# A DEFIANCE IN IRON.

The Offer of a Belgian Firm to Undersell Home Manufacturers 25 Per Cent. on a Contract

CAUSES A DECIDED SENSATION.

Local Iron and Steel Men Amazed at the Offer, and Scarcely Prepared to Credit It.

BELGIANS POSITIVE IT CAN BE DONE,

and Labor Leaders Think the Difference in Wages Would Allow It.

A decided sensution was created among Pittsburg iron and steel manufacturers by the offer, as published in THE DISPATCH, of a Belgian iron firm to supply the structural iron necessary for the new Court House at Minneapolis 25 per cent cheaper than it could be turnished by Pittsburg manufacturers. The contract is a large one-\$300,-000 being the estimated cost-and it has attracted the attention of many of the large structural iron manufacturers throughout the country, but especially around Pittsburg. The public-tion of the bold offer of the Belgian firm was therefore received with

surprise, and has caused general comment. "It the Belgian iron firm can make good its beastful offer," say the manufacturers. "why, the present tariff is insufficient, and the reduction in the metal schedule of 1/4 cent per pound for structural beams and channel iron, proposed by the McKinley bill, will surely result in allowing the Belgian manufacturers to carry off most of the contracts for structural from.

JUST AS PREDICTED.

Oliver W. Potter, of Chicago, president of the Illinois Steel Company, in an interview with a DISPATCH reporter some time ago, said, when asked whether Chicago was not undermining Pittsburg's trade in structural iron :

"There is room enough for both Pittsburg and Chicago in the structural iron market. The trade will increase from year to year, The only danger is from Belgian competition. The iron from the mills there threatens to crush out competition in the world."

This startling verification of Mr. Potter's epinion brought home to Pittsburg manu- called to the Philadelphia dispatch in this facturers has, therefore, caused much surprise, but little alarm, as the offer is too radical for them to credit. At the Belgian Consulate, however, the genuineness of the offer was confirmed, and it was further learned that the Consul in Pittsburg had been notified by the Belgian firm of its intentions. He said that already Belgians had secured contracts for structural iron at Houston and Austin, Tex., and when the offer was made for the Minneapolis Court House he had no doubt that the foreign manufacturers were prepared to make good

E. M. Butz, a member of the Columbia Iron and Steel Company, which is largely engaged in the manufacture of structural iron and steel beams, is much interested in the offer of the Belgian firm, and is collecting information on the subject. Mr. Butz, in addition to being an iron manufacturer, is also an architect, and his knowledge of the subject gives his opinion especial weight. He was vesterday interviewed by a reporter for THE DISPATCH and said:

WILL BE INVESTIGATED. "Although I have not bid for the Minneread of the offer made by the Belgium firm I determined to investigate and will get some information from Belgium on the subject. I do not believe the Belgian firm could sulfill such a contract, at the present | ered in a group on Second avenue, and by price of structural iron or steel. In fact, for two years we have had no competition from Belgian manufacturers, as higher wages and higher prices prevented the iron and steel from being landed in New York at the selling prices of the American products. There may have been a big reduction in foreign prices, lately, of which I am ignorant, and until I can ascertain the selling prices abroad, I cannot determine whether or not the offer was merely a bluff.

"About four years ago, however, Belgian manufacturers did carry off a large contract in the United States. Texas was building its State House at Austin, and the quantity of structural iron necessary ran into the hundreds of thousands of dollars in cost. "The Belgian manufacturers shipped iron

to Galveston and thence to Austin for about 31/2 cents per pound, after paying duty and freight. This was about \$5 per ton below what Pittsburg manufacturers could do after paying freight to Austin. Since that time the cost of manufacture has cheapened somewhat, owing to increased facilities, and at the same time the prices abroad have ad-

"In the Minneapolis contract Pittsburg would have some advantage over the Bel-gian manufacturers in point of cost of transportation, as, after the Belgian iron was taid down in New York, it would still have to be carried some 400 miles further than the Pittsburg iron would have to travel. However, until I learn whether Belgian iron can be landed in New York at less than \$56 per ton I cannot say whether or not the foreign iron can crowd out the Pittsburg metal. From present appearances I am inclined to believe that the Belgian firm cannot fuifill

CAN SCARCELY CREDIT IT.

Mr. A. M. Bvers, the well-known iron and steel manufacturer, was also skeptical as to the possibility of the Belgian firm fulfilling its proffered contract without loss. He said: "I think the offer is too radical. If the Belgian firm had offered to supply the fron say 5 or 6 per cent cheaper than could be done here, I should entertain but little doubt that they could do it. But 25 per cent difference is too much. I do not just now recall the duty on structural iron, girders and beams, but it is possible that the Belgian manufacturers may have some means of evading the straight schedule, and have the iron imported at a lower rate."
"Is there not a large quantity of iron im-

ported free as ballast for ships?" Mr. Byers was queried. "The greatest quantity of the iron so imported is raw, as pig metals. I hardly be-lieve structural iron could so be imported."

"If the Belgian firm can make good its statement would the McKinley bill prevent such importations in future?"
"Oh, no. The difference is too great to

make such a radical cut.

Mr. John Chal aut, of Spang, Chalfant & Co., said he had not heard of the Minneapcolis contract, but he was convinced that at the raling prices for iron, it would be im-possible for the firm in Belgium to so undersell the American market.

SOME COMPARATIVE PRICES. A member of the firm of Carnegie, Phipps & Co., who are the largest structural iron manufacturers of Pittsburg, said: "The ruling price of beams and channels to-day is \$3 10 per 100 pounds, and of angles \$2 15. I am convinced that the Belgian firm cannot

items of cost have advanced in the foreign markets, fully 17 per cent. Under those circumstances I hardly see how they can compete for the Minneapolis contract. Again, the demand in these days is for structural steel girders, beams and channels, and in this the American product is superior to the cheaper foreign beams, which are generally filled with flaws. Under a critical examination their steel would hardly stand the tests necessary to insure safety and length of service. If the firm does import the structural iron, however, it will un-doubtedly be a dangerous blow to American

When THE DISPATCH reporter spoke of the sensational offer to a number of the dele-gates to the Amalgamated Association convention, they were very great-ly surprised, and all seemed in favor of even a higher protective tariff on steel and iron structural materials. Delegate Charles Killon, of Illinois, who is employed in a structural mill, said:

THE DIFFERENCE IN WAGES. "There are three men employed in the mill where I work who came from the La Porte Mills, near Aix-le-Bains. They stated that the wages paid in the Belgian mills were nearly 39 per cent lower than those paid in Pittsburg, and even in the present time of alleged high wages in Belgium, the advance is not within 25 per cent of the wages paid here. Under such circumstances I am not at all surprised at the offer made. The cost of transportation is at minimum rates across the ocean, as the vessels are largely subsidized by the Government. Pile on the tariff, I sav.

James Nutt, one of the trustees of the Amalgamated Association, said on the sub-"If the Belgian iron firm is able to make such a sweeping cut, and pay the present duty, what will it not be able to do when the Senate gets through cutting the McKinley bill to pieces? It is certainly an astonishing offer, and one which should engage the attention of the legislators. The structural iron and steel manufacturers have one protection in that, for such buildings as the Minneapolis Court House special sizes and angles are generally required which I should not think a foreign firm could be able to turnish. However, after what the Belgian mills did in Texas there can be but little doubt that the firm is prepared to undertake the contract."

#### NOT A SECOND PLACE MAN.

Major Montooth Will be Governor or Con-

time to Practice Law. Pittsburg Republicans are disposed to laugh at the telegram from Philadelphia that Major Montooth is being talked of there for Lieutenant Governor, and that the Major is willing to accept second place. They say it is simply a ruse by the Delamater literary bureau, intended to catch some

of the Major's delegates. Major Montooth was visited yesterday at his home on the Cliff. His attention being paper of yesterday, he said: "I am a can-didate for Governor, and not for Lieutenant Governor. The Philadelphia telegram was sent out without any authority from me whatever, and is entirely without foundation. I propose either to get the nomination for Governor of Pennsylvania or to con-

tinue my practice of the law." Private telegrams received in this city yesterday said that the friends of Montooth would have three-fourths of the delegates in the Fayette county convention. This means three more State delegates for the Pittsburg candidate. The delegates from Fayette will probably be Messrs. Living-stone, Binns and Lloyd Johnson. The convention will be held at Uniontown to-day. Montooth will have two delegates in Some set county, and is confident of one from Jeffer-son, where the primaries will be held next This will give him 39 votes on the first ballot.

#### THEY FOUGHT IT OUT. Mill Workers Battle on Sunday and Get

Scooped in by the Police. An impromptu ring fight that resulted in the arrest of the principals and a spectator,

About 2 o'clock when the rays of the sun were coming down by the most direct route, a crowd of 15 or 20 of the exponents of the fistic art, with whom Soho is infested, gathway of variety, began a discussion on matters pugilistic. Two of the crowd, Mike Kelly and James Lanaghan, were unable to agree. The men and the spectators de-cided that an adjournment to some spot unfrequented by the police should be made. A spot on the river bank, near Eliza Furnace, was selected and the fight began. For 20 minutes the brawny mill workers pounded each other. Both were hammered almost out of recognition.

Officers Wachter and Kratz heard of the affair and made a descent on the "mill." The onlookers regarded the officers' appearance as an interference. When the officers seized Kelly and Lanaghan the crowd seized them, and for a time it looked as though two of the finest police would not answer the next roll call. They stuck to their men, however, and by a little use of their clubs succeeded in landing the men, along with John Kent.

### RUNNING A WAITING CAMPAIGN.

A Democratic Ticket Not to be Named Until Some Time in September.

H. T. Watson, Chairman of the Democratic County Committee, will to-day issue the call for some of the local conventions. The primaries will be held next Saturday afternoon and the conventions on the following Tuesday. It has been decided to call primaries to elect delegates only to the County Convention and to the Legislative District Conventions to elect delegates to the State Convention. The regular Congressional, Senatorial and Legislative conventions will not be held until September. The Demo-cratic leaders desire to wait until they see the outcome of the Republican contests in the Twenty-third Congressional and Fortysecond Senatorial districts.

In the Third and Fourth Legislative districts only Wallace men have announced their candidacy for delegates to the State Convention. The candidates in the Third district are John Dunn, Jr., of Forbes street, Sixth ward, and Joseph Stokely, the Seventh ward druggist. Pattison delegates may be out this week. In the Fourth district the out this week. In the Fourth district the delegates will be Alderman John Burns, of the Tenth ward, and Charles P. Anderson, of the Fourth ward. No Pattison delegates will run in that district, as the case is con-

### SUITED THE ACTION TO THE WORD.

An Allegheny Boy Plunges Into the River und Loses His Life.

About 5 o'clock last evening an 11-year old boy named Jeremiah O'Hern was drowned in the Ohio river near Oliver's Woods' Run mills. He was out in a skiff in company with two other boys about his own age, and according to the story of one of them said he was going to jump in, and suiting the action to the word plunged over be affected by the metal schedule, so far as suiting the action to the word plunged over structural iron is concerned, but I cannot the side into the water. He sank out of sight and did not rise again. The boys sight and did not rise again. gave the alarm and several young men went out and dived for him, but they could no

Later they secured grappling books and the body was recovered not far from where he went in and removed to his parents' home on McClure avenue. The Coroner will hold an inquest into the case this morning.

It's Mr. Sauders, This Time. George Sanders, of Harcams alley, near South Twenty-fourth street, was arrested yesterday morning by Officer Brown on a undersell those prices 25 per cent. They charged \$3 25 for the iron which was furnished for the contract at Austin, Texas, and since that time wages and other

### MUST MARRY OR DIE

Alternatives Which Charles McCabe Gave Hattie Alderdice.

HE FELLED HER WITH A SAND-BAG. The Man Arrested by Policemen, After a

Desperate Struggle. OFFICER MARER SLIGHTLY WOUNDED

Charles McCabe, a laborer employed by the Pittsburg Steel Casting Company, was arrested by Officers Miller and Maher, at 2 o'clock yesterday morning, in a boarding house kept by Mrs. Young, at the corner of Twenty-second street and Spring alley. He resisted arrest and is confined in the Twelfth

ward station on five charges. Over a year ago McCabe went to board with the family of Samuel Alderdice, at No. 3008 Smallman street. He is 26 years old, tall, stout and fairly good looking. Alderdice is a shoemaker, and has a comely daughter, Hattie, 18 years old. McCabe paid marked attention to Miss Hattie, and they often walked together in the evening. After a short time, McCabe one evening asked Hattie to marry him. She said she did not know whether she loved him well enough, and she asked him to wait six months. McCabe agreed, with reluctance.

During the time of probation he was often in her company, and she apparently gave herself a fair chance to love him. About two months ago the time was up. McCabe renewed his suit and was refused. Miss Alderdice said she was sure she could not be happy with him. McCabe left her in an angry mood. He went to her lather's shoe shop, at No. 2825 Smallman street, and said be wanted Miss Hattie, that he was bound to have her, and that if she did not consent to marry him she should not live to be another man's wife.

SCARED INTO A SKELETON. When Mr. Alderdice told this at home, the young lady was badly frightened. She had not the courage to leave the house, tearing that McCabe would shoot her. She knew that he careful that he carried revolvers, and she considered him a desperate man. McCabe moved at once to another boarding house.

In a few days the girl received from Mc-Cabe a letter, in which he asked her to meet him or die. She, of course, did not go to the place he named. She was so worried by his threats that she became ill and very thin. Other letters came and increased her

distress and that of her family.

A little more than two weeks ago Mc-Cabe called at the house one afternoon. He asked for Hattie and she went to the door. As she stepped forward, pale and agitated, McCabe drew from under his coat a sandbag and struck the girl a quick, strong blow on the side of her head. She tell unconscious, and McCabe then displayed a revolver, threatening to shoot the whole family. Mrs. Alderdice ran out the back way, screaming, and McCabe took to his heels. Miss Hattie's face was scratched and bruised by the blow, and she did not reover consciousness for nearly two hours.
On the morning following Mr. Alderdice went to the office of Magistrate McKenna, and complained against Charles McCabe for felonious assault and battery and the wan-ton pointing of a firearm.

ADOPTED A DISGUISE. Warrants were issued and Officers Miller,

Warrants were issued and Omcers Miller, Brady and Thompson were sent to look for McCabe. They found that he had left his boarding house and they could not find him. It was learned yesterday that he had dyed his mustache and changed his clothes, so that the police did not recognize him on the street. It was known that he was still in the street. in the city, because the letters, begging for an interview and threatening death as the alternative, continued to come to Miss Al-derdice. In one letter McCabe wrote that the arrest of the principals and a spectator, took place yesterday afternoon on the Monongahela river bank in the vicinity of the Eliza Furnace.

derdice. In one letter include which that the police were seeking him. The girl was advised by the police to keep one of the appointments which he made, when they expected to be able to catch the culprit, but she had too much fear of him to do so, even though she knew that officers

would be near. Saturday night Officer Miller learned that McCabe was boarding with Mrs. Young. At 2 o'clock in the morning Miller and Maher went to Mrs. Young's house and knocked. When the landlady arose and opened the door they told her they had a warrant for McCabe's arrest. She told them where his room was and they ascended to it.

### THE GAME IN A TRAP.

The door was locked and McCabe was asleep in bed. Miller hammered on the door, when McCabe called out, "Who's there? What's the matter?" The policeman answered, "There's a fire in the house. Get out, quick." McCabe sprang from his bed and unlocked the door hurriedly. The officers pushed the door open and rushed inside. The room was dark, and Miller said: We have a warrant for you. You are ar-

McCabe ran to his dressing case, and an instant later a revolver was fired. Officer Maher was slightly wounded in the leg. Miller, who saw McCabe when the revolver flashed, sprang upon the man, and a desperate fight occurred. McCabe is a strong man, and was subdued with difficulty by the two policemen. Handcuffs were put on him, and, clad only in his night-clothes, he was conveyed to the Twelfth ward police station. An officer went to the house and got McCabe's garments. In the pockets were found two revolvers and a long dirk-knife. The revolvers are both of large cali-

ber, one of them being a British bulldog. The charges made against the prisoner are clonious assault and battery, assault and battery, felonious pointing of firearms, ag-gravated assault and battery and threatenng to kill. The prisoner was arraigned be fore Magistrate McKenna yesterday fore-noon. He said that he would "do up" the officers who had arrested him. The time of hearing was fixed for to-morrow morning, the bail was placed at \$5,000 and McCabe was taken to the county jail.

# SOUGHT SAFETY IN A CELL

Man From Steubenville Who Was Afraid of Being Assassinated.

An intelligent looking and respectably dressed man walked into the Central station last night and asked that he be placed in good extra strong cell for the night. Inpector McAleese asked why he was so particular about the cell being so well con-"Well," said the insane man, for such he

proved to be, "I've heard that there are several parties after me and they want to kill e with big knives. It you have a good cell they can't get in at me. The Inspector promised to give him the best cell in the house and the poor fellow seemed very grateful. He said his name was , and that he was bookkeepe from Steubenville, Ohio. The Steubenville authorities will be notified this morning.

### REER IN MILK CANS.

Latest Mode of Conveying the Amber Finld Through the Streets on Sunday.

"That's the latest Sunday racket," said Detective Coulson yesterday afternoon, pointing to a man staggering along Smithfield street under the weight of a large mitk can. The man climbed up Diamond street, and he and his burden turned into Cherry

"That can doesn't contain milk," continued the detective. "That's the way beer is carried through the streets on Sonday. You can rest assured that man has found a complaisant brewer or bottler who doesn't mind selling on Sunday so long as he is not found out." found out.'

OPENING to-morrow, summer millinery.

Jos. Horne & Co.'s

### A SUMMER NIGHT'S STORM

Stops the Cable Cars and the Passengers Have to be Carried Through the Flood by Stalwart Police-Considerable Other

Damage Done. A sudden rise occurred in the Allegheny river last night. Millvale borough was partially flooded in consequence, and most of the new curbstones laid down were swept away. Graff, Bennett & Co.'s mill was flooded, but no very great damage was done.

The rain storm also flooded the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks at Braddock, and the limited express was delayed about half an hour. Finally the water ran off, leaving the tracks in good condition.

The rains had a bad effect on the traction

roads of Pittsburg, delaying traffic for over two hours. On the Citizens' line there was two hours. On the Citizens' line there was considerable trouble at the corner of Thirtieth street and Penn avenue, where there is a heavy drainage from the hillside. Last night the sewers became clogged; and a regular river was soon formed. Three cars could not get through, and were compelled to stop in midwater. The water rose to the height of four feet, and the passengers were obliged to stand on the sents. Finally the Twelth ward police wagon came to the rescue, and landed the passen-gers high and dry.

Many cellars along Penn avenue were

flooded, although very little damage was On the Pittsburg Traction line there was trouble at Washington and Roup streets. At Roup street there was a small landslide

of work. KNOCKING OUT THE FARMER.

How the Introduction of Rapid Transit Curtalls the Granger's Market. Messrs. George L. Whitney, L. Halsey Williams and James Marshall, yesterday, in discussing the original package question stirred up a new question, relative to farmers' grievances. While the home market for butter may be destroyed by the making of oleomargarine, and the home market for rye be destroyed by whisky sold in original packages and made of Illinois and Kentucky corn, there is another grievance that has not yet been touched upon. The substitution of electric and steam power for that of horses in this city does away with the use of 1,200 horses. As the life of a street car horse is but three years on an average, this represents the loss in this city alone of a market for 400 horses a year. At the low price of \$100 a head, this curtails farmers' income \$40,000 a year. These 1,200 horses consume, of oats or its equivalent, 146,000 bushels of oats in a year, worth \$48,666, and 2,100 tons of hay, worth \$29,400, and the farmers' home market is thus curtailed in this city alone, to the ex-

tent of \$118,066 a year.

While the change will doubtless develop new outlets for the expenditure of energy, it is evident that each stride of scientific ap-plication causes curtailment of revenue in me quarter, and the industrial classes suffer from time to time, while learning to adapt themselves to new conditions, almost as much as the goldfish does while the water in his wase is being changed.

#### TROUBLE AT A FIRE.

A Police Officer Suspended for Using His Mace Too Freely.

Officer James Glenn was suspended vesterday, pending an investigation into his conduct at the fire on Market street, Saturday night. Ed Woods was a spectator of the fire, and the officer knocked him down with a club, and then arrested him for disorderly conduct. Woods put up a forfeit for a hearing on Tuesday, and preferred charges against the officer. Officer Glenn states that Woods, with some other men, were pushing and crowding up to the fire-lines, and that when he remonstrated Woods used abusive language. He threat-ened to arrest Woods, when the latter made a motion to draw a revolver, and the officer felled him with his mace.

Constable Treacy, of the First ward, was also arrested at the fire. He insisted that he had a right inside the fire lines on account of his office, and Captain Silvis or-dered his arrest. Treacy protested at the Central station, but put up a forfeit, which he failed to call for yesterday morning. Other persons have complained that they were harshly treated by the officers, and the whole matter will be investigated at the meeting of the Board of Inspectors to-day. Inspector McAleese stated last evening that ne was at the fire, and was convinced that the officers in most cases performed only their duty. There were a number of toughs present, and the crowd was very unruly.

### CAUGHT UP WITH HIS MAN.

Iwo Rigs Take a Very Lively Dash on the

Perryaville Road. Considerable excitement stirred the travelers on the Perrysville road yesterday when a rig came down the level stretch at full speed, hotly pursued by another buggy. The first vehicle was occupied by a man named William Muttenberger and a woman named Annie Miller. The pair were pur sued by Livery Stable Keeper Thurber, and after a tight race, the latter caught up with them. Thurber called a policeman and had Muttenberger arrested on a charge of fast

It appears that Muttenberger had hired one of Thurber's rigs a week ago, and is alleged to have abused the horse by fast driving. He was prohibited from engaging driving. He was prohibited from engaging any more horses, but yesterday he managed to secure a rig again, without the knowledge of Thurber. When the proprietor was in-formed of this he started in pursuit of the

### REMARKS FROM A NAVVY.

Dissertation on Earning a Living by Making Pills.

A dissertation from a navvy on any sub ject is always interesting, and the way he often looks at things will tackle the average mortal. A big, good-natured fellow of this description was standing in front of the Anderson yesterday when two distinguished looking colored men passed: The younger said to the clder: "This way, doctor." "Eh, there," remarked the navvy, "did you hear that? He called him doctor. Well, nnything to get out of work these days. It's an easy way to earn a living by being a pill maker, but I never take any of their pills. A little bit of good grog will fix me up when I get sick. I don't mean to mke too much, von know, to make the old woman mad, but just enough to cure my

### CASES TO BE TRIED.

Judge Acheson Goes to Williamsport

Hold Court There. Judge Acheson, Assistant United States District Attorney Alcorn and Clerk of Courts McCandless went to Williamsport last evening to hold court there to-day. Mr. McCandless stated that several important postoffice cases and one of perjury in connection with a robbery of the mails will

be tried.

William Casterlan, charged with robbing a postoffice; Emma Cole, charged with passing counterfeit money; Jesse Thomas, robbing the mails, and Silas Bish, using the mails for purposes of fraud, were taken from the county jail this morning at 3 o'clock to Williamsport for trial. Fined \$50 Apiece.

Matthew Smith, Mary Donnley and Lizzie Davis, of Frankstown, were heard before Magistrate Hyndman, at the Fourteenth ward station, yesterday morning, on charges of keeping disorderly houses. They were each fined \$50 and costs. Smith paid his fine, but the women were locked up and will go to the workhouse this moraing if the fine is not paid.

# NOT ENOUGH IN

PLODED TO ATOMS. The Reason There is Not a Rush for Missionary Relates His Experience of President Weihe's Shoes. Seven Years on the Dark Continent-

MORE MONEY MADE IN THE MILLS.

Hopes of a Way Out of a Long Enforced Idleness This Year.

MESSENGER BOYS AND THEIR WORK

There is some apprehension on the part of many of the older delegates to the convention of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers that President William Weihe will retire at the end of this year, or on July 1. Last year President Weihe resigned prior to the close of the convention, and, although re-elected by acclamation, only accepted the Presidency on condition that he was not to be expected to continue in office after the expiration of his term this year. He has not expressed nimself on the subject to the general delegates during the present convention, but s trustee of the organization said last night that from conversations with Mr. Weihe intention to remind the convention of promises during the previous year, and infrom the hill, which occasioned a great deal sist that he be allowed to retire. In case he does, the Western delegates are determined to have a President from their midst, and several persons are spoken of for the posi-

> NOT ENOUGH MONEY IN IT. The difficulty in selection lies in the fact that most of the older delegates hold good positions in mills, which they are unwilling to relinquish for a salary of \$1,500 a year with all the onerous duties attached to the position of President. At the same time, the older and more conservative delegates are opposed to placing in the position a man are opposed to placing in the positions and inexperienced in the workings of such a large and important organization. They much prefer advancing the salaries of the President and Secretary, and retaining the present officials.

The convention on Saturday finished the consideration of the scale, and Secretary Martin will have it ready for the printers to-day. The scale for nail cutting on the straight 10d list has been altered to 15 cents on a \$2 list, which is a slight advance, and has been done to mollify the natiers, who claimed that for the last three years they have been made to suffer in order to secure advances for the puddlers, heaters and rollers. Another peculiarity of the scale will be that the annual scale for roll-turning will not be introduced in order to be knocked out in conference by the manu-

ANOTHER LITTLE PUZZLER.

The conference subject is also puzzling the iron and steel workers. When the Western Iron Association collapsed in 1888, the manufacturers refused to meet the workers in joint conference to settle the scale for 1889-'90, and the workers, after giving due notice, sent the wage list to every manufacturer individually and quit work on June 30, 1889, until each mill owner was ready to start his works and sent for the mill committee to sign the scale. The workers, being in ignorance of when the mills would start, were compelled to remain at home, as they did not desire to start on a vacation and be suddenly sent for to come

It was stated last night that the mill own ers will be importuned to appoint a conference committee to meet the committee of workers and decide upon the scale. Then the manufacturers can close for repairs as long as they desire, and the workers will not be in the dark as to the outcome.

#### AS TO THE MESSENGER SERVICE.

The Factory Inspection Law Criticises Where it Applies to the Boys.

The enforcement of the factory inspection law is being criticised in Pittsburg so far as | Sad Case of Destitution Discovered in Multhe child labor section affects messenger boys. There are employed around Pittsburg, in telegraph and messenger services, about 1,500 boys. Most of them are sons of poor parents, who cannot afford to do without support from their children. The messenger service does not entail arduous physical labor, although the night work and exposure, it is asserted, affect the growth and undermine the constitutions of

It was stated at the Western Union telegraph office last night, that an effort is made to so divide the squads of boys that none need work more than nine or ten hours, and that they really should not come under the restrictions of the Factory Inspection law, as their work is not similar to the confine ment of children who work in mills, factories

and workshops.

The Department of Public Safety has interested itself in the preservation of the morals of the messenger boys, by prohibitng their taking messages to places where

#### boys shouldn't go. FEW IMMIGRANTS COMING.

The Number Carried by the Pennsylvania Not Up to the Average.

Agent Pitgen, the immigrant man at the Union depot, thinks his thoughts in many languages, and when he gets tired of one he uses another. He spoke the Friendless, Allegheny, on Friday. The in English yesterday about immigrant traffic. The time was when the Pennsylvania road did a thriving business n carrying new comers into the country, out this year the number has not been up the average. Mr. Pitgen can't account for the falling off. The number of Hungarians and Italians appears to keep up. Some of them go farther West, but many of them re-

main in and around Pittsburg.

More than one batch of these laborer have been taken up the Allegheny Valley within the past lew months. They are en ployed in grading and making new track.
Mr. Pitgen claims there is plenty of room in America for good immigrants, but he is not very well pleased with the people from Southern Europe.

### AN ENCOURAGING SHOWING.

The Number of Delegates to the Flint Glass Workers' Convention Increased. The annual convention of the American Flint Glass Workers' Union, to be held at Baltimore, July 7, promises to be more than usually interesting. There will be about 200 delegates from the 108 locals, who will represent about 7,200 men, being an increas represent about 1,200 men, being an increase of nearly 1,000 members over last year.

It has been learned that there will be a number of changes made in the factory or working rules which will affect the "moves" and indirectly the wages of the glass work-ers. The rules will affect the number of pieces made in a move.

### MECHANICS OFF FOR CHICAGO.

It Required Four Sections on the Ft. Wayne

Road to Carry the Crowd. The Pittsburg contingent of the Jr. O. U A. M. to the annual meeting to be held in Go to the polls Saturday afternoon, June 21, (5 to 7 o'clock) and vote for the delegate in favor of Daniel McWilliams for County Chicago this week started over the Ft. Wayne road yesterday. There were 500 more perons in the party than were expected. It required four sections, or 22 cars and 12

sleepers to carry the crowd. About 500 more will follow this morning.

The delegation was headed by Superintendent of Mails Stephen Collins, one of the leading State officials of the order. Overcome by the Hent.

Lizzie Gillmore, aged 15 years, was overof Wylie avenue and Green street yesterday morning, while on her way to church. The patrol wagon was called but her parents re-jused to have her placed in the vehicle. She was removed to her home on Center avenue in a carriage.

#### A DEATH WATCH SET. OVER IN STANLEY'S LAND. SOME POPULAR IDEAS OF AFRICA EX-

Natives Preaching the Gospel-Churches

Rev. A. C. Good, who recently returned from Africa, where he has been engaged in

mission work for the past seven years, de-

livered an instructive lecture in the Third

Presbyterian Church last evening. His

subject was: "Seven Years on the Dark

Continent," and he related many things.

and was educated at the Western Theologi-

dent he ever knew.
"The people of the country are just as safe from wild animals as they could be in

this city," the speaker continued. "They will steal domestic animals left outdoors at

night, but never attack a human being,

These stories you hear and sights you see of

people who are tattooed, with hair standing on end and guns in their hands are absurd.

them I felt as if I would like to be away.

toward me as you are. A white man is perfectly safe in their hands, if his motives

are understood. If you want to trade or

barter they will receive you with open

"All of them want to become Christians.

and display a wonderful amount of zeal in

the work. At one of the stations in the

nission the natives built a church and then

applied for a church organization. The floor of the building was made of boards,

and how they got boards there, without hav-ing to saw the lumber, was more than I could imagine. I found they went into the forests, filled with trees, and after splitting

SICK AND WITHOUT FOOD.

berry Alley by a Physician.

Sands in Mulberry alley, near Twenty-

eighth street. He received notice to call at

the house of Mrs. Mary Martina, a Polish

widow, whose children required medical at-

tention. The physician is not easily startled,

but in this instance he was absolutely

dumfounded that such a case could exist

for even a day without becoming known. He found that the family required aid.

not alone from a physician, but from every-

one who believes that a human life is worth

saving. In a little room in Mulberry alley he discovered Mrs. Martins, whose husband

has been dead a year, and six young chil-dred. One child lay dead and three others were confined to bed, all seriously ill. One

is suffering from measles, another from pneumonia and the third from inflammation of the stomach. The dead child had expired

on Saturday, but what the cause of its death

was is not known, as it was without medical

attention.

Dr. Sands made the unfortunate family as comfortable as possible, and gave Mrs.

Martina a charity permit to have her child

Prefer a Lite of Freedom.

Sammie Brown, 9 years old, with a 7-year-

old companion, eloped from the Home of

boys have been seen loitering around Lib-

erty street on one or two occasions since, and the police have been asked to arrest and

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Under Surveillance

UNTIL HE EXPLATES HIS CRIME. He Drops the Appearance of Insanity. and Pleads for Mercy.

#### ONLY TEN DAYS LEFT FOR HIM TO LIVE

entirely unheard of by his auditors. Rev. Mr. Good is a native of Armstrong county, The death watch has been placed upon William Smith, the colored wife murderer, whose execution is fixed for the 26th of this cal Seminary. He returned from Africa month, by order of Sheriff McCaudless. He several weeks ago, and will again sail for will never be left alone again until he Mr. Good was stationed at the Ogowe reaches that portal across which every man Mr. Good was stationed at the Ogowe mission, on the Ogowe river. The latter is about 55 miles south of the equator, and the territory supposed to be covered by the missionary is as far as he can travel by boat. There are six stations connected with the missions, and the light of the Gospel is spread by natives.

The missionary began by describing the country. He said the lowest temperature was 68 and the highest 96 degrees during his seven years of work among the savages. must pass unaccompanied. The manner in which this prelude to death was received has removed from the minds of the jail officials the last lingering suspicion that Smith

is insane. Deputy Sheriff Charles Rice and Deputy Constable John Asherman were appointed as the death watch by the Sheriff, and they will stand alternate eightwas be and the nighest so degrees during his seven years of work among the savages. Everybody, he said, got the malaria, or African fever, but he claimed the fever, which is spoken of in whispers in this countries. hour watches. Yesterday morning Warden Berlin took Rice to Smith's cell and introduced him to the prisoner, intry, is not a marker to an ordinary Missouri chill. Only one death occurred among 8 to forming the latter that he would now have company day and night until the day of the 12 missionaries in the seven years. The country is not so budly infested with poison-out insects and wild beasts as is popularly execution. Then, for the first time, Smith appeared to realize that his end was fast apout insects and wild beasts as is popularly supposed. The worst insects he had to con-tend against were white ants, which, he said, were strong and healthy and could go through more theological lore than any stu-

INSANITY PLAYED OUT.

Smith has been very obstinate and reserved since his trial, and has absolutely re fused to talk to anyone, not even to his friends or the physicians who examined him for evidences of insanity. When approached upon any subject, he would simply reply, "I know my business," and then relapse into stolid silence. He has all along been impressed with the idea that his attorney would secure him a new trial or a commuta-

tion of the death sentence. If I could take you in my boat up the Ogowe rever, and give you an opportunity of seeing the natives, you would have an entirely different opinion of them. When they catch sight of a boat they begin to the the catch sight of a boat they begin to the the catch sight of a boat they begin to When the Warden began to explain the when the Warden began to explain the meaning of the death watch yesterday, Smith trembled violently, and seemed to feel that all hope was gone. When he partially recovered his serenity he insisted that he did not want a death watch as he did not wish to be bothered by men hanging around his cell all the time. When it was explained to him that his wishes could not be respected in this instance. shout 'white man coming,' 'white man com-ing.' The first time I heard it I felt it was explained to him that his wishes could not be respected in this instance, as the law requires the placing of the watch. Smith sprang to his feet nervously, and seeming to believe that the Warden was to be the executioner, exclaimed excitedly: "Say, boss, you wouldn't have the heart to to hang me for what I did, would you? Why, there's a dozen men who only got second decree for shooting people down on the street in cold bloud for nothing at all. I tell you, boss, I had cause to kill, I had." barter they will receive you with open arms and exchange what they can for something they like. They have such a regard for the white man that they would hardly allow me to get away from the village. They want to imitate our ways of civilization. When I strike a new village and begin to talk to them I have a big audience around me in ten minutes.

"All of them want to become Christians. I tell you, boss, I had cause to kill, I had." HE REALIZES HIS POSITION.

The Warden left the cell and Smith lay down on his cot and for a couple of hours was lost in deep meditation. Then he aroused himself and began talking to Watchman Rice on different topics. From that time on he has spent his time in reading the newspapers, smoking and talking, varied with an occasional nap. He is not at all cheerful, and appears to fully realize his The duties of the death watch are mo-

them, cut the pieces down to the thickness of boards. The only instrument they had notonous and onerous, but Watchman Rice is well up in them, having served in a like was one small ax. At the first service : capacity for seven condemned murderers— Carter, McSteen, Babe Jones, Weinberger, Frank Small, Ward McConkey and Ed. Coffee. The member of the dead watch on more attentive audience I never preached to. When I was coming away they told me they would build a larger one. The natives are ready to hear the gospel if it is sent to duty sits in front of the open cell door and watches every movement of the condemned man. Every article taken into the prisoner is searched for fear a knife, Rev. Mr. Good deplored the fact that large quantities of gin and rum were being carried into the country from Europe, and unless it was soon stopped the years of work of Christianity and civilization would be for poison or some other means for cheating the gallows may be hidden in the package. He is allowed nothing to eat or drink until it has passed through the hands of the jail officials or has been prepared within the walls of the institution. The prisoner is not allowed a knife and fork at his meals, the good being cut up before given to him He must eat with a spoon, and that and th A pitiful case of extreme destitution was cessary dishes are removed from the cell discovered on Saturday night by Dr. R. M. the moment he finishes his meal.

## TRIALS OF A BAGGAGE MAN.

One Needs More Muscle Than Brains to Handle Trunks These Days. "Oh, yes, I often get tired," said a grayhaired baggage man as he leaned against his car door at the Union depot last night, "but suppose I hadn't this job, what would I do. I have been at the business so long

that I am unfitted for anything else, and I couldn't handle a nick or shovel. "Are these trunks easily handled? Do I have to lift heavy weights? My, how you amuse me. There are modern appliances to assist men in almost every other line of work, but what a baggage man needs most is plenty of brute force. Some of the pieces weigh as much as 400 pounds, and to unload them at country stations requires some pushing and struggling. The fellows on the through trains that make few stops have the best times, except in a wreck, when the stuff usually piles up on their frames, but that is one of the little pleasantries of the business, and after your limbs have been twisted and your back broken several times you are then a thoroughbred, and the considerate public dub you a baggage smasher."

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Driven to Snields by Drink-Two Attempt to Take His Life-A Tragic Farewell to His Pamily-Death Relieves His Terrible

Cries of distress last evening, about 7 o'clock, attracted the attention of the residents in the vicinity of Turner alley, hear Pike street, Allegheny. The neighbors hurried to the residence of Paul Baufman, and found him stretched out on the floor, dead. He had committed suicide by taking paris green.

For the past week Baufman, who was em-ployed as puddler in Zug's mill ever since a boy, gave free swing to his appetite for liquor. Yesterday evening he was in the house with his wife and five children, and something in his actions betrayed the fact that he was secretly disturbed. Suddenly he began to vomit violently, and attempted o conceal the awful cause of his sickness, but his wife was not to be deceived. "You have poisoned yourself!" she

Her husband sank into a chair, and, draw ing his little daughter to his side, said: "This is the last time I will ever see you.

Be a good girl."

Dr. Schaner was hastily summoned, and everything was done to alleviate the sufferings of the suicide, but at 8:30 o'clock Baufman died from the effects of a dose of paris green administered by himself.
The deceased was about 45 years old, and

leaves a family of seven children in poor circumstances. He attempted to poison himself last Tuesday, but was prevented by his wife. The Coroner will hold an inquest A Mysterious Assnult.

M. J. Bray was taken to the Central station at 9 o'clock last night with a bad cut on the back of his head. He had been found lying near the corner of First and Ferry streets, and did not know who struck nim. His wounds were dressed and he was re-

Caught in a Speak-Easy. Mrs. Mary Kaine's house, No. 28 Straw. berry alley, was raided by the police yester. day morning and the proprietress, her son and daughter and Mary McCarthy were ar-rested. Inspector McAleese will prosecute Mrs. Kaine for keeping a speak-easy.

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