Impossible to Exaggerate.

and industry have recently penetrated even to the heart of the State and are now de-

the Union, in my judgment, possesses to-day such cheap and abundant raw materials

or offers such conspicuous opportunities for safe and profitable investment of capital.

Had Charge of the Funeral.

buried yesterday morning at Uniondale

Cemetery. Mr. P. Strayer, a nephew of

the deceased, and other members of the

Holiday Excursions.

On December 24, 25, 26, 31, and January 1 and 2, the Pittsburg and Lake Eric Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets, good to return until January 3, inclusive, at one and one-third fare, between all stations, and also to Eric, Cleveland, Chicago, Dayton and intermediate points. Try the new fast trains, only 3½ hours to Cieveland, 8 hours to Buffalo and 14 to Chicago.

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During Christmas week at all the stores of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Com-pany.

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18-in. Leather Satchels, well

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Alligator Satchels, \$3.50 to \$5.

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Wool Dress Patterns, \$1.50 to \$12.50 each. Silk Dress Patterns, \$6 to \$25 each. Cotton Dress Patterns, 70c to \$1 each. Jackets, \$4 to \$50. Capes, \$10 to \$35. Cloaks, \$10 to \$50. Waterproof Cloaks, \$1 to \$25. Fur Muffs, \$1 to \$35. Fur Collarettes, \$4.50 to \$25. Fur Capes, \$12 to \$125. Sealskin Muffs, \$10 to \$35. Sealskin Capes, \$50 to \$125. Sealskin Jackets, \$75 to \$300. Sealskin Mantles, \$100 to \$350. Fur-Lined Garments, \$50 to \$350. Kid Gloves, \$1 to \$3. Linen Handkerchiefs, 10c to \$12. Silk Handkerchiefs, 10c to \$3. Lace Handkerchiefs, 50c to \$40. Gauze Fans, 75c to \$25. Feather Fans, \$1 to \$100. Umbrellas, \$1 to \$20. Pocketbooks, 50c to \$3. Chatelaine Bags, 50c to \$10. Shopping Bags, \$1 to \$6.50. Silver Combs, 75c to \$3.50. Silver Brushes, \$3.50 to \$6. Silver Colognes, \$1 to \$8. Silver Whisk Brooms. Silver Mirrors.

Silver Vinaigrettes.

House Coais, \$4.50 to \$35. Bath Robes, \$3.25 to \$20. Mackintoshes, \$8.50 to \$25. Canes, 75c to \$8. Suspenders, 50c to \$2. Neckwear, 50c to \$2.50. Linen Handkerchiefs, 121/2c to \$1. Silk Handkerchiefs, 25c to \$2.25. Wool Gloves, asc to \$2. Kid Gloves, \$1 to \$2.50. Sealskin Caps, \$7.50 to \$10. White Shirts, \$1 to \$3. Night Shirts, 85c to \$4.50.

Production of Coal and Coke, After a moment's thought Governor Flem-"Perhaps the industry that will be most advanced is that of coal and coke production. Rapid as has been the expanm of this industry in West Virginia, it is but in its incipiency. The great Appalachian coal measures are known to embrace the entire State, with the exception of the lower Potomac counties. The coal area is computed at 16,000 square miles. A great portion of it is easily and cheaply mined, all of it is of the highest grade of excellence, much of it lies in close proximity to vast deposits of iron ore and limestone, and is admirably located in point of accessibility to the best markets. Perhaps the most notable development

over 200 in the past 11 months. The newly

built railroads are chiefly cross lines pene-trating the interior of the State, and con-structed primarily to reach and throw open

alone aggregated in excess of 1,300,000

in this State is taking place in the Pocahontas and Elkhorn district. This field, ex-tending from Webster and Nicholas counties in this State to Tazewell and Russell counties in Virginia, it opened up by the extension of the Norfolk and Western Railroad. The growth is phenomenal. That it will continue, if not indeed increase, is beyond doubt. The coal is of superior quality and thickness.
"As illustrative of the remarkable coal

deposits found in this State, I may refer to a conspicuous development on Pond Fork of Little Coal river, in Boone county. There may be seen no less than ten seams coal, ranging from 2 feet 7 inches to 12 feet in thickness, and aggregating 68 feet 11 inches of coal from top to bottom. One vein is pure cannel coal 42 inches thick,

overlaid with 34 inches of splint. Of Interest to Pittsburg.

"The iron ores," continued the Governor, 'are of course of special interest to Pittsburg. As yet there has been comparatively little development in this line throughout West Virginia, but this has not been be-cause of a lack of natural advantages. A few small blast furnaces have worked the native ores which belong to and are found in the coal measures in the northern part of the State, but lack of cheap transportation facilities at the time caused the abandon ment of these enterprises, and but little attention has since been paid to our iron ore deposits. The rapid development of our coals however, and the extension of our railroads into the interior of the State, will certainly excite a more active inquiry into the extent and value of our iron ores.

"West Virginia is destined in the near future to take high rank as a producer of jured man hauled to the Southside Hospital pig iron. Indeed, I have the best authori-ty—the report of an English expert of known character and ability, who has made a report for an English syndicate who contemplate making large investments—for stating that pig iron can be made in the northeastern part of the State for \$7 a ton, which is the lowest point yet reached in the cost of production. This fact would, with good transportation facilities, be most imortant to the Pittsburg plants which need a large supply of raw material.

Any Quality of Lumber.

There is another of our staples," said Mr. Fieming, "which is constantly in demand in a growing city like Pittsburg. Our lumber is almost inexhaustible, and much of it is of the finest quality. As it is now, we ship most of this lumber as far away as Boston, New York and Chicago. If these cities find it profitable to buy lum ber here, surely to a neighbor like Pittsburg it would be even more advantageous Yet at present we ship scarcely any lumbe to your city. The lack of means of transportation is of course almost entirely re

sponsible for this condition.
"Bich as is West Virginia in coal, iron and timber, the past few years have dem-oustrated that she is no less rich in deposits of petroleum oil. There are now three well defined producing fields along parallel lines having a general northeast and south-west direction, and the activity of the operators, the millions of capital already nvested, the extent and character of the territory make the State the chief rival of Pennsylvania as the source of the future oil supply of the country. The develop-

travel lay along the northern and southern ment of this territory requires an abundance borders of the triangular-shaped State, and population and trade swept heedlessly by, of the necessary material, and affords an incidental market for large quantities of general merchandise. Pittaburg is the unaware of the capabilities of her soil, the extent and value of her forests, or the inexnatural headquarters for all of this busi-ness, and with anything like an even chance will get the great bulk of it." haustible wealth of her vast mineral de-

Speedy and Profitable Transactions. Secretary of State Oley is equally en-thusiastic with his chief over the develop-"While this is not now true to the extent it was a score of years ago, while capital ment of the State's great deposits of natural wealth. In conversation with THE DISveloping her hidden riches with tremendous energy, the vast possibilities of the State are as yet scarcely realized, her richest PATCH correspondent he said: "All that is really needed for any section of West Virginia is to have attention called to its advantages. The first investors in any mineral regions are practically unexplored, her great stores of iron and coal are comher great stores of iron and coal are comparatively untouched, and of the 16,640,000 acres of land in the State probably 8,000,000 acres of land in the State probably 8,000,000 acres are still in the virgin forest. It would, in truth, be impossible to exaggerate the unequaled opportunities which West Virginia presents, therefore, to capital and every kind of manufacturing and commercial enterprise. No other State in the Union, in my judgment, possesses to day such cheap and abundant raw materials

Pennsylvania and West Virginia are a nearly the same as possible, and a close connection cannot fall to be of mutual benefit."

"In 1863, when the State of West Virginia was organized," the Governor con-These utterances express the feelings o tinued, "there were only about 360 miles of railroad. In 1880 this many others prominent in the war-born State. The desire for a more intimate was augmented to about 700, and since then the increase has been particuconnection with Pittsburg is general. The means necessary to attain the end THE larly rapid. At the present time the total number of miles is about 1,700, an increase of sent to the public.

BANCROFT.



"They're always doing something at Parkersbury."

SIOUX ATTEND THE SCHOOLS.

a short time ago. On Sunday he attended the funeral of Colonel W. F. Drum, at Springfield. The Colonel died in July at the fort, and as the body could not be emhalmed it was buried until it could be removed to the family burial place in Ohio. Lieutenant' Wassel, of Pittaburg, is sta-tioned at Ft. Yates in charge of an Indian company. The Captain says the Lieutenant has them well trained, and they are the best marksmen and fighters in the West

Ft. Yates is located in the Standing Rock country. There are 4,000 Sioux in the agency. Miss Kate Drexel, who took the veil in this city, has established schools near the fort for the reds and is doing good work. The Government also has several schools, and Captain Haskell says the attendance is fair. When the children play hook the old bucks are often seen taking them to the schoolhouses.

THE ENIGHTS' FAIR.

A Competitive Drill and Waltzing Contests to Be Features.

Great Western Lodge Knights of Pythias, No. 345, opened its fair in the Auditorium last night in a very successful manner. It is for the benefit of the sick fund of the order. There was a large crowd present. Among the number were many past and State officers.

The fair will last until after the holidays. The events of the entertainment are to be a waltzing contest and a competitive drill by the uniformed rank of the Knights. Only Pittsburg and Alle-gieny commanderies are allowed to com-pete. The handsomest lady waltzer is to received a basket of beautiful flowers from Coroner Heber McDowell, and the commandery carrying the honors will be pre-sented with a \$200 banner.

A PECULIAR COINCIDENCE.

The Same Wagon Carries Two Victims of

the Birmingham Cars on One Trip, J. T. Hash, of Butler, was run down by a Birmingham car at Eighteenth and Carson streets last night. Semmelrock's livery wagon was just returning from baving taken the body of John Rodgers, who was killed by a Birmingham car Saturday night, from the undertaking rooms to his home when the accident happened, and the inother victim of the electric car. Hash was badly cut up, and will have to have an arm

Stole Little Bits of Brass.

George Easton is in the Central station on a charge of larceny. He is employed by the Westinghouse Electric Company, on Garrison alley, and, it is alleged, he has been practicing systematic stealing for some time by carrying out small pieces of brass in his pockets until he had collected 50 or 60 pounds. Yesterday he sold the whole lot to a junk dealer at the corner of South Ninth street and Mint alley. Information has been made against Elizabeth and Andy Walsh, proprietors of the junk shop, for re

Besigned His Official Position,

D. A. Hayes, the green glass plowers' delegate to the Citizens' Alliance, has resigned the position of Chairman and member of the Executive Committee of that

Dr. John Cooper, Jr. Ear, nose, throat and chest diseases. Office Westinghouse building, Pittsburg, Pa. Hours 11 a. M. to 4 P. M.

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United Presbyterian Ministers Propose to Adopt a

FIGHT THE SOCIAL EVIL.

Demand That the Laws against Crime Re Ligidly Enforced.

APPEALING TO THE PUBLIC FOR AID

The Ministerial Association is fighting the social evil problem along a new line. It is now trying to get the courts to take up

the question. Yesterday a lengthy prayer was read before the association and given out to the press. The courts are asked to lay the matter before the grand jury and have that body inquire into the action of the Public Safety Department. The ministers want the courts to see whether this department is not governing the city in open disregard of the laws. It also asks that the chiefs of these departments be requested to resign if they do not show some disposition to do their duty. They still have a recourse left if the courts fail to act in accordance with their request. The ministers will take up the battle themselves and fight it to victory. In a mild way the paper refers to the re-marks of the New York ministers in regard to the manner the Pittsburg clergy dealt with the women several days ago.

How the Ministers Feel About It. The paper, as adopted at yesterday's

meeting, follows: Having waited for almost three weeks for the Public Safety Department to make som practical move toward the enforcement of the law for the suppression of disorderly houses, in accordance with the Mayor's direction and urgent request, and seeing no indication that such movement is intended, we make an appeal to our fellow citizens

and the courts.

Communications from residents of the First ward have directed attention to the appalling immoralities practiced and pro-tected in the lower part of the city. Some-thing like 150 resorts existed in that community alone, lilegal liquor selling was carried on in every one of these habitations. All this was not only known to the police but brought about by their fostering care and directions. As many of the respectable people as could get away fled from the doomed district as from the pesti-

Brought in Contact With Crime. Being a densely peopled locality, how-ever, and many of the residents for business purposes were compelled to remain, these were constantly exposed to contact with all manner of vice. Children playing in the streets or on their way to and from school, hove and girls and men and women going to and from work, or out for the evening and on their way home; clerks and laboring men who fill the offices and lactories that crowd built railroads are chiefly cross lines penetraining the interior of the State, and constructed primarily to reach and throw open
to capital those sections of the State particularly rich in coal and iron deposits and
varied agricultural capabilities. The traffic
developed by these roads within a year or
two is often surprising. The coal and coke
shipments, for instance, over the West Virginia Central Railroad in a single year
slows surpressed in everse of 1 200 000

Miss Kate Drexel Doing a Good Work
Among the Indians.

Captain H. L. Haskell, of the Twelfth
Infantry, located at Ft. Yates, N. Dak.,
passed through the city last evening bound
for Philadelphia. He was going there with
the body of Private Lewis Dant, who died
a short time ago. On Sunday he attended
the ward; Christian people on their way to
church on the Sabbath, all classes at
all times were constantly face to
face with this abominable and debasing
type who fill the offices and factories that crowd
the ward; Christian people on their way to
church on the Sabbath, all classes
at all times were constantly face to
face with this abominable and the specially from their religious
guardians and teachers, but all in vain. The
people of that ward are poor and there was
nobody to take up their cause. The only
answer by the police department to exposia short time ago. On Sunday he attended the social evil is a necessity and they would not interfere with it. Even the illegal liquor selling was justified on the same ground and the purpose on the part of the authorities to continue in this scheme of contamination was plainly and unblushingly anounced.

ingly announced.

This state of affairs alarmed and horrified the decent and thoughtful people of the city. Ministers called attention to it in their pulpits. It was under these cir-cumstances that this association took it in their pulpits. It was under these cir-cumstances that this association took action. On our first appeal to the Mayor he was disposed rather to lecture us and our churches for neglect of duty toward the criminal classes than give our demand the respect and consideration which would seem to have been its due.

Mayor Gourley Was Convinced. Our subsequent appeal, however, he publicly declared convinced him of the justice forthwith directed the police department to

How did that department respond? Their action must appear to all sober, intelligent people as most censurable and menacing. The law requires the arrest and prosecution of keepers of disorderly houses: the prosecution of agents and owners of property used for immoral purposes. This was the thing, therefore, demanded by this association. Instead, however, of this regular and orderly process, an order was issued that sent all these hundreds or women into the public theroughfares of the city. For two days the police department—the guardians of the peace of over 250,000 people—permitted these women to tramp our streets, to assault the houses of our citizens and violently force an entrance into our homes in the dead hour of the night without offering us the slightest protection from these invasions. It was even insisted by these women, who came by the score and How did that department respond? Their from these invasions. It was even insisted by these women, who came by the score and assaulted us with language most foul, that they were directed so to do by our police authorities. This was the response of our public safety department to the respect-ful petition of this association, sustained by the authority of the Mayor, to enforce the

law against crime and vice Explaining Their First Position. While the cry was raised by thoughtless or vicious people that these women were at our instigation turned out to suffer on the streets, it is known to every one that their houses were not closed and that they came and went to their former places of abode without molestation; and that, while there was ample provision for the care of scores in the comfortable institutions open to them in the city, which it was publicly announced

in the city, which it was publicly announced were open to all, there was not a single sincere application at one of them or in any other quarter for assistance.

Our appeal now is to our fellow citizens and to our courts. What shall we do? When we respectfully petition to have the law encored against the most dangerous and corrupting class of criminals in our city we are answered by having them turned loose upon us to wreak their vengeance by invading us to wreak their vengeance by invading our homes and then to go back to their re-sorts unmoiested. Is it safe under such cir sorts unmolested. Is it safe under such cir-cumstances to call upon our police authori-ties for the enforcement of any of our crimi-nal statutes? Are we not in equal danger of having any other lawless class turned loose long enough to teach us not to interfere with the business of this department?

Asking for Officials' Resignations. Does not the conduct of this department of public safety justify the good citizens in demanding either the resignation of its de linquent chiefs or some reasonable assurance that they will proceed to do their sworn duty and give adequate protection? A crisis is upon us. While criminals are

A crisis is upon us. While criminals are protected or unmolested, law-abing citizens who dure demand the enforcement o: law are abandoned to the will of the law less. This is what inevitably comes o: parmitting the sworn guardians of our peace and executors of our criminal statutes to substitute their own will for law, and, instead of suppressing, fostering and regulating crime. We are warned not only by the official report of Superintendent O'Mara, of this city, and the attitude of Byrnes, o New York, but by the attitude of Byrnes, o New York, but by the attitude of police officials in all our large cities, that it is the deliberate intention to force upon the people of this country the practical legalizing of crime. It is claimed that this is the only practical method of dealing with it; that it cannot be suppressed, and that even if it could be, it would not be wise to do so.

Accepted as a Necessity.

Accepted as a Necessity. It is accepted as a necessity. In view of these facts, so full of danger to every interest of society, we appeal to that great class in our community which loves social order and purity. Are you ready to accept

this monstrous doctrine? Will you tolerate its practical application in this community? Can you with safety to your homes, to your sons and daughters, permit the municipal authorities to take under their official protection this, the most degrading of all vices? Will you accept the assertion that law has no obligation to condemn, and civil authority no power to suppress an evil so great as this? Will you suffer the guardians of your city to classify disorderly houses in the same category with your sacred homes, so far as the right to their protection is concerned? And will you sit idly by while the sworn executors of the law place themselves above the law-making power of the Commonwealth and openly and shamelessly decline to enforce laws which were enacted to protect your homes because they assume to pronounce them unwise?

An Appeal to the Courts.

R. A. ELLIOT, Secretary.

An Ohio Girl Glad He Had Sent Her

Mayor Gourley yesterday received a let-

WANT THEIR SERMONS IN ENGLISH. A New Congregational Church Formed

The English-speaking members of the Welsh Congregational Church who seceded from the old congregation a few weeks ago on account of their children not being able to understand the mother tongue, together with a number of members from various churches in the city, organized the Puritan Church at Slingmen's Hall, on Twenty-first and Carson streets, last night. The hall was filled with members of sister churches, so that the new church starts out under auspicious circumstances. There are about 40 members. A Sabbath school of 75 members has been organized with Evan O.

dock; T. C. Benjamin. Services will be field weekly in Slingmen's Hall until prep-arations can be made for a church. The celebration of Christmas especially interesting for all who will attend.

THE CASE SETTLED

Margaret and Howard Made Up and Both

Are Happy Now. Margaret Stevenson settled a case with Howard Paulding in Alderman Kerr's salesman for a Boston house, and met the girl 18 months ago. They became intimate and he promised to marry her. She died of a broken heart.

where he had registered under an assumed name. When brought back and the girl saw him, she burst into tears. Nobody seemed to know how the case was settled, but Margaret is happy.

girl living a short distance from the city. and he induced the brother to give the girl Ismilton's Holiday Sale.

Everything in the music line; see the shipload in the window, and the good ship anchored with lights at masthead and bow. Come yourself, bring the little folks; we have something for averyone, music boxes, harmonicas, violins, banjos, at lowest prices.

HAMILTON'S,

91 and 93 Fifth avenue.

Good Morning. During Christmas week, as usual, we will present each purchaser of ten, coffee, baking powder and spices with a beautiful panel entitled as above. Don't tail to get one. To be had at all the stores of The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co.,

34 Fifth avenue,

1708 Carron street.

1700 Carson street, 43.4 Butler street, 6127 Penn avenue, East Eng, 1638 Penn avenue, 128 Fitth avenue, McKeesport, 1.6 Federal street, Allegheny.

A Christmas Gift To your gentlemen friends, Fine umbrella,
Fine walking cane,
Fine glo

Nearly New Upright for \$175. Mellor & Hoene, 77 Fifth Avenue. For sale by party who has left city. It must be sold at once, so price is less than it should be. Cost new \$275.

MELLOS & HONNE, Founded 1831,
Warerooms, 77 Fifth avenue.

You should by all means go to Henry Ter-heyden's, 530 Smithfield street, and see his display of novelties in silver.

Stamp boxes,
Bonbon boxes,
Bonbon boxes,
And hundreds of other things suitable for
the holiday times.
It won't cost you a cent to look at the

A scarf pin, A stud.

Good Morning During Christmas week at all the stores of The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Com-

Dz Wrrr's Little Barly Risers. Best pill

AGAINST A COMPROMISE. BUY THE BRIDGES

An Official Demand for \$1,500,000 in Bonds for That Purpose. VOTE OF THE PEOPLE REQUIRED.

Free Bridge at Fouth Twenty-Second street Recommended. BRISK MEETING OF A SLOW COMMITTEE

The long dormant Free Bridge Commitee got a move on vesterday and before it djourned had voted to build a free bridge across the Monongahela river at South Twenty-second street and to recommend the issue of \$1,500,000 in bonds. The bonds are to be used in buying all the present bridges to the Southside. Both the Twenty-second street bridge matter and the bond issue must be passed on by Councils before it can go any further. Those who have interested themselves enough to study the feeling of Councils on the question say they will pass an ordinance to submit the bond issue to a popular vote, which must be done before the issue can be made.

As to the bridge at South Twenty-second street, it is believed it will pass without much difficulty and, whether the bond issue goes through or not, the bridge money already appropriated by Councils will be used in its construction. Chief Bigelow told the committee yesterday he had received rough estimates of cost on the bridge and it will cost \$300,000 if built wide enough for three tracks and \$400,000 for four tracks. He said the accurate figures would probably fall below the estimate.

To Connect With Second Avenue. The rough plan of the bridge he has prepared provides for a high elevation so that one entrance will come out on a level with Forbes street at Brady, and the other at Fox alley on South Twenty-second street. He proposes that a branch track with an easy grade will connect the bridge with Second avenue which it will cross at an

elevation of 40 or 50 feet. There was a good attendance of the com-mittee, all but Messrs. Ford and Holliday being present. The latter had in his pos-session the report of the sub-committee instructed to ascertain the cost of the existing bridges, so no report was made. The subcommittee to prepare legislation for con-demnation of bridge properties, only re-ported progress. The sub-committee on sites reported, through Mr. Matthews, a resolution in layor of the South Twenty-second street location and instructing Chief Bigelow to proceed at once with the

Chairman Bigham ruled the resolution out of order, and it was changed to a recommendation with the instructions to Chief Bigelow cut out. A discussion on the subject of location followed an attempt by Mr. Robertson to change it to South Eighth

He argued that that location was more central than the other, but said the greatest advantage would come from wiping out the tranchise value of the Tenth street and Smithfield street bridges by placing a free bridge between them and compelling the companies to sell out at the actual cost of their property. Mr. Fox argued in the Mr. Mathews maintained that South

Twenty-second street would be the most central location and would give accommo-Howard Paulding in Alderman Kerr's office last evening. He was charged with larceny and misdemeanor. Paulding is a salesman for a Boston house, and met the was deleated and the recommendation adopted, Messrs. Fox and Robertson being the only opposition.

It was Mr. Robertson who sprung the

> presentation at the next meeting of Councils "These bonds," he said, "should be made to run for 30 years. They can be floated easily at 314 or 4 per cent, we will say 4. In order to pay them off at maturity a sinking fund of 31/2 per cent would be necessary. This would make 71/2 per cent a year on \$4,500,000, which would be about \$230,000. We are now appropriating \$300,000 a year for park extensions and improvements, \$100,000 for extending the water plant and

> \$100,000 for free bridges. This keeps up our tax rate and we have comparatively little to show for it. Posterity Getting the Benefit. "By issuing these bonds we will have *270,000 less to appropriate each year, and at the same time secure the improvements we want, need and should have had 20 years ago. going from one part of the city to another. The bonds should be divided, \$1,500,000 to parks, the same amount to water works and the same to bridges. With the \$300,000

in the bridge fund next year we could buy all the bridges and build a new one at

for it anyway. Mr. Robertson, after considerable discussion, changed his motion, reducing the bond issue to \$1,500,000, and making i Southside wants free bridges. The necessity for water works improvements exists. They are needed badly, and it will cost a heap of money to make them. By my original proposition the tax rate next year could be reduced 2 mills without incon-venience. I am afraid the East End people will not vote for a bond issue for free

WHEN PEOPLE DESIRE A good room they invariably read the To Let Room Columns of THE DISPATCH.

Will Entertain the Press Club. Club house. Sixth avenue, to-morrow afternoon between 3 and 4 o'clock. Lieutenant Harlow, who was a member of the Greeley relief expedition, entertained the Press ing description of what he had witnessed in

Doing 's Good Work. J. H. Limberger, of Buffalo, joint agent of the freight inspecting bureau, was at the Seventh Avenue Hotel yesterday. He comes here every month to visit the local office. Mr. Limberger says the bureau has come to be a part of the railroad machinery and does not attract the attention it did when first organized five years ago. It was disagreeable work at first, and the agenta had a rocky road to travel. Now shippers accept the inspections as belonging to the business.

Enoch Jones, aged 8 years, of Idlewood, while crossing the railroad at that place Saturday evening in front of a freight train, had his toot caught in a trog. Before he could extract it he was run down and had a leg cut off above the knee. It was reported that the accident occurred while stealing a ride, but this is denied by his friends.

The Relatives of the Lamented Minis The Allegheny Reform Association Asks Councils to Compel the Street Railways The Rev. O'B. Strayer, who died at the to Pay the City-A Series of Red-Hot West Penn Hospital on Friday last, was

The Allegheny Reform Association is fter the traction roads that owe money to the city. At a meeting last evening the following resolution was adopted:

family were present. From a remark in the article published in THE DISPATCH WHEREAS, It appears from the public prints that according to the report of the yesterday, the deduction might be made that the family left Mr. Srtayer's burial to Auditing Committee there is due the city others. This is not so, and the greater part of the funeral expenses was borne by rom certain passenger railways and traction companies, for taxes and other charges. the sum of, approximately, \$28,000, and it is now proposed to compromise the payments of these claims for, approximately, \$21,000; P. Strayer. The Rev. Mr. Strayer, besides his purely literary pursuits, was a practical newspaper man, and the paper he conducted at Brownsville called The Three Towns is still remembered. Recently Robert Ingersoll commissioned Mr. Strayer to

and
Whereas, Estimating the taxable valua-tion of the city at \$75,000,000, the payment of the amount claimed to be due the city would be equal to a reduction of three mills would be equal to a reduction of three mills in the tax levy for one year, and

Whereas, It appears that there has been no proceedings instituted by the city for the recovery of any part of these claims, and that the proposed compromise from the corporations referred to without attempting to affirm or deny any of the statements made by the officials of the city or the corporations as to the justice or injustice of the chaim, ordinary business shrewdness would suggest that when such a large amount is involved that every effort should be made to collect the amount before the proper court, "as debts of like amount are by law recoverable," when all the lacts, as well as the law in the case will be properly presented and considered, and it is only justice to the taxpayers that this be done, so that they may know what official or officials of the city are responsible for this condition of affairs.

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It was then ordered that the Mayor present to Councils a resolution authorizing the City Solicitor to institute proceedings at once against the street railway compa-nies and to admit the lawyers of the association into the case to see that "no guilty man escaped." If proceedings are not started in a reasonable time the officers of the association will take steps to compel Councils to act and to prevent any com-promise, if it is attempted. Until the indebtedness of the companies to the city is settled the association will protest against granting any new franchises, or making any

LED GIRLS AROUND.

Charles Stanford Gets Into Trouble fo Failing to Keep a Promise,

Charles Stanford, colored, was placed in Central station last night by Officer Charles Allen. Stanford is alleged to have induced Officer Allen's sister, colored, to go with him to Allegheny last Saturday for the purpose of getting a place in a restaurant as cook at \$6 a week. He got \$2 from her to pay the car fare and kept the change, and after getting to Allegheny he led the girl up one street and down another, alleg-ing that he could not find the restaurant in question, until it became quite late, and the girl finally got frightened and ran away from him. It is claimed Stanford had taken another girl to Allegheny on the same pretense a week ago. An intermation has been made against him before Alderman Gripp.

LAW STUDENTS ORGANIZE.

The New Organization Will Hold Moot Courts and Hear Lectures.

A permanent association has been formed by the law students of Allegheny county for the holding of most courts. A series of lectures will be given by members of the bar. They have secured a room in the Court House and will hold weekly meetings. The officers elected are: President, E. L. Kearns; Vice President, A. B. Smith; Treasurer, E. B. Goehring; Secretary, W. A. Magee; Marshal, Thomas Kane; Executive Committee, J. C. Merritt, E. Jones, T. P. Trimbil, C. Smith and J. M. Petty.

Police Barracks Ready. The new police barracks at Oak and Cherry alleys was occupied for the first bond question. He moved to make the issue of \$4,500,000 in bonds a part of an ordinance which should be prepared for heretofore been sleeping at No. 1 Patrol heretofore been sleeping at No. 1 Patrol stable. Beds are provided for 12 men, but only six day and as many night men are to be quartered there for the present. The barracks will be supplied, when complete, with an assembly room on the first floor and upright shower baths for the men in the

asement. Old Odd Fellows Rewarded. The Supreme Lodge of Odd Fellows, at ts last session voted a handsome memorial badge of the order to all its members of 25 years' standing. Fred Schmidt, the Diamond street saloonkeeper, has been a member for nearly 36 years, and last night the officers of Wm. Tell Louge No. 45, presented him with his badge. Rev. H. Schnorr made the presentation speech and

Mr. Schmidt responded. Fine Fruits. We have now in store a large stock of all the finest evaporated and dried fruits, both domestic and foreign. We can do you good on these goods. Send for price list. Goods delivered everywhere. MILLER BROS., Fine Groceries and Table Delicacies, 182 Federal street, Allegheny.

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At H. Kieber & Bro.'s. Washburn mandolins and guitars. Kiehers' specialty banjos. Higham's celebrated cornets. Fine old violins. Fine old violins. Music wrappers and cabinets. 100 styles of guitars and mandolins from\$ is styles of banjos from \$3 up.

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Half Hose, 25c to \$3.50. Underwear, \$1 to \$10 per suit. Traveling cases, 75c to \$12. Cuff and Collar Boxes, \$1.50 to \$3. Pocketbooks, 50c to \$5. Hand Satchels (unfitted), \$2 to \$12.

Silver Combs, 75c to \$3.50. 105 AND 507 MARKET SE Silver brushes, \$3.50 to \$6. Silver Cups, 40c to \$3. WEDDING INVITATIONS, Silver Shaving Mugs, \$2.50 to

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An Appeal to the Courts. We appeal to the honorable judges of our courts, who have so often interposed in de-fense of the imperilled interests of society, whether in view of the facts detailed in this whether in view of the facts detailed in this paper there is not reason to instruct the grand jury to inquire and report if it be true that the Department of Public Safety of the city of Pitsburg is administering our government in open disregard or legislative enactments by fostering and regulating instead of suppressing diorderly houses and illegal liquor selling therein.

We appeal, further, to the people of sober sense and moral convictions to not permit their minds to be influenced by the wanton and groundless assaults made upon our con-

their minds to be inhuenced by said and groundless assaults made upon our conduct in seeking to secure the enforcement duct in seeking to secure and only we would be worked the minds of society. We of the law for the protection of society. We promise law-abiding and decency-loving promise iaw-abiding and decency-loving people everywhere that we will persist in our efforts to turn back the fide of immoralty that has set in and is threatening to submerge our city and our country, and we invite them to stand with us in behalt or righteousness.

R. A. FLIJOT Secretary.

President.

THANKING THE MAYOR.

ter from a young woman in Ohio. She was one of the inmates of the disorderly houses at the time of the recent crusade. She expressed her thanks to the Mayor for having rescued her and sent her home.

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Jones, superintendent.

The meeting last evening was called to order by Rev. H. A. L. King, of Steubenville, O. Rev. T. R. Jones, of Windham, O., was chosen moderator. The visiting pastors were: Revs. T. A. Humphreys, of Labortown, Lobo Edwards, D. J. A. L. Johnstown; John Edwards, D. D., J. A. L. King, T. R. Jones, J. H. Young, of Bradnew church will make a special feature of the Sabbath school, and expects to makethe

gave him her watch and diamend ring and one day he disappeared. Margaret finally confided her trouble to her tather, and he

Superintendent O'Mara yesterday, solved the problem as to what to do with a 17-yearold girl who has been held since last Friday at Central station. The girl ran away from her home at Ebensburg, and told a story of her father abusing her. The Superintendent did not know whether to believe her, and was not assured even after an interview with her father. Yesterday, however, he learned of the existence of a brother of the

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Twenty-second street besides. Mr. Bigham picked several flaws in Mr. Robertson's argument and declared it not a part of the bridge committee's business to provide bonds for parks and water works.

He didn't believe the people would vote simply a recommendation to Councils, and it was passed. "As to the people voting for it," said he, "that is why I wanted to include parks and water works. All the city is interested in them, but only the

Lieutenant Charles H. Harlow, United States Navy, who was stationed in Chile during the exciting incidents of last winter, has consented to give a talk on his experiences and observations in Chile to the members of the Press Club at the Press the Arctic regions.

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