

CITY INTELLIGENCE. THE COAL TRADE.

The writs of Quo Warranto Against the Railroad Companies. The Attorney-General and the Governor on the Coal Difficulty. An Effect of the Late Riotous Proceedings in the Scranton Region. The Progress of Arbitration—Summary of the Trade for the Week.

The Attorney-General of the State, who on last Saturday, by the order of his Excellency the Governor, made application in the Supreme Court for writs of quo warranto against all the large coal railroad corporations of the State, has by no means inaugurated a long and arduous proceeding which will give something to do to the courts, the companies, and, last but not least, to the Attorney-General, for it might almost be said—ages come. What the value of this move may be cannot as yet be seen, but it is very easy to see a reason for it on the ground of expediency. But this expediency has, however, nothing whatever to do with the question of a settlement of the coal difficulties.

ST. CLEMENTS. DR. RUSH'S REQUEST.

Frauds in the Vestry Election.—The Case to be Taken Before the Supreme Court. Another story in the ecclesiastical history at St. Clement's is about being reached, and an important one, since the unpleasant controversy, hitherto confined to the partial privacy of the vestry, now will be carried into the broad publicity of the Supreme Court, there to be viewed in all its lights and shades; to be wrangled on; to be delved into by cunning lawyers; after the manner of the quarrel, and then to be decided by the great judicial minds of the bench, leaving the parishioners in the same condition of tingling doubt and dissatisfaction that they now experience.

The recent election for vestrymen was so close as to decide neither for nor against the rector, Rev. Dr. Batterson. The old vestry, who had called the rector to an account for his High Church proclivities, were elected by so small a number of votes over the opposition as to convince the public that they did not receive the approval of the parishioners, and that instead—as one would have supposed before the election—of the rector being generally denounced by his parishioners, a very large portion of them were in full and hearty sympathy with him.

Some time this afternoon, and if not this afternoon, the old vestry, the defeated candidates will apply to the Supreme Court for the issuing of writs of quo warranto, compelling the present vestry to show cause why the rector's word of election should not be amended. The result of that election was 19 votes for the old vestry to 17 for the new. But the tellers refused to receive six votes, the two given by his assistants, Mr. J. W. Claxton, and Mr. Stewart, one by a lady "because her husband was not with her," and the remaining three by persons who favored the rector. On the other hand, the tellers are alleged to have accepted ten votes, accounted by the opposition illegal. If, therefore, upon the hearing before the Court, the illegality of the four votes given to the rector is established, then the rector will have a clear majority of eight in his favor and the old vestry will be re-elected. The writs will be made returnable on the 1st of June, and the hearing will be of the deepest interest.

A Bill of Equity Filed in the Supreme Court in Regard to the Site of the Philadelphia Library.

A bill of equity has been filed in the Supreme Court by Messrs. William T. Rawle, R. C. McMillen, and William M. Meredith, with a view of raising the question whether the executor of Dr. Rush is bound in conscience to regard the wish of the testator in respect to the site of the Ridgway branch of the Philadelphia Library. The bill, after reciting the will of Dr. Rush, and setting forth the action of the executor in accepting it, and the objections of the executors aver and charge that the discretion given by his executor to select a site of the intended building in the nature of a trust corporation, and that the whole tenor of the will indicates that the intention of the testator to found a charity which should be beneficial to your orators as a library company having a collection of books, by adding and providing them a building for that purpose; that this general intent was clogged with no conditions saving some very immateriality set forth; and that the power to select a site was merely incidental to the execution of that main purpose.

They are advised and so submit to the Court that all discretionary power given the defendant by the will and codicils of the testator was in the nature of property of your orators, inasmuch as his exercise will vary and modify their rights, and will certainly destroy or greatly impair the usefulness of the library charity to be administered by them—that the verbal directions of the testator, varying the nature of the trust and confidence reposed in him by the defendant, and the right which your orators, as devisees, had in the beneficial enjoyment of the residue of that power, were so absolutely null and void as those of a stranger—and that the intention of being made within one month prior to the death of the testator, and therefore void under the statute in such cases, is contained in the second, by reason of their not being in writing and signed by the testator at the end thereof, in accordance with the statute relating to wills; it is further stated that the promise made by the defendant to the testator was wholly illegal and could not lawfully bind the former nor be enforced against him.

THE MORTALITY OF THE CITY.—The number of deaths in the city for the week ending at noon today was 277, being an increase of 3 over those of last week and a decrease of 25 compared with the corresponding period of last year. Of these, 165 were adults; 119 were minors; 10 were boys; 10 were girls; 12 were of color; and 10 were from the country. Of this number, 53 died of consumption of the lungs; 11 of disease of the heart; 3 of mania; 14 of old age; 9 of typhoid fever; 12 of convulsions; 4 of scarlet fever; 25 of inflammation of the lungs; 4 of congestion of the brain, and 18 of debility.

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THE LATE DR. ELIAS WARD.—ACTION OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.—At noon to-day the members of the Board of Health met to take action on the death of the late President of the board, Dr. Elias Ward. Dr. James A. McCrea, President pro tem, occupied the chair. Dr. Stewardson offered the following: Inasmuch as it has pleased Divine Providence to remove from his sphere of public usefulness our President, Doctor Elias Ward, therefore Resolved, That we have heard with deep regret of the recent death of our lamented fellow-member, a gentleman whose kind feelings and genial deportment endeared him to our members, and whose utility in the exercise of his duties as presiding officer of the board commanded our respect. Resolved, That we most cordially tender to the family of the deceased our sincere condolence in their severe affliction. Resolved, That when this board adjourns it be to meet at this office on Monday next, at 10 P. M., to attend the funeral from his late residence. Resolved, That a copy of the above resolutions be forwarded to the family of the deceased. After appropriate remarks from the members the resolutions were adopted and the meeting adjourned.

WALRAVEN, EYRE AND LANDELL, No. 719 CHESNUT ST., Offers some new designs for CURTAINS AND LAMBREQUINS, FRENCH CRETONNES, STRIPED TERRY and COTELINES. Also, GIMPS AND TRIMMINGS of entirely new patterns. An assortment of LACE CURTAINS of especial elegance and cheapness, some as low as \$1.00 a window. BROCHE TAPESTRY PIANO AND TABLE COVERS are offered greatly below intrinsic value with a large assortment of EMBROIDERED CLOTH PIANO AND TABLE COVERS. 816 thustmwp

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DIAMOND-MESH HERNANIES. We have received an invoice of these Durable Goods, for which there was so great a demand last season. PERKINS & CO., No. 9 South NINTH Street, PHILADELPHIA. N. B.—Every variety of HERNANI in stock. THE NEW YORK Dyeing and Printing ESTABLISHMENT, STATEN ISLAND, 40 N. EIGHTH Street, PHILADELPHIA. No. 98 DUANE Street, New York. DYE AND FINISH IN THE BEST MANNER. SILKS, Satins, Velvets, Grapes, Ribbons, Tissues, Hareges, Merinos, Cloths, Alpaca, Reppa, Paracetas, Muslin Delaines, Fringes, Trimmings, doctory, Kid gloves, etc. Also, various Lace Curtains and Linen shades in a superior manner. Goods called for and delivered in any part of the city. 415 thustmwp

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THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ROOMS.—The Pennsylvania Historical Society has obtained possession of a long lease, of the building which stands on the southeast corner of Chestnut and Second streets, and is about to alter it for its use. This building belongs to the Pennsylvania Historical Society, and was erected for the sole purpose of holding the mammoth picture of "Washington in the Sack," painted by Benjamin West and presented to the Hospital Society. After it had been on exhibition for some time, it was removed to the Pennsylvania Asylum for the Insane in West Philadelphia, and the building in Spruce street gradually fell into disuse. The Historical Society will occupy this building, and the building fund now being raised reaches a figure to warrant the construction of an edifice for the use of the society.

A CHARGE FOR A PAVING ENTERPRISE.—At noon on Thursday next, Messrs. M. Thomas & Sons will sell at the Philadelphia Exchange 30 very desirable lots of ground on the west side of Broad street, adjoining north of the Monument Cemetery. The particular attention of purchasers is called to these lots, and especially public institutions. Projectors of first-class hotels will find this locality admirably adapted for an enterprise of this kind, situated as it would be on the handsome and most progressive thoroughfare in our city. In view of the fact that the Junction Railroad intends shortly to establish a station near by, and in view also of the enormous crowd of visitors which will arrive in Philadelphia at the Centennial celebration, the selection of this site for a first-class hotel would be an act of wisdom.

STEALING PADLOCKS.—Recently the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company have suffered numerous losses of great value, and have been obliged to stien from their freight cars. One of the cars belonging to the company was yesterday standing on the track of Washington Street, near Twenty-third street, when a man named Patrick Mann went up to the car for the purpose of stealing the lock from it. While engaged in so doing he was captured by Special Officer Gray and a policeman who had been stationed there to watch the cars. Mann was taken before Alderman Massey and held in \$800 bail. Another man who was in the company with the prisoner managed to make his escape.

TO CAPITALISTS, SEEKERS OF COUNTRY SEATS, FARMS, MANSIONS, ETC.—Messrs. Thomas & Sons advertise, on our fifth page, a very elegant country seat known as "Wagon Wheel" situated on the Philadelphia and Wilmington Turnpike, three miles above Wilmington; elegant mansion, built in castellated style, with every modern convenience; 50 acres, and extensive orchards, vineyard, etc. The catalogue of 26 pages, issued to-day, comprises a number of farms, country-seats, residences, cottages, large lots, etc., by order of the Orphans' Court, executed by trustees and auctioneers. Plans and particulars at their auction-rooms, Nos. 139 and 141 S. Fourth street.

A COURSE OF TWO interesting lectures will be given in Rev. Dr. Wylie's Church, Broad street, below Spruce, beginning at 8 P. M. The first lecture will be delivered by Rev. E. D. G. Prime, D. D., of New York, on Tuesday, April 18. Subject, "Around the World—How to Go; What to See; What It Costs." The second lecture will be delivered by Rev. John Hall, D. D., on Tuesday, April 25. Subject, "Personal Power." We recommend these lectures as being eminently instructive and interesting. Tickets may be procured at the door of the church on the evening of each lecture respectively.

DRINK AND RECKLESS.—A farmer of Dublin township, Bucks county, named Henry Detwiler, came to town yesterday, sold his load of hay, received the money, and then, in the evening, in the excess of his delight, he drove up Ridge avenue with a pace which might have answered very well for a race-course, and which did not suit the street of Philadelphia. At Ogden street the career of our gay and festive Henry was arrested. He was taken before Alderman Pancoast and fined by that magistrate.

THE TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—AN APPEAL FOR AID.—The Trinity Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia for pecuniary aid to help them to remove the debt from the church. At a recent meeting of the congregation a resolution was adopted to the effect that, in view of the request of the presbytery, they would not incur any pecuniary liabilities until the present church debt had been repaid. The Advisory Committee, which is presbytery, in return, adopted a resolution commending the church to the sympathy and material aid of the members of the congregation, and requesting them to be diligent in the exercise of their duties as presiding officers of the board commanded our respect.

A PAINFUL CASE.—THREE STARVING CHILDREN.—It would seem almost impossible that three children should survive in an open and wealthy city like Philadelphia, yet such things can happen as is shown by the circumstance that yesterday Vagrant Detective Reeder found three children in the last stages of starvation in a house at Broad and Kate streets. There was not a morsel of food in the miserable hovel, the children were sick and in rags, and all this in the most successful missionary enterprise in all the bounds of the presbytery. The announcement is signed by the Advisory Committee, which includes the following gentlemen—Rev. W. Munger, D. D., Rev. S. A. Mutchmore, Benedict D. Stewart, Robert Scott, and J. A. Gardner. The pastor of the Trinity Church is Rev. R. A. Brown.

MEETING OF THE PARK COMMISSION.—An adjourned stated meeting of the Park Commission was held to-day at noon, Hon. Morton McMichael in the chair. The damages awarded to George Crook were ordered to be paid, and immediate possession of his property was ordered to be restored to him. The new park-keepers were ordered to immediate duty to prevent reckless and improper driving. Sunday riding on most of the roads was ordered to be made. A new road around Laurel Hill was directed to be made.

ACKNOWLEDGED.—A correspondent, "Thompson," sends us \$5 for the immediate relief of the distressed family of whom we wrote yesterday. Fire Marshal Blackburn can have the same by applying at this office. The agent of the German Society, Mr. Brandt, has received the sufferer's family for the purpose of relieving their present necessities by a gift of some money. Mr. Brandt also went around among the neighbors and collected some cash and a basket of necessities. Lieutenant Thomas, by the direction of Chief Mulholland, also collected a large basket of eatables. Mr. C. C. has sent us \$3 for the destitute Kensington family.

SALE OF A COUNTRY MANSION.—Mr. Thomas & Sons will sell at the Philadelphia Exchange, on Tuesday next, at noon, a desirable country seat at Riverside, Burlington county, New Jersey, consisting of a rough-cut mansion, several acres of fine lawns and shade trees, with all modern conveniences, brick stable, a splendid orchard, stocked with the finest kind of fruit-bearing trees, and a vegetable garden with hot-beds, etc. This is just the spot for a Philadelphian, being within a short distance of the city, eleven daily trains passing the premises. There is excellent gaming and fishing near at hand. Immediate possession will be given.

DOWNED MAN FOUND.—The body of a drowned man was found of Smith's Island this morning, where the Coroner has been notified to hold an inquest. The deceased is dressed in a grey vest, blue pants, blue shirt, low shoes, and woolen stockings. The body has a leather strap around the waist.

STONE THROWER.—Thomas Fisher, a lad, was yesterday arrested at Tenth and Diamond streets for throwing stones. He was bound over in \$500 bail by Alderman Massey.

THE P. F. D.—Thus far the Commissioners of the Paid Fire Department have paid out \$97,064.75 for apparatus, horses, harness, and hose.

VAGRANTS ARRESTED.—The police of the Sixth district yesterday arrested six vagrants in the vicinity of Twenty-third and Market streets. They have been sent to prison.

FOR SALE, BARGAINS.—LOTS OF FIVE and ten acres on the Asylum road, Frankford, 418 thustmwp R. J. DOBINS, Ledger Building.