

COVERT WANTS OUT. He Asks the Court to Release Him From St. Francis Hospital. INSISTS THAT HE IS NOT INSANE. Judge White Appoints a Receiver in the Order of Sale.

THE NEWS OF THE COUNTY COURTS An application was made in the United States District Court yesterday for a writ of habeas corpus to secure the release of the late W. R. Covert, of Order of Solon fame, from St. Francis Hospital. Mr. Covert claims that he is not, nor has he been insane and that his detention in the hospital is illegal and unjust. His petition was presented to Judge Buffington by Attorney J. G. White, of Mercer county. The court issued the writ on Tuesday, December 27, at 10 a. m. for a hearing.

The petition to the court reads as follows: The petitioner, W. R. Covert, respectfully shows that your petitioner is unjustly held and detained by the officials of St. Francis Hospital, in custody of the sheriff of Mercer county, and that your petitioner is not insane and that your detention in the hospital is illegal and unjust. Your petitioner is not insane and that your detention in the hospital is illegal and unjust. Your petitioner is not insane and that your detention in the hospital is illegal and unjust.

Judge White yesterday appointed a receiver to take charge of the affairs of the Order of Solon and also announced a preliminary injunction that had been granted. The Mercantile Trust Company, of Pittsburgh, was appointed the receiver. He also handed down an opinion in the matter, concurred in by Judge Magee, stating that he believed the appointment of a receiver necessary from the condition of affairs in the order.

FIRE AND BRIMSTONE. Neighbors Object to the Fumes From an Asphaltum Works. A bill in equity was filed yesterday by the Franz Brick Company, Limited, V. Gessler and others, against the Pittsburgh Asphaltum Company, Limited. The defendant's works for the manufacture of asphaltum, it is stated, are located near Wittern station on the Pittsburgh and Western railroad, and the plaintiffs own land adjacent to them.

Five New Divorce Suits. In Each Case the Wife Asks for the Breaking of the Ties. Five divorce suits were entered yesterday. Anna R. Willis says her husband left her in a drunken state and she believes he is dead. The other suits were Ida M. Saxton vs. Robert A. Saxton, co-defendant; Mary Dengel vs. Edward Dengel, co-defendant; Henrietta W. Turgi vs. Henry Turgi, co-defendant; Sarah McMichael vs. James A. McMichael, co-defendant.

Coke Ovens in the Road. The old case of George W. Herbert and others against J. W. Rainey, the Cleveland coke man, came up for argument before Judges Acheson and Buffington yesterday. The question involved is whether the defendant had built his coke ovens on the street front in violation of the Fayette county ordinance. Ex-Judge Campbell, United States, appeared for the plaintiff, and Shiras and Dieker for the defendant. The decision was reserved.

THEY STOLE BRASS. Three Men Carry Off 1,800 Pounds of the Metal. Charles and Edward Wiler were yesterday arrested for stealing 1,800 pounds of brass from Bert & Fox's foundry. There was a third man, but he escaped.

SEWER BIDS OPENED. Drainage System to be Built in All Sections of the City. Chief Bigelow opened bids from half a dozen contractors yesterday for the construction of sewers as follows: 514 feet on First avenue, between Wood and Smithfield, 1,772 feet on Fifth avenue, between Boston and Soho streets; 920 feet on Lawn and Rock streets, between Hammett and Morris streets; 1,945 feet on Garnet alley, between Liberty and Laurel streets; 1,090 feet on Safford alley, between Safford alley and Laurel street; 710 feet on Fair-

WONDERS OF KOCHINE. Some Experiments Calculated to Create Great Interest - Battling With the Bacillus - Remarkable Cures of Consumption Cases in a Chicago Hospital. CHICAGO, Dec. 24. - Dr. Rudolf Seiffert, the eminent physician, who has for 26 years been connected with the great Alexian Brothers' Hospital of Chicago, and who is now chief of the first medical department in that institution, has been making a series of remarkable experiments with Dr. Koch's remedy for consumption.

THE HAPPIEST OF MEN. Harry Flann's Will Be a Merry Christmas - He Was Freed From the Penitentiary Yesterday - His Friends Gather to Welcome Him Home. Perhaps no one in the two cities will enjoy Christmas more than Harry Flann. Yesterday he walked out of the Western Penitentiary a free man, having been pardoned by President Harrison.

Discharged in Five Weeks. One of Dr. Seiffert's patients was a stable hand who had been sick for a long time and on that account had no regular income. He was received at the hospital on March 23, 1921. The medical examination demonstrated the existence of an infection of both lungs, with a cavity of medium size in the right lobe of the lung. He had fever, a cough, purulent expectoration and there were numerous bacilli. Two days later he was treated by the first injection of the milligramme. He received thereafter three injections per week, and after a stay of five weeks he was in such an improved condition that he was discharged from the hospital as convalescent.

Cured in Subject of Bad Air. This girl was subjected to the kochine treatment, although unable to become an inmate of the hospital. She therefore remained during the period of her treatment in the same miserable surroundings as before. The same improvement in her condition, however, was noted. She was discharged on December 15, 1921. The medical examination demonstrated the existence of an infection of both lungs, with a cavity of medium size in the right lobe of the lung. He had fever, a cough, purulent expectoration and there were numerous bacilli. Two days later he was treated by the first injection of the milligramme. He received thereafter three injections per week, and after a stay of five weeks he was in such an improved condition that he was discharged from the hospital as convalescent.

ASK FOR AN ORDINANCE. The W. H. P. A. Request Allegedly Connected with the Health Protective Association has submitted a petition to the Allegheny Council. It asks that the council pass an ordinance for the collection and disposal of garbage in that city. This is what they ask for:

First - That the collection of garbage from every household, hotel, restaurant or eating house in Allegheny at least once in every 24 hours. Second - That these collections be made between 3 and 7 a. m. Third - That all collections of garbage will be made from the rear of houses when practicable. Fourth - That the collection of garbage be made in such sanitary steel carts as will be provided for the purpose. Fifth - That the dumping of all garbage in the streets be prohibited. Sixth - That the dumping of all garbage in the streets be prohibited. Seventh - That adequate penalties be provided for the violation of any of the provisions of such ordinance.

A Needle in His Throat. About ten years ago a resident of Athens, Georgia, swallowed a needle, and never felt any bad effects from it until a short time ago. He then felt a pain above the left knee joint. Two physicians were called in, and, after being informed about the needle, they concluded to cut into the man's thigh to see if it was not the needle that was causing him so much pain, and, after making a deep cut they came to the needle and extracted it, which relieved their patient at once.

Had the Dress Made on Her. A famous duchess in London recently went through the ordeal of having a dress made on her own figure. She stood for three hours while the dressmakers wrought 30 yards of rare old silk, that could not be altered, into a gown of a color, at the close of which every stitch had to be carefully cut and picked out before the lady could disrobe. The amount of torture that a woman will undergo in the name of vanity would astonish the martyrs.

They Abused a Cow. George Lamont and Robert Harrison have been arrested by the Humane Society for cruelty to animals. The cow is said to have been terribly maltreated.

NOTICES. NOTICE - ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 1923, the business of the Erie County Jail will be continued by Booth & Flynn, Limited. NOTICE - Shippers of poultry, game and other live stock, are notified that the Erie County Jail will be continued by Booth & Flynn, Limited.

MEETINGS. ANNUAL MEETING - THE ANNUAL MEETING of the stockholders of the Monongahela Electric & Light Company will be held at the office of the company, No. 5 Wood street, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Tuesday, January 2, 1923, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the election of officers for the ensuing year and the transaction of other business.

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