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.

The Golden Eagles.

Manchester Castle and Commandery gave a successful entertainment, April 10.

Twenty-one more of those fine full uniforms arrived Friday for Louis E. Stilz Commandery No. 69.

Venus Castle No. 291 on last Wednesday evening initiated three and conferred degrees on four applicants.

Americus Castle No. 229 initiated four candidates and received two propositions at its meeting last Friday evening.

Star of the West No. 93 initiated two and received three propositions at its meeting last Wednesday evening, at No. 76 Fifth avenue.

Anchor Castle No. 336, one of the best castles in the State, visited Iona, of Hazelwood, Wednesday evening. The visit will be returned.

Star of the West Castle No. 93 has introduced a new feature in its evening programme that has been a great success among the Eastern castles. Under the good of the order "All Smoke" is the motto.

Lorena Castle No. 131 is still on the boom. At the meeting last Tuesday evening six propositions were received. On next Tuesday evening a select degree team will be present and confer degrees on some 15 applicants.

Iona Castle, of Hazelwood, had four propositions last Wednesday night, and degree rank has been the rule at every meeting for six or eight weeks. Iona visited McKeesport Castle in a body last Thursday.

E. W. Hogan, the Smithfield street caterer, has been secured by the General Committee to furnish the banquet to the Supreme Castle officers and representatives on the evening of May 27, at Lafayette Hall. All Sir Knights will be required to appear in fatigue uniform at the banquet.

H. P. Reinecke, of Philadelphia, Grand Sir Herald of Pennsylvania, and editor of *Knights of the Golden Eagle*, arrived in Pittsburg last night. He will confer with the Grand Castle General Committee in regard to something in connection with the coming demonstration in Pittsburg, at the Duquesne Hotel, 10:30 o'clock A. M. to-day. The members of both committees should all be present.

The Grand Army Band has been secured for escort, parade and promenade duty for May 26, 27 and 28. On May 26 it will furnish escort music; 27, escort duty in the forenoon, parade in the afternoon and concert music in the evening. On May 28 it will furnish concert music in the afternoon at Silver Lake Grove; music for prize march and exhibition drills and music for Grand Eagle, summer evening, May festival and promenade.

The Pittsburg brothers made quite an impression at Allentown during the session of the Grand Castle and succeeded in getting many commanderies stirred up to come to Pittsburg during session of Supreme Castle next month that would not have come otherwise. Up to date the following have notified the Secretary they will be here: First Battallion, of Baltimore, Md.; Fourth Regiment, from Philadelphia; Thirty-five Commanderies from Eastern Castles, and others, including those of this and adjoining counties.

The county of Allegheny has been divided and the castles in the different districts placed in charge of the following District Grand Chiefs: First district, B. Patterson, Castles Nos. 93, 129 and 359; Second district, E. T. White, M. D., Castles Nos. 131, 229 and 288; Third district, R. J. Cook, Castle No. 170; Fourth district, John Miller, Castles Nos. 248, 282 and 312; Fifth district, Heber McDowell, Castles Nos. 212 and 242; Sixth district, Louis Smith, Castles Nos. 291, 337 and 352. The Grand Instructors are W. C. Finley, H. A. Hoffman and J. A. Auburn.

A. O. U. W.

Seven out of the ten Grand Lodge officers are members of the Mogullians.

The lodges hereabouts are contributing generously to the Dakotas in their distress.

Brother James Byers, of Industry Lodge No. 25, has the sympathy of his brother Workmen in the loss of his wife, who died recently.

Union Lodge, No. 86, is keeping up her excellent reputation. They had an entertainment on Wednesday evening last which was a very creditable affair.

The Grand Lodge proceedings are being distributed among the lodges and make valuable reading matter. The book is very neat and is up to the usual standard of excellence.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 36, gave a musical and literary entertainment on Tuesday evening last, for the benefit of their lodge fund, and the affair was voted a success in every particular.

Americus Lodge, No. 242, at Sewickley, gave a musical and dramatic entertainment on Tuesday evening last, which was of a first-class order in every respect, and reflects credit on the members.

Triumph Lodge, No. 68, is at her old tricks, that of scooping in new members from every direction. The brothers of this lodge are certainly "live here," in the true sense of the word. Brothers who wish to see the work exemplified will do well to pay them a visit.

A little incident happened lately, which is a true bill, and shows how much interest some men have in the welfare of the order. A member of one of the lodges in Allegheny City, who resides in Pittsburg, by the way, and it safe to assert has not been inside of his lodge room since being initiated, had occasion to pay an assessment lately and forgot the location of his lodge. He strolled around and finally landed at a lodge hall on Ohio street, and passed in his money enclosed in a slip of paper, never inquiring whether it was an A. O. U. W. meeting or not, and forgetting to attach his name also. His mistake was discovered later on, when he set about to recover the money. At last accounts he was still out of pocket.

Select Knights.

The wife of Grand Commander Rowen is still suffering severely with rheumatism at the Central Hotel.

Comrade Allen, of Pittsburg Legion No. 1, distinguished himself as an orator at Nov. 20 on Wednesday evening last.

The comrades are glad to see Adjutant Joseph B. Eaton looking the picture of health again, after his prolonged illness.

The next meeting of the Board of Officers will take place at Central Hotel on Wednesday evening, April 30, at 7:30 sharp. It is earnestly requested that all Legion officers will be present upon this occasion, as business of importance will be transacted. All comrades of First Regiment are cordially invited to attend.

The next visitation of the Colonel and staff will be to Bellevue Legion No. 33, at Bellevue, on Friday evening, April 25. Trains leave Fort Wayne depot, Allegheny, at 7:15. As the comrades of Bellevue are making great preparations for this event, and will have a band at the depot to escort the visitors, it is earnestly desired that all comrades who can will accompany the Colonel on this trip.

Colonel Charles V. Lewis and staff, accompanied by comrades from Legions Nos. 1, 7, 10 and 27, paid an official visit to Liberty Legion No. 20, at Bloomfield, Wednesday evening last, and were received with open arms by the comrades of that legion. After the regular order of business had been transacted some excellent speeches were made for the good of the order. Then the programme was changed to that of recitation and song, which all seemed to enjoy until the signal was sounded for the sumptuous repast which had been set in an adjoining room, to which all retired and satisfied their appetites to the fullest extent. Comrades Allen and Carson, of No. 1, inquired particularly of the Colonel as to where and when the next visitation would take place that they might fast for a couple of days before. No. 20 is certainly an enterprising legion, and one capable of sizing up the appetites of the Colonel and staff to a Queen's taste.

Royal Arcanum.

Revenue Council No. 101 will hold its next regular meeting Tuesday evening, April 22, at its new rooms, Wood street and Virgin alley, over the Third National Bank. Grand Regent Joseph A. Langfitt and a number of visitors are expected, when questions of importance will be brought before the council.

The members of Springfield Council No. 218, R. A., at their meeting on last Monday evening were visited by representatives of Darling, Allegheny, Federal, West End, Oneon, East End, and Revenue Councils. One of the grand officers, Brother E. A. Knox, Grand Warden, delivered a speech which was highly appreciated. Others speakers were Brother J. T. Shallenberger, District Deputy; J. M. McAfee and District Deputy George Dunkel.

The Heptasophs.

Zeta Conclave has two more member which have secured gold badges since March 20.

The Supreme Secretary writes to the Supreme Archon: "Applications are coming rapidly."

According to the official monthly report Zeta No. 6 has overtaken Pittsburg No. 89, in having the largest membership.

Fifth Avenue Conclave had four initiations and six elections at its last meeting. Past Archon Motz will soon receive his gold badge from the Supreme Conclave.

J. K. Moorehead Conclave No. 82 and Monongahela No. 139 have under consideration the establishment of Conclave sick benefit features. This should bring out every member.

The members appointed by the several conclaves to the General Committee on Heptasoph Day should remember the committee meets on Friday April 25, at No. 93 Diamond street for organization. All should be present.

The Heptasoph Association, of Allegheny county, holds its regular meeting on Tuesday evening next. This promises to be one of the most interesting meetings held for some time, as the establishment of a sick relief feature will be considered.

Captain Sheat's summer night concerts are now on the boom. The season opens June 12. Admission can be secured only by subscription. The talent will be the best to be secured, and the young men having it in charge will be a guarantee of its success in all that implies.

James R. Kenney, ex-Mayor of Reading, and a prominent member of Reading Conclave No. 67, at present State President of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, is here on official business connected with the order. He and the Supreme Archon were classmates four years at school.

The Supreme Archon has signed and forwarded the warrants to pay the children of Franklin W. Andrews, late a member of Star Conclave No. 171, at Bradford. The deceased brother was only initiated on December 4, 1888, and was killed by being thrown from his horse. The amount paid is $5,000.

A number of the Allegheny county conclaves will appear in the May roll of Honor. An analysis of the increase of membership in 1890 will also appear by districts. It can be taken observed who are our working deputies. There are several Archons whose work so far in the chairs has not been a brilliant success.

The Golden Chain.

There are now 14 lodges in Allegheny county.

Pittsburg Lodge had one initiation on last Wednesday evening.

A charter has been granted for the seventh lodge in Richmond, Va.

The Crafton Degree Team worked on two candidates on last Monday night. The State Commander was present.

Dr. Edwin Painter, the Commander of Gas City Lodge of this city, is in New York and is to undergo a severe surgical operation at the Roosevelt Hospital this week.

Organizer Samuel I. Osmond, assisted by Brothers Heisley, McAfee, Matthes, Pearson, Mercer and other prominent members of Crafton, Pa., Lodge, instituted Rosedale Lodge in the Sons of Veterans' camproom at Mansfield borough, Pa., on last Wednesday evening, with 35 charter members. The following named officers were chosen and installed: Past Commander, John Errett; Commander, R. J. Hardy; Vice Commander, James G. Gamble; Assistant Commander, O. R. Cooke, Esq.; Prelate, C. A. Wills; Secretary, D. C. Turner; Collector, J. B. Fife; Treasurer, George T. Kirkbride; Guardian, P. H. Shipley; Guide, J. F. Zugschwert; Sentinel W. J. Waldie; Trustees, N. C. Deane, M. B. Brown, Jr., and L. H. Wallace; Medical Examiner, Dr. E. C. Husler.

C. M. B. A.

The Advisory Council will meet this evening at 7 o'clock.

A meeting will be held at Elizabeth this afternoon to start a branch.

The tickets for the concert to be held on May 29 are now in the hands of the local branches.

Branch 34, of East Liberty, held a sociable last Thursday evening on the opening of their new hall.

Brother Kappler, of Branch 56, was in town last week. He paid a visit to many brother members.

A double-header assessment for April is No. 4 and 5. It contains the names of 29 members who have died.

Jr. O. U. A. M.

James C. Chaplin Council No. 365, Jr. O. U. A. M., will give an entertainment and reception at new Turner Hall, Forbes street, on Wednesday evening next, 23d instant. The committee of arrangements is composed of the following well-known gentlemen: John Kalb, chairman; Messrs. W. W. Chaplin, A. K. Bauman, Emil Poerstel, Jr., Frank Hawthorn, F. Mugele, James T. McMasters, R. C. Barre, George R. Beecher, John Zinn and C. W. Jackson.

I. O. O. F.

Western Star Lodge No. 24 has just lost one of its oldest members, P. G. John Simmons, who died at Wilmington, Del., on the 13th inst. Brother Simmons lived to the ripe old age of 89 years, 42 years of which he had been a member of No. 24. His illness dates back to 1878. The lodge has paid him sick benefits for 588 continuous weeks. This is one of the rare cases in the order, which makes it more worthy of note.

P. O. S. of A.

Hon. James R. Kenney, Mayor of Reading, State President of the P. O. S. of A., instituted Washington Camp No. 517 at Forty-third and Butler streets last Thursday evening. Mayor Kenney is paying a series of fraternal visits to the camps in Western Pennsylvania. On Friday evening he visited Camp 3, 101 Federal street, Allegheny, and assisted in the initiation of a number of candidates. There are now ready awaiting institution 16 camps in different parts of the State. Last night the State President, assisted by Past State President George H. Hawksworth, organized Camp No. 520 at Twenty-sixth street and Penn avenue, and to-morrow these two officers will organize Camp No. 520 on Wylie avenue, this city.

The State President reports wonderful activity in the order throughout the State, and says that the State camp sessions, in this city, next August, will be the largest ever held. The camps in the two cities have initiated 68 members in the past week.

General Lodge Notes.

The musical and dramatic entertainment given by Americus Lodge No. 242, in Choral Hall, Sewickley, on last Monday evening, was a fair success financially. "Michael Erle and the Irish Tiger" was produced by the Warren Dramatic Company, an organization of amateur actors belonging to Sewickley. Miss Clare L. Dawes as *Mary Woodard* gave evidence of histrionic abilities of no mean order. Mrs. J. Warren as *Julia Spring* was vivacious and interesting. The *Michael Erle* of Josph W. Warren showed evidence of a careful study of the character. The other parts were well sustained. The vocal solo of Miss Marion F. Gaston, and the recitation of "Brown's Hair Cut," by Miss Lillie M. Terry, received rounds of applause.

Branches No. 2 and 15, British-Americans, will hold their second annual entertainment and reception at Imperial Hall, New Grant street, Wednesday evening, April 23, in commemoration of Shakespeare's Day. Short addresses by Hon. George E. Gooch, of Chicago, the National President, and I. H. Williams, of Philadelphia, National Secretary, and Colonel W. D. Moore and Major Montooth, of this city, are on the programme. Prof. Byron King will render Shakespeare; Mrs. Dr. H. Fricke and Prof. Joseph Wrigley will give some choice selections; Miss Annie Newhorn and Miss Reddick will perform piano solos, and Mr. Davis, the blind violinist, will furnish a treat. Scotch costumes will be worn. The entertainment will be given under the auspices of the British-Americans of the two cities.

A Correction in Coke.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

SCOTTDALE, April 19.—In this week's coke trade report the price of coke was erroneously quoted at $1 75 per ton. The mistake was unintentional, but it caused much talk among consumers, hence the correction. The price of Furnace D coke instead of $1 75 is $2 15.

Junketing Railroad Men.

A party of Lehigh railway officials passed through the city yesterday en route East. They had been taking a pleasure trip through the West and went to the coast. In the party were Vice Presidents Hartshorn and Robert C. Sayre.

—A Florida man is carrying a pocket comb that has been in use 25 years. Another man has a matchsafe that he has had 15 years.

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THINGS LOOKING UP.

The Lull in Real Estate Thought to Have Run Its Course.

A FEW MORE DEALS CLOSED UP.

How a Professional Man Was Helped by His Best Girl's Mother.

FACTS ABOUT GOLD AND SILVER COINS

Business in real estate was rather quiet the fore part of the week, but yesterday nearly all the brokers reported a decided change for the better. A member of the firm of W. A. Herron & Sons said: "I think the lull is about over. We have had as many inquiries to-day as usual, and several deals have been started that will probably go through." Charles Somers & Co. made a similar statement.

Baxter, Thompson & Co. also noted the improvement, and added: "There is no danger of a collapse. There are too many buyers for that. The business has about doubled within a year, but has not yet reached full growth. We look for an active market from this time on." Straub & Morris said they were very busy, but found it difficult to close up transactions. Black & Baird, Samuel W. Black and others took a cheerful view of the situation, and predicted brisk times the rest of the season.

Among the more important transactions reported are these: Samuel W. Black & Co. sold a business property on Penn avenue for $26,000. It will be occupied by the purchaser.

J. C. Reilly sold to James Phelan a lot on North Highland avenue, near the residence of William Flinn, for $13,000.

The two deals referred to a few days ago—one a business property down town, involving $60,000, and the other 20 acres down the Fort Wayne road—are still on the string, but making progress. Five hundred dollars were paid on the latter yesterday afternoon.

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From business to romance is not as long a step as it looks. They are frequently found in combination, as the following incident in the life of a prominent professional gentleman of this city shows. He told the story yesterday in language substantially as follows: "When I left college and came to Pittsburg I didn't have a dollar of my own. I felt that I could succeed if I could only get a start. But how to get the start was what troubled me. I was courting a girl, the daughter of a widow who lived in the East End, and owned considerable property. One day a man offered to sell me a house and lot at a low figure. It was just what I wanted for an office and dwelling, for I intended to go to housekeeping when I married the girl. I didn't have a dollar, as I said before, but I determined there and then to buy the house, and I did. How did I do it? Well, it was a cheeky proceeding, [to say the least. I went to my prospective mother-in-law, laid the case before her and asked her to endorse my note for the necessary amount. She did so, and in a week I was owner of the house and had my shingle suspended over the door. Of course I married the girl, and we have lived happily together ever since."

The gentleman is worth at least $250,000, and he attributes his success entirely to a dogged determination, formed early in life and unflinchingly adhered to, to succeed. He knew no such word as fail. The incident is a striking illustration of the truth of the adage: "Where there's a will there's a way." Let the faint hearted take courage.

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Having thrown out a few hints to direct attention to the method necessary to pursue to acquire money, which may be summed up in one word—push—a few remarks on money itself, or rather, on the peculiarity of certain coins, may not be amiss. "A great many people have an idea that the value of a coin depends upon some peculiarity in its appearance or age," said a coin broker the other day. "Now, this has nothing to do with it all," he continued. "The only thing that makes a coin valuable to the collector is its rarity. For instance," he said, throwing down an ordinary looking silver dollar. "That coin is worth $4, and the silver dollar of 1804, which looks just like it, is worth at least $400. There is only one of them in this city. Many people think that the silver quarter of 1853 is worth a big premium. The fact is, the 1853 quarter without the arrows beside the date is worth $3, but the others bring only their face value. It is just the same with the 5-cent pieces without the word 'cents.' They are floating around everywhere.

"We have many calls for new coins and bills, and people are willing to pay a handsome premium for them, too. I am sure I don't know what they do with them, unless they give them as presents. The bangle craze seems to have died out, but gold dollars are in good demand. They are scarce, though, and bring from $1 50 to $2. The Government has stopped coining them, except as proofs. It is said the Chinese send a great many gold coins to their native country. They are fond of ornaments, and many rich Chinamen use American gold pieces for buttons. They also use them for charms, believing that a large number of coins worn on the person is a sure protection against disease and accident."

THE WEEK IN STOCKS.

Dull and Featureless All Through, With Few Important Price Changes.

Plenty of figures were made at the stock call yesterday, but without much in the way of business to show for them. The feeling was buoyant, and the bidding covered almost all the specialties on the list. Sales were 150 shares, only 50 of which were regular.

There were no important price changes. Bridgewater Gas was fractionally stronger, while Philadelphia, Chartiers and Wheeling about held their own. Citizens' Traction improved a trifle, but Pittsburg and Central submitted to small concessions. Pleasant Valley was steady; Westinghouse Electric was a shade better; Luster lost ground; bank and insurance shares were in demand at full prices.

The main feature of the market throughout the week was dullness. Prices, as compared with the previous week, show few material changes. The only positive gains were in Citizens' Traction and Bridgewater Gas. The declines were unimportant, Luster being the chief sufferer. The steadiness of the market in spite of the extreme dullness is encouraging, if nothing more.

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

BANK STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Arsenal	....	85
Allegheny National Bank	65¾	66
Commercial National Bank	97	....
Citizens' National Bank	84½	....
City Savings	....	....
Duquesne National Bank	167	....
Farmers' Deposit National Bank	550	....
First National Bank, Pittsburg	170	....
Fourth National Bank	127	....
Fifth Avenue	46½	....
Freehold	62	72
Fidelity Title and Trust Company	....	160
German National Bank	325	400
Iron City National Bank	92	....
Keystone Bank of Pittsburg	70	....
Marine National Bank	100	....
Masonic Bank	64½	....
Merchants & Manufacturers' Na. Bank	70	71
Odd Fellows' Savings Bank	68	75
Pittsburg Nat. Bank of Commerce	250	....
Pittsburg Bank for Savings	240	....
Second National Bank	210	265
Tradesmen's National Bank	250	....
Second National, Allegheny	....	200
Third National, Allegheny	187	....

INSURANCE STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Boatmen's	28	....
City	....	36
National	60	....
Western Insurance Co.	....	50

GAS STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Allegheny Gas Co. (Illum.)	41	....

NATURAL GAS STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Allegheny Heating Co.	104	....
Bridgewater	38	....
Chartiers Valley Gas Co.	....	44
People's Nat. Gas and Pipeage Co.	15¾	16
Philadelphia Co.	30¾	31
Westmoreland and Cambria	....	25
Wheeling Gas Co.	....	21

OIL COMPANY STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Forest Oil Co.	....	100

PASSENGER RAILWAY STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Central Traction	27½	27¾
Citizens' Traction	67½	70
Pittsburg Traction	26½	26½
Pleasant Valley	27	27½
Pittsburg, Allegheny and Manchester	298	305

RAILROAD STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Pitts. Junc. R. R. Co.	....	30
Pitts. & Western R. R. Co.	12½	....
Pitts. & Western R. R. Co. pref.	17¾	....

COAL STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
N. Y. & Cleveland Gas Coal Co.	....	27½

BRIDGE STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Ewalt (Forty-third st.)	53	....

MINING STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Charlotte Mining Co.	....	....
Consignee	....	30
La Noria Mining Co.	¼	....
Luster Mining Co.	13¼	15¾
Sterling Silver Mining Co.	2½	....
Yankee Girl Mining Co.	....	2½

ELECTRIC LIGHT STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Westinghouse Electric	43	43¾

MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Union Switch and Signal Co.	13¾	14
Union Switch and Signal Co. pfd.	....	44
Westinghouse Air Brake Co.	111	112
Westinghouse Brake Co., Lim.	60	....
Grocers' Supply and Storage Co.	102	....

Sales were 50 shares of Airbrake at 111½, 50 Central Traction at 27½, 50 Luster at 14, and $1,000 Citizens' Traction 5's at 110½.

Rea Brothers & Co., sold $4,000 H. C. Frick Coke Company 5s at at 102½ and interest.

A Caster sold $1,000 St. Clair Incline Plane 5s at 105 and interest, and 150 shares Luster Mining at 14.

Edward P. Long sold 75 shares Pleasant Valley at 27, 100 shares Westinghouse Electric at 43, and 50 shares Central Traction at 27½.

Fred Reinhart bought 50 shares of Luster at 14.

The total sales of stocks at New York yesterday were 148,993 shares, including Atchison, 2,000; Lackawanna and Western, 28,920; Rocking Valley, 1,540; Louisville and Nashville, 8,108; Missouri Pacific, 3,200; Oregon Transcontinental, 3,300; Pacific Mail, 3,350; Reading, 3,600; Richmond and West Point, 3,920; St. Paul, 4,070.

FOOD FOR PESSIMISTS.

Figures Showing a Large and Steady Expansion of Business.

Manager Chaplin, of the Clearing House, was happy yesterday. His report showed that the exchanges for the week were the largest of the year, and nearly $9,000,000 better than for the corresponding time last year. This shows that while the railroad imbroglio may have caused some uneasiness, it had no effect upon business except to increase it. This may sound like a paradox, but the fact remains all the same. The report reads:

Yesterday's exchanges	$ 2,602,297 04
Yesterday's balances	329,119 29
Week's exchanges	16,790,465 38
Week's balances	2,576,011 95
Previous week's exchanges	13,763,070 97
Previous week's balances	2,985,784 72
Exchanges week of 1889	13,935,820 99
Balances week of 1889	3,093,360 22
Exchanges to date, 1890	231,020,884 33
Exchanges to date, 1889	194,807,643 85
Gain, 1890 over 1889, to date	36,203,239 48

So far as the money market was concerned there was nothing new. A fair demand was reported, with abundance of cash to supply it, and rates easy at 6@7 per cent. Checking and depositing were heavy. No complaint was heard about currency, and it may be quoted as easy.

The weekly statement of the New York banks, issued yesterday, shows the following changes: Reserve increase, $872,050; loans, decrease, $2,758,900; specie, decrease, $968,500; legal tender, increase, $1,441,900; deposits, decrease, $1,354,600; circulation, increase, $10,200. The banks now hold $1,324,450 in excess of the 25 per cent rule.

Money on call at New York yesterday was easy, with no loans, closed offered at 3 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 5@7. Sterling exchange quiet but steady at $4 85¼ for 60-day bills and $4 87¼ for demand.

Closing Bond Quotations.

U. S. 4s, reg.	122	M. K. & T. Gen. 5s	64
U. S. 4s, coup.	122	Mutual Union 6s	107¼
U. S. 4½s, reg.	109¾	N. J. C. Int. Cons.	135
U. S. 4½s, coup.	109¾	Northern Pac. 1sts	116¼
Pacific 6s of '95	116	Northern Pac. 2ds	111
Louisiana stamped 4s	95¾	Northw'n consols	142
Missouri 6s	100	Northw'n deben's 5s	113
Tenn. new set. 6s	118	Oregon & Trans. 6s	107¼
Tenn. new set. 5s	103½	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s	88¾
Tenn. new set. 3s	74	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6s	117
Canada So. 2ds	98½	St. Paul consols	127¼
Central Pacific 1sts	111½	St. P., Chi. & Pc. 1sts	116
Den. & R. G. 1sts	111	St. P., Pc. L. D. Tr. Rs.	92½
Den. & R. G. 4s	90	Tex. Pac. R. G. Tr. Rs.	28¾
D. & R. G. West 1sts	....	Union Pacific 1sts	112
Erie 2ds	100¾	West Shore	105¾
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s	73¾		

NEW YORK—Clearings, $12,182,783; balances, $7,029,288. For the week—Clearings, $692,064,593; balances, $38,148,974.

BOSTON — Clearings, $18,029,269; balances, $1,697,586. For the week—Clearings, $104,274,622; balances, $12,750,725. For the corresponding week last year—Clearings, $97,946,859; balances, $11,247,094.

PHILADELPHIA—Clearings, $12,677,193; balances, $2,029,844. For the week—Clearings, $74,226,460; balances, $11,346,512.

BALTIMORE—Clearings, $2,464,545; balances, $344,081.

LONDON—The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day is £105,000.

PARIS—Three per cent rentes, 89f 5c for the account.

CHICAGO—Clearings, $12,628,000. For the week—Clearings, $78,296,000. New York exchange at 40c premium. Money active and unchanged.

DISCHARGED THE DOCTOR.

Oil Stronger and a Fair Amount of Business Transacted.

The oil market yesterday was somewhat above the average of late in strength and activity. Business was brisk for the short session, due principally to covering of the shorts. The opening was about steady at 85. The shorts then took hold and run it up to 85¾. This support withdrawn, the market sagged to 84½, which point was reached shortly after 11 o'clock. The shorts then went in again, and the price shot up to 85¾, from which it broke to 84½, where it stood at the finish. The principal fluctuations were: Opening, 85; highest, 85¾; lowest, 84½; closing, 84¾. Refined was firmer, and the outlook good for a steady if not stronger market this week. The week's clearances were 2,872,000 barrels.

There was nothing in the field being to unduly elate the bears or depress the bulls. The Shaffer farm well of Benning, Calhoun & Co., in the Chartiers Valley field, looks like a dry hole from present appearances, with not much hope from deeper drilling. The South Penn Oil Company's test well on the Alexander farm, near Bridgeville, Miller's run, was expected in last night.

The Amett well of E. M. Hukill, in Marion county, W. Va., is being drilled to the lower sand. This will be another considerable interest until the result of the last drilling is known. The Hundred-Foot Oil Company is also drilling on the Pritchard farm, a little south of the Amett well, and is about ready for the first casing.

The strike of a 100-barrel-an-hour well at Limestone, N. Y., does not open up any new territory, as it was around there that the first wells in the Bradford field were found.

Those having oil in the Tidewater Pipe Line can sell it to the Keystone Bank hereafter at the market price. Previous to this they had to send it to Titusville, so that the new arrangement will be of much advantage to them.

A West Virginia Strike.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

EUREKA, W. VA., April 19.—The Boyle well, on the Corbett farm, came in at noon to-day. It is eight feet in the sand, and is making 100 barrels per day. This will open up no new territory.

Features of Yesterday's Oil Market.

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

Opened	.85	Lowest	84½
Highest	.85¾	Closed	.84¾

Average charters	44,185
Average shipments	71,134
Average runs	65,562

Belief in New York, 7.10c.
Refined, London, 5 7-16d.
Refined, Antwerp, 16½f.
Refined, Liverpool, 5 11-16d.
Refined, Bremen, 6.55m.

A. B. McGrew quotes: Puts, 83¾c; calls, 86@86⅛c.

Other Oil Markets.

NEW YORK, April 19.—Petroleum opened firm at 85c and after moving up ⅛c fell to 84⅞c. Then the market reacted slightly and closed steady at 85c. Stock Exchange: Opening, 85c; highest, 85¼c; lowest, 84⅞c; closing, 85c. Consolidated Exchange: Opening, 85¼c; highest, 85¼c; lowest, 84⅞c; closing, 85c. Sales, 150,000 barrels.

OIL CITY, April 19.—Petroleum opened at 85c; highest, 85¼c; lowest, 84⅞c; closed at 84⅞c. Sales, 216,000 barrels; no clearances reported; charters not reported; shipments, 74,087 barrels; runs, 79,151 barrels.

BRADFORD, April 19.—Petroleum opened at 84⅞c; closed at 84⅞c; highest, 85c; lowest, 84⅞c; clearances, 1,194,000 barrels.

ALIVE AND KICKING.

Real Estate Still Able to Hold Its Head Above Water.

Magaw & Goff, Limited, 145 Fourth avenue sold in the Oak station plan, Castle Shannon Railroad, lots Nos. 24, 25, 26, 27, fronting 100 feet on Third avenue, for $465. Mackenzie Davis was the purchaser. They also sold a large brick house on Lacock street to M. C. Kingsland for $8,000.

Reed B. Coyle & Co., 131 Fourth avenue, sold for F. L. Stephenson to Mrs. H. C. Bausman a brick house of five rooms, with lot 20x117 feet, more or less, situate on Murtland avenue, Twenty-first ward, for $2,200.

Ewing & Byers, 95 Federal street, sold for F. A. Scott the property corner of B and Lamont street, Second ward, Allegheny, being a new two-story frame of six rooms and attic, with lot 16x75 feet deep, for $2,000. M. Linhart was the purchaser.

Black & Baird, No. 95 Fourth avenue, sold for A. W. Mellon, to Mrs. Sarah A. Reed, the two properties, corner Fifth avenue and Stevenson street, known as 396 and 398 Fifth avenue, consisting of two two-story brick buildings, with lot 40x74 feet, for $15,000 cash. They also sold to Xemona Fundenberg, for Elizabeth Smeigh, a new frame dwelling of ten rooms, range, bath, laundry, etc., with lot 40x100 feet, and known as No. 194 in the Baum Grove plan of lots, situate on the west side of Amber street, between Baum and Friendship avenues, for a price approximating $6,600. They placed a mortgage for $5,000 for five years at 6 per cent on Fourteenth ward property, near Fifth avenue.

Baxter, Thompson & Co., 162 Fourth avenue, sold for Mrs. Geo. Glass a lot situate on the southeast corner of Walnut and Bellefonte streets, Shadyside, size 37x137 feet, for $1,800 cash.

Hannett & Meredith, 102 Fourth avenue and Wilkinsburg, sold lot No. 32, plan No. 1, Wilkins estate, Wilkinsburg, for A. J. Kaywood to Mary L. Kennedy for $750.

Alles & Bailey, 164 Fourth avenue, sold to Elizabeth Sirrott a frame dwelling of six rooms and finished attic, on Brady street, Fourteenth ward, lot 20x60 feet, for $1,800 cash.

HOMES FOR THE PEOPLE.

A Spurt in Building Which Breaks the Year's Record.

Ninety building permits were issued last week against 66 the previous week. The cost of the improvements is estimated at $301,259. The number of houses included in this list is 116. This beats the year's record to date, and was only equaled once or twice in the flush times of last summer.

As usual the great majority of the buildings thus authorized are small to medium size. The most important in size and cost is the Arbuthnot structure on Penn avenue. J. R. Loughran's permit covers eight three-story frame dwellings on West Carson street.

John Zimmer, brick addition two-story dwelling, 16x16 feet, on Forty-third street, Seventeenth ward.

John Bush, brick addition two-story dwelling, 12x16 feet, on Thirty-sixth street, Fifteenth ward.

M. Bauer, brick addition two-story dwelling, 15x22 feet, on Thirty-sixth street, Fifteenth ward.

R. Welch, brick two-story dwelling, 18x20 feet on Dinwiddie street, Eleventh ward.

Riter & Conley, iron one-story shop, 80x150 feet on First street, First ward; cost, $6,000.

Thomas McAuliffe, frame two-story dwelling, 18x16 feet, on Hill side, Thirty-fourth ward.

Wm. Rosser, frame addition two-story kitchen, 10x15 feet, on Walter street, Thirty-first ward.

Andrew Rethage, frame one-story kitchen, 10 x12 feet, on Pius street, Twenty-seventh ward.

John Steggert, frame one-story shop, 10x20 feet, on Wright's alley, Twenty-sixth ward.

A. V. D. Watterson, frame two-story dwelling, 18x16 feet, on St. Andrews street, Twenty-first ward.

Henry J. Lang, two brick two-story dwellings, 17x32 feet, on Home street, Seventeenth ward.

G. A. Henderson, two brick two-story mansard dwellings, 24x30 feet, on Maria street, Sixth ward.

William Kramer, frame two-story stable, 16x16 feet, on Boggs avenue, Thirty-second ward.

H. Holtkiaste, brick addition one-story dwelling, 25x32 feet, on Sarah street, Twenty-fifth ward.

Otto Richter, frame one-story dining room, 8x40 feet, on Penn avenue, Fourth ward.

D. P. Black, three brick one-story stores, 100x50 feet each, on Diamond street, Third ward.

W. H. Seif, brick two-story mansard dwelling, 20x36 feet, on Home street, Seventeenth ward.

Frauenheim & Vilsack, brick two-story ice and boiler house, 74x44 feet, on Liberty street, Sixteenth ward. Cost, $8,000.

Henry Hehman, frame two-story dwelling, 17x32 feet, on Pearl street, Sixteenth ward.

E. E. Wilt, frame mansard, addition to dwelling, 20x28 feet, on Atwood street, Fourteenth ward.

D. P. Black, stone two-story dwelling, 37x44 feet, on Negley avenue, Twentieth ward. Cost, $8,000.

Henry C. Bair, brick two-story mansard dwelling, 34x43 feet, on Negley avenue, Twentieth ward. Cost, $8,626.

Simon Binder, frame two-story dwelling, 17x32 feet, on Dauphin street, Nineteenth ward.

Sam Fleming, frame two-story dwelling, 16x20 feet, on Culver street, Nineteenth ward.

EIGHT AT A TIME.

Bridget Ryan, frame two-story dwelling, 18x16 feet, on Gloster street, Twenty-third ward.

G. D. Simen, two frame two-story dwellings, 28x32 feet each, on Simen avenue, Twenty-first ward.

G. D. Simen, two frame two-story dwellings, 34x30 feet each, on Simen avenue, Twenty-first ward.

R. de Pretis, frame one and a half-story stable, 24x24 feet, on McDonald street, Twenty-first ward.

W. G. Conrad, two frame two-story dwellings, 16x32 feet each, on Salisbury street, Twenty-