COOKS AS WITNESSES

Nearly All the Men Employed in This Capacity on the River Steamers

WILL BE MADE TESTIFY

In the Homestead Poison Cases, as They Worked in the Mill.

MANY OF THEM TO BE ARRESTED.

One Man Makes a Confession to District Attorney Burleigh.

BUTLER COUNTY MEN OFFER EVIDENCE

Nearly every river cook shipping from Pittsburg knows more or less about the poisoning of the Homestead non-unionists. They will be given a chance to impart their information when the cases come up in court.

This new feature worked itself to publicity yesterday, when one of the cooks, who is supposed to be conversant with the poisoning scheme, quietly stole out of town. It became known in river circles yesterday that the Carnegie Company was going to use all the cooks as witnesses. A fact that has never been published is that most of the men who prepared the food in the Homestead mills had done similar work on the rivers. The Little Bill and Tide were engaged from the beginning of the trouble in hauling men and supplies to Homestead. It is said that the proprietors of these boats were asked to furnish cooks for the mill. As the summer season of the year is always very dull on the river, the river cooks were glad to get work at the steel plant. Nearly every available cook was employed.

A River Cook Confesses.

Yesterday one of these men was called before District Attorney Burleigh. The lawyer asked him to tell what he knew about the poison story. The cook said he knew nothing of it, but Mr. Burleigh knew he did. The District Attorney remarked that his memory might be freshened by a sojourn in jail. The cook broke down under this threat and made a confession. It is said that he furnished Mr. Burleigh with some very damaging proof against the accused men.

After this interview it was decided to commence a wholesale arrest of the cooks. The men, as a general thing, are only wanted as witnesses, but it is feared they will run away. The arrests will probably begin today. Detective Farrell yesterday had warrants and subpœnas for quite a number of men, and he was looking some of them up. One of the men wanted badly is now down the river on a trip. His boat is expected to arrive this morning, and as soon as it does he will be arrested.

Four More Victims Testify.

Four victims of the Homestead poisoning were yesterday found at Chicora, in Butler county. They are L. H. Craig, George Arny, H. R. Thompson and George North. Each of these men had good paying positions in the mill, but they were among the first to be stricken with the mysterious malady which they say has sent more men to their graves than the general public dreams of. They held on at the works, thinking their ailments would yield to the ordinary treatment, but were finally brought home broken down and almost helpless. Arny's troubles have developed liver complaint, and, although he was a large, healthy man, he is now a living skeleton and is unable to do anything. In speaking of the condition of things at the mill during the strike the men all tell the same story substantially as follows:

"We had worked in the mill only a few days when we were attacked with severe cramps and dysentery. Because many other workmen were affected in the same way we attributed it to some general cause, and finally agreed that it must be the water and the change of our manner of life. The thing that finally alarmed and discouraged us was the inet the treatment given us at the hospital department in the works did us no good, and it was only a question of time until we were physically unable to do our work, and were forced to come home.

The Story Never Told.

"The newspapers have told little or nothing about the terrible condition of affairs that existed at one time within the so-called stockade, where the stenches and foulness incidental to the character of the prevailing malady among so many men was at times almost unbearable, even to those who were not so badly affected, particularly when the days were hot. It was a condition of things where sickness begot sickness, despite all that the company could do, and the company poured out money like water in providing for the men in its employ at that time. Veteran soldiers who saw the horrors of Southern stockade prison pens told us it recalled their experiences in prisons. Looking back at it now seems like a horrible dream, and if a fair trial of the men accused of poisoning us shows that the charges are true, whether popular sentiment serves to shield them or not, they deserve punishment for wholesale murder, and if they are unfairly acquitted some men among the many whom they have ruined for life will surely wreak on them the vengance they merit."

It is said Patrick Gallagher is feeling very sore because he had to go to jail. He thinks the Carnegie Company should have bailed him, and says that was promised. District Attorney Burleigh says Gallagher will not be used as a witness unless he wants to make a statement. No promises have been made him.

Druggist Shaffer, of Homestead, called on Mr. Burleigh yesterday in answer to the latter's request for a conference. He was closeted with Mr. Burleigh for over an hour, but neither gentleman would say what they had consulted about.

ALL INTERESTED IN HOMESTEAD.

Vice President Carney Tells of His Reception at the Convention.

William A. Carney, Vice President of the Amalgamated Association, and Second Vice President of the American Federation of Labor, returned from Philadelphia yesterday. He had been making a tour of some of the Eastern mills, and was pleased with what he saw. He is well posted on the questions relating to the work of the Federation, and spoke freely of its plans and future prospects. He said President Gompers intended calling a meeting of the Executive Council in a short time to dispose of some of the business now before it. Means are being adopted to increase the defense fund to be used in case of long strikes. The money will be loaned to the trades striking with interest.

He stated the Homestead poison stories caused great excitement and wherever he went persons constantly besieged him with questions wanting to know all about Homestead and the exciting incidents connected with it. Homestead, Tennessee and Cœur d' Alene were the most talked about subjects during the convention.

Cannot Get Bail.

McLuckie and Ross are still in jail. An effort was made yesterday to secure bail for them, but no one could be found who wanted to go on the Homesteaders' bonds.

THREE BAD YOUNGSTERS.

A 10-Year-Old Boy Arrested for Drunkenness—Two Young Tobacco Thieves—All Accomplished Criminals and They Pass the Night in Prison Cells.

John Devine, aged 10 years, was arrested last night for drunkenness. The boy was discovered about 6 o'clock on Forty-eighth street and Penn avenue in a state of intoxication. He was arrested while throwing stones at houses and insulting passers-by. All the way to the Seventeenth ward station he screamed and yelled but refused to say anything about himself. His temper seemed entirely uncontrollable. Where the lad obtained the liquor is a mystery. He was well dressed and seemed to be in good circumstances.

Detective McTighe last night captured Edward Carroll, aged 9 years, of 26 Robinson street, Allegheny, and James Strong, aged 13 years, of 13 Kilbuck street, two young tobacco thieves. For some time past owners of tobacco stores have complained that they were short boxes of tobacco and could not account for its disappearance. Detective McTighe was put on the case. It was remarked that two small boys were trying on several different occasions to sell fine cigars very cheap. They were shadowed, and last night they were seen to go into Derr's Hotel, and while one attracted the attention of the clerk, as was their wont, the other hooked a box of cigars and they left the place, the theft being unnoticed except by the detective. He followed and had them locked in the Central station as supicious persons.

HE DOESN'T BELIEVE IT.

County Commissioner Mercer Knows Nothing of the Bribery of Weary.

County Commissioner Mercer gives very little credence to the story sent out from Chicago Wednesday to the effect that A. H. Andrews & Co. had been defrauded out of $100,000 by their representative, E. D. Weary. The firm deals in office supplies and claims that Weary accepted bribes from other firms. One of the cases it cites was in the awarding of the contract for the office fixtures of the Allegheny County Court House.

"I cannot remember the name Weary in connection with the awarding of the contract," said Mr. Mercer. "Norcross Bros. secured the job at a bid of $103,000. The Mitchell Furniture Company bid $115,000, and A. H. Andrews & Co. offered to furnish the stuff for $107,000. The inference I would take from the Chicago telegram is that Weary sold out to Norcross Bros. and fixed the bid for his firm $4,000 higher than Norcross Bros. I do not believe such a thing was done. I know the high character of the Norcross firm, as these gentlemen had the contract for the erection of the Court House, and I cannot think they would stoop to such a practice."

AN OLD CHARACTER GONE.

He and Alderman McKenna Were Volunteer Firemen Together.

Frank Montague early yesterday morning fell from the Panhandle trestle to the Baltimore and Ohio tracks and was killed. He was 55 years of age.

Montague of late has been living at the Bethel Home. He was supposed to have been drinking Wednesday night. Montague was a well-known character in Pittsburg. He was an old soldier, and for many years was a member of the Neptune Fire Department. He was connected with this organization until the coming of a paid fire department. He and Alderman McKenna served together in the Neptune at the same time Chief Elliot, of the Department of Charities, was a fireman. Montague had met with adverse circumstances in late years. His family is now scattered in every direction. The Coroner is searching for some of his relatives to take charge of the body. The inquest has not been held yet.

A PROSPEROUS CLUB.

The Conkling Club Nominates Its Officers for the Ensuing Year.

The Conkling Republican Club held a meeting last night and considerable business was transacted. Nominations were made for the annual election of officers, which takes place January 3, as follows:

President, James E. Flinn and D. L. S. McDonald; First Vice President, Samuel Dolan and John L. Morgan; Second Vice President, William P. Miller and Conrad Schroeding; Corresponding Secretary, Geo. F. Liethead; Recording Secretary, D. L. S. McDonald and James E. Flinn; Financial Secretary, William Forsythe and D. L. S. McDonald; Treasurer, John Hennessey; Directors, Conrad Schroeding, William Kelly, William P. Miller, John Morgan, D. L. S. McDonald, James Sherran, Christ. Rose and C. E. Succop.

The organization now numbers about 300 members, with a large number of applications pending.

WILL SETTLE IT TO-MORROW.

Then a Receiver Will Be Appointed for the Solons.

Judge White has not appointed a receiver for the Solons yet. The papers are all made out except the filling in of the names. The case will be finally disposed of to-morrow. The attorneys for the order cannot agree upon a man, and if they have not settled on some one by to-morrow, Judge White will make the appointment himself. If he does it will probably be the Fidelity Title and Trust Company.

The mail of the order is accumulating in the postoffice and the Solons are losing greatly by the stoppage of business.

Rev. W. R. Covert, of Solon fame, who has been at St. Francis' Hospital for several days suffering with mental trouble, has recovered. He will likely go to his home in Scottdale to-day.

Forgot to Return the Change.

Charles Stafford was held in $500 bail by Alderman Gripp yesterday on a charge of larceny preferred by Bertha Harris. Both are colored, and live on Tannehill street. She alleges he promised to get her work, and took her to Allegheny, where he said he procured her a place. When they got on the car to go over he had no money, and she gave him a $2 bill to pay the fare. They got off, and he told her to wait a minute. She waited an hour, but he did not return. At the conclusion of the hearing he was taken to Allegheny to answer a charge of larceny before Alderman Brinker.

He Made No Defense.

Timothy Donovan, of 1214 Penn avenue, was given a hearing before Alderman Reilly yesterday on a charge of desertion and nonsupport, preferred by his wife, Kate Donovan. She says he deserted her a few days after her baby was born. He made no defense, and was committed to jail to await a trial by court.

To Nominate the Old Board.

The Republicans of the Twenty-sixth ward will meet to-night to suggest candidates for ward offices. An attempt will be made to renominate the old members, John Rudolph and Leonard Hahn. Robert Blaze, whom the Court recently deposed in favor of Mr. Egelsdorf, is also a candidate and has a strong following.

BUYER and seller meet through the medium of THE DISPATCH ads. They cost little and are effectual.

Mr. Metcalf Withdraws.

The firm of Metcalf, Paul & Co. formally dissolved partnership yesterday, Mr. Metcalf retiring. Jacob and A. S. Paul and Harry W. Armstrong will continue the business.

BANQUET OF THE BAR.

Learned Judges and Eminent Attorneys Around the Board.

ELOQUENT AND WITTY SPEECHES

Made in Response to the Quaint and Appropriate Toasts.

FLOWERS, FEASTING, MUSIC AND MIRTH

That brilliant event known as the annual dinner of the Allegheny County Bar Association took place last night at the Hotel Duquesne, where fully 200 of among the best known lawyers at the bar gathered together with seven Judges to dine and talk.

It was a merry gathering. All reserve was thrown off and Blackstone gave way to blue points, commentaries to consommé, and not even a taste of Purdon's Digest was necessary to a gathering that lacked nothing. The rooms were beautifully decorated with enormous bouquets and massed flowers and greens, with a handsome bouquet at each plate intended to grace the buttonhole of the guests who gathered early, and could only drag themselves away from the cheerful scene in time to escape the condemning note of the midnight bell.

W. L. Chalfant was the ideal toastmaster and immediately cast all reserve to the winds by opening the occasion with a speech molded in a humorous way that at once set the pace for the rest of the evening.

Quoted Ben Johnson's Famous Toast.

He gravely quoted Ben Johnson's oft-repeated toast, "To the old long life and treasure, to the young all health and pleasure," and followed out the trend of his little quotation in a way that caused laughter and cheers almost before the fish was reached. J. S. Young acted as Vice President in the place of M. A. Woodward, who was absent unavoidably. Immediately surrounding the speakers sat Judges Thomas Ewing, Joseph Buffington, Christopher Magee, Jacob Slagle, W. D. Porter, J. W. F. White and W. H. McClung, but they also had forgotten all about the dry legal routine of the past day and thoroughly enjoyed the evening with their less eminent brethren of the bar.

After the applause following the first speech had died away, and another course had been cleverly sandwiched in, D. D. Bruce, one of the oldest members of the bar, rose to respond to the toast, "The Lawyers of Forty Years ago." This toast which fell to the lot of Mr. Bruce, is especially appropriate, as he has announced his intention of withdrawing from active practice on January 1 next. The text to prompt the speaker's thoughts was Goldsmith's compliment to all that's old, and though somewhat historical, his reminiscences were decidedly interesting and his points apt when drawing some lively comparisons.

There were many members present who knew something of the law of 40 years ago, and perhaps they might know something of the law of the present day. At any rate, the talk was decidedly interesting to both the young and old present, and the speaker was given hearty applause as he finished his last speech at an annual banquet as an active member of the bar.

Judge Buffington on the Law.

Amidst a respectful silence, Hon. Joseph Buffington, the comparatively young but brilliant Kittanning lawyer, now Judge of the United States District Court, arose to respond to the toast "The Law." Always a dry subject, it was warmed considerably by the speaker who mixed wit with wisdom and humor in a fine legal discourse that won applause from many hearers. On the programme, the questions following each toast were well chosen and that attached to Judge Buffington's theme was equally appropriate in which Tennyson tells of the few who master the lawless science, the myriad of precedent, the wilderness of single instance, to finally reach fame.

Major E. A. Montooth was then called upon to tell what he knew of "Modesty," that virtue of which Herrick speaks, "Of all our parts the eyes express the sweetest kind of bashfulness." The speaker contended that bashfulness, as a legal commodity, was not rare, but it was all well enough in its place; true merit was always modest, though modesty did not always conceal merit. Mr. Montooth thus ran along in his usual happy vein, at times waxing eloquent over the worth of his text, and again rather considering it a drawback occasionally.

Put Them All in High Spirits.

One of the wittiest speeches of an evening filled with wit and bright sayings worth remembering was made by John L. McCutcheon, whose duty it was to answer to the rather vague toast, "Its Uses and Abuses." But a few words were necessary to set the company in high good humor, and after that the speaker had them all at his will. Guests laughed until the tears flowed freely, then gasped and laughed again at the quirks and unexpected turns taken by an unexpectedly funny talk on several unexpectedly funny subjects that well illustrated Addison's idea tacked to Mr. McCutcheon's name on the programme of that touchy, tasty, pleasant fellow, with whom there was no living with or without.

As soon as there was quiet enough in the room George Elphinstone was called upon to respond to the subject, "The Advocate." The speaker opened in defense of the lawyer, who has been abused for many years because of the tricks and treachery of a few. He quoted Lord Brougham's remark, that "A lawyer is a man who rescues your estate and keeps it himself," and another man who had dared to attack the profession, the speaker called a "miscreant," which sentiment was duly cheered.

Took Exceptions to Dickens.

He said even Dickens had attacked the bar by presenting in his books such men as Solomon Pell, who would "have his carcass," also Dodson and Fogg with their fees, and a list of others. A choice selection of writers' attacks upon the bar were then quoted, when the speaker assumed a more serious air in his and others' defense. Such opinions, he said, were only entertained by people who never had any dealings with members of the profession, "who speak for the dumb, who plead for the needy, and to whose learning, honor and eloquence are intrusted the property, liberty, and even the lives of his clients." In speaking of the successful advocate, the speaker said the eloquent lawyer had all in his favor, though he argued for good, sound, pointed, vigorous Anglo Saxon, rather than the pleading cadence of a sing song voice, when it comes to convincing a jury.

During the early part of the dinner, and at intervals between the speeches, the guests were delighted with music furnished by Toerge's Orchestra. The musicians were concealed behind banks of flowers and ferns, and if anything were needed to make the affair one of the most brilliant and successful in the history of the bar, the music did it.

Survey Committee Meets.

A meeting of the Survey Committee was held yesterday afternoon. Ordinances relocating Greenfield avenue, from Winterburn street to Frank street; locating Parnell street, from Home Rule street, and grading, paving and curbing Wayne street, from Thirtieth street to Harmer street, were returned to Councils with affirmative recommendations.

The Examination Over.

The examinations for admission to the High School are over. The papers are now being examined, and the successful candidates will be made known in several days. The percentages will not be published this year.

ALMOST ROASTED ALIVE.

Minnie Thompson's Dress Catches Afire—She Prevents Her Companions From Helping Her—She Is Terribly Burned and Cannot Recover.

About 6 o'clock last night Minnie Thompson, aged 21 years, of No. 20 Third avenue, was standing with her back to the fire in the parlor. Her dress caught fire. The girl became terrified, and uttering a scream started to run about the room. Some of the other inmates of the house attempted to catch the terrified girl, but she managed to elude their grasp and the flames soon enveloped her entire person. Her companions finally managed to get hold of her and threw her on the floor, but she broke away from them and when the landlady rushed into the room the girl was being literally roasted alive and her screams were pitiful.

The girl was forced into a corner and the flames smothered with a rug, but not until the girl's clothing was burned from her body, the hair burned from her head and her flesh from her feet to her head baked and peeling off in pieces. The girl was suffering excruciating pain and begged them to allow the fire to burn and end her misery. A physician was at once sent for, who cared for the unfortunate girl, after which she was removed to the West Penn Hospital. The girl's burns are of such a nature that it is almost impossible for her to live.

THE PUPILS' CONCERTS.

A Pleasing Entertainment in Old City Hall May Be Repeated Often.

The second pupils' concert, under the direction of Homer Moore, was given at Old City Hall last evening before a very large audience. In the first part of the concert Mr. Moore gave a long talk on tone, color and execution.

Part second opened with "Canon Hope and Memory," which was given by the Misses Keil, Reshard and Welty. Mr. S. J. McWatters and Miss Agnew acquitted themselves so creditably and showed such an intimate acquaintance with the ethics of vocal art that they received several encores. The other numbers given were by the Misses Gill and Day and Messrs. Rosser and Bullock. Prof. Joseph H. Gittings was the accompanist, and the singers were heartily encored. These concerts may be given Sunday afternoons for the benefit of workingmen, if the leaders' plans succeed.

STRUCK WITH A BEER BOTTLE.

A Drunken Row in Allegheny May Result in a Murder.

Joseph Priscalac, an Austrian, of 666 East Ohio street, is in the Allegheny lockup charged with hitting Mike Sepatia, an Hungarian, on the head with a beer bottle.

Sepatia's condition is considered very critical. His head has swollen to an enormous size and something like erysipelas has set in. He has been unconscious for several days and raves continually about someone beating him over the head with a club. It is also feared that his brain is injured by the blow and that a part of the skull is crushed. Priscalac will be held until the result of his victim's injuries can be learned.

DROVE HIS WIFE AWAY.

Charles Kift, Crazed by Epilepsy, Has to Be Locked in a Station House.

Charles Kift was arrested at Forbes and Brady streets about 10 o'clock last night. He was suffering from an attack of insanity, brought on by epilepsy, from which he has suffered for years. Last Tuesday he was seized again and since then has been completely out of his head. Last night, after tearing things up in the house and forcing his wife to flee from the house to save her life, he then ran down Forbes street in his bare feet and without hat, coat or vest. He was captured at Brady street, as above stated, and taken to the police station. It required several men to hold him at the station.

AID FOR THE POOR.

Societies and the City Department Busy Doing Good to Others.

The Society for the Improvement of the Poor yesterday received from the students at the Forbes school two wagon loads of groceries for distribution among the poor. Besides flour, potatoes and vegetables there were 500 cans of tomatoes, corn and fruit.

Yesterday was an exceptionally busy day at the Department of Charities. Thirty persons were given permits to visit friends at the City Farm. A great many pairs of shoes, a great deal of coal and a lot of winter clothing were also given away.

Thermometer at 16 Above Zero.

A procession of thin but cold ice floating down the Allegheny river yesterday morning brought with it a chill that caused the mercury to drop to 16 in sheer disgust. The chances are that it will drop a little tomorrow also, unless the general warmth of a joyful holiday season should keep back a genuine zero wave until after Christmas.

A Terror to the Neighborhood.

Patrick Harkins was given a hearing before Alderman Donovan yesterday on a charge of keeping a ferocious dog. The plaintiff is Patrick Kearn, a neighbor of Harkins, both men residing on Sixteenth street. Kearn says the dog is a terror to the neighborhood.

A Close Call.

The trolley wire of the Sharpsburg street car line broke yesterday as a car was coming up the hill at this end of the bridge. The car started backward at a rapid rate, and was not stopped until within two feet of the Valley Railroad. Just as the car stopped a Valley train rushed past.

A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ATTRACTION will be the twenty-four-page issue of THE DISPATCH, Sunday.

SHORT STORIES OF CITY LIFE.

MANY petty cases of thieving are reported from Allegheny.

AN entertainment will be given at the Springfield school this evening by the pupils.

THE Traveler's Club, of Allegheny, will meet this afternoon in the Bible rooms on Arch street.

THE axle on car 218, of the Penn avenue line, broke yesterday. The road was tied up for about an hour.

CHRIST M. E. CHURCH, Center and Liberty avenues, Shadyside, will give its Sunday school Christmas treat this evening.

O'HARA SCHOOL held a donation reception yesterday. All the pupils contributed something toward making Christmas brighter for the very poor.

PAT RODGERS was arrested last night on a warrant sworn out before Alderman Succop by his wife, Mary Rodgers, charging him with disorderly conduct.

MARGARET WHITE, a lady 60 years of age, slipped and fell while walking along Park avenue, about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. She received a broken arm.

THOMAS GORDON, who was injured in the Youghiogheny coal mines at Scott Haven, on Tuesday last, died yesterday at the West Penn Hospital. An inquest will be held today.

WHILE William Pearson, a farmer living near Etna Green, was driving across the Ft. Wayne Railroad tracks Wednesday night, his horses were struck by a train and killed, while he made a narrow escape.

THE Republicans of the Twelfth ward held a suggestion meeting in the Springfield schoolhouse last evening and nominated the following officers: Constable, Henry Kramer; school directors for the O'Hara school, J. R. Padden and Philip Schultz; for the Springfield school, Charles Shears and Louis Baker; Assessor, James McMannis.

THE MAYOR'S OPINION.

The Law Requires Chief Brown to Close Disorderly Houses.

COUNCILS CAN COMPEL HIM TO.

His Honor and the Chief Have a Long Interview on the Subject.

RUMORS THAT THE PLACES WILL CLOSE

Mayor Gourley yesterday read City Attorney Moreland's opinion as to the powers of the Mayor and the duties of Chief Brown relative to the suppression of disorderly houses. Immediately afterward he had a long interview with Chief Brown. What transpired during the conference neither of the gentlemen would tell, but the fact that they spent so much time together, and on parting familiarly addressed each other by their first names, was taken as evidence they had reached an understanding. It was even reported that Chief Brown had promised the Mayor to close all disorderly houses before the 1st of January, but the Chief himself said he had done nothing of the kind.

What the Mayor intends to do in the matter no one knows. He does not know himself. Yesterday morning he thought of submitting to Councils all the letters, opinions and other communications received or written by him within the past month on the disorderly house question.

The Mayor Still Undecided.

After the interview with Chief Brown he was undecided about it. This led to the belief that the Chief had made some kind of promise which had changed the Mayor's plans.

When asked what he thought of Major Moreland's opinion, the Mayor said: "It is a very exhaustive document, longer than necessary, I think, but on the essential question of the Chief of the Department of Public Safety's duty under the charter is explicit enough. It differs with the opinion of Assistant City Attorney Fetterman on the same point, though I am told Mr. Fetterman and all the city's attorneys were in consultatation on Mr. Moreland's opinion and unanimously approved it. As I read the document it says the charter act empowers the Chief to enforce the ordinances relating to this subject and then goes on to tell what is meant by the word "empowers" used in this sense. Its meaning is mandatory according to Mr. Moreland, but in Mr. Fetterman's opinion it was discretionary. Mr. Moreland says Chief Brown has no altenative but to observe the laws governing his department, and that the word "empower" means must.

A Question of Interpretation.

"It has been decided long ago that where in a piece of legislation the word 'may' occurs it means must. I am prepared to agree with the City Attorney on that point. I am satisfied it is Chief Brown's duty, and there is nothing to prevent his enforcing the law relative to disorderly houses, admitting the defects in the charter act which the Major calls attention to.

"To-day I am not fully prepared to say what I shall do. It is probable that I will submit the whole question to Councils with a communication stating my position. If I write such a letter I will make myself understood."

"What could Councils do in the matter?" was asked.

"Councils could do a great deal. What they will do I cannot say. They could pass a resolution which would effectually dispose of the matter, as the City Attorney says they are the only authority over Chief Brown."

"Will you rest content with the City Attorney's opinion as to your rights and duties?"

"That I cannot say. It will depend largely on circumstances."

PASSED BOGUS CHECKS.

R. S. Voorhees Arrested a Second Time for a Serious Offense.

R. S. Voorhees was arrested yesterday by Detective Robinson. Several informations will be lodged against him for giving out bogus bank checks. It is alleged that the prisoner gave to T. M. Porter, an employe of the Bureau of Health, a check for $9 50 on the Freehold Bank, which was sent through the Clearing House and returned marked "No funds." The prisoner since his arrest has confessed to giving out at least four other checks of a similar character. Any person holding a check of this kind is asked to report to police headquarters. This is the second time that Voorhees has been arrested for giving bogus checks.

RAN INTO AN ELECTRIC CAR.

A Runaway Horse Wrecks a Wagon and Has to Be Killed.

W. J. Spahr, an East End grocer, lost a valuable horse yesterday by the animal running away and colliding with a Duquesne traction car. The horse scared at something on O'Hara street while the driver was off the wagon delivering some groceries. A short distance below where it started, it ran in upon the pavement, the hind end of the wagon striking a large plate glass window in Mathias' butcher shop. Leaving O'Hara street the brute turned up Ellsworth avenue and ran into one of the electric cars, receiving injuries which made it necessary to shoot it. The wagon was completely wrecked by the collision.

PEOPLE COMING AND GOING.

Major William Denny Wilkins (formerly Adjutant of the Duquesne Greys and Assistant Adjutant General during the Centennial) broke his ankle last Wednesday. He is now in the West Penn Hospital, where, on account of the serious nature of his injury, he will be compelled to remain for at least a month.

Captain Homer McClintock, of the Oil City *Derrick*, who has been through the Sistersville and Southeastern Ohio oil fields in the interest of his paper for the last three weeks, passed through Pittsburg last night on his way home to Oil City.

H. C. Caldwell and wife, of Kittanning, and James G. Sloan, of Monongahela City, registered at the Anderson yesterday.

W. L. Robinson, of Uniontown, and H. C. Huston, a Connellsville druggist, stopped at the Monongahela House yesterday.

Robert J. Zahniser, of Greensburg, and W. H. Forizer, of Saltsburg, are stopping at the Seventh Avenue Hotel.

Pittsburgers in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—[*Special.*]—The following Pittsburgers are registered at New York hotels: C. E. Clements, Earle's; C. J. Cook, Savoy; M. Cornell, Coleman; B. Floersheim, Mrs. W. P. Tyler, W. C. Temple, Imperial; M. Greene, H. W. Hartman, Holland; O. H. P. Grundon, Sturtevant; C. M. Garrison, Albemarle; G. F. Greenwood, Bartholdi; Mrs. S. S. Rankin, St. Denis; C. F. Smith, Broadway Central; H. R. Sully, St. Denis.

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.

Second-Hand Uprights for $135 and Up.

Mellor & Hoene, 77 Fifth Avenue.

Several excellent "Uprights" for sale, only slightly used; will be sold for from $135 and upward. See them.

MELLOR & HOENE, Founded 1831, Warerooms, 77 Fifth avenue.

B. F. JONES ON BLAINE.

A Tribute From an Associate—His Career and His Ambitions—The Dying Statesman a Maker of Warm Friends and Bitter Enemies.

While a summons unto eternity waits by the bedside of a great mind at Washington, the many friends of James G. Blaine in this city are at once apprehensive and sorrowful. Born but a few miles up the Monongahela river, the intimates of his youth became the admirers of his manhood, as his brilliant career entered into history and shaped the course of a nation proud of her son.

Among Mr. Blaine's friends here, none have watched his career with keener interest, or been closer to him in private and public life, than B. F. Jones, ex-National Chairman of the Republican Committee. Mr. Jones was seen yesterday, and in speaking of the statesman said:

"I have known of Mr. Blaine since his college days and became quite well acquainted with him in the early war times, and when he was a member of Congress. Since that time I have been quite intimate with him. I regard Mr. Blaine as a most brilliant and remarkable man. As a statesman I think he will rank with Clay and Webster, different from both, but similar to each in some respect. His popularity with the people of this country is simply phenomenal, and was caused in my judgment not only by his extraordinary ability, but also by his intense Americanism. He has been regarded by some as extremely ambitious. I do not think he was half so ambitious as many others who were not nearly so worthy as he."

"Was he not very ambitious for the Presidency?"

"Mr. Blaine has told me frequently that in the contest for the Presidental nomination of 1876 he was extremely anxious to be President of the United States, but that after that time he never cared for or sought the position, and was entirely contented with the honors that had fallen to his lot. After the notable defeat of the Republican party in 1882 a great many ardent Republicans (myself among the number) realized that the party would be at a disadvantage in the campaign of 1884. It was believed that Mr. Blaine, with his great popularity and thorough Americanism, would be the most available and best candidate. Therefore he was importuned by multitudes of our best people to permit his name to go before the convention as a candidate. In fact he only consented when he was made to believe that his nomination would benefit his country and his party. After an unusually exciting campaign, he was barely defeated.

"I know," continued Mr. Jones, "that Mr. Blaine would not have accepted the nomination of 1888 if it had been tendered to him. I am confident that he would not have accepted the nomination of 1892, even if a majority of delegates at the Minneapolis convention had cast their votes in his favor. In both cases he distinctly declined to have his name go before the convention."

"Mr. Blaine's political career has been one unbroken flow of brilliant successes. In the Legislature of Maine, as a member of Congress, as Speaker of the House, as a Senator, and finally as Secretary of State, he has met every issue, disproven adverse criticism, combated what he thought wrong and fought for what he thought right, until to-day he is recognized as without a peer for profundity, breadth and brilliancy. In Congress, during the war, his speeches at a crisis were at once eloquent, powerful and convincing.

"Yet he had many enemies, and these enemies were of the most virulent. It was characteristic of the man that his friends were the warmest and dearest, and his enemies the most bitter and unrelenting. It was in Congress that Mr. Blaine's first difference arose with Conkling. Both were eloquent, yet Blaine was the more profound in debate. He was cheery, warm-hearted and easily approached, while Conkling was just the reverse. I remember one notable occasion when Blaine made a speech in Congress that will live forever. It was in reply to an attack upon his character, and every word uttered was of extraordinary force, and grandly eloquent, coming from a great soul stung into answering unjust reproaches."

FRIDAY EVENING

From 5 to 8:30 O'Clock

We will sell boys' fine cape overcoats and suits at the special price of $1 82 each.

Boys' cape overcoats, sizes 4 to 14, neat and stylish patterns, long-cut capes, worth $5 to $6, at $1 82.

Boys' suits in a variety of handsome patterns and designs, sizes 4 to 14, also of the $5 quality, for $1 82.

Sale this evening from 5 to 8:30. Only one of each garment to a customer.

P. C. C. C., Clothiers, corner Grant and Diamond streets.

A big line of boys' overcoats and ulsters at $4 each, sizes for boys 13 to 19 years old.

KRANICH & BACH, EMERSON, STARR.

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Splendid holiday stock of these magnificent pianos in all styles of finish, walnut, oak, rosewood or ebonized. See them before purchasing elsewhere. Store open every night until Christmas. Easy payments if desired.

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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. P. C. SCHOENECK & SON, 711 Liberty avenue, opp. Wood.

Mandolins for the Million.

The world-renowned "Bowman," the famous "Bruno" and the lovely "Imperial" mandolins. Customers are pleased, competitors dismayed at our low prices.

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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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Cabinet photos $1 50 per doz. Panel picture free with every doz. better grade. Guarantee given with every order. Crayons from $2 50 up. Large assortment of frames. Lowest prices. Lies' Portrait Studio, 19 and 21 Sixth street.

Just the Thing.

The stand lamps at Henry Terheyden's, 530 Smithfield street, now opened, and at prices which can't be beat, from $7 50 to $28 00. Come early and secure one.

Open every evening.

China Cupid Plates.

For two days we will sell fine china plates, with Cupid decorations in six colors, for 12c each. CHAS. REIZENSTEIN, 120 to 156 Federal street, Allegheny.

A STYLISH three-button cutaway suit, formerly made up to order for $38, can now be bought for $13 50; also your choice of any suit or overcoat in the house for $13 50, at the Misfit Clothing Parlors, 516 Smithfield street, opposite City Hall.

THE last three days before Xmas we will dispose of all oriental and Turkish rugs less than cost.

LAUTENSLAGER, DIHM & YOUNG, 58 and 60 Sixth street, second floor. Entrance Liberty street.

Open at Night.

W. S. Bell & Co., 431 Wood street, have a splendid assortment of kodaks, premier cameras, photographs, etchings, etc., suitable for holiday gifts. Store open evenings.

A Pointed Pin Opinion.

We have the handsomest stock of pins for Christmas gifts in the two cities.

Stick pins,	Diamonds,
Scarf pins,	Pearls,
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Dress pins,	Opals, etc.

If you want cheaper ones we have them in gold or silver. All pin tastes can be suited. Store open every evening.

HARDY & HAYES, Jewelers, 529 Smithfield street.

SMASHED BOTH CAR AND ENGINE.

A Bad Collision in Which Firemen and Passengers Have Narrow Escapes.

A thrilling accident occurred at Arch and Ohio streets, Allegheny, about 9 o'clock last night. An alarm of fire had been sent in from box 112, caused by a small chimney fire in a house occupied by a colored family at First and James streets, and No. 3, the Friendship engine, was responding to the alarm when car No. 101 of the Pittsburg, Allegheny and Manchester line came down Ohio street at full speed. It was too late for either the car or the engine to stop in time to avoid a collision, and the car struck the engine fairly in the center, snapping the coupling pin of the engine and knocking a large hole in the boiler, besides damaging the engine in several other ways. The horses were thrown off their feet, and Fireman "Jack" Ragan, who was on the rear of the engine, was thrown a distance of 20 feet across the street, but he was uninjured save a few bad bruises. The engineer, Charles Harbus, had his left arm badly hurt.

The car was crowded with passengers, and there was a panic aboard, but no one was injured. The car was thrown from the track and the front end badly smashed.

Coaxing Them Back.

An open letter was circulated in the First ward school district, Allegheny, signed by members of the board. They ask that parents of children visit the school and see for themselves that the railroad crossing near there is no more dangerous than at other points. It is said the children are avoiding this school owing to a bad crossing.

Two Alleged Shoplifters.

A woman giving her name as Louisa Resler, with a man named Martin Kudisler, were arrested yesterday morning in Boggs & Buhl's store, Allegheny, charged with shoplifting. Some $10 worth of goods were found on their persons, which they claimed to have bought.

DISORDERED stomach cured by Bromo-Seltzer—10c a bottle.

Open every night this week till 9 o'clock.

SIMEN'S SLIPPER SPECIAL SALE.

The greatest money-saving bargains ever offered to the buying people. An assortment of an almost endless variety, at prices that are one-third less than you can buy elsewhere.

Gentlemen's genuine Plush Slippers, at $1.50, cost you $2 elsewhere.

Men's fancy Chenille and Embroidered Velvets, all styles, at $1; sold at other stores for $1.25.

Gentlemen's finest Patent Leather Dancing Pumps, $2; cannot be bought elsewhere for less than $2.50.

Youths' Velvets at 50c.

Youths' Imitation Alligator at 65c.

Boys' Velvets at 50c, 75c and $1.00.

Boys' Imitation Alligator at 85c.

Don't fail to see the 85c Men's fancy Chenille Velvet Slippers, worth $1.10, or Men's Goat Slippers at $1.00.

Men's Black Velvet Opera Slippers at $1.50 are real beauties, and the 75c Velvet Slippers are great values.

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