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Right or wrong, the time has come when we must talk about baseball; that has to be our leading theme whether we will or no. There is something amusing in this fact, because the very people who seem to show their pride of intellect by saying: "You'll lead with baseball, of course. It's baseball this and baseball that," are the ones who nearly go wild if all that matter which, in their immense wisdom, they call "bosh" is not in the paper. Certainly we all must bow to the inevitable and just as sure as we cannot stop the sun from shining is the fact that we must talk about baseball. I have every license to say that there never was a time when any sport or pastime was more productive of cranks or enthusiasts than baseball is. In this statement we need not exclude the period of the Gladiators of Rome. Well, the past week has been a tolerably fair one for baseball. Certainly it has been a great improvement on the week previous. The weather, while not of the kind we desire, has not been as bad as that of the opening week. The games have been better, generally speaking. There has not, however, been a very good opportunity to judge of the particular merits or demerits of any particular club. We have had proof to guide us a certain distance, but that distance is not far. One of the particular proofs is that Boston will not win the pennant. It is early in the race to make any predictions yet, but I will be one among the many who will be extremely surprised if Boston comes out first at the finish. The truth is that Pittsburg, to my mind, looks more formidable than Boston. I say looks, because as already stated there is little of a tangible kind to deal with. There is, as I have stated weeks ago, a fatality about Boston that is singular, and it seems to me that the fatality is just as strong this year as at any time previous. I hope I don't offend anybody when I say that the pitching power of Boston is not as strong in reality as it appears on paper. New York has not by any means displayed first-class form yet. Welch will doubtless be as effective as in the past, and we have yet to see how the "Immortal Tim" will show up. There is little fear of Timothy, however, and he and Welch will be the great Jonahs who will boodoo opponents. The most dangerous opponent that the present champions have are the Phillies. There is a team that will blight the prospects of many people who are aspiring for championship honors. Taking everything into consideration the Phillies are a better lot than the Bostons. The Phillies may be weak in batting, but look at their pitchers. They are on an equality with Pittsburg in the pitcher's box. Chicago has not shown its full strength yet.

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The Home Team.

The home club has done tolerably fair so far, but nobody will claim that championship form has been shown yet. There has been a display of the old falling—weak batting. Of course, in one or two games, the boys have knocked the ball around, but there has been an absence of that steady hitting which characterizes a champion team. Every poor club now and again has a batting streak, but the winning team is that which hits steadily. But the weak hitting of the team so far has been as bad as the poor display of the pitchers. Staley is the only man of the lot who has shown up in anything like good form. Conway did well enough in the game he pitched, but he must be tried more thoroughly. There is little fear of Conway, however, and less of Galvin. Jimmy will get all right. The uncertain quantity is Morris. Edward is just about the most uncertain man that ever went into a box to pitch. And he is a good fellow and an excellent pitcher. Morris would make a desperate resolve to pitch extraordinary ball I firmly believe he could do it.

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The Amateur Leagues.

There is much to be proud of in the amateur baseball leagues of Allegheny county and the western part of the State. I often think that there is, comparatively speaking, more self-sacrifice in the interests of the national game in these small leagues than in any of the large organizations. Among the little bodies it is invariably the small outlay of money that put up the money never anticipate to make any profit. Their only wish is to "get out even." This spirit is certainly worthy of encouragement and is one of the elements that keeps the national game as pure as it is. The players also sacrifice money to a very great extent by losing work and in many instances helping the club generally. One of the stockholders of the Uniontown club, speaking on this matter the other day, said to me: "We have invested $2,000. There are ten of us and we have each put up our $200 without any wish to make or expectation of making a cent. We only want our own money, that is the capital, back. What we desire is to have a ball team that will win the Western Pennsylvania League pennant. It is this local pride and love for the national game that prompts us to this enthusiasm. Our salary list is about $700 per month, and it we do not make a success of the team it is not our fault." Almost all the local amateur clubs are in the same way similar to the above. This seems to prove conclusively that baseball is only in its infancy yet.

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Thinks It Looks Queer.

Some of the English sporting authorities are somewhat suspicious about Henry Searle's sudden resolve to leave Australia and row in England for the world's championship. His very sudden change of mind on the matter is taken to indicate that everything is not square. Of course this is not stated in plain terms by the authorities across the water, but it is intimated quite plain enough to understand. One of the leading authorities who takes this view is the London *Referee*, and I think I cannot do better than give its opinion in its own words, or at least the gist of what the referee says, because the quotation is too long. Searle not long ago—in fact, the other day—declared that "Australia was for the Australians," and that he would on no account leave his native land to contest for the title that he had won. He despised Teemer when the latter was beaten by O'Connor. There are two Australian bookmakers in England now, and simultaneously with their appearance Searle cabled the fact of his willingness to row in England. The entire tenor and spirit of this authority is to show that the entire effort or arrangement of the proposed race is questionable.

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Another View of It.

Doubtless Searle's sudden resolve to journey to England might be better explained by himself than by anybody else, but there are a few apparent facts connected with the case that ought to have some influence. In the first place it is quite probable, in fact I think it is certain, that Searle thinks that there is more money to win by leaving Australia to row than by remaining there. Dozens of men have been prompted to leave home by this same expectation, and doubtless dozens more will be similarly influenced. We all know by reports that, generally speaking, Australia's entire exchequer would be invested on Searle were he to row anybody there. His countrymen think him a wonder, and they have a right to, perhaps, because of the good Australians he has beaten. It is, then, quite clear that were he to row in Australia the odds would be considerably in his favor. On the other hand, if he rows in England opinions as to his merits compared with O'Connor would be much more divided and there certainly would be much more money for O'Connor in England than there would in Australia. But Searle has waited long for a race in Australia, and he has given Teemer a chance both before and after the latter was beaten by O'Connor. It is true that there are two of Australia's leading bookmakers in England at present, but if their mission is entirely to back Searle, what of it? Surely this fact of itself does not mean there is anything wrong. Searle must have backing somewhere. Altogether it seems to me that, assuming Searle to be the best rower in the world, he is doing the best thing possible in a financial sense, by leaving home to row.

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Is O'Connor Getting Stale?

During a conversation I had with John Teemer the other day he expressed the opinion that O'Connor is likely to become stale this year because of overwork. Teemer remarked that the Canadian has been in training, at least at work, for nearly two years. This, Teemer thinks, will take much of the vigor out of O'Connor. Eph. Morris, the level-headed veteran of the scull, was present and ventured quite a contrary opinion, and gave an excellent reason and illustration as to why he should not be. Morris took the general ground that a young man with a good physique will not get stale if he trains properly. In support of this he cited the case of Hanlan, arguing that he is not even stale yet. Hanlan has certainly done more rowing than probably Searle will ever do, and it was rather a surprise to me to hear both Morris and Teemer declare that in their opinion Hanlan is just as good today as he ever was. Hanlan has certainly a better idea of training than anybody I know of; that is, he can take care of himself better than anybody else can. But if he is as good to-day as he ever was what about the Australians? They must be veritable wonders and the easiest way to make a fortune is for us to beg, borrow or steal money and invest it on Searle against O'Connor or anybody else on this continent. The opinions of such men as Morris and Teemer on matters of rowing certainly demand attention, but I am afraid that Hanlan of four, five or six years ago was much superior to the Hanlan of 1889.

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Two Turf Surprises.

During the week there have been two surprises on the turf; one in England and another in America. The former was the defeat of the great Donovan by Enthusiast for the 2,000 guineas. It had been thought that nothing in the shape of a horse could defeat the speedy son of Galopin, but the Sterling stock caused a surprise as it has many times before. Of course there are many who claim that Donovan was a shade off, but his running with Pioneer, who was third to Donovan's second, does not show that there was much wrong with the latter. One thing, I think, has already been settled, viz., that Donovan is not by any means another Ormonde. The other turf surprise was entirely of another kind. It was the running of Proctor Knott for the $2,000 stakes at Nashville. That he did not win the stakes does not at all tarnish the fame of that wonderful runner; indeed, when it is considered how his head was almost pulled off to allow his stable companion to win his performance is just as remarkable as if he had won with ease. The surprise lay in the fact that as a 5-year-old he showed up in just as remarkable form as he did last year. During the last few weeks so many reports have been in circulation regarding the horse's form that many people did not at all expect to see Proctor Knott display so much speed and stamina.

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Ryan's Latest Defeat.

The paths of life of pugilists are very uncertain and lead to strange terminations and places. When Paddy Ryan, a few years ago, fought and defeated old Joe Goss who would have thought that Patrick would in the future be knocked down and pounded by a little newspaper reporter. None of us would for a moment have even dreamt of the big, robust and athletic Paddy being knocked into bed for two or three days by a little newspaper man. Such is the fact, however, according to reports from San Francisco. Mr. Ryan, we are told, offended the somewhat sensitive little chap of the newspaper fraternity whose name was Wells. Mr. Wells, regardless of his insulter's great prestige in fistic circles, used his fists, battered Paddy's face and knocked him down so often that he couldn't get up. Poor Paddy Ryan, and is all thy glory of Collier station to be sent to oblivion by a member of that impecunious, flat-chested and small-muscled class—the newspaper men? Poor Ryan, he has had many defeats in his time, but this last is the most excruciating to him and his admirers. As far as I can learn, however, there is one good feature in it, that is, Ryan deserved the pounding he got. Ryan is not the only man who now and again make attempts to tramp rough-shod over either newspaper men or anybody who are supposed to be marks. It is fortunate, however, that now and again what is termed a snag is stuck, and more than meets the eye is found to exist even among newspaper representatives.

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About the Pugilists.

There has been comparatively little doing among the pugilists this week. The only contest of anything like note was that between Murray and Lyman. In some respects it was somewhat of the old time order. The men are of the smallest kind of "bantams," but Murray evidently can hit hard. He won the battle, but only by almost pounding the head off Lyman. Murray will certainly be heard from again. There is nothing new in the proposed battle between Carney and Jack McAuliffe. The latter is holding out for a ten-round contest and Carney wants the bona fide system of to a finish in the good old fashioned way on the turf. So far McAuliffe has refused to comply with this offer, and in refusing I cannot for the life of me see why he can still claim any championship title. Who ever heard of a ten-round fight for a bona fide pugilistic championship title? And if he refuses to fight another at equal weight under rules that custom has made venerable and general, cannot have any claim to first honors. That's all there's in it. Of course the ten round idea is more of a money affair than anything else. A contest of that kind would, without doubt, be a profitable affair to all concerned, and McAuliffe would probably be the winner. But it is no way in which to contest for an international championship. It is not likely that McAuliffe will cross the Atlantic for a few weeks, at least. He and his party will probably wait and see what is going to come of the Sullivan-Kilrain affair. If ever these two men get into a ring together we may expect a large importation of British pugilists and sporting men to this country. The British are turning out boxers much faster than we are in this country, and they, no doubt, think they have a few champions among their large numbers.

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Sullivan's Training.

John L. Sullivan has made another resolve about training. This time he has declared that he will remain at the seaside until a week or two before the date of his proposed fight with Kilrain. He will then leave the seashore and go near the battle ground. I imagine that there is something singular in Sullivan's staying in the bracing seaside air while training. His life has emphatically proven that it is the last place he ought to go to. Heretofore he has fallen a victim to the smallest temptations, and it is certain that his moral fortitude is no stronger to-day than it ever was. Of late years training him has been one of the most difficult tasks that a human being could undertake. Sullivan's training quarters ought certainly to be "far from the madding crowd." Why he is to be kept in a way that in the past has proven a failure I don't know. We may expect Kilrain, accompanied by Mitchell at least, shortly. Judging from reports their boxing exhibitions have not been very successful in England. The unsatisfactory collapse of the Smith-Mitchell affair evidently had a bad effect on boxing.

PRINGLE.

AS DEAD AS A DOOR NAIL.

Speculation as to the Probable Origin of a Popular Phrase.

[Washington Post.]

A gentleman who signs himself a foreigner asks us: "Will you please inform me why a door nail is deader than any other kind of a nail?" The expression "dead as a door nail" is a very old one. It goes back of Shakespeare's time. Indeed, it is used by Shakespeare in the following speech:

Falstaff—What! is the old King dead?

Pistol—As nail in door.

Dean Swift uses it in his "Conversation at the Dinner Table," and Thackeray speaks of it as an expression born before the sixteenth century, though we do not know where it was used as early as that. The meaning of it is somewhat interesting. In the old days when knockers were first used on doors the knocker was struck upon the head of a nail, which was called the "door nail." Subsequently the nail gave place to a lion's head or some other design, but it was still called the door nail. The fact that this "nail" was repeatedly pounded on the head by the heavy metal knocker probably suggested, as well it might, that nothing could be deader than a door nail.

SILKS.—Several special good bargains this week in black silks, gros grains, failles, armures and rhadames at prices below cost of importation. HUGUS & HACKE.
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Spring Newmarkets at Half Price.

60 imported newmarkets at half their value to close out, this week, at Rosenbaum & Co's.

IF you go to Pearson for photographs you are sure of an elegant likeness and finer finished photos. than you will get elsewhere.

IDLEWILD awnings, entirely new, at Mamaux & Son's, 537 and 539 Penn avenue.

STILL IN THE SWIM.

Business Hereabout Holds Its Own, and Considerably More.

LARGE GAINS OVER LAST YEAR.

The Week's Operations in Money, Petroleum, Stocks and Real Estate.

PERMITS ISSUED FOR 44 BUILDINGS

Business last week was so good, notwithstanding the protracted holiday at the Exchange, that even the chronic growlers had nothing to say except in commendation. Stocks at times showed a retiring disposition, but they firmed up and closed at about the best prices. Sales for the five days fell but little short of 9,000 shares, of which Philadelphia and Wheeling Gas and La Noria contributed about one-half. Petroleum suffered a relapse and finished weak. Lima oil is what ailed it. Iron failed to respond fully to the hopes of the makers, but there was more inquiry and a better feeling. Real estate was strong and active, with a growing demand for suburban lots. There were 220 transfers, involving nearly $1,000,000. Jobbers report a good country demand and a fair movement of the staples in that direction. Collections were easier.

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Quick transit is rapidly enhancing the value and desirability of suburban real estate, which is being taken up so fast that laggards are likely to get left. Here is an instance. About a week ago 190 lots at Maplewood, just back of Wilkinsburg, were put on the market. Up to noon yesterday 52 of them had been sold, and applicants were on file for nearly half as many more. Verily, real estate is a lively commodity.

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"I like the way business is moving," remarked a Fifth avenue merchant yesterday. "It is not wild and exciting, blazing up like a rocket, to come down like a stick. It may be described as slow and sure. This enables people to think before acting, look before leaping, and so avoid mistakes. Everything is moving along nicely; even the iron market is bracing up. That labor is well employed at remunerative wages is shown by the steady accumulation of funds at the savings banks and by the large sales of real estate to working people. I have never known a time when business of all kinds was in better shape than at present."

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The building industry holds its own—and a little more. Forty-four permits were issued last week, the total cost of the houses being estimated at $148,700. The two largest were by Brown, Verner & Co., one for 13 three-story brick dwellings in the Nineteenth ward and the other for eight dwellings of the same material and size in the Twentieth ward. About 200 permits were taken out last month. Pittsburg is growing.

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If there are any Pittsburgers who want to "go West" here is a good opening. There are public lands still undisposed of and open to settlement in 19 States and 8 Territories, a large proportion of which compares favorably with those coveted acres in the Indian Territory. These lands vary in price from $1 25 to $2 50 an acre, are accurately surveyed and can be secured on application without risk of future disturbance, with every right and title established by document. The total area of these available lands in acres is 1,615,594,147, of which Illinois has 35,465,093 and Indiana 21,637,760, Ohio 25,581,976, Wisconsin 34,511,360 and Missouri 41,836,981.

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That some of the banks are closely loaned up does not by any means imply that money is becoming scarce. It is still loaning as low as 1¼@2 per cent in New York and 5@6 here, with much more offered than taken. Everything points to an abundant supply at low rates all summer.

A LITTLE STRONGER.

Stock Trading Rather Slow, but a Better Feeling Manifested.

There was a conservative feeling among the stock brokers when they came together yesterday, and the result was that a comparatively small amount of business was transacted, only 275 shares changing hands. The only shares traded in were Philadelphia Gas, Pittsburg and Western preferred, Central Traction and La Noria, all of which were fractionally higher, and closed at the best prices of the day. The rest of the list was steady and dull. Bids, offers and sales follow:

	Bid.	Asked.
Pittsburg, Pet. Stock and Metal Ex.	510	....
Allegheny National Bank	63	....
Bank of Pittsburg	75	....
Commercial National Bank	....	156
Diamond National Bank	160	....
Exchange National Bank	82	....
Farmers' Deposit National Bank	400	....
Fourth National Bank	125	....
Freehold Bank	52	....
Iron City National Bank	91	....
Keystone Bank of Pittsburg	....	60½
Mechanics' National Bank	105	....
Merc. and Manufacturers' Nat. Bank	60	....
Metropolitan National Bank	80	....
Odd Fellows' Savings Bank	65	70
Pittsburg Bank for Savings	200¼	....
People's Savings Bank of Pittsburg	150	....
Third National Bank	162	....
Tradesmen's National Bank	230	....
German American Insurance	51	....
Teutonia Insurance	50	....
Union Insurance	....	50
Allegheny Gas Company (ill.)	38	....
East End Gas Co. (ill.)	30	....
Pittsburg Gas Company (ill.)	62	....
Southside Gas Company (ill.)	....	25
Bridgewater Gas Co.	40	....
Charltiers Valley Gas Co.	51½	53
Pennsylvania Gas	....	22
Philadelphia Co.	38¾	39¼
Wheeling Gas Co.	33	34
Forest Oil Co.	90	....
Central Traction	30½	31½
Pittsburg Traction	54¾	58¾
Pittsburg Junction R. R. Co.	24	....
Pitts. & Western R. R. Co.	10¾	11¼
Pitts. & Western R. R. Co., pref'd	19¾	19½
N. Y. & C. Gas Coal Co.	35	....
Consigney	200	....
La Noria Mining Co.	1½	2
Silverton Mining Co.	....	1
Westinghouse Electric	47½	48
Union Switch and Signal Co.	25¾	....
Westinghouse Air Brake Co.	....	124
Westinghouse Brake Co., Lim.	64	....
Pittsburg Plate Glass Company	180	188

The sales were: 100 shares of Philadelphia Gas at 38¾; 90 at 38⅝; 50 Pittsburg and Western preferred at 30½; 50 La Noria at 1⅞, and 75 Central Traction at 30½.

The total sales of stocks at New York yesterday were 123,756 shares, including Atchison, 18,660; Louisville and Nashville, 2,500; Missouri Pacific, 2,550; Northern Pacific preferred, 5,850; Oregon Transcontinental, 6,600; Reading, 16,200; Richmond and West Point, 4,885; St. Paul, 7,110; Union Pacific, 7,050; Western Union, 3,092.

MONEY IN GOOD SHAPE.

Clearing House Figures Still Gaining on Those of Last Year.

The local money market was active yesterday, checking being the feature. Discounting was of fair volume on the usual terms, 5@6 per cent, according to time and collateral. Money, though less abundant than a month ago, is still plentiful, and there are no fears of a stringency. Clearings for five days last week exceeded those of the full week last year by nearly $250,000. Figures for the day, week and year to date follow:

Exchanges	$ 2,238,892 66
Balances	403,187 62
Exchanges for the week	12,287,012 27
Balances for the week	2,061,967 23
Exchanges, daily average	2,452,402 46
Exchanges week of 1888	12,072,756 04
Balances week of 1888	2,794,091 23
Exchanges last week	15,537,938 24
Balances last week	3,210,725 81
Total exchanges to date, 1889	221,732,892 36
Total exchanges to date, 1888	199,112,658 05
Gain, 1889 over 1888 to date	22,619,924 21

Money on call at New York, yesterday, was easy, with no loans, closed offered at 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 5¼@6½. Sterling exchange quiet but firm at $4 87 for 60-day bills and $4 88¾ for demand.

The weekly report of the New York banks, issued yesterday, shows the following changes: Reserve, decrease, $3,904,375; loans, increase, $1,925,800; specie, decrease, $3,703,300; legal tenders, decrease, $246,400; deposits, decrease, $181,300; circulation, decrease, $10,300. The banks now hold $9,972,575 in excess of the 25 per cent rule.

The exports of specie from the port of New York during the week amounted to $3,367,577, of which $3,198,277 was gold and $181,300 silver. Of the total exports $2,801,840 in gold and $174,000 in silver went to Europe, and $384,937 in gold and $7,300 in silver to South America. The imports of specie for the week amounted to $618,671, of which $504,658 was gold and $14,013 silver.

Government Bonds.

U. S. 4½s, reg	109¾@110¼
U. S. 4½s, coupon	109 @110¼
U. S. 4s, reg	122¼@122¾
U. S. 4s, coupon	122¼@122¾
	Bid.
Currency, 6 per cent, 1895 reg	125
Currency, 6 per cent, 1896 reg	124 @127
Currency, 6 per cent, 1897 reg	127
Currency, 6 per cent, 1898 reg	129½
Currency, 6 per cent, 1899 reg	132

Government and State bonds were firm and dull.

NEW YORK—Clearings to-day, $146,154,381; balances, $7,678,223. For the week (four days)—Clearings, $675,156,025; balances, $28,262,092.

BOSTON—Clearings to-day, $17,583,819; balances, $1,882,791. For the week (five days)—Clearings, $85,095,189; balances, $10,240,460.

PHILADELPHIA—Clearings to-day, $13,672,937; balances, $1,728,730. For the week—Clearings, $65,007,088; balances $9,085,817.

BALTIMORE—Clearings to-day, $2,176,937; balances, $312,298.

CHICAGO—Money easy and unchanged. Bank clearings, $12,474,000.

ST. LOUIS—Clearings, $3,343,345; balances, $468,379. For this week—Clearings, $16,101,782; balances, $2,406,914.

PARIS—Three per cent rentes, 87f 55c for account.

OIL STILL DROPPING.

A Weak and Lower Market With Very Little Trading.

The oil market opened and closed weak yesterday. The highest price was 85⅞c at the opening, and the lowest 85c at the close. Fluctuations were too narrow for profitable scalping, and the trading was light at all the markets. The situation was never more unsatisfactory. Scarcity of certificates and high charges for carrying deter the shorts from selling, while the longs can't unload except at a loss. To this may be added, as another and important discouraging feature, a total lack of outside buying.

A broker said: "It is becoming clearer every day that the Standard is at the bottom of the trouble. Time was when it had more oil than it could handle; it was very glad of the help of the Exchange. Now that it can handle all of its stuff it gives the Exchange the cold shoulder. I wouldn't be surprised if it should knock us out altogether. It has already squeezed all the money out of the business."

A. B. McGrew & Co. quote: Puts, 84⅞; calls, 85¼@85⅜.

FEATURES OF THE MARKET.

Opened	85⅝	Lowest	84⅞
Highest	85⅞	Closed	85

	Barrels.
Runs	59,754
Average	49,025
Shipments	92,522
Average	93,022
Charters	37,381
Average	43,690
Clearances	1,536,000

Refined, New York, 6.35.
Refined, London, 5⅞.
Refined, Antwerp, 10¼.
New York closed 84⅞.
Oil City closed 84⅞.
Bradford closed 84⅞.

THE BEST INVESTMENT.

Several Parcels of Real Estate Snatched Up—The Latest Deals.

Alles & Bailey, 164 Fourth avenue, sold to Reese Price, for S. S. Mason, No. 55 Marion street, a brick dwelling of six rooms and all improvements, lot 24x108 feet, for $3,700 cash.

Samuel W. Black & Co., 99 Fourth avenue, sold for Mrs. Cain three lots in the Thirteenth ward, Pittsburg, for $800.

L. O. Frazier, corner of Forty-fifth and Butler streets, sold for Alois Schirra, No. 3920 Mellin street, Sixteenth ward, new frame dwelling of five rooms, lot 30x100 feet to a 20-foot alley, to Morgan Bowen for $2,900 cash.

C. H. Love sold for the Anschutz heirs a three-story brick building, No. 192 Ohio street, Allegheny, lot 21x80 for $13,000.

Black & Baird, No. 95 Fourth avenue, sold to George W. Acklin for S. H. Lloyd, a lot on Bayard street, Bellefield, being 50x181 feet, for $2,250. They also placed a mortgage on Forty-fourth street property for three years at 5 per cent and no commission.

W. W. McNeil & Bro., 105 Fouth avenue, sold for George Sippert to Adam Davis, a frame house of five rooms, with lot 20x60, being No. 71 Hamlin street, Fifth ward, Allegheny, for $2,000 cash. They also sold for Adam Davis, of Kittanning, for a home in Allegheny, with good seven-room frame house, barn and stables, in Trumbull county, Ohio, about 1½ miles west of Sharon, Pa., and placed a mortgage of $800 for three years, at 6 per cent, on property in the Second ward, Allegheny.

Samuel J. Fleming, 147 Fourth avenue, sold to T. V. Brown a brick house of eight rooms, with lot 24x120, on Sarah street, Southside, for $6,800 cash. They also sold a frame house of four rooms on Bedford avenue, Third ward, to William J. Vois for $3,000, and placed a mortgage of $5,000 on Allegheny property for four years at 6 per cent.

John F. Baxter sold to W. H. Moffitt two lots, Nos. 38 and 39, Bank of Commerce addition extended, near Wilkinsburg, having a frontage of 100 feet on Baxter street, by 150 feet in depth, for $1,100.

Hart & Wilkinson sold the Strickler homestead on Negley avenue for $21,800.

A GOOD RECORD.

Homes for the People Going Up With Remarkable Rapidity.

Building operations were actively prosecuted last week, in spite of bad weather and labor troubles, 44 permits being taken out. The total cost is estimated at $148,700. Following is the list.

Alf Marland, one frame two-story, 16x32 feet, on Grandview avenue, near Oneida street, Thirty-fifth ward.

William Albert, one frame one-story addition, 12x14 feet, on Fetzer street, between Bertha and Kearsarge streets, Thirty-second ward.

Mrs. Leeds, one frame one-story addition, 10x14 feet, on Natchez street, near Charles street, Thirty-second ward.

Anton Boating, two frame one and two-story, 32x32 feet, on Brownsville avenue, Twenty-seventh ward.

George Davidson, one frame one-story addition, 10x11 feet, on Beula street, corner of Picnic, Twenty-fourth ward.

W. R. Greves, one frame two-story, 16x20 feet, on rear of Penn avenue, corner of Winebiddle street, Nineteenth ward.

May Fider, one frame two-story stable, 20x16 feet, on Penn avenue, between Fitch and Gross streets, Nineteenth ward.

Charles Wilkarem, one frame two-story, 21x31 feet, and 14x14 feet on Broad street, between Sheridan and Negley avenues, Twenty-second ward.

John Archer, one frame two-story, 18x20 feet, on Davis alley, between Elliott and Colwell streets, Thirteenth ward.

Sidney H. Newbury, one frame two-story, 16x40 feet, on Brenton street, between Thirty-eighth and Thirty-third streets, Thirteenth ward.

William Jenkins, one frame two-story, 16x16 feet, and 12x12 feet on Matilda street, corner of Cypress, Twentieth ward.

Andrew Tamer, one frame two-story, 17x34 feet, on Mifflin, between Main and Winebiddle streets, Sixteenth ward.

James Hawrey, one brick two-story and mansard, 16x34 feet, on Howley avenue, between Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth streets, Sixteenth ward.

Jacob Tomemann, one frame one-story, 17x32 feet, on Mellwood street, near Craig, Thirteenth ward.

M. E Kelly, one brick one-story, 12x22 feet, on Smallman street, Twelfth ward.

Herman Stodt, one brick two-story addition, 12x20 feet, corner of Magee and Forbes street, Sixth ward.

W. H. Finley, one frame, two-story, 18x32 feet, on Inwood street, near Frankstown avenue, Twenty-first ward.

John Connelly, one frame, one-story addition, 18x14 feet, on Soho street, between Reed and Emett streets, Thirteenth ward.

John Joice, one frame, two-story, 16x14 feet, on 812 London street, Twenty-first ward.

Frank Miller, two brick, two-story and mansard, 20x32 feet and 15x15 feet, on Penn avenue, between Denniston avenue and Putnam street.

Joseph Kredweis, one frame, one-story addition, 11x16 feet, on 1016 Larkins alley Twenty-sixth ward.

M. Mangus, one frame two-story, 21x31.6 feet and 11x14 feet, on Mignonette street, above Negley avenue, Twentieth ward.

Henry Roberts, one frame addition, 15x32 feet, on Neville street, near the Junction Railroad, Sixteenth ward.

L. T. Yoder, one brick two-story storeroom, 20x45 feet, 136 Third avenue, Second ward.

P. H. Lawson, one brick two-story addition, 13x11.6 feet, on 309 Main street, Seventeenth ward.

Frank Kancilleper, one frame one-story addition, 12x18 feet, on Martin street, Twenty-seventh ward.

Mrs. Mary Kauffmann, one frame two-story, 18x32 and 12x12 feet, on Shetland street, Twenty-first ward.

John A. Reed, one brick two-story and mansard, 22x56 feet 8 inches, on Walnut street, near Roup, Twentieth ward.

W. Dutton, one brick two-story dwelling, 22x34 feet, on Colwell street, between Vine and Miller streets, Eleventh ward.

George W. Guthrone, one stone and wood two-story, 45x36 feet, on College lane, Twenty-second ward.

Fred. Koenig, one frame two-story, 20x32 feet, on Thirtieth street, between Carson and the river, Twenty-fourth ward.

Robert Donnelly, four brick two-story dwellings, 16x34 feet, on Fox alley, Twenty-fifth ward.

J. R. Shirley, one brick one-story, 15x15 feet, on rear of 828 Fifth avenue, Sixth ward.

Sam. Bennett, one frame one-story addition, 16x25 feet, on Second avenue, near Brady street, Fourteenth ward.

D. Gregg, one brick five-story, 15x80 feet, on Wood street, between Diamond and Fifth avenue, Third ward.

J. R. McKee, one brick five-story, 20x80 feet, on Wood street, between Fifth avenue and Diamond street, Third ward.

Morrison Hair, one brick five-story, 15x80 feet, on Wood street, between Diamond street and Fifth avenue, Third ward.

D. Gregg, one brick five-story, 19x80 feet, on Wood street, between Diamond street and Fifth avenue, Third ward.

Frank Dain, one frame one-story, 14x42 feet, on corner of Dauphin and Fitch streets, Nineteenth ward.

R. P. Graham, one brick one-story, 28x54 feet, on corner of Forty-first and Willow streets, Seventeenth ward.

G. Roessiser, one frame two-story dwelling, 21x32 feet, on Achille street, near Shetland, Twenty-first ward.

Brown, Verner & Co., eight brick three-story, 20x42 feet, on Penn avenue, near Conrad street, Nineteenth ward.

Brown, Verner & Co., 13 brick three-story, 20x42 feet, on Penn avenue, near Evaline street, Nineteenth ward.

STOCKS AT ZERO.

A Narrow Market With No Redeeming Features—Trading Confined to a Few Leading Shares—Losses in the Majority—Bonds Firm.

NEW YORK, May 4.—According to the general expectation the stock market to-day was a narrow and uninteresting one, and was more than usual of late a professional one. The foreigners and Philadelphia brokers had some buying orders in the market, and the Westerners bought some of the Grangers, but while the general temper of the room was moderately bullish there was little demand for stocks and the traders were sellers of the specialties and took profits wherever opportunity offered. The market as a consequence was somewhat feverish and irregular, but except in a few shares the changes in quotations were slight and unimportant.

The opening was made up in a moderate degree of animation and first prices were generally slight fractions higher than last evening's figures, but the business done was principally confined to a few leading shares and the opening prices were not maintained, though outside of the trust stocks there was no decline of moment. Sugar Trusts retired from 91⅞ to 89, Chicago Gas from 49¼ to 48, and Cotton Oil from 55¼ to 54. Pullman also later lost 1¼ to 190, but these were the only marked movements except a drop of 1¼ in Chattanooga.

The general list, after the first decline, recovered considerable strength in spots, but in the last hour there was a general decline and Burlington lost ¾ and the rest of the list followed languidly. The close was quiet and rather heavy at small fractions below the opening figures as a rule. Pullman lost 2 per cent and Chattanooga 1¼, but the other shares were for insignificant amounts.

Railroad bonds were also quiet, the sales of all issues aggregating $964,000, but unlike trading in shares, there was a firm tone almost throughout the session, and most of the changes in the quotations are in the direction of high figures. The trading presented no special features whatever, and the only marked advances were Ohio, Indiana and Western firsts from 2 to 22½. The sales of bonds for the three days of business of this week were $4,769,000, against $12,761,000 for last week.

The following table shows the prices of active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange. Corrected daily for THE DISPATCH by Whitney & Stephenson, members of New York Stock Exchange, 57 Fourth avenue:

	Open-ing.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing Bids.
Am. Cotton Oil	55¾	....	....	54½
Atch., Top. & S. F.	49¾	44¾	43¾	43¾
Canadian Pacific	56	56	55¾	55¾
Canada Southern	54¼	54½	53	53¾
Central of New Jersey	96¾	96¾	96½	96½
Central Pacific	....	....	....	35½
Chesapeake & Ohio	17¾	17¾	17¾	17¾
C., Bur. & Quincy	99	99	99	98¾
C., Mil. & St. Paul	66¾	66¾	66¼	66¾
C., Mil. & St. P., pf	106¾	106¾	106¾	106¾
C., Rock I. & P.	95¾	95¾	95	94¾
C., St. L. & Pitts.	....	....	....	17½
C., St. L. & Pitts. pf.	39¾	39¾	39¾	39¾
C., St. P., M. & O.	34¾	34¾	34¾	34
C., St. P., M. & O., pf.	....	....	....	94¾
C. & Northwestern	107¾	107¾	107¾	107¾
C. & Northwestern, pf.	....	....	....	136
C., C., C. & I.	....	....	....	68
Col. Coal & Iron	25	25	25	24
Col. & Hocking Val.	19¾	19¾	19¾	19
Del., L. & W.	138¾	139¾	138¾	138¾
Del. & Hudson	....	....	....	136½
Denver & Rio G.	....	....	....	17½
Denver & Rio G., pf.	47¾	47¾	47¾	49
E. T., Va. & Ga.	9¾	9¾	9¾	9
E. T., Va. & Ga., 1st pf	70	70	70	70
E. T., Va. & Ga., 2d pf.	....	....	....	33½
Illinois Central	....	....	....	114
Lake Erie & Western	18¾	18¾	18¾	18¾
Lake Erie & West. pf.	59	59	59	58¾
Lake Shore & M. S.	103¾	103¾	103¾	103¾
Louisville & Nashville	69¾	69¾	68¾	68¾
Michigan Central	87	87	87	86¾
Mobile & Ohio	....	....	....	31
N., L. & Texas	....	....	....	13¾
Missouri Pacific	77¾	78	75½	75¾
New York Central	107¾	107¾	107¾	107¾
N. Y., L. E. & W.	29	29	28½	28¾
N. Y., C. & St. L.	17¾	17¾	17¾	16¾
N. Y., O. & St. L. pf.	....	....	....	70
N. Y., C. & St. L. 2d pf	....	....	....	32
N. Y. & N. E.	45¾	44¾	43¾	43¾
N. Y., O. & W.	17¾	17¾	17¾	17½
Norfolk & Western	....	....	....	16
Norfolk & Western, pf.	....	....	....	82½
Northern Pacific	25¾	25¾	24¾	25¾
Northern Pacific pref.	62¾	62¾	62	62¾
Ohio & Mississippi	33¾	33¾	32¾	33¾
Oregon Improvement	32