AN HONOR IN SIGHT.

E. S. Stuart a Candidate for the League Presidency.

PENNSYLVANIA BOOMS HIM

Pittsburg Initiates a Plan to Advance the State Leaguer.

LOCAL PILGRIMS TO NASHVILLE

Pennsylvania is to have the presidency of the Republican National League of Clubs in the person of Edwin S. Stuart, of Philadelphia, if the active hustling of the Pennsylvania delegation can achieve such a result. The scheme was sprung yesterday by Pittsburg friends of Mr. Stuart, and the Americus and Tariff Clubs will take up Mr. Stuart's battle vigorously and guard his in-

Big delegations of the most active hustlers from each club will accompany Mr. Stuart to Nashville, Tenn., leaving over the Panhandle road this evening, and the "boys" say they will make it snow putting in hard licks for the genial Philadelphian.

Mr. Stuart is now President of the Penn sylvania State League of Republican Clubs, and such is his popularity that he has twice been elected to succeed himself, having been the pioneer promoter of the State organ ization, beside one of the active Republicans who conceived the idea of a national league of clubs.

A YOUNG-BLOOD ADVOCATE. Mr. Stuart is an earnest advocate of young blood in the party, and is enthusiastically spoken of as the "young men's candidate for Mayor" in his own city. Standing 6 feet 7 inches high, and an Adonis in personal appearance, Mr. Stuart attracts attention in every gathering. While not a speechmaker, he is a tair and impartial presiding officer, and his energy as an organizer is clearly established in the marvelous growth of the Pennsylvania State League, which in three years has attained a number of clubs and club members not equaled by any two States in the Union. The solid Peansylvania delegation will boom him, and Ohio and other States will come into line if the

their duty. Pennsylvania's candidate is all right, geographically. The first president of the national organization was Mr. Foster, humorously alluded to by political opponents as "Fat-frying Foster," an expressive political alliteration. The second and re-tiring president, elected at last year's meet-ing, is Hon. James M. Thurston, of Nebrasks, who was permanent chairman of the last Republican National Convention. As the honor of the presidency of the league alternates between the East and the West, the East will fall into line for Mr. Stuart. He is a book publisher of Philadelphia, is possessed of ample means and is one of the officers of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsyl. Mr. Stuart, on his arrival from Philadelphia, will open headquarters at the Seventh Avenue Hotel.

GOING IT SOLIDLY.

The boys will gather at various hours to-day, and have a little consultation as to the plan of campaign that will enable them to swoop down on Nashville with an invincible phalanx of Stuart men. The Pittsburg, Philadelphia and various delegates of Peni sylvania clubs will take possession of the Panhandle train this evening, meeting several hundred delegates to the convention

missionary work en route, inasmuch as Western and Northern delegates join the procession at Cincinnati, there being several solid trainloads of delegates to meet at the Union station to-morrow morning. There will be some speechifying at Bowling Green and other Kentucky and Tennessee cities, it being expected that the arrival in Nashville will be some time in the after-

Mr. Stuart's friends have secured quarters at the Maxwell House, in Nashville, and will inaugurate a lively process of buttonholing as soon as they get settled. Colonel Sam Moody, Division Pas-

Agent of the Pennsylvania d, will be in charge of the train, and will strive to please with that urbanity of manner which is the chief charm of the future Assistant Postmaster. Among the Eastern correspondents who accompany the Pennsylvania contingent will be George N. McCain, of the Philadelphia Press, sometimes called "The member from abroad." Mr. R. H. Lindsay, Secretary of the State League, is looking out for the local delegates.

TO BE WELL ENTERTAINED. The Tariff Club appointed a committee

last evening to meet Mr. Stuart and the Philadelphia contingent of delegates at the 8 o'clock train this morning. The hospital-ities of the club will be placed at the disposal of the visitors. The names of those who will go to Nash-ville from the Americus Club are as fol-

lows: R. H. Lindsay, Secretary of the Pennsylvania State League; William H. McCleary, John Doyle, Vinton Stevens, James H. Richards, Hon. M. B. Lemon, H. John M. Neeb, James L. Williams, Robert Ostermaier, R. J. Newell, James McAfee, Henry Hagemaier, D. B. McGunnegle, John Wilson, Sam Greer, De-linguent Tax Collector of Allegheny; Alex McCaull, David Aiken, W. C. McKinley, James Jiles and John Smith.

The Americus Club contingent will also be a favorable snowing of the club's strength. President H. A. Paul, who was elected at the State Convention held in Pittsburg as a Delegate at Large from Pennsylvania to the convention, finds himself unable to go, and has delegated James F. Burke the official stenographer of the national convention, to act as his substitute.

SMOTHERED BY FRIENDS.

A Bitter Fight in the Americas Club Squelched-Work Dropped and No Incliention to Take It Up Again-Nominations for New Officers.

The clubhouse project of the Americus Republican Club was smothered by its friends at the meeting last a ght, the Clubhouse Committee being discharged with thanks, after promising not to do it again. The trouble seems to be too many pet schemes, and the necessity of avoiding a bitter fight over location, which might have dismembered the club. So everybody heaved a sigh of relief when the movement

was officially done to death.

The hitch came over securing the \$1,000 to bind the purchase. The money was in the hands of the treasurer, but no authority was given him to pay it to the committee. There was a feeling that this lack of authority was due to the opposition of the ruling power in the club, and the committee deeided to resign. The members are not inclined to take up the work again, even if the opportunity should be extended, and the chances against a clubhouse are very ex-

last night. Thirty-nine members were elected. These came in under the provisions of the old constitution at \$10 each. When the time came to nominate new members an attempt was made to ex-tend the period at which the fee shall be \$10 instead of \$25, as the new rules provide. It street, Pittsburg, Pa.

DB. B. M. Hanna. Eye, car, nose and throat diseases exclusively. Office, 718 Penn instead of \$25, as the new rules provide. It street, Pittsburg, Pa.

was urged that many blank petitions had been sent out, each of which stated that the fee was \$10, and until time was given for these to be sent in no change should be made. This failed to prevail, however, and after many speeches and "points of order" the fee was settled at \$25. But three

petitions at this rate were presented.

The discussion on the membership brought up the legality of the new constitution and bylaws, and they were vigorously assailed, some of the legal members of the club con-tending that under the charter the rules were illegal. This gave scope for more speeches and "points of order," and finally the question was sent to a committee for consideration and investigation.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$2,645 01 in the treasury, and \$1,194 33 in the sinking fund. A Life of Roscoe Conkling was presented to the club by H. Sam son, who gave the club a portrait of Conk ling a year ago; and a visitor's register wa presented by William P. Bennett.

The chair announced as the Banquet Committee, C. C. Baer, John A. Reed, A. J. Logan, W. H. Keech, James S. McKean, George F. Houghton, J. D. Littell and H. D. W. English. The committee requested that any clubmen having suggestions to make about the guests, toasts, efc., make them to the committee as soon as possible. Nominations were made for a number o Nominations were made for a number of new offices. For Membership Committee, J. Howard Speer, William M. Rees, Samuel Moody, T. B. Barnes, C. Trautman, C. Steffen, Jr., William Lyons, Jr., J. Morton Hall, T. H. Laird, William L. Lapsley, S. McElroy and C. A. McFeely were named; there are eight to elect. For Captain, William H. Reed; First Lieutenant, L. R. Davidson; Second Lieutenant, H. F. Lowry. It was decided that under the rules the

A NEW OFFICE TO FILL.

fees of new members are 86 a year.

Need of a City Librarian-H. H. Bengough Acting Temporarily as Such-Likelihood of His Permanent Retention in Charge of the City's Records.

For the last eight or nine years Pittsburg has believed that her civic records have been carefully guarded and arranged with scrupulous care. It will consequently surprise the great majority of Pittsburgers when they learn that the records in ques tion, so far from being labeled, lettered and catalogued in order due, have existed during the period mentioned in utter confusion. The history of the city's records during the past few years is briefly as follows About 12 years ago Mr. John J. Davis went into the Controller's office as Controller. The records were then much con-fused, but by dint of hard work Mr. Davis brought them into shape. After that no further thought was given to the ill-used memoirs of our progress. Little by little the whole collection fell into disarray, until in 1882 it became almost impossible for any Pittsburg and Philadelphia members do citizen seeking after information in the record room, to find the object of his search. It may easily be supposed that eight years f carelessness did not improve upon this state of things. In fact a few days ago the records were in a seemingly hopeles lition. But on Friday last Mr. H. H. Bengough was summoned to do what he could toward unraveling the tangled skein. Mr. Bengough set to work with a will, and

has already accomplished a very creditable piece of work. No doubt the public will ask; "When this second renovation is accomplished must the books go to ruin again?" A far-seeing City Hall official has suggested that a Librarian be in future placed in charge of the records. This would be the only practical solution of the difficulty. Mr. Ben-gough has already displayed so much energy in performing the first portion of his task that he will doubtless be the first City Librarian of Pittsburg, when that office is created, as it is now expected it will soon

MR. RICE STILL PEGGING AWAY.

He Bobs Up Serenely Ever and Anon to

Smite the Standard. George Rice, the Marietta, O., oil refiner who fights the Standard Oil Company in season and out of season, in the courts and in Congress, is stopping at the Anderson have not been entirely suspended. The circumstances will allow of some tall | Hotel. He is at present contending with the anaconda in the Supreme Court of Ohio. where he is trying to have the charters of some railway companies forfested for discrimination in favor of the Standard. He says the Camden Oil Refining Company. of Parkersburg, W. Va., gets freight rates as much as 40 per cent below him, although the Camden Company is but 12 miles dis-

tant from him. Mr. Rice's remedy is a change in sec tion 10, of the inter-State commerce law At present it gives the reward for informing to the Government, and Mr. Rice thinks that if the reward went to the informer it would stimulate people to act and tend to the abatement of discrimination. So far he hasn't received much encouragement from Congressmen who stigmatize his scheme as a blackmailing While indulging in some remarks regarding people who travel on railway passes

Mr. Rice expresses the hope that the pres-ent Congress may assist him. His efforts have been retarded by the death of Franklin B. Gowen, who was his attorney. Mr. Rice goes to Washington from this city.

THEY MIX THE BOOKS.

Visitors to the Allegheny Public Library Who Make the Librarian Angry.

"There are some persons in this world who are very creatures of disorder," said the Allegheny Public School Librarian yesterday. "They come in and take advantage of the privilege allowed patrons to select books from the cases, and either through design or ignorance remove the books, glance at a page or two, and replace the volume anywhere.

"The result is that it is very difficult to keep the books in order. We have endeavored to bring the catalogue system of selecting into use, but the people have been for so long selecting books from the shelves that it is very difficult to convert them to the other; in fact, we have been compelled to practically abandon it."

A FINE NEW BOAT.

The Keystone State, of the Pittsburg and Cincinnati Line, Finished. The new boat of the Pittsburg and Cin-

cinnati Packet Line, the Keystone State, will arrive in the city to-morrow direct from the yards. Superintendent Henderson proposes to furnish the boat here in elaborate style. All the jurniture, will be purchased in Pittsburg.

The Keystone State, when fitted up, will be one of the finest freight and passenger the property of the river. Superintendent rate style. All the furniture, carpets, etc.,

Henderson states that the river traffic is increasing daily, and for some time the capacity of their boats has been taxed to the ut-

LONG VOYAGE OF A BOTTLE.

Thrown Into the Monongahela, and Picked

Up at Helena, Ark. Mr. H. J. O'Donnell, of Homestead, was very much surprised the other day when he received a note marked Helena, Ark., and dated January 27. The letter announced that a bottle thrown into the Monongahela by the Homestead man on July 10, 1888, had been found by John Rabb, of Helena, while fishing on January 26, this year. The bottle contained a letter, with the sender's name and address. The Arkansas man winds up by requesting a gallon of Monongahela whisky us a reward for his find.

The Appointment Confirmed. The County Prison Board met yesterday and confirmed the appointment of Peter Soffel as Deputy Warden.

DB. B. M. HANNA. Eye, ear, nose and

OIL AT OUR DOORS.

Geologist Beardsley Has Faith in Allegheny County Grease.

LARGE POOLS TO BE DEVELOPED. Not Much to be Feared From Russian

and Chinese Fields. ASPHALT OIL FOUND IN THE FAR WEST

There is not a more unassuming man in Pittsburg than E. C. Beardsley, the geologist, who is connected with the firm of J. M. Guffy & Co., and yet there are few men in the city who have more of the practical and book knowledge of the world's formation than he. Mr. Beardsley believes in the evolution theory, if the advocates of that doctrine will allow him to introduce a higher power when species are to be changed

and developed. Mr. Beardsley has great faith in the oilproducing capacity of Allegheny county, and he thinks some day this territory will become quite a factor in the oil business. In speaking along this line yesterday Mr. Beardslev said:

NOT E NOUGH OIL PRODUCED. "The production of oil these days is not equal to the world's consumption. The stocks are constantly being reduced, and there is a strong demand for fresh oil. After the fluid stands for a while it loses a certain percentage of kerosene, and some of the gases escape. It is impossible to confine them. Within the past great activity has been displayed in the Westview field, out the Perrysville road. I don't know how many rigs have been erected, but the number is large, and the wells will so in be commenced.

"Oil is not a new thing in Allegheny county, though the development has been recent. They have been getting oil in small quantities in the Brush Creek territory ome time, but gushers were unknown. This is a large county, and I believe its oil re sources are great. It must lie somewhere between Butler and Washington along cer-tain geological lines. Wherever wells have been sunk close to this line some oil has

IF THEY COULD BE FOUND. "I am convinced there are large pools in the county, if one could only find them, and some of these days a fortunate man will reach them. I still hold that the big gushers are not a thing of the past, but they are harder to locate than formerly.

harder to locate than formerly.

"Concerning the oil deposits of the world generally, it must be admitted there are heavy quantities in Russia, enough, indeed, to supply the European markets if they only had a few Yankees with their improved appliances to work the territory. With the present form of government, however, and the uncertainty of property and political rights. certainty of property and political rights, no sane man will invest in the Russian oil fields. As for the Chinese, they claim they have plenty of oil, but they work it in a ludicrous manner.

DRAWN UP IN BUCKETS. "From a magazine article I read some time ago I gathered that they dig a well and draw the oil out by the bucketful. They take a rope and a round stock, not even a pulley, and lower a man with a pail into the well. When he has scooped up the oil the fellows holding the rope commence to run, and he is drawn up. What they need is Yankee ideas; in fact if both Russia and China were properly handled they might become serious factors in the production of oil. As it is, we haven't

much to fear from them.

"The oil business appears to have gotten down to what we might call hard-pan in this country. There is not now the enormous production of former years, and men are content to work smaller wells. If the roads were not so bad there would be

PLENTY OF IT OUT WEST. "Do you know there is plenty of oil in the Oo you know there is plenty of oil in the West, particularly in Wyoming, Utah past, and that howling wilderness of misery and Colorado, but it belongs to a later for-mation, and is what we designate asphalt oil, while the Pennsylvania fluid is the 1,500 barrels per day for the fun of the oceans, the freight would eat up all the re-wards of labor. Certainly the day will come when these fields will be operated.

SIMPLY DRIED-UP OIL. "The massive bitumen deposits in that section are nothing but dried-up oil. There is enough asphalt in the West to pave every street in the United States. These asphalt deposits have not been worked by capitalists to any great extent, but as the country progresses they will be used. Not far from Salt Lake City there is an enormous outlay of asphalt, and a gentle-man told me that he had estimated there

were 700,000 tons in sight. "There is plenty of coal, also, in these sections. The veins are from 40 to 70 feet in thickness. There is one vein being operated on the Colerado river that is 40 feet through. The coal is what we call lignite. It was formed in the later rock periods, and if it had laid long enough would now be good anthracite coal. Its texture is woody, and it can be lighted with a match, but for all that it makes a pretty fair fuel."

DRILLING IN THE COUNTY.

Openings and Caves Hamper the Oil Men -An Extra Amount of Pipe Needed to Brace the Openings - No Independen Movement Against Delumater.

David Kirk and A. W. Tack, the oil men, went East last evening. Mr. Kirk said he was now sinking a number of wells in the Shannopin field, and he didn't believe with Captain Grace that the territory would play out in 60 days. Mr. Kirk predicts that Allegheny county will yet produce large quantities of oil, but it is harder to get at than in the Bradford field. It is only within recent years that the machinery to drill through the hard rock could be obtained, and this is why operations were not commenced be-

"As you go down through Washington county," continued Mr. Kirk, "to the West Virginia fields the difficulties of drilling virginia helds the difficulties of drilling increase. There are so many caves and openings in the strata that it requires a lot of pipe to brace the opening. We are compelled to begin with a large hole, and then draw it in as we go down. I know one well in West Virginia 2,000 feet deep, in which 4,000 feet of pipe were placed. The exterior one was used as a casing to support the one in the interior. I want to say that people who imagine that there is not much activity

in the oil regions are mistaken.
"As for the political fight in the northern counties, I don't think there is an inde-pendent movement on foot against Delamater. The oil men knew as the open and avowed agent of the Standard Oil Company where he stood in his fight against the Bill ingsley bill, but we couldn't tell anything about such men as Hastings and Gobin, who worked in secret against us. When it comes down to a choice for Governor between either of them, I believe the oil men prefer the man who fought them openly.

A Bank for Charlerol. Yesterday the promoters of the new town of Charleroi, up the Monongahela river, organized a bank for the place. Mr. J. W. Moore, of Greensburg, will be the president. It was decided to erect a fine, three-story brick building. STEAM FOR STREET CARS.

Device That May Make the Electric and Cable Systems Back Numbers-Compressed Steam the Proposed Motive Power-A Test Made Yesterday.

In a little rickety frame shanty, located n the rear of one of the Philadelphia Company's branch offices on Second avenue, Soho, is secreted a device on which experiments have been in progress for the past two years. It is supposed to be an apparatus by which street cars can be propelled without the use of animal, electric or cable power. The inventors are George, James and William Fawcett, formerly stockholders in the Second Avenue Street Car Company. The secrecy with which Darius Green guarded his invention is not to be compared with the close privacy in which the Fawcetts keep their scheme. They say nothing about it except that "when they get the thing working satisfactorily" they will revolutionize rapid transit. It is understood that the proposed method

of producing the propelling power is by compressed steam. The machinery by which it is made and used will be attached to the car. This will include a small upright engine and boiler. The intention is to arrange the machinery so that the steam will be retained for perpetual use. This will avoid the necessity of having a large boiler. The device has been perfected, and was tested yesterday.

The inventors and a number of invited friends visited the place in the afternoon and were locked up in the little slop for two or three hours. What was the outcome of the examination of the "machine" is not

One of the men interested was seen, but he absolutely refused to give up any informa-This is the third device gotten up by the same people. About five years ago an air arrangement was tried on the Third avenue line, but it turned out a failure. About three years ago they tried a steam apparatus with the same result. If the old saw that "that the third time is a charm," it true, a success may be made of the present ven ture. It is said that arrangements are al ready made with an Oil City firm for the engines to be used with the machine.

known outside of those who were present.

RATHER NOVEL EXPERIENCE Humane Society Agent Meets With a Bar

to His Duty. Assistant Agent Berryman, of the Hamane Society, had a rather novel presentation of the operation of humane laws, yesterday, by the burgess of Irwin. The agent had gone to Irwin to investigate a complaint of cruelty to horses, owned by B. F. Solenday, that were said to be in a state of starvation. The complaint alleged that the poor asimals, now too old to work, were penned up in a stable and left without food or water.

Agent Berryman found that the complaint was true so far as the condition of the horses went, and ordered that they be sho: The local agent did not relish the task of killing them, and so stated to Agent Berryman, who volunteered to put an end to the poor brutes' misery. He was about to do so when he was accosted by the burgess of Irwin, who asked that the killing be postponed, as he was unaware of any provision by which the borough authorities could pay for the burial. He stated that a meeting of ouncil would be held on Monday night when he would lav the matter of funeral expenses before the body, and asked that the humane agent give them that time to con-

Agent Berryman told the burgess that it made no difference whether the council accepted the expense or not, it must be done. His duty, he explained, was clear, and only required the condemning and killing of any suffering animals.

A CHANCE FOR TENANTS.

The County's Surplus Buildings Offered on a Long Longe. As noted elsewhere the County Commissioners again withdrew the property belonging to the county on Ross and Diamond streets and Old avenue, on a bid of \$79,500. The officials feel assured that the county many years roll around, Hardscrabble, with

will only be a disagreeable recollection, and then property in the vicinity of the Court House will be very valuable. Last evening the Commissioners and Confirm in Colorado is producing from 1 200 to troller held a conference and decided to offer the property on a 10 or 20 year lease thing, for they sell it at such low prices that | and at an attractive rate. They decided thing, for they sell it at such low prices that there is no profit in the business. I have seen lots of oil flowing out of springs in Wyoming Territory, and I was favorably impressed with the country. It wouldn't pay to develop the territory at present, because, located as it is between the two cause, located as it is between the two located as it is between the located as it is between the two located as it is located as it is between the two located as it is located give the lessee the whole rent for a littl

over 6 per cent.

A little thought will suggest several uses to which the property might be put, and with the improvements on foot completed, the locality will soon be to all intents as central as any other business portion of the city.

SAID TO BE INSANE.

Southelds Girl Whose Relatives Desire to Send Her to the Asylum.

Maggie Nash, a girl of 17 years, was brought to the Central station last evening by a sister and aunt, who asked her commitment for insanity. They stated to Assistant Superintendent O'Mara that the girl had been examined and pronounced insane by two physicians, but that the doctors had refused to sign a commitment unless they were paid. The family is poor and unable to put up the money.

The girl will be arraigned for examina-

tion this morning, and, as indicated by her actions and conversation last evening, will be committed to the asylum at Dixmont. Her home is on West Carson street, near the Mt. Washington incline.

REMARKABLE ENGINES.

New Locomotive Pulls 86 Cars, Each

Landed With 63,000 Pounds. A very satisfactory test of a new engin on the Ft. Wayne road was made last week. The engine pulled a train of 86 cars, each one loaded with 63,000 pounds of iron ore, from Conway to Pittsburg, a distance of 25 miles. Considering the grades, the result is regarded as remarkable by railroad men. The latest cars on the Pennsylvania lines are very large, and the road has been prepared to carry them. The new engine is a monstrous concern, made at the Altoona shops. The test was made under the guid-ance of C. E. Lord, the Assistant Superintendent of motive power.

GERMAN LIBRARY FAIR.

The Wood Street Rooms a Bower of Beauty and Music. A fair under the auspices of the German Library Association was commenced last evening at the rooms of the institution, on Wood street. Quite an elaborate musical programme was one of the many features, Prof. William Guenther's orchestra, Miss teinert, Miss Guenther and others contributing to its success.

The fair will be continued during the oming week, every evening witnessing a

hange of programme. HE CONTROLS THE SUBWAYS.

dr. Westinghouse Says the Overhead Wires Must Go Underground. Mr. George Westinghouse, Jr., returned resterday from New York. He admitted hat he had secured control of the subways in that city, and that he would have under round there the wires from 20,000 incan-

scent and 1.400 are lights. Mr. Westinghouse said he favored putting all overhead wires out of the way under foot, and the time would soon come when this would be done all over the country.

THE PLAN FOR ACTION

President Gompers Talks About the Move for an Eight-Hour Day.

SETTLEMENT OF A GLASS STRIKE.

Four More New Lodges Added to the Amalgamated Association.

SOME STRAY SHOTS FROM LABOR LIFE

President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, passed through the city yesterday on his way to Toledo, where he will address a mass meeting in reference to the eight-hour movement. He stopped about half an hour in the Union station, where he ate breakfast. Mr. William J. Dillon, Secretary of the American Flints, met him and accompanied him, and will cooperate with Mr. Gompers in the eight-hour agitation. Mr. Dillon has gone at the invitation of the Central Labor Union, of Toledo, which they extended to him a few weeks

Mr. Gompers, in speaking of the progress of the movement for shorter hours, expressed himself very sanguine of its success, and said that over 500 meetings were held to discuss the question in different parts of the country on Washington's birthday. The reports from them received at headquarters. he said, were very encouraging. The meet-ing at Tremont Temple, Boston, was very encouraging, according to the gentleman's statement. He thinks that the system will be generally adopted in the New England

Mr. Gompers would not say in what place the movement would commence, or in what way it will be pushed, but he stated that the Executive Council of the American Federation will meet on next Friday, March 7, and they will decide then upon the question. He likewise remarked, when spoken to in reference to the subject, that he was perfectly satisfied with the resolution of the master builders to pay eight hours' wages for eight hours' work. He said that he felt confident that within two weeks after the eight-hour day is put in practical operation the wages will be ad-vanced to the old ten-hour rate. There will be no strikes ordered unless the request for eight hours is blankly refused.

From the tone of Mr. Gompers' conversa tion it was evident that wise measures would be adopted and that in the effort to secure the short day the lines will not be too closely drawn.

The matter of deciding just what trades

will make the attempt has been left in the hands of the executive board, which will, as the gentleman said, meet next Friday. No union will be asked to enter the fight against its will, but the council will investigate the condition of the various organizain favorable condition for the enforcement of the rule will be advised, not demanded, LEFT TO THEMSELVES.

Any labor union, likewise, has the au-thority to make the effort itself, if it thinks proper, and will receive the moral and finan-cial support of the Federation, as will also

hose which attempt it on the advice of the Executive Council.

Alter the Council comes to an agreement. its decision will be made public. Should any union be compelled to go on a strike the Federation will layy the 2 per cent as-

sessment to support the strikers.

Several labor leaders are beginning to inmire why the Federation is not taking some efinite step. The members of the carpenters' unions, who were expected to be among those to make the first move, say that they have received no intimation, as yet, that they will be required to make the attempt. It is a rule of their organization, agreed ipon by both employer and employes, that notice of any change must be submitted on or before February 15 of each year; all proposed changes to go into effect May 1. That time has now gone by, and they are at a loss to know how an eight-hour law can be demanded without breaking their agreement in reference to giving proper notice. It is pretty well known that master builders, who expect a demand to be made, have inserted a clause in their contracts providing for one-eighth of an increase in price in case they are compelled to concede

eight hours. Mr. Gompers is expected to visit other cities before he returns home.

Mr. Dillon is one of the most fluent peakers among those who have been selected to do the talking for the Federation. He expects to make a tour of some of the Ohio

glass factories before he returns. GETTING INTO SHAPE AGAIN. in Important Mass Meeting of Brickmakers

to be Held To-Night. Brickmakers' L. A. 2946 will hold a mass meeting on to-morrow night at 101 Fifth avenue, where prominent speakers will address the meeting on matters of general interest to the craft. A large crowd is anticipated and a pleasant time is also looked for, After the open meeting the local will hold its regular meeting and a number of new

members will be admitted. Representatives from Allegheny, South-side, Homestead, Sharpsburg and East Lib-erty, and, in fact, from all sections of the city, will be present to assist in putting the assembly in good shape once more. After they succeeded a short time ago in securing an advance in wages, interest in the organization seemed to lag, and they are now pre pared to revive the old-time interest.

NO PUGILISTIC PROWESS.

The Relations Between Ross and Barry Sai to be Harmonious.

Mr. I. N. Ross said yesterday in refer occurred in a recent meeting of D. A. 3 between John Barry and himself: "There has been no disagreement of any kind between Mr. Barry and myself, either verbally or otherwise. I have, in fact, not seen the gentleman for more than three weeks, and we are on the best of terms. Mr.

Barry has not complained over the manne in which the Traction strike has been han-Mr. Barry, too, has denied the correctnes of the report.

FOUR NEW LODGES FORMED. The Membership of the Amalgamated Asso cintion Increased.

William Weihe, President of the Amal gamated Association, returned home yesterday morning after a trip through a number of manufacturing towns in Ohio. He organized at Salem two lodges, which will be named Buckeye and Perry, and at Findlay he formed two more, which received the names Findlay and Blanchard lodges. Charters were sent to the above named yesterday.

The strike at Birmingham is still on, but it is reported that the men are solid, and de termined to win.

THE TUBE WORKERS' UNION Said to be the Most Cosmopolitan in th United States.

L. A. 6332, Pennsylvania Tube Works held a meeting at their hall, 101 Fifth avenue, last night. Quite a number of new members were initiated, and the members say that the assembly is building up in an occuraging manner.

Quite a feature of this organization is that

A GLASS FACTORY CLOSES. The Strike at the Grapeville Glass Work

The Excelsior Glass Works, operating exclusively on lamp chimneys, suspended operations yesterday on account of inadequate storing room. The concern has disposed of very little ware for the past few weeks, owing to the dullness of trade, and in consequence the accumula-tion of surplus stock became too great to accommodate. The lamp chimney department of the flint-glass trade has enjoyed an unprecedented activity so far this season, but it now seems about to take a tumble.

been very few new factories operating on this class of work erected this season, and the present dullness is, therefore, a natural reaction or slackening of the demand. The cessation of work by the Excelsior factory throws 175 men and boys out of employment, and there will be no resumption of work un-til the present large stock is cleared out. It s not known when this will he. The strike at the Grapeville Glass Works, which has been going on for the last week. was settled yesterday. The trouble was caused by a dispute over the correct classification of several articles of ware. The men claimed that they belonged to certain parts of the list, while the manufacturer maintained they should be put in a different place. The plant is operated by those who were formerly connected with the Specialty Glass Works at East Liverpool, Ohio. An

them to locate there, as the place is very close to Jeannette. The settlement of the strike puts 125 men and boys to work. TO REPAIR AN IRON MILL.

offer of free gas and other advantages induce

The Nine-Inch Department of Carnegle, Phipps & Co.'s Mill Closed. Carnegie, Phipps & Co.'s nine-inch department of the upper Union Mill, at Thirty-third street, was closed down for repairs yesterday. A new roof is being put on and several other improvements will be

added.

By the latter part of next week the repairs will probably be completed, and then it is intended to close down the 20-inch, or ar mill, and institute some repairs in that

THE DEMAND FOR TOOLS. Mr. Fink Says the Oil Well Supply Com

bination is a Success. Mr. S. H. Fink, the oil well supply man facturer, of Washington, was in the city vesterday. Mr. Fink is a young man, but he is a hustler, and he has already established for himself a trade. The oil operations about Washington lately have been very extensive, and Mr. Fink states that within the past three months at least 150 wells have been bored in the neighborhood of the town. Every man who had a lot found no trouble to lease it, and the presence of a greasy rig on a beautiful lawn or in a back yard is a

ommon sight. Mr. Fink says the demand for tools was never better, and he is kept busy supplying the local trade. The oil well combination is working like a charm, though occasionally some maker will kick over the traces, but as soon as he is discovered he is called down and placed in position.

ROBBED THE POOR BOX.

A Sacrilegious Scamp Cleans Out a Church Charity Collection. Yesterday morning the "poor box" at St. James' Catholic Church, Main street, West End, was broken open and all of the money taken out. The police were notified, and have a description of a man who is sus-pected of the robbery. It is not known precisely how much noney was in the box, but it is thought that

MAY START TO-MORROW

it would amount to over \$50, as it had not

been opened for some time.

The Second Avenue Electric Road Ready for Operation. The difficulty with which the Second ave nue electric road met at the bridge across the line at Soho has been overcome, and the road may be put in operation. Several cars were run over the road yesterday with satisfactory results.

The grade of Second avenue has been lowered 12 inches at the bridge on Second

evenue so as to allow the cars to pass under To be Buried With No Ceremony.

Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, who died recent v in Alleghenv at the age of 78 years, will be buried this afternoon by the Pittsburg Secular Society. Mrs. Thomas requested efore her death that the society bury her and without religious ceremony. The services will be held at the residence of her son, Richard Thomas, 182 Washington avenue, at 3 P. M.

A Preacher Loses His Watch. Yesterday Holmes Anderson was sent to the Twenty-eighth ward station on a charge of larceny preferred by Rev. Mr. Gray, of Banksville, It was stated that Anderson had appropriated Mr. Gray's valuable watch and \$100 worth of goods. The watch has been found and is now before Judge Gripp. A hearing will probably be held to-morrow.

For Marin's Protection. Agreeably to announcement, Agent Dean, of the Anti-Cruelty Society, yesterday asked the Court to appoint a guardian for Maria Daly, the 13-year-old girl whose parents want married to Michael Beatty,

the 27-year-old puddler. It was represented that the parents might effect their object to the detriment of the child. ence to a report that a pugilistic encounter THE SEEMING IMPOSSIBLE OBTAINED.

Faith and Perseverance the Lever of Suc-

cess.

Seventeen years ago Mr. J. W. Ramsey, Kendall, Reaver Co., Pa., took cold which resulted in an extreme case of iritis of a plastic character, (inflammation of the colored part of the eye inside of the ball) which almost entirely closed the pupil—in one eye completely so. Five years ago he had the blind eye operated upon with fair success, but the same plastic iritis closed the new made pupil again. Last fall he came to Dr. Sadler, 804 Penn ave., with the other eye which could barely see light. The doctor made a new pupil, and secured it perma-nently by rapid recovery. The remaining iris was grown fast to the lens, which was also entirely opaque. In January the doctor removed the entire lens in its capsule, after first tearing the iris loose. The extreme danger in such cases arises from so much necessary manipulation, so delicately was it all done, however, that he suffered no pain after it, and at the end of ten days' stay with the doctor returned to his home. A month all is going well, with clear sight and glori-

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ous prospects.

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nearly every nation in the world is represented. In short the members say that it is the most cosmopolitan union of which they have any knowledge.

Don't Get Left,
But bring your baby to Hendricks & Co.'s next week, 68 Federal st., Allegheny. Great reduction in photographs. Don't Get Left.

SUNNY SIDE OF LIFE.

Robert J. Burdette Tells About the Pilgrimage of a Funny Man.

A TALK SPARKLING WITH HUMOR. FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH.

The Witty Lecturer Greeted by a Large and Cultured Audience.

HE FINDS COMFORT FOR EVERY SORROW

At H. Sellers McKee's works at Jean-nette, 16 chimney shops were laid off a few days ago, and the indications are that more will shortly be disposed of. There have Smiling Bob Burdette lectured in Carnegie Music Hall, Atlegheny, last night, for the benefit of the Arch Street M. E. Church. When he stepped upon the platform he was greeted by an audience numbering fully 1,000 people. The greeting was of the warmest possible character and must have been a source of pleasure to the lecturer. The subject for the evening was the "Pilgrimage of a Funny Man," and although he has delivered the same lecture in Pittsburg before, its reception was none the less cordial. He is the same Burdette, except that he is about a year older than when he lectured here be-

> The humor began last night when the speaker started his pilgrim on his journey, forgetting his baggage, and continued throughout the lecture. The climax of the fun was only reached when, after the audience was adjourned, several sets of artificial teeth and a peck of shoe buttons were found scattered over the floor of the hall. SUNSHINE BEHIND CLOUDS.

> Mr. Burdette took the darkest side of the most dismal life imaginable, and with the dexterity which belong to him alone picked out the very brightest rays of sunshine hidlen beneath the cares and trials of that life. He spoke with artistic ease and perfection, and was justly entitled to the enthusiastic plaudits of his thoroughly delighted audience. The lecture is largely an aggregation of funny stories couched in the speaker's

> baracteristic manner of telling them. There was at least one original one on the programme. Burdette was the guest of a riend who keeps a hotel somewhere in North America. They are very saving of bed clothes out there. Mr. Burdette got awake during the night and espied his toes turning heavenward at the foot of the bed. He said if he had been a Chicago man he would have concluded that the World's Fair mon-

> uments had certainly been erected.
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> Taking up the troubles and ordinary ills of life Mr. Burdette tried to encourage his audience not to allow trouble to interfere with their enjoyment and happiness. Som people are always sick; others are financially embarrassed and still others are complain ing about one ill or another. He never com plained about anything. In the next breath he described his terrible experience with the neuralgia, it was only toothache, but he called it neuralgia because he could evoke greater sympathy; the boils, which devel-oped into Bavarian tumors with carbuncular tendencies, and the grip.

> He once got the earache so bad that the sides of the hotel where he stopped bulged out. The landlord paid him for getting the ache in the other ear, going on the outside of the house and bulging the sides of the hotel back to their proper position.
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> Mr. Burdette has visited Greene county

A PECULIAR REMEDY.

recently. He likes Greene county. He is particularly struck with the civilization up there. He found one narrow gauge railroa and a Democratic majority struggling for existence. He lectured out there, and an old friend invited him home for the night. It was one of those bitter cold nights when the stars are frozen so hard that they look like a piece of glittering steel in the clear sky Burdette and his friend walked three mile through the snow. When they arrived, he was invited to sit down and put his feet on the back log while his friend went to the cellar for something to keep out the cold. Mr. Burdette thought he had a pretty clear idea of what that meant, but he was completely astounded when his host appeared a half hour later with a pitcher of chilled milk

and a plate of frozen apples.

Mr. Burdette closed by telling about a trip to the old homestead in the middle of winter and a night's sleep in the garret with the shingles nearly as wide apart as the rafters, and where the wind and the cats came in together through the broken win-dow. It was a rough night's sleep, and yet it was like all other mistortune in life-it had its bright side.

NINE DOLLARS To Washington, D. C., and Return With the privilege of a stop-off at Baltimore in either direction and a limit of ten days to return is the inducement offered you

their excursion on Thursday, March special train of Pullman parlor cars and day coaches will leave Union station on that date at 8 A. M., stopping at East Liberty, Braddocks, Irwins, Greensburg and many of the principal points, arriving at Washington early in the evening. Tickets at this reduced rate will also be sold for 7:15 and 8:10 P. M. trains on March 6. Parlor car seats can be secured now for morning trains and sleeping berths for night trains on application at ticket office, 110 Fifth ave-

by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for

Free Manufacturing Sites Are offered to responsible parties by Mr. F. Y. Clopper, of Greensburg, whose advertise ment appears in another column. Therein are recited the advantages of the sites it is

proposed to donate to such manufacturers. Kleber's early Monday morning for Otto Hegner's Concert, the phenomenal child planist, as according to all appearances there will be an immense rush for eats. Plan of seats opens at 9 o'clock.

That boys between the ages of 4 and 14 wear out more suits of clothing than men do, and, to meet the great demand for durable boys suits, we offer a number of styles at \$1 75 and \$2 50. Bring the boys along to-morrow. P. C. C. C., cor. Grant and Diamond sts., opp. the new Court House.

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