story brick house of seven rooms, hall, bath, laundry and attic, with lot 20x80 feet deep, for

PICKING UP.

Approaches-A Gratifying Increase.

week before. The cost of the improvements is

estimated at \$75,425.

The number of permits issued during the

past month was 160, estimated cost of improvements \$280,196. In January, 1890, 170 permits

were issued, and in January, 1888, 65. Last

Dennis Haggerty, frame two-story stable, 18z

20 feet, on Dresden alley, Eighteenth ward. Boyd Hill Brick Company, frame two-story

stable, 40x20 feet, on Vickroy street, Sixth

Mrs. Mary Eaking, frame two-story dwelling,

Rachel A. Kerr, brick two-story dwelling,

John Czrolski, frame one-story dwelling, 16x

28 feet, on Michael street, Twenty-seventh

ward.

John Koenigsamen, frame twe-story dwelling, 18x25 feet, on Orphan street, Twenty-first

Frazier & Velte, five frame two-story dwell-

ings, 18x21 feet each, on Mathilda street, Nine-teenth ward. C. H. Watkins, frame two-story and attic dwelling, 24x25 feet, on Parker street, Twenty-

ighth ward. C. H. Watkins, frame two-story and attic

dwelling, 24x25 feet, on O'Hara street, Twenty-

eighth ward.

Jones & Laughlins, frame two-story dwelling,
20x23 feet, on Fox alley, Twenty-fifth ward.

Jones & Laughlins, frame two-story stable,
30x21 feet, on Fox alley, Twenty-fifth ward.

James Getty, Jr., repair of and addition to a
brick four-story building, 80x160 feet, on Water

treat, Record ward.

street, Second ward.

Rebecca Trelisky, frame two-story dwelling, 18x32 feet, on Joncaire street, Fourteenth

James Hersch, brick two-story and mansard

store and dwelling, 18x33 feet, on Main street,

Sixteenth ward.

Dr. J. E. Libby, brick one-story and attic dwelling, 22x32 feet, on Fisk street, Seven-

ward.
Vincent & Scott, brick addition one-story store, 21x85 feet, on Penn avenue, Nineteenth

ward.
Isabel Burley, frame one-story dwelling, 14x
18 feet, on Valley View plan. Nineteenth ward.
Mrs. Julia Conners, frame addition two-story
dwelling. 25x25 feet, on Carver street, Twenty-

first ward.

E. Hauch & Son, brick 3-story warehouse, 34 x65 feet, on Sarah street, Twenty-fifth ward; cost, \$10,000.

M. Maichaik, frame one-story dwelling, 18x28

WALL STREET GOSSIP.

Railway Securities a Safe Investment-The

Coalers and Grangers.

invest money than to make it. Accidents some-

times favor the investor, but as a rule they

operate against him. No species of property i

able to pay. The tide of commerce may stead

ecure beyond contingencies. Houses may ourn down and the insurance companies be un-

Good railway bonds are certainly a favorite

John M. Oakley & Co.'s Wall Street Special.] NEW YORK, February L-It is a common re mark that it is often more difficult to keep or

16x18 feet, on Watt street, Thirteenth ward.
M. C. Gardner, frame addition two-story kitchen, 12x12 feet, on Center avenue, Thir-

week's list is appended:

ward.

teenth ward.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.



All communications for this department should be mailed to reach THE DISPATCE not later than Saturday morning. Reasonable space will be freely given to all organizations

The Golden Engles. Alsirat Castle No. 312, of Christy Park, had

five applications for membership at its meeting last evening. The excursion rate from Philadelphia to Alleutown parade during the Grand Castle ses-sion, April I, will be \$125. Rate from other sion, April , will be \$1.25. Rate from other points will be 2 cents per mile each way. Brothers Thomas Dunlap and M. Davis, of Iona No. 208, and Brothers G. B. McGarvey and Thomas Painter, of Alsirat No. 512, were at the entertainment of Venus Castle No. 291 last Thursday evening.

On next Wednesday evening members of all the castles in the two cities will meet at the Bal-timore and Onio depot at 7 o'clock, sharp, and proceed to Hazelwood to pay Iona Castle No.

Brother Frederick Geyer, of Manchester Castle No. 212, was the successful contestant for the sword and belt given by Manchester Castle, and was accordingly awarded at the meeting last Thursday evening. awarded the same Brother G. B. McGarvey, of Alsirat Castle

Friday evening, and he was accordingly awarded the same at the aforesaid meeting. Past Supreme Chief J. D. Barnes, on behalf of the ladies of Rogersford, on January 31 pre-sented a magnificent banner to Larayette Com-mandery No. 39. Lieutenant General Louis E. Stilk, on behalf of the latter, accepted it in a neat speech. A splendid entertainment and

Star of the West Castle No. 93 had four anplications for membership at its session last Friday ovening. This castle is the first castle of the order instituted in Allegheny county, and the spirit which prompted its foundation is still existing, as will be seen by the increase

Allegheny Castle No. 181 had a very interestmeeting last Tuesday evening at the resi-ce of Past Chief Heber McDowell. Four ap-ations for membership were received. The plications for membership were received. eastle hall, lately partially destroyed by fire, will be ready for occupancy again by the next meeting, when the officers for the ensuing term

Star of the West Castle No. 83 and Venus Castle No. 291 have joined hands, and will, in a few weeks time, have a good big commandery organized. The Commandery of Castle No. 261 is also taking quite a boom. It is expected that Allegheny will have from six to ten commander that the commander of the comm manderles by the time the Supreme Castle plauded. meets in Pittsburg.

The general committee did some great hustling during the past week. The sanction and approval of the Supreme and Grand Castle has been received to promulgate circulars of initiation, etc., throughout the supreme jurisdiction in the United States and Canada. Acsordingly, "Circular No. 1." has been carefull prepared and is now in the hands of the printer. By Tuesday next 3,000 of these circulars will be reling to each castle and commandery oughout the United States and Canada. It 15,000 to 20,000 Sir Knights here on the occasion of the convocation of the Supreme Castle in Pittsburg next May. One half, at least, of these will be full uniformed Sir Knights.

Venus Castle, No. 291, held a grand entertainment and social at its Castle Hall, last Tuesday evening. The castle opened in due form and was then turned over to Master of Ceremonies Brother S. S. Robertson, raq., of Veermontes The following excellent programme was carried out: Oration, Hon. H. I. Gouriey; Solo, Miss Katle Gregg: Solo duet, Messrs. Davis and Alleock; sole, Mr. J. S. Alleock; quartet selection, Miss Katte Gregg, Mr. Blaze, Miss Ella Gregg and Mr. Jones; remarks, Past Chief Heber McDowell, of Allegheny Castle No. 18it sole, William Davis; remarks on order in general and Venus Castle in particular, Brother S. S. Robertson; sole, J. S. Alleock; quartet, selected accompanists. Miss Crauser Mr. Roberts of accompanists. ed accompanists, Miss Cramer, Mr. Robert Moore and Dr. E. T. White, Past Chief of Star of the West Castle No. 93.

Select Knights, A. O. U. W. Past Grand Commander A. S. Smith returned home Sunday last after a pleasant trip to the Windy City.

Grand Commander John Rowan, who has been confined to his room for two weeks, is again able to be about. Grand Commander Sterrett, of the jurisdic-

tion of Missouri, has instituted three legions in that State since August last, All Select Knights are invited to participate in a visit to Americus Lodge, at Sewickley, on Monday evening, February 3.

The Law Committee of the Grand Legion met at Central Hotel on Wednesday evening with Grand Commander Rowan as chairman. Deputy Grand Commander Todd, of the Pittsburg district, who has been seriously ill, is convalencent, and will be able to resume work next week.

Colonel C. V. Lewis, of the First Regiment, has appointed Past Commander Charles Quay-smith, Jr., of Pittsburg Legion No. 1 Regimental Quartermaster.

Bellevue Legion No. 31 will visit Americus Lodge, A. O. U. W., of Sewickley, on Monday evening, February 10. Grand Vice Commander W. B. Kirker will head the delegation.

The Grand Legion of Select Knights, A. O. U. W., will be the first grand body to hold a session in the city of Du Bois, and preparaions are already going on to make the ses next August a very enjoyable one. The meeting of the Board of Officers at Cen-

tral Hotel was well attended we are glad to say, and a great deal of business was transacted. Colonel C. V. Lewis contemplates two or three changes in his staff within the next week. Turentum Legion No. 35 was out in force Tuesday evening last. The visiting delegation, upon arrival at Tarentum, was escorted to the hotel. Supper over, the column wended its way to Odd Fellows Hall. The absence of Colonel C. V. Lewis upon this V. Lewis upon this occasion was a source of much disappointment to the com-rades of Tarentum.

The fifth annual reception of General Meade Legion No. 19, which will be given Wednesday evening next, promises to be a brilliant success. It is strictly an invitation affair. Comrade McMichael, of General Meade Legion, will direct the grand march. The music will be furnished by the famous Original Royals. Those who love to dance should attend.

The following officers of Tarentum Legion The following officers of Tarentum Legion No. 28 were officially installed on Tuesday evening last by Supreme Junior Workman Benton Patterson, assisted by Grand Senior Workman Charles L. Hannan and Comrade Boody, of General Meade Legion No. 19: Past Commander, W. Barnwell; Vice Commander, R. W. Barnwell; Vice Commander, R. W. Barnwell; Vice Commander, J. L. Scott; Lieutenant Commander, W. O. Hunter: Recorder, William G. Wehn; Beceiving Treasurer, James M. Watt; Treasurer, Christian Goeiz; Stand Bearer, William Blank; Senior Workman, William Nicholes; Junior Workman, Hugh Pugh; Trustee, John Mang; Medical Examiner, William Hinchman; Representative, C. Knoderer.

C. M. B. A.

Branch 77 will be instituted at Tarentum Saturday by Deputy I. W. Sullivan. Branch 70 of Homestead will hold an open meeting this evening. Persons from the city can go up on the 4:30 train on the P., McK. & Y. R. E.

Branch 76 will be instituted next Monday evening at St. Philomena's School Hall, Four-teenth street and Penn svenue, by Deputy M. B. Bagar. A meeting to start a branch will be held this afternoon at New Brighton. It will be ad-dressed by Deputy John Paff, Chancellor Leo Jacgner, of Beaver Falls, and Deputy J. W.

The open meeting of Branch 34 on Thursday evening last, was a decided success. The musical portion of the programme was participated in by Misses Katle and Mattle McQuillen, Miss Annie Gross and Miss Rose Nash, all of whom did well. The Carroll Club Quartet also favored the audience with some of their vocal gens. Miss Katle Brady and Mr. F. 3. Brady gave pleasing recitations. Supreme Deputy James A. Burns, Esg., delivered the address of the evening. Grand First Vice President J.

W. Sullivan also spoke. As a net result of this meeting there will be five applications for mem-bership at the next meeting of Branch S4.

A. O. U. W.

On the assessment notice for February three prothers names from this vicinity appear. Allegheny Lodge No. 34 turned out strong at the funeral of Brother Benjamin F. Biber on Monday last, Bro. Biber was a charter member of this lodge.

Center Avenue Lodge No. 124 will hold its an-niversary on Thursday evening. February 20, in the spacious Miller Mansion on Center avenue, and, as on previous occasions, this date is looked forward to with pleasure. Grand Recorder McNair has issued his cir-cular in relation to the Grand Lodge session at Williamsport which it would be advisable for all representatives to read to save themselves any trouble before starting.

We notice by the returns of the election for grand officers that Brother C. L. Hannan came very near getting there as G. O. W., and as it will have to be decided by the Grand Lodge, we think that we voice the sentiment of the rank and file of the order when we say that little Charlie ought to be elected if earnest work and hard work in the order counts for anything.

Heptasophs. Cap Sheaf No. 159 has six applications be-Northside Conclave is recruiting its ranks

T. E. Griffin is organizing a new conclave at The invitations to J. K. Moorhead's fifth anniversary are in demand,
Monongahela No. 189 will take final action on its by-laws at the next meeting.

Industry Conclave No. 84 has made a hand-

some increase during the last term. Pittsburg Conclave No. 89 has a number of The Allegheny County Deputies are nearly through with the installation of officers. The inspection reports of the deputies are now nearly all in, and the order is in excellent

Golden Chnin.

Another lodge is being organized in this city, Two members were initiated in Linden Lodge

Gas City Lodge No. 103 initiated a candidate last Monday night. Linden Lodge, of Oakland, this city, met on last Friday evening in Dr. M. W. Everson's parlors at No. 3606 Fifth avenue.

parlors at No. 3606 Fifth avenue.

State Commander-elect Samuel I, Osmond made an official visitation to Fidelity Lodge, of Allegheny, on last Monday night.

The first public entertainment under the auspices of the Pittsburg, Allegheny and Crafton lodges will be given at Old City Hall on Wednesday evening, February 5. The Imperial Quartet, of Boston, Mass., has been engaged for the occasion. W. G. Griffith, Past Commander of Fidelity Lodge, of Allegheny, will deliver an address. The Neal Brothers, of Wilkinsburg, will appear in their pleasing Wilkinsburg will appear in their pleasing specialties. Five thousand free general ad-mission tickets have been distributed.

A. O. K. of the M. C. Star of Allentown Castle No. 63 dispensed with its meeting last night. The next meeting

will be on February 15. District Deputy Select Commander Robert District Deputy Select Commander Robers

H. Barker, of the Fourth district of Allegheny
county, accompanied by a number of Sir
Knights of Echo Castle No. 18, paid Grand View
Castle No. 33, of Duqueane Heights, an official
visit Friday evening.

The Sir Knights of Echo Castle No. 18 were almost dumfounded by an impromptu surprise that was precipitated upon them at their meeting Wednesday evening, when they were treated to a regular feast of oratory and song that made the hall ring for about two hours and brought to the surface hidden talent, the possession of which was pulmary. session of which was unknown. Among those who took part were: P. C., H. A. Faller, Adam Erbe, John I. Dawson, James B. Davis, Edward Jones and others. The original song by Sir Knight Truby S. Dick was for the Mystic Chain, and was ably rendered and loudly applianded.

Last Wednesday evening Washington Camp No. 235, P. O. S. of A., Monongabela Com-mandery Camps Nos. 2, 3, 4, 352, 387 and 388, had dent Georg; H. Hawksworth, of Pittsburg. Addresses were delivered by Brothers Huth, Prof. Hamilton, Superintendent of county schools, and Past State Presidents Rhule and Hawksand Past State Presidents Rhule and Hawks-worth, after which an elaborate banquet was served at the Central Hotel. The next State camp will meet in this city on the second Tues-day of August and will have over 1,000 dele-gates. During the session a large street parade of all camps in Western Pennsylvania, with fully 10,000 members in line, will take place.

Mystic Circle.

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Manchester Ruling of the Fraternal Mystic Circle was instituted Jannary 7 by Deputy Ruler Claberg at Odd Fellows' Hall, Beaver avenue, Alleghenv City, with 16 chartered members. The officers are: C. M. Pine, W. R.; J. S. Oursler, W. V. R.; B. Risheberger, P. W. R.; John H. Morrow, Recorder; A. Lindow, Collector; S. H. Vankirck, Treasurer; C. H. Beatty, Marshal; C. H. McConnell, Warden: J. L. Robertson, Medical Examiner: J. Fennell, L. Fulton and H. C. Campbell, Trustees; G. A. Smith, Chaplain: F. Limkie, Sentry; J. P. Trishier, Inside Guard. The meeting nights are the first and third Tuesdays of the month. The Supreme Ruling is located at Columbus, O.

Jr. O. U. A. M.

A dramatic company will present "Damon and Pythins" next Wednesday evening at Odd Fellows' Hall, Eighteenth street, Southside, for the benefit of Castle Shannon Council No. 237, Jr. O. U. A. M. Dancing from 10:30 to 2 o'elock.

It would be difficult to get a finer looking body of men together than Stamboul Council, of Allegheny, who appeared Monday last at the funeral of Brother Biber. No flashy uniforms were worn, but simply a neat faugue cap, and each and every man in line was the picture of intelligence. Stamboul is one of the strongest councils in this jurisdiction.

At a meeting of the Past Regents' Association, Royal Arcanum of Western Pennsylvania, held January 80, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: President, Crawford P. Spuith; Vice President, R. B. Sterritt; Secretary F. E. Shallenberger; Treasurer, George Dunkeld. All Regents and Past Regents west of the Alleghery Mountains are electible to membership and should join same. gible to membership and should join same, so as to secure uniformity in council work and for the proper exemplification of IX.

Colored Knights of Pythins.

The last week was a busy one among the colored Kniphts of Pythias of Pittsburg and Allegheny. The Supreme Chancellor of the order, Dr. E. A. Williams, of New Orleans, paid them a visit. Twin City Lodge No. 3, of Allegheny, gave him a reception. He was also entertained by various members of the order. He contemplates calling a convention at an early date to organize a Grand Lodge. He de-parted yesterday for Cincinnati and the West.

An entertainment and social, under the auspices of Wycliffe Lodge No. 5, L. L. O. L., will be given at the hall, order Fourteenth and Carson streets, Southside, on Wednesday evening, February 12. The opening address will be delivered by Rev. Leichleiter. Admission tickets 25 cents.

Fraternal Legion.

The regular meeting of Thomas Paine Camp No. 67, Fraternal Legion, will be held next Thursday evening in its hall, No. 41 Fifth ave-nua. Comrades are requested to attend, as business of importance will be transacted.

Sr. O. U. A. M. The Allegheny Valley Council No. 271, Sr. C. U. A. M., will give an entertainment on Wednesday evening, March 5, 1890, at Armory Hall, East Liberty. Good speaker, the Present Regular meeting night every Tuesday.

Knights of St. John. A meeting will be held Tuesday evening, in the Episcopal residence connected with St. Paul's Cathedral, to obligate a number of new

members. The uniforms will be received next Sons of St. George. Allegheny City Lodge No. 252, Sons of St. George, will give a musical entertainment February 8 at the lodge rooms. All friends are in-

vited.

When baby was sick, we gave her Castoria, When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria, When she became Miss, she clung to Castori When she had Children, she gave them Castoria

ALMOST SURPRISING Pittsburg Prospering While Other Cities Complain of Dullness.

GAINS IN ALL LEADING INTERESTS.

A Prominent Drygoods Firm Picks Up a Piece of Penn Avenue Property. BUILDING OUTLOOK AND OHIO THRIFT

Business last week was a little slack, taking the country through, for which there were several causes, bad weather which embraced a large territory, and the New York bank scanda being the principal. From a local point of view, however, there was nothing to complain of. In each of the items of bank clearings, stock sales, building permits, real estate transactions and oil trading, there was a gratifying improvement over the previous week, as well as the

same time last year. The bank clearings for January were nearly \$16,000,000 greater than those for the corresponding month in 1889. Their magnitude caused surprise. As they offered the best reflex of business, there is no escape from the conclusion that the activities of Pittsburgfinancial, manufacturing and commercial-are

in a condition closely resembling a boom.

The most important real estate transaction of the week was the sale by Black & Baird of a lot 90x115, corner of Penn avenue and Eighth street, for \$143,000, the purchasers being Mesers. Arbuthnot, Stephenson & Co., wholesale drygoods merchants, Liberty street. It is their intention to tear down the old

ouses, of which there are several, and begin at once the erection of an eight-story stone and brick building, with all late improvements, into which they propose to remove their business in the fall. The cost of the building will approximate \$100,000. It is their intention to make it one of the handsomest business houses in the

It was reported on the street that the firm ould sell their Liberty street building, but this was denied by Messra Black & Baird, one of whom said: "I know there is no truth in that story, for we are negotiating for a tenant for it, and we think we have found the right

Local architects are busy on diagrams for new; buildings. Architect Lewis has about completed one for a school house at Glenwood. t will cost about \$50,000. Architect McKee has completed a plan for a ten-room cottage at Braddock. The first story will be bowlders and the rest shingled. The Kelley mansion at Wilkinsburg, torn down a few months ago, after an existence of nearly a century, was built of bowlders. They are very durable. Mr. McKee is also engaged on plans for a number of residences in the East End. Architect Stolz is preparing plans for a house for James Johnson, in the East End. It will be stone and granite, two stories and attic, and fitted up with all modern improvements.

The open winter has been highly favorable for building operations. Work on a number of houses at Boulevard Place is being pushed with good results. The same is true of Sphar Place and of a number of other localities in the

A gentleman, speaking yesterday in regard to the purchasing of real estate for in-westment, said there were many such transactions without the purchaser having any well a short street parade at Braddock. About 200
members of the order were in line
under the Marshalship of Past State
President W. G. Rhule. At an open
meeting in Grand Army Hall officers of
Camp 293 were installed by State Organizer
C. F. Huth. of Shamokin, and Past State President George H. Hardson, in 1912. proved? Availability is the gauge of value to the man who purchases with a view of founding a home or erecting a store or factory. "It is a delusion entertained by many prop erty owners that they can get almost any price they see ht to ask. But there is a point beyond which buyers will not go. Property owners would find a readier market and do better in the long run by selling to users direct. Speonlators keep it out of the market, hoping to profit by improvements made by others."

Some notable improvements are in progress, and others are in contemplation, in Eastern Ohio towns, At Akron the Heat, Light and Power Company will soon begin the erection of buildings for the manufacture of water gas, At Zanesville plans have been prepared for a hospital annex to the Children's Home. A At Zar Masonic temple will be erected in Barnesville,

work on which will begin in March. At Lima a business block, to cost \$20,000, will be commenced as soon as the weather will permit. A \$50,000 hospital in the same place is talked of, Findlay will soon have a new glass factory and several fine business houses. These are gratifying evidences of prosperity

in the Buckeye State. Interest rates have shown a steadily declining tendency for a decade or more. The average rate of interest realized on United States overnment bonds, in the month of January, 1870, was 4.86 per cent; in January, 1880, it was 3.75 per cent; and in the same month of 1889 it was 2.07 per cent. For the same periods the rate of discount charged by New York banks

for prime commercial paper was 8.08, 5.44 and about 5 per cent, respectively.

The Bank of England's rate of discount for these periods was 3.44, 2.76 and 3.25 per cent, respectively. There is a strong demand for absolutely safe and permanent securities, especially from those possessed of large wealth, There is a steady approximation to European rates for money and investment securities.

Ex-Controller of the Currency H. W. Cannon, President of the Chase National Bank, New York, is quoted as saying: "The Dorsey bill, providing for an increase in the circulation of national banks to the par value of United States bonds deposited with the Treasurer to secure circulating notes, was introduced at the suggestion of Controller Lacy, and if it becomes a law it will, in my opinion, he of very considerable benefit to the country as well as the national banking system. National banks for a long time have not issued circulation for purposes of profit, and in most instances have deposited only the minimum amount of bonds required by law, which at present is 25 per cent of the capital of banks of \$50,000 to \$150,000, and for all other banks the A Quiet Market, but Prices Reach a Higher

minimum is;\$50,000. "Although banks may not largely increase their deposits of bonds, many banks will, if the bill passes, feel encouraged to continue in the system, and the country will receive the benefit of about \$14,000,000 additional circulation, which apparently is very much needed to carry

STRONG AND WEAK SPOTS.

Features of the Day and Month in Local

Securities. The proceedings at the Stock Exchange yes terday were in striking contrast to those witnessed in Congress during the latter part of the week. Brokers were harmonious, but, lacking orders, they were not in a position to do much business. Still, the sales were above the

average for Saturday. There were no important changes in quota-tions. Philadelphia was the strongest thing among the natural gassers. All the rest had a bad lock, Chartiers particularly, on account of alleged mismanagement. All the street rail-ways were weak. Airbrake, Switch and Signal and Luster developed additional strength. La and Luster developed additional strength. La Noria showed no recuperative power, and holders seemed anxious to be rid of it. Bank holders seemed anxious to be rid of it. Bank and insurance stocks were firm at close to previous quotations.

Bales for the day were 490 shares. Those for the week were 4,768, for the previous week they were 1,100. The majority of local securities declined during the month, a number of them reaching the lowest point since they were listed.

EXCHANGE STOCK. Pitts. Pet., Stock & Mctal Ex. ... BANK STOCKS. Bid. Asked. Fifth National Bank.
Fidelity Title and Trust Company.
German National Bank.
Keystone Bank of Pittsburg.
Marine National Bank.
Masonite Mark. 161

PITTSBURG DISPATCH, A. R. McGrew quotes: Puts, \$1 05%; calls, 1 07%@1 07%. Other Oil Markets. INSURANCE STOCKS. GIL CHY, February 1.—Petroleum opened at \$1 05%; highest, \$1 05%; lowest, \$1 05%; closed, \$1 05%; Sales, 512,000 barrels; no clearances reported; charters, 16,507 barrels; shipments, 78,354 barrels; runs, 89,251 barrels. Allegheny Insurance Co... 78,354 barrels; rnns, 89,251 barrels.

Bradford, February 1.—Petroleum opened at \$1 65%; closed at \$1 65%; highest, \$1 66%; lowest, \$1 66%; clearances, 1,134,000 barrels.

New York, February 1.—Petroleum opened weak at \$1 65%; but became strong after the sales and advanced to \$1 65%. A reaction followed and the market closed firm at \$1 65%; lowest, \$1 65%; lowest, \$1 65%; lowest, \$1 65%; closing, \$1 65%; lowest, \$1 65%; total sales, \$1 65%; closing at \$1 65%; total sales, \$1 65%; closing at \$1 65%; total sales, \$1 65%; closing GAS STOCES. Bid. Asked. Allegheny Gas Co. (Illum.).... Consolidated Gas Co. (Illum.)... Southside Gas Co. (Illum.)... NATURAL GAS STOCKS Onto vanes, People's Nat. Gas Co. People's Nat. Gas and Pipeage Co. Pennsylvania Gas Co. Philadelphis Co. Westmoreland and Cambris. Wheeling Gas Co. BIG THINGS IN REALTY. 1834 Thirty-Eight Lots Picked Up in Three OIL COMPANY STOCKS. Bld. Asked. Batches-Other Deals. Hazelwood Oil Co...... Tuna Oil Co..... L. O. Frazier, corner Forty-fifth and Butler streets, sold for Hannibal Forbes, of Wheeling, W. Vs., 1134 lots, together having a frontage of PASSENGER BAILWAY STOCKS. 230 feet on the south side of Liberty avenue, between Thirty-ninth and Fortieth streets, Sixteenth ward, by 100 feet to a street, to William Velte for \$9,000. tisburg, Allegheny and Manchester. S. J. Fleming & Co., 147 Fourth avenue, sold BAILBOAD STOCKS. six lots on Sylvan avenue, Twenty-third ward, in the Linden plan, Nos. 46, 47, 48, 49, 50 and 51, for \$1.500. Mr. Verner was the purchaser.

Rid. Asked. Allegheny Valley.
Chartiers Railway.
Pittaburg & Lake Erie.
Pitts. Jane. R. H. Co.
Pitts., Cin. & St. Louis.
Pitts. & Western R. R. Co. pref. COAL STOCKS. N. Y. & Cleveland Gas Coal Co ... BRIDGE STOCKS. Northern Liberties..... MINING STOCKS. a Noria Mining Co..... Luster Mining Co...... Bilverton Mining Co..... Lankee Girl Mining Co... BLECTRIC LIGHT STOCKS. Allegheny County Electric.... Westinghouse Electric....

MISCELLANBOUS STOCKS.

MILLIONS AREAD. Bank Clearings Show a Surprising Increase Over Last Year. The local money market was in a comfortable

condition yesterday, the supply being abundant, the demand fair and the rate to first-class borrowers 6 per cent. A few call loans were reorted at 514. As between checking and depositing the prepouderance was in favor of the latter, "We are not afraid of too big a surplus" remarked a cashier. "The spring trade will soon begin, and unless all signs fall it will suburbs as well as the city proper. The prospect is that this will be the greatest building year in the history of Pittsburg. While palaces are going up in all directions, small houses should not be neglected. They are a necessity.

Be neavy. It is will absorb a great data money. We want plenty to start in with. In money, We want plenty to start in with. In money was a start be heavy. This will absorb a great deal of

of the Supreme Court settles all claims in constroversy in favor of the Government. The decision was in the case of David Richmond, of the Southern district of New York, against the United States, and involved the question as to what constitutes a banker as defined by statute. Richmond contended he was only a stock broker and not subject to taxation. The Court held that any person who has a place of business where stocks, bonds or promisery notes are received for discount or sale is a banker within the meaning of the internal revenue law.

Hachel A. Kerr, brick two-story dwelling, 25x50 feet, on Center avenue, Thirteenth ward.

Jacob Kirsch, iron-clad one-story shop, 15x 2 feet, on Butler street, Fifteenth ward.

Jacob Bender, frame two-story dwelling, 17x 2 feet, on Liberty street, Sixteenth ward.

Steet, on Liberty street, Sixteenth ward.

George Boerner, frame addition two-story dwelling, 20x28 feet, on Sarah street, Twenty-ninth ward.

John Carolski, frame one-story dwelling, 18x

Money on call at New York yesterday was Money on call at New York yesterday was easy, ranging from \$323/\$ per cent; last loan, 3: closed offered at 3. Prime mercantile paper, 42/205/\$. Sterling exchange quiet but steady at \$4.83½ for 60-day bills and \$4.87½ for demand. The weskly statement of the New York banks, issued Saturday, shows the following changes: Reserve, decrease, \$763,200: loans, increase, \$3.285,300; specie, increase, \$433,500; legal tenders, increase, \$105,000; deposits, increase, \$5,211,200: circulation, decrease, \$177,500. The banks now hold \$14,608,400 in excess of the 25 per cent rule.

25 per cent rule.

Closing Bond Quetations.

Government and State bonds continue dull

New York—Clearings, \$158,824,732: balances, \$7,491,235. For the week—Clearings, \$762,925,785; balances, \$35,782,477. BOSTON—Clearings, \$15,543,353; balances. \$1.680,150; For the week—Clearings, \$94,863,582; balances, \$10,218,442. For the corresponding week last year—Clearings, \$59,551,206; balances, \$10,217,472. PHILADELPHIA - Clearings, \$12,256,306; balances, \$1,879,142. For the week-Clearings, \$69,-199,297; balances, \$9,837,550.

BALTIMORE-Clearings, \$2,950,836; balances, LONDON-The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance to-day is PARIS-Three per cent rentes, 87f 87c for CHICAGO-Clearings, \$10,028,000. New York CHICAGO—Clearings, \$10,028,000. New York Exchange, 256;50c premium. 8r. Louis—Clearings, \$3,015,449; balances, \$739,908. For this week—Clearings, \$19,810,159; balances, \$4,418,294. For last week—Clearings, \$21,456,629; balances, \$4,778,764. For corresponding week last year-Clearings, \$16,102,445; bal-ances, \$2,135,699.

DROPS OF OIL

Level-Clearances Increasing. The oil market was quiet and steady yester day. There was a gradual and, with one ex-

ception, uninterrupted advance from opening to close, which was at the highest point of the day. The special weakness referred to was caused by selling in New York. M. Maichalk, frame one-story dwelling, IRx28 feet, on Ormsby lane, Twenty-seventh ward.

Nettle Taylor, frame addition, two-story shop, 10x20 feet, on Eingham street, Twenty-eighth ward.

Mrs. E. A. Loughrey, brick two-story dwelling, 16x35 feet, on Boyd street, Sixth ward.

W. J. Edgell, frame one-story dwelling, 16x30 feet, on Cambridge street, Thirteenth ward.

caused by seiling in New York.

The business was of moderate proportions, and mainly incidental to shifting the option from January to March. The evening up of deals made the demand. This was the only element of streng h noticeable on the surface. There was some bidding for cash oil, indicating a shortage somewhere on the bear side, but there were no sales or very few. The range was: Opening \$1 65%, highest \$1 05%, lowest \$1 05%, closing \$1 05%, highest \$1 05%, lowest \$1 05%, closing \$1 05%, highest \$1 05%, lowest \$1 05%, closing \$1 05%, highest \$1 05%, lowest \$1 05%, closing \$1 05%, highest \$1 05%, lowest \$1 05%, closing \$1 05%, highest \$1 05%, lowest \$1 05%, closing \$1 05%, highest \$1 05%, lowest \$1 05%, closing \$1 05%, highest \$1 05%, lowest \$1 05%, closing \$1 05%, highest \$1 05%, lowest \$1 05%, closing \$1 05%, highest \$1 05%, lowest \$1 05%, closing \$1 05%, highest \$1 05%, lowest \$1 05%, closing \$1 05%, highest \$1 05%, lowest \$1 05%, closing \$1 05%, highest \$1 05%, lowest \$1 05%

Corrected daily by John M. Ongrey & Co., 45 Sixth street, mainbers of the Pittsburg Petro-leum Exchange.

liy move against a piece of real estate and greatly depreciate its value. Defects may be found in titles, and the forger and the third may there practice their villany as well as in stealing the funds of banks, or the assets of merchants.

edged." Men are not likely to fovest all their fortunes in the latter, but the desire to antidipate the future and its developments, to speculate on combinations of men or measures, to make money quickly, must always attract many people to speculative shares.

At times this disposition is relatively slight, at times it amounts to a manis. For several years we have had more of the former than the latter condition of affairs, but recently an increasing desire to engage in Wall street operations has been detected. The public generally have a growing confidence in the seneral commercial and industrial prospects, and we note an increasing willingness to buy stocks. We believe that timed holders with insufficient margins have lately sold their stocks, and that they have passed into hands so strong that an ordinary shock would not dislodge them. The fact that there has been big money on the short side of various stocks has encouraged the growth of a crop of bear speculators, which operates to check any continuous and sensational rise, but the hardening process is at work, and we believe a higher level of values will be attained before long.

The bank statement showed a loss in reserves of nearly three-quarters of a million, but the actual cash was increased over half a million dollara. The deposits increased five millions and the loans four millions.

The Coal stocks went up to-day, but we cannot advise their purchase. The advance apedged." Men are not likely to fovest all their fortunes in the latter, but the desire to antici-

and the loans four millions.

The Coal stocks went up to-day, but we cannot advise their purchase. The advance appears largely due to short interest and clique manipulation. We are not so confident about Granger properties for reasons which we have given before. New England, in our judgment, will cross 50 early next week. Cotton Oil is neglected, but can hardly be making any money with lard at its present price. Besides this, the company is a sort of a waif, and its transfer to a new company is semething like the road to Jordae. Also, lots Nos. 34, 85 and 86, 24x120 each, on Filmore street, Fourteenth ward. Purchasers BUYERS SHOW UP. Charles Schuman, P. Babst and F. Bentz. Also, three lots in the Mawhinney plan, Nos. II, 12 and 27, for \$3,250. Purchaser, Mrs.

Schwan. Also, two houses on Grove street, six rooms and four rooms, lot 24x96, to — Holmes for \$2,800. He also placed mortgages of \$2,800 Force, Railway Shares Begin to Rally - No Special Feature, but a Good Close. on Nineteenth ward property at 6 per cent and \$2,000 on Second ward, Allegheny, property at 5 3-10 per cent.

Alles & Bailey, 164 Fourth avenue, sold for Reuben Miller three brick and mansard dwellings of five rooms and finished attic each, lot 48x104 feet, on Devilliers street, to Isbell Swendell, for 55,600. NEW YORK, February 1.-The stock market was dull to-day, but in the matter of business compared favorably with any Saturday session for the past two months. The bears have made for the past two months. The bears have made no finportant attempt to cover the large amount of shorts put out earlier in the week, and as the effect of the bank troubles seem to have about disappeared, the smaller buyers begin to appear and the improvement of values is again under dell, for \$5,600.

Black & Baird, 95 Fourth avenue, sold to

Black & Baird, 95 Fourth avenue, sold to Henry A. Davis the property at the corner of Second avenue and Ross streets, city, having a frontage of 18 feet by 52 in depth, with a three-story brick building thereon for \$7,000. The purchaser was R. W. Cumings. W. W. NoNeill & Bro., 105 Fourth avenue, The bears in the first hour circulated a report of some accident insurance association being in trouble, but no confirmation of the report was had, and it obtained little credence and was had, and it obtained little credence and had no appreciable influence upon the course of prices. The only stocks which came into prominence were New England, Reading and Lackawanna, the buying in both being conspicuously by the same parties who had been active in supporting them of late. In neither was the movement for more than small fractions, and the rest of the list was, as a rule, stagens! sold a one-third interest in a well known manu-facturing concern of this city, and placed a mortgage of \$6,000 for two years at 6 per cent on morgage of \$6,000 for two years at 6 per cent on Shadyside property. Samuel W. Black & Co., 99 Fourth avenue, sold 21 lots in S. L. Boggs' plan of lots, West Liberty borough, Allentown station, Pittsburg and Castle Shannon Railroad, being 18 lots, the entire block, except one, on the south side of

the Chicago and East Illinois stocks, however, were marked exceptions to this rule, the circulation of the report that no dividend would be paid in March having the effect of Lafferty avenue and two on the south side of Paul avenue, each lot 25x120 feet to a 20-foot alley. This makes 31 lots sold in this plan within ten days, which is an indication of the demand for this desirable property, no interest sending the preferred down 4% per cent and the common 2%. The preferred raisied some-what, but the common closed at its lowest eing charged on deferred payments. Price 84.015.

Ewing & Byers, No. 93 Federal street, sold for Mrs. E. McKain to S. N. Forsythe, the property No. 24 Sampson street, corner Race street, Second ward, Allegheny, being a twofigure.

The market opened steady, and after a slight

advance retired again, but later rallied and closed firm, though dull, generally at the best prices of the day. The final changes are generally slight and irregular, but the Chicago and East Illinois common lost 234 and the pre-S6,000. Charles Somers & Co., 313 Wood street, sold for Mrs. J. R. Dietrich to Arngil W. Vannatta, a two-story brick dwelling of four rooms and attic, being No. 65 Roberts street, with lot 14½x 84 feet to an alley, for \$2,200 cash. ferred 3.
Railroad bonds, with the exception of Texas Pacific seconds, were quiet and steady to firm, though the market showed but little feature and the final changes are of slight importance. Texas Pacific seconds contributed \$115,000 to the day's total of \$895,000. The sales of bonds for the week aggregated \$9,823,000, against \$9,620 for last week.

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The following table snows the prices of active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday. Corrected daily for THE DISPATCH by WHITNEY & STEPHENSON, eldest Pittsburg members of New York Stock Exchange. So Fourth avenue: Building Becoming More Active as Spring The number of permits issued for buildings of all kinds last week was 43, against 30 tho

Am. Cotton Oll Trust. 27% 27% Am. Cotton Off. 22% Atch., Top. & S. F. ... 22% Canadian Pacific. ... 75% Canada Southern 54% Central of New Jarsey 120% Lentral Pacific."

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*Ex-dividend. Beston Stocks.

dwelling. 2202 feet, on Fish street, Seventeenth ward.
George W. Thompson, frame two-story stable,
18x26 feet, on Lyric street, Twenty-first ward.
Mrs. Emma S. Reilly, frame two-story dwell-ing. 18x82 feet, on Genesta street, Twenty-third ward. Mrs. Mary Morrison, frame two-story stable, 16x25 feet, on Hazelwood avenue, Twenty-third Hoston & Maine. 297
C., B. & Q. 108
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Mex. John Hinlein, frame addition one-story dwelling, 14x28 feet, on Heleda alley, Thirtydwelling, 1428 feet, on Heleda alley, Thirtyfirst ward.

John F. Moss, frame two-story dwelling, 18230
feet, on Albert street, Thirty-second ward.

Hardy & Hayes, three brick two-story and
mansard dwellings, 13238 feet, on Webster
avenue, Eleventh ward.

Charles Shannon, frame two-story dwelling,
18x16 feet, on Fillmore street, Fourteenth ward.

James Cassiday, frame one-story dwelling,
17x24 feet, on Morningside road, Eighteenth
ward.

Philadelphia Stocks. Closing quotations of Philadelphia stocks, fur-nished by Whitney & Stephenson, brokers, No. 57 Fourth avenue. Members New York Stock Ex-Bin. A. . 56% . 19 13-16 Pennsylvania Raffroad,

Thomas McTernan, frame two-story dwelling, 17x82 feet, on Dearborn street, Nineteenth ward.

August Manke, frame addition one-story kitchen, 12x14 feet, on Saxon street, Twenty-first ward.

H. Weiman, frame addition one-story shop, 15x40 feet, on Carson street, Twenty-sixth ward.

Herman Driechel, frame two-story dwelling. Reading Juffalo, Pittsburg & Western..... Lehigh Valley.... Lehigh Navigation..... 17x16 feet, on Monastery street, Twenty-seventh Gust Steinmann, frame two-story and dwell-ing, 18x30 feet on Albert street, Thirty-second Business Notes.

CHARTIERS GAS has friends who say it will ome out all right. FOR the third week in January 79 railroads report a gross gain of 12.89 per cent. THE time has been extended for the recep tion of subscriptions to the La Noria reorganisation scheme. THE total debt of Massachusetts on January

was \$28,251,287 85, a decrease since January 1 1889, of \$800,331 80. W. F. BISSELL, of the Bank of Pittsburg, is acting as manager of the Clearing House durng Mr. John M. Chaplin's absence on account PITTSBURG bank clearings for January were the largest on record here. This is a good start toward breaking last year's splendid

THE transfers of real estate recorded in the office of the County Recorder for the week ending Tuesday, January 28, aggregated \$1,489,654. There were 240 conveyances. THE year 1890 was one of extraordinary activity in building. New York is 40 per cent, St. Louis 20, Philadelphia 4, New Orleans 20, and Omaha 25 per cent ahead of 1888. THE traction roads will not lose a cent by re-

lucing rates. The chances are that the increase

of business will more than make up difference in the rates. So says a we AN Indiana man grinds cornstalks and coarse prairie grass, moistens them with water, reluces them to a coarse pulp, and then subjects the mass to a heavy pressure, compressing them into blocks 12x4 and 4 hones thick. These, when thoroughly dry, furnish more heat than ordinary bituminous coal.

Good railway bonds are certainly a favorite form of investment, one reason being that they are easily cared for and lightly taxed, while the chances of default are as small as the failure to rent real estate. Next to these "giltedge" bonds are what may be called "allveredge," second mortgage or income bonds or preferred stock. Then come of course speculative issues, which may be called "copper-at the corner of McNair and Pitstreets or that at the corner of McNair and Pitstreets or that at the corner of Alfred and Rebecca streets.

PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT. Decrease of \$12,245,895 During the Month of January. Washington, February L-The following a recapitulation of the debt statement, issued INTEREST BRARING DEST.

... 8 804,018,188 00 DEST ON WHICH INTEREST HAS CRASED SINCE . 1,992,463 00 DEBT REARING NO INTEREST. Old demand and legal tender notes. \$ 966,747, 638 00 Certificates of deposit. 11,630,000 00 Gold certificates 138,667,169 00 Nilver errificates 231,321,771 00 6,914,132 00 . \$ 185, 270, 530 00 TOTAL DEBT.

538, 679, 967 00

The Bank Troubles Having Spont Their Debt, less cash in the Treasury Feb-ruary 1, 1990.
Debt, less cash in the Treasury \$1,040,707,016 00 January 1, 1800. Decrease of debt during the month. \$ 12,245,896 00 Decrease of debt since June 30,1889... 35,939,605 00 CASH IN THE TREASURY AVAILABLE FOR REDUC-TION OF THE PUBLIC DEST.

deposit actually outstanding.

Cash held for matured debt and interest unpaid.

Fractional currency. 11,630,000 00 Total available for reduction of debt \$433, 679, 968 60 RESERVE FUND.

Held for redemption of United States notes, acts of June 14, 1875, and July 12, 1882. Unavailable for the reduction of the debt: \$ 100,000,000 00 22, 683, 899 00

Certificates held as cash.... Set cash balance on hand . Total cash in the Treasury as shown by Treasurer's general account

MARKETS BY WIRE.

Dull Day All Round in the Windy City-Wheat Weaker and Hog Products Stronger on Most of the Lending Articles.

CHICAGO-The wheat market held all day within the limits established yesterday. Early prices were about 1/61/20 higher, advanced 1/20 nore, then became easy, receding %c, closing about 1/2c lower than yesterday. The corn market opened active and a shade

under yesterday's closing prices, and gradually declined 1/2%c, ruled steady and closing 1/40 lower than yesterday.

Oats were slow and without feature of interest. Outside of a light trade in May there was nothing attractive to the market, and price changes were limited to quartera.

Trading was only moderately active for hog products. Early the feeling was stronger and

prices ruled slightly higher on the leading articles, due to a slight advance in the price of articles, due to a slight advance in the price of hogs.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT-No. 2, February, 756756774677460;
March. 104,676467650; May, 783,67847460;
March. 297662940; May, 313,66313663136031360;
June, 313,6631360,
OATS-No. 2, February, 21c; May, 223,662236

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Miss Porr, per bbl.—February, MESS PORE, per bbl.—February, \$9 62340 7000 623400 700 March. \$8 8009 823409 7500 8234; May, \$10 05210 623400 00000 05: June, \$10 074001 05.

LARD, per 100 5s.—February, \$5 77406 80 65 773405 80: March, \$5 873405 8734; May, \$6 023400 023406 00234 0344; June, \$6 073406 18.

SHORT RIBS, per 100 5s.—February, \$6 73406 80; May, \$6 105.—February, \$6 73406 19.

Casn quotations were as follows: Wheat flour steady at 5010c lower, No. 2 spring wheat, 7434c, No. 2 corn, 2834c, No. 2 cats, 2034021c, No. 2 rye, 4334c, No. 2 barley, 55657c, No. 1 flaxssed, \$1 203401 37. Frime timothy seed, \$1 203401 \$50. Bhort ribs sides (loose), \$4 7544 80. Mess pork, per bbl, \$7 7020 75. Lard, per 100 libs, \$5 80. Short ribs sides (loose), \$4 7544 80. Dry sulted shoulders (boxed), \$6 0005 85 Sugars—Cut loaf, 74408c. Receipts—Flour, 14,000 barlels; oata, 156,000 bushels; rye, 12,000 bushels; barley, 41,000 bushels, Shipments—Flour, 15,000 bushels; corn, 120,000 bushels; corn, 210,000 bushels; corn, 210

bushels; oats, 164,000 bushels; rye, 50,000 bushels;

barley, 44,000 bushels.
On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was dull; creamery, 16@25c; dairy, 5@25c. Eggs weak at 12@18c.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

The Condition of Business at the East Liberty Stock Yards. OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATOR. CATTLE-Receipts, 900 head; shipments, 800 head; nothing doing; all through consignments; 4 cars cattle shipped to New York to-day. Hogs-Receipts, 3,200 head; shipments, 3,800 head: medium, \$4.00@4.05; good Yorkers, \$4.00; fair Yorkers, \$3.90@3.95; heavy hogs, \$3.75@3.85; \$2 cars of hogs shipped to New York to-day.

Surer-Receipts, 1,400 head; shipments, 1,000 head; market slow at yesterday's prices.

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Alleghenian. MR. JOHN IFFT INTERVIEWED

A LONG SIEGE.

An Incident in the Life of a Prominent

into the condition I was in. It came on me gradually, and before I realized it my condition was a very serious one."

The writer had found Mr. John M. Ifft at his pleasant home at No. 62 Grant alley, Allegheny, in the Sixth ward. "I am quite willing, however," Mr. Ifft continued, "to do my best in giving an account of my trouble. It was fully six years since I first noticed it, and during that time

not for a single day have I felt like a well man, or been an hour free from some kind of man, or been an hour free from some kind of pain or sickness.

"To begin with, it was a slight cough that troubled me; my nose would be stopped up on one side or the other. My throat would have a raw, uncomfortable feeling. That was called catarrh of the head and throat by those whom I consulted about it. I tried by every means I knew to get rid of that, but instead of getting any better the trouble seemed to be extending all the time down seemed to be extending all the time down

into my chest.
"I found myself losing flesh steadily.
Sometimes I would pick up for awhile, and I would think I was getting better, but then in a little while I would find myself talling away faster than ever and a good deal worse than I had ever been.



Mr. J. M. Ift, 62 Grant alley, Allegheny, "There was a constant dropping from my head to my throat. It was especially had when I laid down. Often I would have to sit up in bed in order to get my breath. The mucus would gather in large quantities in my throat, almost amothering me. I could not sleep, and would get up more tired than when I went to bed. Until a short time ago I was working on the Manchester Street Railway. When I went to work in the morning I would have to cough for at least two hours before I could clear my throat and chest of the mucus that had col-lected during the night.

"My eyes were affected and became so weak that I could not see to read. There was a dull pain across my forehead and ringing, bussing noises in my ears. My hearing was seriously impatted.

mpaired.

"I would get dizzy frequently, so that when I would go about my work spots would seem to swim before my eyes, and everything would seem hazy and dim. This would most frequently occur when arising suddenly, or after exerting myself. At such times my heart would make the such times my heart would be followed. palpitate violently, and this would be followed by slow and irregular beating and a sensation of faintness.

"The least exertion would tire me and make

discouraged and never expected to get well

One day I read of a case similar in many respects to mine that had been treated and cured by Drs. Copeland & Biair. I called at their office, and after consultation placed myself under their care."

"Have you been benefited by their treatments" "Have you been benefited by their treatment?"

"Indeed I have. I feel like a different person from the one I was when I first went to them. The dropping in my throat has ceased. I can now see to read without my eyes burting me. My stomach trouble has left me and I can now eat a good meal. I enjoy my food and have no trouble retaining it. For years I had no sease of taste or ameli. I could eat cayenne pepper and not know what I was eating. Now I have these senses in full, and can distinguish the taste of each article of food. I am getting stronger and arise in the morning feeling refreshed and invigorated. The change in my condition I owe to Drs. Copeland & Blair, and shall be glad to verify this statement at any time."

Mr. lift lives, as stated, at 62 Grant alley, Sixth ward, Allegheny, where he can be seen regarding the above.

MR. BARNES' STORY. Statement From a Well-Known Gentleman of

The statement given below is from one of the patients residing out of the city who was treated from the office of Dra Copeland & Blair. The gentleman in question is Mr. William Barnes, of Hickman, Pa., a thriving town iam Barnes, of Hickman, Pa., a thriving town on the Pittsburg, Chartiers and Youghingheny Hailroad, about 16 miles out from Pittsburg. Buring a recent conversation with the writer, he said: "Five years ago my trouble first made its appearance, and it continued to grow steadily worse until I was at last in a very serious condition. My head and ness were first stopped up, and there was a dropping from my head to my throat. I would get up in the morning feeling more tired than when I went to bed the night before. I could eat but little, and what I did eat laid like a heavy load on my stomach.

my stomach.
"At last the trouble extended to my cheek. "At last the trouble extended to my chest. There would be sharp pains stabbing like a knife right over my heart. My lungs became affected and I had a dry, hacking cough. I grew weaker and weaker and was unable to do any work. I lost all sense of taste and smell. I was advised to go to England. I went there, and spent a great deal of money, but derived no benefit. I became disleastened and honestly believed my trouble would soon cause my death.
"I was advised while in this condition to tree

"I was advised while in this condition to try Drs. Copeland & Blair. I had read of the great good they were doing, so determined to see them.
"The result has been a great surprise to me.
I improved rapidly from the very first. I soom
regained my sense of smell and taste. I have no more trouble with my heart or pains in my chest. I can eat well and feel refreshed by my chest. I can eat well and feel refreshed by my sierp. I can work all day and feel good at night. In fact, I am perfectly well. I owe my recovery to Dra. Copeland & Blair, and shall be glad to speak with anyone about my case."

Result of Home Treatment. Some time ago Mr. Harry Phillips, of Hul-ton, Allegheny county, Pa., commenced a course of home treatment for his catarrial trouble, under the care of Drs. Copeland At that time his trouble had assumed a very aggravated form. He stated to the wr follows:
"My nostrils would clog up. My head ached constantly. I had severe pains in my chest. There was a dropping of mucus from my head to my throat. I had night sweats. My heart

would palpitate rapidly, and be followed by a slow, irregular beating and feeling of faintness. I was daily growing weaker. The slightant exertion tired me, and I was unfit for work."

"How do you feel now?"

"Like another being. All the symptoms I have described to you have disappeared, and I feel as well as I ever did in my life."

Last May, Miss Lottle J. Forker, of 299 Arch street, Meadville, Pa., placed herself under freatment by mail with Drs. Copeland & Blair for her catarrhal trouble.

On June 9 she wrote: "Your medicine is doing me good. I do not feel so tired, and my would palpitate rapidly, and be followed by a

headaches have ceased."

Agust 25 her letter stated: "I feel quite like a different woman from the one I was when I commenced your treatment." DOCTORS

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