THE DRAG-NET.

More Aldermen Will Soon be in the Legal Toils.

CHIEF BROWN. EXPLAINS

Why the Conspiracies Were Exposed, and Outlines a Policy.

WIDESPREAD CORRUPTION SHOWN.

Attorney Marron Says This Has Only Been the Commencement.

CERTAIN RUMORS FOUND TO BE FALSE

John Marron, Esq., one of the attorneys for the Department of Public Safety, in the "speak-easy" conspiracy cases, intimated yesterday that the scope of the prosecutions would surprise the public.

He was asked by a DISPATCH reporter whether any more arrests were in contemplation.

"Certainly," he replied. "The arrests made thus far are simply a commencement. A number of people who have been accessory to blackmailing transactions in various parts of the city will be arrested very soon."

"Any Aldermen among them?"

"Yes. We have a cartload of evidence which implicates other Aldermen than those already held to court.

"Can you particularize?"

"Yes; an Allegheny Alderman will probably be asked to explain some informations made before him by Bauder. Then there is an Alderman in the Lawrenceville district who has been doing some peculiar things. I have a client who has paid this Alderman $187 in costs within eight months in cases in which no hearings at all were held. An amusing incident happened in this connection not over a month since. My client became tired of bing phlebotomized at intervals of a week, and got me to appear at a hearing for him. I showed up with my client, to the great discomfiture of the Aldermah. He sat in his front room when I entered, but he arose precipitately and shut the door leading into the inner office. I called his attention to the fact that the time of hearing was past and no prosecutor had shown up, and he said that he would dismiss the case. So we walked out. I suspected something and had a man watch the Alderman's office. Within 20 minutes after the case was dismissed J. D. Bauder and two other 'detectives' came out of the office and made a beeline for the nearest saloon. That is only an instance."

CHIEF BROWN'S EXPOSE.

"Then some more arrests will be made?"

"Yes. The Department of Public Safety drag-net is beginning to work, and a startling percentage of the city Aldermen may find themselves in a position to explain certain transactions. We have just secured some more evidence against Bauder, and we have him, as the saying is, 'dead to rights.'"

Chief J. O. Brown was asked last night to give the public some information in regard to the conspiracy campaign. He said: "It came to the knowledge of the Police Board of the Department of Public Safety that there was a comprehensive and widespread system of blackmail of speak-easies, fortune-tellers, notorious houses, and other forms of violators of the law in existence all over the city. The Police Inspectors of the several districts were requested to make an investigation. They did so and I determined to stop any and every form of blackmailing. Mr. Whitehouse was able to get his cases in shape with the result that we shall uncover every transaction of Aldermen and 'detective' agencies which will not bear the light of day. We have found hundreds of people ready to tell all they know, and we shall keep right on. I regret that there are forms of vice which we cannot eradicate, but I submit that the law must punish offenders in a legal way. When we get through with this matter it will be unsafe for individuals to try to baten off of lawbreakers. The evidence we have now will hurt some people when it comes out in court. Inspector McAleese has been placed in control of information indicating that notorious houses have been blackmailed to the tune of hundreds of dollars, and from every part of the city we have the same complaint.

BAD STATE OF AFFAIRS.

"The machinery of Aldermen's offices has been prostituted shamefully," continued Chief Brown, "and the general character of city Aldermen has been lowered by injudicious elections. Some of the Constables could hardly have been worse chosen for such positions. There are, of course, exceptions. The violations of law naturally to be expected in a city of this size places the police force in the position of restraining open and flagrant abuses, but there can be no question that public feeling is strongly against allowing blackmailing and semi-legal hush-money transactions to still further lower the moral tone of the city, especially when the above abuses permeate every section of the city. I may say officially that blackmailing in Pittsburg will be an unhealthy occupation in the future."

Various rumors, apparently engendered by the heat of the political situation, have been current since the Department of Public Safety commenced its active crusade against blackmailing operations. A story that receives credence in some quarters ran to the effect that a syndicate of brewers had furnished the officials the information that led to the arrest of the Bauder gang, in order to relieve the speak-easies of a disastrous prosecution. This story was denied in its entirety by Chief J. O. Brown last evening when repeated to him.

Alderman Brinker stated yesterday that he had heard several times that he was to be arrested in connection with the Bauder conspiracy cases. He says he awaits any such action with perfect composure. He showed THE DISPATCH representative the record in his docket of the only two cases J. D. Bauder ever had brought before him. Both were for oleomargarine selling, and in that against Owen McCann a fine of $50 and costs was imposed and an appeal to court taken. In the case against Elizabeth Hurst on May 14, Bauder, the prosecutor paid $1 90 costs and withdrew the case.

THE MANUFACTURERS' BANK.

The New Southside Bank at Last Organized in the Old Building.

The Manufacturers' Bank, a new institution on the Southside, was organized yesterday afternoon and the following board of directors was elected: D. O. Cunningham, E. C. Hogan, William Doyle, D. Z. Brickell, John C. Stephenson, F. K. Gearing, Daniel Wenke, A. H. Heisey, Phillip Pfeil, George F. Easton and Ernest Rohrkaste.

The capital stock of the new bank will be $100,000. The charter of the old Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank will be purchased and the president will be elected at the next meeting of the board. The old bank building on the corner of South Eighteenth street has been leased for the new institution.

ELLEN WEISEN'S SUICIDE.

A McKeesport Young Lady Drowns Herself in the Youghiogheny—What John Teemer Saw While Out Practicing.

The dead body of a young and handsome woman was found floating in the Youghiogheny river at McKeesport yesterday afternoon.

Three young men, named John Moon, Warren Hannigan and H. S. Shaffer, were skiff riding about 2 o'clock and found the body in shallow water about half a mile above the McKeesport water works. They hauled it ashore, and, after the body had been viewed by a large number of persons, it was taken to Hunter's undertaking rooms. The Coroner was notified and went to McKeesport about 6 o'clock. Before he arrived friends of the deceased had identified the body as that of Miss Ellen Weisen, aged 33, who has been living with her parents on Fifth avenue, near the Baltimore and Ohio depot, McKeesport.

Upon investigation, the Coroner learned that the unfortunate young woman has been demented for some time, her mind having been affected by a severe felon on her hand six months ago. Yesterday morning about 9 o'clock she started from home to take a walk up toward the water works. An hour later John Teemer, the oarsman, who was out practicing for his coming race with Gaudaur, saw the young woman wading out in the water waist deep near where her body was found. As he rowed past her, she threw herself backward into the water and then rose again as if she were enjoying a bath. Teemer thought she was all right and paid no further attention to her.

There seems to be no doubt that Miss Weisen committed suicide. She was an unusually handsome young woman, and was the eldest of a family of 15 children. The Coroner will hold an inquest this morning.

COURTS MAY DECIDE

That Old Deadlock Out at the Lincoln Sub-District School.

The impression has been made by newspaper accounts of the Lincoln school deadlock that Miss McCormick, teacher of No. 14 was an applicant for the position of writing teacher, held last year by Miss Gardner. Such is very far from being the fact. Not only did Miss McCormick never apply for the position, but so soon as her name was presented, positively refused to be considered a candidate. She was an applicant for the position she filled last year to the satisfaction of Superintendent Greaves and all concerned. Against her own will and without her knowledge, Miss McCormick's name was presented to the Lincoln School Board in opposition to Miss Gardner and supported for the position by three members. There was at no time any opposition to her being retained in the schools. Now she is left out in the cold by the board because they cannot agree as to who shall be writing teacher.

The three members of the board who would, at the close of the school year, cheerfully have placed Miss McCormick in her old position, and now have no personal objection to her, refuse to do so until the other three shall come to them and reinstate Miss Gardner. It now looks as though the courts would be called on to settle the difficulty.

PITTSBURG MAKES THEM,

But Like Dew They Are Distributed All Over the Country.

George A. Kelly, who was addressed on the subject of a list of mills in this city making ship materials, and for the names of men prominent in river navigation, by J. W. Eveckman, General Manager of the International Maritime Exhibition, to be held in Boston next winter, delegated the matter to Superintendent Follansbee, of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Follansbee gave all the information obtainable short of a census report. Mr Kelly hopes that as President Harrison has intimated that subsidy suggestions do not frighten him, an interest will be fostered that will eventuate in American produce and manufacture being carried in American bottoms.

The fact is that there isn't an iron mill in this city that doesn't make ship materials, but as Mr. A. F. Keating observes, Pittsburg makes mainly semi-raw product, and that product goes in a thousand forms, not only into ships, but almost everything that is fabricated in workshops scattered all over the country.

RESOLUTIONS ABOUT WM. THAW.

The Humane Society Add Their Tribute to His Eulogy.

The regular weekly meeting of the Humane Society was held yesterday, and the following minute on the death of William Thaw, a member of the society, was adopted and ordered to be spread on the records:

The Humane Society of Western Pennsylvania has heard with profound regret and sorrow of the death of William Thaw, a distinguished citizen and Christian, a philanthropist and a life member of this society; ever ready to relieve the distressed, the poor and unfortunate; a friend of humanity, a wise counsellor and an upright man. We, in common with this entire community, mourn his death, and tender to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy.

Agent O'Brien reported a trip he had made to Buffalo, N. Y., where he had seen an ambulance for injured animals. The Secretary was instructed to write to other cities and ask for information regarding them. In all probability the society will have one made for use in this city. Forty dollars was received from fines.

BY THE WHOLESALE.

An Allegheny Drinker Put Away Whisky Too Fast Yesterday.

In a North Side saloon yesterday afternoon, Ebenezer Dickey, who is known as a man-about-town, made a wager with a friend that he could drink a pint of whisky within five minutes. The friend was to pay for the whisky and yield $2 if the feat was performed. The whisky was bought and drunk without difficulty.

Ebenezer immediately became interested in the wholesale whisky trade. Having $2 in his pocket, he bought another pint of whisky and proceeded to drink it with calm premeditation.

At 6 o'clock a policeman found Ebenezer lying unconscious behind the market house. The man was removed to the Central police station and Dr. Huselton was called to see him. All efforts to resuscitate Ebenezer were vain. He was taken to the Allegheny General Hospital. It is possible that he may never drink another pint of whisky.

KILLED BY AN ENGINE.

A Railroad Brakeman Finds His Brother's Dead Body.

At 9 o'clock last night as Day Operator Stewart, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, was on his way home, walking along the tracks between Edgewood and Wilkinsburg, he was struck by the engine of a freight train and instantly killed. A brother of Mr. Stewart was a brakeman on the train, and informed the engineer that they had struck some one. When the train was backed down the brakeman found the body of his brother laying beside the track, life being extinct. The deceased was 25 years old and lived with his parents in Wilkinsburg.

A Fatal Oil Explosion.

Ella Zalinski attempted to light a fire at her home on Carson street, between South Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth streets, by pouring oil in it. An explosion took place, and the girl's clothing took fire. She was so badly burned that she died at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

He Cut the Castle.

Philip Witts was committed for court yesterday by 'Squire Morgan, of Reynoldton, for maliciously cutting and destroying two head of cattle belonging to a neighbor.

A ROYAL ROMANCE.

Facts About the Death of King Ludwig of Bavaria Narrated by

HIS BODY GUARD NOW IN PITTSBURG

He Says the Ruler Was a Victim of Bismarck's Revenge.

A MILLER'S DAUGHTER THE KING'S LOVE

The mysterious circumstances surrounding the death of King Ludwig II., of Bavaria, would be mysterious no longer if the story of Mr. J. Erlanger, of Forbes street, this city, is accredited. This man was for nearly four years King Ludwig's private body guard. He claims that during all that time he was never over an hour away from the royal personage, and he asserts he can make an affidavit to all he says. Erlanger was born in the Bavarian mountains. He entered the Royal Life Guards as a private soldier, but one day on a parade Ludwig II. was attracted by the handsome young soldier and he singled him out from the regiment to attend upon him at his castle near the Lake of Staruberg. Mr. Erlanger lives on Forbes street, and while at the house of a friend on Gist street last evening he told the following story:

"First of all, let me tell you that Ludwig II. was not mad at all. He was as sane as ever any man was. He was the soul of goodness. It is true that he withdrew from the society of the world and preferred to live by himself. But he did not do that because he hated the world or the people, but because he had to hide himself to escape the dagger of some mysterious assassin or the pistol of a hired murderer.

SURROUNDED BY CONSPIRATORS.

"The cause of all his trouble can be traced back to two points—he was an enemy of Bismarck and he refused to marry a woman who had been relegated to him by Royal relatives. He was in a constant controversy with the Ministry of War in Berlin. Various innovations were proposed by Bismarck to be introduced into the Bavarian army, but Ludwig II. always refused to sanction them. Politically he was always at variance with Bismarck, and several of the pet schemes of the Iron Chancellor had to be abandoned because King Ludwig refused to be a party to them. For that reason several conspiracies were formed to remove the King in some way. At first the machinery was set to work to replace the trusty Bavarian servants surrounding the King by Prussians. Then a physician was obtained to examine the mental condition of the King. Nobody had ever before thought such a thing necessary, but his enemies succeeded, and a doctor, I forget his name, pronounced Ludwig II. insane. The next move was to have him placed in a lunatic asylum. The plans had been well laid. The carriage which was to carry him to the doors of the asylum, got within the gate of the royal castle, when the plot was discovered and the King refused to go out. I remember the day well. Several of us were standing around His Majesty when the announcement was made, that the carriage was awaiting to take him for a drive. But no sooner had the door closed again, than Baron von Zeckingen, the King's second physician, came in. He implored Ludwig not to go out, and revealed the whole plot. The King arose and quietly walked over to one of us, saying: 'Command that carriage to be taken away again, I do not care to drive to-day.'

HIS ENEMIES UNDAUNTED.

"That settled it. The evil had been averted that time, but his enemies were not to be daunted by one failure. Baron von Kudder, a Prussian, was next placed in the palace, and soon gained the confidence of the King. The meshes were silently but cunningly woven by this man, whom I know to have been in the pay of Prussia. How he succeeded the world knows, but nobody thought the wily baron meant to drown the King. However, the facts are these:

"On the morning of that fatal day on which the body of our beloved King was drawn from the lake, Baron Kudder gave this order to the guards: 'Unless the King makes a special request for your attendance let him go unaccompanied on his walk through the grounds.'

"Of course, we obeyed. The King went out never to return alive. I was at the lake when they dragged his body from the water. The King's hand had a strong hold of Dr. Kudder's throat. In addition to that the lapel of the doctor's coat was torn off and his face was scratched in several places. All this pointed to the fact that a severe struggle had taken place. You must remember that the King was a very strong man. He measured 6 feet and 4 inches, and weighed 275 pounds. No sooner had we seen this sight than we knew that there had not been a suicide or an accidental death, but

A FOUL ASSASSINATION.

The only redeeming feature in the whole affair was that the murderer had died with his victim. Preparations were at once made to have the whole thing kept secret. The attendants were immediately discharged. A few days after the catastrophe a number of us were sitting in a beer garden, when one of our number openly stated that the King had been assassinated. A few minutes later he was arrested and has never been heard of since. This was a warning to the rest, and we escaped. I left the country without a passport. We had at first intended to make the whole thing public, but knowing that we would all be imprisoned without gaining our point, we abandoned that plan."

"But you have not explained to me why the King so strenuously refused to marry?"

"Simply for this reason: The King was in love with a miller's beautiful daughter, and he would not give her up to please even his mother. His family wanted him to marry the Princess von Darxes, a lady of the royal house of Bavaria, but he did not want her and that settled it."

A KING'S ROMANTIC LOVE.

"Do you know anything about his relationship with the miller's daughter?"

"I know all about it. Often have I gone to her house with baskets of flowers, wine, fruit and other delicacies for the young lady. She was the most beautiful girl I ever saw. The King became acquainted with her while hunting in the Bavarian Alps. Her father had a windmill on the top of a hill, about five miles from the Starnberg castle. He was lame and walked with a crutch, so we called him the 'Crooked Miller.' The young lady was born May 24, 1864. She was tall and dark, with deep, dreamy, black eyes. She had a remarkable gift for writing poetry, and I had a whole volume of verses written by her. The King was passionately fond of her, and had it not been for the fact that he would have angered all the crowned heads of Europe, he would have married. Her first name was Ellapenia. I do not remember her other name, because we always called her Fraenlein Ellapenia.

"All the stories that have been told about King Ludwig's eccentricities are false. He never ordered the Royal Opera Company, of Munich, to play before him alone. He never ordered them to come to his castle in the middle of the night, and he never asked them to act before him in a state of nudity.

LUDWIG'S SUSPICION.

"It is also untrue that he would jump out of bed at night and ride over the mountains by himself. I can assure you he never went anywhere alone. He was too careful. 'I am sorry I have to bother you so much,' he would say, 'but some of my good friends compel me to have a body guard at all times.'

"His bedstead had a battery of all kinds of electrical machinery attached to it. If he only moved from one side to the other while asleep, all the bells in our room would ring. He was also particular with his food. He never touched a morsel of bread even, unless one of us tasted it. He knew that his enemies had spies always surrounding him and he meant to guard himself as well as possible.

"I also think that the report of his extravagant habits is unfounded, because when he died he was rich.

"There are many things connected with the life of the dead King that I might tell, but it is useless. You may rest assured of the facts, however, that King Ludwig II. of Bavaria was never mad and never drowned himself, but was killed by the man who died with him."

HITHER AND THITHER.

Movements of Pittsburgers and Others of Wide Acquaintance.

—Daniel K. Watson, of Columbus, Attorney General of Ohio, arrived in the city last evening. He is here as the attorney in a suit to be entered against A. Northrop & Co. and Rasner & Dinger. The firms are charged with infringing upon the patent of a Columbus inventor, who has papers out on a steel inside roofing or ceiling, which the Pittsburg firms have been selling to an advantage. In speaking of the political situation in his State, General Watson said there is not the least doubt but that Foraker would succeed himself for another term. The Republicans also expect to carry the Legislature, which will insure the election of a Republican as United States Senator to succeed Payne.

—John H. Dalzell, the President of the Pittsburg and Manchester Passenger Railway Company, returned from Bedford Springs yesterday, where he has been with his family since July 10. He said, that the company will not build a bridge across the Allegheny river, because councils have refused them the right for wharfs and abutments. The road is to continue running horses for the present until better arrangements can be made.

—Frank Kohler, Secretary of the Peoples Mutual Accident Association in this city, left last evening for Denver, Col., to attend the annual meeting of the Insurance commission to be held at that place. Mr. Kohler goes as the representative of all the accident insurance associations in the United States. At the meeting a uniform system of application blanks will be adopted.

—Rev. Father N. J. O'Reilly, of Altoona, private secretary to Rt. Rev. Bishop J. Tuigg, was in town yesterday consulting with Bishop Phelan on ecclesiastical business connected with this diocese. Father O'Reilly is lame, having met with a slight accident. He says the bishop is much improved in health, and he is now out of danger again. His last attack almost carried him off.

—George E. McCague, general agent of the Lake Shore; S. P. Woodside, of the Erie; W. L. Cromlesh, of the P. & W., and J. P. Orr, of the Pennsylvania Company, left for Chicago yesterday to be present at the meeting of the Iron Committee of the Central Traffic Association to-day. The object of the meeting is to advance iron rates west.

—Permits for the erection of buildings still go on in spite of the lateness of the season. The following have taken out permits: W. F. Casey, $28,000, building on St. Pierre street; Thomas Hackett, $9,300 store, and $4,000 dwelling house on Van Braam street; The Standard Underground Cable, a $6,000 on Sixteenth street.

—H. Samson, the undertaker, has gone to New York with William Thaw, Jr., and Frank Semple to receive the body of William Thaw, which is expected to arrive on the City of Paris to-day. Mr. Samson will have charge of the funeral arrangements. The family of the late Mr. Thaw arrived in the city last evening from Cresson.

—D. M. Campsey, of Claysville, and John McDowell, of Washington, attended the meeting of the Washington County Wool Growers' Association at the Seventh Avenue Hotel yesterday. There was nothing done beyond the usual discussion about the condition of the trade and the outlook for the future.

—John Allison, of Fire Company No. 11, resigned yesterday after being on the force for 16 years. He served part of the time on Nos. 1 and 12, and the last ten years on No. 11. The boys are all sorry to have him leave. He has moved his family to Jeanette, where he goes into the glass business.

—Mrs. S. W. Wall, nee Miss Sadie A. Pack, formerly of this city, now of Tacoma, is visiting her sisters, Mrs. John Kalb and Mrs. G. J. Lightenheld, at the family residence, No. 27 Vine street.

—W. S. Guffey, resplendent in a new fall suit, left last evening for Buffalo. He will spend the next 15 days on board a yacht, cruising around the Thousand Isles, with a party of Buffalonians.

—Miss Maggie Mellinger, of Philadelphia, who has been spending her school vacation with her cousins, the Misses Brady, of Oakland avenue, returned home yesterday morning.

—C. Beringer, three daughters and a granddaughter have arrived home from a trip in the Northwest, which Mr. Beringer states cut discount the seaside resorts for pleasure and health.

—Maria C. McCord, daughter of Mr. J. P. McCord, of Carson street, has returned to Denver, Col., to school, after a two months' vacation, which she spent at home.

—Chairman W. H. Andrews, of the Republican State Committee, passed through the city eastward yesterday. He took breakfast at the Seventh Avenue Hotel.

—Colonel James Pickands, of Cleveland, and J. H. Chandler, of Chicago, both of them well known in the iron and steel business here in the city.

—Mrs. Dr. J. P. McCord, of Carson street, accompanied by Miss Lilly Full er, leave for Fond du Lac, Wis., to-day for a two weeks' stay.

—President of Select Council Harry Ford went to Philadelphia last night to escort home his two daughters, who have been summering there.

—Louis Osmond, of the Union Line, returned yesterday from Chicago, where he spent his vacation enjoying the lake breezes.

—Hon. A. S. Craig, member of Congress from Brookville, this State, was in town yesterday on political business.

—Chief Bigelow, of the Department of Public Works, is expected to return home from his vacation to-day.

—C. C. Mellor has returned from Buffalo, where he has been attending the Microscopical Society meetings.

—A. E. W. Painter, with his family, were passengers on the limited last night from the East.

—Rev. Fathers Smith, of Ebensburg, and Graham, of Latrobe, were in the city yesterday.

—G. A. Scull, editor of the Somerset *Democrat*, was in town yesterday.

—Miss Maggie Carenbauer, of Wheeling, is visiting friends in this city.

—Hon. B. F. Jones returned last evening from Cresson Springs.

A QUARANTINE ESTABLISHED.

Policemen Guard a House Wherein a Smallpox Patient Lies.

By request of the Bureau of Health a detail of two policemen have been placed on duty to guard the house on Twenty-eighth street occupied by Robert Powell, the man who is suffering from an attack of varioloid. This is to prevent the spread of the disease, and none but the physician and nurses are allowed to leave or enter the house.

The Hebrew Bigamy Case.

Isaac Orwitz was tried by Magistrate McKenna yesterday morning for bigamy. Peter Schaeffer, who made the complaint, testified that his sister had been married to Orwitz and never divorced. She is now living in Jerusalem. Orwitz, who is a Hebrew, displayed a marriage certificate as a warrant for his living with wife No. 2. The Magistrate was not satisfied with the testimony, and continued the hearing until September 15. Orwitz, in default of $500 bail, went to jail.

Boy Drowned in the River.

A boy named Foley, aged 9 years, who lived with his parents on Magnolia street, Allegheny, was drowned in the Ohio river last evening. The skiff in which he was rowing with four companions was upset by the waves from a passing steamboat. David Owens, who lives in a shanty boat, saw the accident, and rescued all of the boys except young Foley. His body was recovered. An inquest will be held to-day.

CHILDREN OF ITALY.

They Enjoy a Gala Day Under the Trees of Silver Lake Grove.

RAISING MONEY TO BUY A CHURCH.

Scenes Reminding Them of the Sunny Land of Their Birth.

WHERE THE IMMIGRANTS COME FROM

The Italian colony of Pittsburg held a very pleasant "festa" in Silver Lake Grove yesterday. For the past two months every Guiseppi and Giovanni in the Iron City has been bestirring himself toward the raising of funds for the purchase or erection of a Catholic church to be exclusively devoted to Italians and Italian speaking people. They also desire an Italian school; the teaching in which may serve to elevate the minds of their children, and bring them into line with the new generation which is springing up in America. The picnic of yesterday was one of the means suggested for raising funds, and, as far as it went, it was eminently successful. The arrangements were under the control of the Italian congregation, of which Joseph C. Cuneo is President and F. Bonistalli Vice President. The committee consisted of Messrs. J. C. Cuneo, F. Bonistalli, Pietro Montraverda, Antonio Montraverda, G. Descalzzi, Carlo Gambogi, E. Malatesta, Pietro Debe, Giovanni Debe, Pietro Baccigalupi and Joseph Penalla, Secretary of the congregation. The old Royal Band was in attendance, and kept the dancers merrily engaged all the afternoon. The playing of Prof. Boccarati on the clarionet was very fine, but that to Pittsburg music lovers goes without saying.

THE SWARTHY CAVALIERS.

Goodly piles of watermelons, oranges, bananas and fruits of many kinds stood beneath the trees, and dusky matrons, with great gipsy eyes and glittering teeth, served hot soft drinks enough to melt the heart of a Captain Wishart. Everywhere gay groups chatted pleasantly in the musical "lingua" of the sunlit South; and there was that indescribable grace about the swarthy cavaliers, assisting their souls' choices to ice cream or oranges, which one sees only in Irishmen, Spaniards and Italians.

Rev. Giacomo Annovazzi, who is to be the pastor of the future church, was present; and here were also Rev. Drs. Wall and McDonald and Father Molyneux, from St. Paul's Cathedral, chatting with President Cuneo in the purest Italian.

"Everyone must grant," said President Cuneo, "that the objects we are fighting for—namely, a national church and a school, are praiseworthy objects. Understand, however, that we don't particularly want to build a church or school. If we can buy or lease two suitable buildings they will suffice for the present. We have made a good deal of money in the past two months, and this picnic will help to bring in a heap more. All the fruit and soft drinks, as well as the lunch, have been donated by Italians or friendly Irish. The people who are running the booths do so voluntarily and without recompense."

Asked whether the fete reminded him of one of his native "festa campestre," Mr. Cuneo said: "In a measure it does. The men and women are the same; it is the surroundings that differ. We cannot smell the orange blossom here, nor do we drink catarba, or vino d'Aste, as in the old country, but still we are just as merry and just as Italian as ever we were in our native vineyards."

ITALIAN FESTIVALS.

"What sort of affairs are your Italian picnics, President?"

"Well, there are two distinct sort of festa. There are the city festivals and the country festivals. Of the former I know very little; of the latter I will describe the chief features. Every little village in Italy has its 'padrone,' or patron saint. The hamlet I come from—near Genoa—honors St. Joseph, after whom I am named. Once every year, on its patron's feast day, each village throws work aside and makes merry. The bagpipes, our great country instrument, is brought out, and the piper plays a 'giga,' which is a dance almost exactly similar to what the Irish call a jig. Sometimes the old folks join in, and as the 'giga' is too lively for them a 'luschindrina,' or species of quadrille is started. If the village is a large one, a clarionet player accompanies the bagpipes; but the peasant thinks the pipes the most musical of all instruments. Its sound is remarkably like the squeaking of a lively young pig, whose inclinations and tail are drawn in opposite directions. The refreshments at the 'festa' consist of the wines I have mentioned, and also 'gelate,' or all species of iced eatables. Peddlers attend with bright ribbons for the girls; and not unfrequently the young men engage in wrestling and running contests. That is something what the old country picnics, as you call them, are like."

EMIGRANTS FROM THE FARMS.

The shrewd President said that among all the Italians in Allegheny county scarcely ten were born in any city or large town in Italy. With a few exceptions, our whole Italian population springs from the farming and peasant classes. What is true of Allegheny county, says Mr. Cuneo, is also true of the United States. The emigrant Italians do not come from the cities; consequently we have no hazy "lazarone" from Naples and Rome; but the sturdy mountaineer of the Appenines, and the honest farmers of Northern and Western Italy.

"But," it was objected, "how do you account for the fact that your peasants take readily to city life over here, and sell bananas and ice cream, as if they never hoed or pruned?"

"That is," replied Mr. Cuneo, "because when these emigrants land in New York they see many of their fellow-countrymen engaged in those particular trades and thus fall into the same line of business themselves. There are many Italian farmers, however, especially in New Jersey."

The picnic was kept up till a late hour, when the illuminated grove presented its usual romantic appearance. The "festa" was perfectly orderly throughout the day, and its success demonstrates clearly that the Italian is a good manager and a thorough gentleman.

WAS THE LOSS 25 PER CENT?

What is the Question That Enters Into the Miller Oil-Refinery-Fire Dispute.

This afternoon there will be a conference between City Engineer Ehlers and the Fire Department Committee of Allegheny Councils to determine whether A. D. Miller & Sons' oil refinery was damaged to the extent of 25 per cent by the recent fire. By section 4 of the city ordinance relating to the subject the engineer and committee named are made the judges. While section 3 of the ordinance prohibits the erection of an oil refinery within the city limits, section 4 states that the provisions of section 3 shall not apply to refineries already in operation, provided they shall not be enlarged, nor works extended, nor new tanks erected, nor crude oil stored in barrels, nor new buildings or tanks erected in case of destruction that shall exceed in value 25 per cent of the whole valuation.

TO ASSESS WORKERS.

It Will Cost 25 Cents Per Week to Keep Up the Coke Strike.

The following telegram was received last night from Scottdale:

An interesting meeting of subdivision No. 4, Knights of Labor, convened here this afternoon. The most important decisions were that the Master Workman and Secretary and Treasurer be retained in the field, at a salary of $55 per month, with traveling expenses; that the district per capita tax be 5 cents per month; that an assessment of 25 cents per week be laid on all organized and unorganized workmen in the region to aid those who are still out.

TWO POLICEMEN SUSPENDED.

Result of an Investigation by Mayor Pearson Last Evening.

The conduct of three members of the police force of Allegheny was investigated last evening by Mayor Pearson, and two officers were indefinitely suspended.

On the morning of Wednesday, August 21, Officers George Holmes, John Schultz and Robert Moreland were on duty at the oil refinery fire in the Fifth ward. A man named Wagner passed through the lines and began to distribute tobies to the firemen. Officer Schultz objected, and told Wagner to take a walk, as he was interfering with the work of the firemen. Louis Jones interrupted Schultz, who was in plain clothes, and told the officer to mind his own business. Schultz threatened to arrest Jones, whereupon the latter informed the officer that it would take four like him to perform that feat. The two men clutched, but were separated by other policemen. A few minutes later Schultz broke away from his associate officers, and with his mace in his hand, attacked Jones and beat him severely. Lieutenant McNemery arrived at that moment and placed both Jones and Schultz under arrest for disorderly conduct.

When Mayor Pearson learned of the affair he temporarily suspended Schultz, Holmes and Moreland. Holmes was acting as a lieutenant at the time, and the two other men were under his orders.

At the investigation last evening testimony was given by the accused officers and by Jones and Wagner. The two latter expressed their opinion that the policemen were intoxicated. Mayor Pearson said, after the hearing, that he did not believe that the officers were drunk, but he was satisfied that they had taken too many drinks. Officer Moreland acknowledged that he had taken several glasses of beer. Mayor Pearson suspended Schultz and Holmes indefinitely, which is considered equivalent to a discharge. The case of Officer Moreland was held for further inquiry. John Schultz is one of the oldest officers on the Allegheny police force, and has done much good work.

LOCAL ITEMS, LIMITED.

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

MESSRS. A. E. WINDSOR, of Allegheny, have secured the contract from Jr. O. U. A. M. for the erection of the equestrian monument to Washington to be placed in the Allegheny Parks. The Committee of Awards was A. S. Smith, Ed O'Brien and A. L. Soloman. The monument is to cost $10,000, of which $7,000 is in the treasurer's hands. The balance, it is expected, will be raised by the winter. The statue will be placed in position next summer.

THE persons arrested Monday for camping on the farm of Frank Curry, in Reserve township, just outside of the Allegheny City line, were arraigned yesterday morning before Mayor Pearson. Maggie Smith, the one woman in the party, was sent to the workhouse for 30 days. Spitz Haas, John Delp and George Krepley were fined $5 and costs each. Jacob Schindel went to jail for 15 days, and Wendell Miller was scolded for being in bad company.

OFFICER TRUBY SHAUL yesterday made a raid on the house of Bridget McCarty, on Second avenue, near Try street, and arrested three women and two men. They gave their names as Hugh Kirk, John Niland, Catherine Denhart, Hannah Ryan and Bridget McCarty. An information will be made against the proprietress this morning for keeping a disorderly house.

A YOUNG man named Messner is lying dangerously ill at his home, on William street, near the head of McClure avenue, Eleventh ward, Allegheny. On Sunday last he was driving a dairy wagon which collided with another. Messner was thrown out and was seriously injured.

A PLUMBER named W. F. Bell was badly burned by a gas explosion while he was working about the pipes in the house of Theodore Schleize, at Bellevue, yesterday morning. Eva Schleize, a little daughter of the owner of the house, was burned about the face.

ROBERT DICKSON, an insane inmate of the Allegheny City Home, died at the Home yesterday. He was 45 years of age and had been an inmate for 16 years. In 1872 Dickson was tried for stealing a watch and was acquitted on the ground of insanity.

JAMES FIELDS and William Brooks fought out an old feud Monday night, before a large crowd, at the corner of Twenty-eighth street and Mulberry alley. Fields drew a knife and cut Brooks deeply in the neck, near the jugular vein.

THE name of William Corliss, of 91 Allen avenue, Southside, was inadvertently published in this paper in connection with the Southside "speak-easy" arrests. Mr. Corliss nor his son have ever frequented "speak-easies."

THOMAS ERNEST, the oldest nailer in Allegheny City, and the father of Walter Ernest, of the Allegheny Poor Board office, died of hemorrhage of the lungs at midnight Monday. He lived at 282 Sandusky street.

STANLEY CHATHAM, a boy 13 years old, was struck by an engine on the Pittsburg and Western Railroad, near Callery junction, yesterday. He was badly injured, and was taken to the Allegheny General Hospital.

LAST evening Thomas Martin was kicked in the stomach by one of Adam Diehl's horses, in Carey alley, near South Eighteenth street. It is thought that he has been injured internally, and is in a critical condition.

JOHN COLLINS, a driver for Frederick Piper, a brick manufacturer of the Eighteenth ward, was thrown from his wagon yesterday and suffered a fracture of the skull.

JOHN MCCARTHY, injured yesterday morning at the Keystone Bridge Works, died two hours later at the West Penn Hospital. He was married and lived on Forty-third street.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, charged with larceny while an attache of patrol wagon No. 7, had a hearing before Magistrate Brokaw last night and gave $500 bail for trial at court.

ROBERT HILLEN, a boy of 16, who escaped from Morganza two months ago, was captured by the police yesterday and sent back to the reformatory.

JAMES ROSEBOARD, Andrew Kerr and Felix Vanister were lodged in the Fourteenth ward station yesterday for fighting on Fifth avenue.

HARRY SPRAGUE, a boy living on Mt. Washington, lost two fingers while experimenting with a blasting torpedo yesterday.

'SQUIRE ROBINSON, of Sharpsburg, fined Frederick A. Meinhart $10 and costs for ill-treating a horse.

WILLIAM PANEY'S arm was crushed by an ingot at Walker's Bridge Works.

Rev. Barnett Makes Denial.

Rev. J. H. Barnett, of the Union Park Chapel, called at THE DISPATCH office yesterday and emphatically denied the statements made in the issue of Sunday, by a gentleman who formerly attended his church, concerning the causes for secession. Rev. Mr. Barnett said that the author of the assertions had acknowledged to him before the editor that what he has said was merely his opinion as to the causes of secession.

Entitled to the Best.

All are entitled to the best that their money will buy, so every family should have, at once, a bottle of the best family remedy, Syrup of Figs, to cleanse the system when costive or bilious. For sale in 50c and $1.00 bottles by all leading druggists.

LAST EXCURSION TO ATLANTIC CITY.

To-Morrow (Thursday), August 29.

The B. & O. R. R. will sell excursion tickets to Atlantic City to-morrow (Thursday), August 29. Rate, $10 for the round trip, tickets good for ten days. Trains will leave depot at 8 A. M. and 9:20 P. M. Secure your parlor and sleeping car accommodations.

An Invigorating Beverage.

A glass of pure beer is both beneficial and delightful to a warm and tired mortal. The well-known brand of "Iron City Beer," brewed exclusively by Messrs. Frauenheim & Vilsack is such a beverage. It is made carefully, from the purest materials, and is wholesome and nutritious. Ask for it. Telephone 1186.

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LOYAL HIBERNIANS.

This is Their Day of Jubilation on the Streets and in the Woods.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE LAST NIGHT

Interesting History of the Popular Irish Order in This County.

RECOLLECTIONS OF THE FIRST PARADE

By 9 o'clock last evening all arrangements had been completed for the Hibernian parade that will be held to-day. The members of the order will assemble at Hibernian Hall, on Wylie avenue, at 12:45 P. M., when they will form into line for a parade through the principal streets to the Union depot. Several bands will accompany the parade to the picnic grounds. The parade and general management of the picnic will be in charge of Patrick Fallon, who is Grand Marshal, assisted by B. R. McNeirney, Chief of Staff. The Assistant Marshals are Owen Murphy and P. M. Connolly; Adjutant, J. J. McGuire. When the train reaches East Liberty the members of the order will form into line again, on Penn and Frankstown avenues, at 2:30 P. M. All the principal thoroughfares of East Liberty to Silver Lake grove will be traversed. When the grounds are reached the members will assemble at the dancing platform to listen to an oration by W. T. Wilhere, of Philadelphia, who is President of the order in the