Manager Johnston Negotiating for

Companies in New York.

HE NOW HAS FOUR ON THE STRING.

The Only Difficulty Will be to Get a

Guarantee of the Money.

RICH MEN ASKED TO ADVANCE THE DUST

Manager J. H. Johnston, of the Exposi-

tion Society, returned yesterday from New

York, where he has been for the last two

burg under the auspices of the Exposi-

evening at his apartments in the St.

Charles Hotel, and when asked what ar-

rangements he had made for the entertainment of Pittsburgers said:

ONLY FIRST-CLASS MUSIC.

after the meeting on Tuesday next. In matter involving several thousands of do

over to-day, it has occurred to me there may be, and doubtless are in Pittsburg, like l

have found in other cities, men of generous,

liberal impulses, who are great lovers of music, and who may feel disposed to offer substantial encouragement in the matter of a specific guarantee to make our directors feel that they are not assuming the entire

esponsibility.
It must be born in mind, and I think it is

clearly apparent to everyone that the Ex-position directors, no matter how great the

success of the enterprise, make no money for themselves individually. That same re-

SOME FIGURES SECURED.

"That being the case they necessarily con-

sider every question looking to the expendi-

ture of money or contracting obligations against the society with the greatest care. I will simply say to you that I have seen four of the best musical organizations in the United States with a view to bringing them

to Pittsburg. I have obtained their figures and ascertained the dates on which they

mark applies equally to the stockholders.

"Whether they will be willing to do that

sized contract.

rough handling. About 8 o'clock the officers were called to quell a disturbance in one of the houses in the row. On going to the place they found a man who gave his name as John McCool, but who is known to the police as Jack McKeever, raising a disturbance.
On seeing the officers McCool showed

fight, and was assisted by the other inmates of the room; both men and women joined in the affray, and things looked rather blue for the officers. About this time Lieutenant weeks figuring with the managers of the most prominent musical organizations of Denniston put in an appearance and took a hand in the fight, the result of which was the country for their appearance in Pittetion Society. Mr. Johnston was seen last down a long flight of stairs together, but the officer gallantly held on to his prisoner. All the inmates of the house, namely, Susie Flannigan, Lilly Britton, Catherine Keating, John McCool and John Coyne were placed under arrest and locked up in the Central station.

"I saw the managers of a number of musical organizations while I was East, with a view of having them appear in Pittsburg in the early part of the coming summer. The cost, as you can fully realize, for a first-class organization will be no small amount of money. My idea in all things of that kind is to have only first-class organstation. McCool was covered with blood, which flowed from wounds on his head, in-flicted by the officers' clubs. As is usual in rows in and about the Yellow Row, a crowd of about 200 people gathered, and having no particular love for the officers, refused to aid them in the arrest izations for two reasons; first, the public to of the prisoners or in any other way. whom we are catering would not consent to patronize an inferior or cheap entertain-ment, and the other is that the Board of Di-

LAUGHED AT THE FINEST. An 18-Year-Old Poolroom Habitual in the

Law's Clutches. Officer Eckert, of Allegheny, began the

rectors would not consent, and I would not recommend anything but first-class organi-zations. That, you know, means the outlay of considerable money and the assuming on the part of the Board of Directors of a fairly work of breaking up the practice of loafing about poolrooms, as sanctioned by Mayor Pearson, by arresting an 18-year-old youth last night at 19 Federal street. A crowd of young men of about his own

or whether they can see their way clear is for them to say, and will be made known age was standing along the curb last even-ing, making remarks in an undertone to the women and young girls passing by. One of them spoke loud enough for the officer to hear, and he warned him to cease. The young man walked into the poolroom and laughed at the officer, when the latter went after him and arrested him, while the rest lars, of course you will understand, before I can close any engagements positively I must present the facts to them and secure their approval. I think we are all of one mind in the matter of holding sum-mer night concerts, as suggested by THE DISPATCH, but of course for prudential financial reasons we must look before we leap.

"By the way, while thinking the matter of the crowd took a hurried walk. The prisoner gave his name as Edward Marsh, and was locked up for a hearing this morn-

Still Another Oakland Fire.

That the recent fires at Oakland have been the result of incendiarism is disputed in the case of the fire at Mr. Casey's new row on Fifth avenue; yet the circumstances point to incendiarism in the Oakland dis-trict all the same. On Thursday night a fire which was undoubtedly incendiary, was discovered in a new house on Sylvan avenue near Boquet street, which was being built by Contractor Bossinger for Mr. J. L. S. Kellner. It was extinguished without much loss.

LET THEM BE HEARD.

Three of Our Lending Druggists Give Their Opinious of a Popular Remedy. Messrs. F. H. Eggers & Son, Allegheny, say: "During the early part of November, 1889, we received our first supply of Cham-berlain's Cough Remedy and have since reordered, making the entire amount to date 19 dozen. The sales are daily increasing, and are to-day larger than that of any other

and are to-day larger than that of any other patent or proprietary article we handle."

Mr. E. E. Heck, 194 Federal st., Allegheny, says: "I have placed my second order for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy since last November. I regard it as the best seller in that line of remedies I have in the store and one of the most satisfactory in results."

placed orders for 20 dozen. The sales are steadily increasing and I believe it will These organizations will fill the bill happily and pleasantly, and I cannot for one mo-ment think there will be a bit of risk to prove to be one of the most staple and salable of patent medicines. those who will assist the directors in the

For sale by E. G. Stucky, cor. Wylie ave, and Fulton st.; by Markell Bros., cor. Penn and Frankstown aves.; by Theo. E. Ihrig, 3610 Fifth ave., and by Carl Hartwig, Butler st., in Pittsburg, and in Allegheny City by E. E. Heck, 72 and 194 Federal st., and Thos. R. Morris, cor. Hanover and Preble aves.; Fred H. Eggers, 172 Ohio st.; F. H.

Eggers & Son, Ohio and Chestnut sts., Allegheny, and 11 Smithfield st., Pittsburg.

THE GREAT FIRE SALE Ot Goods Consigned to the New York

Grocery By one of the largest insurance companies of the East, commences this week, consisting of 5,000 cases canned goods, dried fruits, syrup, molasses, etc.

Fine sugar corn per can 5c, or 50c per doz. Solid hand-packed tomatoes per can.... 6c Choice peas per can..... String beans per can..... Choice blackberries per can..... Choice pumpkin per can...... Choice table peaches per can..... Fine table peaches in heavy syrap..... 18c 3 cans finest apricots..... bs. California raisins. California peaches per lb..... California apricots per lb...... cities. To those living out of the city will prepay freight on all orders of \$10 and up-

ward. Send for catalogue. M. R. THOMPSON. 301 Market st., corner Third ave., wholesale and retail.

UPRIGHT PIANO-\$185. Square Grand Pinno-\$175.

A magnificent 71% octave upright piano, with all improvements, swinging desk, elegantly carved, rosewood, finished case and excellent tone. This instrument was in use only a few months and will be sold fully warranted for \$185, including cover and stool. A splendid bargain at the music store of J. M. Hoffmann & Co., 537 Smithfield street.

Also a fine square grand piano in perfect order, cost originally \$500 for \$175.

How many \$5 overcoats do you suppos we sold on Saturday? Well, more than you have any idea of. Every one was deighted with them, and said they never expected to get a good cassimere overcoat, with velvet collar, well made and lined, for \$5. We still have about 350 of them on hand, and to-morrow (Monday) you still have a

chance to buy a good overcoat, worth from \$10 to \$13, for \$5, at the P. C. C. C., cor. Grant and Diamond sts., opp. the new Court House. Excursion to Washington City. The Baltimore and Ohio will sell excursion tickets to Washington, good to visit

Baltimore, limited to 10 days, on Thursday, January 30, at rate of \$9. Call at city ticket office, Fifth avenue and Wood street, early to secure seats in parlor car and berths in alceping car. Trains leave 8 A. M. and 9:20 P. M.

Something entirely new. Can be found only at Edward Groetzinger's, 627 and 629

BARGAINS in plush coats in sizes 40 and 42-inch bust measure, reduced to \$25 from \$40, \$45 and \$50; \$25 qualities, all sizes, now \$20; \$20 qualities, all sizes, now \$15.

Cold Spell Good for Six Weeks. Anderson gas-saving burner; cheapest and

COL. SWORDS' VISIT.

The Entire Interior of the Postoffice Will be Remodeled.

CONCESSIONS TO M'KEAN AND QUAY

The Wiry Jowan Will Report to Architect

Windrim on Monday. A COMPROMISE TO ELECT ALLISON

Colonel H. L. Swords, of Iowa, arrived in Pittsburg yesterday, bearing with him a telegram from Secretary Windom, instructing him to wait upon Postmaster-elect Mcin Pittsburg yesterday, bearing with him a Kean, of Pittsburg, and accord every facility to him in the matter of new furnishings and appointments for the postoffice. The two gentlemen met and got whose grading is the highest and submits office.

Colonel Swords is tall, gray-haired, although only 45 years of age, and has a large mustache of deep brown and flashing blue eyes. He bears a marked resemblance to the heart sick." ex-Governor Foraker. He was appointed Chief of the Department of Federal Office Furnishings in May last, since which time he has fitted up 23 Federal buildings. Without the slightest connection with the Postoffice Department, Colonel Swords has to deal with the furniture of all Federal buildings, and is therefore familiar with the interior of most of the large postoffices in the country. The terribly crowded condition of the

present office, over which he was showed by Messrs, McKean and Collins, struck him very forcibly. After the inspection had been concluded and the items to be furnished noted down by Mr. Collins, Colonel Swords was afforded an opportunity to view the county Court House, and from thence accompanied Mr. McKean to the Government building, where Architect Malone explained things and produced voluminous statistics. The noted lowan left at 8 o'clock for Washington, having previously dined at the Duquesne Club with Postmaster Mc-Kean, Hon. Walter Lyon and C. H. McKee,

Esq. Colonel Swords submitted to a lengthy interview with a DISPATCH representative. He said: "Our appropriation for the fiscal year ending in June is running low, and in most cases where a new building is going up we bid the officials endure the ills of cramped quarters and back number furni-ture until a change takes place.

THEIR WEIGHTY ARGUMENTS. "But in the Pittsburg Postoffice, Senator Quay and Mr. McKean presented such weighty reasons for securing every accessory and facility for the better transaction of the public business that Secretary Windom felt

justified in straining a point. The accommodations are so inadequate that the best of furniture and fittings is a positive necessity.

"The Registry Division, the Money Order Division, the office of the Superintendent of Mails, and the Postmaster's room will be entired." tirely refitted with the best we have in stock. The entire postoffice will be cleansed and repairs, alterations, chandeliers and anything else needed will be immediately supplied. This includes desks, carpets, counters, etc., and several new letter racks, any of which can be transferred to the new building. Mr. McKean made a

very favorable impression in Washington and his efforts to improve the service here will be aided in every possible may. The rough list which Messrs. McKean and Collins have furnished me contains about 70 items, and my rough calculations are that about \$7,000 will be expended in the refitting process. Understand me, Mr. Win-Habaugh, on Friday morning last. The body of an infant was brought to light. Habaugh had started for the river to throw the body in, when James Ryan, Forsyth's season when the theaters are closed.

Habaugh on Friday morning last. The british of the carried out.

Mr. E. G. Stucky, cor. Wylie ave. and but the control of the sumply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy October 30 last, and up to the present data have. dom's instructions were to give Mr. McKean anything he wanted. As it is, we will put offices here the limited amount at our com mand will not enable us to do anything until the change to the new building is ac-

guarantee Pittaburg the best at our com nand.
"I visited the Government building and Mr. Malone met me with the astonishing statement that it would take him three years to complete it under favorable circumstances. This does not seem in accord with the work done on Government buildings elsewhere and will hardly do. Mr. Malone gave me some carefully prepared statistics, but I agree with Mr. McKean that the building should be occupied by the Govern-ment—at least on the lower floor—by next fail. I have promised Mr. McKean that I will wait on Mr. Windrim next Monday, and urge speed in the premises. I have not the least connection with the Postoffice Department, but my opinion may have some weight with Mr. Windrim owing to my familiarity with new Federal buildings and those just being completed. Your new postmaster impresses me as being a hustler, and I can understand from what I have

AGAINST CIVIL SERVICE. "What do you think of the current troubles of the Civil Service Commission,

Colonel Swords?"
"The Civil Service Commission has my permission to work out its own salvation, if it can. I will tell you what the civil service scheme is doing as a practical result of its adoption. It is ruining hundreds of bright young men and women in every community. They devote their time to the examinations and get on the list of eligibles, and then wait, wait, wait for the coveted position, living perhaps on relatives or friends, a set of Micawbers with nothing turning up.

You have just come from Des Moines Ia. What are Senator William Allison's chances of re-election in view of the legi-

and have paid a great deal of attention to Senator Allison's canvass. The situation is briefly this: By precedent the member of the House from Polk county calls the House together; the Democrats refuse to answer, and there can be no organization. The Republican members of the House are mostly new, who promise well, but as the Demo crats number a good many legislative veter ans, the Republican side of the House is inferior in the exercise of parliamentary tactics. This is unfortunate, but it cannot be heiped. We offered a compromise to the Democrats on Wednesday night, just before I came away. We offered them the Speaker, we to have the Cierk. If that offer was accepted it meant the organization of the House and the election of Mr. Allison by five or six votes on joint session. But they refused, hoping to tire the Republicans out, and secure both Speaker and Senator. They can never secure enough votes to elect any one else, and no matter how prolonged the

The Examination to be Held February 4-A List of 125 Anxlors to Solve the Knetty Problems-A New Rule Practiced- Emplayes Under Double Bonds.

the Pittsburg postoffice, also Secretary of the Local Civil Service Committee, had 125 applications in hand. At the first examination under Postmaster Larkin 160 applicants were examined. A singular thing in connection with the

examination should be received after the commencement of a 20-day term before the

commencement of a 20-day term before the date of the examination. The commission failed to notify the Pittsburg Civil Service Committee until this week. Applications filed after last Thursday would not be received, but it was decided to receive all filed up to yesterday, despite the rule. The place of holding the examination has not been determined.

The question of what percentage of the successful or "eligibles" of the examinations of February 4 and August 2, 1889, had secured appointments in the office proved to be interesting. Of the February list of 65 and the August list of over 70 "eligibles" but two appointments were made last year. This speaks volumes for the cohesiveness of Postmaster Larkin's forces, but does not hold out much encouragement for the 125 who out much encouragement for the 125 who are to run the gauntlet next Tuesday week.

to be examined. down to business, and started in at the post-office. them to the Postmaster, who can pick any one of the three. The certificate has to be posted in the postoffice corridor, so that he who runs may read. Under such circum-stances it seems like a modern exemplifica-tion of the old saw, "Hope deferred maketh

By the rules of the Postoffice Department by the rules of the Postonice Departments the inside officials and clerks of the Pitts-burg postoffice are obliged to furnish to the incoming postmaster about equal in amount to that already held by Postmaster Larkin for the identical position. Thus the apduring the interval between the close of business on January 31 and the opening of the office on February 1.

No buffet should be without a bottle of Angostura Bitters, the South American ap-

SLIGHTLY soiled lace curtains and add pairs at half price and less at Rosenbaum &

You will be well pleased if you make use of the Iron City Brewing Co.'s ale and beer. Competent judges pronounce them the lead-ing brews. All dealers keep them.

> B. & E. SOME JANUARY BARGAINS, Extra grade genuine

> > SEAL COATS Reduced from \$125 to \$100.

A lot of very handsome Jackets, large smoke pearl buttons. Directoire Fronts, etc., marked down from \$12 to \$7. A lot of very elegant Long Garments, tallog made, marked down from \$20 to \$12 50.

> Special good value in PLUSH JACKETS

Just reduced \$8, \$10 and \$12. A large range and choice in plain, fancy and vest front Jackets all reduced to \$4, \$5 and \$7.

Boys' Flannel Waists just received, 4 to 13

3,550 yards extra grade and width SCOTCH GINGHAMS In choice new goods just received and on sale

AT 25c A YARD. New Sateens, Seersuckers, Ginghams, and other choice wash fabrics just received and on sale at 1234c.

KID GLOVES Reduced to 25c per pair, only in sizes 5%, 5%, & 7, 754, 754, 8,

KID GLOVES In \$1 grade reduced to 50c, only in sizes 5%, 6, 6%, 7%.

At 75c, special value in 5-hook and 4-button Kid Gloves.

At \$1 50, reduced from \$2, entire line of sizes n best grade Suede Mousquetaire Gloves, in lack and full line colors.

Special prices for January on Hutchinson. Pierce & Co. Star Waists. Lots marked from \$1 40 to \$1. Lots marked from \$1 down to 75c.

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505 and 507 MARKET STREET.

MARSHELL,

THE CASH GROCER,

TEA.

SAVE YOU MONEY? YES, "BIG MONEY."

On Groceries in general I can save you 20 per

ON TEA I CAN SAVE YOU SO PER CENT

I have the largest and best selected stock of TEAS in the two cities. I have told you that several times, but it

is true all the same. I can give you TEA from 19 cents per pound up to 55 cents. What sort of tea do you buy? Bring me a sample; I will give you the same tea for half the money. There is more 50c tea sold than all other kinds put together. I will match it with my 25c tea. I know it will suit you. I am so sure that I make you the following

I will deliver by express, prepaid, all orders of 5 pounds and upward of my 25c teas. If the tea don't suit you, send it back at my expense.

What kind of tea do you drink? I can give you any kind: Oolong Young Hy-son, English Breakfast, Imperial, Gun-powder, Pan Fired Japan, Basket Fired Japan and Mixed Tea.

Send for weekly price list and order by mail.

Orders amounting to \$10, without counting sugar, packed and shipped free of charge to

MARSHELL 79, 81 AND 95 OHIO ST.,

The Republican Candidates Have a Walkover.

DEMOCRACY IN COUNCIL,

A Coming Kick in the Mayoralty and Other Kicks Certain.

LIVELY MEETING IN THE NINTH

The air was as full of politics yesterday as the recent mild weather was full of grip, spelled in the homely way peculiar to Pittsburg. The Republican primaries, the Democratic City Committee last night, and the Democratie suggestive meetings bore more than a suggestion of lively times in the po-

At the risk of losing his situation for rethe expurgated list of newspaper expressions the political reporter of THE DISPATCH bas no hesitation in saying that the primar-ies last night passed off quietly. They re-Mr. Ennis admitted that be did, and in

sulted in the following choice:
For Mayor, H. I. Gourley, 145 delegates;
for Controller, E. S. Morrow, 145 delegates;
for Tressurer, Major Joseph F. Denniston,

The primaries last night, however, reexpected to be chosen by the people were discomfited by either a weak support or a secure a place in which to hold the conven-

A VERY LIGHT VOTE. In the First district of the Fourteenth ward the apathy occasioned by the fact of no opposition being made in any of the three tickets in the field was evidenced by she placing of 4 votes for the delegates, W. R. Ford, Lew T. Brown and James Sheppard being, of course, elected. In the Third dis-trict of the Fourteenth for membership in the Republican City Executive Committee Alex. McKnight defeated George Sheppard by 56 to 3. This was a surprise party for the City Clerk, who had no idea of any opposition being in the field, and consequently was found wanting. John Flinn, secretary and general manager of the "Old Dub" Society, has called a meeting of the organiza-tion for this afternoon to celebrate the event. The location of the meeting has not yet beer

There is considerable speculation on the Collectorship of the Port candidacy, and the friends of Messrs. Case and Dravo are both sanguine of the success of their favorites. Yesterday afternoon Frank Case said that affairs looked more hopeful than at any previous time, and there were good grounds for

sticking to the guns. The appointment of Bank Examiner is virtually settled, and in about four weeks or so George Sheppard, city clerk, will be invested with the responsibilities of office in that capacity. The telegrams of yesterday morning stating that a friend of the Secretary of the Treasury was an applicant, and would stand in Mr. Sheppard's way, was traced up yesterday, and the gentleman

LOOKS LIKE SHEPPARD.

He acknowledged that he had been in the race, but was satisfied that George Sheppard would be the appointee. He requested that his name would not be used, as he said the race was a free-tor-all, and he went into it in good faith, but did not wish to have himself paraded as the beaten candidate. The way s now clear for Mr. Sheppard. The preparations for the May primaries for county offices are now well under way. The indications are that James Wier will publicans of Pittsburg have decided, it appears, upon Robert E. Mercer to represent the interests of the city proper. The North-

gate, and no opposition will be made for the

OUT PENN AVENUE. An unusual degree of interest was manifested in the elections of the Seventeenth and Eighteenth wards, and anxious crowds gathered at the various precincts and ward headquarters and awaited with evident

anxiety the final returns. The following is the official count: Seventeenth ward-Alderman, A. H. Leslie. Council, Hugh Ferguson, 892; Miller Elliott, 880; George Metcalf, 903. School Directors, J. C. Smith, 410; George Might, Jr., 511. Constable, J. C. Rivers. Eighteenth ward-Select Council, Joseph Henderson, Common Council. Phillip Dressing. School Directors, N. F. Forsh, William Conners, Henry Gram, Alderman, William Hays. Constable,

Gebring, City Convention, James H. Clinch, George Ballard. The Republican Executive Committee of the Twenty-eighth ward met last night, and made a departure from the usual way of running the primaries in their ward. Heretofore it has been the custom for the Republican voters to meet at the school house, and suggest and nominate candidates the same night. This year the suggestion meeting will be held next Saturday, and on the following Saturday the primaries will be held in the same manner as an ordinary

It was decided to do this for the sake of giving better satisfaction in the Council-manic contest between "Tobe" McCurry, the present Common Councilman from that ward, who is running for Select Council, and his opponent John Hennessey. The fight between McCurry and Hennessey is

going to be pretty warm.

The Twenty-sixth ward Executive Committee met last night and fixed next Saturday as the date for their suggestion meeting and the following Saturday for the primaries. IN DEMOCRATIC CIRCLES.

The meeting of the City Committee of the County Democracy last night in Common Conneil chamber was one of those peculiar chemical combinations where the introduction of one drop of a foreign element de-stroys the affinity. Pat Foley wielded the mace of authority and the gavel of the Chairman with which he was prepared to knock out any attempt to disturb the chemical affinity existing in the Democratic party

of Pittsburg.

John Ennis, who is well known in Demo cratic politics of this city, was the disturbing element. It was claimed by many of those present, and his first question as to the authority of the Chair to place delegates to fill vacancies on the City Committee was promptly answered by the statement that no authority was needed beyond precedent. which had established the rule and that would suffice.

The whole meeting appeared somewhat uncomfortable, and each man looked around to see if his nearest neighbor was not about to spring a substitute for Judge Bailey on the Mayoralty track. One member of the committee said after the meeting was over: mains in the field, I suppose he will be the candidate; but there is a good deal of side talk about Dr. Wylie, Alderman McKenna and Tom Kerr. The latter I repard as the most favorable compromise candidate, and if he had been put to the front at first I should have thought him stronger than even Judge Bailey. His general acquaintance is wider, probably, than the Judge's, and he need not depend upon Republican votes, either, for his support."

PROCEEDINGS IN DETAIL. The few passages which occurred during the session of the City Committee were regarded by the majority as pleasant little variations of the Donnybrook Fair variety. which merely removed the monotony of the

evening and interfered with no liberties save the right to press a motion to adjourn.
T. O'Leary, Jr., and W. J. Brennen acted
as secretaries, and the proceedings were as

Chairman Foley announced that there had been several vacancies in the list of delegates to the City Committee, which he and other members of the committee had filled by appointment.

John Ennis said he would like to know what authority Mr. Foley had to fill vacan-

Chairman Foley replied that it was by right of precedent. He was not around reading or looking up authorities. Mr. Ennis insisted that a rule be shown giving the Chairman the authority to fill vacancies. The Chairman refused positively to show any rule, and the debate was interrupted by John Jiles offering the following resolution:

A DISCUSSION FOLLOWED. Resolved, That the primaries for the election of the delegates to the City Democratic Convention be held on Saturday, the 1st of February, 1890, between the hours of 5 and 7 o'clock P. M., at the usual polling places; and that the convention be held on Tuesday, the 4th of February, at 2 o'clock P. M., at such place as the Chairman of the City Committee shall designate.

Mr. Mullen moved that the convention be held at 7 o'clock P. M. instead of 2 o'clock, so that delegates need not lose a day's work

Mr. Ennis said that they had seen enough turning the most worm-eaten statement in the expressed list of newspaper express. a big crowd.
"The gentleman brought the crowd there

the interest of his candidate.

An amendment fixing Wednesday, the 5th, at 7:30 P. M., for the convention was offered and adopted.

Michael Gardner said he hoped there would be no growling, as there is but one candidate—Judge Bailey, and they might vealed some peculiar complications which were not set down in the bills, and some who as well nominate him now. On motion of

THE MOTION NOT ENTERTAINED. Mr. Ennis said that as the City Committee got a cold deal at the last convention he would move that each member of the comnittee be given a ticket to the convention. The Chairman refused to entertain the motion, saying that the body had no power over the convention, and as soon as the Chairman of the City Committee called the convention to order and a temporary organ-

ization was effected the City Committee's connection with it ended. Mr. Ennis insisted, but he was cut short by a motion to adjourn, and the committee adjourned sine die.

A LIVELY GATHERING. The Democratic love feasts were numer ous last night, the squabble over the Eighteenth ward Select Council nomination giv-ing place to the Aldermanic fight in the Ninth, which, although the ward number is but half of the other, is doubled in intensity. There was a suggestion meeting held in the Ralston Schoolhouse to get a candidate to put in the field against the present incumbent, Alderman O'Donnell. There were numerous suggestions made of all kinds before the suggestion to adjourn was considered. Joseph Snyder presided, and he had his hands full.

The meeting was a great improvement upon the City Committee's reunion in the point of liveliness, as it took eight policemen to re-press the ardor of the disputants. Still it was comparatively orderly, as not more than four or five hand-to-hand encounters occurred in the course of the evening to disturb the screnity of the occasion. In the first place it was discovered that quite a number of persons were present who were not residents of the ward, and they seemed to be such an eyesore that their re-moval was adjudged a necessity. The meeting was then turned into a regular

primaries in the Aldermanic dispute, and John A. Donovan was nominated as the Democratic candidate against J. C. O'Donthis time get the nomination, vice J. Y. nell. Mart Brophy was named for Select the Democratic ticket. After the meeting was over Alderman O'Donnell said he had had his name withside Republicans, who feel somewhat slighted, both on account of the treatment of held because the hall was packed with nonresidents of the ward, and no qualifications their candidate, James Wier, at the last county convention, and the fact that the would have resulted in his defeat for re-

Northside has not been recognized in the Board of Commissioners for nine years, have resolved to put him forward again as a dele-

IN THE FIRST WARD. The First ward usually shows up some very pretty skirmishing whether on the night of the primaries or on the day of elec-tion, and last night proved no exception to the rule. Charles Lawrence in the First district, an avowed Cassiday man, has been, it is said, a Gourley has been, it is said, a Gourley delegate for two years, Martin Foley, a warm friend of Donaho, yesterday an-nounced himself as a delegate for Gourley against Lawrence. The latter was a victor in the race by 31 to 3 votes. This is one of the peculiar ups and downs of politics,

as an independent candidate for Common Council and pledging him the support of the Republicans of the district. HUNTING FOR HER HUSBAND.

were adopted indorsing Thomas H. White

principally downs.

A Cleveland Woman Tracks Her Trunnt Lord to Pittsburg. Mrs. Peter Burns, a well-dressed and neatlooking woman, carrying a healthy-looking and comfortably-clad 12-months-old babe in her arms, called at the office of Chief Brown yesterday afternoon and asked for assistance. Mrs. Burns stated that she arrived in this

search of her husband. Peter Burns who has been missing for six months. She was married six years ago, and her husband was good and kind and temperate. Six months ago Burns suddenly collected all his money and skipped out. Mrs. Burns came on here to look for him. Being out of funds she appealed to the Department of Charities and Mr. Elliot offered her a pass back to Cleveland, but she refused to accept it, preferring to remain here and hunt up her husband. Mrs. Burns was finally given

city from Cleveland yesterday morning in

quarters in the matron's department at the Central station, and an effort will be made to find her husband.

HAD A ROCKY TRIP. A Traction Car Stoned by Sobe Miscreants

Who Escape. The passengers on car No. 34, of the Fifth avenue cable line, were considerably startled about 11 o'clock last night, as the car was passing St. Agnes' Church, Soho, by a large stone striking the roof of the car. It had evidently been thrown from the billside above Fifth avenue, but fortunately

no damage was done. Police Captain Mer-

cer was getting on the car at the time and started to find the person who threw the stone. He searched for some time, but could not locate the party.

LOCAL ITEMS, LIMITED. Incidents of a Day in Two Cities Co

for Rendy Bending.

THE McDonald Young Women's Christian
Temperance Union will hold its regular meeting in the re ding room, No. 258 Beaver avenue to-morrow evening, at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. H. C. Campbell will deliver an address, and there will JOHN LERTH, of Edward's alley, Southside,

fell across a piece of glass on South Twenty-third street yesterday afternoon, and almost severed his hand from his wrist. AT Lafayette Hall, on Wednesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh O. Pentecost, of New York. will address an audience under the auspices of the Pittsburg Secular Society.

THE first annual reception of the First Regi-

ment, United American Mechanics, will be held

in Old City Hall, on Thursday evening, Febru-

Their Visitations of Periodical Occurrence, but Frequent.

METEORIC SHOWERS.

PECULIARITIES OF DISPLAYS.

Recent Observations of the Sun Bring Out

New Features.

THE MAGNETIC THEORY SUSTAINED It was currently reported throughout the city yesterday that a meteor had been seen the night before. It was reported to be of considerable size with a long tail appended to it. Those who claim to have seen it say it passed directly over the moon about 10 o'clock. A DISPATCH representative called on Prof. F. W. Very, of the Allegheny Observatory yesterday, but he had not seen the meteoric display. In answer to several

questions regarding the frequency of meteoric howers, Prof. Very said: "There are certain epochs in the year when particular meteoric showers are due. Assiduous observation has given a list of nearly 100 such showers in the course of a year, each of which may be expected on a certain date from a certain part of the heavens. Particular showers have characteristic features; that is, some meteors are very swift; others rather slow. Some vanish and leave no trace, while others are accompanied by tails and leave streaks after the nucleus has disappeared. Few of these showers last more than one or two days, though there are some instances where it is suspected that suc-cessive meteors belonging to the same group appear during several weeks. Certain dates have been noticed to be more especially fireball epochs. That is, the rare event of an exceptionally large and brilliant meteor or

fireball is more apt to occur on certain NOT A FIRE BALL DATE. "Last night was not a fire ball date, nor "Last night was not a fire ball date, nor was it in the vicinity of one. January 25 is the date of the meteoric shower characterized by the swiftness of its components, which are usually attended by streaks. The radiant point of this shower is in the constellation called Bernice's Hair, a star stellation called Bernice's Hair, a star cluster—one of the morning constellations. As this meteor is claimed to have been seen in the evening it is more likely to have been one of the unclassified sporadic meteors. Information as to the position, direction of motion, apparent brilliancy, color, time of appearance and length of time during which the appearance lasted is likely to be valuable in the recovery of the principal characteristics of an event which is necessarcharacteristics of an event which is necessar-

ilv seen by but few." do you account for these meteoric showers coming at regular periods?" was "All we can say is that the celestial spaces are thinly populated in every direc-tion with these scattered fragments, which are veritable miniature planets traveling in definite orbits around the sun in many in-

stances, and serving as messengers from one star to another in others. A COUNTLESS NUMBER. The number of them is simply countless. They make up in number what they lack in size, so that if we could gather together all the minute members that go to make up a group, it might make a body of very re-spectable size, although the individual components are so small that they seldom escape complete disintegration and dissolution in

their passage through the atmosphere." "What produces the great light which always follows the passage of a meteor?" "The light which is seen while the passage nomination one, and suggestions were changed into mandates. A resolution was passed dispensing with the idle formality of of a meteor through the air lasts may be due partly to the combustion of the materials of the air of life, but it is mainly an incanas that of a solid body producing intense heat, and in the case of a large meteoric

stone, frequently resulting in the fracture and demolition of the object. TINTS IN THE PLAME. "Colored meteors are sometimes seen with a peculiar tint of the flame, being due to the burning of some special ingredient of the meteor. We have yellow, green and occa-sionally red meteors, but the majority are white like the majority of the stars. It cannot be said that any one part of the earth can be more affected by these visitants than another. There is, however, a diurnal periodicity, the larger numbers being seen in the early morning hours when that por-tion of the heavens comes in view toward which the orbital motion of the earth is carrying us. We then see not merely the comparatively few meteors whose speed is sufficient to enable them to overtake the At the primaries held in the Third dis-trict of the Fith ward last night resolutions earth, but that larger number composed of all those which are gathered up in the track

of the advancing earth, whether moving with, against or athwart its course. During the course of the conversation with Prof. Very the latter said that the results of the observation of the eclipse of January 1, 1889, had just been received They are considered of much importance to the astronomic world, as many new things have been revealed. In this connection "The recent appearance of the collected

results of the observation of the total eclipse of January 1, 1889, shows that this event

has added many interesting facts to the pre-vious knowledge of such occurrences. A large and very perfect photograph of the corona was obtained by Prof. Wm. H. Pickering, of Cambridge, Mass., and one of a smaller size by Prof. Barnard, of the Lick Observatory. These show the sheaves of CUBLING FILAMENTS about the sun's poles in great detail, indicating the composite nature of many of the individual filaments, and confirming the photographs taken at the previous sun spot minimum of 1878, thus rendering it almost

certain that the corona at this period as-

sumes a symmetrical form with regularly

disposed filaments curving away on either side of the sun's axis and broad equatorial wings of less discriminated structure.

'All this is very different from what is seen during an eclipse when the activity of the sun is in its height. At such times the corona has a rudely quadrilateral outline, with four wings projecting from regions approximately 40° north and south of the equator, and the whole is made up of curved branching and interlacing stream extending to a much greater distance from the body of the sun, and with the equatorial sheaves less symmetrically disposed. In regard to the extent of the corona, it is difficult to compare successive eclipses observed from different parts of the earth with very varying atmos-pheric condition. A small amount of haze will blot out much of the fainter detail. The presence or absence of some of these fainter features may merely signify the presence or absence of the condition of their observation, but the variation of type is a thing beyond question. We seem have a connection indicated between the broad equatorial wings and the sun spot zones. When the solar activity begins again the eruptions which make the prominences or red flames, which cluster in greatest number about the sun spot zones, seems to produce an increase in the floating dust, which is carried up into the outlying re-gions of the corona over these areas of dis-

turbance. As the spot epoch dies away the latitudes of the REGIONS OF DISTURBANCE diminish, and the coronal wings follow, ar proaching the equator more nearly at this time. Simultaneously the diminution of the atmospheric forces of upheaval seems to give room for the manifestation of forces whose action are at other times obscured.

would be assumed by matters arranged un-der the influence of magnetic lines of force symmetrically disposed around the sun's axis has been shown by Prof. Bigelow, to yield a picture which is almost identical with the disposition of the filaments of the

polar coronæ.
"The objection has been made to any magnetic theory of the sun's corona on the ground that magnetism in a heated body, such as the sun undoubtedly is, disappears. But objections have to fall before facts, and although we may not be able to show at present how an intensely heated body may continue to be a powerful magnet the undoubted influence of solar phenominæl, upon terrestrial magnetism, and the coincidence between the results of the analysis by spherical harmonics as applied to the magnetic lines of force and the actual disposition of the radiating filaments of the sun's corona, compels us to infer, what indeed ap-pearances had already led some of us to conjecture, that the corona is in many respecta similar to the aurora borealis or northern lights and therefore largely an electric or magnetic effect."

A COMMISSION INSPECTION.

Carnegle Free Library and Music Hall Officially Pronounced Finished - All the Members Present Excepting Mr. Phipps-Mr. Carnegie's Portrait on Private View -Chairman Scott Complimented. Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall

was officially inspected by the Carnegie Building Commission yesterday and pronounced finished, as it really is with the exception of some trifling details. With the exception of Mr. Henry Phipps. who is floating up the river Nile, in Africa, on a dahabeyah, the entire commission was present, Mr. James B. Scott, Chairman; Mr. Adam Ammon, Mr. T. A. Parke, Mr. John Walker, Mr. G. W. Snaman, Mr. Arthur Kennedy and Mr. Charles Dayis,

consulting engineer, comprised the group of gentlemen present. Mr. Adam Ammon takes the place of Hon. Hugh Fleming, deceased. Mr. Gray's death left a vacancy, but it had not been filled. The entire building was gone over in de-tail, and the exquisite taste which has prevailed in the final arrangements of the original plans received the highest commendation from the members of the commis-sion. Music Hall, with its noble Roosevelt organ, was especially praised, and the gen-tlemen lingered long in the critical inspec-tion of the final features of the library proper. By request Mr. Bryan Wall, the artist who has painted Mr. Carnegie's por-trait for the huge gilt frame which forms the centerpiece of the great fire-place in the Library, was present and fitted up his masterpiece in the frame for a few moments. The portrait is a clearly-cut and accurate

likeness of "the Star Spangled Scotchman" and will be permanently placed in a few days.

After every portion of the edifice had been gone over the commission held a formal meeting in the small art gallery and accorded a formal vote of thanks to the Chairman, Mr. James B. Scott, for his virtual superintendence of the practical details of the con-struction of the buildings, and his indefatigable exertions while serving in that capacity. Some trifling details were attended to, and

the commission adjourned.
The musical columns of THE DISPATCH

this morning give the public some further information as to the date of opening and

Jennie Ryan, of Sharpsburg, in Jall on

the good things which may be expected by A TERRIBLE CHARGE MADE.

Charge of Child-Murder.

Jennie Ryan, of Sharpsburg, lies in the county jail under a charge of murder, consisting of alleged infanticide. The case awaits the Coroner's investigation.

Some repairs near the stable of Mr. Forsyth, a Sharpsburg teamster, were be-Forsyth, a Sharpsburg teamster, were being made by a laborer named John that a plan may be adopted whereby the scheme can be carried out. descence of the condensed atmosphere which accumulates in advance of an object which is moving many times the rapidity of a cannon ball, often, I may say, with many hundred times the rapidity of a cannon ball.

The der these conditions even the seemingly the deputy of the conditions at the seemingly carried to Holzenbach's livery stable. Coroner McDowell was notified and deputed his deputy. Mr. Berry, who instituted an interest of the condense of the condens vestigation yesterday morning. A post mortem was held by Drs. Kelly and Frazier,

who found that the sex was male and that it had lived two days. From appearances the child had been buried under debris and thereby suffocated. Suspicion fell upon Jennie Ryan, the 18-year-old daughter of James Ryan. She was closely questioned, but absolutely re-fused to make a statement. She refused to be subjected to a medical examination, and, as a culmination of attendant circumstances, was placed under arrest. Habaugh, who discovered the body, was placed in detention. The inquest will be resumed at 4 o'clock

WHAT PEOPLE ARE DOING.

Some Who Travel, Some Who Do Not, and Others Who Talk. -United States Mail Inspector Bell passed through Pittsburg last evening on No. 6, arriving over the Panhandle from St. Louis. He is a short, stout, gray-mustache, grayhaired individual, whose face is perpetually wreathed in smiles and a disposition to love his fellow men and make life pleasant for those his fellow men and make life pleasant for those around him, can be seen sticking out all over his rotund form. He has just taken a trip through New Mexico. Texas and the Indian Territory and reports the mail service in those States and Territories through which he has been to be in excellent condition. He was much interested in Nellie Bly, and anxiously inquired as to the reception she received in her natal eft.

ton, D. C., passed through Pittsburg yesterday morning on the Cleveland express. He was a morning on the Cleveland express. He was a member of the Civil Service Commission under President Cleveland, and was on his way to his home in Youngstown to look after his legal practice. He is a thorough Democrat, and a warm friend of ex-President Cleveland. He is in favor of ballot reform in every sense of the word, and believes that it will eventually be introduced all over the United States. -Eugene Mullin, of Bradford, passed through Pittsburg yesterday on his way home from the West Virginia oil field. Mr. Mullin is a well-known Democrat of the northern tier of counties, and has a local reputation as a criminal lawyer. He is also interested in the Eureka oil field, and has been looking after his property in that locality for several weeks.

-Ex-Judge L. E. Thoman, of Washing-

vet returned from his home in Cleveland, N. Y. Secretary Cake said last night that Mr. Morenus was still quite unwell, and he could not tell when the official would be able to return to his post of duty. -Miss Gertrude Wakefield, daughter of Rev. John S. Wakefield, of Latrobe, will today enter upon a three months' engagement as the soprane of the Wilkinsburg Presbyterian Church, during the absence of Miss Lizzle Norcross in Europe.

-Charles B. Power, of New Castle, who

has been interested in baseball business since 1880, is at the St. Charles Hotel. He has acted as manager, umpire and has held positions on the diamond, since he first took an interest in the business. -Charles B. Haley, of Tacoma, Wash., is at the Hotel Schlosser. He thinks Pitts-burg is an active business center, and contains more wide-awake people than any town he has struck on his trip across the Continent. -Joseph Kirkpatrick and William M. Kirkpatrick, of Palmer, Mich., are at the Hotel Anderson. They are interested in the iron business and visit Pittsburg every three or

four weeks.

at the Seventh Avenue.

tered at the Hotel Anderson yesterday. He is a well known citizen of the Mountain City. -John S. Ritenour, Managing Editor of the Post, is seriously ill with typhoid pneu--C. N. Hougle, a well-known citizen of Williamsport, is at the Seventh Avenue Hotel. -J. W. Avery and wife, of Du Bois, are

-J. B. Hutchinson, of Altoona, regis-

-C. J. Ewing, of Washington, is at the Seventh Avenue. The nature of these forces must be a matter of conjecture, but it is worthy of note that a careful analysis of the positions which street, Pittsburg, Pa.

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hall at the Pittsburg Female College. T. C. Mendenhall, a short, corpulent bald-headed gentleman, of pleasing address,

way of a guarantee. Entertainments of

similar character have been successful in

other cities, and there is no reason that I

know of why they should not be in Pitts-

burg. That is all I have to say in relation

to the matter just now, but at the meeting

of the directors next Tuesday something definite will probably be decided upon."

WEIGHT, MASS AND TIME.

The Subject of a Lecture by Prof. Menden-

is registered at the Hotel Anderson, giving Washington, D. C., as his place of resi dence. He is Superintendent of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, and last evening he lectured be-fore the Engineers' Club in the chapel of the Pittsburg Female College on the units of length, mass and time in the United States. He explained the foundations of our present system of weights and measure and wherein they are defective. He particularly urged upon all engineers to fix upon a

standard system and try to make it univer sal. The metric system is the only one which has ever been authorized by the Congress of the United States. After the lecture he was introduced to the members of the club by Prof. Bras hear. Among those present were Chancellor Goff, of the Western University and County Surveyor Davis.

Mr. Mendenhall is returning from a trip

through the West, and will leave this morn-

ing at 8 o'clock over the Pennsylvania Rail-

A CANDIDATE ARRESTED. A Well-Known Southside Resident Charged with Lurceny. John Block, of the Twenty-sixth ward, was placed under bail yesterday for a hearing to-morrow before Alderman McGary on a charge of larceny. The case is a peculiar one and has created considerable agitation among Mr. Block's friends. The de--President Granville Morenus, of the fendant is one of the best known residents Window Glass Workers' Association, has not of the ward and has announced himself as a candidate for Constable, a position now held by Mr. Lindner, who yesterday morn-ing arrested Mr. Block. Constable Lindner said last night that while passing the feed store of Henry Rat-

road for Washington.

tion of Block's premises resulted in the ar rest. An effort was made to see Mr. Block to get his side of the story, but he could not MR. CARNEGIE SIGNED THEM.

tleman on South Eighteenth street, he saw

a man carry out a bag of feed, deposit it in his wagon and drive away. An investiga-

The Petitions for the Lawrenceville Park Ready for Congress. The petitions that have been in circula tion for some time past in the Twelfth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth wards, asking Congress to grant a por-tion of the arsenal grounds for park pur-poses, have all been called in. Postmaster Patterson, of Station B, Lawrenceville, who has had charge of the matter, desires to for-

Washington at once.

The papers are by this time rather bulky, as there have been some 5,000 autographs at-

tached to them. Among the signatures on one of the petitions is that of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, together with others of well-known Accused of Stealing Harness. Lewis Linn, a driver for the Allegheny Express Company, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Detective Fitzgerald on complaint of his employer, who accused him of stealing two sets of harness from the com-

ward them to

best, 82 Fourth avenue.

seen how great the necessity is for new quarters at the earliest possible moment."

"I have been to Iowa on leave of absence

contest may be it is certain to result in Sen-ator Allison's favor." CIVIL SERVICE DETAILS.

Yesterday was the last day upon which applications for the civil service examination of February 4 could be received. At the close of the day Cashier McCalley, of

workings of the local branch of the Civil Service Commission, giving a vivid illustration of the slacktwisted business methods of the commission came to light during the present week. In last August the august commission established the rule that no application for the civil service

Cor. Sandusky, Allegheny.