LIKE A SUMMER SKY.

That's What Brunell Says of the New League.

TALK ABOUT DESERTERS.

Swartwood's Strong Reply to Secretary McKay of Hamilton.

THE SPORTING NEWS OF THE DAY

T. H. Brunell, Secretary of the Players' Baseball League, was in the city and talked very interestingly. Ed Swartwood replies to Secretary McKay. President Hewitt, of the Washington club, clearly defines his position in a letter.

Frank H. Brunell, Secretary of the new baseball League, arrived in the city from the East yesterday on business relating to the new local club. He had a long conference with Fred Carroll on matters relating to telegraph tolls, tickets, chairs, umpires, etc. Mr. Brunell had expected to meet Mayor McCallin, but the former was several hours later in reaching the city than anticipated and he failed to meet the Mayor. "However," said Mr. Brunell, "my business is not of great importance and any member of the club will do."

THE GENERAL SITUATION.

In talking about the general condition of baseball affairs the new League Secretary said: "I have been round our circuit and I can assure you that everything is lovely. We could not wish for brighter prospects. Every club is in line and every player confident of success. John Ward will leave for the South in a few days to look over the ground with a view of taking his team and the Philadelphia team a trip. There are so many new elements in his club that they must have a good practice before the season opens so that they can play together. Mr. Ward will go as far as Charleston, S. C., I think, and if grounds are available he will take his teams there."

"I indorse the opinions in THE DISPATCH to-day," continued Mr. Brunell, "regarding the national agreement. It is certain that if the new League is successful, which it is sure to be, it must be recognized by a national agreement. There will be one to recognize it irrespective of that now in operation. At present the National League is threatening every club that ventures to play with our clubs. That may be all right for the N. L. just now, but we'll get all the exhibition games we want, and the present work of the N. L. will recoil on itself next year.

BOYCOTTING WON'T GO.

"Any boycotting that may be indulged in by the League magnates will not prevent our success, but it will gain us more friends. Time will prove this most certainly."

Mr. Brunell went on to say: "I have also found in my travels that the defeat of the N. L. in the Ward case has done us an infinite amount of good. Why, our friends are more enthusiastic than ever, and more numerous than we could even have dreamed of. All the deserters are clamoring to get back. On Tuesday last I had an overture in behalf of Delehanty. Mulvey and Clements are also eager to rejoin us and so are many others whom I could name. However, I fear their chances are slim. We have said such strong things about these deserters that I think the public would not support us in taking these renegades back into camp. They left us when our troubles were thickest and our outlook dismal. Other players stood with us and weathered the storm, and now that success is assured and we are on safe ground it would hardly be manly on our part to place these deserters on equality with the good and tried men we have. My remarks apply to Beckley, Miller and every deserter. We can get along without them. Better men came to the rescue when they left us and for my part we can do without the traitors."

ABOUT THE UMPIRES.

Regarding the umpires, Mr. Brunell said: "I have only made anything like a definite agreement with one man, viz: Gaffney. John Kelly has not applied yet, but he may do so. There have been a few names published, but these men have not been definitely engaged yet. They are good men and may finally be our umpires. As regards their salaries we will have to deal with them as we do with ball players, make terms with them individually. None of us can well estimate the value of a good umpire. My idea is to have four first-class men and four new men, or comparatively new, and put a new and old umpire together. At any rate we'll have good umpires."

Mr. Brunell talked about the pending lawsuits and said: "It entirely depends on the New York old League club whether the Ward case will be argued this month or not. If the club pushes the matter it will soon come up for trial. Lawyer Howland is certain that Ward will win again. At Philadelphia we have engaged Mr. Johnson, the leading lawyer in that city, and he is confident that the League has no case; in fact the Philadelphia suits are looked upon as jokes. Mr. Johnson wants no retainer for his case he is so certain of winning it. Most certainly we will be victorious in the legal contests."

The next meeting of the new League will be held at Cleveland, on March 11, when the umpires and the schedules will be definitely agreed upon. Mr. Brunell left for Cleveland last midnight.

SOME PLAIN TALK.

Ed Swartwood Says Some Strong Things About Secretary McKay.

Secretary McKay, of the Hamilton, Ont., ball club, is again to the front with a scurrilous attack on Ed Swartwood, the ball player of this city. McKay terms Swartwood one of the best disorganizers in the business. Referring to the matter, last evening, Swartwood said:

"Now let me tell the public the cause of all this McKay spleen. I refused to do the contemptible and dirty work that such people as McKay always want done. He was ever hounding me to fine players $50, $100 and so on, the object being to deprive these poor fellows of their salaries so that the directors would get the money. I will cite one of many instances: On one occasion this man McKay came to me and urged me to fine Ed Sales and Oldfield each $100. I asked what for. He said they were drunk on the previous evening. I said that I was with Oldfield at that time until 11 o'clock, and he was perfectly sober. 'Well, fine him anyhow,' said McKay. I replied by saying I would have Sales and Oldfield at his office the next morning to meet McKay's informants, and have the matter settled. If it was proven, I said, that the players were drunk I would certainly fine them. I took them to the office, but the informants were not there and McKay had the audacity to say to me: 'Why fine them something.' I refused to do anything of the kind on hearsay, and of course that made a man like McKay very mad. After I had left the management the club was in Toledo Manager Powell received a telegram from McKay stating: 'Can you not fine Blair for something.' Powell came to me and said he certainly would not do any dirty work like that for anybody.

"The fact is the club was losing money and that man McKay desired to have some of it back by taking the salaries from the poor ball players. That was always his great object and he could not get a man mean enough to do it. It is work of this kind that has caused ball players to try and protect themselves. There are too many McKays in the business. As far as my being a disorganizer is concerned I leave that to be decided by my record in places where I have been for years; places where club officials are gentlemen and know something about baseball."

Meadville in Line.

Frank Torreyson has returned from Meadville and states that sufficient money has been subscribed there to organize a club for the New York and Pennsylvania League. Efforts will now be made to organize a club at Youngstown and another at Carlisle, and if this is done Pittsburg will make the eighth club. It was intended that if Meadville would organize a team that Pittsburg would also join the league, but now Pittsburg supporters want eight clubs in the league. Mr. Torreyson thinks that eight good clubs will be secured.

A Letter From Sam Day.

Sam Day, the well-known pedestrian, has been having a hard time of it at Detroit. He is just recovering from a long and severe illness. He went there some time ago to take part in a race and was overtaken by a sickness that has nearly cost him his life. In a letter to this paper yesterday he states that he is recovering now and adds he has many good friends.

A DRAWN BATTLE.

Bowen, the New Orleans Lightweight, Fights an Unknown Forty-Three Hotly Contested Rounds—Both Men Badly Punished—The Sheriff Looks On.

NEW ORLEANS, February 9.—Andy Bowen, the local lightweight who has challenged Billy Meyer, had a fight with skin gloves at Abita Springs to-day with Charley Johnson, who claims to be from Minneapolis. There has been bad blood between the men. Johnson was one of the fighters imported by Professor Dennis Butler, and was charged by the Bowen party with participating in the loading of McHale's gloves. Bowen told his managers that the fight must be made if not a cent was in sight, so it was fixed for $100 a side, all the money Johnson could raise, and all the gate receipts. Bowen was taken sick last Wednesday with la grippe, and got married the same day, so his backers decided to forfeit the stake. Bowen would not hear of it and came over Saturday afternoon, fought a high fever all night, remained in bed until time to fight and appeared weighing 134 pounds. Johnson is a head taller, longer in reach and was in the pink of condition. He owned up to 137 pounds, but appeared much heavier. After considerable wrangling, George Queen, leader of the newsboys' band, and a brother of Queen, of Haverly's minstrels, was chosen referee, and made the best man seen here in that position, although only a stripling.

The fight proved to be for almost nothing, as only about 200 people were in the bull ring, where the mill was given, and very few of them paid. It turned out a great fight, lasting three hours and twelve minutes, and would have been going on yet but for the arrival of the train. In the first round Bowen rushed his man and knocked him down three times, punishing him severely around the body, but not sufficiently to knock him out. Bowen was not hurt, but he exhausted his vigor in the one round and was not strong enough at any future time to deliver the finishing touch. After the first round Bowen continued to force the fighting, but his plucky leads met with clinches and Johnson's clever upper-cuts in the face. This continued until the sixth round, when Bowen cut his eye against the rough stake in a clinch, and had his lip cut in the two following rounds. After that he waited for Johnson to lead, and the latter could not be coaxed or abused in doing it.

The fight lasted for 43 rounds without being finished. Bowen disobeyed his seconds and rushed his man at intervals, getting in some fine body and jaw blows, and receiving upper cuts in the mouth and eye in return. Bowen's face was terribly swollen and he bled freely, and Johnson's chest, sides and back were cut and bruised. In the last few rounds Johnson did lead several times and land, but Bowen rushed him in return and did terrible punishing, considering his condition. Johnson's upper cutting at close quarters again served him in good stead in these rushes, although the returns did not phase Bowen one bit. But when train time came the end of the fight was as far off as ever and the men were told to come forward and shake hands. Bowen objected, but yielded finally, and that ended his first drawn fight. Johnson is said to be an alias, that party being declared to be a well-known Northwestern lightweight, while others say he is Jimmy Collins, of St. Louis, who is wanted in connection with the barge fight there in which the death of one of the fighters resulted. The net gate receipts were divided between the men, each getting $8. Schoenhausen, the concert saloon man, who is managing Bowen, gave him the $100 stake.

Roughs gave considerable trouble. They were Bowen men. Once they broke into the ring and were promptly ejected by the Sheriff, who witnessed the affair as a spectator and peace officer. Bowen offered Johnson money to lead all through the fight, but Johnson refused and left all the rushing to Bowen, who grew wary himself, so that sometimes five rounds in succession passed without a blow. The excursionists, after being out from early morning, only returned to-night minus dinner and thoroughly exhausted. Bowen is still willing to fight any 133 pound man in the country, and can obtain all the backing necessary.

HEWITT'S LETTER.

The Washington President States His Club's Position Quite Emphatically.

WASHINGTON, February 9.—President Walter Hewitt, of the Washington Baseball Club, has written a public letter regarding his plan for the coming season. After stating his intention to remain in the League, Mr. Hewitt says:—"I never contemplated selling my franchise to the Baltimore club. When the decision was made in the Ward injunction suit it practically settled the negotiations between Mr. Von der Horst and me. He could not transfer the players I most desired, and I did not care to relinquish an interest in my club for the few players he could transfer, and whom I had no use for. The deal, I believe, would have been concluded earlier had it not been that Baltimore believed it had a chance to get into the League, and with Detroit make a 12-club circuit.

"At the recent League meeting Mr. Stearns, of Detroit, approached me, and wanted to know what I would sell for. The price I put upon the club was exceedingly high, but not a whit higher than what I really valued it at. So much for the Detroit matter.

"The League has never shown the slightest wish to get rid of Washington. It regards it as I do—as a good ball town—and when I was wavering last fall the delegates used every argument they could to induce me to remain in the League. I have taken a five years' lease on the new grounds, and awarded the contract for the erection of the grandstand and fences, and will have an eligibly located ball park next season, which, I believe, will be a credit to the city. I am getting together as good a team as the experience of Mr. Sullivan with young players will permit, and already have 12 men under contract. I expect to secure several more good men, and believe the team will compare favorably with any club in the League which has had to make a new start in getting a club together, as I have had to do."

AN ENGLISH CHALLENGE.

John Roberts Wants to Play the Best American Pool Player.

LONDON, February 9.—Frenchmen have played billiards in America, and Americans have played billiards in France, but it still remains for an Englishman to cross cues with an American. Mr. John Roberts, Jr., is willing to be the pioneer, though not at billiards. The game as played here is not at all like the game as played in the United States. Mr. Roberts could vanquish easily any American player at the English game, and there are a number of Americans who could defeat him at the balk line game and perhaps at straight rail billiards. At pool there is a fair field for both sides, as the difference between the games as played on both sides of the Atlantic is of no consequence.

Mr. Roberts has issued a challenge through the *Herald* to the pool players of America, and in it he offers to play any reasonable number of games of pyramid pool for £500 or £1,000 a side. He desires that half of the games should be played in London and the other half in the United States, each man to pay his own traveling expenses, and the winner of the majority of games to take the stakes and gate money. It is not unlikely that Mr. Roberts' challenge will be accepted, as there are a number of expert pool players in America. The greatest of these, Albert Frey, died within 12 months, but Malone ran Frey very close, and should the challenge of Roberts be accepted will probably be pitted against the English champion.

Didn't Come to Time.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 9.—Dick Roche, representing Schaefer, gives McCleery one week to cover his $2,500 for a billiard match. Baldwin did not come to time with the alacrity expected, and it now looks as if he would not put up the remaining $1,500 at all. McCleery will, therefore, look elsewhere for backing, and thinks he can get it eventually. If the match is made it will be a game of 3,000 points, 1,000 of which will be played each night until finished, straight billiard, Schaefer to give McCleery a discount. Monarch live cushions will be used. Roche has deposited $250 forfeit for Schaefer's appearance.

Rumors of Another Deal.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW YORK, February 9.—It is rumored to-day that another big baseball deal was ready to be launched. No authentic information could be obtained. It was said that the New York and Detroit clubs proposed to form a combination and purchase the Indianapolis players and franchise, Detroit to take the franchise and New York the players. President Stearns seems determined to get a League franchise, as his recent efforts to buy out the Washington and Cleveland clubs plainly show.

A Reply to Bates.

Mike Dugan's brother called at this office last evening and left the following statement regarding the challenge of Jack Bates which appeared in yesterday's DISPATCH: "I have wired my brother concerning the challenge and will hear from him to-morrow. I think he will fight Bates, because two years ago he made the Youngstown man take water. He may do so again. If my brother is in condition to fight he will get plenty of backing."

Off to the Fight.

John Quinn, accompanied by several local sporting men, left for Buffalo last evening to attend the battle there to-night between McBride and O'Leary. The contest will commence about 9:30 this evening, and it is expected to be a good one. It will take place before a private club.

A Sharon Cocking Main.

SHARON, PA., February 9.—One of the most hotly-contested cocking mains ever held in Eastern Ohio or Western Pennsylvania was fought early this morning just over the Ohio State line. Six battles were fought between Sharon, Pittsburg and Youngstown birds, resulting in a victory for the latter. Over $1,000 changed hands on the result.

O'CONNOR BECOMES CAPTAIN,

And the Columbus Club is on the Ragged Edge About Buffalo.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

COLUMBUS, O., February 9.—John O'Connor, the catcher, has been selected as captain of the Columbus Baseball Club, to fill the vacancy caused by the desertion of Dave Orr to the Brooklyn Brotherhood Club. To-morrow is the date when the reservation privilege of the Buffalo International League expires, and the Columbus management has asked President Phelps to call a meeting of the Board of Arbitration immediately in case Manager Mutrie secures a contract from Mike Lehane.

Hon. Allen W. Thurman, of counsel for the club, and a member of the Board of Arbitration, has sent copies of the sale of Lehane to Columbus, consummated January 22, the agreement signed by Lehane on January 26, notice of the release of Lehane by Secretary White, and telegrams and letters concerning the matter, to Judge O'Neil, of St. Louis, and President Phelps and the other Association member of the Board of Arbitration. Columbus has formally agreed to the transfer of Ed Daily, the left fielder, to the Brooklyn Association club.

DONE FOR $18,000.

The Cute Little Scheme by Which St. Louis Poolrooms Suffered.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

ST. LOUIS, February 9.—The poolroom proprietors of this city assert to-day that they were beaten out of a total sum of $18,000 by a gang of conspirators yesterday. The "killing" was made on the fifth race at Guttenburg, and fully ten rooms were mulcted. My Own was second choice in the betting at 5 to 2, and the money was not put on until the horses had been at the post some time.

The "bookies" claim that the conspirators had the race. Then the money went up simultaneously in all the rooms, and while the tickets were being written the race came in. Over $18,000 was paid out, and now they propose to take no more bets after the horses are at the post.

BETTING HIGH ON M'AULIFFE.

Heavy Wagers Offered by His Backer That Jack Will Defeat Carroll.

NEW YORK, February 9.—The following special was received at the *Police Gazette* office yesterday:

SAN FRANCISCO, February 7, 1890.

Dick Roche, the well-known turfman and backer of Jack McAuliffe, publicly announced at the Baldwin to-day that he would bet from $5,000 to $10,000 that McAuliffe would defeat Jimmy Carroll, and he stated that he knew four others in New York who in a pool would bet twice that amount. Roche, McAuliffe and Billy Madden are the lions of the city. L. E. Fulda has telegraphed Richard K. Fox to forward the articles of agreement the club sent on to McAuliffe to sign and the $500 deposited by McAuliffe as a guarantee that he would meet Carroll. A meeting is to be held to-night to arrange the details of the match. Carroll claims the light-weight championship and the *Police Gazette* belt McAuliffe holds.

Sporting Notes.

IF Burns does not come here, Fred Carroll says there is another good man ready to come.

WHEN in New York Secretary Brunell tried to see Bob Ferguson, the umpire, but failed.

SECRETARY BRUNELL says that President Speas, of the Kansas City team, is one of the finest gentlemen in the business. Players don't like to leave him, and therefore Burns may not come.

BRUNELL stated yesterday that there was a time when Brotherhood leaders talked of putting the Pittsburg club into St. Louis and transferring Hanlon and Carroll to Cleveland. That time is past.

THE Pittsburg League officials should drop their damage suit against the Pittsburg Players' League club. Such proceedings are silly and preposterous. They have about as much chance of winning such a suit as a snowflake in hades.—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

BUCK EWING says: "I believe that both the League and Brotherhood will be in the field this time next year. It is hardly likely that either of them will go to the wall. If the Brotherhood pays 1 cent of dividend to its players we will get every League player over on our side that we want. The Brotherhood is to-day stronger than it ever was."

No matter what the outcome of the Brotherhood fight may be, there is one set of men who will be indelibly stamped with the mark of ingratitude. The members of the New York club went back on a man whose name stood as a symbol of all that was fair and honorable in baseball, both in his treatment of his players and in the business affairs of the game. John B. Day is such an honorable man himself that he never dreamed that the very men he had hampered and loaded with favors were small enough to endeavor to rob him of his business, and it was not until the very last moment that he would admit there was such a thing as a conspiracy. That a dozen employes could be found low enough to try and ruin such an employer is a sad commentary on American manhood.—*Enquirer.*

PREACHED 60 YEARS.

A Co-Laborer of Alexander Campbell Passes Away After Nearly a Century of Life—Forty Years Without a Salary—An Earnest Christian Worker.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

WAYNESBURG, February 9.—Elder David White, who died at his home in Oak Forest, this county, last Tuesday, had preached the Gospel regularly for nearly 60 years, and had preached several times within the last year. He was born and raised in Greene county, and was a cotemporary of Alexander Campbell, whose doctrine he adhered to. With the exception of the brief illness which closed his life, he had never been sick three weeks, all told, from his childhood up to his death. He was fond of horseback riding, and although nearly a century rested upon his back, he could sit on the back of a horse with as much grace as a practical equestrian of 20 years. His friends say that, had it not been for a trip he made to town a few weeks ago, he would have been living yet, and enjoying good health. His home is six miles away, and he rode in on horseback, but, the weather being mild, he neglected to put on heavy clothing, and the exposure caused his illness.

In the fifties he made two trips to Missouri, going the entire distance, and making his return on horseback. He was a stanch advocate of the slavery abolition movement and while preaching this principle, in that State during one of his trips he received warning from the Jayhawkers to desist. He met their threat defiantly, but under the advice of friends, left the State. He preached forty years and did not miss a Sabbath, but never would permit his congregation to pay him a salary. He founded a church and erected a building, bearing the entire expense.

Although he would preach funeral sermons on request, yet he objected to the practice and would permit none upon the occasion of the burial of his wife, two weeks ago saying: "It does the dead no good and is no honor to God." He believed the burial of the dead was more impressive without the ceremony.

MARRIAGE A DEAD FAILURE.

The Wife and Property of an Old Sea Captain Both Gone.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

CANANDAIGUA, N. Y., February 10.—Samuel B. Bigelow, of Savannah, at the age of 75 years, and after only two years of married life, has concluded that marriage is a failure. Although he had been impervious to the fascinations of the fair sex for 72 years, he became infatuated with beautiful Bessie Smith, who was only 30. She was supposed to be a widow, and her lonely condition, as well as her graces of mind and feature, touched the lovable old seaman's heart. He proposed, was accepted, and Bessie for two years made his charming rural abode the most congenial haven in which he had ever cast anchor.

After a two years' cruise on the sea of matrimony Captain Bigelow had become so devotedly attached to his young first mate that he deeded her all his worldly goods so that there might be no question as to her undisputed enjoyment after his death. John Smith appeared soon after the transfer had been completed, and it turned out Bessie was still his lawful wife. Captain Bigelow was compelled to leave the place, to the enjoyment of Bessie and husband. Captain Bigelow then went to Savannah and now ekes out a lonely existence, supporting himself meagerly by filing saws.

RICHES IN THE EARTH

Oil Production the Most Profitable Industry in Butler County.

A MILLION AND A HALF IN CASH

To Be Expended in Labor and Material for 500 New Wells Next Spring.

A YOUNGSTOWN CHURCH DIFFICULTY.

All the News From Neighboring Cities and Towns in Three States.

Butler county citizens have come to the conclusion that oil is the greatest source of wealth in that region. Five-hundred new wells, costing $1,500,000, are to be started as soon as the weather permits. A Youngstown church is in trouble over the employment of a new chorister.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

BUTLER, February 9.—The growth of the oil business in this county has been phenomenal, and overshadows all other branches of trade in its profits and the amount of money invested. The greatest progress in the development of territory has been made in the past year, and at no time in the history of the country has there been such great activity in the search for new fields as at the present time. It has been estimated by persons whose reliability cannot be questioned that 500 wells will be started as soon as the roads become solid. As the average cost per well does not fall below $3,000, it may readily be seen that this means an expenditure of $1,500,000 for machinery and labor, aside from the vast sums which are being paid for bonus and rental on leases.

In the township of Center, lying north of Butler, 52 test wells have been drilled in the past 15 years, and yet the production obtained there in all that time would not pay one-fifth of the cost of operations; and more wells are being drilled in that vicinity to-day than at any previous period. Experience has taught the important lesson that the drilling of one well in every school district does not make a thorough test, as has been abundantly demonstrated in recent years.

TEST WELLS IN EVERY TOWNSHIP.

In 30 of the 33 townships in the county wells are being drilled for either gas or oil, and within the ensuing three months every township will have its test well. And then the sand in which this county abounds. There is the 100 foot field, the third sand, the fourth sands, the Bullion sand, and at this time a well is being driven near Murrysville, in the hope of finding the Speechburg sand, 2,500 feet below the surface. From all these different strata, except the last, oil is being produced, and in a number of instances wells which had been producing for years have been sunk deeper with very gratifying results, demonstrating that several oil-bearing rocks may be found in a single well.

Another phase of the business, and not the least important by any means, is the enrichment of the farmers, hundreds of whom have reaped fortunes from beneath their lands, on which, before the discovery of oil, they were not able to earn more than a very moderate living by cultivating the soil. And after all this is the most abiding benefit growing out of the development of oil territory.

MOST PERMANENT BENEFIT.

Years hence when the last barrel shall have been pumped out, the derricks removed, the wells plugged, and the operator has emigrated to new discoveries, there will be left behind a prosperous farming community possessing ample means to improve their lands and put them in fit condition for the more quiet and peaceful pursuits of agriculture.

The cold weather of Friday inspired hope in the breast of the producers here, but the snow and rain which followed so quickly upon the frost have put the roads in as bad condition as ever. Lockwood & Co. are still drilling in the sand on their Young farm. It has good sand and oil, but not enough gas to cause the well to flow. The South Penn Oil Company's well, on the Staples farm, has been drilled deeper, and has increased to 125 barrels per day.

The January daily production of the wells on Little Creek 100-foot field was about 2,300 barrels. The Cashdollar well, owned by the Associated Producers, is doing 190 barrels per day. The Phillips well is doing 15 barrels an hour. Christie Bros.' No. 6, on the Henry Welsh farm, is doing 200 barrels per day. The Hazlett well is still making more than 100 barrels a day.

IN THE WASHINGTON OIL FIELD.

A 200-Acre Tract Leased and Operations to Be Begun Soon.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

CLAYSVILLE, February 9.—A tract of land, consisting of 200 acres from the farms of N. B. Brockman, N. R. McNeal, James C. McConahey, William Hutchison and Campbell Jobes, has been leased with an option or first privilege on the balance, comprising something over 800 acres, by T. F. Irwin. The conditions of the lease provide that operations shall be commenced on the land within 40 days from Monday, February 10, 1890. Upon a failure to do this the lessors shall forfeit the lease. The property lies about three miles south of town and one mile south of the Laird well.

Hauling in the oil field is made very difficult by the mud, which is very deep.

Brownlee well No. 2 has been reopened and is being drilled to the fifth sand. Lindley No. 2 is rigging up and will begin spudding Monday. The lumber for two new rigs is being hauled to the Gourley farm, where two new wells will be located this week.

CHURCH MEMBERS CAN'T AGREE.

A Church Congregation Falls Out About the Employment of a Chorister.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

YOUNGSTOWN, February 9.—Considerable feeling has been aroused in Trinity M. E. Church here by reason of the official board dispensing with the services of the chorister and also the organist, and employing in their places Prof. Charles Liebman to perform the dual duties. The board claims that its action was justified on the ground that it was necessary to curtail the church expenses and employ one instead of two persons. Prof. Liebman is an accomplished musician of conceded ability. A portion of the congregation claims that because he is a Hebrew he should not have been selected. Other members hold opposite opinions, and assert that neither the creed nor nationality should be considered in such a matter, as it is unchristianlike.

Unless a settlement is soon effected there is great danger of a split in the church. Prof. Liebner entered upon his duties to-day.

CABOOSES WRECKED AND CREW HURT

One Train Dashes Into Another and Two Men Are Badly Injured.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

BROCKWAYVILLE, February 9.—As a freight on the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg was standing at a siding the carpenters' train, which had been following, came along, running its caboose ahead and dashing into the rear, wrecked both cabooses. The crew of the second train saw the other on the track in time to jump. In doing so Sam Kinlay was badly hurt about the head and had several bones broken. D. C. Johnson had his arm broken and his head and hands badly cut. Others of the crew were more or less hurt, but none seriously.

The injured men were brought here, where their injuries were dressed. They were then taken to Du Bois. The two cabooses took fire from the stoves and burned up. The blame cannot be placed.

TWO FREIGHT TRAINS WRECKED.

Several Cars Demolished and Hundreds of Hogs Slaughtered.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

KITTANNING POINT, PA., February 9.—Yesterday morning at about 5 o'clock an eastbound freight train on the Pennsylvania Railroad ran into another train east of here, wrecking the trains badly and causing a blockade. Several cars of hogs in the front train were demolished and the swine were killed. Hundreds of others escaped and scattered to the surrounding country. None of the trainmen were hurt.

To Bradford on Its Own Track.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

BROCKWAYVILLE, February 9.—The Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg Railroad is slowly pushing ahead with its grade which is to afford it a track of its own from Clarion Junction to Bradford. It is said to be the intention to complete the work this year, and thus do away with the run over the Erie tracks.

Tri-State News Notes.

JAMES W. FINDLEY, of Taylor county, one of the largest cattle dealers in West Virginia, has made an assignment. The deed mentions preferences for $16,500. The total liabilities are about $25,000.

A VERY slick young man, dressed in the height of fashion, is going around among the farmers and in the mining districts about Scottdale soliciting subscriptions for a fashion magazine, the price of which he collects in advance, promising to deliver the magazine within ten days. The fellow and the book are never heard of afterward.

AN attempt was made Saturday to put a lot of Hungarians and Polanders to work on the Everett, Pa., furnace. The native workmen rebelled, however, and a hot fight ensued, during which stones, brickbats and other missiles were used as weapons. The foreigners were compelled to flee for their lives, and seek a more congenial abode. They are all gone now, and quiet has been restored.

WILLIAM F. BARNES, night superintendent of the mills of Cartwright, McCurdy & Co., at Youngstown for years, leaves this week to enter upon his duties as superintendent of the mill at Pomeroy, O., recently purchased by the same company. Saturday evening the employes of the mill called at his home and presented him with a gold watch and chain and Mrs. Barnes with an elegant ring.

BEAT A BOY WITH A POKER.

A Priest Who Was Arrested and Fined Decides to Leave Town.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., February 9.—St. Patrick's Church, a Catholic house of worship that was built a few years ago in Milford, Pa., has lost its pastor, the popular Father Joseph Smith. Father Smith was placed in charge of the church about a year ago. Three months ago a nephew of the priest's, the motherless 12-year-old son of his brother, came from Philadelphia to find a home with his uncle. A few days ago he entered the house of one of Father Smith's parishioners. He was weeping and his appearance was startling. His eyes were blackened and swollen, his lips puffed out as if from a blow, and his face bruised and swollen. In explanation of his appearance he declared that Father Smith had charged him with not raking the stove down properly, and then beat him with a poker.

Father Smith appeared before the Justice of the Peace, and although the boy's evidence by which he alone could be convicted of the charge was not to be had, the priest, bursting into tears and sobbing like a child, confessed to being guilty as his little nephew had declared. He said that he was not in his right mind when he committed the act. The justice fined him $10 and costs, and, severely reprimanding him, discharged him. The disgraced priest left Milford, and it is not expected that he will return to his parish again.

COAL AS COLLATERAL SECURITY.

The Last Ray of Hope in the Anthracite Region Has About Departed.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

POTTSVILLE, PA., February 9.—The ray of hope for the 5,000 idle coal miners in the Schuylkill basin, that was held out a few days ago by the appearance of a cold wave, has vanished. The snowflakes fell again to-day, and the prediction of a blizzard renewed the hopes, but cold weather is not yet in sight. In spite of all this idleness, the destitute laborers are not fully aware of the fact that hundreds of thousands of tons of coal they have mined in the past few months have not yet been sold. It has been transported to a number of large storehouses within easy reach of the great markets, so that, in the event of a blizzard, the cutting off of transportation and the sudden demand for coal, the companies could readily and speedily meet the demand.

But there is a double purpose in this storing away of large lots of anthracite. If ever the producing companies run short of ready cash and want money quickly, they can offer this stored coal as collateral security. Thus far this year the coal sent to market is 435,000 tons less than for a corresponding period last year, and the shutting down of more mines this week will increase the curtailment in shipments. At all points in the Reading Company's territory the most economical and effective reorganization is going on.

RESIGNED AS A CARD PLAYER.

The Break of a Congregational Pastor of a New York Church.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

LOCKPORT, N. Y., February 9.—The Rev. E. B. Furbish, pastor of the First Congregational Church in this city, resigned today. This is the result of a church row of several months' standing. Part of the congregation desired that all candidates for membership should promise to abstain from card playing, theater going and dancing. The pastor sided with the men—theater-going, dancing and card-playing faction—and then the trouble began. From the church it spread throughout the denomination in this part of the State.

The *Congregationalist*, the leading church organ, took up the side against the pastor, and the majority forced the pastor to resign. Members of both factions threatened to go, and a number of the younger members of the congregation withdrew from the church.

Circulars were distributed by both sides, and for months the strife has been going on. A council of the churches will be called in a few days to dissolve the relationship of the pastor and the church.

FOUR SKELETONS FOUND.

A Mysterious Discovery Which is Causing No Little Excitement.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

KNOXVILLE, TENN., February 9.—A startling discovery has been made near the old Embreville Iron Works, in Washington county. The old furnaces have not been in operation for ten years, and a few days ago a new company took hold of the old plant. Workmen were set to getting the machinery and ore beds into such shape as to resume operations at an early day.

While removing some debris from an old, abandoned ore drift, one of the men stumbled upon the skeletons of four men in a very imperfect state of preservation. No light can be thrown on the strange find. The President of the iron works, in company with a physician, is making an examination of the bones.

A FATAL DOSE OF LAUDANUM

Taken by a Disappointed Young Woman of Beauty and Intelligence.

MANCHESTER, N. H., February 9.—Miss Grace F. Huntington, aged 23 years, committed suicide this morning by taking an ounce of laudanum. The young woman had become infatuated with an out-of-town young man of highly respectable family. Friday night she was ordered to leave her boarding place and made an appointment with her lover for Saturday night, which he was not anxious to keep.

She thereupon bought the laudanum and swallowed it. She died at 9:45 this forenoon. She was a beautiful and intelligent woman.

CELEBRATING A MASSACRE.

Schenectady Observes the 200th Anniversary of a Battle With Indians.

SCHENECTADY, February 9.—Schenectady carried out, according to programme, the celebration of the burning of the city and massacre of its inhabitants 200 years ago by the French and their Indian allies. The exercises were held to-night in the First Reformed Church.

The Limited Late.

The limited was thirty minutes late last night. The delay was caused by some of the engine gearing going wrong this side of Altoona.

RANDALL IS BETTER.

His Friends Again Hopeful of a Partial Recovery, at Least.

SOME VERY UNRELIABLE TALES

Have Been Printed Concerning the Congressman's Condition.

THE COMING FEATURES IN THE HOUSE.

These Rules Sure to Monopolize a Goodly Share of Attention.

It was announced last evening that Mr. Randall's condition had noticeably improved. He had the pleasure of reading, however, that Mr. Wanamaker had said he was going to die. The Postmaster General emphatically denies making any such statement.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

WASHINGTON, February 9.—Congressman Randall's condition has improved today and his friends are hoping that he will be about fully recovered from the set back he has sustained during the last few days. The weather to-day was bright and clear and the change was felt and appreciated in the sick room, where the atmospheric conditions have quite a perceptible effect.

This evening Miss Randall said to THE DISPATCH correspondent: "My father is much better to-day." Then referring to the sensational reports about his being in a dying condition, printed in some of the newspapers, she said: "I can't imagine where the correspondents of those papers get their information. If they sit down coolly and make it up themselves, I can't understand their audacity and hard heartedness in printing it. I am sure we give straight information to inquirers. You can imagine yourself that it would be very depressing if you were sick to see daily accounts in the papers stating that you were very ill and hardly expected to live the week through. My father reads the newspapers every day, and it is quite irritating to him to see these reports.

"He saw to-day in one of the Philadelphia papers that Mr. Wanamaker had said that he was in a dying condition. It happened that Mr. Wanamaker called here this afternoon, and my father asked him whether he was correctly quoted. The Postmaster General emphatically denied having made the statement, and declared that he had not even seen the correspondent of that paper yesterday. There is equal truth in the other printed reports about my father being in a very low condition. He is better and getting along nicely, and he would probably improve more rapidly if he did not continually see some correspondent expressing his opinion on his case."

LIGHTNER.

THE WEEK IN CONGRESS.

A Big Debate Expected on the New Rules in the House—Warmouth's Nomination Will Probably Come Before the Senate.

WASHINGTON, February 9.—The code of rules will be the chief subject of interest to come before the House of Representatives for consideration this week. It is the intention of the Committee on Rules to call it up as early as possible and to limit debate, so that final action on the subject may be reached within two or three days. While there are more than a few of the new rules that are obnoxious to the Democrats, it is not probable that the opposition will be manifested otherwise than by speeches and by adverse votes upon them, provided the minority are afforded what they regard as a reasonable time for discussion.

Probably by the time the rules are disposed of the Committee on Elections will have reported the contested election case of Atkinson versus Pendleton, from West Virginia, and action upon that case will consume the remainder of the week with a possible exception in favor of the unfinished business, which is the bill to extend the circulation of the national banks.

There are indications that the Blair educational bill, which has the right of way in the Senate, will run through the week and perhaps a longer period before a vote is reached upon it. The author has not yet finished his speech, and a number of Senators are ready to follow him with set speeches on the same subject. The bill in charge of Senator Platt, to organize a territorial government for Oklahoma, will probably be disposed of in the morning hours and any odd ends of time therein remaining will be devoted to miscellaneous "unobjected" business on the calendar.

In the executive sessions the Senate, it is expected, will consider the nominations of General Morgan, to be Commissioner of Indian Affairs; Dr. Dorchester, to be Superintendent of Indian Schools, and Ex-Governor Warmouth to be Collector of Customs at New Orleans, all of which are subject to controversy.

TWO CREWS OF SAILORS SAVED.

A British Steamer Picks Up Men Rescued From Wrecked Vessels.

NEW ORLEANS, February 9.—The British steamship Australian, from Colon, brought to port to-day Captain Joseph Pearson and son, also four men on the British bark Jane Law, bound from New York for Hull with petroleum, naphtha and gasoline. She encountered heavy weather, sprung a leak, and when the crew were rescued from the vessel by the schooner J. B. Teel, she had ten feet of water in her hold. The schooner landed the captain and crew at Colon.

The Australian also brought Captain Charles W. Ames, of the schooner Frank A. Nelson, of New York, engaged in trading on the San Blas coast. The schooner during a heavy norther parted her chains at St. Andrew's Island, United States of Colombia, and went ashore January 20, and became a total loss. The crew was saved.

A NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

Bishop Hurst Hopes to See Such an Institution in Washington.

WASHINGTON, February 9.—It is announced that the Methodist Church intends to found a national university in this city, and that arrangements are making for the purchase of a 90-acre tract of land on the Tenallytown road, near Oakview, ex-President Cleveland's country home, as a site for the University. Bishop Hurst, whose residence is in this city, is at the head of the movement, and has paid an option of $1,000 on the property which is to be sold for $100,000. The Bishop was seen to-night and said that the sale had not yet been closed.

He thought, however, that the deal would be made. Liberal subscriptions had been secured, not all from the Methodists, and encouraging letters had come from all parts of the country.

A Wealthy Kentuckian Dead.

LOUISVILLE, February 9.—James Todd, one of the wealthiest men of the State, died here to-day of paralysis.

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THE WEATHER.

For Western Pennsylvania, fair weather, preceded by local snows on Lake Erie; warmer, southerly winds.

For Ohio and West Virginia, fair weather, except local snows on Lake Erie; warmer, southerly winds.

PITTSBURG, February 9, 1890.

The United States Signal Service officer in this city furnishes the following:

Time.	Ther.		Ther.
8:00 A. M.	24	Maximum temp.	30
12:00 M.	26	Minimum temp.	23
1:00 P. M.	—	Mean temp.	26
2:00 P. M.	26	Range	7
5:00 P. M.	—	Rainfall	.10
8:00 P. M.	26		

River at 5:20 P. M., 12.7 feet, a rise of 0.8 feet in 24 hours.

River Telegrams.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAMS TO THE DISPATCH.]

MORGANTOWN—River 11 feet and falling. Weather clear. Thermometer 30° at 5 P. M.

WARREN—River 1 8-10 feet and falling. Weather cloudy and cold.

BROWNSVILLE—River 16 feet and falling. Weather clear. Thermometer 30° at 4 P. M.

THE DEATH PENALTY.

How it is Inflicted in Different Countries of the World.

[American Notes and Queries.]

Austria, gallows, public.
Bavaria, guillotine, private.
Belgium, guillotine, public.
Brunswick, ax, private.
China, sword or cord, public.
Denmark, guillotine, public.
Ecuador, musket, public.
France, guillotine, public.
Great Britain, gallows, private.
Hanover, guillotine, private.
Italy, capital punishment abolished.
Netherlands, gallows, public.
Oldenburg, musket, public.
Portugal, gallows, public.
Prussia, sword, private.
Russia, musket, gallows or sword, public.
Saxony, guillotine, private.
Spain, garrote, public.
Switzerland, 15 cantons, sword, public; 2 cantons, guillotine, public; 2 cantons, guillotine, private.
United States, other than New York, gallows, private.

MORMONS FOR STATEHOOD.

The Real Question at Issue in the Salt Lake Election Contest.

SALT LAKE, February 9.—In connection with a previous dispatch concerning the anti-election scenes in this city, it is stated that the anti-Mormons or Liberals carried the Legislature at the last election and this has caused the unusual stir. Interviewed to-night Chairman Richards, of the People's party, a leading Mormon, said that he did not think success or defeat would injure the chances of the Territory becoming a State.

His party favored admission, provided all citizens secured equal rights. He said some features of the Edmunds-Tucker acts were intolerant and un-American.

Governor Arthur L. Thomas, the most prominent leader of the Liberal party, a resident of Utah for 11 years, probably the best-posted man on Territorial politics, was seen. He anticipated no trouble to-morrow and predicted a Gentile victory.

HONORING A DUKE'S MEMORY.

Governor Ladd and Other Prominent Men Eulogize the Duc d'Aosta.

PROVIDENCE, February 9.—The Italian societies of Providence held a service in Blackstone Hall this afternoon in memory of the Duc d'Aosta, brother of King Humbert. The chairman of the meeting was Count G. Nasselli, Italian Vice Consul at New York. John Rabbino, of this city, pronounced the eulogy. Governor Ladd also spoke.

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City of Chicago	London	New York.
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