegheny and Conner said he was a sailor and lived in South Boston. Fisher could not tell where he lived.

To Protect the People.

A detachment of 15 officers has been detailed to assist the detectives in watching the downtown streets until after the holidays. The object is to guard against professional thieves and shoplifters.

A GOOD THING FOR BRADDOCK.

The Building of a Bridge Across the Monongahela Exciting Much Interest

The introduction in Congress by Congressman Dalzell of a bill providing for the construction of a bridge across the Monongahela just west of Braddock, should it become a law, will develop interests that will add immensely to the prosperity of Braddock. The bridge will provide a route for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to get into Homestead, and the Carnegie Steel Company is greatly interested in the matter of entering the Homestead mills with a direct process from their blast furnaces there. Such an improvement would create some remarkable changes both in the affairs of the Pennsylvania and the Carnegie Steel Company.

The delay in the construction of the four blast furnaces which have been in contemplation for more than a year by the Carnegie Company is laid at the bottom of this project. These furnaces were originally intended to go to Duquesne, but subsequently, for some reason at that time not so apparent, they were designed to be located at Braddock, on the old race track, just east of the mill proper.

ROOM and boarding-house keepers, why have vacancies? A few small ads in the cent-a-word columns of THE DISPATCH will send you tenants.

NO COMPLAINT MADE.

Patrick Flaherty Locked Up in Allegheny on an Unknown Charge.

Patrick Flaherty, the saloonkeeper at 593 Preble avenue, Allegheny, was arrested yesterday by Officer Stark. The prisoner was sent to the lockup, but no charge was entered against him and he was released for a hearing this morning.

None of the officials around the police headquarters knew last night what complaint would be made against Mr. Flaherty. He is one of the best known citizens of the Ninth ward.

APROPOS of the smoke nuisance, we would advise those contemplating adjusting means or appliances for a mitigation of it to visit the boiler-room of the Fidelity Title and Trust Company, Fourth avenue, and see for themselves how completely the smoke can be dispensed with—this is neither a stoker or steam jet.

MORROW IS INDIGNANT

A Peculiar Political Proposition Calls Down His Wrath.

NOT A CONTROLLER CANDIDATE

Even if All Parties Should Nominate Him Unanimously.

FEW CHANGES IN THE REVENUE OFFICE

Controller Morrow yesterday declared himself out on the question of renomination in language which cannot be misunderstood. His friends have been loth to accept his previous utterances on this subject, and the general impression has been that the Republican City Convention would renominate him unanimosly. It was believed that if this should be done he could be induced to reconsider and once more be the party's candidate.

Yesterday afternoon Delinquent Tax Collector Ford walked into the Controller's office. Assessor Case, Assistant Controller Davis and several other gentlemen were in the room at the time. Mr. Ford leaned over the Controller, who was sitting at his desk, and said: "Now, Mr. Morrow, you have frequently said you would not be a candidate for re-election, but it won't do. For the success of the party you must accept a renomination. Take it. You will have no opposition. If after a few months you desire to resign you can. Then the election of a Republican as your successor will be assured, because it will be thrown into Councils, where there is a good Republican majority."

Controller Morrow Was Indignant.

The Controller became highly indignant at the suggestion. "What!" he exclaimed. "Do you think I would lend myself to such a trick as that? No, sir! No, sir! Not under any circumstances. I would not be a candidate for this office again if the Republican party nominated me unanimously and the Democratic and Alliance parties handed me their indorsements on a silver platter. I don't want the office again and I won't have it. That is my answer, once for all."

Assistant Controller Davis here interposed, intending to pacify his chief, but only aggravated matters. Turning on Davis the Controller exclaimed: "John, I have told you 50 times that nothing could induce me to stay in this office another year. Now let that settle it. I am for you."

Mr. Ford withdrew after a polite apology and returned to his office. The Controller did not soon get over his fit of anger and was visibly agitated during the balance of the day.

Need Two Candidates Now.

This declaration by Mr. Morrow makes it necessary for the Republican leaders to look around for two candidates. They have been worried greatly to get an acceptable man for the Mayoralty nomination and all indications point to a failure. It is not likely they will have so much difficulty in securing a candidate for Controller. A number of good men have been named and none have declined the honor. Among them are Mayor Gourley, Assistant Controller John J. Davis, Mayor's Clerk Bob Ostermaier, County Commissioner Mercer, David Torrence, of the Treasurer's office, and Edward Phelps, the Controller's bookkeeper.

It is well understood that the opposition of the party leaders will prevent the nomination of Mayor Gourley for the office on the Republican ticket, but it is certain he will be a candidate on another ticket. They recognize his strength and will insist on a strong man to run against him. The Democratic leaders have already provided for their emergency by selecting Stephen McCandless as their candidate for Controller. The positive refusal of Mr. Morrow to enter the race will cause Democratic opposition to City Treasurer Denniston. The Democratic leaders have all along declared they would indorse Morrow if he should be a candidate, and Major Denniston, too; but if Morrow would not run they would place a full ticket in the field.

Lambie Not in the Field.

It was announced yesterday that John S. Lambie had re-entered the field for the mayoralty nomination and was setting up delegates, but he denies the story emphatically. He had thought of being a candidate a year ago, but when he found how thoroughly Dr. McCandless had covered every district with good men changed his mind. He had not thought of it since, but he did not say he would not accept a nomination if tendered. One of Mr. Lambie's friends said there was no doubt some delegates had been set up for him and they would go into the convention. The convention, he said, would be a free-for-all, and any man with a few delegates would have a good chance of pulling down the nomination.

Ex-County Commissioner Dan McWilliams is talked of as the Industrial Alliance candidate for City Treasurer, and it is asserted Beinhauer and Gourley will be formally named as Mayor and Controller respectively at the next general meeting of the Alliance. It is also asserted that several Democratic leaders have offered to pay Mr. Beinhauer to withdraw from the field.

PREPARING FOR THE SESSION.

Local Legislators All Go to Harrisburg To-Day for a Caucus.

Hon. M. B. Lemon went to Harrisburg last night to attend the meeting of the Soldiers' Orphan School Commission, of which he is a member. The balance of the legislators of this county and a number of politicians will follow to-day for a preliminary caucus. They all declare they will vote for Lafferty for Speaker of the House, but admit their belief that Thompson will be re-elected.

The members all received letters yesterday from Ward R. Bliss, of Chester county, requesting their support for Speaker. Mr. Bliss is a bright young lawyer, has been in the Legislature three terms and is the colleague of Jesse Baker, of ballot law fame. Bliss is a Quay man.

TWENTY MEN FOR ONE JOB.

Democrats Who Want Immigrant Inspector Layton's Place.

Twenty or more Democrats, including several newspaper men, are candidates for Immigrant Inspector Layton's position in this city. He says most of them are making a mistake in supposing they can secure his place. Immigrant inspectors are appointed as special agents of the Treasury Department, and it is the custom to send them to other places than where they reside. In Layton's case he was first sent to New York, but, after persistent petitions by politicians and labor organizations, his commission was transferred to this city. He is the only one located at his place of residence.

Republican Suggestion Meetings.

The Republicans of the Third ward, Allegheny, will hold a suggestion meeting at the Chestnut street schoolhouse to-morrow night. The Fifth ward Republicans will also suggest Councilmanic candidates to-morrow night.

Republican Suggestion Meeting.

The Republican committee of the First ward, Allegheny, met last night and decided upon having the suggestion meeting of the ward in the schoolhouse on Thursday evening, December 29.

Indorsed McKenna for Mayor.

The Democrats of the Second ward met in the schoolhouse last night and suggested Daniel Gallagher, R. A. Campbell, Samuel McMasters, Charles Moore, J. A. Steen and Daniel Richards for school directors, Robert Lutz for constable, and James Simonton for assessor. Magistrate McKenna was indorsed for Mayor.

WILL MAKE FEW CHANGES.

Collector Miller Will Have Charge of the Revenue Office on Monday—Will Not Remove Many of the Appointees, Perhaps None.

Treasury Agent D. D. Spaulding came from Washington yesterday and will remain until the transfer of the Internal Revenue office to George Miller is completed. Acting Agent Mitchell was instructed to have the schedules of property and outstanding taxes ready to turn over to Mr. Miller after the close of business on Saturday evening. The new Collector's bond will be submitted to Judge Buffington, of the District Court, this morning and will then be forwarded to Washington for approval. Chief Bigelow is expected home from the East to-morrow, when Mr. Miller will present his resignation as Superintendent of the Bureau of Water assessments in the department of Public Works.

Agent Spaulding and Collector Miller had a conference last night and arranged for the transfer. They will go into the office to-morrow and by Monday morning Mr. Miller will have complete charge. He was asked last night whether he would make a complete change in the subordinates of the district.

"Most assuredly not," was his reply. "There are 27 persons in the district whose terms expire when Mr. Mitchell vacates the office, but unless I find them uncongenial in one way or another they will not be disturbed. I am fortunate in having no pledges to fulfill in going into this office, and it may be that no changes whatever will be necessary. In addition to the 27 persons I have mentioned there are two storekeepers and a gauger at each distillery in the 24 counties of the district. They are appointed or removed by the Treasury Department on recommendation of the revenue collector. I don't know that any of them will be removed, but can tell more about it in a few days after I take charge."

Mr. Miller will, however, have one gauger to appoint, death having removed on Tuesday night the man employed in that capacity at the Freeport distillery.

Beinhauer in Bloomfield.

A Beinhauer meeting was held in the Independence Club rooms, Bloomfield, last night. Mr. Beinhauer made a speech in support of his Mayoralty candidacy, and was followed by Peter Zern and others in the same line. The meeting was well attended.

HE MORTGAGED THE HOME.

Fred Leise Secures $1,200 on a Property His Daughters Had Bought With Their Hard-Earned Money—He Then Goes to Germany, Leaving the Family in Want.

Fred Leise, of 381 Edmund street, Bloomfield, is probably on his way to Germany. After secretly placing a mortgage on the homestead which was purchased with the aid of the hard-earned wages of the faithful daughters, he leaves his invalid wife and sick daughter without money or means of support. For the past year numerous complaints have been received at the Anti-Cruelty Society's office regarding Leise's cruelty to his family. Leise's wife has been sick for five years, and his daughters have been in poor health. One cold night, it is alleged, his wife was sitting in front of the fire warming herself, when her husband came in with a bucket of water and threw it upon the fire. Mrs. Leise suffered extremely from the effects of a chill caused by this incident. After repeated warnings, the Anti-Cruelty Society entered suit before Alderman Kerr against Leise for cruelty. In the testimony before the 'squire it developed that the house in which the Leises live had been purchased by the joint wages of the two daughters and the father. It was alleged that he never gave a cent toward the clothing of the family, the daughters providing all the garments that were worn. He did allow his wife $6 per week for expenses of the household, but this barely covered the doctor bills, the blight of disease being over the home. He also attempted to put his sick daughter out of the house. Alderman Kerr fined Leise $10 and costs. He said he didn't have the money, but gave his note at 20 days for the amount. Last Saturday he left the house, saying he was going to town to buy a store. That was the last heard of Leise until Monday, when a letter was received from New York from him, stating it would be folly to send after him, for before the letter had reached its destination he would be on the mighty deep on his way to Germany. After the father had gone a boy said he saw him have $1,200 the night he left home. Leise said he had obtained it on a mortgage on the house which he had given to an East End man. The society is endeavoring to find the man who has the mortgage and have it foreclosed to have the house sold. It is the only way in which money can be raised for the unfortunate women.

HE EYED THE PROPRIETOR.

A Young Thief Robs a Store While the Owner's Back Is Turned.

While attending to the wants of several customers yesterday, John Markawitz noticed a suspicious looking boy enter his store at South Eleventh and Carson streets. The new comer examined all the Christmas toys with interest as if he intended to make a large purchase, but the strange way in which he eyed the proprietor attracted the latter's attention.

Mr. Markawitz, thinking the boy was a thief, sent word to Officer Cochran to stand in front of the door. While the proprietor was in the rear of the store the boy came out with a satchel and several other articles. The boy, seeing the officer, started to run. The boy was fleet footed and it was not until they reached Rippley's Glass Works that the officer came near him. The youngster then dropped the goods and escaped by hiding in the rear of the factory. The officer returned the goods to the store.

RAPIDLY NEARING COMPLETION.

The Southside Will Have a New Church Before Many Days.

The Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Twenty-third and Sidney streets, Southside, is rapidly nearing completion. The building is a one-story brick of Roman architecture and has stone trimmings. The dimensions are 95x57 feet. While the exterior of the building is very pretty the interior is grandly ornate in its appointments.

The auditorium is painted in delicate colors of white and old gold and the woodwork is of quartered oak. The church was founded in 1850 by Rev. W. A. Passavant, who is now in charge of the Pittsburg Infirmary. Rev. J. C. Kunzman is now in charge and the congregation numbers 200.

An Italian Killed at McKeesport.

Coroner McDowell was notified last night of the violent death of an Italian at McKeesport. He was employed at the National Tube Works, and while at work near the rolls, helping to raise a pipe, it fell and struck him, killing him instantly. His name was not learned.

Visiting Charitable Institutions.

James B. Scott and Cadawalder Biddle, representing the State Board of Charities, yesterday visited the different orphan asylums and charitable institutions where children are provided for. They were looking around to decide the relative needs of the different institutions for State aid.

Have You Seen the Guitars

At Alex Ross' music house? The finest assortment and lowest prices in these cities.

TO BE SOLD AT ONCE.

The Old Postoffice Will Be Auctioned Off by Uncle Sam.

ARRANGING FOR THE DAY OF SALE

Allegheny's Postoffice Commission Down to Hard Work.

THEY EXAMINE A DOZEN LOCATIONS

Arrangements for the sale of the old postoffice building are being completed and the old structure will be offered at public auction immediately after the new year. Postmaster McKean held a conference with ex-Governor Gear, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, at the Hotel Duquesne last night and they arranged the details for the sale of the property. All the papers, with transcripts of the deeds for the property, were forwarded to Washington three weeks ago, and Secretary Gear was empowered to arrange for the sale while here with the commission to select a site for the Allegheny postoffice.

There is likely to be lively competition for the old postoffice site. One large clothing firm in the city, it is said, has already filed a bid of $400,000 for the property, and a syndicate of local capitalists has been formed for the purpose of buying it. It is also reported that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will endeavor to secure the property with a view to making a union depot on the site at some future time. When the Government acquired the property it cost, building and all, about $80,000.

Mr. Gear said last night that the commission to select a site for the Allegheny postoffice had yesterday examined 12 different properties. He refused to say whether a site had been determined upon. He believed all the properties were held at exorbitant prices. He said that 27 different locations had been offered for sale, but that only the 12 examined yesterday were suitably located. After examining the properties the commission visited the assessors' office and secured data regarding the assessments. Several prominent property owners and business men were consulted regarding the prices asked for the locations examined, and the commission will, at their leisure, decide upon one of the places for the proposed new postoffice.

"We have about determined on the property that we will recommend," Mr. Gear said last night, "but we are sworn to secrecy, and we cannot say a word on the subject until after our report is submitted to Secretary Foster."

IS IT ANY WONDER

That Kaufmanns' Book Department Has Proven to Be Such a Grand Success?

No, indeed. The wonder is how such remarkable bargains as the following can be offered. Just read this: The finest edition of Padded poets only $1 per volume; 5,000 volumes in stock. You should see these books even if you don't buy. And if you are wise enough to avail yourself of the chance you will buy, because there's especial value right here.

Lovely calenders, in 500 different styles, ranging in price from 5c to $1.

Elegant stationery in fancy holiday boxes. An unsurpassed variety at prices which will fairly make them fly.

100 gross American lead pencils at only 3c per dozen. What do you think of this?

KAUFMANNS' BOOK DEPARTMENT.

KLEBERS' CHRISTMAS PIANOS,

Steinway, Conover, Opera.

The three best and most popular pianos in America. All others must take a back seat in their presence. H. Kleber & Bro., 506 Wood street, are selling nearly half a dozen of them every day for Christmas presents. Warranted perfect or money refunded. Terms low and easy payments. Call at H. Kleber & Bro.'s, 506 Wood street.

Store open every night.

Inexpensive Christmas Gifts.

Won't cost more than a couple of dollars or so. Come in silver. These few items will give you ideas of hundreds of others:

Button hooks,
Glove buttoners,
Charms,
Chatelaines,
Pocket knives,

and so on ad finitum. Come and see the rest for yourself. Store open every evening until 10 o'clock. HARDY & HAYES, Jewelers,
529 Smithfield street.

Holiday Delicacies.

We have now in store a fine selection of table delicacies and novelties suitable for the holiday season. If you want goods that it will be a pleasure to eat you will do well to buy of us. We deliver goods everywhere. Freight paid on orders from out of town. Send for price list. MILLER BROS.,
Fine Groceries and Table Delicacies, 182 Federal street, Allegheny. Telephone 3346.

Five Dollars Will Buy How Much Furniture?

Not much in quantity, but in quality and variety a limit can hardly be reached this time of year. SHOENECK & SON,
711 Liberty, opp. Wood.

Notice,
Xmas
Decorators.

We have a complete stock of pink cotton and of white swandown cotton, and of all sorts of material suitable for window decorating.

JOS. HORNE & CO.,
609-621 Penn ave.

HERE, ladies, is value! A lot of ladies' fine Lenox kid Waukenphast shoes, with calf patent leather tips; genuine hand sewed goods; widths A to E; sizes 2½ to 8. Regular price, $4 50. Our price for to-day and to-morrow only $2 50 per pair.

KAUFMANNS' SHOE DEPARTMENT.

Letter Books, Cigarette and Cigar Cases.

Nothing pleases a man more or is more acceptable than one of these articles. Plain or neatly mounted with silver. Open every evening.

J. R. WELDIN & Co., 429, 431 Wood street.

Rich Cut Glass.

Very appropriate for holiday gifts, in great variety and at lower prices than anywhere in the city, at Cavitt, Pollock & Co.'s, No. 935 Penn avenue, a few doors from Ninth street.

A BARGAIN never equaled! Ladies' genuine gilt edge shoe dressing in six-ounce bottles; regular price, 25c. Our price for to-day and to-morrow only 10c per bottle.

KAUFMANNS' SHOE DEPARTMENT.

SEE our holiday display of silk handkerchiefs and silk mufflers.

JAMES H. AIKEN & Co., 100 Fifth avenue.

Schoeneck & Son, 711 Liberty, Opp. Wood,
Makers and displayers of furniture most suitable for holiday gifts.

DE WITT'S Little Early Risers. Best pill for biliousness, sick headache, malaria.

EVERY man needs a pair. Strong, wool-lined buckel arctics for men. Regular price $2 per pair. Our price for to-day and to-morrow only $1 per pair.

KAUFMANNS' SHOE DEPARTMENT.

Ladies' Gold Lockets,

Exquisite designs, in heart, oval, round, square and Louis XV, in Roman gold, set with diamonds, rubies, sapphires and pearls.

Spider web chains go with them to make handsome Xmas gifts.

E. P. ROBERTS & SONS.

WALL PAPER.

New designs and colorings received daily.
Choice patterns at 20c, 25c and 35c.
Cheaper papers from 5c, 8c, 10c, 15c.
Varnished papers for kitchens and bathrooms.
Tile Hearths from 25c up. See them.

J. KERWIN MILLER & CO.,

No. 543 Smithfield Street.

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A BRAND NEW IDEA.

A Scheme to Supply Letter Carriers With Blank Postal Notes—It Would Probably Solve the Small Debt Problem—Mr. Wanamaker Has It Under Consideration.

Uncle Sam has been asked to assist merchants in the collection of their small accounts. John M. Bruce, who has had considerable experience in the difficulties of collecting small bills, has written to Postmaster General Wanamaker asking him to provide the letter carriers with books of postal notes so that they can be purchased by the people on the various routes. Mr. Bruce suggests this will obviate the dunning that has been necessary heretofore with people who have no bank accounts. Mr. Bruce, in speaking of the matter, said:

"The collecting of small accounts such as I have in my business has always been a great problem to me. About a year ago I conceived the idea of supplying the mail carriers with postal notes as being a way out of the difficulty. We by this means can reach about 70 per cent of our customers who by unnecessary delays and excuses keep large sums of money out of circulation. We have the man who has no bank account as well as the man who does not want to make out a check for a small amount to contend with. These small accounts do not seem large in themselves, but in the aggregate the amount would surprise you. Then when we have to send 10 or 15 times after a small amount of a dollar or two the margin of profit is soon eaten up. If it were possible to get postal notes from the letter carriers our customers would be enabled to send the amounts to us by mail, and it would save a great amount of trouble and expense. Following out this idea, I wrote to Mr. Wanamaker. In reply I received a letter stating the suggestion warranted consideration and would have the same in due time. To me, and I think other merchants will join with me, such a move will be hailed as a solution of the small debt question."

Hung in the Belfry.

The five bells which were blessed by the congregation of St. Stanislaus Church on South Fifteenth street last Sunday were hung in the belfry of the church yesterday by John Logan, of Baltimore, Md., a member of the firm from which the bells were purchased.

Do You Know This?

That Sam F. Sipe carries the largest assortment of diamonds in Pittsburg at the most moderate prices and on the easiest terms; open every night during December. Wholesale and retail. Cash or credit. Dispatch building, corner Smithfield and Diamond streets.

WEDDING INVITATIONS,

CALLING CARDS,
FINE STATIONERY.

W. V. DERMITT & CO.,

Engravers, Printers, Stationers,
Law Blank Publishers,
740 Grant street and 39 Sixth avenue.

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$1.00

FOR BEST

Moquette Carpets.

These are the same grade of goods which we had such a run on a few weeks ago. They are worth $1.25 and sell for that everywhere. They will be cut from full rolls—no remnants. Borders to match all patterns.

$1.10 and $1.25

FOR BEST

AXMINSTERS.

The grade of goods we offer you this week at the above two prices never retailed for less than $1.50 elsewhere.

Those Fur and Oriental Rugs are selling fast. Just the thing for a Christmas present.

EDWARD GROETZINGER,

627 AND 629 PENN AVE.

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BIBER & EASTON.

Seasonable Specialties.

Handsome Terry Bath Robes, newest ideas, $3, $4 25, $4 50 and up.

Smoking Jackets, excellent values, $4 50, $5 00.

White Aprons.

Immense variety in Lawn, Suisse Cambric, India Mull, etc., with embroidery, hemstitched, tucks, etc., 25c, 30c, 35c, 50c to $1 00.

Very fine White Aprons, elaborately made and trimmed, $1 25 to $2 50.

Extra Good Values in

MEN'S GLOVES.

Men's Glace Kid Gloves, $1, $1 75.

Men's Suede Kid Gloves, $1, $1 50.

Men's Fur-Top Kid Gloves, lined, $1 00 to $2 50.

Men's Kid Gloves, 2 button, lined, $1 00 to $2 00.

Men's Heavy Scotch Gloves, 50c to $1 00.

Men's Cashmere Driving Gloves, 50c to 90c.

Boys' Kid Gloves, lined, 60c to $1 00.

Evening and Street Shades

Ladies' Best Kid Gloves.

4-button Tan, Drab, Bro. Black Kids, $1.

5-hook, newest colorings, $1.

Black and Colored Undressed Mousquetaire, $1 50.

4-button Derby Kid Gloves, point stitching, perfection in quality, shape and color, $1 85.

8-button length Mousquetaire Kid Gloves in evening, street shades and black, $2 00.

Ladies' Fur-Trimmed Kid Gloves and Mitts, fleece lined, $1 to $1 50.

Ladies' Black Silk Mittens, 90c to $1 12.

Children's Gloves and Mittens in very wide variety, 10c to 50c.

BIBER & EASTON,

505 AND 507 MARKET ST.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

The Leading Dry Goods House. PITTSBURG, PA., Thursday, Dec. 15, 1892

JOS. HORNE & CO.'S

PENN AVE. STORES.

Practical Holiday Presents

—TO—

Housekeepers.

Hints of Value

To be taken by those who have housekeeping friends to remember.

Keep in mind the fact that we have made the greatest preparations of our entire experience for this holiday season. We've provided presents of suitable sorts, in great variety for every member of every household; of all ages and all conditions.

So

If you are perplexed, come to us—stay right in this big store until you have selected a gift for every person on your list.

These are the things of service for householders:

Linens:

Hundreds of styles of Bleached Damask Sets (a cloth and 12 napkins), in the choicest of the new Linens at $2.75, $3, $3.50, $4, $5 and $6 per set.

Handsome Hemstitched Bleached Damask Sets, the finest and best goods imported, at $5.50, $6, $7.50, $8, $10 and up to the finest goods made, at $40 per set.

Fringed Damask Sets, and Fringed and Open-work Sets, special values $3 to $12.

A special Christmas display of fine French Table Linens, exclusive and beautiful patterns, in sets to match, at the lowest prices at which these fine French goods were ever sold.

Fringed Lunch Cloths from $1.50 upward.

Hemstitched Stamped Linen Tray Covers; special values, at 25c each.

Special Holiday display of fine Towels.

Hemstitched Linens from $2.50 to $18 per dozen.

Hemstitched, Damask and Huckaback Towels, special qualities, offered at the popular price of 25c.

French and German Damask Towels, 35c to $2 each.

French Hand Embroidered Towels, with tied fringe, $3.50 and $4.50 each.

Hemstitched Irish Linen Sheets, $4.75, $5.50, $6, $7.50 and up to $12.50 per pair.

Blankets

AND

Comforts:

The entire output of 3 of the largest Blanket Factories in the country sold exclusively over our counter. And that isn't all. We have besides the best products of other great mills, including the famous California (San Jose) Mission Mills Blankets. We have the genuine.

Fine All-wool Blankets, at holiday prices, from $2.50 to $42 per pair.

Good Gray Blankets as low as $1.

We only sell the kind of COMFORTS that you can give with confidence of their proving satisfactory.

All of our Comforts, Cotton or Down, Print, Chintz, Sateen or Silk covered, are clean and new, and the biggest values that even glad Christmas times ever brought you before.

COTTON COMFORTS FROM $1.00 TO $10.00.

DOWN COMFORTS FROM $4.50 TO $75.

Upholstery Department.

This other household department offers you gifts to gladden the heart of housekeepers at as modest or as big an outlay as you've a mind to make.

A special clearance sale of medium to finest grades of Lace Curtains in small lots of 1 to 4 patterns each, at only a little above half regular prices. These patterns cannot be gotten again, hence this sacrifice.

Regular lines of finest Lace Curtains at all prices from 50c to $100 per pair, the choicest to be had, all our own importations.

Special prices being made in Piano and Table Covers in Chenille, Velour and Tapestry.

Oak Screens, 3 fold, 5 feet high, many fancy designs, at $1.75 each.

All sizes and many designs of Japanese Screens, $3 to $9 each.

Fancy Down Pillows, covered and to be covered, with materials of every description for covering them.

75c quality Drapery Silks at 45c.

JOS. HORNE & CO.,

609-621 Penn Avenue.