INDIGNANT CITIZENS

In the Section Surrounding the Fifth Avenue Market House Demand That It Be

RESTORED TO ITS ORIGINAL USE.

The Growth of Population Such as to Insure a Sufficient Patronage if the Place Were Reopened.

ENTIRE NEGLECT OF THE BUILDING.

A Public Meeting Proposed to Protest Against the 50-Year Military Lease.

Since it is assured that the Southside will have a new market house a general wail of discontent has gone up from the citizens of the Eleventh and adjoining wards, who once more demand that the Fifth Avenue Market House, which is not even ornamental now, may be made useful. It is claimed by the housewives from the Bluff to the Hill and along Fifth avenue that their families eat as much as Southsiders, and that they should be afforded the same means of getting their supplies.

They point to the pile of lonesome-looking bricks in the useless building at Fifth avenue, Miltenberger and Ann streets, and then indignantly attack a city government not enough interested in its citizens to keep open a market house built with the people's money, and now to be leased to the State militia. The lease has not yet been made, but is in the hands of the Financial Committee. If approved, it will come before Councils to be confirmed and it will be at that time that indignation will be unpent and gives a day's outing in the city's usually quiet Council Chambers.

A Formal Demand to Be Made.

A demand will be made to have the market house remodeled and opened up for its original purpose. It was closed about two years ago, although the city had commenced freezing out the stall-keepers five years before. The windows are broken and nailed up, doors are off their hinges and everything about it bears the evidence of neglect. It is still substantial, however, and a few hundred dollars would give it a nineteenth century appearance and prepare it for use as a market house.

The building was erected in 1871. It extends about 275 feet along Fifth avenue and 120 feet deep. It is only one-story high, but is well arranged and remarkably well lighted. For a few years there were enough stalls rented to take up nearly all the space. It was well patronized on account of being new, but there were not then enough people in the neighborhood to keep it running on the high scale insisted on by the city officials.

The First Encroachment.

In 1884 a stage was put up and seats arranged for the first May festival. The stall-keepers were driven off into one corner. They protested, but were promised the stage would be removed after the entertainment. This was never done, however. Their frequent demands were ignored and the struggling infant was kept crowded in such small clothes that it eventually died about two years ago.

The overhanging stage, slanting down like a roof, shut out all light and made the place about as inviting as a dark cellar. The last stall-keeper to go out was W. R. Seitz, a butcher who had started in business when the market house was built. He secured a room across the street. To open the market house again would bring competition, but without thought of that he stated yesterday that if the city would tear down the stage and open the house for market purposes, the space would soon be taken, and besides relieving the crowded condition of the downtown market house it would be a great accommodation to residents in that part of the city.

"It was the fault of the officials," he continued, "that the market house was not a success. When it was first opened it was well patronized. It ran down afterward, but just when we were crowded off into one corner, was when we expected a revival of business. We went before Councils and secured a promise that we could return to our old places, but Chief Bigelow would never make the change. The quarters under the stage were dingy, dirty, and of course customers would not come in. They claimed they were not making enough money, but then a market house isn't supposed to be a money making scheme.

A Charge of Red-Tape.

"That is the trouble with the Pittsburg government. It takes so much red tape to keep things going that they bleed everything they can to keep up the revenue, and think that a market house, which is supposed to be for the benefit of the public, should turn in so much surplus every month. Look at the way things are conducted down town. Rents are put up every year, and only favorites can get the desirable positions. Phillip Flinn's case was an example of that, when a restaurant keeper was frozen out to get a place for him because he stood in with the ring."

"Why, certainly, the markets would be patronized, if opened now," answered Mr. Seitz in response to a question. "The stall keepers who cannot get places down town would come out here. Farmers, who now huckster their products, would be glad to open stalls, and when people would find out that they could be accommodated near home they would not go down town, and I have no doubt that things would soon be on a paying basis. Because car fare is cheap, is not any reason for believing that people would not stop here. The market house is between the Duquesne and Fifth avenue street car lines, so that baskets would not have to be carried far, and you know women don't like to carry bundles," added Mr. Seitz. "There are many arguments to show that we need a market house here, and that it would be as successful as on the Southside."

Opposed to Military Occupation.

J. L. Brown, another former stall keeper, thought that two good results would be achieved by again opening the market house. The first would be the great accommodation for the public and another, he stated, would be the shutting out of Battery B and the Eighteenth Regiment.

"We might as well have a speak-easy or a big poker room in the city's building as an armory," he continued, "for both are run on about the same plan. The idea of having a drill room for these show soldiers right on one of the most prominent streets in the city," exclaimed Mr. Brown, with evident disgust. "They ought to be given a place on Neville island or Mt. Washington. It is a disgrace the way this market house has been conducted. The stall-keepers were crowded out to make way for a few people who wanted to hold a May festival. We were given such small space that it was impossible to conduct business. The city officials finally froze us out entirely, and then it was announced that the market house was a failure and would be rented to those fellows that are having some fun playing soldier. They made a stable out of another part of the building for Chief Bigelow's Schenley Park animals, and the rest of it is a store house for a glass firm or something else.

A Prize Fight Was on the Schedule.

"Why they were even going to have a prize fight in it," continued Mr. Brown. "I suppose the city officials would have winked at that, too, but they were afraid they would be caught up, so they gave warning and the fight was held some other place. There will be an effort to keep the militia from getting the 50-year lease they have been offered, and to have the place opened for market purposes, but I suppose it will not amount to anything. The people in this neighborhood are not going to be shut out without making some noise, however."

Allen Marlait, who lives on Forbes street, opposite the market house, said he for one would patronize the markets if they were opened.

"If the city is determined to make a lease it should be for a shorter time than 50 years," he continued. "The downtown markets are always so crowded that it takes a long time to be waited on. They are so far away that a half a day is spent in marketing, while if we had a market house here it would not require more than half an hour. It is all right for people who ride in carriages to go down town and order what they want brought to them, but those who carry their purchases home in baskets would sooner get them close at hand, especially when the city, with the taxpayers' money, bought a site and built a big house for market purposes. I don't think they have any right to lease it, but if they have, and insist on doing so, it will be contrary to the wishes of the people who live in this neighborhood.

A Plan for Public Accommodation.

Henry and George Smith, of the firm of Smith Bros., hardware dealers, at 515 Fifth avenue, stated that they had been talking about the market house just before the reporter called.

"We were thinking," said one of them, "that it would be a capital idea to put another story on top of the one there now is and use it for a hall. The lower story could then be used for market purposes and the upper one for a public hall. It would hold a tremendous lot of people and would at the same time be an ornament to the street. A building like that is now is a disgrace to the town. It would be all right if it were taken care of, but it has been allowed to get wrecked, until now only the brick walls are in good shape.

"I think there would be no doubt that the markets would be patronized if opened again. There are a great many more people in this part of the town now than there was ten years ago, and besides the downtown markets are getting so crowded that customers have to wait a long time to be served. When the market house was built out here we thought we were getting a big boom. Rents went up and every person congratulated himself. It seems to have been a mistaken idea, however, but even at this late day we might get some benefit from it."

John Wilson, of Forbes street, and James Sloan, of Tustin street, were asked if the markets would be patronized if opened, and both replied that they thought they would. The former said a public meeting might be held to present the demand of the citizens of that vicinity to Councils. He was in favor of making a fight for a market house and believed that a determined move would be victorious.

James Heinz, a butcher on Fifth avenue, opposite the engine house, said that he had found from experience in business that people would buy as near home as possible. He did not see why the market house could not be run successfully and said it was the fault of the city officials that it was allowed to go down before.

When the market house was visited yesterday, the janitor, if there is one, could not be found. A colored minister was sweeping out a room in the lower corner that had formerly been a drug store. It has since been rented by the Free Baptists, colored, and the spot where a few years ago prescriptions were compounded is now occupied by the pulpit from which gospel is expounded.

A Very Queer Combination.

It is just on the opposite side of the wall from the place where a prize fight was to be fought, and under the floor was Gusky, the elephant's, quarters last winter. On the other side of the building, another Baptist church has rented a room.

The proposition to lease the property to the Eighteenth Regiment and Battery B is now before the Finance Committee. The trustees for the military organizations are C. L. Magee, A. F. Keating, Chambers McKibben, Lewis T. Brown, Alfred E. Hunt, Norman M. Smith and William H. Davis. In the proposed lease they agree to put up a $40,000 building to be finished July 1, 1893. The city is to have use of the hall for public meetings and to get one-half of the receipts for other meetings. The building would, of course, belong to the city after the lease expires. If the Finance Committee recommends that the lease be made, it will then have to go to Councils for confirmation.

Assistants for the City Solicitor.

The committee to assist City Attorney Elphinstone in investigating charges against Chief Murphy was appointed yesterday by Chairman Parke, of Common Council. The members are Harry C. Robinson, S. G. Paulin, William Albright, Harvey Henderson and Charles V. Lewis. It is probable that a special meeting of Select Council will be called early this week to appoint a committee from that branch to act in conjunction with the other committee.

Good Increase in Express Business.

M. E. Vaillant, general agent of the American Express Company, is very well pleased with the Christmas business. About two weeks ago he was afraid it would be light, but the increase over last year was from 20 to 25 per cent. Many people made up their minds to curtail their gifts to friends and relatives, but as the day drew near they couldn't resist the attraction of the shop windows, and the express companies reaped their share in the shuffle.

Plate Glass Men Fail to Meet.

The adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the Standard Plate Glass Company, to be held yesterday, did not take place, and will not. Since the meeting of the creditors, at which it was decided to issue bonds to cover the indebtedness, it has been decided that there is no necessity for a meeting until the annual one, which occurs next month.

A Meeting of the Drummers.

The Pittsburg Commercial Travelers' Protective Association held is annual meeting in the Grain and Flour Exchange rooms, 701 Smithfield street, last evening. Officers for the ensuing year were elected. The association is 29 months old and 481 applications for membership have been enrolled.

TALES OF TWO CITIES.

THE Allegheny Council Committee on Charities couldn't raise a quorum last evening.

MRS. LEWIS BERGER, of 20 Gregory street, who buried her husband and father within the past week, is now seriously ill at her home.

SOME time on Christmas night the house of Joseph Moffett, 3419 Lafayette alley, was entered by thieves, and a pocketbook containing $13 and a silver watch were stolen.

THE Washington Association of the Junior O. U. A. M., last night decided that the association would attend in a body the public meeting, Monday, night, December 28, at Carnegie Hall, Allegheny.

THE Pennsylvania road will run a through Pullman sleeper to California, beginning January 4. The car will leave New York every Monday, alternating over the Panhandle and Ft. Wayne, and reaching 'Frisco on the following Sunday.

MAYOR GOURLEY has not yet singed the ordinance giving the Wilkinsburg street railway the right of way to connect with the Fifth avenue line, or at least he will not make any statement concerning it. He will probably have a communication on the subject for to-morrow's meeting of Councils.

THEODORE DOERFLINGER, the defaulting treasurer of the Franklin School Board, now serving a term in the penitentiary, sent several former friends postal cards on Christmas on which he said: "You enjoyed yourself at my expense last Christmas, and I hope you will enjoy yourself at some one else's expense this year."

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QUAY SMILES ON ALL.

Local Politicians Call on the Senator, and Go Away Satisfied.

STILL SAYS HE IS NO CANDIDATE,

But Adds That the Remark Only Goes in the Present Tense.

OUTLOOK FOR JUDGE AND COLLECTOR

Senator M. S. Quay and his son Dick came to Pittsburg yesterday morning, and spent most of the day at the Hotel Duquesne. The Senator had hardly reached his room, when a stream of local politicians began pouring in on him. The political leaders and the political heelers crowded together into parlor B, and all took their turn in shaking the Beaver statesman's hand and receiving afresh his assurances of friendship and political help.

Judge Fetterman spent an hour with the Senator. The two held a long whispered conversation, and when the ex-Judge left the room he wore a smile of rare satisfaction. The smile did not say positively that Senator Quay was for Mr. Fetterman for Judge Reed's place on the United States Circuit bench, but it indicated that the protracted conference had concluded in a happy way to those concerned.

A Claim For the Earth.

"Is the Senator for you?" was asked Judge Fetterman as he left the hotel.

"Everybody is for me," the ex-Judge laughingly replied.

"Have you indorsed anyone for Judge Reed's place?" was asked the Senator.

"No, I have not," he answered. "I may indorse some one for the place before the appointment is made," the Senator answered.

"Have you made any recommendation for a successor to ex-Collector Warmcastle?"

"Not yet. I may have a friend for the place, too." He went on: "I have no idea who will receive the appointment."

"Is it true as reported that your failing health will compel you to return to Florida?"

"I think not. I am not feeling well today, but I can't go back to Florida until my libel suits are disposed of. That will probably be a month or more."

"When here before, Senator, you said you were not a candidate for re-election?"

A Candidate at the Proper Time.

"Yes. I repeat now what I said then, but," the old gentleman added with a pleasant smile, "I have not yet said that I would not be a candidate at the proper time."

"Have you heard anything of Mr. Blaine's probable candidacy?"

"No. I have not. Mr. Blaine is a very silent man on the subject of the Presidency. I don't know what he intends doing."

Mr. Quay and his son left for Beaver at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. They will return to Pittsburg Tuesday morning, but will not return to Washington until some time next week.

There was another Senator in town, Shoop, of Idaho. He said that his section was for Blaine in 1892, with a Western man for the second place on the ticket.

A BIG COURT HOUSE FIGHT.

Peculiar Complication in the Contest for the Appointment of the Mercantile Appraiser—Possible That a Dark Horse, or Even a Democrat, May Finally Be Chosen.

For the past ten days there has been in progress a very interesting political fight, the combatants being a queer combination of the party rulers, the would-be rulers, and a couple of office holders on the Republican side of the fence. The row is all about the appointment of the merchantile tax appraiser. The appointment must be made on or before next Thursday, December 31. Although the job only lasts three months it is worth about $3,000 over and above all expenses to the appraiser, who receives a commission of 50 cents, and fees and perquisites averaging 10 cents more on every business establishment in the county that is assessed for mercantile tax.

Naturally such a good-paying plum is eagerly sought for every time the appointment is to be made. The selection is in the hands of the County Commissioners. As the dominant party has a majority of the Commissioners the Democrats usually haven't a ghost of a chance to secure the place, but this year their candidate's prospects seem as bright as those of the Republican applicants.

Emory Thompson, of McKeesport, and Harry Fehl, of the East End, are the Republican candidates. The Democratic applicant is a dark horse. There is no chance for more than one Democratic candidate, because there is but one Democratic Commissioner, but there are two Republican Commissioners. Robert Mercer, one of these, is for Thompson, while James G. Weir, the other, is for Fehl.

The Backers of Thompson.

Thompson is a clerk in the office of Register Sam Conner. He was a candidate for postmaster at McKeesport, it will be remembered, being backed by Hon. John Dalzell. His successful opponent, backed by Colonel T. M. Bayne, or some of his friends, produced a lot of alleged evidence against Thompson, showing how, when a member of the Legislature, Thompson had traveled rapidly and was therefore not a proper person to be one of Wanamaker's postmasters. Thompson and his friends indignantly denied the charges, but, although they had spent a lot of money the Bayne candidate won the appointment. Register Conner was one of Thompson's friends and it is said furnished most of the money for his successful fight, after which he gave him a place in the Register's office.

By threatening to throw the party strength of McKeesport and the Southside in favor of Andy Fulton in the next fight for County Recorder, Conner and Thompson have forced Von Bonnhorst into their support, and through him claim to have secured even more powerful influence. As Commissioner Mercer is to be a Mayoralty candidate, he is in a perplexing position on account of the strength behind Harry Fehl.

Fehl is a clerk in the Department of Public Safety. His position is an easy one, but don't pay much of a salary. Fehl has been a faithful worker in politics, and to Chief Brown has been invaluable in a number of campaigns. Naturally Brown, with his usual adherents, is supporting Fehl, and can have much to say as to who gets the appointment. His power is what Mercer is afraid of and what Weir respects, for it is said Weir is for Fehl. The latter has also the support of Chiefs Bigelow and Elliott and Magistrates Hyndman and Gripp.

Bigelow and Gripp Change Ground.

Bigelow and Gripp were for Thompson, it is said, until they learned that he was being backed in order to be placed in a position to return former favors. Elliott is quoted as saying, when he heard this, that "a man who is making $1,000 a month, and who is not willing to pay a few hundred to help a political friend along, is not much of a friend for anyone to have."

The charities chief, it is understood, is not much enamored of Conner nor of any of the Southside leaders. Conner has been exhibiting a strong desire to become a political power, and his prospects depend largely upon his winning this fight.

With this peculiar array of antagonists on either side, both determined to win, there is a danger that neither Fehl nor Thompson will make it, and either a compromise candidate or a Democrat be elected. Commissioner Boyle is said to have delared that he would not vote for a Republican under any circumstances. The gentleman was seen yesterday, and when asked how he stood, slyly winked the other eye and with a knowing smile replied: "They're all fighting and this is our chance. Now, just wait a few days and you'll see."

THE JUDGES AND JILES.

A Conference Held to Insure the Purity of the Jury-Box—The Bench Has Plenty of Power in the Matter—The Duty of the Court.

A judicial conference was held yesterday afternoon, at which Jury Commissioner Jiles' public notice that he would submit to no interference from the courts in filling the jury wheel, was discussed. The conference of the judges was a secret one. It was given out, however, that an act of the Legislature had been unearthed giving to the Judges the right to set aside the work of the Jury Commissioner just as they are empowered to set aside a verdict of a jury. It was announced yesterday that Jury Commissioner Mullin will be called upon to furnish a new list of names as they are found on the registry lists of this year, care being taken that they shall be properly distributed throughout the county.

Prominent Democrats from every part of the county have been writing the judges and sending in lists of their neighbors, whom they say have never sat on a jury, and have never had any chance of being heard until now. They are bitter and outspoken in their protests against the jury system as at present conducted. None of the judges found last night would talk about the matter. One of them when pressed said, "our opinion on matters coming before us for adjudiation are reserved for delivery from the bench."

A leading attorney in speaking of the matter said: "It is the duty of the Court to see that county officers conduct their offices properly, and investigate and punish abuses of the same; but if the facts are as published Mr. Jiles' jury lists may be set aside and he also, for cause, by an order of the Court. There is nothing in the machinery of law that is so carefully guarded as juries, and a suspicion that the jury wheel is to be filled in the manner indicated, arouses indignation that may end in an order from Court that would stagger even a Jury Commissioner."

SUSTAINING BUTTERWORTH.

The Junior Order of American Mechanics Comes to His Rescue.

The Advisory Council of the Jr. O. U. A. M. met last night and adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Hon. Benjamin Butterworth, Secretary of the World's Fair Commission, in his speech, recently delivered in Chicago, Ill., has apparently offended certain political and religious organizations, by remarks reflecting only upon the true state of affairs in a foreign country and his remedy for the existing evils, were he ruler; and

Whereas, We firmly believe in the liberty of the press, the freedom of speech and the exercise of a free conscience in all secular and religious matters as guaranteed every citizen under the Constitution and the laws, and that no man, in the exercise of free speech should be called to account in his official capacity, and his removal demanded by the machinations of any religious or political body, except his remarks be of a treasonable nature and against our own Government and its institutions: therefore be it

Resolved, That we oppose any and all such resolutions as passed by certain political and religious bodies, demanding the removal of the Hon. Benjamin Butterworth, as an officer under the Government. We approve of and concede the right of criticism, but condemn the demand of removal and the threatened boycott of the World's Fair as foreign and un-American in spirit, and respectfully ask the retention of the Hon. Benjamin Butterworth in his position on the World's Fair Commission as a fearless and patriotic American. And be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the President of the United States, and to the Hon. Benjamin Butterworth.

DEATH CAUSED BY DRINK.

Peter Penman's People to Prosecute a Speak-Easy Proprietor.

A criminal prosecution is likely to grow out of the death of Peter Penman, of Lower St. Clair township, which occurred yesterday morning. Penman was one of a number of young men who serenaded a bride and groom who were married at Beck's Run on Wednesday evening. The groom gave the boys $5, and it is charged that they spent the money in a speak-easy which, it is said, is run rather openly near by. On the way home Penman fell through a trestle and injured his back so that he died from the effects.

The friends of the deceased have declared their intention of bringing an action against the proprietor of the speak-easy. Penman was 29 years of age and was married.

Enough Coal to Last Them 40 Years.

The gas may play out when it pleases now, so far as the Charleroi plate glass plant is concerned. The company has fortified itself against such a possibility. Last week Colonel J. W. Moore, one of the owners, bought 500 acres of coal land adjacent to the works for $60,000. He held an option on the land for some time, but the deal was closed a few days ago. M. J. Alexander, one of the directors, says they have coal enough to last them for 40 years. The gas supply in the State of Indiana is rapidly failing. Several large plate glass mills are located in the Hoosier State, and the local manufacturers are interested. If they must return to coal they prefer to see their competitors on the same basis.

Stole a Watch at Beaver Falls.

Frank Leopard, of Beaver Falls, is lodged in the Allegheny Central police station on a charge of larceny. He will be taken back to Beaver Falls this morning to answer the charge. His arrest was made on a warrant sworn to by John Gould, who claimed Leopard stole a gold watch from him. The accused boarded at Gould's house and was a good worker. On Sunday last he disappeared, likewise the watch. A few days after Leopard returned and confessed to the theft. He said he sold the watch at an Allegheny jewelry store for $4 50, and received as a bounty a silver watch. He was brought to Allegheny yesterday to show where he had sold the watch. This he did, but it had been sold and could not be recovered.

Through Trains Delayed by Wrecks.

The limited reached Pittsburg at 1 o'clock this morning, about four hours behind time. A broken wheel wrecked a freight train at Kipton, ten miles east of Altoona. The operators at the Union depot had no particulars of the smashup, and so far as known nobody was hurt. The wrecked cars blockaded both tracks, and held the through trains. The express from Cleveland also was two hours late. A slight wreck and general demoralization of the road, due to the heavy traffic, were responsible.

Christmas Eve Fighters Recovering.

William Chadwick, of Allegheny, who was cut in a fight with William Collins, Christmas night, on a towboat, was better last evening, and will recover.

The Hungarians who were cut and injured at 143 Main street, Allegheny, on the same night are getting on nicely.

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RETURN TO RAILWAYS.

Increase of Suburban Traffic on the Pennsylvania Because of

THE CROWDED TRACTION CARS.

Officials Expect the Movement to Become Even More Pronounced.

NASHVILLE SETS A GOOD EXAMPLE

The Pennsylvania officials are grinning with a good deal of satisfaction over the crowded condition of the street cars to the East End. Since the consolidation of the Duquesne and Fifth avenue lines the evil has grown worse. The Ellsworth avenue people are complaining about the lack of seats. If the cars on this branch were run through to the city as formerly, the patrons in that section of the city would stand a better show. Now they have to take chances every morning with the people coming from Negley avenue and Wilkinsburg, and the result is they generally have to hang to the miserable straps.

General Passenger Agent Clark, of the Lake Erie road, lives on Ellsworth avenue. In discussing the subject yesterday, he said: "The only remedy for the trouble is more cars. Unless this is done you will see the people going back to the Pennsylvania road. I predict that most of the Wilkinsburg people will use the railroad after January.

Features That Cause Complaint.

"The street cars are new, but the patrons will soon get tired walking three squares from the end of the Wilkinsburg branch to the old Liberty Hall to catch another car for the city. The people didn't care to buy monthly tickets, as December was nearly over, but at the beginning of January the Pennsylvania will sell a good many to patrons from Wilkinsburg. They won't put up with the poor accommodations. After a man has hung on a strap in a hot and crowded street car for five miles he feels that he has earned his nickel. In Chicago the street car lines put on several trailers to relieve the traffic. There is no reason why it shouldn't be done here. I know the people on Ellsworth avenue are not pleased with the service. The residents on Negley avenue have two chances to our one to get seats, since the dinky was put on and the Duquesne stopped running the cars down town. This is done on Larimer avenue I understand the Pennsylvania Railroad will build a depot at New Grant street, and increase the number of trains. The public will use street car lines to pinch the railroads. An electric road is now running between Beaver and Beaver Falls, but we don't pay any attention to it."

In this connection the ticket agents of the Pennsylvania report quite an increase in the local traffic since the restoration of rates and the consolidation of the traction roads. They thought it was due to the disagreeable weather, and they were afraid they would lose the business in the spring.

Increased Winter Railway Travel.

A great many people ride on the railroads during the winter to avoid the draughts in the st eet cars. Other officials on the Pennsylvania say the weather has been too warm to drive patrons from the traction roads, and the increase in traffic is due to the crowded condition of the street cars. This only indicates that the street lines have been losing money by adopting a narrow policy.

One of the Pennsylvania officials said: "If Chief Brown claims there are too many people, we will agree to carry all of them and give them seats. If the street lines can't handle the business, they shouldn't make such pretensions. A difference of a few cents in fare is a big point against us, but the people are falling back on the railroad. Some time in the near future we hope to have a depot nearer the heart of the city, and then we will make the traction roads very weary. This monopoly of the business won't last much longer."

A Voice From the Windy City.

F. G. Stewart, of Chicago, has been in the city for several days on business. He is interested in several large manufactories in the Windy City, at one of which a strike occurred in 1887, which is said to have precipitated the memorable riot in Haymarket Square. Mr. Stewart was asked yesterday his opinion of the proposition to compel street railways to furnish a seat for every fare.

"It is a perfectly feasible proposition," was the reply," and ought to be adopted everywhere. I have been away from Chicago considerably of late, and can't say that I am very well posted on the matter there, but I understand the City Councils intend to put such a law into force. There is no good reason why street car companies should not be expected to run sufficient cars to seat all their patrons.

In crowded cities such as Chicago and Pittsburg it could be accomplished by running trains. If instead of a single car the companies would run a train of two, three or even four cars during the hours of the day when traffic is the heaviest, they could accommodate everybody with comfort. The trouble in our American cities is that street railway franchises are held too cheaply. The men controlling municipal affairs are generally either too ignorant to understand what they are giving away or else they are influenced by political or monetary considerations. As a result the railway corporations get their rights of way without the proper reservations or restrictions for public benefit.

The Good Example of Nashville.

"I have visited nearly every city of any importance on the American Continent, but I must say that the proverbially slow-going South has the first and only city in the country to compel street car companies to furnish a seat or no fare. Chicago, I hope, will be second, though it is unusual for her to take a secondary position in anything. But in Nashville, Tenn., you can always get a seat in a street car. The cars are numerous, are run close together, and, under a city ordinance, are not allowed to stop after a certain number of passengers are taken on except to let people off. The cars are run on the electric system and are allowed to run fast enough so that when one car is full another can run up and take its place on the schedule. The system is entirely satisfactory, and to a stranger in the town is a pleasant revelation of what judicious city officials can accomplish for their constituents. Your cars make excellent time, but I notice they are almost invariably crowded and standing room is generally the rule."

A good story is told on the President of one of the local traction lines. On Christmas Eve he stood, with a party of friends, and watched several cars go by so crowded that nobody could possibly get in. Then he gave up the idea of getting on his own cars, and, hiring a carriage, the members of the party were driven to their respective residences.

Thrown From a Car by a Conductor.

John Wilkinson, a collector for the Pittsburg Gas Company, entered suit before Alderman Kerr yesterday against Thomas Blakely, conductor of car No. 11, Citizens' Traction line, charging him with assault and battery. He claims that on Christmas evening he boarded the car, and was standing near the stove when the conductor requested him to move up. The car was not crowded at the time, although all the seats were taken, and when Wilkinson refused to move up the conductor threw him from the car while it was in motion.

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MORE TROUBLE AHEAD.

The Death of the Hungarian at the Rainbow Mine to Be Investigated by the Austrian Government—Suit for Damages Will Follow—Censured by the Coroner.

There is to be trouble over the death of George Mofflanz, killed by a gas explosion at the mine of the Rainbow Coal and Coke Company, Whitsitt, Fayette county. Coroner McDowell held an inquest yesterday. The evidence showed that Dr. Whitsitt, a member of the company, had examined the man, but did not dress his burns. Then he was sent to Pittsburg on a train that left there at 3 o'clock. A brother was sent with him, but, as both were Hungarians, they could not make themselves understood, and the poor sufferers wandered about the city for two hours when they stumbled into Central station, and Superintendent Weir at once sent the man to Mercy Hospital. It was 7 o'clock before his wounds were dressed. He died Christmas morning. The jury found that death was accidental but censured the Rainbow Coal and Coke Company for not sending the man in charge of a competent person. There was a chance that the man might have recovered had he received proper attention, but this point could not be established clearly enough to be incorporated in the verdict. Manager Mitchell, of the mine, refused to pay for burying the man. The expense will be charged up against Fayette county and the mine owner will have to pay the county.

Mr. Lobbrisky, editor of a Slav paper, was present. He proposes to lay the case before the parents of the victim, and will also ask the Austrian Government to take up the case.

SATURDAY'S DEAD AND INJURED.

Of the Accidents Reported Yesterday Two Men Were Killed and Five Injured.

An intoxicated man fell downstairs and broke his neck, and a brakeman was killed on the Pittsburg and Western Railroad. Three workmen were scalded, and several minor accidents were reported. Here is the list:

TRUDOUSKI—Stanislau Trudouski, a pole, living on South Twenty-sixth street, fell down stairs at 243 Mulberry alley last night and broke his neck. Trudouski was visiting the house of Jacob Larus in company with his brother-in-law. The two were intoxicated it was stated, and in going down stairs Trodouski slipped and fell, and struck his head against a window sill. When it was seen that the blow had rendered him unconcious, Dr. Christy was called in. He ordered him sent to the hospital and the patrol wagon was summoned. Trodouski was placed in the wagon and started for the West Penn Hospital, but just as the hospital was reached he died in the wagon. An examination of the body showed that his neck had been broken. The body was taken to the Morgue.

MCCUE—SCHAFFER—Michael McCue and Martin Schaffer, employed at Carnegie, Phipps & Co.'s Thirty-third street mill, were badly burned by steam yesterday afternoon. The men went down into a large sewer that runs under part of the mill for the purpose of cleaning it out. While there someone turned on the steam, and they were painfully burned about the head, arms and legs. They were removed to their homes nearby.

CARNEGIE—Paul Carnegie, a brakeman on the Pittsburg and Western road, fell from a car yesterday morning near Wittmar and was instantly killed. He resided at Bennett.

FINGLE—Louis Fingle, an employe of the Baltimore and Ohio, had his foot badly crushed yesterday morning in a turntable. He was removed to the West Penn Hospital.

TOLLEN—Addison Tollen accidently shot himself in the leg yesterday. He was taken to his home at 34 Nixon street, Allegheny.

KURTZ—John Kurtz, an employe of the Allegheny Traction Company, was badly scalded yesterday by the bursting of a valve at the power house. He was removed to his home on Lumbria street.

GALAVIN—Edward Galavin, a mill worker, while transacting some business at Wainwright's brewery yesterday, got his foot caught in a hole and his leg was broken.

FELLED WITH A CLUB.

George Roberts Will Probably Die From a Fractured Skull.

George Roberts is at the Homeopathic Hospital with a fractured skull. He was struck by "Pony" Bob during a quarrel. The two are colored roustabouts on the Cincinnati wharfboat. During a game of cards on the boat yesterday afternoon they got angry at each other, and Bob struck Roberts on the head with a heavy oak club.

The blow split Roberts' skull open from his brow to the bridge of his nose. He was soon taken to the hospital, and search was begun for "Pony" Bob. But he had made his escape, and up to a late hour last night had not been found. Roberts will probably die.

Cut His Friend With a Razor.

Officer Lowry arrested John Anderson, colored, yesterday at the latter's home, 18 Ark alley, Allegheny, on a charge of felonious cutting. Anderson and John Sanders were visitors at the house No. 64 Franklin street, on Christmas Eve, and began a quarrel. Anderson is alleged to have drawn a razor and cut Sanders across the face. He then ran into the arms of Officer Ludwig, who did not know of the scrap. The officer sent him to the Eleventh ward station on a charge of disorderly conduct, and at the hearing next morning nothing was known against him and he was discharged. Sanders, however, was taken to a hospital and told there who cut him and Anderson was arrested again yesterday.

Tellman's Victim Will Die.

Emanuel Williams, colored, who was cut across the stomach by Albert Tellman, at Homewood, Christmas evening, was lying in a very critical condition at the Mercy Hospital last night. The physicians in charge have no hope of his recovery. Inspector Whitehouse made an information before Magistrate Hyndman charging Albert Tellman with felonious cutting. He also made charges against Lewis Williams and W. C. Gross with being connected with the assault. They are all at the Nineteenth ward police station, and will be committed to jail to wait the results of Williams' injuries.

Nothing New in the Bridge Mystery.

Nothing new has been developed in the two bridge mysteries of yesterday, except that the attempt to explode the Smithfield street bridge story has been unsuccessful. Officer Conley says he heard the man cry three times "Help! oh, help!" and when he rowed out into the river with two other men he called out: "Where are you?" In very faint tones he heard the reply: "Here I am." He was then apparently within but a few feet of where the voice came from, but when he pulled over no one could be found.

Frederick Smith Will Probably Die.

Frederick Smith, the old man who was seriously burnt by the explosion of a lamp at his home in the rear of No. 5 Dinwiddie street Christmas night, was very low at the Mercy Hospital last night. The flesh is entirely burned from his right arm, and his breast and face are badly burnt. His chance of recovery is very slim.

Chief Marshal of the Parade.

William T. Kerr was last night elected chief marshal of the American Mechanic's parade on Washington's Birthday. The contest for the honor was decidedly lively. The general parade committee held the election. Dr. George T. McCord was one of the candidates for the place.

Found a Jail Instead of Heaven.

Adam Schaner, who tried to cut his throat on East street extension several days ago, was arrested yesterday when he was leaving the Allegheny General Hospital. The charge against him was surety of the peace and was preferred by his wife, who says he had threatened to kill her.

ADD 20 drops of Angostura Bitters to every glass of impure water you drink. 72SSu

THE WABASH COMING.

Positive Assurance of More Railway Competition for Pittsburg.

AN ENTRANCE WILL BE SECURED

Over Either the Pittsburg and Western or the Munhall Road.

REPORTS OF OTHER EXTENSION PLANS

The announcement was made in THE DISPATCH a few days since that the Wabash Railroad people were trying to effect an entrance into this city, and it is now practically certain that Pittsburg will soon enjoy more competition in the matter of freight hauling. It is believed that as the Vanderbilts got a black eye when they let the Pennsylvania get the P., C. & Y. R'y., they may agree to bury the hatchet and do something toward clipping the wings of their rivals in a section where there are several thousand acres of good coal lying at the doors of the great Carnegie combination.

This coal is in what is called the "neck," lying between this city and McKeesport and probably the most valuable, according to extent, in the United States, owing to its location. It is claimed that the Wabash people want to get to the city via Whitaker run, which empties near Munhall station, where a connection might be made either with the Pennsylvania or Vanderbilt lines.

A Clear Field for Operations.

If this be once open to them the country back is a clear field, and connection could easily be made with the Wheeling and Pittsburg Railroad at Wheeling.

W. E. Tustin is the man who is in charge of the negotiations. He was called on for particulars, but was reticent. It is known, however, that Mr. Tustin was asked to go to New York to confer with Tracy, Brush & Boardman, who are Jay Gould's attorneys. Mr. Tustin has an option on the Munhall Railway. He lately disposed of a right of way on Street's run, in which a considerable amount of money was involved.

L. S. McClelland, Southeastern Passenger Agent of the Wabash road, was with railroad people in Pittsburg yesterday. He said that the Wabash would enter Pittsburg over the Pittsburg and Wsstern road, which he says is now in the Wabash interest. The connection with the Pittsburg and Western will be made at Defiance, O., where it will be necessary to build about 28 miles of road. H. B. McClelland, a brother of the Southeastern agent, it is said will be President of the Pittsburg end of the Wabash.

Reports of Other Railroad Plans.

The air is full of rumors of railway extensions, etc. One is that the Pittsburg and Moon Run Railway will be extended some 20 or 30 miles, and the supposition is that it is to be in the direction of Frankfort. How much truth the report contains cannot be stated, as the officials of the road refuse to disclose their intentions.

Mr. Moran, of McCormick & Moran, said he didn't think there was anything in the report, as he said there would be heavy grades to overcome. He said he believed the Pennsylvania was trying to get a road through from Latrobe to Wheeling, so as to get another outlet from the coke regions, and he spoke of a charter in the company's possession which would enable it to make the connection if desired. It is stated that about $50,000 has been expended on the project, and it is not believed that it has been expended in an aimless way.

A Card.

To the Life Managers of the Western Pennsylvania Exposition Society:

The undersigned directors of the Western Pennsylvania Exposition Society, whose names appear upon an opposition ticket to the present board, to be voted for at the next annual meeting, desire to say to the life managers of the society that their names have been placed upon said ticket without their knowledge or consent, and their use in this connection is unwarranted, they being in full accord with the policy of the present board.

J. M. SCHOONMAKER.
W. B. LUPTON.
N. BUHL, Jr.
A. P. BURCHFIELD.
CHARLES DONNELLY.
JOHN BINDLEY.

Crowded As Usual.

If you visited the Cash Drygoods Store Saturday and saw the crowd of buyers you would forget that Christmas had passed. No let up to the rush at this popular store. New prices for Monday.

THORNTON BROS.

To shape our stock before January 1, we will offer some great bargains this week in Dinner Sets, Chamber Sets, Vase Lamps, Piano Lamps, etc.

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