

PROPHETS OF EVIL Put to Inghlorious Flight by a Few Figures From Official Sources.

TRADE BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE Pittsburgh's Business Contrasted With That of Other Cities.

LAST YEAR IS LAID IN THE SHADE

Hope is an element of success in business as well as of other affairs of life. Courage is another. Without these, failure is almost any undertaking is almost certain.

Occasionally one of these inglorious characters, with a long face and mournful countenance, looking very much as if he had lost all of his money and was getting ready to go to the almshouse, is encountered in Pittsburgh.

Why don't they look at the facts and read the figures? Several of these gentlemen have devoted their time for the last two or three months in efforts to show that Pittsburgh was far behind every other city in the country in the amount of business transacted.

But this is not all. The sweeping generalization has been made to assert that this year's business, so far, shows a falling off as compared with the same time last year.

There is no additional proof that business is in a satisfactory condition. There is more money in the savings banks than at the same time last year.

THE FAVORITES MOVE DOWN. Westinghouse Electric and Philadelphia Gas Close Dull and Lower.

There was very little animation in the stock market yesterday, everything being dull and, with two or three exceptions, lower.

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ROMES FOR THE PEOPLE. Lumber and Mosaic Flying About In All Directions.

Last week was a busy one in building circles, permits for 48 houses being issued by Inspector Frank. The estimates for the new homes for the people is \$72,000.

Encouraging Figures. March Nearly Nine Millions Ahead of Same Time Last Year.

The local money market shows a slow but steady expansion in business circles at this season of the year, together with April settlements, has caused a better demand for funds, and there is a slight appreciation in rates.

MARKETS BY WIRE. Wheat Slightly Lower for All the Early Months—Cargos Higher and Oats Stronger—Cargos Higher and Oats Stronger.

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