high a price for a chicken, and he said "Yes, I think that is fowl play."

DOES THIS SETTLE IT?

President Kelly, of the Inspectors, Says the Public Has Nothing to do With the Western Penitentiary—The State is Not the Public.

At his home on Western avenue last night Mr. George A. Kelly said that it would be impossible for Dr. Maharneke to have done anything crooked, as he had been under surveillance since the time he was appointed hospital steward. Mr. Kelly added: "I do not believe that Maharneke is guilty, and will not believe it until he has had a fair and impartial trial. It is folly for any one to think that Maharneke could have aided any one to escape, or do anything that was contrary to prison regulations. Although he was an official of the prison, he did not know he was constantly watched. I guess you are the only one aside from the warden and myself who knows of this. Every little act of the man's was carefully noted and if he did anything suspicious the warden would have been after him. We did not watch him because we thought that he was dishonest, but on account of the circumstances indicating his elevation to the position. We knew he was in a position to do the prison harm if he wished, and therefore we did not propose to take any chances.

"There is nothing in the charges of cruelty. Why, the man could not have done half he is charged with without it being known to the warden. If Maharneke was doing all these crooked things, maltreating sick prisoners, accepting bribes, etc., what do you suppose the warden was doing all this this time? Do you not think he would know something about it? No, sir, you can't make me believe those things until we have better proof."

IT MUST BE IRON-CLAD.

"What do you think of the receipt given by Maharneke for the $5 alleged to have received for the chicken?"

"Well, we are going to let Mrs. Mair produce that if she can. From what I have been able to hear, I am afraid she cannot. If she does, it will be compared with the books in the prison office. Maharneke writes such a foreign hand that there will be no trouble telling whether the signature is genuine or not.

"Mrs. Mair says she had the receipt, but lost it in moving, etc. Mrs. Mair is an honest woman and would not have sworn to seeing the receipt unless she actually saw it. The question in my mind is 'was the receipt genuine?' I think Dr. Maharneke was too smart to do a thing of this kind. If he accepted the money he certainly knew enough not to criminate himself by giving a receipt for it."

"How do you account for the sworn testimony of Mrs. Mair to the effect that Maharneke was very blasphemous in his language in the hospital. Mrs. Mair is positive that Maharneke used the worst language she ever heard during her whole time among penal institutions?"

"I cannot for the life of me imagine why Mrs. Mair should keep this a secret, and not let the warden or inspectors know of it, when she knew it was against the rules of the institution. She knows, as well as I know, that no officer on guard in the prison is allowed to use harsh or disrespectful language to any prisoner, and cannot strike him, only when the life of the keeper is in danger. She came to the prison, sat down at the same table, ate her dinner with Dr. Maharneke, and never made a complaint of any kind. She knew it was her duty to report any violations of the rules. She did not report these; but, on the contrary, to the State Board she made the report that she could find no fault with the institution in any respect. This certainly sounds very queer, doesn't it?

LIGHTNING'S UNCERTAIN FLASH.

"I guess we will have another meeting about Friday evening next, when the other side will be heard. As I told Maharneke this afternoon, if he is guilty lightning will strike him. I do not know what the board will do with him after he is discharged, in case of his guilt. It is a penal offense to aid any prisoner to escape, and Maharneke will probably get a chance to come before a court of justice.

"I fully believe that there is a power back of the whole matter, and sensational developments may turn up. Yes, we will certainly investigate it to the bottom, even if I have to employ detectives to aid me to get at the bottom of it. If I have to do this, I will get some of you DISPATCH reporters to ferret the matter out for me. If there is a job back of it to injure Maharneke, who says it is all a conspiracy, then the job is engineered by a man who has a pretty long head, and is as smart as they find them. If I locate a certain man in this city who, I think, is at the bottom of it, he will likely hear something drop, and might get a chance to serve another term.

"There is another thing I would like to state, and that is that there will be no reporters present at the next meeting of the board. Why, I was astonished when I heard that THE DISPATCH had a man at the meeting Friday night. Such a thing was entirely unheard of, and will not occur again as long as I am connected with the institution. It is not because I fear the publicity of the thing, but because I do not think it is a matter of news for the public."

A POPULAR MISTAKE.

"Well, Mr. Kelly, is the penitentiary not a State institution, and, consequently, are not the proceedings of its officers properly open to the public?"

"No, sir; I do not recognize that you are the State, or the public is the State. The inspectors of the prison are the servants of the State, and we are not supposed to be answerable to the public for any of our acts. The proceedings of our investigations have always been conducted secretly, and we intend to keep on that line. If any reporters come down to that meeting they will not get in."

"Will this not make the public think that you are afraid of the publication of the proceedings, and want to keep it as quiet as possible?"

"Let them think so! Why should we care what the public thinks? We know our duty in the matter, and the public need not have any interest in it until the investigation is concluded."

AN OFFICIAL VIEW OF IT.

Inspector James McCutcheon Says Mrs. Mair's Receipt is All That is Needed to Decapitate Maharneke—His Faith in the Little Doctor.

Mr. James McCutcheon, a member of the firm of Lindsay & McCutcheon, iron manufacturers, and who is a member of the Board of Prison Inspectors, and was presiding officer at the meeting Friday night, was seen by a reporter at his residence on Irwin avenue, Allegheny, yesterday, and questioned in regard to the one great matter that everybody seems to be talking about. Like the other members of the board, he was averse to saying anything about the matter until the case had been thoroughly sifted, and both sides heard. He would not venture any opinion as to whether Dr. Maharneke would be discharged or not; but, until the defendant's sworn testimony is heard, he will believe him innocent of the charges. Mr. McCutcheon said:

"I was amazed when the matter was brought to my attention on Friday. Prior to this I did not have the least idea that there was a suspicion of Dr. Maharneke aiding any of the convicts to make their escape from the prison. Whether the charges are true or not, time will tell.

"Mrs. Mair, when testifying, swore that she had several receipts given by Dr. Maharneke to the prisoners. Among them was supposed to be the one given for $5 for the chicken sent by Mrs. Mair to an inmate of the prison. If she produces this, then the trial will stop where it is, provided the books of the prison office show that Maharneke has been guilty of crooked work. There will be no need of hearing the other side of the case. If he is guilty, he will be discharged instanter. I do not know what action the board will take after they discharge him.

STRONG, YET HARD TO BELIEVE.

"It is pretty hard to believe the stories, yet they are backed up with such strong proofs that the public will, do doubt, jump at the conclusion that Dr. Maharneke is guilty. Mrs. Mair is a good, honest, conscientious, truthful woman, and when she swears to such statements, there must be something in the charges.

"The fact of her concealing the blasphemy and profanity of Maharneke in the hospital causes the inspectors to be slightly skeptical. She told us that she knew of the blasphemy for months, yet she did not mention it. As she is a member of the Visiting Committee of the State Board of Public Charities, she was, to a certain extent, an officer, and had a perfect right in the penitentiary. She was not under any obligations to Dr. Maharneke for allowing her to visit the patients in the hospital, and therefore needed not to have concealed his faults. I cannot condemn Maharneke until we hear his witnesses on this point.

"One of the employes of the institution was up at the bank yesterday, and, for my own personal information, I asked him if Dr. Maharneke used profane language to the patients. He replied that he had never heard him use anything like the language attributed to him. Still, if it was not true, Mrs. Mair wouldn't have said so.

"There is a strong belief that there is an animus back of this whole business. It is a well-recognized fact that the convicts would naturally get down on Maharneke because he was taken out of their ranks and put over them. On this account they might try to injure him in any way they could.

THE BATTERY JUST THE THING.

"In regard to the statement that Dr. Maharneke was very abusive to patients by using the electric battery on them, there is nothing in that. I had a private conversation with Dr. Rankin, the physician at the institution, and he assured me that the treatment was all right. The battery was applied under Dr. Rankin's own orders."

"How did Maharneke get to be made hospital steward?"

"Well, it was about on this wise: When his term was up he asked to be given employment in the prison in that capacity, or in the apothecary's shop. As he had rendered valuable services as assistant in the latter, and as he was smart at the business, some of the members of the board thought it would be a good idea to retain him. Others objected, on the ground that it would be bad policy to take a convict and place him in a position of trust and responsibility. Those who asked for his retention in the position said it would be a good example, to show the other convicts that the officials had their future welfare at heart, and on that account he was given the position.

FAITH IN A PROTEGE.

"We cannot believe that he has violated the trust we reposed in him. About the best thing in his favor is that he courted the investigation. This would stamp him as an honest man.

"As soon as we heard of the attempt to escape the inspectors immediately took steps to prevent a repetition. Another man was placed on the night patrol. We have men patroling the tops of the walls overlooking the entire yard during the day, and it would be impossible for anyone to get away. At night the guards walk around the yard on the inside of the wall.

"I guess the next meeting of the board will be held about Friday night, when the other side will be heard. We will have to wait until Warden Wright gets back from Harrisburg before we can do anything more. He has 20 witnesses who will swear to directly the opposite of what has been offered by prosecuting witnesses. No, I do not think the Warden or any other officer will be implicated in the affair. Captain Wright has been in charge of the institution for about 20 years, and bears an irreproachable character. He wants the thing sifted to the very bottom."

THE RELIGIOUS SIDE OF IT.

A Lawyer Talks to the Young Men of the S. O. T. and Jr. O. U. A. M.

In Moorhead's building on Grant street an enthusiastic meeting was held under the auspices of the Golden Circle Division No. 85, Sons of Temperance. Mrs. Duffy lead the choir in singing, and Mrs. R. H. Jones had charge of the meeting.

The principal speaker was W. M. Price, who directed his talk especially to the young men present in delegations from the Sons of Temperance and Jr. O. U. A. M. He first reviewed the origin of these organizations, giving their objects his most unqualified approval. He then turned his attention to the amendment question, and said it remained to be seen whether the young men of this country were to continue the flying of the flag of American liberty over the school houses and distilleries alike, when the former embodies the possibilities of all that is good and great in the future, and the latter is a symbol of slavery and tyranny of the worst kind.

He confined his attention strictly to the religious side of the question in the casting of the ballot, and did not enter into any of the political questions, and at the conclusion of his speech, received what is rarely awarded at those meetings, most liberal applause from all present.

DISCORD IN MUSIC.

Several Members of the Musical Union Under Discipline.

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Musical Protective Association was called yesterday afternoon for the purpose of disciplining 16 members. President Ruhe was in the chair, but what transpired could not be learned, though one of the board said none had been suspended. A fine of $10 is usual in such cases.

The trouble, so it is reported, arose from the refractory members playing in the Great Western Band on the occasion of the anniversary entertainment of Orion Council 244, Royal Arcanum, held on January 24. It appears that Orion Council engaged the services of the Great Western Band about three months ago for this entertainment. Before the anniversary came to pass several of the members either resigned, were suspended or expelled, but as they had been engaged, presented themselves on the night of the entertainment, and helped to make the music. The balance of the band being members of the association, were not allowed, under the rules, to play under such circumstances.

TWO PLACES RAIDED.

Officer Teeters Captures Twelve Colored Men Playing Poker.

Lieutenant Teeters made two raids on Saturday night out Penn avenue. A disorderly crowd was very noisy in Mrs. Vannoy's house on Mulberry alley. Four men and two women beside the proprietress were captured. The latter was fined $25, and the others $5 apiece.

Later in the evening the same officer raided a house, corner Liberty and Twenty-eighth streets, kept by William Humstead, where a poker game was in progress. Twelve colored men were captured who registered as Emmett Robinson, Henry Myers, Richard Beverly, William Burton, Henry Brooks, Edward Jackson, Howell Forrest, Alfred Butler, Willis M. Boser, Ambrose Bird and Charles Murray.

Magistrate McKenna fined the proprietor $25 and costs, and the others $5 apiece.

AN INQUIRY FROM GERMANY.

Mayor Pearson Asked for Information Concerning an Old German.

Mayor Pearson, of Allegheny, received a letter a day or two ago from Charles Hettler, assistant purchasing agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Ft. Wayne, Ind., asking for information of a man named Johann Kurtzdorfer, or Kurtz, who, he learned, died in Allegheny a short time ago.

The writer stated that he was about 59 years old, and wanted to know if Kurtzdorfer was married or single and if he died poor or was wealthy. The information was asked for on behalf of the Mayor of Hotenhaslach, Germany, where Kurtzdorfer has many relatives, and who have not heard of him for 35 years. The letter will be answered after proper inquiry.

Another Cable Accident.

Phillip Eisenburg, of Soho, was thrown from a cable car and had his nose broken at the Washington street power house yesterday afternoon. It is said the accident was caused by the gripman failing to pull his grip up in time to make the jump at that point.

SOLACE FOR BRAINS.

Some Very Peculiar Traits of Pittsburg Library Readers.

THE DEAR GIRLS LIKE NEW NOVELS

And Scarcely Read the Funny Papers and Never the Religious.

QUEER ERRORS IN REGARD TO NAMES

WHY an owl should signify wisdom is not known, except, perhaps, that it looks wise, says nothing, and cannot even see in broad daylight.

This has very little to do with the intellectual status of Pittsburg, but a tender subject like this must be approached in a coy, reserved way, as all are so used to praising iron, glass and gas, that none ever think of her readers and of her people whose business and amusement it is to ponder.

One half hour spent in the Pittsburg library shows some funny things that may not be generally known. The library contains 22,000 books, embodying the wisdom of centuries, yet there are but 1,000 members. The sexes are about equally divided, but there is the widest difference in taste.

The scientific department is patronized by either very young men or very old. The young men come to look up some electric or iron or chemical affinity, while the old gentlemen usually love to pour over the secret art of ages and ages ago. Occasionally a lady wanders into the alcove, studies a chemical proposition with knit brows for a moment, then goes away to the furtherest end of the room and seeks refuge in a bazaar.

The Kid's Delight.

Then, queerly enough, the men patronize the religious corner, with perhaps a lady now and then who seeks an explanation of her own religious schisms. This is only queer because the regular church-goers are mainly ladies, which goes to show that men are seeking a scientific explanation of what women accept verbatim et literatiur.

It must be stated right here, and with authority, that woman has no humor in her composition. She doesn't read the funny serials, or, what is worse, if she does read them, she doesn't laugh, and this is simply maddening to a man across the table who looks to her for sympathy.

Her affinity is in popular novels. One-fourth of the entire number of books are novels, and three-fourths of the readers are ladies. Of 14 books returned within two hours, 11 were novels, while history, biography and art formed a staid, but minor committee of three.

Sometimes the novels are returned in a rather bedraggled state and a blushing miss stammers "It fell into the bathtub." or perhaps a scorched page speaks of a sleep head too near the gas jet.

The Very Latest.

The amazed librarian was asked lately for Bulwer's "Childe Harold," but finally succeeded in convincing the lady that "Harold" alone would do. It is perfectly true also that a pretty East End miss asked for that "widely quoted book, Ibid," and the good-natured lady librarian felt so badly that she couldn't tell the girl of her mistake, but handed her a Latin dictionary. The dictionary was returned in a few minutes, and the young lady with the flaming cheeks hasn't been back since, and no doubt considers Miss M—— a mean thing.

THE STRUGGLING NEWSIES.

A Concert to be Given to Aid the Benevolent Home for the Boys.

Dr. J. C. White, of St. Andrews' Church, addressed over 80 newsboys at the Home last night. He gave them some good advice, couched in language they could all understand.

Of the 40 cots in the building, 39 are occupied by regular lodgers, many of whom are learning trades. The concert given by the Ladies' Mitten Club in the Fourth U. P. Church is expected to help materially the diminished treasury. Contributions can be sent to Charles E. Speer, of the First National Bank, and clothing to No. 15 Old avenue.

Five Dollars Per Goat.

Two men, Boyer and Petro, were arrested by Officer Ingram and locked in the Fourteenth ward station house. The officer alleged that they had killed two goats belonging to Pat Kain. Justice Hyndman fined them $10 and costs.

Beaver College in Debt.

Dr. Taylor, of the Beaver Female College, preached in the Methodist Church at Braddock yesterday. He stated that the school was in debt, and was intended to educate poor and worthy girls. The advancement of the public schools has injured the college.

The First Court There.

Magistrate Brush held court in the new Seventeenth ward station house yesterday for the first time. He fined N. McCaffery, C. Mahon and T. Ross $3 each for fighting in a house on Butler street.

A JOLLY SOCIAL SESSION.

The B. P. O. Elks Spend a Pleasant Evening at Maltby Hall—Songs and Good Music Make Up the Programme.

The B. P. O. Elks held a jolly social session last evening at Maltby Hall, Fifth avenue. Brother Charles Lewis acted as Chairman and the High Court of Justice. He was very proud of his personal appearance, and fined Brother Robinson for endeavoring to imitate him by coming to the session without any hair on the top of his head.

The session was opened by an overture by the Grand Opera House orchestra. Mr. W. B. Clinton was called upon and gave some alleged imitations of Irish characters. Mr. Metz, of the Si Perkins company, played an excellent violin solo and was enthusiastically recalled. Brother Charles Cochrane, a rising young tenor singer of this city, sang "Will o' the Wisp" and other selections. Brother Frank Jones sang a solo, "Courting in the Country," in a very laughable manner. A piano solo was rendered by Brother Eberhardt. Mr. Shaw, who will appear at the Academy of Music this week, sang some of the latest songs of the day. Mr. Shaw has a fine voice. Songs were sung and imitations given by Messrs. Brooks, Loughrey, Lawrence and others.

A very excellent luncheon was served during the evening by Caterer Goodwin, of the Petroleum Exchange Restaurant. Toasts were drank to the B. P. O. Elks and to the absent brothers.

A STRANGE DEATH.

A Pole is Found at the Bottom of Stairs Breathing His Last.

About 10 o'clock on Saturday night the body of Andreas Polomski was found at the foot of the stairs in the house of Gustav Eibener, on the corner of South Tenth and Bradford streets. Polomski was a Pole, who worked at Scutt's wire mill and who boarded at 96 South Thirteenth street. He had, it is alleged, been drinking with several of his friends during the evening at the home of Eibener, when he was suddenly missed. It was then that his body was discovered.

There were no other perceptible injuries, except that one of his eyes was badly cut and the other bruised, as if from a fall. The body was taken into the house, and, as life did not appear to be entirely extinct, a physician was sent for. But none responded to the call. At 1:30 o'clock the man died without having spoken a word.

The police were notified of the occurrence yesterday morning, and they arrested Eibener, Frank Keschel and Christoph; but they were discharged after they had been submitted to some close questioning.

Coroner McDowell viewed the body in the afternoon and he stated that the man might have died from a fall. An inquest will be held to-day.

Polomski was a married man, his wife and three children living still in the old country. A bankbook showing a deposit of $150 was found on the man.

THAT NEW HOTEL ALL TALK.

Mr. Harris Says He Will Not be Crowded Out of the Theater.

Mr. P. Harris, manager of the Harris Theater, is in the city.

At the Anderson Hotel last night he said: "I'm in constant communication with the company that owns the Opera House building, and I know that part of it is not going to be made into a hotel. It is all talk, and I pay no attention to it. My lease will run out in two years, but I expect to renew it.

"I have no idea of building a theater here at present. There are enough theaters in the city now, and none of them are making anything of any account. Of course, I realize a little, but I cannot make a fortune by any means. All this talk about building theaters in Pittsburg is so much bosh. I predict that a new theater will not be built here in the next ten years. If I ever should be crowded out, rather than leave the city I might build one, but the possibility is very remote."

FROM THE SPIRIT WORLD.

A Minister Talks on the Absurdity of Modern Spiritualism.

Rev. W. N. Webbe, rector of the St. John's Episcopal Church, corner of Main and Butler streets, delivered an address last evening on the subject of "Saul's experience with the medium, or some absurdities of modern spiritualism." In his sermon he related Saul's experience with the witch of Endor. He said the witch was a fraud, as she was badly frightened by the appearance of Samuel.

He said that it was possible for the spirit of a dead person to return to the earth, but in bible history they always returned of their own free will, and it required no human incantations to summon them back to the earth. If it was so then it is equally as true to-day.

LOCAL ITEMS, LIMITED.

Incidents of a Day in Two Cities Condensed for Ready Reading.

MRS. MICHAEL FOX fell on Penn avenue near Thirtieth street, and broke her leg.

ENGINE COMPANY No. 2 extinguished a slight blaze on the roof of the building No. 139 Water street, yesterday morning.

CHARLES SINN, of O'Hara street, Allegheny, fell on Ohio street, yesterday, and broke his leg. He was taken to Mercy Hospital.

CHARLES JENKINS and C. Smith were arrested Saturday evening for reckless driving on Second avenue. It was $5 and costs.

WM. MILLER, charged with robbing a trunk in Heinrich's saloon, on Penn avenue, was committed to jail in default of $1,000 bail.

THE Misses Clugston, of Braddock, held a box social on Saturday evening. The proceeds will go toward building a new Presbyterian church at Homestead.

AT the Thirty-sixth ward Republican primaries Saturday, Evens Jones was nominated for Select Council, and Andrew Streub and William Keefer for school directors.

MRS. THOMAS HUGHES, of South Thirteenth street, fell Saturday night on Carson street while going to a butcher's shop. She dislocated her shoulder and had to be taken to her home.

LAWRENCE MOONEY presided and speeches were made by Mr. Renauf, of Tarentum, and Mr. Cassidy at a Constitutional amendment meeting at No. 80 Ohio street, Allegheny, last night.

A HORSE driven by Wm. Michaels ran away at Oakland, threw Michaels out, badly cutting his head, and knocked an officer down who tried to stop it. The buggy was completely wrecked.

Two boys yesterday found the body of an undeveloped male child in an ash pile in Union alley, Allegheny. It was removed to the morgue and the Coroner will investigate this morning.

AN inquest was held on the body of John Gilleland, by Justice of the Peace Cowan. Gilleland dropped dead on the Brownsville road and a verdict of death from apoplexy was rendered.

REV. MR. MADDEN and E. L. Grier were the principal speakers at the W. C. T. U. meeting last night in Moorhead's building. The attendance was so large another room had to be thrown open.

ANOTHER large meeting was held by Gospel Temperance Union No. 1 in University Hall. The Constitutional amendment was the subject of discussion by Messrs. Rankin, Bullen Hall, Biggs and "Broadax" Smith.

THE Rev. A. S. Crabsey, of Rochester, N. Y., will give a series of special addresses to clergymen at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Eighteenth street, Southside, to-morrow. Topic: "The Five Sorrowful Mysteries."

THERE will be a meeting of the colored Republicans of the Twelfth ward at the hall, corner of Penn avenue and Thirty-third street, this evening, for the purpose of endorsing different candidates for the various ward offices.

THE Democratic Legion, of Lawrenceville, will meet to-night to debate on the tariff. Colonel J. M. Molamphey and R. A. Michals will present the Republican side, and J. J. Miller and J. H. Horrocks the Democratic. The Lincoln Republican Club and the Young Men's Democratic Club will attend.

IN WANT OF HARMONY

K. of L. Coke Workers Snubbed by the National Miners' Union, But

WILL GIVE THEM ANOTHER CHANCE

Another Joint Convention Called to Discuss the Wage Question.

BRADDOCK WIRE DRAWERS MAY STRIKE

The joint committee of D. A. 11 and Sub-Division 4, of N. T. A. 135, K. of L., wish to present the following to the public:

At a joint convention held in Scottdale, on January 26, we invited the Miners' National Progressive Union to select a committee to meet a committee of the Knights of Labor, and adopt a system of working in harmony. This invitation was refused by a vote of the Miners' National Progressive Union, and further efforts for harmony resulted in the following letter:

MT. PLEASANT, January 29.

M. P. Kane, Morgans, Pa.:

DEAR SIR—I received a letter to-day from William Rhodes, Secretary of D. A. 11, K. of L., asking for a conference between the N. P. U. Scale Committee and a scale committee of the joint convention, acting in accord with the spirit of the convention held in Columbus, where the N. P. U. was formed from both of the miners' organizations. The convention decided to recognize no organization but the N. P. U. of miners and mine laborers. Under the circumstances I cannot act in the matter.

Respectfully, WILLIAM MULLEN,
Secretary of District No. 5, N. P. U.

Therefore, in view of the above facts, we, the joint committee representing the Knights of Labor, feel ourselves constrained to say that any resort to a strike under conditions that prevent co-operation and a general action on the part of the men would only result in disaster, and, feeling that the men are justly entitled to a uniform price equivalent to the Frick scale, do urge upon the men to remove all obstacles to a hearty co-operation of all of labor's forces, and in pursuance of this object hereby call a convention of delegates to meet in Scottdale on Saturday, February 9, at 10 A. M. One delegate from each yard and one from each mine shall be entitled to a voice and vote in said convention. We earnestly hope that this call will be responded to by all whose interests are at stake, for until such is the case no promise of success can be held out to the workers, and we appeal to you, as thinking, intelligent workmen, to place the responsibility where it belongs.

PETER WISE,
WILLIAM RHODES,
R. D. KERFOOT,
JAMES KEEGAN,
M. P. KANE,
ROBERT GORE,
W. D. WILSON,
Joint Committee.

The joint committee have instructed M. W. Peter Wise to proceed this morning and take the field, and remain until the region is thoroughly organized. He will have the assistance of J. W. Killduff, editor of the *Vindicator*, at Gallitzin, who is well known as an eloquent speaker. They will try to induce harmonious action among the coke workers.

OFF FOR HOSIERDOM.

Western Pennsylvania's Delegation of Miners and Operators.

The Western Pennsylvania delegation to the National Convention of Coal Miners and Operators at Indianapolis this week leaves to-night over the Panhandle road.

The last annual convention, which was held in this city last February, lasted four days. From present appearances the Indianapolis convention will continue from Tuesday morning to the end of the week.

The development of several large coal fields during the past year will, it is thought, be the cause of considerable trouble in arriving at a definite base scale for the coming year. A number of new railroads having been extended to several virgin fields in the South and West will also prove very important factors in the convention's deliberations, as the development of competition is bound to result in a cut in prices and ultimately a reduction of wages.

The Miners' National Association has chosen its best men from the different States to represent it in the conference, and as the operators of Ohio, Pennsylvania and Indiana have followed their example a hot time is expected.

It is hinted that the Illinois members who seceded and other operators who refused to join the association two years ago, will be represented in the convention and become members of the association.

MORE TROUBLE AT BRADDOCK.

The Wire Drawers May Strike To-Day Against a Reduction.

This morning will determine whether the employes of the wire department of the Braddock Wire Mill will accept or reject a reduction in wages. About 400 men are employed at these works, a large number of whom are connected with the wire department. Last week Superintendent William Edenborn arrived at the works from St. Louis and gave instructions for the following notice to be posted at the works:

Until further notice wire drawers' department will remain closed. Those desiring to leave may inform foreman at or before 10 o'clock, Monday, and receive their pay in the afternoon.

The men upon inquiring learned that this notice meant a 17 per cent reduction in wages. Thirty of the most experienced hands at once went to the office and notified the clerk that they were ready to quit; whereupon they received what wages were due them and left. The others remained at work until yesterday, when a committee was delegated to visit Superintendent Edenborn. At this time he agreed to a reduction of 8 per cent.

If they should strike, an attempt will be made to have the employes of the rod department join them. It is thought, however, that a strike will be averted.

A COMPULSORY ASSESSMENT.

G. M. W. Powderly Makes a Levy of Five Cents for Lecturers' Expenses.

It is stated that a notice has been received at the office of D. A. 3, K. of L., from General Master Workman Powderly authorizing a 5-cent assessment to defray the expenses of the general lecturers. This, it is understood, is compulsory, although it was stated at the Indianapolis session of the General Assembly that assessments would be voluntary in future.

Any member failing to respond to the call will likely be dropped from the roll of membership.

TO TEST PAINTS AND OILS.

A Scheme of Pittsburg's Master Painters With Very Wide Scope.

The master painters of this city who will attend the national convention at Washington on the 28th of this month, will probably present a resolution to that body, providing for the appointment of a salaried chemist to examine all paints and oils placed on the market. If so, they will keep the results published in a magazine which will be chosen or started in the interest of the association throughout the country.

A BIG TEA PARTY

In Behalf of the Mt. Washington Catholic Church Finances.

Rev. Father Tolin, of Mt. Washington Catholic Church, has arranged with the members of his congregation to hold a big tea party in the parochial school building on the 21st and 22d of this month.

The church is considerably in debt, and the proceeds of this affair are to be used in decreasing the debt and improving the church. The congregation is one of the largest Catholic congregations in the city, and the tea party promises to be a big affair.

A meeting of the ladies of the congregation will be held at the parochial residence, Mt. Washington, on Friday evening, at which the different committees and aides will be appointed.

THE HOG DENOUNCED.

A Doctor Gives the Animal a Harder Slap in the Face Than Bismarck.

"The American hog, yes, and verily all hogs, have little virtue as a food product," said a physician yesterday. "That animal produces more disease than any other one in the brute creation. Only those with cast iron stomachs can digest the meat to start with, and the demoralization of the digestive apparatus is usually the beginning of disease.

"Consumption, scrofula, scurvy, and various other malignant fevers can often be traced directly to the use of hog flesh. The Shakers declare that since their society in 1850 quit eating pork, not one of their number has died of consumption.

"The danger from trichina is not so great as long as the animals are properly fed. No traces of them are hardly ever found in hogs raised in the country, where they breathe pure air, drink good water and eat grain from the fields. If this was the only objection to pork, I would eat it freely when I felt sure that it came from the country. Trichina are queer little parasites, and they come from the filth that the pigs devour. They are developed in little sacks in the animal's body, and like cabbages must be transplanted before they will grow. It is strange, but as soon as they are introduced into the human system, they wake up and commence to multiply. They bore straight through the tissues until they come to the surface, when with a strong microscope they can be seen dancing and moving around under the skin.

"A similar animal sometimes comes from the use of bad beef for food purposes. It is well known that foxes, living freely on rabbits, are often afflicted with animalcula that lie dormant in the rabbit, but become active when introduced into the fox. Zoologists account for all these parasites on the same principle, that they are born in filth and thrive in luxury."

THE SOUTHERN CONVOCATION

Of the Diocese of Pittsburg, and What Its Programme Promises.

A meeting of the Southern Convocation of the diocese of Pittsburg, under the direction of the Rt. Rev. C. Whitehead, D. D., will be held to-morrow and Wednesday at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Southside. The programme of these services will be as follows:

TUESDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Evensong.
Special sermon, Rev. W. T. Webbe, of St. John's Church, Lawrenceville.
Special anthem, "Ye Shall Dwell in the Land," by Stainer.

WEDNESDAY.

8:00 A. M., Holy communion.
9:00 A. M., Morning prayer.
10:00 A. M., Holy communion. Special sermon, Rev. George Hodges, Calvary Church, East Liberty.
11:00 A. M., Essay, "Thoughts on the Sunday School," Rev. John Graham, McKeesport, Pa. Discussion.
12:00 M., Exegesis, St. James, v., 14, 15; topic, "Anointing the Sick," Revs. F. C. Cowper, Washington, Pa., T. J. Danner, New Brighton, Pa.
3:00 P. M., Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary. For clergy and laity. Addresses: Rev. J. C. White, D. D., S. Andrew's Church; Rev. W. W. Wilson, Kittanning, Pa.
4:15 P. M., Children's Evensong. Address: Rev. H. D. Waller, Church of the Good Shepherd, Hazelwood.

Conference of Church Workers.—7:30 P. M.

Topics: (1) "Our Church in Pittsburg." Writers: Rev. M. Byllesby, Emmanuel Church, Allegheny; Mr. R. C. Cornelius, Hazelwood. (2) "Guild-Work in Pittsburg and Vicinity." Brief accounts will be given of the work of certain local branches of the

1. Brotherhood of S. Andrew.
2. Guild of the Good Shepherd (Diocesan).
3. Parish Aid Societies and Altar Societies.
4. Children's Ministering League.
5. (1) Knights of S. Martin, Boys' Guilds.
6. (1) Girls' Friendly Society, and Kings' Daughters, by prominent laymen.

TAILORS TO CONFER.

The Importation of Ready-Made Clothing is a Thorn in Their Sides.

The third annual meeting of the Merchant Tailors' National Exchange will be held in the Masonic Hall, in New York, this week. Four delegates from the Pittsburg Exchange, Messrs. Hespenheide, Neiman, Sailor and Smith, left last night to be present. They were accompanied by Messrs. Hale, Schroeder, Bradley and Hughes, of Wheeling.

The Exchange will have a banquet in the Brunswick House on Thursday evening. There will be some important subjects discussed. Large quantities of ready made clothing are imported into the country, and an effort will be made to have the importations restricted.

The tailors are also thinking of establishing trade schools in the large cities to teach apprentices. How to collect bad debts will come in for a proper share of their consideration.

A GREAT SUCCESS.

The Receipts of the Cathedral Fair Amount to $7,256 46.

The Cathedral fair closed on Saturday night. The total receipts for the six weeks amounted to $7,256 46, with others to hear from.

The piano was won by Miss Jane Mamaux, Webster street. She turned in $467 10, to $111 01 by her opponent, Miss Alice Pidgeon, Congress street. The lady's gold watch went to Miss Mary Dalton, who collected $377 25, against $210 82 by Miss Annie Myers, East End, and $120 by Miss Mary Talbot, Bedford street. Miss Kate Welsh captured the parlor suite with a record of $314 25, against $132 10 by Miss May Cassidy.

John J. Doughty won the Barnes safe. He collected $112 31 against $108 25 by Francis McCoy. The donkey went to Maggie Farrel, Allegheny.

New German Workingman's Paper.

After transacting some routine business at the regular meeting, the German Trades Assembly decided to call a meeting of all German citizens for the purpose of raising money to establish an evening daily paper in the interests of the workingmen. The meeting will be held next Sunday in A. P. A. Hall, corner of Ninth and Liberty streets.

German Journalists Elect Officers.

The Deutsche Journatisterr Verein, of Pittsburg and Allegheny, held its annual meeting yesterday afternoon in the Volksblatt building, and elected officers for the following year, as follows: President, J. P. Salm; Vice President, Bruno Wahl; Recording Secretary, William Kohler; Corresponding and Financial Secretary, G. Thomas; Treasurer, H. Schmied.

The Cable Car Victim.

Mr. James Yates, who was struck by a cable car on the corner of Penn avenue and Seventh street, Saturday morning, was reported as lying in a critical condition at the Mercy Hospital late last night. His recovery is doubtful.

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STATE SOLONS TALK.

Legislator Marland Predicts a Failure for Prohibition.

HE SAYS IT CAN'T CARRY JUST YET

George Shiras III. Will Vote for Allegheny's Second Class.

HE EXPLAINS WHY IT IS NECESSARY

Representatives Marland and George Shiras, Jr., III., returned to Harrisburg last night. Mr. Marland said the street railway bills he introduced were not properly understood in this part of the State. The one which provided that no pipes could be laid under the traction roads without the consent of the company and according to their specifications has been reported adversely, and he will make no effort to have it put on the calendar. On prohibition he said:

"The consensus of opinion at Harrisburg is that prohibition will be defeated. My district, I am sure, will vote against it. I don't think the Prohibitionists have any chance of success."

With reference to the bill to make Allegheny a second-class city, Mr. Shiras said:

"When the bill comes up for second reading on Tuesday, I am afraid I will have to offend my constituents in supporting it, but if they will give me a chance to explain I think I can convince them I am right. I understand a petition of citizens will be presented, asking for a delay in the vote to give them more time to look into the merits of the bill. I am sorry such a petition has been circulated, for it puts the supporters of the bill in an embarrassing position.

"The bill regulating third-class cities will soon be passed, and will apply to Allegheny at present. It is too late now to have that bill modified to suit Allegheny. The time was when we could have been heard, but the day has gone by. Allegheny will either have to be governed by the provisions of this bill, or become a city of the second class with Pittsburg. Even then they would not surrender their rights to have what legislation passed that they pleased. If they wanted new street laws or the changes made in any of the departments, or a different method of electing officers, it could easily be done."

HOW THEY ARE TO VOTE.

A Colored Pastor Instructs His Congregation for Prohibition.

Rev. William F. Brooks, of the Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church (colored), Arthur street, delivered an address yesterday morning on the subject of "Putting Thy Bottle to His Mouth." Every promoter of drunkenness, he held, who puts a bottle to the mouth of his brother, whether intentionally or not, is impeached and condemned by God in His holy word. He first pointed out the evil of the liquor traffic, the personal and general ruin it made and the general burden which it brings to all by increased taxation for crimes and paupers, winning men from productive work to a life of sin and idleness.

There were different ways of putting a bottle to one's mouth—by directly offering the bottle to his brother, or by permitting the bottle to be placed to his lips, when by lawful means it can be abolished. Every Christian man should, he thought, vote in favor of the prohibition amendment. The saloon keepers should not be paid for the losses if the s