

IT IS QUITE NEW

The Allegheny and Manchester Street Railway to ALTER ITS MOTIVE POWER.

No Cable, No Slot Rail and No Overhead Wires Are Wanted.

EACH CAR RUNS INDEPENDENTLY.

A Combination of a Gas Engine and Electricity the Scheme.

NEW PLEASANT VALLEY CARS COMING.

The management of the Pittsburg, Allegheny and Manchester Street Railway Company have about completed their experiments with an entirely new street car system, and from the present indications, the company will put it into practical operation on its lines in a very short time.

It has for a long time been generally known that the company intended to abandon the horse; but what would be the motive power to take the place of horses, has always been a matter of conjecture.

One of the directors of the company gave a DISPATCH reporter, last night, a detailed description of the new system, which is entirely different from anything that has yet been tried in the way of street car motive power.

"We have made a very careful study of all existing systems of propelling street cars," the gentleman said, "and I believe the one we are going to adopt is the most practical known to this date. The patent has already been issued for the system. The idea is to propel each car independently, without a cable, without a slot rail, or any overhead wires, or even a central station and power house. The system is simply this: We have

of which a combination car, consisting of the one part is occupied by the passengers and the other by the motive power. The latter consists, as the prime mover, of a gas engine, tanks filled with condensed gas, and a dynamo. The electric motor, however, will be placed under the second part.

"Now, as to the working of the system: The tanks are filled with a sufficient amount of condensed gas to keep the engine supplied for 15 or 18 hours. This will assure us a continuous running of the car without any delay or stoppage. You can therefore readily understand that the entire system is very simple. The little gas engine in the front part of the car is connected with the dynamo, and the dynamo with the motor; so we have everything just exactly where it is wanted.

"Each car will be fitted up in the same manner, and run independently. All that is required is a filling of the tank in the morning before the cars start out, and then they will run for the whole day without interruption.

THE MANY ADVANTAGES of the system are too apparent to require much explanation. First of all we can pay our fares right on the old tracks. Thus we avoid the enormous expense connected with a cable road, as well as the iron poles and the overhead wires of the electric roads. The latter system is a great mistake anyhow, because it will not be very long until that system has become antiquated, for the reason that no city will then allow wires to be strung along the poles and overhead wires.

"But how many men will it take to attend to each of your new cars?" "Only two, the same as now. We do not want an engineer, because the engine runs by itself all day long, and only require a brakeman and a conductor.

"But how will those cars be in the matter of swiftness?" "They can be made to go just as fast as we want them to, and as we are allowed to, and up grade or down a hill they can be handled as easily as your piece."

"I am not able to give you any positive information about that to-night. In connection with the scheme, I can tell you, however, that we will manufacture our own gas to supply the tanks. The system, as far as I know about any existing street car system, is the cheapest, the safest, and the most advantageous."

ELECTRIC CARS ORDERED. The Pleasant Valley Line to Use the Sprague Electric Motor. The Pleasant Valley Street Railway Company yesterday closed a contract with the Sprague Electric Railway and Motor Company for 25 new and novel cars with complete station equipment.

Messrs. Stern & Silverman state that the iron poles and overhead wires in this connection will be of the latest improvements.

SOME OF THE DELEGATES. Brewers Who Will Go to the National Convention at Niagara Falls. A list of brewers who will attend the National Convention, to be held at Niagara Falls, beginning Tuesday next, has not been completed; but the following are those who are to be present.

THEODORE STRAUB, Harry Dennak, W. Eberhardt, John Hammett, Joseph Brunner, M. Winkler and Mr. Winter.

FOLLY OF FORMALITY.

Rev. George Hodges Falls Into the Organ Trap. An Episcopalian Hobby Also His Dedication Sermon.

The beautiful Church of the Ascension, on Ellsworth avenue, near Neville street, was consecrated yesterday by the Rt. Rev. Cortland Whitehead, Bishop of the diocese. With him there were present 15 clergymen, including the new rector, Rev. K. M. Granger, of Steubenville, several of whom assisted in the interesting services.

The sermon was preached by Rev. George Hodges, and, in many of its points, was intensely practical. He took for his text Acts 18: "Ye shall be witnesses of me." He said:

"The Master stood with His disciples upon the mount of the ascension. The hour of His departure was at hand. Henceforth He would be with them, but not in the old familiar way. They would no more look into His blessed face. But He wanted to give them all the help He could. With what gracious, helpful, inspiring speech He said to them: 'Ye shall be witnesses of me.' What last word could He say? What He said was this: 'Ye shall be witnesses of me.'"

How were they to witness? They were witnesses to certain important facts about Christ. It concerned both Christian believing and Christian living. We must have upon Ascension Day to open in the name of Christ a church whose title is taken from this day. What question, then, can be more appropriately asked than, 'How shall we witness?' To witness is to witness most efficiently. It must be constrained by the love of Christ. It must be a personal love, not a metaphysical doctrine, not with an ecclesiastical method of approval. Oh, no!

"I love Christ who will get the theology straight enough. The parish in which Christ is preached as these first witnesses preached is a parish in which the truth is sometimes set forth in all-proportions—as the picture of a kingdom which shall not pass away. It is a set forth of insanity—in which his little finger should be of the same size as his head. The substance of the message is not to be a delight in denominational assemblies. At this moment he is raising a great disturbance in a company of Christians. Brothers, a question which to all sensible orthodox is just about the most important question in the world of the church shall be of oak or ash. I mean the 'organ' question.

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THE CABLE LINES' BONANZA. What It Costs in Car Fare Alone to Haul a Single Car.

The memorial exercises at Allegheny City yesterday were a bonanza for the Citizens Traction Company. From 25,000 to 30,000 fares were collected, according to the estimates of the different conductors. The East Liberty division was running 28 cars (ten more than last Saturday, and five extra for the day). The usual average patronage for the cars, previous to last Saturday, with 18 cars, was about 400 fares per day for each car, making 7,200 fares per day for the East Liberty division. This time the average was over 500 per car, and this, with 28 cars, brings the number up to 14,000 fares.

The Butler street division ran 27 cars; but the average was higher than on the East Liberty division, which would bring the total to 14,000. It is estimated that the company would be \$1,000 for the day, which is a fine result, considering that the usual receipts of the East Liberty division are about \$500 per day.

THE DEADLY GRADE CROSSING. One of Two Brothers Crossing to Death Without Any Warning.

A sudden and shocking death was occasioned at Fifth-third street yesterday morning by a railroad accident. James Curry, married and 43 years of age, while assisting his brother to carry a piece of lumber across the track of the Allegheny Valley Railroad at that point, was struck by a passenger train and instantly killed. The train ran over his body, crushing it in a terrible manner. Byrne & McCabe took charge of the remains.

CURRY was employed at the Crescent Steel Works. He leaves a family of four small children and lived on Carnegie avenue, near Fifty-fourth street. An inquest will be held this morning.

LIFE IN A TENEMENT HOUSE. Mrs. Emma Harding Is Severely Cut in the Face by a Knife.

A cutting affair occurred about midnight in the Centennial building, No. 409 Ferry street. Emma Harding, a young colored woman, received an ugly gash in the side from a knife. She says she was cut by Henry Harris, also colored.

The woman is married, and Harris had been working on the roof of the house, climbing it off. The neighbors say the pair had been quarreling all afternoon, and they expected something of the kind would happen. The woman claimed Harris was mad at her for some reason or other.

At a late hour last night Harris had not been caught.

A NARROW ESCAPE. A Pistol Bullet Crashes Through a Cable Car Between Two Men.

As car No. 4, of the Fifth Avenue Traction line, was coming toward the city at 7:30 last night, when in front of the Soho schoolhouse, a pistol shot was heard on the hillside. A bullet crashed through the car windows, passing between two men and coming dangerously near W. S. Beach, the well-known druggist, who was in the car at the time. The man who fired the shot could not be discovered.

WHAT STRENGTH BEHIND? Pills act like magic. 'Pears' Soap secures a beautiful complexion.

THE QUEER FIGURES.

Business Firms Ready to be Assessed High on a Business Tax FOR PURPOSES OF ADVERTISING.

There May be a Shortage in the Total Tax When it is Collected.

THE LISTS WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED. A call was made upon Chief Assessor Frank P. Case, yesterday, in regard to the closing returns of the business tax. He said the books would be ready for the treasurer within 10 days, and, upon inquiry as to the amount of taxes received, as compared with the previous year, he stated that it was impossible yet to say, for the reason that the figures had not been made up. He stated, however, that in view of the small number of liquor licenses granted by Judge White, the total of the assessments might possibly fall below the estimate of the Finance Committee.

The Board of Assessors had in every instance largely increased the assessments upon those who had failed to make returns by the date of the assessment, upon which the law fixes a basis as the assessment of the current year. The purpose of this was to compel delinquents to make accurate returns, the board generally accepting appeals when properly qualified and made.

"Will the list of assessments be given out for publication?" Mr. Case was asked. "No, sir; I think the board will not act last year," was the reply, "and refuse to give them out. Last year they were given out by the City Treasurer, and it is likely that he will do so this year."

"Where presumably excessive assessments have been made, have merchants generally made appeals, showing their actual business of the past year?" "Yes, sir," was the reply, "and a few remarks, and the exercises closed."

ALL ABOUT HANDBKERCHIEFS. Neighbors Accuse Each Other of Theft and Resort to the Courts.

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IS CAMPBELL PERSECUTED? A Prominent Steel Worker Blows His Horn at the Convention of the Iron Workers' Union.

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CROWNED WITH SUCCESS.

St. Mark's Guild House Was Formally Opened Last Night—H. I. Conroy and Prof. Brasher Make Addresses.

St. Mark's Guild House on South Eighth street was formally opened last night. The exercises were to have been held in the open air, but the rain prevented it. The people adjourned to the assembly.

After singing by the choir, Mr. H. I. Conroy was introduced. He spoke of the date named for the opening. While absent, however, he had been thinking of the great interest in the success of your good work, and some day shall expect to go over and witness the opening night of something good having been done for the people of the Southside.

Mr. Carnegie is one of the contributors to the fund for the erection of the Guild House, and the reading of the letter from the general committee was greeted with long and hearty applause.

Prof. J. A. Brasher, of Allegheny, then spoke of the advantages of giving and receiving of the objects of the Guild of B. F. "In Old Ireland," said Prof. Brasher, "where they are forever crying home rule, and where they think they do not know anything, there are many good workers in many instances their education is due to their associations with such places as these. Sir Howard Grubb was the finest telescope maker the world has seen and was once a poor Irish workman."

Prof. Brasher predicted that the time would come before long when all the people of the Southside would be working or they would have empty pews. He referred again to the workmen, and said it was a mistake that no great men came out of the mill and ran in a number of shops, as he mentioned Edison as an example.

After another song by the children, Emma Wilson, of the Southside, made a few remarks, and the exercises closed.

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IT WILL BE LIVELY.

Puddlers Secure a Majority in the Iron Workers' Convention. SOME WAGES MAY BE ADVANCED But the Scale Will Not Likely be Changed Very Materially.

LIVELY HINTS ON CAMPBELL'S VALISE. The Wage Committee of the Amalgamated Association will assemble this morning at headquarters and consider the suggestions of the different lodges. This body will prepare a scale that will be presented to the convention which will be held on Tuesday next at New Turner Hall. There will not be many changes made in the scale, as the \$3.30 puddling will be agreed to, it is said, although some of the puddlers claim they are poorly paid compared with the other workmen. Some of them want an advance and will go to the convention this time prepared for a fight for \$6 per ton.

The dissatisfaction among the roughers and catchers during the past few months has not been quite so intense as in the past. This class of workmen are members of the Amalgamated Association, but are not eligible as delegates to the convention. They have a grievance and the puddlers have agreed to stand by them. The election for delegates was therefore very interesting, and for the first time in many years the puddlers will have a seat on the convention. In the convention and will champion the cause of the roughers and catchers. They want a more equal division of pay and from present indications they will get it. This, however, will not affect the scale that the manufacturers will be asked to sign.

AN OLD PRACTICING PHYSICIAN. A Reception Tendered to Dr. Bruce, of Western Avenue, Allegheny.

Dr. R. S. Sutton, of No. 170 Ridge avenue, gave a reception yesterday afternoon and evening in honor of Dr. George D. Bruce, who is one of the oldest practitioners in the State. The large parlors of Dr. Sutton's house were crowded with members of the medical profession exclusively. Dr. Bruce, upon whom the hand of time has dealt lightly, sat in a large wicker chair, and his eyes did not impress his younger brethren with the fact that he was almost four score, 69 years of which was passed in the practice of his profession. His heavy hair, which sparkled in his eyes gave him the appearance of being fully 20 years younger than he is.

Dr. Bruce was assisted in receiving by his partner, Dr. W. H. Johnson. He received hundreds of invitations were sent out of the medical fraternity. About 200 of them were responded to. There were no set speeches or toasts at the evening reception, where Dr. Bruce was a prominent figure. The latter was born in this city in 1811. He was a son of Rev. Dr. Bruce, of the Association of Physicians. He studied medicine with Dr. Joseph Gazman, who was a well-known physician on Sixth avenue, opposite Trinity church. He entered the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and graduated in 1833. He is still practicing and resides at No. 83 Western avenue.

DEDICATION IN THE RAIN. A Cemetery Service at Glendale Partly-ruined by Pittsburgers.

Yesterday afternoon 2,000 Catholics from the vicinity of Pittsburg were in Mansfield, Pa., attending the dedication and blessing of the new cemetery of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, of Mansfield, situated at Glendale, one mile southwest of the former place.

A procession of 900 persons, including two large lodges of the Knights of St. George from Pittsburg, marched to the cemetery in the afternoon, where the dedicatory services were held. Rev. Edward Brennan, of Mansfield, presided at the English sermon, and Rev. P. Kaufmann, of Pittsburg, the German. The proceedings were somewhat marred by the heavy rain.

FOUR MEN IN SLY. He Will Make an Effort to be Senator Payne's Successor.

Mr. Patton, a prominent business man of Columbus, is a candidate for the office of Senator Payne's successor. Mr. Patton is an ardent Republican and a personal friend of Governor Foraker.

Mr. Patton states that the Governor is the most popular man in Ohio, and will not run for Governor unless the nomination is forced on him by the convention. The general impression seems to prevail that the Governor is looking after the Legislature, and he will make an effort to succeed Senator Payne.

IT WILL CURE. COUGHS, IT WILL HEAL. SORE THROAT, IT WILL SAVE. MANY LIVES, IT IS SAFE. FOR CHILDREN.

KID'S COUGH SYRUP. KID'S COUGH SYRUP. KID'S COUGH SYRUP. Price, 25 cents, at all druggists.

FLEMING BROS., PITTSBURGH, PA. PREPARED BY.

BLUE WAISTS, \$1.50 up to \$2.50. SUMMER CORSETS, 50c to \$1.50. KID GLOVES, 62c to \$2.50. LACE MITTS, 15c to 75c. SUMMER VESTS, 15c to \$1.50. FINEST SHIRTS, 35c to \$2.50. UMBRELLAS, 50c to \$5. FAST BLACK HOSE, 10c to 60c per pair.

W. H. HERRICK'S Society Gallery, 35 Fifth ave. Entrance by elevator.

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HOMES FOR WIDOWS.

Erasmus Wiman's Novel Scheme May be Duplicated in This City. HE WAS CONSULTED WHILE HERE. Small Houses Put Upon a Cheap Basis for Working People.

PURELY PHILANTHROPIC ENTERPRISES. Before Erasmus Wiman, of New York, left Pittsburg this week, he was waited upon by two well-known millionaires of this city. For the present they desire their names to be withheld from the newspapers, but they are generally engaged in enterprises of a philanthropic character. As a result of their interview with Mr. Wiman, the working people of Pittsburg and Allegheny may secure a new boon.

These gentlemen called upon the distinguished New Yorker to inquire into the unique and attractive scheme of "home insurance," of which he is the father. They stated that they have been thinking for some time past of initiating his example in the environs of the workshop cities to aid mill workers. Small houses are always scarce here. High rent is another obstacle often.

WHAT THE SCHEME IS. Mr. Wiman explained his scheme to them. It consists in building cheap houses, costing not over \$1,500 apiece, on Staten Island, and then renting them to laboring men at \$300 a year for a series of years, on condition that if the man dies during the term of the lease, the house goes to the widow, and she receives the balance of the term. And if he lives through the lease term and pays his annual rent of \$300 regularly, then the house becomes his by reason of those very annual payments which were called rent while they were being made, but in fact were more in the nature of life insurance premiums and home purchase money combined.

A PREVIOUS ATTEMPT. A few years ago the name of Felix B. Brunet was connected with a similar project in lower Allegheny City. Its object was to build homes at the cheapest possible price for workmen, the capitalists in the vicinity of the workshop cities to aid mill workers. Small houses are always scarce here. High rent is another obstacle often.

PARIS ROBES—Those \$25 and \$30 robes, which we have reduced through our clearance sale to \$15 each, are selling rapidly. This is the best dress goods bargain in any Silk Warp Cashmeres.

Full assortment of shades in All-wool French Cashmeres, perfect in finish, good weight at 60c.

48-inch All-wool Cashmeres at 50c to \$1.25 a yard, latest shades.

Our entire stock of Imported French Dress Patterns to be closed out quickly. The prices we have put on them will make quick work.

Many of these patterns are the finest goods ever shown in Pittsburg, but we are selling them at a great sacrifice.

The all-wool French Albatross at 45c is another instance of special good value.

The French All-wool Challis at 25c and 40c are selling faster each day. We have the largest assortment of both dark and light Challis, including newest and finest imported, all at 60c.

New printed Mohairs, only 60c a yard. Largest stock of cream, white and light colored Woolen Dress Stuffs—Albatross, Cashmeres, Nun's Veilings, Crepes, Mousselines. 1,000 remnants of black and colored Dress Goods to be sold out at once. See the prices put on them.

So much for the Wool Dress Goods. The Cotton Stuffs are in great variety. Scotch Glenghams (real) at 20c; (so-called) at 15c and 12 1/2c. Satines, Scotch, American, 10c up to 20c regular, 15c to 25c. See the old Rose colored, just from Paris. Fine Scotch Zephyr Glenghams at 30c. New styles in striped Seersuckers, Persian Crepes, Primrose Cloth, printed Crepes and other novelties.

Then the Silks—Thousands and thousands of yards in colored silk fabrics for Summer wear. One hundred and fifteen pieces of new printed India Silks, 24 inches wide, at 75c, regular \$1.25 quality. 27-inch India Silks, black and white and new colorings, at 60c; fine styles at \$1.00 and \$1.50, very much under price—the hand-somest goods show this season. Hundreds of pieces here to see. The largest variety ever shown, and undoubtedly the best values.

Our 24-inch Colored Surah Silk, at 75c, is the equal of any \$1 Surah you can find. All the new colorings.

New Armure Royale Silks at \$1, extra fine and choice.

The best bargains in our Black Silk stock you have ever seen in many a long day—Surahs, Grenadines, Indias, Gros Grains, Failles, Armures, Satines. This is the place to come for your Black Silks, in all grades, especially the finer goods not to be found elsewhere.

All the other departments are ready for June customers, and have great attractions in the way of bargains. Decidedly the biggest and most best bargains are here.

THOMPSON BROTHERS, 109 FEDERAL STREET, ALLEGHENY. JOS. HORNE & CO.'S, PENN AVENUE STORES.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

JOS. HORNE & CO.'S. PENN AVENUE STORES. To wind up this month's business in a lively way we have made some sweeping reductions, and also have purchased large assortments of choice and desirable goods, which we offer at very low prices, some at even half price.

To begin with: Eighty-one (81) pieces of 30-inch, English style, Fine Wool Suitings, Checks, Stripes and Plaids, a large variety of coloring, at \$1 a yard, usual price \$1.25; no better bargains are made.

French Novelty Dress Goods, in fancy embroidered stripes and Jacquard silk mixtures, our price 80c a yard; cost \$1.40 to land in New York; all in the latest summer colorings.

One case of silk and wool 42-inch Crepe Drilling, 42 inches wide, at 75c, worth \$1.25—our price 75c. These are light in weight and very serviceable.

Special bargains in fine quality pure English Mohairs, in fancy weaves and colored stripes at 75c a yard, reduced from \$1.25; also full assortment of plain, colored and gray and brown mixed Mohairs, 42 inches wide, at 60c, 75c and \$1 a yard, great value, and not to be confounded with goods of inferior quality at the same prices.

Over 20 styles of 54-inch Suiting Cloth, in fancy Jacquard stripes, at 75c a yard. Eleven shades in a fine imported 56-inch Cloth at 75c, worth \$1.00.

Our 60-cent Counters filled with really choice styles in Imported Dress Stuffs—Side Borders, Tennis Stripes, Plaids, Fonce Stripes, Debeiges—all extra good values and all in Summer weights and colorings.

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