Horse and buggy	457 50	
Horse feed	47 13	
Horseshoeing	14 30	
Harness, etc	77 25	
Office furnishing	179 00	
		$3,742 88

PLUMBING, GAS FITTING AND HOUSE DRAINAGE.

Salaries	$ 875 00	
Office furnishing	46 80	
		$ 921 80

APPROPRIATION NO. 48.

Garbage furnace repairs and improvements	$ 499 28	
Garbage furnace fuel	1,124 49	
Garbage furnace, miscellaneous supplies and expenses	64 12	
Garbage furnace salaries	1,390 50	
		$ 3,078 39

APPROPRIATION NO. 49.

Patrol wagon	$ 2,896 50	
Patrol station repairs and improvements	5,812 76	
New lines and extensions	1,124 08	
Telephone service	300 00	
Horses	4,638 00	
Harness	200 00	
Seventeenth ward patrol station lot	1,000 00	
Rent of patrol stables	456 00	
Gamewell police system	3,500 00	
		$ 20,037 34

RECAPITULATION.

General appropriation for 1888	$634,500 00	
Appropriation No. 48, balance February 1, 1888	3,035 04	
Appropriation No. 49, balance February 1, 1888	26,189 34	
Expenditures February 1, to December 1, 1888		478,852 69
Expenditures February 1, to December 1, 1888, Appropriation No. 48		3,078 39
Expenditures February 1, to December 1, 1888, Appropriation No. 49		20,037 34
General office, balance on hand December 1, 1888		1,773 09
Bureau of fire, on hand December 1, 1888		49,653 18
Bureau of Police, Balance on hand December 1, 1888		80,954 33
Bureau of Electricity, Balance on hand December 1, 1888		2,455 69
Bureau of Health, Balance on hand December 1, 1888		8,565 70
Building Inspector, Balance on hand December 1, 1888		1,082,12
Plumbing, Gas Fitting and House Drainage, Balance on hand December 1, 1888		1,153 20
Appropriation No. 48, Balance on hand December 1, 1888		6 65
Appropriation No. 49, Balance on hand December 1, 1888		6,150 00
	$653,772 38	$653,772 38

GROWING PUBLIC WORKS.

An Enlarging City Shows Increasing Expenditures in the Line of Improvements—Chief Bigelow's Estimates.

Chief E. M. Bigelow, of the Department of Public Works, yesterday presented the following to Hon. Mayor McCallin:

SIR—I have the honor to report to you the expenditures and receipts of the Department of Public Works for the ten (10) months ending November 30, 1888. Also, approximate estimates required to properly conduct the Department for the year 1889.

GENERAL OFFICE.

Salaries	$8,124 84
Expenses, stationery, etc	416 69
	$8,541 70

BUREAU OF ENGINEERING AND SEWERAGE.

Salaries	$22,135 16
Supplies	474 37
Transportation	815 86
	$23,425 29

BUREAU OF HIGHWAYS AND SEWERS.

Salaries	$ 15,487 11
Labor (repairing and cleaning streets and sewers)	204,101 98
Material (stone, lumber, hardware, etc)	30,228 00
Advertising	12,324 40
	$41,500 35*

BUREAU OF WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION.

Salaries	$ 4,333 30
Wages of street hands (plugmen, drillers, inspectors and laborers)	22,161 29
Pipe extension	79,737 59
Hiland reservoir fence	7,378 50
Brilliant pumping station	43,109 17
Bedford pumping station	8,564 53
Herron Hill pumping station	5,699 47
Hiland reservoir	7,247 79
	$172,231 64

BUREAU OF ASSESSMENTS OF WATER RENTS.

Salaries	$5,905 31*
	$ 5,905 31

*These figures are given in the report, but are in error. Cannot learn whether the mistake is in the total or in the items. The total should be $171,-241 42.

BUREAU OF CITY PROPERTY.

Office salaries	$ 2,339 00
Market employes	6,379 50
Painting Diamond Market house and repairs	8,233 18
Painting Southside market house and repairs	98 82
Market supplies	441 37
Wharves and landings, office salaries	2,011 33
Wharves and landings, labor, supplies, etc	1,887 58
Wharves and landings, lighting Monongahela wharf	3,105 11
Municipal Hall, salaries, wages, etc	6,160 32
Municipal Hall, supplies	230 00
Weigh scales	7 50
Repairs and changes to buildings, made necessary by ordinance	10,169 44
	$41,500 35

BUREAU OF PUBLIC LIGHT.

Salaries	$ 5,540 21
Pittsburg Gas Company	12,888 59
Pennsylvania Globe Gas Light Company	56,952 78
Electric light	8,036 05
East End Gas Company	249 04
General expense—repairing and erecting lamps and posts, gas for engine houses, police stations, etc	5,478 06
	$83,145 71

BOARD OF VIEWERS.

Salaries	$7,860 66
Transportation	108 06
	$7,968 72

REPAVING, ETC.

Balance of appropriation, 1887	$119,770 45
Appropriation for 1888	243,568 00
	$363,338 45
Expended in 1888	306,060 66
Contracts let and unfinished	$57,247 79

RECEIPTS.

Diamond Market	$39,669 70
Fifth avenue and Adams markets	1,271 60
Southside market	6,654 70
Wharves and landings	11,699 43
Engineering and surveys	16,980 00
Highways and sewers	44 96
Weigh scales and switch licenses	2,562 50
Municipal Hall	499 00
City property	37 50
City weigh scales	422 15
Water supply and distribution	11,622 85
Assessment of water rents (erection new buildings)	4,325 23
Board of Viewers	5,815 50
	$95,555 12

APPROXIMATE ESTIMATES FOR 1889.

General office, salaries and supplies	$ 10,500 00
Bureau of Engineering and Surveys, salaries and supplies	30,260 00
Bureau of Highways and Sewers, salaries, wages, material and advertising	208,000 00
Bureau of City Property, salaries and supplies	38,000 00
Bureau of Water Supply and Distribution, salaries, supplies, fuel, pipe extension, etc	198,715 00
Bureau of Assessment of Water Rents, salaries	*7,800 00
Bureau of Public Light, present contract and extensions	121,000 00
Board of Viewers, salaries and transportation	10,000 00
Street repairing	252,875 50
	$677,850 50

The estimate for street repaving includes the following streets and alleys:

Penn avenue, from Fifth street to Water street; Forbes avenue, from Brady street to Boyd street; Forbes avenue, from Boyd street to Ross street; Water street, from Smithfield street to Duquesne Way; Penn avenue, from Fifth avenue to city line (one half); Garrison alley, from Liberty avenue to Fayette street; Barker's alley, from Liberty avenue to Duquesne Way; First avenue, from Smithfield street to Grant street; Market street, from Fourth avenue to Liberty avenue; Butler street, from Forty-ninth street to Fifty-first street; Church alley, from Sixth avenue to Strawberry alley; Strawberry alley, from Liberty avenue to Smithfield street; Slocum alley, from Penn avenue to Liberty avenue.

There are others that require repaving, but the above mentioned require immediate attention.

The estimate for the Board of Viewers is fixed by ordinance.

The estimate for public light is increased about five thousand ($5,000) dollars over last year, that amount being for extensions.

The estimate for Bureau of Assessments of Water Rents is fixed by ordinance.

The estimate for Bureau of Water Supply and Distribution includes pipe extensions, salaries of superintendent and clerk, wages, material and fuel for Brilliant, Bedford and Herron Hill pumping stations, and wages for street hands.

The estimate for Bureau of City Property includes the salaries, wages and supplies for Municipal Hall, wharves and landings, Diamond, Southside, Fifth avenue and Adams' markets.

The estimate for Bureau of Highways and Sewers includes salaries, wages of street hands for repairing and cleaning streets, machinery, materials and advertising.

The advertising being increased $8,000 over that of the year 1888.

The estimate of the Bureau of Engineering and Surveys includes salaries and supplies; from the amount of work projected for the incoming year will not be more than required.

The estimate for general office includes salaries and supplies as fixed by ordinance.

In connection with this report I would like you to call the attention of Councils to the fact that the shortage in the supply of water in the Oakland and Hazelwood districts is due to the insufficient capacity of the pipes to supply the territory.

The entire cost to properly supply the districts amounts to $195,000, and should they deem it proper they can appropriate all or part of the amount, the work being continuous from year to year.

In conclusion I would like to state that I have endeavored to keep the amounts required for the expenses of the several bureaus of the department as low as possible, keeping in mind the amount of work to be performed during the incoming year. Respectfully submitted,

E. M. BIGELOW,
Chief of Department of Public Works.

CONNINGS FOR THE CURIOUS.

An Opportunity to Make Some General Comparisons of Costs.

For the curious, the figures of the cost of some of the departments for 1887 may possess some interest. All of the appropriations for 1887 cannot be given fairly, since many of the present bureaus contain a half dozen different sections incorporated into one general item. The following figures for 1887, however, may be fairly compared with those of '88 and the estimates for '89:

Appropriations for Fire Department	$247,284 60
Appropriations for Police Department	189,000 00
Appropriations for Board of Health	70,000 00
Appropriations for Water Department	209,000 00
Appropriations for public light	105,000 00
Appropriations for education	351,785 00
Appropriations for street repaving	275,194 00

Showing a round total of $3,103,821 40 in 1887, and $3,271,560 65 in 1888.

STRUCK HER IN THE FACE.

A Pullman Conductor Most Outrageously Insults a Colored Lady.

Thomas Hyman a traveler, was at the Union Depot last night. He stated that on the night before a colored lady got on the Pullman car at Nashville, and sat down in the only empty seat in the coach. She had telegraphed ahead for a berth, but one had not been reserved for her.

A friend of the conductor came in and claimed the seat, having made no arrangements for it. The colored woman at the request of the conductor declined to vacate the seat, when the latter struck her in the face. Most of the passengers had retired, but in a very few minutes some gentlemen were up, and took the part of the colored lady. The conductor apologized most abjectly to avoid a small-sized riot, and it was with difficulty that he escaped without a good clubbing. Mr. Hyman says he will report the fellow to the Pullman Company.

THREE MUST DIE.

But Four of the Seven Fayette Explosion Victims May Recover.

The ambulance of the Homeopathic Hospital and four of the city patrol wagons conveyed seven of the men injured at Valley Forge, Fayette county, to the Homeopathic Hospital last evening at 6 o'clock. By 8 o'clock the nurses and hospital physicians had all the injured men dressed and in bed.

The names of the injured are: John Billak, Andrew Dualz, Joseph Korivinsak, Joseph Virvstek, Michael Dualcoz, Albert Ploszcia and Stephen Vittka.

The first three named will not recover, being burned all over their bodies, and it is thought they have inhaled the flame. Billak is in a particularly bad condition. The remaining four are also seriously burned about the hands, arms and face, but have some prospect of recovery.

CLOSING THE WARDS.

Appeals From City Assessments Finished in Some Districts.

The time is now past for appeals from the assessments in the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth and Thirty-third wards. Yesterday 40 final appeals were received from those three and the Eighth, Eleventh, Twenty-fourth and Thirty-first wards. Saturday next is the limit in the wards last named.

The appellants from the Second and Seventh wards have been notified of the final decision of the board in their cases. If they are not satisfied with these decisions the property holders will have to appeal to the courts.

ON A GRAND SCALE.

The Dedication of the New Masonic Temple in June Next.

The Masonic Fund Association and the various lodges of Masons will soon commence active preparations for the dedication of the new Masonic Temple on Fifth avenue. It will be finished, inside and outside, by June, and the opening ceremonies will take place in that month. They will be on a grand scale.

The Grand Lodge officers will have charge of the dedication. The invitations have already been sent to them. The details of the programme have not yet been arranged.

THE CORONER'S RECORD.

He Shows the Enormous Total of 29 Homicides in One Year.

According to Coroner McDowell's record, 704 deaths were investigated in Allegheny county in 1888. The number of violent or sudden deaths are 51 less than in 1887.

During the past year 29 homicides were committed to 19 in 1887. There were murders in every month except December. The suicidal record is 42 for 1887 to 62 for 1888, and last year three months were free from murder.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

A German Girl Missing From Her Boarding House in Allegheny.

Augusta Schmidt, who boarded at No. 34 Avery street, mysteriously disappeared from that place last Saturday morning. She is German, 24 years of age and has on a number of occasions threatened to commit suicide.

The people at the boarding house think she has drowned herself. When last seen she wore a black dress, plush ulster and black hat.

She Cornered Him on Time.

E. B. Bennett had a hearing before Alderman McKenna yesterday on a charge of larceny preferred against him by a woman named Lee Keating. The latter lives on Robinson street, Allegheny, and she alleges that the defendant stole a watch and chain valued at $65 from her. The defendant gave bail in $300 for court.

Medical Achievements.

Dr. John Logan says that the year just closed was one of remarkable advancement in medicine and surgery. Among the discoveries were that cancer can be cured; that consumption is contagious, and that yellow fever may be confined to a certain district.

Drilling for Gas at West Newton.

The Standard Oil Company and the National Tube Works Company are reported to be drilling for gas at West Newton, near Bellevernon, where they are supposed to have secured 4,000 acres of land.

To be Like the Old One.

The congregation of the Wilkinsburg St. James' Roman Catholic Church met on Sunday and decided to rebuild the house on the plan of the old one, recently burned. About 80 members were present. No school building will be attached.

First in Six Years.

County Detective Langhurst was confined to his home two days last week by sickness. That was the first time he was off duty in six years of service for the county.

CUPID'S BEAU-KNOTS.

The Last Day of the Year With the Marriage License Clerk.

SCENES AND INCIDENTS NOTED

Among Those Who Preferred to Turn Their New Leaf in 1888.

ONE APPLICANT IN NEED OF A DIVORCE

Playing the Deuce with Two Aces.

SINCE earth emerged from chaos and man with his few wants was created, man, woman, love and marriage, in one form or another, have existed. But the marriage license—that document with which many a couple yesterday turned over their new leaf—who shall say that it is a chestnut?

The securing of this modern certificate is no easy task. It is as hard, if not harder, than the ceremony itself.

Enter a neat office, ascend one flight of stairs, turn to the right, and you will find Captain Heiber, who presides over this division of the county's business. With an immovable countenance he, with a few strokes of his pen, unwittingly paves the way for the ending of a life's romance or the commencement of a —it is difficult matter to predict what will follow.

First Half of the Nuptial Conundrum.

Yesterday was a busy day for the Captain, and a reporter kept him company for a while, noting a few of the incidents of this rare "new leaf day."

Man ever prides himself on being the lord of creation, but when in a marriage license office, that title becomes null and void. The couple usually enter the office smiling, and, perhaps, with foreshadowing blushes on their cheeks. He assumes an air of confidence and superiority, as if he knew it all, and only wanted someone to express doubts, so that he might contradict him. She behaves as coolly as if entering her own parlor. When the time arrives for the transaction of the necessary legal details, she steps forward and assumes the leadership. Harry stammers and stutters, while she asks him: "How old are you Hal, dear?" "Were you ever married before?" and then she looks daggers at him until he answers "No," and so on through the list.

The Other Half.

A man well up in years, who proposed and been accepted by an Allegheny widow, entered the office yesterday. The poor fellow was worried. It was his second attempt at connubial happiness, and he acted as if he hadn't made up his mind upon the wisdom of the step. A friend was with him, and both had drunk to each other's health and happiness, but only mildly. When the question "In what year were you born?" was propounded, he serenely answered, "1883." Captain Heiber again asked him, and received the same answer. He was informed that he would then be but 5 years old. He summoned back his wandering mind and admitted that he was—several years older.

He and His Would-Be Father-in-Law.

The next question that was put to him was: "Have you ever been married before?"

"Yes," was his answer.

"How was the marriage dissolved?"

"By divorce," he replied, rather bashfully.

"Allow me to see your papers?" asked Captain Heiber.

With an air of confidence he drew out a package of documents and handed one to the clerk, who, after glancing over it, returned it to him, with the remark that it wouldn't do. The applicant then handed him a second paper, which was also returned, and he was informed that he was not divorced by any means.

With International Union in View.

A look of dismay overspread the poor fellow's face. "My gracious!" he faintly murmured, and then become speechless. His knees weakened and he seemed to shrink up, while his courage oozed out at his finger tips. It would require a brave man to face that widow after trifling with her affections! A sickly smile overspread his face as he softly said "good-by!"

It is laughable to notice the look of surprise and consternation which overspreads the bride-elect's face—that is if she is about 19 years of age, which is about the average—when she is asked if she was ever married.

One of the future benedicts yesterday had a mind stronger than his intended wife, and two other couples were also applying for papers. They were either Poles or Bohemians. None of the men could speak English but one of the women had mastered the German tongue. They entered the office strangers, but soon became acquainted. The girls pointed out to each other with pride their future husbands, each grabbing her intended by the arm and jerking him about, so that all of his advantages might be exhibited. It was found necessary to obtain the services of an interpreter; but the first applicant could not understand what was required. A card was handed to him, with an address upon it. The six carefully studied the writing, turned the card ups de down, looked at the back and then retired in a corner to hold a noisy consultation in their own jaw-breaking way. Finally, the first applicant grew tired of the jangling, and, seizing the card, he threw it down on the clerk's desk and started for the door, muttering that he would get married without a license, or words to that effect. The two other couples who had come for licenses followed him.

A granger from Washington county wandered into the office. He confidentially whispered to the clerk that he wanted a marriage certificate. His shoes were encased in a pair of heavy rubbers, which were

May and December's Single Slip-Knot.

encrusted in yellow mud. His trousers bagged at the knees and wore a fringe about the ends. The sleeves of his coat were too short, and his vest acted as if it wished to hide the flaming red tie at his throat, and thus the vest exposed a broad band of flannel about his waist, which was a part of his shirt. Harvest suns and winter winds had succeeded in turning his face to a vermilion. He said he lived four miles from the nearest railroad, and wanted to "get married to-day."

The first trouble he experienced was in forgetting the age of his intended. He sat down to ponder over the subject for awhile, and when he again stood before the desk he said she was born in the year of, it might not do to name the date, but she was not old enough to marry without the consent of her parents. That was necessary, and as they lived so far away from the city, it is safe to say that the marriage did not take place to-day.

Since the marriage license law went into effect October 1, 1885, 14,159 marriage licenses have been granted. From January 1 to December 31, 1887, there were 4,513 licenses issued. During the same period of time in 1888 there were issued 4,858 licenses. On the day before Christmas 68 were issued, and 36 yesterday.

All kinds and all classes of the people are to be found in this office; the rich, the poor, the high and the lowly; the city sport and the country pumpkin, frivolous and sedate; all brought together by a curious little cupid with his quiver of more or less poisoned arrows. With the new year they enter into new life. It will either make or mar them. Then, amid the many toasts that will be drunk to-day, why not propose for them "a long and happy married life" and then,

Drink, my jolly lads, drink with discerning;
Wedlock's a lane where there is no turning.
Never was an owl more blind than a lover;
Drink, and be merry lads, half seas over!

THE VERY LAST OF THE YEAR.

Thomas Jones	West Elizabeth
Susan M. Welsh	West Elizabeth
James B. Farley	Pittsburg
Bertha Kress	Pittsburg
Charles P. Scawright	Pittsburg
Mary J. Russell	Pittsburg
Joseph Parker	Allegheny
Annie Stevenson	Allegheny
John Coenen	Pittsburg
Annie Lunn	Pittsburg
Harris C. Deane	Minneapolis, Minn
Maggie E. Wright	Beaver county
Adam Knochel	Shaler Township
Lyia M. Weldon	Sharpsburg
James Juches	Allegheny
May Howard	Allegheny
John Glova	Westmoreland county
Mary Krompigce	Allegheny
Alfred Easton	Banksville
Magnie Evans	Banksville
Jacob V. Houk	Pittsburg
Flora Page	Beaver Falls
William A. Francis	Allegheny
Nellie Beech	Allegheny
Samuel M. Armstrong	Harmersville
Ella Kissick	Springdale
Albert Mundorff	Mifflin township
Mary Crookshank	Mifflin township
Henry J. Horning	Topeka, Kan
Anna Ingram	Grantville, Kan
Will Patterson	Niles, O
Emma S. Stround	Homestead
Daniel Lipscomb	Homestead
Mollie Clark	Homestead
Jacob Stampfle	Allegheny
Katie Raab	Allegheny
George Masret	Hillside, Pa
Charlotte J. Beedle	Jefferson township
John G. Bolland, Jr	Allegheny City
Annie Konrad	Allegheny City
John M. Graham	Allegheny City
Annie M. Kennweg	Allegheny City
Frederick Buettner	McKeesport
Elizabeth Leinwand	Pittsburg
Michael Gallagher	Braddock
Mary Duffy	Wilkinsburg
Louis Bartle	Beltzhoover
Esther H. Clegg	Beltzhoover
Chauncy J. Clelland	Pittsburg
Martha Ross	Wilkinsburg
Phillip Sweeney	Pittsburg
Martha Ryan	Pittsburg
William Knopp	Pittsburg
Agnes J. Schultz	Pittsburg
Matthew Bailey	Washington county
Carrie Gregg	Fayette township
Peter Gilroy	Pittsburg
Mary Reilly	Braddock
John Seymour	Chartiers township
Bert Flaherty	Pittsburg
John Vogel	Sharpsburg
Elizabeth Schmolder	Sharpsburg
Reimhold Herman	Crafton
Rosa Wentz	Crafton
John Szklayor	Wood's Run
Mary Goga	McKeesport
John B. Hersberger	Beaver county
Lidie Fackluer	Pittsburg
John Carson	Allegheny
Minnie Heyl	Allegheny

TRIED TO ROB HIM.

Two Men Entice Mr. Wilcox Into an Alley, but a Detective Saves Him.

Two men enticed J. M. Wilcox, an old gentleman, under the influence of liquor, into Scrip alley, last night, and tried to rob him. One of the men hit him with a handy-billy, and the pair were about to go through his clothes when Detective Allen appeared. Mr. Wilcox was taken to the Central station, where his wounds were dressed.

THAT DEADLY GAS EXPLOSION.

The Boy Who Looked Down From the Trestle is Dying.

John Cochrane, the West End lad who was severely burned by an explosion in a gas main on Sunday, was in a very critical condition yesterday. Dr. Neely has given up all hope of his recovery.

Dissatisfied Conductors.

Beginning with this morning cable cars will be run regularly between Sixth street and East End on the Citizen's Traction road. The Lawrenceville branch will commence in a few days. A new set of rules dissatisfies some of the conductors. They contemplate the dismissal of employes who happen to be tardy in the mornings reporting for work.

A 4 Per Cent Dividend and Banquet.

The directors of the Duquesne Bank held their semi-annual meeting yesterday, and declared a dividend of 4 per cent. The books were found in a satisfactory condition. In the evening they had their annual banquet at the Seventh Avenue Hotel. Thirteen persons were present.

H. W. McCord Killed.

H. W. McCord, a brakeman on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, was killed near Wheeling yesterday. He fell from the top of a box car. The young man was a son of Dr. W. C. McCord, of Glenfield, where he lived.

A Box of Axes.

A box of new axes was found alongside the Ft. Wayne track, near the Ridge avenue bridge, yesterday. They were marked by the manufacturer, "Robert Mann, Mill Hall, Pa.," and were intended to be shipped to Portland, Ore.

SOME LUCKY CITIZENS.

Fabulously Rich Tin Mines Are Discovered in Durango.

A DANGEROUS RIVAL TO ENGLAND.

Splendid Opening for Northern Miners in Texas Coal Fiels.

ANOTHER BOYCOTT ORDERED HERE

A meeting of the stockholders of the Pittsburg and Mexican Tin Mining Company will be held in this city Monday, January 14. The object of the gathering is to elect a board of directors, make by-laws and transact other business in regard to the opening and working of the company's mines in Mexico.

The company is composed exclusively of Pittsburg capitalists, who claim they have the richest undeveloped tin mines to be found in the world.

There is a sort of romance connected with the discovery of the mines by the Pittsburg people. A short time ago while a number of them were prospecting in Durango State, Mexico, they came upon some records showing that rich deposits of tin could be found in the country. They consulted books, papers, etc., and found that about 60 years previous the supposed mines were located in the interior, but the natives knew nothing of them.

The explorers were satisfied that the former natives had worked the mines, and that the deposits really existed somewhere. They sent out two men who traveled over every foot of country for months, until one day they came upon the mines.

According to the experts who examined the samples here, the mines are the richest that have ever been discovered, and a curious and valuable feature of a tin deposit is that the veins are almost inexhaustible. At present nearly all block tin is imported.

PARADISE FOR MINERS.

Return of a Pittsburg Coal Digger From Texas Pits.

Texas is a paradise for coal miners. William Rennie, of the Monongahela river, has returned from Fort Worth. He went there to investigate the strike of 100 miners. In the *Labor Tribune* he reports that they are in the wrong. They struck against certain restrictions laid upon them by the old owners of the mines there. These mines are now owned by the Texas and Pacific Coal Company, and although they have offered the miners every opportunity, none of them will return to work. The field is therefore open to Pennsylvania miners. Mr. Rennie says:

One can very well judge as to what a man can make here at the shedule of prices offered by the Texas and Pacific Coal Company from the amount of wages paid by the Johnson Company. Access was had to the August and September pay-rolls of the Johnson Company, and 10 names were taken without any reference to the ability or skill of the respective miners, and I found that the average paid to them was $4 15 per day. Out of this the men had to pay for oil and tool sharpening, there being but very little powder used in the mine.

The climate of this place is such that during the course of one year the cost of clothing and necessaries of life is less than in Pennsylvania; old settlers represent the place to be most healthy; land is of unsurpassed fertility and may be had for $2 50 per acre.

Thomas Lawson, an agent of the company, says some miners in their employ have earned from $12 to $15 per day. The company has bought 23,000 acres of coal land, and in its development expect to have plenty of work for the surplus of Pittsburg miners, some of whom have already gone to Texas. Mr. Lawson mentions corn and beef as two instances of lower costs for food than can be obtained here.

FOR THE BUILDERS.

A Movement on Foot to Organize Them Into Mixed Assemblies.

A movement is on foot among the members of the new Builders' League to organize mixed local assemblies of the Knights of Labor composed exclusively of workers in the building trades. This will be in addition to the regular organizations of the mechanics. Out of the mixed assemblies there shall be formed a Central Council, to be composed of delegates from the mixed assemblies. Each craft or trade in the mixed assemblies shall be entitled to one delegate. Out of the Central Council will be organized a General Council, composed of delegates from the former body. The General Council will be the highest body, and all questions that cannot be settled by the Central Council will be referred to it.

Although the mixed assemblies will include everybody engaged in the work of building, the different crafts will settle their own disputes.

DISGRUNTLED KNIGHTS.

Powderly's Supporters Will Not Rent a Hall For Barry's Lecture.

From present indications there will be trouble among the Knights of Labor here over the appearance of Thomas B. Barry in this city, Saturday next. The axmakers, composing L. A. 1548, N. D. A. 155, of which Barry was Master Workman, are trying to secure one of the halls in the Knights of Labor building; but the Knights who favor Powderly and are opposing Barry's new order say they will not give them the hall.

L. A. 1548 is completing the arrangements, and says it will hold the reception there if the hall is not taken by any other Local Assembly for a regular meeting. If they cannot get the hall in the Knights of Labor building, they will hold the reception and lecture in Lafayette Hall.

ANOTHER BOYCOTT.

A Well-Known Firm of Plumbers Placed Under the Ban Yesterday.

The latest firm in this city to be placed under the ban of a boycott, similar to that for which labor leaders are on trial, is McKnight & Victory, of Smithfield street. Yesterday morning dodgers were posted on the telegraph poles along Smithfield street and the public was requested to withdraw patronage from the firm. The grievance was that the firm was running a non-union shop.

The trouble is about one of the men in the shop, who has fallen behind in his dues to the Plumbers' Union.

The firm will pay no attention to this boycott, instituted by its four striking union plumbers.

TO CONSOLIDATE THE OFFICES.

A Scheme to Abolish the Recording Secretaryship of D. A. 3.

At the quarterly meeting of D. A. 3, Knights of Labor, this month, a proposition will be introduced to consolidate the offices of District Master Workman and Recording Secretary. The membership is no larger now than it was when the duties of the latter were attended to by the Master Workman.

If the offices are consolidated the salary of $1,200 per annum for the District Master Workman will not be reduced.

COAL OPERATORS' MEETING.

Delegates to be Elected to the Inter-State Convention.

At a meeting of the coal operators of Western Pennsylvania to be held at the Monongahela House January 9, delegates will be elected to the Inter-State Convention of Miners and Operators to be held at Indianapolis February 5.

At the meeting the prospects of the business for the next year will be discussed. The delegates will also be instructed what mining rate they shall insist upon at the Indianapolis convention.

Labor Notes.

WORK has been resumed at Brown's coal mines at Boston, on the Youghiogheny.

ABOUT 200 coke ovens owned by Carnegie Bros. & Co., at Douglass station, on the Pittsburg, McKeesport and Youghiogheny Railroad, are idle on account of not getting enough coal.

OUR ITALIAN EXPORTERS.

They Still Send Money Out of the Country, Bringing Little in.

In the report of the money order department of the Pittsburg postoffice, for the quarter ending last night, the following items are most noticeable: Domestic money orders were issued to the amount of $90,-973 07, and in the same line $210,139 92 were paid; British money orders were issued for $15,354 99, and $2,124 28 paid; German orders issued, $9,393 73, and $6,349 89 paid; Italian orders issued, $5,537 09, and $95 40 paid—a striking contrast showing that the Italians still send their money out of the country without scarcely making any returns.

At the East End, for the same quarter, domestic orders were issued for $6,999 32, and $1,474 17 paid.

SAME TO YOU, THANKS!

The Tender Infant Receives but a Chilly Reception in Pittsburg.

The glorious New Year struck this town in a sort of perfunctory "Well, I 'spose I'll have to" way, at about 12 o'clock last night. A cold fog and a frightful din set in at once, welcoming the coming and speeding the parting guest in a manner delightful to see. Old City Hall clock was apparently disgusted with the kid, and absolutely refused to register the time of its birth. In fact it stopped short, and the lights went out entirely.

Happy couples, arm in arm, returning from seeing the Old Year out; newsboys and sober men shooting firecrackers, and firecrackers shooting newsboys and sober men, coupled with the ringing of bells and the blowing of whistles welcomed the year 1889.

LADIES' RELIEF SOCIETY.

The Twenty-Second Annual Meeting of the Widows' Auxiliary.

At the Twenty-second annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the Widows' Home Auxiliary to the Ladies' Relief Society of Allegheny yesterday the reports showed that the society had over 100 women and children under its care. Only four women whom they had taken died under the society's care during the year. The managers acknowledge the kindness of a number of contributors.

The officers are: President, Mrs. Felix R. Brunot; Vice-President, Miss Mary Herron; Treasurer, Miss Jennie Smith; Secretary, Miss M. M. Pressly.

CAPT. AWL'S HOUSEWARMING.

He and Company F. Open Their New Armory in Fine Style.

The new armory of Company F., Eighteenth Regiment, at 1304 Bingham street Southside, was opened in due style, last evening. A splendid lunch was disposed of with soldierly appetites. The advent of the new year was welcomed with the discharge of 1,000 good blank cartridges.

The company has one of the finest armories in this end of the State. It includes a large drill room, sitting room and Quartermaster Sergeant's room, all appropriately decorated. Colonel Norman M. Smith and several of his staff and other officers of the regiment, assisted Captain Awl in his housewarming.

A BOYCOTT BOTH WAYS.

The Agony Will be Renewed Before the Master To-Morrow.

J. M. Kelly, editor of the *Commoner*, and John F. Doyle, District Master Workman of D. A. 3, Knights of Labor, were yesterday subpenaed to appear before Master M. A. Woodward as defendants in the Brace Bros'. boycott case on Wednesday. The agony over this case will be probably prolonged for months.

Mr. Kelly will testify that upon the night of the arrest of the boycotters Mr. Brace had the news sent out by Associated Press, and particularly asked that Kelly's name be used.

SAM JONES DYING.

The Veteran Clerk of the Seventh Avenue Hotel Near the Border.

Sam Jones, as the boys familiarly called him, the veteran clerk of the Seventh Avenue Hotel, is lying in a critical condition, and is not expected to live much longer. He has been suffering for a few weeks with a severe attack of pneumonia, and his strength is almost exhausted. Sam has many friends, who will regret to hear of his illness.

Home From the West.

Superintendent Hamilton, of the Allegheny Parks, returned home yesterday from a tour among the conservatories of Mexico and Colorado. He left Henry Phipps and John A. Brashear in the West. They will take part in an expedition to Nevada to-day to view the eclipse of the sun.

A New Bridge and a Banquet.

The Sharon Bridge Company will give a banquet to-morrow evening at the Clyde House, New Brighton, to celebrate the completion of its bridge across Beaver Creek. The bridge cost $40,000 and connects the towns of New Brighton and Beaver.

Our January Sale—$1 00 Fancy Velvets at 50c.

Not trashy, but fine, stylish colorings. Also great mark down in finer goods, at $1 00 and $2 00 a yard. Come and see these.
JOS. HORNE & CO.'S
Penn Avenue Stores.

B. & B.

Black goods, black silks; such bargains; ridiculous thing to mention in this connection. Tycoon reps, old fashioned, but the best, 8c; the original kind that used to retail at 25c, 8c. BOGGS & BUHL.

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Special Sale of Men's Dress and Night Shirts

January 2; laundried and unlaundried. Don't miss seeing this line; all grades and styles. Special low prices.
A. G. CAMPBELL & SONS, 710 Penn ave.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Our January Sale—46-Inch Wool Cashmeres

At 58c—a bargain at 75c. This is the place for dress goods at lowest prices, and good goods at that. JOS. HORNE & CO.'S
Penn Avenue Stores.

Open New Year's Day.

Balance of holiday goods at cost; fine silk muffers, plush lambrequins, table scarfs, pillow shams, ladies fine wrappers, newmarkets, jackets, jerseys, kid gloves, girls' winter dresses, and gretchen coats and infant's wear. Presents with $1 purchases. BUSY BEE HIVE,
Cor. Sixth and Liberty.

BROOKS LAW AND RYE.

The Revenue Collector's Report Shows One Nice Increase, Caused by the Whisky Business in This District.

Mr. E. A. Bigler, Collector of Internal Revenue, gave out the following reports yesterday. The first is for the month of December, 1888, while the next is for the first six months of the fiscal year of 1888-1889, ending last night.

For the month of December—Lists, $260 50; beer, $37,283 05; spirits, $172,713 00; cigars, $44,; 133 15; snuff, $564 08; tobacco, $7,824 34; special, $781 70. Total, $263,559 82.

From July 1 to January 31—Lists, $789 86 beer, $246,260 90; spirits, $914,334 40; cigars, $278,-101 20; snuff, $6,244 08; tobacco, $47,827 14; special, $8,406 61. Total, $1,502,964 19.

In comparing the amount of the collections on beer licenses with the amount collected during the same time last year, a decrease of nearly $30,000 is noticeable, which may be attributed to the Brooks law.

There is a general increase of $51,113 72 over the same time of last year, and this increase has been made up from