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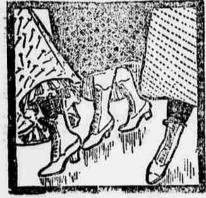
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ENGLISH CAPITALIST WAS HERE YESTERDAY LOOKING OVER THE ADVANTAGES OF THE CITY.

Will Erect a Mammoth Plant for the Manufacture of Gas Appliances of All Kinds.

English capital will be invested in the city in the establishment of a huge

plant for the manufacture of gas ap-Mr. E. W. T. Richmond was in the city yesterday looking over the advant-

ages of the place as a manufacturing center. Mr. Richmond is a capitalist of great wealth from London, Eng., and e is in this country looking up a site for a plant which he intends to build. He arrived here in the afternoon from Buffalo and immediately visited the upper power district where he made careful investigation into the advantages offered for such a concern as he intends building.—Niagara Falls Gaette, Dec. 1, 1900.

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"JAKE" SNYDER WILL APPEAR.

sent Plaintiff in Unique Case. The court reports of The Tribune are very widely read, from all indications, but they will be more widely and more carefully read from now on. The Tribune proposes, in its court reports, to keep the public posted on the time of the trial of the case of J. W. Osborne

against Frank Bortree. What makes the case the object of so much anxious anticipation is the fact that the plaintiff is represented by Atorney J. B. Sayder, and it is seldom that Mr. Snyder tries a case. When he does, the attorneys and every one else interested in court proceedings make it their business to be on hand to secure pointers on how, or how not, a case should be tried.

The case in question is set forth by the following declaration:

J. W. Osborne versus Frank Bortree

J. W. Osborne versus Frank Bortree.
In the court of common pleas of Lackawanna county, No. 657, January T., 1896.
The plaintiff in this case, J. W. Osborne, claims from Frank Bortree, the above pamed defendant, the sum of ten (\$10) with interest from the fourth day of December, 1805, founded upon an action in assumpsit, and on a book account for goods sold and delivered to the defendant at the following property of the following states of the second tendence of the following states of the second tendence of the following states of the states of the following states of the fol instance and request, whereof the following

Salem, Pa., Nov. 4, 1805. W. Osborne sold to Frank Bortree one he above named defendant the horse and prop ook account, which is a part of this statement. That the same is due and payable; that the plaintiff had made demand upon defendant of said claim and the same has been refused and

herefore plaintiff brings this suit. Attorney for Plaintiff. The fact that it is seldom Mr. Snyder will condescend to take a case prompt

prompted him to condescend to take his particular case. Mr. Snyder explained as follows: "I only take odd or unique cases. This is an unique case. Unus-one; equus-horse; unique-one horse. See." And then he

ed The Tribune to inquire just what

#### **RIVER CORPSE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED**

That of Andrew Itchik, of Mayfield, Who When Last Seen Was Headed Toward Foot Bridge at Olyphant.

The man who was found on the bank of the Lackawanna river Thursday afternoon, in the rear of the Anthracite brewery nearby, by two little Italian girls, has been identified as Andrew Itchik, of Mayfield, who disappeared from his home on Monday, December . The last seen of him was on that date, when he sold a horse and wagon

in Olyphant. The remains were identified by neighbor of deceased, to whom Itchik owed \$20. When last seen he was going towards the foot bridge which crosses the Lackawanna river at Olyphant, and was then in an intoxicated condition. oroner Roberts held an autopsy on the body in Undertaker Tague's morgue

yesterday afternoon. There was a depression in the skull on the outside of the top of the head, and a fracture at the base of the brain. These injuries were either caused by falling or by being struck on the top of the head with some blunt instrument. No other marks of violence were seven years of age, and leaves a wife and several children.

A half-pint bottle half-filled with whiskey and another similar empty bottle were found on the body, together with a quantity of tobacco and a jackknife. The identification was made positive by the absence of the first joint on the index finger of the left hand.

The coroner empanneled'a jury of P. W. Tague, David Sanford, George Zintel, Dr. W. A. Paine, Charles Parry and W. R. Hughes, and an inquest will be held at 12 o'clock today in Tague's undertaking establishment. The body s still at the morgue.

C. M. BUTTS ARRESTED.

H. M. Hull Charges Him with Malicious Prosecution.

Chester M. Butts, of Lackawanna venue, was yesterday held in \$300 bail by Alderman Millar, on the charge of malicious prosecution, preferred by H. M. Hull, a central city merchant. The latter alleges that on Thursday Butts had him arrested, charging that Hull owed him \$9. At a hearing before Alderman Kelly the defendant was dis-

Yesterday a warrant, charging the same offense, and issued by 'Squire Loftus, of Moosic, was served on Hull. He waived a hearing, entered bail before Alderman Millar and then swore out a warrant for Butts' arrest.

He Sprained His Shoulder. Scranton, Pa., Dec. 13, 1900.

Pennsylvania Casualty Co., Scranton, Gentlemen: I wish to thank you for our check for thirty dollars (\$30), which satisfies my claim, as a result o my injury on December 5, from which was very fortunate in coming out with only a sprained shoulder. only consoling feature of the accident (which was very painful) was the fact of my having an accident policy ir your company and I knew, no matter how long I was disabled from attending to my business, that I would be taken good care of in a financial way

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TREATING OF The Venerable Court Crier to Repr THE COUNTY **TRANSITION** 

> McGleary Gase Has No Bearing on the Problem to Be Solved in Lackawanna.

#### **OPINION EXPRESSED** BY JUDGE STOWE

President Judge of Allegheny County Who Tried the Fee-Salary Matter There Ten Years Ago Says That the Question of the Application of the Census Figures Was Not Raised in the Allegheny County Case-Believes That the Fee System Will Continue in Lackawanna-Prominent Pittsburg Attorney Renders a Lengthy Opinion on the Matter at the Request of Scranton Tax-

On November 17, The Tribune, in reating of the question of compensation for the county officials, made reference to the case of McCleary, appellant, against the County of Allegheny, 163 Pa., as one of several in which decisions were made by the Supreme court that would tend to show that the census figures are to apply to the time of the taking of the census, rather than to the time of the announcement. 'The Tribune's article read as follows:

The plaintiff was sheriff of Allegheny county, He was elected Nov. 4, 1890, and entered upon his duties the first Monday of January, 1891. The office had been receiving fees, but the sheriff's share of the fees was less than the amount of salary, \$15,000 per annum, which the act of 1883 allowed for counties having a population of over 500,000.

Acting on the assumption that his county had more than 500,000 population, the sheriff frained from taking the fees, as had been the went of his predecessors, but instead turned them over to the county treasurer, and then made demand from the county commissioners, monthly, for one-twelfth of the yearly salary of \$15,000. In July, 1891, he brought suit for

even months' salary. While admitting the office was a salaried one, the county denied that the amount of the sal-ary was fixed for Allegheny county by the act or 1883, but instead, alleged that it was fixed by a special act of 1872, passed for Allegheny before the adoption of the new const By this special act the sheriff's comeensation was \$6,000 and mileage.

THE MAIN QUESTION.

The only question raised in the case is whether The only question raised in the case is whether the general act of 1833 supersedes by implication the special Allegheny act of 1872. The supreme court held that it did, and decided that the sheriff was entitled to the \$15,000 salary, instead of a salary of \$6,000 and fees for mileage, providing it was shown that the \$15,000 did not exceed the total amount of fees collected by or for the sheriff, a limitation prescribed by the

It is to be inferred from the fact that the sheriff's suit was brought for seven months' salary, that the census of the county was not announced until July, 1891. If this inference is correct, there is no question but that the supreme court has decided, at least, indirectly. that the census figures are to be applied to the time of the census taking rather than to time of the announcement. When we recall how late the announcements of the 1890 census were in coming, it is fair to presume that Ailegheny county's population was not announced until some time well along in 1891, and probably somewhere about in July.

While in Pittsburg I made inquiries regarding this case and learned positively that the question of the time the census figures would apply did not enter into it in any way. The information was gained from President Judge Stowe, of Allegheny county, who tried the case. The only question raised and the only one decided expressly or by imputation, he said, was as to whether the general law or special act should

When asked for an opinion on the Lackawanna county difficulty Judge Stowe said that while he probably ought not to give an opinion oft-handed on such a mooted proposition, he would permit himself to say that it seemed to him that we would have nothing before us till the census was officially announced and that the figures could not be made retroactive. In other words the official population of Lackawanna county would not be determined until the official anonuncement came and that when it did come it would be for the ten years between its announcement and the announcement

of the next census. FEES WILL CONTINUE. If this view of Judge Stowe prevails the new officials will be permitted to enjoy fees.

An effort was made to secure an opinion on the same matter from D. T. Watson, Pittsburg's celebrated barrister, who, it will be remembered recently declined a supreme court ap-pointment, and who was one of the attorneys in the McCleary case, but he was out of the city and would not return for several weeks.

It was then learned unauthoritatively, however, that a body of Lackawanna county taxpayers had sought and secured a lengthy opinion from Mr. Watson on the compensation question and that he advised them the new officials will have to accept salaries. The identity and purposes of the body

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of taxpayers in question is not to be disclosed, but it is safe to presume that it is a thoroughly organized one, and that it intends to invoke the law to prevent the new officials from receiv-

SECOND-CLASS CITY FINANCES An Idea of How They Spend Money

in Pittsburg. Anent the second-class city discussion, the following from the Commer-cial Gazette, of Pittsburg, regarding that city's finances, may prove of in-

An increase of half a million dollars is expected in the revenues of the city for the fiscal year of 1901-2. This will be due to the enormous growth of the valuation of taxables as shown by the triennial assessment, estimates of which were published exclusively in the Commercial

Gazette yesterday.

The receipts of the city for the current fiscal year at 17 mills upon a taxable valuation of \$271,000,000, were \$4,010,000. A taxable valuation of \$300,000,000 is expected by the city financiers, which will yield \$5,100,000 at the same

This means an increase in the revenues of \$510, 000 for the ensuing year. An addition of half a million dollars to the revenues of the city ans a wide margin to work upon and gives eright prospects of a surplus for next year These figures were furnished yesterday by Con-troller Lewis. The millage for next year will not be fixed for a couple of months, but the financiers at city hall have decided there will doubtless be no change. Treasurer David K. Torrence said yesterday

that he thought the millage would remain the same, and others in city hall expressed the same opinion.

Treasurer Torrence has borrowed \$100,000 this month to meet the monthly pay rolls of the city and will have to borrow between \$300,000 and \$400,000 more during the next two months. This is \$100,000 less than the city borrowed last year for the month of December, and was the

first of the present year. So stated Treasurer Torrence yesterday. For years it has been the ustom of the city to commence borrowing about the first of October, and one year it occurred as early as September. This year the city has had enough funds to run its affairs for ten months and, as published in the Commercial Gazette a few days ago.

Controller Lewis expects to finish the year out a deficit. He expects to replace the borrowed money now due from the delinquent tax collector's office and from the state on school \$120,000 from the state, about \$50,000 on delinquent taxes and some more from miscellaneous sources. He says the money being borrowed at

the present time is for the regular expenses of the city, consisting of salaries and bills. The fiscal year of the city ends on Jan. 31, out the city is compelled to continue to borrow during the month of February, as the taxes o the next year are not available before the first of March. Thus the money borrowed during February is replaced as soon as the taxes begin to flow into the city treasury. The deficit for the fiscal year of 1900-01, if there is any, will, thereexpenditures during the two months of Decem-

### PRIMARIES HELD IN TWO WARDS

John McDonald Chosen as Republican Candidate in First Ward and Wm. Gurrell as Democratic Candidate in Fourteenth.

John McDonald was vesterday chosen as the Republican candidate for common councilman in the First ward. The primaries were conducted between the hours of 4 and 7 p. m. and were most hotly contested, there being six candidates. The vote received by each was

JOHN MIDONALD.

Third district ...... 51

Second district ......

as follows:

Fourth district	19
Fifth district	20
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JOHN J. EVANS.	
First district	67
Second district	
Third district	1
Fourth district	45
Fifth district	19
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ALEX. SIMPSON.	
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DAVID A. DAVIS,	
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HENRY HARTRANGT.	
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Third district	27
Fourth district	
Fifth district	1
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ALVIN R. THOMAS. First district . Second district ..... Third district Fourth district ..... Fifth district .....

The Democrats of the Fourteenth ward held a caucus yesterday after-noon and nominated William Gurrell, of Ninth street, son of ex-Chief Martin Gurrell, to succeed Common Councilman Charles Wenzel, resigned. Only two candidates were voted for, Gurrell and William May, also of North Ninth street.

In the First district, Gurrell received \$1 votes and May 3, and in the econd district, the former received 46 against the latter's 12. Comparatively little interest was manifested in the selection, owing to the extreme cold snap which prevailed during the

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The main question that was remainng unsolved yesterday in the Pennsylvania Coal company deal was as to how the company's interests would hereafter be managed.

From a source that can be taken as being as good as official comes information on which can be based an answer to that question, and the answer

is given in one word-Erie. The most generally accepted report up to yesterday was that the company's property would be divided up and parcelled out among three or four of the railroad companies in which the Morgan people have large interests. Yesterday's information is that the Erie will not only take all the coal property, but also the Eric and Wyo-

ming Valley road. The road will be operated as a branch of the Eric under a long term lease. and hereafter all the Pennsylvania Coal company's breakers and the Butler company's breakers, at Pittston, recently acquired by the Erie, will send their output over that road to Hawley and thence by way of the Erie to tide-

Whether or not the Pennsylvania company will be merged with the Hillside Coal and Iron company or retain its identity and be managed as a separate concern is not as yet known, but the general opinion is that the two properties will be made into one and placed under the management of the Erie's present coal department, the Hillside Coal and Iron company, of which Captain W. A. May is general manager.

The extensive improvements projected in anticipation of the extension of the Erie and Wyoming to tidewater will not, it is thought, be affected by the halt that has been called to the Delaware Valley and Kingston road, The new shops at Dunmore, the enlargement of yard facilities at Avoca and Wimmers and the strengthening and straightening of the roadway, were virtual necessities, with the new road left out of consideration, so it is only plausible to suppose that when the new management comes to deal with this matter it will conclude that the improvements should go on undis-

The Erie in full control of the Erie and Wyoming will innure to the benefit of Scranton, no doubt, as it means another large trunk line having encompetition in traffic rates.

LAST DAY FOR PAYING TAXES A Penalty Will Be Added if You

Don't Settle Up Today. Today is the last day on which city taxes can be paid war, ut an added penalty and as a consequence the city treasurer expects to have his hands full all day. The clerks in his office have just passed through the busiest week of the year.

The office has been packed rom morning to night with those taxpayers who always wait until the eleventh hour to settle up with the city. The board of revision and appeal have met every day this past week to hear the final appeals and will be in session all

day today. MARSHALL VISITS SCRANTON.

Confident of Being Elected to Speakership of the Next House. Hon. William T. Marshall, of Allegheney, the candidate of the regular Republicans for the speakership of the next house of representatives, was at the Jermyn yesterday. He came in company with Representative Ward R. Bliss, of Chester, and William H. Keyser, of Philadelphia, to boom his campaign among the local representa-

Mr. Marshal is confident of being elected and declares that Colonel Quay will have enough votes in the caucus to make positive his election on the first ballot.

ACCIDENT AT PECKVILLE.

Anthony Greidish Killed and His Laborer Seriously Injured. Anthony Greidish and another Hungarian whose name could not be learned, were caught by a fall of roof in the Sterrick Creek mine, at Peckville, yesterday, and the former was

instantly killed, while the latter escaped with severe injuries. Greidsh was 40 years of age and leaves a wife and several children, Coroner Roberts will investigate the case today.

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