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

Knights of the Mystic Chain.

P. C. James B. Davis has been elected Outside Guard of Echo Castle No. 18 vice J. H. A. Erbe, resigned.

Monument Castle No. 55 and Duquesne Castle No. 12 will pay fraternal visit to Iron City Castle next Wednesday evening.

Sir Knight M. T. J. Leithead, who has been sick, is on duty again, and can be found punctually at meetings of Echo Castle No. 18.

Three candidates were initiated in the third degree, and five propositions received by Echo Castle No. 18 at their last meeting.

Pride of the West Castle No. 28, of McKee's Rocks, has moved to more commodious quarters, corner of Bell avenue and Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad.

Grandview Castle, Duquesne Heights, dedicated its new hall Friday evening. Delegations were present from nearly all the castles in the district.

Martha Washington Assembly No. 1, Degree of Naomi, 2542 Penn avenue, initiated five candidates at their last meeting, Mrs. Roger Grounds presiding.

A new chamber of H. P. K. of R. T. will be instituted shortly in the hall of Echo Castle No. 18, Sourhside, by Supreme Inkslinger Robert A. Lutz, of Philadelphia.

Echo Castle No. 18, which meets in Mystic Chain Hall, Carson street, above Fifteenth, has changed their night of meeting from Wednesday to Saturday night.

Resolutions of respect and condolence were adopted by Star of Bethlehem Castle No. 63 at their last meeting on the death of Sir Knight Chief of Staff John Westerman.

Supreme Commander Richard Thompson will pay Schiller Castle No. 25 an official visit on Tuesday evening, April 8, at their hall, corner South Fourteenth and Carson streets, Southside. Sir Knights of other of sister castles are cordially invited to be present.

Supreme Commander R. H. Thompson, D. D. S. Commander Richard Muse, First District and P. C. Myers, of No. 14, paid a visit to Duquesne Castle No. 12, Allegheny, Thursday evening. P. C. Richard White, present Outer Guard of the Select Castle of Pennsylvania District Deputy Thomas, of the Northside, and visitors from Grandview Castle, Welcome Stranger, Iron City Castle and Monument Castle No. 55, were present.

P. O. S. of A.

Camp 2, at 102 Fourth avenue, initiated nine candidates and received 14 propositions on Thursday.

Since January 1 there have been 85 new camps chartered in Pennsylvania, with 2,317 members.

Ex-State Master of Forms J. L. Bast, of Philadelphia, is visiting friends in this city. He may make Pittsburg his permanent home.

Camp 357, of McKeesport, Camp 293, of Braddock, and the camps of the two cities will join with 552 in their parade at East Liberty on April 30.

New camps are being organized in several parts of this city and Allegheny, and at Duquesne, Homestead, Wilkinsburg, Homewood, McKee's Rocks, Southside and Dravosburg.

Camp 257, Pittston, Pa., has presented the first block of native granite for the Washington Memorial Arch of New York. The block is to contain 75 cubic feet, and polished to fit any space assigned to it.

The Committee on Reception of State Camp is making preliminary arrangements for the entertainment of that body, which meets here in August next. There will be over 1,000 delegates, while not less than 15,000 will participate in the parade.

Camp 352, of East Liberty, conferred the Red Degree on seven candidates and the White Degree on two members at their last meeting. They also had five propositions and four elections. Among the members is Stephen Collins, Superintendent of Mails and State Vice Councilor of the Jr. O. U. A. M.

Past State President George H. Hawksworth is making an official tour of inspection of the various camps in this section. He will visit Camp 388 to-morrow night, Camp 4 on Wednesday, Camp 532 on Thursday and Camp 3 on Friday. At Camp 3 the Valley Forge degree will be exemplified with new and complete paraphernalia.

The 36 camps of the order in Chicago have perfected the Sons of America Investment Company, with a capital stock of $80,000. They are now erecting the Washington Hall, at the corner of Washington Boulevard and Ogden avenue, and the commandery shrine will be one of the very finest lodge rooms in the country.

Every camp of the P. O. S. of A. throughout the entire nation is called "Washington Camp," the number being the distinguishing mark. As much of the work is founded on the acts of Washington, his name and memory are kept prominently in view. Many of the commanderies of the Blue Degree are named after Revolutionary heroes.

A meeting of the directors of the Valley Forge Memorial Association was held at State Camp headquarters at Valley Forge on Wednesday. This order became the owner of the Washington headquarters in 1886, having purchased it at a cost of nearly $20,000. An effort is now being made to secure 500 acres of land immediately adjoining the historic old building. An annual appropriation is made for the care of the museum in the headquarters.

Golden Chain.

Allegheny Lodge, of Allegheny, had four applications at last meeting.

Liberty Lodge No. 55, of the East End, is one of the best working lodges in the order.

A fine charter list has been secured for a lodge to be instituted in Mansfield, Pa., early next week.

An election of officers to fill vacancies caused by resignations will be held by Pittsburg Lodge on next Wednesday evening.

State Commander Samuel Osmond officially visited Bessemer Lodge, at Duquesne and Liberty and Central Lodge, of this city, during last week.

Duquesne Lodge No. 90, will hold a very important meeting in their new quarters, third-story hall, at 102 Fourth avenue, next Tuesday evening. The investigating committee will report regarding the accounts of the late collector.

Maryland Lodge No. 22, of Baltimore, Md., will give a series of entertainments in Ford's Grand Opera House in that city, commencing Monday evening, April 21, and running the entire week. Mark Twain's "Prince and Pauper" will be the main attraction.

The Equitable Aid Union.

The Grand Union of Pennsylvania will meet in Pittsburg in June next, and arrangements are being made to have a good time.

The pioneer union of this order in Allegheny county was Pittsburg Union No. 102, organized March 18, 1883, and continues in a very prosperous condition, with nearly 100 members. This union meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at Excelsior Hall, Forty-third and Butler streets, Pittsburg.

The annual session of the Supreme Union of the Equitable Aid Union has just been held at Columbus, Warren county, Pa. This fraternal and beneficiary society is now over ten years old, and on the 31st day of March, 1890, had a membership of over 33,000, being organized in 20 States and Territories. Both sexes are admitted on an equal basis. The following are the supreme officers for the present year: Supreme President, R. N. Seaver, Columbus, Pa.; Supreme Secretary, W. Ed Marsh, Corry, Pa.; Supreme Treasurer, Elijah Cook, Dayton, N. Y., and Supreme Medical Examiner, J. C. Richards, Olean, N. Y.

Hepnsophs.

Several of the Allegheny workers will soon receive a gold medal from the Supreme Conclave.

Two hundred and four new certificates were issued during March by the Supreme Secretary.

Ingram Conclave will soon hold an open meeting. A number of the resident supreme officers will attend.

There are several Allegheny county conclaves which, so far in 1890, have not appeared in the roll of honor.

Zeta Conclave No. 6, of Baltimore, is a close second to Pittsburg No. 89 for the largest membership in the order.

Elizabeth Conclave is recruiting its ranks rapidly. This is the baby conclave in the county, but promises rapid development.

Heptasoph Day, August 28, will be celebrated in style to excel its decennial celebration in 1888. All conclaves in the county will participate.

J. K. Moorehead Conclave must look to its laurels. Fifth Avenue is coming up lively, and it's an even thing which will receive the first gold badge.

The conclaves in Pittsburg and Allegheny, which have changed their halls and nights of meeting on April 1, should send correction to the Supreme Archon at once.

Cap Sheaf Conclave is making a new departure for the summer season, consisting of summer night concerts. This is commendable, and should in many ways benefit the conclave.

S. A. Kline, Esq., District Supreme Representative of District No. 7, Greensburg, held a meeting of the Archons of all conclaves in his district at his office on Friday. The object was to work upon a general plan to increase the membership.

Behind Closed Doors.

Grandview Council No. 259, Jr. O. U. A. M., will occupy its new hall on Monday evening, April 7.

Branch 36, C. M. B. A., will meet hereafter over the Fifth Avenue Bank on the second and fourth Friday evenings of each month.

Allegheny City Lodge 252, Sons of St. George, will hold its next meeting April 12, at its hall, corner Washington and Beaver avenues. A most interesting question will be submitted at that time. Sister lodges are especially invited.

A charter list is about to close in the East End for a lodge of the Fraternal Guardians. This order embraces some of the best features of the endowment plan. Joseph C. Smith, P. G. M. W. of the A. O. U. W. of Pennsylvania, is Supreme Guardian.

Excelsior Lodge No. 36, A. O. U. W., has completed arrangements for a musical and literary entertainment for the relief fund Tuesday evening, April 15, at Turner Hall, Butler street, near Forty-sixth street. The entertainment will conclude with a pound social, at which five valuable prizes will be awarded to the holder of the lucky numbers.

The amplified rank was conferred by Invincible Lodge No. 114, K. of P., on two brothers last Tuesday evening by their new team, and they certainly deserve great credit for the able and masterly manner in which the work was performed. The brothers were and visiting brothers from a dozen different lodges were present, and commended the team highly. They will confer the same rank on Tuesday, April 15.

The new officers of the Grand Castle of Pennsylvania Knights of the Golden Eagle, are as follows: Grand Chief, Davis Casselberry, of Philadelphia; Grand Vice Chief, D. D. Blauch, of Johnstown; Grand High Priest, Harry J. Whitehead, of Philadelphia; Grand Master of Records, J. D. Barnes, of Philadelphia; Grand Keeper of Exchequer, Charles A. Bickel, of Philadelphia; Grand Sir Herald, Harry F. Reinicke, of Philadelphia; Grand Trustee, Frank E. Hausher, of Reading; Representative to Supreme Castle, Charles H. Huston, of Philadelphia.

D. D. G. M. F. R. C. Perrine installed the following officers of James B. Nicholas Lodge No. 565, I. O. O. F., on Thursday evening: N. G., Judge S. Kinsfelter; V. G., J. O'Brien; Secretary, P. G., Henry M. Herschhauser; Assistant Secretary, C. L. Cooper; C., P. G., Thos. Matthews; R. S. to N. G., P. G., George E. Young; L. S. to N. G., E. R. Wynn; R. S. to V. G., Henry M. Springer; L. S. to V. G., Benjamin Bell; R. S. S., A. W. Gregg; L. S. S., —Worden; Chaplain, P. G., T. J. Black; Trustee, Isaac R. Carver; W., John Rohr, and I. G., Henry L. Bender.

P. G. Thomas Matthews, Acting Grand Master, assisted last Friday by P. G. George E. Young and others, installed into their respective stations the following officers of Henry Lambert Lodge 475, I. O. O. F., Friday evening, April 4: N. G., William Snowden; V. G., Charles Stale; Secretary, A. R. Turner; Assistant Secretary, Fred Harrington; Treasurer, Christof Sites; W., John Nicholas; O. G., Andrew Moon; C., George Snowden; I. G., Edward Pollitt; R. S., P. G. George Huish; L. S., P. G., W. Campbell, and R. S. to V. G., —Gill.

On Wednesday evening D. D. G. M., J. L. Early, of Zeno Lodge No. 748, I. O. O. F., of Southside, Pittsburg, assisted by Andrew Stewart and J. B. Hanna, also of Zeno Lodge, and D. M. Lazarus, of Birmingham Lodge No. 48, installed the following officers of Rich Valley Lodge No. 616 for the ensuing term: James Neely, N. G.; William Lemon, V. G.; W. U. Smith, Secretary, and William Lybarger, Assistant Secretary. After installation about 50 members and visiting brethren partook of a most excellent supper, prepared by Louis Baker, a baker by trade as well as by name, who resides on Main street, Chartiers borough. Toasts were given by the visiting brothers, and responded to by W. E. Yates and others of Rich Valley Lodge.

NATIONAL GUARD GOSSIP.

AN election for Second Lieutenant will be held in Company F, Eighteenth Regiment, on Monday evening, April 14. It will be conducted by Lieutenant Rust.

A NUMBER of the officers and privates of Companies A and B, of the Fourteenth Regiment, took active parts in the "Drummer Boy of Shiloh" last week at the Bijou.

J. RIDGEWAY WRIGHT, late Adjutant of the Ninth Regiment, has been appointed inspector of the Third Brigade, to succeed James B. Coryell, who was recently elected Colonel of the Twelfth Regiment.

SEVERAL of the larger colleges in the West are looking for eligible National Guard officers from the Eastern States, with a view of offering them military instructorships in the institutions. Some of the positions pay fair salaries.

A MEETING of the Board of Control of the Fourteenth Regiment is called for to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. A number of subjects of importance will be brought up for discussion, among them the feasibility of holding any preliminary inspections.

MR. GEORGE BAUM, Councilman from the Twentieth ward, is mentioned as the possible selection of Colonel Perchment for the Quartermastership of the Fourteenth Regiment. The appointment has not yet been definitely decided on, however.

THE inspection of the Fifteenth Regiment was completed last week by Major Patterson, and the Sixteenth Regiment will be started next Wednesday by Company F, of Franklin. Several of the companies of the Fifteenth are reported to have shown up rather poorly, particularly as to numbers.

GOVERNOR BEAVER has refused to commission Jesse Willets, Second Lieutenant-elect of Company H, Eighteenth Regiment, on account of continued absence from his company without leave. An election has been ordered for April 15 to fill the vacancy. It will be conducted by Lieutenant Horace Lowry.

CAPTAIN W. E. THOMPSON, of Company I, Fourteenth Regiment, tendered his resignation to Colonel Perchment last week, the cause being a pressure of private business. Captain Thompson was one of the most efficient officers in the Fourteenth, being connected with the organization for the past ten years. First Lieutenant Hamilton has been placed in charge of the company pending the election.

A STRIKING example of the necessity for the passage of the Henderson bill, by which additional aid will be extended to the National Guards of the different States by the Government, is shown in a letter recently published by General W. Henry, Adjutant General of Missisippi, in which he announces that the Legislature of that State has failed to make any appropriation whatever for the support of its National Guard, and has even withdrawn the $50 formerly allowed the Adjutant General for postage. He states if it were not for the uniforms and arms supplied by the United States Government the National Guard of Mississippi would be compelled to disband.

A LARGE number of the local officers have secured copies of "Kennan's Manual of Guard Duty," and those who have not done so should give the matter attention. The manual has been adopted by the War Department, and is one of the most simple yet put forth. It is particularly desired by General Hastings that at the encampment next summer, where the militia of the State will be brought in such close connection with the regular service, the organizations from the different parts of the State will be uniform in actions, particularly as to guard duty. It is a noticeable fact that scarcely two local officers instruct their guards in a like manner.

THE first meeting of the Board of Control of the Eighteenth Regiment, in the new armory on Diamond street, was held last night. All the companies are now settled in their new quarters, and the place presents a very comfortable appearance. The benefit of weaker companies being brought in close connection with the stronger ones, is being felt already, as many recruits are applying nightly for enlistment. The quarters of Company C, on the first floor, are probably the finest in the building. Battery B will not move from its present location, in the Fifth Avenue Market House, until the middle of May, after the regular spring inspection by Major Patterson.

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PENN AVENUE STRUCK

Mr. Thomas D. Messler Makes a Gobble on That Thoroughfare.

TWO OTHER BIG TRANSACTIONS.

An Ancient Bank Note Revives Recollection of a Famous Burglary.

THE STATUS OF LOCAL BUSINESS

Mr. Thomas D. Messler purchased yesterday, through the firm of Black & Baird, from the McCargo heirs, of St. Louis, Nos. 914 and 916 Penn avenue, lot 37 feet by 110 to Exchange alley, with several old buildings thereon, for $51,000, or $1,400 a foot front. This is considered a reasonable price for that neighborhood. Mr. Messler will improve the property.

Messrs. Straub & Morris are about closing up a deal for a large tract of land in the Nineteenth ward, involving about $30,000. The probable purchaser is a well-known business man, who, if he succeeds in "making the riffle," will subdivide the property and put it on the market.

A piece of down-town business property is about to change hands for $60,000. It is expected that the deal will be closed to-morrow. Messrs. Charles Somers & Co., who are conducting the negotiations, were asked for particulars, but said they were pledged to secrecy.

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Something of a curiosity in the way of a bank note is on exhibition in a window on Wood street. It was issued by the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank, of Pittsburg, and bears date 1812. As a work of art it is not a success, the engraving and printing being rough and the paper of a poor quality.

The bank was located on Fourth avenue, just below the present Bank of Pittsburg. Soon after it was opened for business it was broken into and robbed of about $40,000, which was quite a large sum in those days.

Two of the burglars were captured—one named Bemart, at Cleveland, by Sheriff William Lecke. The other turned State's evidence, and told where the money was concealed in Beaver county. Nearly all of it was recovered. Bemart was convicted and sent to the penitentiary, but escaped in a few months.

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A stock broker remarked yesterday: "There is not much doing now, but I think I see a prospect of lively times ahead. The Americans are born speculators. Pittsburg, with all its conservatism, is full of people who are fond of the excitement. Hard, persistent work brings slow rewards. I admit it is safe, but it is not fast enough for nervous men. They have been standing around with their hands in their pockets for some time watching for pointers. I think they will take hold before long. Plenty of 6 per cent money is an inducement which they cannot much longer resist. Pittsburg securities are in good shape for a whirl.

"I have no idea that speculation will amount to a craze, as in 1873 and several previous years. Our people have learned caution from costly experience. Balloon stocks find no favor now except with a very few. There is no more danger in handling reliable securities than there is in dealing in dry goods or groceries. They have a fixed market value, and are always salable. Reckless speculation is injurious to the country, but dealing in substantial properties, such as are listed on the Pittsburg Exchange, puts money in circulation and stimulates business."

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Among the many improvements made within the last decade there are none that seem more wonderful than the improvements in wood working machinery, some modern machines displaying an almost human intelligence in doing turning out work that would do credit to the hand of a skilled artist. The working of geometrical figures on wood by the Goehring (Pittsburg) machine is truely marvelous, as is also the embossing or wood engraving machine recently patented by a Western man, by means of which the human face or form, animals, landscapes or anything that can be drawn with a pencil, can be produced on the surface of wood. When all wood carving had to be done by hand it was only the rich who could indulge in the extravagance of furniture so ornamented, but in this age of machine work the furniture makers are enabled to supply their customers with the most elegant designs at a cost no greater than was formerly charged for plain work.

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Pittsburg business men are hard to please, but they could find no reason to complain of the condition of trade last week. The weather was fickle, with too much rain for out-of-door occupations, and there was a holiday; but against these drawbacks everything held its own, and the volume of transactions was up to the average.

Very few special features were developed during the week. Stock dealing was moderate, with no pronounced price changes. There was a good feeling all through, however, and brokers were hopeful. Petroleum was fairly active and weak. Field developments favored the bears.

Real estate maintained its customary activity, and values were very steady. A large number of transactions were closed up, many of them being important. Sellers are beginning to realize that the only way to keep this great interest in full swing is to avoid inflation. Fair prices attract investors.

SPECULATIVE SHARES.

Steadiness and Dullness the Only Features of the Local Market.

The stock brokers were in no mood for business yesterday, and consequently did next to nothing, sales being only 21 shares. Electric and Pleasant Valley were the only things in which there was any movement.

Bidding was quite lively for a while, and a large number of figures were placed on the board, but it was for small lots—two to ten shares—and failed to bring out the stuff. This indicates a firm undertone, if nothing more.

There were few price changes of importance. Allegheny Heating Company was bid up to 109, and Westinghouse Electric down to 43¾. As compared with Thursday's quotations, Central Traction was down a trifle and Philadelphia Gas about steady. Bank shares were strong.

EXCHANGE STOCK.

	Bid.	Asked.
Pitts. Pet., Stock & Metal Ex.	....	475

BANK STOCKS.

	Bid.	Asked.
Arsenal	65	....
Allegheny National Bank	65¼	....
Bank of Pittsburg	75	....
Commercial National Bank	97½	98
Citizens' National Bank	64	....
Duquesne National Bank	167	....
Farmers' Deposit National Bank	300	....
First National Bank, Pittsburg	170	....
Fourth National Bank	127	....
Freehold	60	70
Fidelity Title and Trust Company	....	161
German National Bank	325	400
Iron City National Bank	92	....
Marine National Bank	100	....
Masonic Bank	64¼	....
Mechanics' National Bank	110	....
Monongahela National Bank	121	....
Odd Fellows' Savings Bank	68	....
Pittsburg Nat. Bank of Commerce	230	....
Pittsburg Bank for Savings	240	....
People's National Bank	170	....
Tradesmen's National Bank	250	....

GAS STOCKS.

	Bid.	Asked.
Allegheny Gas Co. (Illum.)	40	....

NATURAL GAS STOCKS.

	Bid.	Asked.
Allegheny Heating Co.	109	....
Bridgewater	30	....
Chartiers Valley Gas Co.	46¾	....
People's Nat. Gas Co.	....	40
People's Nat. Gas and Pipeage Co.	17	17¾
Philadelphia Co.	82¼	82½
Wheeling Gas Co.	....	20½

OIL COMPANY STOCKS.

	Bid.	Asked.
Columbia Oil Co.	2	3
Hazelwood Oil Co.*	....	51

PASSENGER RAILWAY STOCKS.

	Bid.	Asked.
Central Traction	28	28½
Citizens' Traction	....	64½
Pittsburg Traction	....	40½
Pleasant Valley	27	....
Pittsburg, Allegheny and Manchester	290	325

RAILROAD STOCKS.

	Bid.	Asked.
Pitts. & Connellsville	....	12½

COAL STOCKS.

	Bid.	Asked.
N. Y. & Cleveland Gas Coal Co.	....	22½

BRIDGE STOCKS.

	Bid.	Asked.
Suspension Bridge Co. (Sixth st.)	80	....

MINING STOCKS.

	Bid.	Asked.
La Noria Mining Co.	⅛	⅛
Luster Mining Co.	17	18½

ELECTRIC LIGHT STOCKS.

	Bid.	Asked.
East End	60	....
Westinghouse Electric	43¾	44½

MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.

	Bid.	Asked.
Union Switch and Signal Co.	13¾	14
Union Switch and Signal Co. pfd.	....	45
Westinghouse Air Brake Co.	....	114

*Ex-interest.

Sales were 6 shares of Electric at 43¾, and 15 Pleasant Valley at 27¼.

Sproul & Lawrence sold 100 shares Pleasant Valley at 27¼.

Rea Bros. & Co. sold 10 shares Westinghouse Electric at 44¾.

The total sales of stocks at New York yesterday were 62,223 shares, including Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 10,915; Louisville and Nashville, 1,550; Missouri Pacific, 1,515; Reading, 3,700; Richmond and West Point, 4,488; St. Paul, 5,197; Union Pacific, 3,800.

SMOOTH SAILING.

Business Still Far in the Lead of That of Last Year.

There was no special movement in the local money market yesterday, apart from heavy checking and depositing the result of accumulations over the holiday. Funds were abundant and easy. The demand from regular customers was fair, and there was considerable discounting for outsiders. The regular rates, 6@7 per cent, were observed.

The Clearing House report presented some encouraging figures. The week consisted of only five business days, but it scored a gain of nearly a million and a half over the same week last year, which was a full one. This shows that everything is pro-pering. The report follows:

Yesterday's exchanges	$ 3,077,698 05
Yesterday's balances	484,649 84
Week's exchanges (5 days)	14,430,846 07
Week's balances	2,448,904 26
Previous week's exchanges	14,523,295 94
Exchanges week of 1889 (6 days)	13,081,054 87
Balances week of 1889	2,096,170 27
Gain in exchanges over week 1889	1,349,791 20

The weekly statement of the New York banks, issued yesterday, shows the following changes: Reserve, decrease, $2,889,175; loans increase, $3,480,000; specie, decrease, $1,144,300; legal tenders, decrease, $1,859,300; deposits, decrease, $457,700; circulation, increase, $65,800. The banks now hold $1,442,775 in excess of the 25 per cent rule.

Money on call at New York yesterday was easy, ranging from 4@5 per cent, last loan 4, closed offered at 3. Prime mercantile paper, 5@7½. Sterling exchange quiet and steady at $4 86¾ for 60-day bills, and $4 87 for demand.

Closing Bond Quotations.

U. S. 4s, reg.	122	M. K. & T. Gen. 5s	64¼
U. S. 4s, coup	122	Mutual Union 6s	103
U. S. 4½s, reg.	103½	N. J. C. Int. Cert.	111½
U. S. 4½s, coup	103½	Northern Pac. 1st	116
Pacific 6s of '95	116	Northern Pac. 2ds	111½
Louisiana stamped 4s	93¾	North'n'n consols	143
Missouri 6s	100	North'n'n Pac. 5s	110
Tenn. new set. 3s	78	Oregon & Trans. 6s	107½
Tenn. new set. 5s	101	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s	88½
Tenn. new set. 3s	73½	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6s	117
Canada So. 2ds	97	St. L. & I. M. Con. 5s	80
Central Pacific 1sts	111½	St. L. & S. F. Gen. M.	110
Den. & R. G. 1sts	118½	St. Paul consols	127½
Den. & R. G. 4s	78½	St. P., Chi. & Pc. 1sts	116
D. & R. G. West 1sts	—	Tx., Pc. L. G. Tr. Rs.	92½
Erie 2ds	101½	Tx., Pc. R. G. Tr. Rs.	38½
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s	75¾	Union Pacific 1sts	111½
		West Shore	105½

NEW YORK—Clearings, $56,988,693; balances, $4,610,127. For the week—Clearings, $374,228,067; balances, $34,270,624.

BOSTON — Clearings, $13,944,347; balances, $1,438,631.

PHILADELPHIA—Clearings, $13,986,033; balances, $2,159,876. For the week—Clearings, $65,774,358; balances, $8,954,600.

BALTIMORE—Clearings, $3,704,839; balances, $412,796.

PARIS—Three per cent rentes, 88f 65c for the account.

CHICAGO — Clearings, $10,970,000; for this week, $69,630,000. New York exchange quoted at 25c to 125c per $1,000 discount. Money steady at 6 per cent on call and 7 per cent on time.

ST. LOUIS—Clearings, $3,201,870; balances, $664,450. For this week—Clearings, $21,996,729; balances, $1,451,039. For last week—Clearings, $17,537,581; balances, $3,673,735.

The exports of specie from the port of New York during the past week amounted to $968,134, of which $75,543 was in gold and $890,941 silver. The imports of specie during the week amounted to $316,577, of which $235,130 was in gold and $83,447 silver.

CREEPING ALONG.

Crutches Necessary to Keep the Oil Market on Its Feet.

The holiday had no perceptible effect on the oil market either for better or worse. It certainly was of no advantage to it. There were no orders, and room traders were unusually cautious. The sales were about 20,000 barrels—not enough to go around.

The market opened at 81¾, advanced to 81⅞, declined to 80⅞, rallied and closed a 81⅝—showing a range of less than a cent. Refined was weaker, and field news bearish just enough to chill the ardor of speculation. The week's clearances were 1,690,000 barrels.

An important well has just been completed on the farm of Peter Nichols, in Adams township, Butler county, oil being found in a sand heretofore unknown in that section, being some 30 feet below the 100-foot level. The oil is identical in color and quality with the Gantz, of Washington county. The well is 2¾ miles in advance of production, and had 75 barrels to its credit in the first 24 hours' pumping. The well and some 400 acres adjoining are owned by E. H. and F. G. Jennings and Boyd Brothers and McCalla.

The Groveton well, struck by the Vandergrifts, caused considerable talk yesterday. No tanks have been provided, so that the oil is pouring down into Montour run a dead loss. It is thought that the well will be good for fully 500 barrels a day.

Hock & Barnhart's well, on the Stauff farm, in the Hundred-foot district, has 1,000 feet of oil in the hole at 40 feet in the sand. Campbell & Waterman's James Welch farm well is ten feet in the sand and showing nicely. The Patterson No. 2, on the Charles Young farm, is showing small. McKee's No. 4, on the James Casbodlar farm, at Alyoma, is producing about 250 barrels a day.

In the Washington field, the Claysville Oil Company's No. 4, on the John Gourley farm, is in the sand and showing for 100 barrels a day. The Washington Oil Company's No. 2, on the Carson farm, is through the Gordon sand and for 75 barrels a day, and their No. 2, on the Noble farm, is also through the sand and showing for the same amount.

E. M. Hukill's No. 5, on the W. P. Core farm in the Mt. Morris field, is in and good for 100 barrels a day or more. Mr. Hukill's No. 1, on the Alexander Lemley farm, is also in and a fine gasser.

The Two Brothers Oil Company's Island well, in the Volcano, W. Va., field, is producing 250 barrels a day, but is not yet drilled in.

Features of Yesterday's Oil Market

Corrected daily by John M. Oakley & Co., 45 Sixth street, members of the Pittsburg Petroleum Exchange:

Opened	81¾	Lowest	80⅞
Highest	81⅞	Closed	81⅛

	Barrels.
Average charters	75,119
Average shipments	81,056
Average runs	68,670

Refined, New York, 7.15c.
Refined, London, 5 7-16d.
Refined, Antwerp, 16¾f.
Refined, Liverpool, 5 11-16d.
Refined, Bremen, 6.55m.

A. B. McGrew quotes: Puts, 80@80⅛c; calls, 82¼@82½c.

Other Oil Markets.

OIL CITY, April 5.—Petroleum opened at 81⅝c; highest, 81⅝c; lowest, 81c; closed, 81¼c. Sales, 197,000 barrels; clearances not reported; charters, 5,238 barrels; shipments, 67,504 barrels; runs, 61,129 barrels.

BRADFORD, April 5.—Petroleum opened at 81½c; closed at 81½c; highest, 82¼c; lowest, 80¾c. Clearances, 748,000 barrels.

NEW YORK, April 5.—Petroleum opened steady at 81⅝c. The trading was very light, and the tone dull and heavy in the first hour, when the price sagged off ⅝c, but later the market reacted and closed steady. Stock Exchange: Opening, 81⅝c; highest, 81⅝c; lowest, 81¼c; closing, 81⅜c. Consolidated Exchange: Opening, 81⅝c; highest, 81¾c; lowest 81¼c; closing, 81⅜c; total sales, 91,000 barrels.

LANDS AND HOUSES.

The Week Closes With a Number of Important Transactions.

Kelly & Rogers, No. 6315 Station street, East End, report the sale of 11 lots on Breed's Hill street, Nineteenth ward, in J. C. Dick plan, to Mary Cryder for $5,000 cash; also four lots in the same plan, on Dauphin street, to I. O. McMinn for $2,800.

Baxter, Thompson & Co., 162 Fourth avenue, sold to O. D. Hartzerr a lot 45x75 feet, located on Dawson street, Second ward, Allegheny, having erected thereon four two-story frame dwellings, for $3,250.

L. O. Frazier, corner Forty-fifth and Butler streets, sold a new frame dwelling of five rooms, with a lot 20.50x97.25 feet, situated on the east side of Matilda street, between Penn avenue and Dearborn street, Nineteenth ward, to Mrs. Margaret C. Gosser for $2,700.

Black & Baird, No. 95 Fourth avenue, sold for G. D. Simon to George B. Hill, the modern brick dwelling known as No. 25 Union avenue, Allegheny, fronting the East Park, consisting of 12 rooms and lot 25x120 feet, for $10,000.

Ewing & Byers, 93 Federal street, sold for John H. Venning to James Schiefler the property No. 77 Logan street, rear of Kirkpatrick avenue, Second ward, Allegheny, being a two-story frame house of five rooms and finished attic, with lot 15 feet front by 50 feet deep, for $1,600 cash.

Alles & Bailey, 164 Fourth avenue, sold for J. A. Grace, No. 36 Magnolia street, Allegheny City, a two-story frame dwelling of five rooms, etc., lot 16x50 feet, for $1,500. Anthony Finigan was the purchaser.

J. E. Glass, No. 138 Fifth avenue, sold for George W. Acklin, a lot on Bayard street, near Neville street, size 50x181, for $3,000 cash.

M. P. Howley & Son, No. 127 Fourth avenue, sold to William Smith a lot on Fourth avenue 40x60, for 17,000; for the Real Estate Savings Bank to J. C. Reilly, a lot on North Highland avenue, 156x450, for $12,000; a frame dwelling with lot 242x200, on McCully street, near Highland avenue, for $14,000 cash; for M. C. Howley a three-story brick building, No. 96 River avenue, Allegheny, to Fred Venter, for $4,000; for Michael Maloney a two-story brick building, lot 21x60, to C. F. Klopfer, for $9,000. They also placed the following mortgages: A loan of $35,000 at 5½ per cent on property situate in Ottawa City, Canada; $500 on Hazelwood property at 6 per cent, and $10,000 on Fifteenth ward property at 5 per cent.

Samuel W. Black & Co. sold the D. C. Kuhn property on Collins avenue, East Liberty, to W. C. Lyne for $12,500; size of lot 49x212, with two-story eight room brick dwelling. A few days later the same firm resold this property to James H. Scott for $13,500.

E. D. Wingenroth, 100 Fourth avenue, sold a house and lot 33x152 on Penn avenue, Wilkinsburg, for Isaac M. Kitchen to the Manchester Homestead Loan and Trust Company for $3,250 cash.

HOMES FOR THE PEOPLE.

A Gratifying Increase in the Business of the Building Inspector.

The advent of warm weather has stimulated building operations, and the falling off previously noted will soon be more than made up.

The number of permits issued last week was 76, against 45 the week before. The improvements, according to estimates, will cost $161,665.

The list includes an unusually large number of expensive houses, which are noted below.

J. D. Thompson, brick five-story warehouse, 30x80 feet, on Water street, First ward. Cost, $14,500.

S. S. Marvin & Co., brick three-story stable, 50x120 feet, on Duquesne way, First ward. Cost, $18,000.

Henry Roberts, frame one-story kitchen, 12x14 feet, on Center avenue, Thirteenth ward.

James Bergman, frame two-story dwelling, 20x34 feet, on Bedford avenue, Thirteenth ward.

John Downs, frame two-story and basement dwelling, 21x34 feet, on Carson street, Twenty-fourth ward.

John Fitler, brick two-story and mansard dwelling, 18x22 feet, on Lyon street, Thirteenth ward.

George J. Hannan, two brick two-story and mansard dwellings, 13x32 feet each, on Reed street, Eighth ward.

Mrs. Philomena Mittenzwey, frame addition, one-story kitchen, 8x10 feet, on Seventeenth street, Twenty-sixth ward.

Henry Toberg, frame two-story dwelling, 16x32 feet, on Rebecca street, Twenth ward.

Mrs. Gertrude Weyman, frame two-story dwelling, 17x32 feet, on Pearl street, Sixteenth ward.

Caroline Fischer, frame one-story dwelling, 16x18 feet, on Whitfield street, Thirty-second ward.

H. Swoger, frame two-story dwelling, 21x32 feet, on Penn avenue, Twentieth ward.

Anton Monnich, one-story grocery store, 14x14 feet, on Penn avenue, Fourth ward.

H. C. Gearing, brick two-story dwelling, 18x32 feet, on Twenty-second street, Twenty-fifth ward.

George Derham, frame mansard add to dwellings, 14x30 feet, on Carson street, Thirtieth ward.

Mrs. M. R. Thompson, brick one-story office, 7x24 feet, on Third avenue, First ward.

A. L. Rieber, brick bottling factory, 21x28 feet, on Grant street, Third ward.

F. R. Liggett, brick two-story office, 34x26 feet, on Diamond street, Third ward.

John Dalzell, brick six-story warehouse, 25x100 feet, on Penn avenue, Fourth ward. Cost, $22,000.

T. A. M. Cunningham, brick two-story mansard dwelling, 20x30 feet, on Devillier street, Eleventh ward.

William C. Hall, four frame two-story dwellings, 15x28 feet each, on Francis street, Thirteenth ward.

William C. Hall, two brick two-story and mansard dwellings and stores, one 20x52, the other 20x34 feet, on Wylie avenue, Thirteenth ward.

William Zeiber, two brick two-story and mansard dwellings, 20x32 feet each, on Kirkpatrick street, Thirteenth ward.

Andreas Jurczik, frame one-story dwelling, 16x30 feet, on Ridge street, Thirteenth ward.

William Alker, two frame two-story dwellings, 18x26 feet each, on Somers street, Thirteenth ward.

Fred Benz, frame two-story dwelling, 18x32 feet, on Fillmore street, Twenty-