

NOW ONE BIG CONCERN.

The Wheeling Iron and Nail Company's Stockholders

APPROVE THAT CONSOLIDATION.

And Only a Matter of Form Remains to Carry it into Effect—Some of the Alleged Plans of the New Big Concern—It Will be a Good Thing for Wheeling.

The annual stockholders' meeting of the Wheeling Iron and Nail Company, operating the Top mill and blast furnace, was held yesterday afternoon, and was well attended by the shareholders. The main business brought to the attention of the stockholders was the proposal to consolidate with the Belmont and Benwood mills, which had already received the approval of the other two companies.

At yesterday's meeting the following directors, being the old board, were requested for the coming year: W. P. Hubbard, George E. West, W. A. Isaac, Truman Dobson, W. C. Brockmeyer, H. B. Hornbrook, C. R. Hulbert. The parties who are mainly interested in the combination of the three concerns into one are not very free in their expressions as to the purpose and significance of the consolidation, but there is a general understanding in the community that the new corporation will, as soon as practicable, erect a mill for the manufacture of structural iron. It is significant in this connection that the stockholders of the Bellairs works are also to vote on Saturday, as announced in the Intelligencer yesterday, on a proposition to put up some sort of a manufactory to consume its product of soft steel, now sold in a raw state to other consumers.

The projectors of the consolidation do not deny that it is a part of their plan to erect a structural iron works, and it is understood, without denial on their part, that they will otherwise diversify and vary the product of the three mills. There has been talk of a wire mill and a wire nail factory, but nothing has yet been definitely decided in this direction. Under the new regime, however, there would be as many economies possible as in the United States Glass company, in proportion to the number of concerns and the capital interest. It is very apparent that even a casual observer that the combine will be a good thing for Wheeling, as the diversified works will doubtless afford steadier employment for more men than the three mills ever could when competitors in the same lines of trade.

A NEW TRADE ORGANIZATION.

Manufacturers of Iron and Steel Sheets Combine in the Interest of Trade.

Yesterday's Pittsburgh Commercial Gazette says: The Association of Iron and Steel Sheet Manufacturers was formed yesterday at the Monongahela House. J. G. Battelle, president of the Piqua Rolling Mill Company, was elected president; W. C. Cronmeyer, of Denniser, secretary, and N. S. Duncan, of Canonsburg Iron and Steel Company, treasurer. The firms represented at the meeting were the Etna Iron and Steel Company, of Bridgeport, O.; Wheeling Iron and Nail Company, Bridgeport Iron Company, Wallace Bantfield & Co., Ironton, O.; Whittaker Iron Company, Piqua Rolling Mill Company, Cambridge Iron and Steel Company, Reeves Iron Company, Anderson, O.; United States Iron and Tin Plate Company, Canonsburg Iron and Steel Company and Jennings Bros. & Co. The next meeting of the association will be held towards the end of February. President Battelle, in reply to questions after the meeting, said that the association had been formed, as other similar associations were, to promote the interests of the trade. Further than this there was no significance to be attached to the meeting. It was the outcome of a preliminary organization effected at the same place about a month ago.

"The association," said Mr. Battelle, "has no connection with the tin-plate trade or the black-plate industry, though, of course, it has manufacturers of these products within it. More than one manufacturer is engaged in making black plate, tin plate, sheets and galvanized iron. The volume of business in the iron and steel sheet trade is large, but prices are low. One of the reasons why so few black plates of 28 and 30 gauge are being made is because the demand for them is only commencing and their manufacture is practically a novelty in this country. These fine plates require more careful handling and greater skill than the coarser qualities, and therefore it is not surprising if manufacturers are cautious about engaging in making them."

A meeting of the Galvanized Iron Manufacturers' Association was also held in the Monongahela yesterday. The business was said to have been merely of a routine character.

Corporation Elections.

The directors of the Wheeling Title and Trust Company organized yesterday and elected the following officers: H. M. Russell, president; C. J. Rawling, vice president; L. F. Stifel, secretary; S. I. Singleton, assistant secretary, and G. K. E. Gilchrist, examiner of titles. At a meeting held at the office of the Riverside iron works, on Main street, last evening, the entire old board of directors was re-elected. J. N. Vance, William L. Hearne, C. P. Downey, F. J. Hearne and John D. Culbertson compose the board.

He is Only Fifty-six. Squire J. W. Schultz was 56 years old yesterday, and last night a number of his friends helped him to celebrate the anniversary. They had hard work to convince him that he was that young, but the family Bible settled the dispute. He received a number of handsome presents. The squire was born in 1836 in Belmont county, Ohio, and never lived above a mile and a half from the house where he was born, and can today from a point in the street near where he has had his office so many years see the house in which he first exercised the privileges of an in-mature American citizen.

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Matters of Minor Moment in and About the City. LECTURE TO LADIES ONLY at the Opera House this afternoon by Mrs. Dr. Longshore Potts.

A POWER of attorney was yesterday filed from the Schmulbach Brewing Company to Alfred Caldwell.

CHARLES SMITH was yesterday arrested by Officer Danm on charge of disorderly conduct and carrying concealed weapons.

JOHN JOHNSON, Sam McElroy and W. A. Dully were arrested yesterday by Officers West, Buch and Wilkie for disorderly conduct.

FAIR progress is still made every day on the city's electric light plant. Work cannot proceed as rapidly, however, as it could in better weather.

It is understood that the Terminal company will run fewer passenger trains when the Wheeling & Lake Erie begins running trains to Wheeling.

The lecture by Rev. George Darrah, of Frankfort, Ky., on "The Man of Snap," to be given at the Disciples Church, has been changed from February 11 to February 9.

WILLIAM A. MILLER was yesterday appointed administrator of the estate of Agnes Miller, deceased, and gave bond in the sum of \$200, with Thomas Miller as surety.

In the police court yesterday Dr. Lawrence L. Sherrard, a specialist, was fined \$1 and costs for drunkenness, and young George Parsons was fined \$5 and costs for disorderly conduct.

ATTENTION is called to the announcement of the Star Foundry in the advertising columns of this issue. The business will be conducted under the same name, and a general foundry business will be carried on.

A LITTLE son of John Stevens, a Poland living in Schenk's row on the South Side, was found on the street last night, having strayed from home. He was taken to police headquarters and Lieutenant Gauss sent him home.

MR. JANSON, of Columbus, who is frescoing the new St. James church, returned to the city yesterday. He expects to be done with his work on the church inside of five weeks more, and the church will probably be dedicated within two months or so.

EMPLOYEES of the C. & P. railroad company attended to fence in certain property claimed by the company at Bridgeport, but the town officials resisted and used a pistol to so good an advantage that the fence is still uncut, but the end of the trouble is probably not yet in sight.

The workmen on the Main street bridge go right along on the masonry of the spandrel walls without regard to the freezing weather. Good progress is made, considering the cold. The asphalt coating of the arch has been completed, and the workmen who did that will probably leave town to-day.

At the monthly auditing session of the board of County Commissioners yesterday the only business transacted outside of the routine auditing of bills was to pass a resolution that the Cumberland road should for the present be managed as it has heretofore, this board auditing the bills as presented.

The local lodge of the Order of Ohio at Bridgeport has decided to wind up its affairs and refund so much money as is still left in the local treasury. There are several branches of the order in this vicinity whose members are kicking themselves because they did not think before they went into the organization.

GEORGE HARKINS, well known as an attaché of C. W. Seabright's merchant tailoring establishment for twenty years, and A. O. Schneider, late with Louis Delbrugg & Co. in the same business, have gone into the tailoring business at 2163 Main street, under the firm name of Harkins & Schneider. Both are popular and competent men.

BUNGLEBOSS gossips are narrating with a good many variations the story of a sensational affair which occurred there night before last, in which two women fought. One of them horse-whipped the other pretty thoroughly, her grievance being that she accused the other woman, who is her cousin, of having alienated her husband's affections. The husband and the accused woman were found together by the angry wife at a Baptist meeting, and she followed her rival out into the street and wore out the cracker of a very substantial whip on her.

At the Presbyterian Ministers' club meeting in Steubenville, Tuesday, Rev. G. W. Shields, of Wellsburg, read a very interesting paper upon "Archaeology and the Bible." Dr. J. A. Cook, of Steubenville, Third church, read a paper on "How to Reach the Masses." Each subject was followed by a general discussion. The limit of the territory of this association was extended to include Wheeling and Bellaire. Heretofore the limits extended from East Liverpool to Wellsburg. The extension will add nine ministers to the association. —Toronto Tribune.

BUTCHERS' ASSOCIATION'S BALL

A Great Success—A Splendid Supper and a Good Time.

The butchers' ball, given last night at the Arion hall, was a very pleasant affair. Much credit is due for the excellence of the arrangements to the committee in charge, consisting of Messrs. John Dunkel, chairman, Gustave Medick, Andrew Korn, Charles Rohrig, Otto Schenk and William Mayer. George Weimer acted as floor manager and was assisted by Otto Schenk. The hall was tastefully decorated with evergreens.

Every one enjoyed the dancing, the old vying with the young in the general merriment. Messrs. William Layha and William Rohrig who danced a "tag" polonez, were much admired by all the spectators for the grace and ease with which they danced. At twelve o'clock a splendid supper was served by Caterer Kraus, the association having given this experienced support-giver carte blanche.

One well-known county official noted for his generous treatment to all the boys created much laughter by asking all present to have a pleasant smile with him, and insisted on having several more with him at his expense until he thought he had about struck his limit. Looking around with a dubious countenance, he began to count up the damage, and wondering if he could settle, pulled out all he had and offered it to the man in charge, when he was met with the answer: "Everything is free," amid roars of laughter. He felt so crushed that he went out and hired a policeman to club him. Jokes and pleasanties were the main features of the whole evening, and everyone went home feeling tired, but happy, over one of the most enjoyable balls of the season.

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THE ART OF SKATING,

As Exemplified by Its Votaries on Wheeling Creek,

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The Creek, From the Main Street Bridge Up, Covered With People. Bonfires Kindled Along the Banks. The Price of Skates as Compared With Former Years.

"I haven't skated for fifteen years, but it has been so long since I saw any skating in Wheeling that I feel tempted to buy me a pair of skates and go down and join those boys," said a young man about forty years old, standing on Market street bridge yesterday afternoon, surrounded by his children and watching with enjoyment the capers of a lot of young men and boys who were skimming over the frozen surface of the stream. The elderly gentleman was not the only one looking with wistful eyes on the boys' enjoyment. The railing of the bridge was lined with old and young, and though the skaters were performing no wonderful feats, expressions of admiration over their performances were frequent. It is so long since there has been any kind of chance for skaters in Wheeling that very mild performances in the art seem almost wonderful to the rising generation.

The creek is frozen over clear out to the Two-mile house and of course beyond that. The ice commences a few yards above the Main street bridge. Yesterday afternoon, the straight stretch extending from the bridge beyond Whittaker's mill was absolutely covered

WITH IRON SHOD PROTECTOR.

Some were walking very gingerly, occasionally venturing a trial at "striking out," usually resulting in a fall on the ice or in a series of violent gyrations and intricate contortions in finally successful efforts to regain their equilibrium. Others bravely jimmied straight along, dodging in and out among little knots of others, who were watching with close attention, the more pretentious efforts of some ambitious would-be skater. Many were the efforts made to master the circlings of the "figure 8," and the attempts of many to write their names on the ice, resulted in some awful specimens of foot-writing. It was broad daylight, but it is probable that more "stars" were seen in the course of the afternoon, than were observed during the night, even though the sky was clear.

The girls don't seem to take much to skating this season, for none visited the creek yesterday, though the afternoon before one young lady was trying to learn the art, supported by the sustaining arm of her best friend. If the cold weather keeps on, they will no doubt gain more courage, and be willing to brave the gaze of those who think

THERE'S NO SIGHT SO FUNNY

as that of a girl learning to skate. Bonfires were kindled in various places along the shore, and were kept burning by spectators. The proud possessors of skates lost no time at the fire-side, but skated around for dear life, as if fearful that a sudden thaw might at any moment break up the ice and ruin their pastime.

There were no particularly funny scenes on the ice yesterday. One chap who was skating without his overcoat slipped and slid in a sitting posture for some twenty feet.

"Hey, mister, you're losing your pocket handkerchief," called out a youngster to the slider, as soon as he picked himself up. The victim of the fall turned his face toward the people on the bridge, backed over to where his overcoat lay, and silently put it on; he then sat down, removed his skates and walked away. In about half an hour he returned, this time with another pair of trousers, and skated merrily away.

The signal flags over Schnepp's drug store are observed with interest these days, and several "O's" and "p's" were heard yesterday afternoon, when the signal was hoisted announcing warmer weather.

Skates are somewhat scarce this season, and one dealer told the INTELLIGENCER reporter that a stock of skates he had kept on hand for three years had already been sold out during the month of January. The prices of skates, he stated, had gone down wonderfully in the last few years. Skates that formerly sold for \$1 and \$5 a pair now bring \$1.50 and \$2. A fair club skate, the dealer said, could be bought for 75 cents and \$1, and \$1.25 would buy a first-class skate. There is no excuse now for the poorest boy not to learn to skate, and as the ice in the creek will no doubt hold on for some time longer, he might as well make up his mind to get a pair and learn.

At the Opera House.

Mrs. Longshore Potts, M. D., will deliver her renowned lecture on "Love, Courtship and Marriage" next Friday night at the Opera House. Her lectures to women only will continue each afternoon, closing Saturday. The lecture Friday night on the trinity of social sciences will be to both men and women. This lecture has, perhaps, contributed more than any other to the wide celebrity the gifted Quakeress enjoys. The doctor's age and wide experience, both as a traveler and physician, render her particularly able to handle the subject in a masterly manner. She treats the subject in the same high moral manner that marks all her utterances, and yet with that keen wit, cutting satire and broad humor that never fails to elicit roars of laughter.

The eastern press compares her in this lecture to John B. Gough. The Boston Herald says: "It is as good as an hour with Mark Twain," while the New York World accuses a Vassar girl of saying: "It is funnier than a box of monkeys." Seats for this lecture are on sale at House's music store.

Lotus Glee Club.

The Lotus glee club will give the next entertainment in the Young Men's Christian Association concert course. The concert will be given in the Opera House Thursday evening, February 4. This club has been before the public eleven years. The membership has remained the same the past six years. It has succeeded in not only obtaining a national reputation, but has gone abroad and secured an overwhelming success in the world's great metropolis, and has obtained the warmest praise from prominent musicians and press critics. In this country it has long been conceded that the Lotus glee club stands in the front rank of male quartet singers, and is unrivalled in the rendition of music requiring delicacy of expression and fine effects of shading. Miss Minnie Marshall's charming recitals had an agreeable variety to the programme.

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ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

F. R. Stewart, of Mannington, is at the Windsor. H. Oakley Hall, of New York, is at the McClure house.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hupp, of Burton, are at the Stamm house.

Charles C. McColgan, of Baltimore, dined at the McClure yesterday.

Miss B. Hubbs, of Moundsville, took dinner at the Windsor yesterday.

Lewis Schaefer, of Parkersburg, stopped last night at the Stamm house.

Miss Thomson, of Fairmont, is visiting her cousin, Mr. J. Reed, of the U. S. revenue department.

Hon. G. W. Atkinson returned last night from Parkersburg, where he has been in attendance at the United States court.

Mrs. Joseph Gibbs will entertain friends at her charming home, on South Chapline street, this evening at eight o'clock.

Mr. Louis Haller, who has been confined to his room with the gout, is once more able to be about, and will resume his regular trips to-day.

Dr. John W. Morris has returned from Denver, where he went to arrange for the visit of the Wheeling K. T. there at the triennial convocation this summer.

Mr. Frank Stanton left yesterday for Woodsfield to visit his partner, Mr. John R. Davenport, who has been seriously ill for some time at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Will Mooney.

Charles Clifton and John H. Moore, of Hartford City; Howard Stealy, of Clarksburg; James Barker, of Highland; J. G. Stueck, of Grafton, and J. T. McDonnell, of Clarksburg, were among the West Virginians registered at the Behler yesterday.

Miss Baird, of Wheeling, and Miss McCombs, of Pittsburgh, are visiting Miss Nellie Baird, Mrs. James Reynolds, of North Franklin street, who has been dangerously ill in Wheeling, is much better this morning. —Washington, Pa., Reporter.

Ada M., the six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wills, died yesterday morning of spinal meningitis, after an illness of two weeks. She was a bright, lovable child, who won many friends. Her parents will have the deepest sympathy of all in their sad bereavement.

Miss May McMasters, of Wheeling, who is one of the brightest of all the bright girls at the Seminary, is back from her holiday vacation. Miss McMasters spent part of her vacation at the guest of Colonel Phil McKinney at the gubernatorial mansion in Richmond, Va. —Steubenville Star.

Miss Minnie Loring, who has been lying seriously ill, first with the grip and then with typhoid fever, at her father's residence, Monument Place, east of the city, was reported last evening to be so low that the physicians considered her death as a matter of a short time. This intelligence will be received by her hosts of friends with sincere grief.

Shoe Store Robbery.

Menkemeller & Sarver's shoe store was robbed yesterday evening. At 6:20 o'clock an unknown man picked up a box full of shoes, carried it into the alley and kicked it open. George Schad, the butcher, saw him at the work, but thought nothing of it at the time. As soon as the proprietors discovered their loss a search was instituted, and six pair of shoes were found scattered along the alley, the fellow getting away with three pair. No arrests were made.

The Third One.

Wheeling Union Chapter, R. A. M., held a special meeting last night and initiated some members. About 11 o'clock the chapter adjourned to Van Keuren's hotel, where a fine supper was served. This is the third feed the chapter has had this month.

Delays on the R. & O.

R. & O. train No. 5, due here last night at 11 p. m., was delayed several hours, on account of a bad freight wreck at Roseby's Rock. Limited express No. 47 was abandoned and is running on No. 5's time.

Resolutions.

At a regular meeting of Garfield L. A. 1721, K. of L., Cigarmakers, the following resolutions were passed:

WHEREAS, The Ohio Valley Trades Assembly requests the co-operation of all local organizations of workmen in enforcing the boycott, which was issued by that assembly January 24, 1892, in the interest and at the request of the Journeymen Butchers' Union, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we pledge our unanimous support and approval of the means adopted to right the wrong which exists.

Resolved, That we maintain, that any employer who requires his employes to work over twelve hours for a day's work, should be perpetually boycotted and denied the respect and patronage of the working class.

That the statistician of this assembly be ordered to visit each factory and serve every member with a notice of the boycott on Monongah coal and the non-union butchers.

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DIED.

WILLS—On Wednesday, January 27, 1892, at 2 a. m., ANA M., only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wills, in the 74th year of her age.

Funeral services at the residence of parents, 1319 Market street, Friday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment at Pentecostal Cemetery, Private.

LOY—On Tuesday morning, January 26, 1892, at 12:35 o'clock, SARAH L. LOY.

Funeral services at her late residence, No. 1629 Woods street, on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family invited to attend. Interment private at Mt. Wood Cemetery.

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