ROWE WON'T COME.

President Nimick Visits the Players at Buffalo and

RECEIVES A DEFINITE NO.

Interesting Gossip About Other Local Base Ball Players.

PRESIDENT BYRNE'S NEW SCHEME.

Talk About the Suburban and Other Turf Events.

GENERAL SPORTING NEWS OF THE DAY

It was stated yesterday afternoon on the most reliable authority that President Nimick was interested in more things than matters connected with his ranche during his absence from the city. He visited Buffalo, and had a long conversation with Jack Rowe regarding the latter's coming to Pittsburg. As a result, President Nimick was given plainly to understand that Mr. Rowe will not be here.

The President and player met and talked in the most friendly way, indeed; it is stated that not a harsh word was spoken or a threat made on either side. Business only was meant. White was also present, and he and Rowe stated their case to the following effect: They have invested their money in the Buffalo club, and mean to look after it. They think they can make a success of the club without violating any rules, as they do not intend to play during this season. After this year they claim that their term reservation will expire and they will be free. They have no objection to any particular League club, but simply desire to make a business venture for themselves.

This statement was made in good faith, and the local officials are now convinced that Rowe won't play here. Kuehne will, therefore, play at short, and Smith at third, and Pittsburg will keep its $4,000 purchase money, together with the $3,500 for Rowe's salary. Detroit will be the great loser, as the releases of Rowe and White would have yielded $8,000.

THE MIDGET GETTING READY.

"Midget" Miller, the popular little catcher of the local club, means to be in the best possible condition when the season commences. George visited Colonel Pratt's establishment, yesterday, and invested in a pair of gloves, and will commence work in earnest at once. He has obtained permission to exercise daily in an Allegheny gymnasium, and, beside the indoor practice, he has mapped out a daily programme of pedestrian exercise. At present he is looking as ruddy as a cherry, and, to quote his own words, "means to be in the front rank during the season." It is likely that he will soon be joined by Morris and Kuehne in his practice, and the trio will make things exceedingly lively. Miller is not altogether certain as to what the club will do with him. It is a fact that there is a strong desire to put him in the outfield if a first-class man can be obtained in his place. It will be a difficut task, however, to accomplish this, and the probability is he will be a regular catcher. However, he stated yesterday that he is willing to fill any position assigned to him. He will leave for Harrisburg to-morrow to bring his mother to his home.

A PROMISING PLAYER.

Miller was accompanied yesterday by a fine young fellow named Charles Mitchell. He played first base in the Trenton club when Miller was a member of it. Mitchell has had a long run of hard luck. Some time ago he was attacked by typhoid fever and has been in the Allegheny Hospital for several weeks. He came out of that institution a few days ago and is looking all right again. He is now desirous of securing an engagement, and Miller states that he is an excellent first-baseman and will be a good man for any of the prominent clubs of the minor leagues.

Pete McShannic is more anxious than ever to play with the Hamilton club. The directors of the latter held a meeting yesterday, when it would be decided whether or not Manager Swartwood would be authorized to grant McShannic's terms. The latter has stated what he wants, and his demands are somewhat higher than the usual figure paid by Hamilton, but it is understood that Manager Swartwood thinks he is worth the price asked. At any rate, McShannic yesterday afternoon seemed tolerably confident of going to Hamilton.

The special from Boston published in THE DISPATCH yesterday, regarding the battle between Dunlap and Carroll, has reopened the discussion about that unpleasant affair. The Boston authority seems to know all about it, but he appears to be exceedingly wide of the truth. Speaking of the affair yesterday, Manager Phillips said: "It is a pity that the matter has been brought up again, but it is easy to know who prompted the Boston writer. Charley Smith resides there, and the fight was about him.

STRIPPED FOR THE FIGHT.

It was his attempted sacrifice hit that caused the fight. When Dunlap spoke about it in the dressing room Smith did not take the matter up but Carroll did. Several of the latter's friends who saw the encounter tell me that the battle was a fair one and that both men stripped for their work. Dunlap dazed Carroll by an upper cut and then had a comparatively easy task in making Fred quit. Dunlap's ankle was very bad at the time. This is the truth about the matter. However, President Nimick and myself are sorry that the affair has not been allowed to drop. We now have three men in the club who do not speak as they pass by. Smith and Dunlap never speak, nor does the latter and Carroll. This kind of unpleasantness must be stopped."

Manager Phillips had a few words to say about the League and Association and the graded salary plan. He said: "I understand that the Association magnates have their plan all prepared, but its details are to be kept secret until their meeting in March. That meeting will not be held until after the League meeting, but I think matters will be adjusted satisfactorily. If it is found that there is a difference between the two plans, I suppose the League will hold a special meeting and see whether or not the Association plan is the better one. Doubtless either party will be willing to adopt this plan. It may be that the League will have some improvements to suggest. Again, it may be that each organization will appoint a committee to discuss the two plans and formulate one out of them. This would seem the better way. At any rate, it will never do for the Association to have one plan and the League another."

During his conversation Manager Phillips, in answer to a question, referred to Hanlon's case. Said he: "If Hanlon and our club fail to come to terms we will have to look around for another good outfielder, but he will not be allowed to play elsewhere, as we have bought his release. However, he, Dunlap and Conway are great friends and I think he'll come here. President Nimick told me to-day that he has not definitely agreed to allow President Spalding the use of Carroll and Hanlon's services. He says he only half promised to do so and that only under certain conditions."

Etna Stars Organizing.

The Etna Stars have gotten down to business for the approaching season. They are likely to be admitted to the County League, and have organized a strong team, as follows: Frank Plunkett, manager; catchers, F. Metzgar, H. Gueth and J. Rineroff; pitchers, S. Wallace, J. Brooks, M. Tibby and P. Sandfried; first base, T. McCoy; second base, M. Hickey; third base, J. Beizell; short stop, E. Marlburger; left field, J. Buckley; center field, M. Hallenan; right field, M. Meyers.

Grant Briggs' Statement.

Grant Briggs, now signed to play with the Syracuse Stars, called at this office last evening and made the following statement: "I wish it to be distinctly understood that I am entirely clear of the Worcester club. There has been considerable talk about that club causing me trouble. I got my release from the treasurer of the club, and I have it now. This ought to end all talk regarding the matter."

DAVIDSON'S COMPLAINTS.

He Thinks Cincinnati Wrong in Spoiling the Hecker Deal.

LOUISVILLE, February 4.—President Davidson says that the deal in which he was trying to dispose of Hecker and Cook, will fall through, probably, owing to Cincinnati's objection. He was not after a fielder, but a young pitcher whom he thinks would have proved of great value to the Louisvilles. He declined to say what player he intended securing, but intimated that the sale would have been made had the Association clubs waived their claim to Hecker. He received answers from all the clubs excepting Brooklyn, and out of these Cincinnati was the only one which refused to relinquish their rights to Hecker and Cook. The action of the Cincinnati club in declining that request, he said, deserved criticism, for they not only rejected his request, but even went so far as to offer the insignificant sum of a "few hundred dollars" for a battery like Hecker and and Cook.

Had the Cincinnati club wanted these two men they certainly would have valued their services at a great deal more than that, and should at least have made President Davidson something like a "respectable offer," or else not stand in the way of a deal, which the Louisville management believed would be of essential importance to the club. Mr. Davidson said to-day that Cook was not for sale, and that it would take more than an ordinary inducement to make him part with the back stop. With regular work Cook will prove a valuable man behind the bat, and President Davidson recognizes the fact, and has determined to keep him. It is safe to say, however, that Hecker will not wear a Louisville uniform next season, and everything points to a trade or a sale.

POINTERS ABOUT PLAYERS.

Steve Toole Mentions Two or Three Worth Looking After.

Steve Toole, the pitcher, now signed with the Rochester International League Club, had a few words to say last evening regarding the league named. He said:

"There are a few good young players in the International League, and it might be well for Pittsburg or any other National League club to keep an eye on some of them instead of investing large sums in the older stars. I'm certain that a better outfielder than Burke, of the Torontos, cannot well be found. He is undoubtedly as fine a base runner as I have seen; a good hitter and an excellent fielder. Simon is another good man. McKeogh, the catcher of the Rochester Club, is as good a thrower to bases as I ever saw in the Association. As a catcher I think he is equal to Decker, the man signed by Philadelphia. McKeogh is a light hitter, but it will be difficult to get a better catcher."

Steve thinks that Toronto will be strong this year. He speaks highly of Atkinson's pitching and thinks he is almost as good as anybody. His arm is all right and he has tremendous speed.

SULLIVAN WAS REFEREE.

Lannon and Godfrey Fight Fifteen Rounds to a Draw.

BOSTON, February 4.—Joe Lannon, of South Boston, and George Godfrey, the well-known colored heavy-weight pugilist of this city, faced each other to-night for 15 rounds, for a purse of $1,000, at the rooms of the Cribb Club. There was a very large attendance of sports, and more than 300 were unable to gain admission. John L. Sullivan acted as referee. Lannon began the fighting, and in the first ten rounds did practically all the leading. There was much bad temper shown by both men, and much clinching was done.

For the last five rounds Godfrey showed to better advantage than Lannon, but both were weak and their blows did very little execution. At the end of the fifteenth round Lannon expressed a desire to continue the fight, but as the understanding arrived at previous to the fight was that in case neither contestant was knocked out at the end of 15 rounds the match should be declared a draw, the referee so declared it.

SUBURBAN TIPS.

What Two Local Authorities Think Will Win the Big Race.

John Loomis, the well-known poolseller of the late firm of Price & Co., has resolved to try his luck in Denver. He will go there and open a poolroom, and if success does not shine upon him there he intends to try some other Western city. John has many friends out West; indeed he is well known all over the country as a genial and honest man.

Speaking of the Suburban yesterday, he stated that in his opinion Donnybrook, with 98 pounds up, is as likely to win as any other among the list of entries. He intends to invest a little on Donnybrook's chance of victory. On the other hand, "Pony" Glessner, whose judgment is invariably good, thinks that Eolian, with 115 pounds up, is worth backing. He said: "Garrison owns the horse and will probably ride him, and we all know that he has remarkable speed. At any rate, if Eolian goes to the post fit and well my money will go on him."

WHAT BYRNE WILL DO.

He Will Only Allow Brooklyn Sunday Games on Long Island.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW YORK, February 4.—President Byrne, of the Brooklyn club, promises a revolution in Sunday baseball games. Heretofore there have been many games played at different points on Long Island in addition to those by the Brooklyn club. Already many minor league clubs have arranged for Sunday games on Long Island, and Byrne has concluded to enforce his five-mile privilege and is going to stop all these games.

From what Mr. Byrne says, he can not only stop all national agreement clubs from playing on his territory, but any club not under its protection that breaks the rule can be barred from playing a national agreement club afterward. Mr. Byrne says that this change was made in the rules at the Pittsburg meeting. Before the change in the rule was made he had control of the territory five miles from the city line; now it is five miles from the county line.

WILL MEET TO-NIGHT.

The County League to Elect Officers and Transact Other Business.

The Allegheny County Baseball League will hold its first meeting this year this evening, in a law office at the corner of Fourth avenue and Grant street, this city.

The principal business to be transacted will be a reorganization and election of officers. Daniel McCarthy, of the Braddock *Tribune*, has held the position of President, and W. J. Barr, of the East End, has served as Secretary during the past year. Since both officers have given entire satisfaction they will likely be re-elected. The question of enlarging the league membership and the condition of admittance will be considered. A schedule of games for next season will also be made out. There is every prospect of the Allegheny County League being very strong this year.

A Very Good Plan.

There were cliques, rings and back-cappers in the New York club until Day called the players into the club room on one occasion and said: "We will get along better if we have open and mutual daily discussions. I want every one to speak out. I am Chairman. Let me hear from you on O'Rourke's play in the seventh inning yesterday." This brought O'Rourke to his feet flushed in the face, and he said: "What was the matter with Ward's blunder in the fifth?" and so it went on, till every man had picked out flaws in some one else. Day listened quietly until all had finished, when he said: "Here is the whole trouble. We see the bad plays of each other, but fail to see our own. This has been a good meeting. Come to-morrow at the same time." The meetings were continued and there was less back-biting each day as they saw how childish their fault-finding was and it ceased altogether. Then they began the team work which gave the club the pennant.

New Orleans Winners.

NEW ORLEANS, February 4.—The weather was cloudy and mild, and the attendance at the races was good. The track was heavy.

First race, five furlongs—Starters: Pritchett, Kensington, Florine, Playful, Mary T., Cleo Martin. Pritchett won in 1:03¾; Florine, second, and Kensington, third.

Second race, three-fourths of a mile—Starters: Rollin Hawley, St. Alban, Iris, Gabe C. and Grey Fox. Rollin Hawley won in 1:20, St. Alban second, Iris third.

Third race, nine-sixteenth miles—Starters: Jimmy B, Eternity, Vattell and Joyful. Joyful won in 1:07; Jimmy B second, Vattell third.

Fourth race, one and three-sixteenth miles—Starters: Castilian, McMurty, Red Leaf, Henry Hardy and Regardless. McMurty won in 1:34, Regardless second, Henry Hardy third.

Sheehan is Willing.

In answer to the challenge of Jacob Schaffer, which appeared in Saturday's DISPATCH, David R. Sheehan replies as follows: "I will run Jacob Schaffer, of Bellaire, a 100-yard foot race if he forwards articles and a forfeit to THE DISPATCH. I make this request so that he can show whether or not he means business."

Hornung Signs With Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, February 4.—Joe Hornung, Boston's crack fielder, to-day accepted the offer made him by the Baltimore Baseball Club, and was forwarded a contract to play here the coming season.

Ironwood All Right.

James McAffee, the owner of the young trotter Ironwood, was questioned about his horse yesterday and said: "He is getting along all right under the charge of Mr. Sam Keys. Last winter we think he became too fat and we could not get him into condition. This year we will guard against that, however. We will not enter him in any stake races, but we may start him somewhere in the circuit. The horse has not been thoroughly tried yet. Charley Friel, as usual, is all right."

Not a Fair Challenge.

The New Castle gun shooters are anxious to have it out with the Pittsburgers. Yesterday the former forwarded a challenge to the Herron Hill Gun Club to the following effect: Five of the New Castle men will shoot five of the Herron Hill Club members, 25 birds per man, for $50 a side, to shoot a trap and handle match Bogardus rules. The Herron Hill members claim that the conditions are unreasonable, as the rules named never govern a trap and handle match.

Sporting Notes.

DEMPSEY is at Buffalo this week and will meet all comers.

JIM CONNORS is making a great success as instructor at the East End gymnasium.

HARRY SAMPSON (Pendragon), of the London *Referee*, says that Sullivan is a "drunken bully," and not a fighter.

AN interesting letter was received in this city yesterday from "Pittsburg Phil," who is in Mexico. He is attending bull fights and enjoying them.

FIFTY of Jack McAuliffe's admirers will go to see him fight Billy Myers for the light-weight championship. They will occupy a special car and have secured special rates.

PETE MCSHANNIC was given his unconditional release by the Pittsburg club yesterday. According to reports Pete must have received several releases from the local club.

SPIDER WEIR and Frank Murphy will face each other for 30 rounds in about a month for a purse of $1,000, offered by a prominent club in Boston. Al Smith, of New York, has been requested to referee the fight.

PLAYING faro is a certainty compared with backing a professional sprint runner. If you don't think so, arrange a match for some of the many unknowns, and furnish the money for the fleet-footed gentlemen.—*N. Y. Sun.*

THE agreement between Tom Conners and Thomas McMahon, of Detroit, for their mixed wrestling match in Detroit between February 21 and 25, is for $200 a side and the middle-weight championship of America. The styles are catch-as-catch-can and Graeco Roman, best three in five falls. Conners is training in Dennis Gallagher's gymnasium at Buffalo.

DEACON WHITE thus sizes up the muddle: "It is difficult to tell when our trouble with Detroit will be settled. There is practically $8,000 lost to Detroit on us, so that if they want to settle they've got to do the talking. It would be perfectly useless for me to go to them with a proposition. If we can make a satisfactory deal for our releases we will do it, and then we will play with the Buffalo club, not before. The reserve holds good for only one year, the contract plainly states it, so that if we only hold off for a year, we would in all fairness be free. But the League claims that the reserve continues in force. This point the Brotherhood of Ball-players disputes, and I think they would support our position. I am not a member of the brotherhood, but Rowe is."

TALKING OF TRUSTS.

The Senate Again Considers the Project to Make Combinations Unlawful—Views of Messrs. Sherman and George.

WASHINGTON, February 4.—The Senate to-day resumed consideration of the bill "to declare unlawful trusts and combinations, in restraint of trade and production." Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, made an argument in support of the bill. Mr. George said that he was extremely anxious that a bill should pass this Congress which would put an end forever to combinations that dictated what the people should pay when they purchase certain articles, and what they shall receive when they sell them. He criticised the pending bill, however, as one which would have brought within its punitory provisions the Southern farmers who combined last year against the Jute Bagging Trust.

Mr. Sherman asked Mr. George whether he meant to say that an agreement among farmers not to buy bagging or anything else would be a combination within the meaning of the bill. Mr. George replied that that was just what he contended. Mr. Sherman thought the proposition a very extraordinary one, and declared that such was not his idea, or the idea of anyone who had anything to do with the bill, nor did he believe that was a fair construction. Mr. George contended that the bill would apply to temperance societies whose object was break up the trade in liquor, and to farmers who agreed not to sell produce below certain prices, and said that he was not prepared to sustain a bill of that sort, which seems to be aimed at phantoms and not at real grievances. The trouble with the bill was, he said, that it attempted to do the impossible and to draw within the commercial power of Congress (under the Constitution) jurisdiction over the subject.

Mr. George then resumed his argument in criticism of the bill. He expressed his intention of offering amendments looking to the suspension or reduction of import duties on the articles as to which trusts are formed, and he summed up his objections to the bill by saying that its provisions would be inefficient, and that the bill was without Constitutional authority.

FAILED FOR BIG MONEY.

A New York Drygoods House With an Extensive Business Collapses.

NEW YORK, February 4.—Robert Johnston, doing business as J. & C. Johnston, dealer in drygoods, at Broadway and Twenty-second street, made an assignment to-day, giving preferences for $17,013 to the executors of the estate of Richard Mortimer for rent of the store. The salaries of employes are also preferred. The assignee is a salesman for H. B. Claflin & Co., but that firm say that they are not creditors of Johnston. Last July Johnston was in financial difficulties, and obtained an extension upon about $60,000 merchandise indebtedness, which he paid during October. At the time he made the extension his statement showed assets of $500,000, of which $300,000 was in stock and the remainder in outstanding accounts. Since that time he has been in quest of a partner, but all negotiations to this end fell through. The store rent was $70,000 per annum, which Mr. Johnston claimed was excessive.

Litigation is likely to arise in reference to Mrs. M. A. Garretson, of Philadelphia, who held an interest in the profits of the business for many years. Robert Johnston purchased her interest a year ago for $125,000, giving notes for the amount running three years. The house of J. & C. Johnston was established with a capital of $25,000 in 1864, by Charles Johnston. Charles died in May, 1880, leaving an estate of $800,000 to John, who dies several years later, leaving to Robert his entire estate. John's estate was said to be worth $1,500,000. A year ago Robert Johnston claimed assets of $1,500,000, against liabilities of $360,000.

THE FEELING AT BERLIN.

The Samoan Trouble is the Leading Topic of Discussion.

BERLIN, February 4.—Commenting upon the action of the United States Senate in voting a credit for a coaling station at Pago Pago, the *National Zeitung* says:

"America obtained the right to establish a coaling station from Malietoa, but she did not take advantage of the privilege within the specified time. The establishment of a station now would appear to be an American protest against German annexation."

The *North German Gazette* says: "Even if there is no reason to deny the statement that Secretary Bayard sent instructions to Mr. Pendleton, it is certain that the latter has made no overture whatever to the German Government. On account of ill health, Mr. Pendleton has not called at the foreign office for months, and since he resumed his duties, some weeks ago, he has not been the bearer of any official communication whatever from his Government about the Samoa matter. We should not be astonished if next month, when Mr. Harrison enters office, if somebody else should be appointed to represent America here."

The Berlin correspondent of the London *Daily Telegraph* says it is certain that the German Consul at Samoa will be removed. Prince Bismarck is extremely annoyed by the Consul exceeding his instructions.

DR. O'KEEFE'S BITTERS purify the blood, 34 Fifth ave.

IT IS LIFE OR DEATH.

Allegheny's Charter Bill Said to Be Vitally Important to

PITTSBURG'S LITTLE SISTER CITY.

Manufacturing Corporations Will Protest Against

ASSESSING THEIR CAPITAL STOCK.

Veterans Will Consider the Soldiers Orphans' Schools Question.

Alleghenians are flocking to Harrisburg on behalf of their inter-municipal bill. They claim that its passage is a matter of life or death to their city. The manufacturers object to the provision in the proposed revenue bill, taxing their capital stock. The veterans' committee will meet to-day to investigate the workings of and the necessity for soldiers orphans' schools.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

HARRISBURG, February 4.—Mr. Arthur Kennedy, of Allegheny's Common Council, and Nelson P. Reed, of the *Commercial Gazette*, arrived here to-day, and gave new life to the charter discussion. The only Allegheny county members in town are Messrs. McCullough and Shiras, but the rest will be here in the morning. The inter-municipal bill is the special order for third reading at 12 o'clock, and the Allegheny bills for second reading at 12:30.

Mr. Kennedy says these bills are a matter of life and death to Allegheny and he claims to have received promises of aid from the representatives of third-class cities. President Hunter, of Common Council, Solicitor Elphinstone and others are expected here to-morrow.

Congressman Bayne arrived here to-night, and though he had nothing to say about the report that he was going to oppose the bill, it is understood that the lurid editorial expressions of his home organ were without his sanction, and that he is in favor of the measure.

All rumors, however, sink in interest when compared with the important one that C. L. Magee is coming in the interest of the Pittsburg manufacturers who object to the provisions of the new revenue bill taxing manufacturing corparations. Governor Beaver is said by gentlemen in a position to know, to have declared he will veto the bill unless this provision is retained. He considers that otherwise the measure would not be constitutional. He is also said to have had the same views concerning the taxation of building and loan associations, but these are especially exempted from taxation by a proviso. SIMPSON.

SOLDIERS' ORPHAN SCHOOLS

Are to Receive a Close and Rigid Examination by Veterans.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

HARRISBURG, February 4.—To-morrow morning the special committee of veteran soldiers of the House, appointed to consider the whole question of the soldiers' orphan schools, will meet to consider a plan of action. The next important matter on to-morrow's programme are the municipal bills and the hearing to be given by the Ways and Means Committee of the House to the financial officers of the State on their revenue bill. The Soldiers Orphans' Committee will first obtain all the information possible from the Department of Public Instruction officials, who say that they court investigation. Attention will then be turned to the schools themselves, and some of them at least will be visited.

The sentiment of the committee seems to be in favor of the continuance of the schools until the present scholars shall have been properly educated by the State as were their predecessors, but further admissions to the school is in distinct and unmistakable disfavor. A matter of importance that will be pressed on the board relates to the syndicate schools, and provides that no scholars shall be placed in a school the owners of which control more than one school.

The syndicate owns four schools, and it is claimed that there is plenty of room in the other schools for the scholars from three of them. A bill is also to be introduced to place the schools under the charge of a commission with the Governor at its head.

A NEW PENSION BILL

Introduced in the State Legislature for Recommendation to Congress.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

HARRISBURG, February 4.—In the House to-night Representative Skinner, of Fulton, offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It is generally conceded that the pension laws of the United States now in force are sadly defective in that they allow the same rate of pensions for a short time as for a long term of service, thus rewarding in the highest degree many men who have rendered no adequate service to the Government in the field in the time of its greatest need and peril; and

Whereas, The long lapse of time since the close of the war has made it almost impossible to substantiate with the necessary proofs many really meritorious and just claims; therefore be it

Resolved (If the Senate concur), That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to favor the passage of a general service pension bill, such as shall be fair and just to all honorably discharged soldiers and sailors of the late war, and which will in a measure remove the temptation now existing for pension claimants to commit perjury and subornation of perjury.

Asking Too Much.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

HARRISBURG, February 4.—The electric light bill introduced by a Philadelphia Representative on Friday is reported to be designed to fit a special case. Its provisions are peculiar in that they aim to give exclusive privileges to such a company to furnish heat, light and power in the district covered by its charter, not only by means of electricity but by any other means. The bill will probably die in committee, as this is not its only objectionable feature.

Marriage Made Easy.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

HARRISBURG, February 4.—Hon. Henry Hall, of Mercer, to-night introduced his bill amending the marriage law in three particulars: First, making it unnecessary for more than one of the parties to appear to make application; second, making a simple declaration on oath that the parties are of full legal age sufficient; third, permitting the marriage to take place outside the county in which the license is procured.

No Drinking on Decoration Day.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

HARRISBURG, February 4.—The bill introduced to-night by Mr. Biggs, of Butler, to prohibit the sale of liquor on Decoration Day, is a counterpart of the bill introduced in the Senate by Mr. Showalter, of the same county, and on which final action has been postponed at his request. It is expected to have it indorsed at the coming G. A. R. Encampment at Erie.

Oil Statistics to be Collected.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

HARRISBURG, February 4.—The Department of Internal Affairs has never collected petroleum statistics, though the product is one of the most important of the nation. On the suggestion of Representative Burdick, of McKean county, this grave omission will be looked after and reports collected.

A Change of District.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

HARRISBURG, February 4.—Mr. Pugh, of Somerset, announced to-day that the Supreme Court had granted his petition for the transfer of Somerset county to the Western judicial district. The county's first return day at Pittsburg will be October 2.

Free Men Again.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

HARRISBURG, February 4.—The papers were being made out in the State Department to-day for the release of 69 prisoners of the Eastern Penitentiary, whose terms expire within the next 30 days.

Lieutenant Brown.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

HARRISBURG, February 4.—A commission was issued to-day to Lewis T. Brown as First Lieutenant of Battery B, Pittsburg.

A LITTLE KICK

On the Recommittal of a Measure of Vital Interest to Insurance Companies.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

HARRISBURG, February 4.—In the House to-night Mr. Kreps, of Franklin county, created a stir by moving the recommittal of House bill No. 28, one of the most important measures before the House, on the ground that it affected $100,000,000. Objections were made by several gentlemen that Mr. Wood, of Lycoming, the parent of the bill, was not present, and that it would in consequence be discourteous to him to take such action. The Chairman of the Insurance Committee joined in the request for the recommittal of the bill, and Mr. Kreps made the point that duties imposed upon him by the House and Speaker compelled his absence, and he didn't think any courtesy to a member absent without leave should stand in the way of his request.

Mr. Wood happened to arrive about that time, and broadly intimated that the attempt to recommit the bill was an effort to strangle it, and he thought it very discourteous of the Chairman of the committee to make the attempt in his absence, when he had promised to give him notice of any such effort.

Mr. Brooks, of Philadelphia, here paved the way to peace by stating that he was in favor of the bill in its present form, and did not think it possible his opinion could be changed, but several of his constituents who were insurance men desired to be heard on the subject, and he thought it only becoming that this great interest should be heard. Interrogated by Mr. Wherry, he said: "I know there are estimable gentlemen who desire to be heard in opposition to the bill, and while I don't think it possible for them to convince me the bill is not what it should be, I consider it only right they should be heard."

Mr. Wood, in view of Mr. Brooks' statement, withdrew his objections, and the bill was recommitted by the close vote of 50 to 58.

The bill in question now reads as follows:

SECTION 1. Be it enacted, etc., That any person, company or association hereafter insuring any building or structure against loss or damage by fire or lightning by the renewal of a policy heretofore issued or otherwise, shall cause such structure or building to be examined by an agent of the insurer and a full description thereof to be made and the insurable value thereof to be fixed by such agent. In the absence of any change increasing the risk without the consent of the insurers, and also, of intentional fraud upon the part of the insured, in case of total loss the whole amount mentioned in the policy or renewal upon which the insurers receive a premium shall be paid, and in case of a partial loss the full amount of the partial loss shall be paid, and in case there are two or more policies on the property, each policy shall contribute to the payment of the whole or the partial loss, in proportion to the amount of insurance mentioned in each policy, but in no case shall the insurer be required to pay more than the amount mentioned in its policy.

SECTION 2—A person who solicits insurance and procures the application thereof, shall be held to be the agent of the party thereafter issuing a policy upon such application or a renewal thereof, anything in the application or policy to the contrary notwithstanding.

TOO MUCH DELAY

May Defeat the Champions of the Grangers' Dressed Meat Bill.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

HARRISBURG, February 4.—Mr. Taggart, of Montgomery, the especial champion of the grangers' meat bill on the floor of the House and in the Judiciary General Committee, presented a resolution to-night that the bill be placed on the calendar.

Under the mode of procedure laid down in the House rules for placing a negatived bill on the calendar, it will be Friday before the measure is reached, and, as many members usually leave for their homes on Thursday night, the friends of the measure are somewhat doubtful whether they can muster the necessary 103 votes. They are hopeful, however, and will do their best to hold the legislators in place until the proper time.

NEW PLATE GLASS WORKS

At Duquesne, With a Capital of $500,000, Chartered.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

HARRISBURG, February 4.—The Howard Plate Glass Works, of Duquesne, were chartered to-day. Capital $500,000. Directors, A. U. Howard, S. J. Wainwright, William H. Nimick, of Pittsburg; John S. Morrison, of Tyrone, and James M. Howard, of Mifflin township, Allegheny county. The capital stock is divided into 10,000 shares, of which A. U. Howard holds 7,000, for which he pays by conveying to the company 26 acres of land in Mifflin township, Allegheny county, with buildings, machinery, furnaces, reservoirs and appurtenances thereon erected.

NEW OR WINDOM.

Both Are Being Boomed For the Treasury Department at Indianapolis—The Latest Slate Includes Blaine, Windom, Wanamaker, Rusk and Evarts.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

INDIANAPOLIS, February 4.—Colonel John C. New still remains at Indianapolis. According to his own story, he is in a bad dilemma. He has important financial business, he says, in New York, and should have gone there last Thursday to attend to it. He put it off, he says, because he knew that if he went just at that time everybody would believe he was on a political mission.

An interesting-looking Cabinet boom was sent out from here last night for some mysterious Westerner, whom it was declared General Harrison had already selected for Secretary of the Treasury. Inquiry to-day develops the fact that the anonymous Secretary-to-be is J. V. Farwell, of Chicago, who, may be, would be a good man for the treasury, but who is ineligible on account of being an importer; so that boom is smashed.

About the only Treasury boom that shows any disposition to hang together is John C. New's. General Harrison to-day refused to confirm the apparently semi-official report sent out last night by the Associated Press that he had received a letter from Senator Allison declining the portfolio. It is taken for granted, however, on the strength of Washington dispatches, that the letter was sent in time to reach General Harrison in his morning's mail.

Another correspondent says: There are rumors and rumors on the Cabinet situation, and they multiply faster than the seven year locusts of Egypt. The best opinion here is that Blaine will be Secretary of State, William Windom, of the Treasury, Rusk, of War, and Wanamaker for the Navy, with Evarts as Attorney General. As has been said there is no doubt that Allison has positively declined to go into the Cabinet, and as General Harrison desired the Treasury Department to go to the West, it is reported on good authority that he has selected Mr. Windom for that place. It is not thought now that any Indiana man will get into the Cabinet, at least up to this time no Indiana man has been offered a place by General Harrison.

THE MURDER OF MARTIN.

Government Police are Collecting a Quantity of Strong Evidence.

DUBLIN, February 4.—The police at Gweedore have taken possession of numerous paling posts which they propose to use in evidence when the murder of Inspector Martin is investigated. These posts are covered with blood which correspond with the wounds inflicted upon Inspector Martin's head. Martin, when attacked by the crowd, made a vigorous defense, slashing at his assailants with his sword until he fell insensible to the ground. Father McFadden escaped from the house to which the wounded Inspector was conveyed.

Martin was horribly mangled, his face being unrecognizable. He lived but a short time. During the affray seven constables were severely cut and one officer had his lips split open. Father McFadden subsequently surrendered to the police and was committed without bail.

A PALACE OF ICE

Formally Opened by the Governor General at Montreal.

MONTREAL, February 4.—His Excellency, the Governor General, this evening formally opened the ice palace, which was brilliantly illuminated with electric lights. Crowds congregated both inside and around the palace. Joseph Hickson welcomed His Excellency in behalf of the carnival executive, to which the Governor General replied, declaring the palace open.

A BRILLIANT PIANIST

Delights the Ears of a Cultured Audience of Pittsburgers.

A FEAST OF DIVINE MELODIES.

Young Moriz Rosenthal, With His Wondrous Talent,

EXCITES THE WONDER OF HIS AUDITORS

The Utmost Technical Difficulties Conquered With Apparent Ease.

Since Hans Guido von Buelow visited Pittsburg, nearly 15 years ago, no pianist has appeared here the equal of Moriz Rosenthal. He was heralded by echoes of his triumphs along the seaboard, press notices that well-nigh exhausted the vocabulary of praise. Yet the representative, cultured audience that fairly crowded Old City Hall last night, drawn by such superlative heralding, showed no signs of disappointment. Indeed, memory fails to recall in many years another such an audience of Pittsburgers moved to so great enthusiasm by a simple piano recital. And young Fritz Kreisler, the assisting violinist, came in for his full share of applause, too. The programme ran thus:

Sonata in A flat major, Op. 39....C. M. von Weber
Herr Moriz Rosenthal.

Ave Maria.....Franz Schubert
Valse Capriccio.....Henri Wieniawski
Fritz Kreisler.

Nocturne, Impromptu, Valse, Chant Polonais, ...Fred. Chopin
(The latter arranged by Mr. Rosenthal.)
Herr Moriz Rosenthal.

Berceuse.....Alard
Moto perpetuo.....Paganini
Fritz Kreisler.

Grand Fantasia—"Don Juan".....Franz Liszt
Herr Moriz Rosenthal.

Fantasia, "Faust".....Henri Wieniawski
Fritz Kreisler.

MODERN MUSIC.

Not a long programme—only about an hour and a half; not an overly strong one, either, in omitting representation of the older and nobler classical schools. This omission was not offset, partially it might have been, by choosing among the more modern works any requiring great breadth of interpretation, imaginative power, masterful dignity. Until one hears tonight the Sonata Appassionata and the Fourth Ballade, he cannot determine whether or not Moriz Rosenthal possesses these the noblest qualities of the interpretative artist.

However, though it was not to a banquet of *dii majores* that Mr. Rosenthal invited his hearers, it was to a well-ordered symposium of the lesser divinities. From the pure, pellucid romanticism of Weber's too seldom played sonata, through the deliciously varying, brightening moods of the Chopin pieces, down into the turbulent brilliance of Liszt's biggest and hardest opera—fantasia, might be traced three continuous progressions—a technical ascent, an artistic descent, a *crescendo* of effect and sensation. It is wrong to count the "Don Juan" fantasia among "divinities," even the lesser? Vulcan was misshapen and noisy.

Ultimate technical perfection cannot be much further along the road Rosenthal is traveling. A virtuoso he is, in the fullest meaning of that much misused term. It is not merely that his facile fingers can rival the nimble music-box in throwing off glittering runs and trills and filmy arabesques of sound; not merely that his touch covers all gradations from velvet to steel or that his wrist seems to have the power and endurance of a trip-hammer. Rosenthal approximates ideal virtuosity more closely yet; mechanical difficulties are not only met but mastered, and with a mastery above the merely mechanical plane; so mastered that each

BIT OF TECHNICAL MECHANISM

is ready instantly and almost automatically to do the bidding of the trained intelligence that governs all. The occasional over-use of the *p* pedal, which is more effective in American than in German pianos, was the only noticeable spot upon his otherwise almost faultless virtuosity.

But higher qualities of head and heart proved the player an artist as well as a virtuoso. Reverent study, clear comprehension, pure style and marvelous finish were manifested throughout the sonata; the andante was played with great delicacy, refinement and feeling. Taken at such lightning speed, the cleanness of the chromatic scale passages was surprising; only the low chords opening the trio sounded like a double trill. The brilliancy of this minuet as a climax made the omission of the lighter rondo (the fourth and last movement) quite excusable. The Chopin Nocturne (D flat major) brought out the tenderest and most poetic quality of feeling: it was played *con amore*, deliciously. A more virile tone, naturally, pervaded the impromptu; there was a rugged breadth in the episode built upon that strong octave figure as a pedal point. From this point on, technical display commenced to forge ahead of musical interpretation. The familiar valse was made much more difficult by Rosenthal's addition of thirds to the first rapidly rolling theme and writing inside the second theme a charming reminiscence of the first: its playing was like an exquisite cameo. The Chant Polonais had already been worked up by Liszt; Rosenthal figured it yet more elaborately and played it brilliantly. He did the same with Davidoff's violincello piece, "Am Springbrunnen," with which he responded to the absolutely imperative encore. The "Don Juan" fantasie was

A PERFECT CARNIVAL

of sheer virtuosity; the utmost technical difficulties presented themselves in every shape only to be mocked by the apparent ease of their conquest; the terribly prolonged climax, a wonderfully sustained *tour de force*, wrought the audience up to an intense pitch of excitement, which had to relieve itself in an outburst of applause before the end was reached. Nevertheless many would have been glad to hear the Brahms variations, for instance, instead; would that they were programmed tonight instead of the Liszt rhapsody! Is it yet too late to mend?