

SEIGLING AT EAST. The Earth Covered With a Thick White Blanket. LIVERYMEN ABLE TO GRIN. Threatened Delay to Railroad Travel for awhile. SOME FIRST SNOW STORM SCENES.

"If you have Christmas carols to sing, prepare to sing them now," hurried the man-about-town, as Jack Frost arrived in the city last night, scattering flaky crystals over streets, pavement, lamp posts and the like. It was a first class snowstorm, too, not a little flurry which resolved itself into mud almost before it reached terra firma.

Most of the population took refuge indoors. The rich and comfortably clad generally planned for a sleigh ride on the morrow, the poor and thinly apparelled watched the swirling snowflakes with rueful wishes, and the man who predicted an open winter crawled into a hole and pulled the cover close shut.

A DECIDED NOVELTY. The first snowstorm of the season was a decided novelty to the general public, and has been making frantic efforts to make the rifle for the past 48 hours. On Tuesday some exhibition flares were sent down, but they made no permanent impression upon the ground.

Good sleighing is assured, and the livery stable proprietors were getting their cutters and triching pains in trim for a golden harvest. The young man who had predicted a sleigh ride on his Sunday girl, and who was joyfully coating upon an open winter, was groaning in despair and contemplating retrenchment.

The "beautiful" snow put the horse cars in trouble, and the last of the snow and snowflakes were hauled out of sheds and put to work. The cable cars also were in trouble, and it was not until the morning that they were able to start.

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His Wounds Rapidly Healing, and He is to be Here To-Day. A telegram received last night from Corry said that Sammie J. Mason would arrive in Pittsburgh this morning.

LED TO HIS DEATH. Pittsburg Phil's Step-Father Takes the Bottle-of-Poison Route. TO FORGETFULNESS OF TROUBLE. Sad Ending of a Life Drama, With Its Little Touch of Romance. ONE MORE SUICIDE IN ALLEGHENY.

Edward Downey, a foundryman, employed in a shop in the upper part of Allegheny, committed suicide at No. 64 North Diamond street, yesterday forenoon, by taking laudanum. There is a sad story connected with his life and death. He was the step-father of "Pittsburg Phil."

Downey had been married twice. By his first wife he had a daughter, who is now married and lives on Thirty-third street, near Penn avenue. On March 18, 1878, he was wedded to Mrs. Smith, a widow. When Mrs. Smith was a girl of only 16 Downey had courted her. He was her first love. The girl was very pretty, and the woman retains the comely looks of her youth.

Downey was an industrious, steady man, and saved his earnings, and was possessed of some property. The widow had two sons, Charles and George. Both were frugal, steady, law-abiding men, and when they became old enough saved their money. George secured work in the cork factory of Armstrong Bros. & Co., on Twenty-second street, Pittsburg. There he earned \$2 a week.

Downey continued his work steadily, was sober, and apparently steady in all his habits. He says that her husband was very intimate with another molder, who lives in the Third ward, and that this man is the indirect cause of his ruin and ultimate death. This man introduced Downey to a young woman who gave her name as Gallagher. This name is said to be false. Downey fell in love with her, and they were soon married.

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MINERS TO CONVENE. Another Meeting to Discuss Wages to be Held Here This Week. CLAREY IS STILL IN THE FIGHT. The Strikers at Chartiers Say They Still Hold the Yards. MARY LABOR ITEMS FROM BUSY MINDS.

Another convention of coal miners has been called in this city. This time it will have some effect on the present scale of wages. A circular has been sent out asking for information in regard to an advance on the present price of mining. If the replies received ask for an advance, the increase will be put in the new scale to be adopted May 1.

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TO THE EFFECT THAT PRESIDENT GOMPERS WAS SERIOUSLY ILL and the meeting of the Executive Council would therefore be postponed until the 14th.

Looking for Glass Blowers. Manager Hays, of the Blairsville glass works, which was blown down recently by the wind, is in the city looking for bottle blowers for his new factory. He says it is almost rebuilt and will probably start Monday week. He says the outlook for the glass business continues promising.

He Could Not Find a Home for a Boy in Any of the Asylums. Mrs. Mary L. Robinson, a widow of Washington, Pa., came to the Anti-Cruelty Society office with her 8-year-old son, whom she intended to place in Agent Deane's hands, being unable to provide for him herself.

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GIVEN QUITE AN IMPETUS. A Gift to the Western Theological Seminary. Mr. Charles J. Clarke recently presented a check of \$1,000 to the Western Theological Seminary, to be used for recouping the library of the institution, which has run down considerably in the last few years.

A CABLE-CAR PECULIARITY. The Penn Avenue Line Manned by Dwarf Conductors. "Did you ever notice," said a Penn avenue storekeeper to a DISPATCH reporter yesterday, "how small in stature the great majority of the cable-car conductors on the line running out our way are. It would seem as if the company were looking for the smallest man available to man a special car."

FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH. French, English, German and American Dress Fabrics now on exhibition at our ever popular low prices.

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