KILLED BY RIOTERS.

Terribly Tragic Affair Among Italian Ditch Diggers.

TWO GANGS AT WARFARE,

And One of Their Foremen, a Pittsburger, Impaled on a Pickaxe,

TURNS AND KILLS HIS ASSAILANT.

Several Men Injured and Half a Dozen Arrests Already.

THE INQUEST AND THE BAD OUTLOOK

What promised to be a most serious riot occurred yesterday morning among the Italian laborers employed upon the new pipe line of the Monongahela National Gas Company, near Cooper's Mills, Fallowfield township, Washington county, in which one man was killed and several wounded, and one was seriously. But few particulars could be learned by THE DISPATCH reporter, who hastened from the city to the scene, as the Italians, who were almost the only witnesses, refused to talk.

As far as can be learned, the trouble originated in an argument between two rival contractors. One named George Butche, whose Pittsburg address is Hotel Roma, 1132 Penn avenue, had a gang of 35 men employed at filling in the ditch.

As only about a dozen were needed for the work, the Superintendent, H. C. Young, ordered him to transfer a portion of his men to the control of another contractor, named Joe, to be used in digging. This he refused to do, and, calling his men off, he went to the other's quarters and proceeded to insult him. One word led to another, until Butche struck Joe a severe blow in the face, whereupon the latter's gang jumped out of the ditch and started for Butche and party, who were not at all backward

IT WAS FRIGHTFUL.

For a few minutes the battle was waged furiously; heads, arms and faces were badly cut. Finally one of Joe's men, whose name cannot be learned, rushed up behind Butche and dealt him two blows with a pickaxe, one of which crushed through the skull, and came out on the left side of his head, below the ear.

Butche wheeled instantly, and, drawing a revolver, fired into the crowd, striking a workman named Grombatista Ricci and instantly killing him. As he fell the others ceased their warfare, and, with exclamations of horror, threw aside their tools and fled in all directions.

Buethe's assailant was struck by a shovel, and his head was laid open. He, however, took to the woods and has not been seen since.

The body of the murdered man lay on the ground from 8:30 A. M. to 5 o'clock P. M. when it was taken to Monongahela City. Butche was also taken there on the 4 o'clock train, and received medical attention. He is not expected to live.

ARRESTS WERE MADE.

Five of the ringleaders were arrested by Marshal McCleary and Constable Bohanna, and are now in jail in Monongahela City. They will receive a hearing to-day.

The Italians are terribly excited over the affair. No work was done on the ditch yesterday, and visitors to the camp were looked upon with much suspicion. A gang of 25 new workmen from Pittsburg were expected last night, and, from all appearances, their reception was to be anything but a pleasant one.

Coroner J. F. Kennedy, of Monongahela City, has impaneled a jury, consisting of the following named citizens: J. M. Grable, F. E. Baird, W. C. Hodill, W. C. Robinson, and B. F. Bently.

The Italians have carved a large cross on the tree where the victims fell, and performed a most peculiar religious ceremony in connection. An interpreter who tried to obtain some information for THE DISPATCH representative was uncermoniously ejected from the camp.

George Butche has merely been in the habit of boarding at the Hotel Roma, 1132 Penn avenue. He had not put in an appearance there, however, since Saturday morning, and Mr. Passetti, the proprietor, stated last night that Butche's movements had been extremely uncertain.

A MARK OF APPRECIATION.

General Superintendent J. B. Patton is Tendered a Banquet.

J. B. Patton, the General Superintendent of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, had a banquet tendered him by the Americus Club last night at the Hotel Duquesne, as a mark of appreciation for the many kindnesses he had accorded to the first relief corps that went to Johnstown.

The hotel parlor, where the dinner was held, presented a very attractive appearance. The dining table, exquisitely decorated with a display of beautiful plants and flowers, harmonized admirably with the details of the menu.

There were ten gentlemen present beside Mr. Patton, and the evening was passed in an enjoyable manner. About 11 o'clock a piano was rolled into the room, and a musical was given as a continuation of the dinner.

Messrs. Walter Lyon, William Flinn, Samuel Warmcastle, D. L. Gillespie, Harry Paul, Tom Hudson, Alexander McCandless, James McKean, W. S. Brown and W. R. Jones are the names of the gentlemen present with Mr. Patton.

CHLOROFORM AND ROBBERY.

Two Rather Discouraging Elements Charles Smith Met With.

Last night Charles Smith, huckster, reported to Officer David Smith, of the Southside force, that he had been robbed of $53 while sleeping in Trenhausen's stable, in the Southside Diamond. He alleges that he fell asleep while waiting for his wagon to come in, and that someone chloroformed him with a saturated handkerchief. Besides the money, he had two watches in his clothes, a gold one and a silver one, and these, he also says, were taken. The robbery is said to have been committed on Saturday night or Sunday morning.

BOTH LIQUOR AND FITS.

The Peculiar Condition of a Lad Chased for Stealing Peanuts.

Last night a 15-year-old boy grabbed a handful of peanuts at the stand of Casper Leff, corner of Wylie avenue and High street. The proprietor chased the boy, and, at the corner of Fifth avenue and Tunnel street, the latter fell in a fit, to which he is subject. He was carried into a drug store, and afterward removed to the Homeopathic Hospital, where it was discovered that the boy had been under the influence of liquor. He refused to give his name. His condition was not serious.

A TORT IS ALLEGED.

That is the Theory Upon Which the First South Fork Suit is Based—Attorney McMullen Explains.

Lewis McMullen, Esq., attorney for Mrs. John A. Little in her suit against the South Fork Fishing Club, yesterday stated the grounds on which he intends to conduct the prosecution. The members of the fishing club are, he says, individually guilty of a tort. They undertook to perform a work, and that work has proved defective. Thus every one of them is held to be guilty of negligence, and if so must pay for his guilt.

"But several members of the club," it was suggested, "had no cognizance of the defective nature of the South Fork dam. Several had never even been to South Fork."

Mr. McMullen admitted that such men were not actually guilty, and said he did not think they could be made to pay up. It was the object of the prosecution, however, to accuse all the members. Those who did not know of the inability of the dam to stand the strain could easily prove that ignorance. But every well-informed man who had visited the spot could, he thought, have foretold the danger. Consequently all habitues of the club grounds were, in his estimation, culpable.

Mr. McMullen intended to have filed the papers for the action at 3:20 P. M., but didn't file them until 4:30, on Saturday last; but, of course, the time of hearing the case is as yet uncertain.

THE CENTURY PLANT.

The Rarely Flowering Specimen Now in Bloom in New York City.

In view of the fact that a century plant is expected to be in bloom at the residence of Mr. Darlington, near Gugasuta, it may be interesting to know that a similar flower is now attracting a great deal of attention on Cortlandt street, New York City.

This rarely flowering plant came from the botanical garden of the large and handsome Ponce De Leon Hotel at St. Augustine, Fla. It was transplanted in a tub and was brought North on a steamship. It is now the property of a seed grower on Cortlandt street.

The flower is 25 feet high and has 14 sprays. At the end of each spray, except one, is a cluster of unbudded flowers. When all these flowers are in bloom there will be 2,800 blossoms on the plant. One cluster of about 200 blossoms is now out. It is yellow and green and each blossom is simply the yellow stamen hanging above the green leaves which had inclosed it.

The century plant gets its name from the saying that it blooms once in a hundred years. But the fact is that it flowers at any time from 10 to 70 years. In Arizona, New Mexico and Mexico, where the plant grows wild, it usually blooms at the age of 25 years. After bursting into bloom it always dies. The flowering marks the end of its life.

THE CONTRACTORS' CONVENTION.

A Number of Pittsburg Railroad Men Will Take in the Excursions.

About one dozen Pittsburg freight men will attend the regular annual convention of the Contracting Freight Agents' Association, to be held at Minneapolis, Minn., beginning August 21 and continuing for three days. The convention is a series of sight-seeing trips to different points, and a grand banquet concludes the festivities. The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road have tendered the association the use of a special Pullman train from Chicago.

HITHER AND THITHER.

Movements of Pittsburgers and Others of Wide Acquaintance.

—Dr. George I. McLeod and Cadwalader Biddle, the two members of the State Board of Charity, who were in the city yesterday for the purpose of inspecting the Riverside Penitentiary, are staying at the Monongahela House. In a conversation with the reporters they expressed themselves very satisfactorily with everything they had seen at the penitentiary. Both gentlemen will leave to-day for Beaver county.

—J. E. Rugg, of Boston, Mass., will, as before stated, succeed Murray Verner as Superintendent of the Citizens Traction Railway. Mr. Rugg yesterday, in company with Engineer Rice, made a tour of the entire length of the road, going over the Lawrenceville and East Liberty divisions, and inspected the power houses. Mr. Rugg is about 65 years old, tall and dignified.

—J. N. Pattison, the Government Building Inspector, passed through the city yesterday en route for Washington from the West. While speaking of the new postoffice building he said that he was well pleased with the progress of the work, and from the amount of material on hand, he did not see any more reason for further delay.

—Theodore Rhodes, of Columbus, the President of the Globe Sewer Company, arrived in the city yesterday, and he is staying at the Seventh Avenue Hotel. When the reporters called around there last night he was invisible, and the opportunity was lost to have him say something in regard to the sewer-pipe trust.

—W. L. McCullagh, auditor of the Westinghouse Electric Company, will leave for New York to-night, where his wife and her sister, Miss Alice Bennett, will embark on the steamer Pennsylvania, of the State Line, for Glasgow. Mr. McCullagh will return to this city on Friday next.

—Bishop Phelan left Allegheny at 8 A. M. yesterday to join the annual retreat of the Catholic clergy of Pittsburg diocese. The retreat this year, as heretofore published, is at St. Frances College, Lorretto, and lasts until Saturday next. Father Wall will act as the Bishop's locum tenens.

—R. B. Rentphon, a typical looking ranchman from North Rio Grande, Tex., passed through the city last night from the West. He said that the cattle business in Texas was so bad, that it hardly pays to go into it. The price of cattle is lower than ever before in his memory.

—A special car containing the friends and relatives of L. C. Weir, Manager of the Adams Express Company in Cincinnati, passed through the city last night en route for New York, where Mr. and Mrs. Weir are expected to arrive to-morrow from Europe on the City of Paris.

—Miss Nancy Schlosser, a sister of John B. Schlosser, formerly with the Duquesne Club and Hotel, but now at the Howland House, Long Branch, sailed from New York for Europe on Saturday. She will hereafter reside with her mother in Germany.

—George H. Quail, Esq., and family are putting their domestic establishment in order preparatory to a sojourn at Chautauqua, where Mr. Quail proposes to rest until he accumulates sufficient vitality to make the race for membership in the Legislature.

—C. F. Hoffman, gateman at the Fort Wayne depot, in Allegheny, was yesterday appointed baggage agent in succession to A. M. Carron, who takes charge of the Allegheny Express Company. John Muckel succeeds as gateman.

—Miss Jennie Coyle, daughter of Patrick Coyle, of Center avenue, left during the week for Ireland to attend college at Monaghan, in that country. The young lady will be absent about one year.

—Mrs. F. J. Weixel and two daughters, of Forbes street, are stopping at Ohio Pyle Falls for a few days, whence they go to Atlantic City and other watering places for two weeks.

—Mr. and Mrs. Gerald O'Brien have returned from an extended bridal tour through Europe, and will be at home to their friends at their residence, No. 292 Fifth avenue.

—J. B. Hunt and wife, W. J. Morgan and Dr. Strong and daughter, all of Cleveland, passed through the Union depot last night en route for the Paris Exposition.

—Hon. P. M. Shannon, ex-Mayor of Bradford, Pa., is at the Monongahela. He was accompanied by H. M. Wilson, an oil producer.

—Stewart Shilleto, of Cincinnati, passed through the city last night on the Limited Express.

—I. Saller went East last night and he will not be back until Saturday.

—J. B. Henderson, of Tyrone, Pa., is at the Duquesne Hotel.

—Captain Sam S. Brown went East last evening.

A PITTSBURG TUXEDO

Valley Camp is to be the Coming Summer Social Resort.

CAMP MEETINGS MAY BE DROPPED.

Voluntary Contribution Worked in Conjunction With Retrenchments.

THE ANNUAL BUSINESS TRANSACTED

The annual business meeting of the Allegheny Valley Campmeeting Association took place yesterday at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The meeting was rather slimly attended, only a limited number of lot owners taking part in the business of the day. President Sampson presided, and Treasurer William Freeman read his report for the year ending July 29, 1889. The receipts from all sources were given as $1,449 56, and the disbursements for an identical period were $1,199 88, leaving a balance in the treasury of $249 68.

Comparison with the receipts of the previous year, ending July 29, 1888, shows that the receipts of $1,694 67 were very nearly equaled by the expenditures of $1,525 24. As the year ending yesterday was the first trial of voluntary contributions at the campmeetings as against the practice of charging a regular admission fee at the gate, the advocates of the abolishment of gate fees are much gratified by the fact that the new method showed a substantial balance in the treasury at the expiration of the first year of trial.

It will be remembered that a very animated controversy arose over this matter at the annual meeting two years ago. So much feeling was occasioned by the adoption of the system of voluntary contributions that a serious split was nearly brought about in the association.

Mr. Freeman further reported that although $400 worth of lots were disposed of by the association in 1887-8, no sales had been made in 1888-9. The sum of $500 was paid last fall upon the mortgage, reducing it to $2,500. There is no floating debt upon the association at the present time.

RETRENCHMENT IN EXPENSES.

Mr. Freeman subsequently explained to a reporter that the decrease in expenses during the past year, amounting to $325 36 as compared with the previous year, was the result of the new policy of retrenchment in the matter of securing speakers from the leading cities. Formerly the native talent was not esteemed a drawing card, and it was deemed necessary to secure noted men, whose expenses had to be met, proving a drain upon the association for which no adequate return was made in the way of increased receipts. It will be noted that, with the exception of Bishop Joyce, the attractions presented in the campmeeting programme are entirely of a local nature. It is also stated that the above rule will be rigidly adhered to in the future, as a test has proven that local clergymen are amply able to "draw."

At a very small expense a fine cemented receptacle for the large spring on the path leading to the amphitheater has been finished and a pump put down. The water is delicious, and even with 5,000 people upon the grounds on a hot day, using water liberally, the spring has shown no indication of excessive use. Some of the ladies resident upon the grounds, among them Mrs. J. E. Porter, are agitating the project of a tennis ground, and it is quite likely that some vacant lots belonging to Mr. Joseph D. Weeks and others will be leveled off and transformed into a tennis ground, the use of which will be restricted to ladies of the association.

Each lot owner with a cottage is taxed $5 per annum, and Treasurer Freeman had a goodly pile of greenbacks, as yesterday was settling day. Lot owners having no improvements are taxed $3 per annum upon each lot.

CAMPMEETINGS LOSE INTEREST.

A lot owner at Valley Camp chatted very freely in regard to future plans of the Valley Camp Association. It is learned that the time is not far distant when campmeetings as a distinctive feature of the heated season will be discontinued. The reasons given are, in a way, conclusive. The denominational aspect of the place as a summer resort is gradually changing each year. The social features are constantly getting stronger, and within a few years it will not be surprising if Valley Camp becomes to Pittsburg what Tuxedo Park is to New York City. It is certain that the popularity of Valley Camp as a heated-term residence is on the increase. Although the association has sold no lots this year, a number of lot owners have made sales of surplus holdings, and a large number of new cottages are promised for next season. As the summer community increases, the desire for privacy will grow stronger, and the inevitable feeling of exclusiveness which has to govern social resorts where the utmost freedom must prevail among the residents, will have such a bearing upon the future of Valley Camp that the public will be gradually excluded. The problem of meeting the annual expenses of the association will not be very serious in view of the fact that the expenses of last year, $1,200, would have been materially lessened if there had been no campmeeting held. There are 104 lot owners, and it is believed that a system of even taxation would effectually supply the place of the collections taken up at camp meetings. It is a matter of fact, however, that the abandonment of campmeetings is under consideration.

It was also stated that a handsome new hotel is projected to take the place of the present venerable and behind-the-times caravansery.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION.

The annual election of 25 trustees of the association resulted yesterday in the choice by large majorities of the following gentlemen:

H. Sampson, Joseph D. Weeks, John B. Stewart, Otis Shepard, J. H. Nobbs, James Cameron, John G. Mathews, John Fullerton, James B. Youngson, E. J. Unger, William Freeman, S. W. Hay, Charles Parkin, Samuel Hamilton, W. F. Williams, Will Price, John Patterson, James Martin, John Ramsey, George Booth, Peter Casey, George T. Rushfield, J. V. Brobst, Edwin C. Haslett, D. W. Llewellyn.

The full list of other lot owners in the association is as follows:

G. M. Fox, J. B. Hammerly, Henry R. Brown, Mrs. Margaret McKinney, Mrs. Mary E. Hoover, W. H. Brown, D. McCargo, C. B. Shes, trustee, C. B. Shea, Miss Mary Pusey, J. B. D. Meeds, Sullivan Johnston, C. C. Scaife, Dorlin Horne, Wesley Wilson, B. S. Duncan, Mrs W. J. Fennerty, John P. Brown, John Hunnings, David Wallaker, Mrs. M. E. Williams, R. McKeldowney, E. T. Cassiday, William Clark, Mrs. T. B. Stewart, Mrs. J. D. Tucker, W. J. Runtz, Mrs. John Metcalf, Mrs. Samuel Chadwick, Miss Mary McElhenny, J. W. Cook, R. F. Smythe, Smithfield Street M. E. Church, W. T. Dunn, S. A. Bushman, Mary and Agnes Douglass, Mrs. S. A. G. Freeman, George W. Hubley, John M. Irwin, John A. Peebles, Mrs. Anna Keally, Miss Carolina Crossan, Mrs. Amelia C. Tinker, Mrs. Sophia Nobbs, James Douglas, Mrs Annie V. Parkin, Mrs. Minnie Bailey, Joseph Horne, John G. Holmes, William Vankirk, W. B. Brickell, Mrs. Mary L. Lavimer, Mrs. Mary H. McKee, John H. Parnell, David F. Thompson, Mrs. C. West, James T. Lutton, Miss Ella M. Jackson, Mrs. James E. Porter, John A. Thompson, Mrs. Mary A. Orr, Mrs. Clara A. Lee, Mrs. Bessie Swindell, J. H. Walter, T. J. Gallagher, J. H. Heisner, W. C. Moreland, S. A. Shepard, C. A. Brown, John W. Allison, Mrs. Emma P. Buvinger, Mrs. Mary E. Johnston, Richard Machette, Mrs. Anna W. Wallace, Miss Kate Neeper, Mrs. Kate Stewart, Mrs. Elizabeth Kenworthy, Butler Street M. E. Church, Mrs. Amelia V. Holcom.

EVENTS TO COME.

Children's Day—next Thursday—is a great annual event at Valley Camp and a very large throng of children have been provided for by the association. The exercises of the day will be in general charge of Rev. W. L. Davidson, General Agent of the Sunday School Union of the M. E. Church, who will make an address at 10:30 o'clock. After singing by the Valley Camp Mission Band, there will be an address by Louis Miller, Esq., President of the National Chautauqua. The visiting children will be allowed to romp on the lovely grounds of the camp until 2:30 P. M., when the children of the Valley Camp will give an interesting entertainment in the amphitheater.

At 7:30 o'clock Dr. O. L. Miller, of Allegheny, Superintendent of the Arch Street Presbyterian Church Sunday School, will display his beautiful stereopticon views, with an accompanying lecture, an entertainment which will be sure to please both young and old.

The music for the entire day will be furnished by Cruikshanks' Allegheny Orchestra. Round-trip tickets will be sold at Pittsburg, Forty-third street and Butler street, for 30 cents.

The services last night consisted of singing by the choir and a sermon on "Salvation by Faith," by Rev. C. V. Wilson.

To-day's prayer meeting will be led by Rev. L. McGuire, and the sermon at 7:30 P. M. will be delivered by Rev. T. J. Leak, pastor of the North Avenue M. E. Church.

THE FIDELITY'S NEW QUARTERS.

Appreciative Visitors on the Occasion of the Opening Yesterday.

The magnificent new bank and safe deposit of the Fidelity Title and Trust Company, on Fourth avenue, was formally opened for business yesterday. It is a revelation in the line of commodious arrangements and elegant appointments. Hundreds of visitors, business men and others, besides those directly interested in the success of the institution, called during the day, and President J. B. Jackson and Secretary McVey were the recipients of the highest compliments upon the good judgment and good taste shown everywhere through the establishment.

The sense of roominess and the abundance of light are notable features all through the building, but particularly upon the ground floor, where the banking and safe deposit quarters of the Title and Trust Company are situated. There was already a cheerful activity on the premises yesterday, and when all the details are in perfect order, which will be within a day or two, the facilities for the transaction of business will not be surpassed and will scarcely be equaled by any of the most extensive banking and deposit companies of the East.

For an institution of comparatively recent organization the Fidelity has met with great success. In establishing itself solidly in quarters of its own, and at the same time contributing a handsome architectural addition, costing several hundred thousand dollars, to the city, it highly commends itself to a continuance and growth of public favors.

A COLORED MISSION

To be Started by a Pittsburg Priest at Philadelphia.

Father Strub, the Provincial of the Order of the Holy Ghost, and Father McDermott, of the same order, went to Philadelphia last night. They were accompanied as far as the depot by a number of friends. Father McDermott is going to start a colored mission in the city of Brotherly Love similar to the one which has been established in this city by the Holy Ghost order. While speaking of his plan at the Union depot last night the reverend father said that he had been consulting about a colored mission in Philadelphia with Archbishop Ryan for some time, and that a colored home had been secured there already. This is the place which has been donated by Miss Drexel, of Philadelphia, for that purpose.

Father McDermott expressed great confidence as to the success of his mission. He said:

I have a good many friends in Pittsburg, and I am sorry to have to leave them, but my duty calls me away. However, I shall always remember my friends in Pittsburg, no matter how far I am away.

LOCAL ITEMS, LIMITED.

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

GEORGE LANG charged Alas Bruno before Alderman Hartman with keeping a disorderly house on McCord street, Twenty-seventh ward. Mrs. Brunt, who lives next door, states that the defendant collects a crowd of Bavarians at his house frequently and that they drink too much beer and disturb the neighbors. Alderman Hartman had to adjourn the hearing yesterday until next Monday, as the witnesses all appeared drunk before him.

ABOUT 11 o'clock last night Officer John Moore heard a pistol shot and a woman's screams at the rear of No. 5 Seventh street. Upon investigating he found that James A. Doll, who lives at No. 5, had been expostulating orally, and with a revolver, with his wife for keeping late hours. Doll was arrested but resisted until the patro. wagon arrived. He claims he did not intend to shoot his wife, only scare her.

GEORGE LOHR, a butcher in the employ of Simon Bonschuer, of South Twenty-second street, made information yesterday before Alderman Succop, charging Nicholas Rech with the larceny of a rifle, a butcher's knife, a pickle-tester and a bell. The defendant is also a butcher, in the employ of Adam Bonschuer, a brother of Simon. The defendant was arrested.

MISS ANNIE HAMILTON, a young lady living on Miltenberger street, was alighting from a Fifth avenue cable car late Sunday evening, when her dress caught on the car, which was started, throwing her violently to the ground. Before the car could be stopped she was dragged a short distance. Her dress was ruined.

CHIEF BIGELOW has sent the fountain to be erected in the Arsenal grounds to its future site, but as the Government made the proviso that a sewer must be laid for overflow water, the citizens of the Seventeenth ward, are outin an appeal for sufficient funds to comply with the conditions required.

ANNIE TIERNEY, the girl who was burned by an explosion of oil at her home on Water street yesterday, is at the Homeopathic Hospital and not expected to recover. The physicians say she inhaled the flame and is, besides, badly burned externally.

THE Barbers' Union is after George Fackinger, of Ferry street, for the misdemeanor embraced in shaving a customer on Sunday. Alderman Cassidy takes a hand Friday evening.

FRANK MILLER, a boy aged 10 years, took a fall on the corner of Wylie avenue and Elm street yesterday afternoon. He was taken to his home, No. 13 Grove street, by the patrol wagon.

YESTERDAY Edward Kramer and Andy Huffman were charged by Peter Walter with borrowing a horse April 22 and failing to return it until it was foundered and unfit for use

T. W. KENNEDY tried to ride for nothing on a traction car and knocked down an objecting conductor. Kennedy is booked for explanations at the Eleventh ward station house.

CHARLES OMMERT is wanted before Alderman Cassidy for having, as alleged, struck Mrs. Mattie Robinson, of 32 Water street, with a cider bottle, rendering her unconscious.

THE Sunday school of the First United Evangelical Protestant Church, Smithfield street, had a great day at McKee's Rocks yesterday. Over 800 were on the grounds.

THE Board of Viewers yesterday received claims for damages in the opening of Rural and Hampton streets, from Hiland to Negley avenues, in the Nineteenth ward.

TWELVE old patrol and fire department horses were sold yesterday morning and the city realized $1,312 50 on them. The highest price paid for any horse was $175.

HENRY STURMAN, of Station street, employed in Murphy & Diebold's lumber yards, East Liberty, was killed yesterday morning by a falling pile of timber.

JOHN SULLIVAN, of Scranton, Pa., had his eye injured by a blast from a puddling furnace. The doctors at Mercy Hospital say that Sullivan must lose the eye.

A MR. MURPHY, employed at the Keystone Bridge Works, had his right foot crushed last night by a rail falling upon it. Dr. Clark attended Murphy.

JOHN BOUTLEY, of Hamlin street, Allegheny, tried to break up housekeeping and languished in the lockup immediately thereafter. John was drunk.

THE grade of Butler street, from Thirty-ninth to Fortieth street, is being lowered, and the work will likely be completed by Thursday.

THE Lapeer (Mich.) Sunday school sent $5 37, the only contribution, to the Johnstown relief fund, yesterday.

TWENTY-FIVE prisoners were sent to Claremont yesterday, almost exhausting the supply of handcuffs.

J. H. ROBB, of Mansfield, is in jail for drawing a revolver and threatening to kill his wife.

THE Patrick Shields who lost $180 was not the one of Main street, Sixteenth ward.

AS MASTER AND MAN.

How a Sliding Scale is Made for Miners in Far South Wales.

SECRETS OF A FINE-COMB PLAN.

Talk of a Mine Auditor Who Controls Coal Prices of the World.

AMERICAN SIGHTS FOR AN ENGLISH EYE

In this acknowledged center of iron and steel, coal and coke, it may be interesting to read of some of the methods employed in far off South Wales to maintain perfect equality between master and man and to handle the tremendous coal output that controls the markets of the world. A gentleman thoroughly acquainted with these questions, both by natural ability and official position, is Charles Edward Parsons, an Englishman born, but a thorough Welshman by education.

Mr. Parsons, with James Evans, of Bristol, England, is visiting a relative here, A. B. Wigley, of the Dun Agency, and in an interview in this city last evening the following interesting facts were learned of the methods employed in the Welsh collieries, by means of which the sad scenes at Braidwood and the trouble in this vicinity are avoided:

The Colliery Association is one vast company, or compromise agreed upon between master and man, in order to obviate these very troubles spoken of. It controls the vast output of the mines of South Wales that controls the markets of the world, and this association governs, as one man, the 175,000 miners employed. The means employed to do this may sound strange to an American, but they are a recognized necessity in a country where everything is

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exceedingly fine. This means is arbitration, in the form of the Colliery Association, that has now for nine years preserved peace and unity between employer and employe.

There have been a few local disturbances in these mines lately, and as a result this combination of collieries has changed the examination of books and the establishment of the sliding scales from once in four months to once in three.

This Colliery Association is a sort of compromise agreed upon between employer and employe; a guarantee against strikes of any kind (except mere local disturbances), as all differences are referred to a council composed of half employers and half employes. The employers, who have all joined this association, pay so much dues per week, and, should a strike occur, each firm is paid from this sum a certain per cent on what should have been their output of coal. The men are just as well represented, and all their grievances are settled by this council.

As the sliding scale that is now in effect provided for some four months ahead, the miners are somewhat disgruntled, since coal is higher, and they claim they are not receiving their just wages. In order to obviate this it has been decided that the books be examined and the scale be declared every three months, and during the late difficulty the employers had voluntarily made a concession to the men that, they have but lately ascertained, was entirely justifiable, as shown by the books of the association.

Mr. Parsons is one of the two auditors, who have a most difficult task to perform. They must be just to 315 colliery owners on the one side, and they must be just to 175,000 men on the other. Every three months they must audit the books of these 315 firms.

A MOST EXACTING TASK.

They must closely examine the cost of production, of storage, of tolls, railroad rates, clerkage, shipment, taxes, and a thousand and one things incident to each mining district; then, after it is all finished, from the totals the official selling price of coal per ton is officially made up, to last for the succeeding three months. Continuing his chat, Mr. Parsons said, in substance:

This is an important thing to the miners, this price of coal, as it not only regulates the pounds, shillings and pence that must be paid for an output amounting to 15,000,000 tons per year, but it also regulates their wages, as their sliding scale is based upon this fixed price of coal. The workers, however, are generally well represented, and any mooted question is at once referred to that magical peacemaker, arbitration, for the country over there has recognized the necessity of agreeing upon one thing between employer and employe, and that is compromise. There is one matter of difference, however, that will probably soon be settled. The sliding scale of wages has been based at fourpenny rests. That is, the wages on the sliding scale would not be changed unless the selling price of coal justified a fourpenny (8 cents) change of wages in the sliding scale. The men are dissatisfied with this, however, and in all probability Auditor Parsons' suggestion will be accepted, and the sliding scale will be made to operate at "tuppence" (4 cents) a jump.

The efficiency of this arrangement is shown by the fact that it has been in operation for nearly ten years, and there have been no strikes and no troubles, except a few local and special affairs, caused generally by private differences, and easily adjusted.

NOT ALL COALS TO NEWCASTLE.

This coal, placed in the hands of some dozen men (the auditors and council), who control the world's markets, is shipped to Cardiff, Swansea and Newport. The old saying must be amended, for Cardiff handles more coal than any port—some 10,000,000 tons, and far in advance of Newcastle, which comes next, and then Newport close in rivalry.

It was noticed by the visitors that the large mines about here were worked more from headings, while there the product generally came from pits and shafting. The method of working, however, was the same, though the gentlemen were amazed to hear there was no head, and, in fact, no tail to mining operations in this country. It was not fair, they thought, to compare wages paid here with those paid to the miners in South Wales, as conditions were so different. They said, however, the best and steadiest miner made some $6 or $7 per week there by hard work.

A peculiar source of difference has come up there lately between employer and employe, and that is the Monday holiday, coming every Monday in the month. Every worker to a soul takes a holiday, and as a result they come straggling in to work the Wednesday, Thursday and even Saturday following their lively holiday.

SATURDAY IS WANTED.

As this affects a tremendous number of men, the loss to employers is something enormous, and as a result they are trying to enforce a Saturday holiday every month, while the men stick out staunchly for the Monday holiday, with a full week to sober up on.

The three gentlemen, Messrs. A. B. Wigley, Charles Edward Parsons and James Evans, will leave for Butler county bright and early this morning, and though Mr. Wigley can't show them a colliery run on the fine-comb plan, he intends to show them an oil well that will cause them to tell fairy stories in Wales for the next ten years. The two visitors wind up their merry jaunt through America on the steamer Umbria, for Liverpool, next Saturday.

In this connection it may also be stated that Baron R. DeSoltenhoff, who is the representative of Mr. Evance Cappee, of Brussels, Belgium, the head of the American Cappee Coke Company, limited, has come to this city to make final arrangements for the formation of the American Cappee Coke Company, in this city.

This corporation has been already in existence in Pittsburg about six months, and Mr. C. B. Vaughan is the managing director. They propose to put up a plant in the vicinity of Pittsburg as soon as a suitable location has been found by them.

The Cappee Coke Company claim the possession of a novel idea of manufacturing coke, by which they expect to revolutionize the coke business of this city.

THE BOYCOTT FILED.

Another Firm Placed Under the Ban for Using Black Diamond Steel.

Circulars have been received in this city from the headquarters of the Knights of Labor, placing a boycott on the goods of the Nicholson File Company, of Providence, R. I., who have been purchasing their steel from the Black Diamond Steel Works. This shows that the fight between organized labor and this firm is still being continued, even in an indirect way. L. A. 4965, of Providence, brought the matter to the attention of the National Trades Assembly, who placed the boycott on the goods. The firm is the largest file manufacturer in the country and turns out about 1,000 dozen files per day.

TWO OF THE CHIEFS.

Messrs. Costello and Ren Talk of the Situation Among Knights of Labor—Holding Their Own at Present.

John Costello, member of the Executive Board of the Knights of Labor, arrived in the city yesterday on his way home from the West. He attended the meeting of the Executive Board in Chicago, but would give little news of the proceedings, beyond what has been already published in THE DISPATCH. In regard to the quarrel between the Knights of Labor and the Federation over the granting of a charter to the alleged non-union slate roofers of this city, he said the board had not received any protests against the issuance of the charter until after the document had been given to the local assembly. The latter had the charter for some time before any communication had been received from President Gompers.

In regard to the state of the order, Mr. Costello said they were holding their own. In some places, especially in the West, they are numerically increasing in strength, while at other points there is a small falling off. He expects to see over 150 delegates at the General Assembly, to be held in Savannah, Ga., in October.

Mr. Costello would not state what special Pittsburg business would come up at the General Assembly. As to the Campbell matter, he would not talk. When asked whether he thought the resolution condemning the action of Homer L. McGaw and Joseph L. Evans (whose expulsion from the order, L. A. 300 demands) would come up, he did not care to express any opinion.

Mr. Costello said the coal mines owned by the order at Cannelburg, Ind., have just been re-leased by the Executive Board to a paying company. The mines are being worked to their fullest capacity.

John B. Rae, Master Workman of N. D. A. 135, Knights of Labor, who worked in the mines with Mr. Costello, was also in the city yesterday. He was going to Limeton, where he made an address to the miners last evening. Beyond building up the order he stated that he had not been doing anything of significance. He says that their reports show an increase of about 1,000 members in the vicinity of Frugality, where the miners are very enthusiastic. Those who are not members are flocking into the order at every meeting.

Eighty-five colored coal miners left this city yesterday afternoon for the little mining town of Union, British Columbia, 50 miles from Victoria, to work in the mines of the Union Colliery Company. The coal is shipped to San Francisco, where it is retailed at $9 per ton. The miners came from the Panhandle road.

TO REPORT THIS WEEK.

District Attorney Lyon Now at Work on the Campbell Matter.

District Attorney Walter Lyon stated yesterday that he was considering the Campbell contract labor importation matter, and would make his report to the department at Washington this week, in the form of a letter, stating what he thinks of the matter. If he thinks there are not enough grounds upon which to lease a suit, he will so report. In the event of such a report, it is likely the Government will drop the matter.

When asked if he would advise a suit, Mr. Lyon smiled, but said nothing.

PROGRESS OF THE WORK.

The Exposition May Possibly Open on the 4th of September.

The Exposition building on Duquesne way is fast assuming an "expositional" appearance. Manager Johnston states that many applicants for space that they would like to accommodate will of necessity be refused on account of want of space. He thinks the main building will be ready in two weeks and machinery hall somewhat later. Space is now being marked off on the main floor of the building so that exhibitors may begin to arrange their wares. Mr. Johnston doesn't exactly guarantee that all will be in readiness to open on September 4, as he is not certain the buildings will be turned over to him in time.

The placing of the bonds is progressing satisfactorily. In addition to the $10,000 taken on Saturday $15,000 were placed with an Allegheny bank yesterday, and the managers expect to place the whole amount at the rate of $50,000 a week. Men of money begin to look upon these bonds as a good thing to have.

Superintendent Johnston has taken quarters in the Exposition building and the general office of the Exposition Society will be placed in it soon.

SAVAGE, SIGH AND A CHAIR.

A Family Fight Ends in Outside Interference and the Bastile.

About 10 o'clock last night George Savage and his wife got into a dispute at the corner of Carson and South Second streets, and John Sigh, seeing that Mrs. Savage was being abused, interfered. Savage resented the intrusion, and, it is alleged, hit Sigh on the head with a chair, cutting a long gash in his scalp. Sigh then left the place, but shortly went back and wanted to fight Savage. He was then arrested and locked up in the Twenty-eighth ward station. Savage staid in his house and was not arrested.

THE fretting of children is frequently caused by worms, irritation in stomach and bowels, a fœtid breath, constant thirst, an irregular and greedy appetite, which often craves strange things, are among the common symptoms. You will find Dr. Jayne's Tonic Vermifuge a handy remedy for them, and at excellent tonic for the dyspepsia of old and young.

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Excursion to Atlantic City

Via the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, next Thursday, August 1. Rate, $10 for the round trip; tickets good for 10 days; good to stop off at Washington City returning. Trains of Eastlake coaches and Pullman palace cars will leave depot at 8 A. M. and 9:20 P. M.

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