## PULSE OF A PEOPLE.

Business of Pawabrokers a First-Class Indication of the Prosperity of a Community.

THE OLD CLOTHES MAN VERY SAD,

While the Lender of Money on Jewelry and Other Valuables Speaks of Pairly Good Times.

PAWNSHOPS MISSING THE GAMBLERS.

Diamonds Above Pur, but the Installment Plan Harts Second-Hand Dealers.

There are two kinds of pawnshops in the city, and taken together, they make a pretty good criterion of the general prosperity of the people. Good times or bad times affect these two classes in a diametrically opposite way. Those establishments where jewelry is handled principally find their biggest business when there is plenty of money in circulation among the people. The shops which deal most in cast-off garments are more prosperous when money is scarce. The city now is in a state of prosperity, and it has its influence on the two classes of pawn-

The pawnshops which make a specialty of negotiating all kinds of jewelry and precious stones are on Smithfield street, while the several clothing shops lie around Wylie and Penn avenues and those immediate vicinities. DISPATCH reporters visited several of both kinds of pawnshops, yesterday, and found the proprietors of one class well satusfied with the general increasing prosperity which helped to fill their money drawers, while the other class they found sitting ground the doors of their establishments waiting for something to turn up which would send them a stray customer during the

ALONG SMITHFIELD STREET. The establishments that were first visited were the jewelry stores on Smithfield street. Two seedy-looking sporting characters of times gone by, one of them balancing a big glittering gem in the palm of his hand, were coming out of the De Roy Brothers' establishment, 307 Smithfield street, just as a DISPATCH reporter was going in. Mr. Israel De Roy, senior member of the firm, said that his loans and sales of jewelry were larger than for some time. Diamonds, especially, he said, were in greater demand than in former years, and that although there was a big advance in the price of the gems. The firm's loans to business men, he said, were larger than they used to be. Verylew unredeemed pledges were left on his hands, and the articles were generally taken out before or about the time of the ticket's expiration. Four-fifths of his business was transacted with men. The firm handles principally articles of jewelry and precious stones. Mr. De Roy thought the increase of the jewelry sales must be attributed to a more general prosperity among all classes

of people and to an increased population. FEW PLEDGES UNREDEEMED. At Isanes' store, 419 Smithfield street, where the same class of trade is done as at the De Roy Bros.', it was said that most of the watches brought in there came from the laboring classes. Three young fellows were negotiating for the sale of a murderouslooking revolver while the reporter was looking revolver while the reporter was there, but they went out without making a purchase. At this place, also, very few him, and will not pledge anything with an-

pledges, it was said, were left uncalled for. "It is not always a sign that an individual is hard up if he makes a loan," said Mr. Isancs. "I have seen men come in with a pocketful of money and pawn their watches. Some people do that when they have plenty of money and wish to get rid of an old watch, so as to buy a better one. We make a good many loans to people who are going away, perhaps for a short vacation, and wish to leave their property in safe keeping." The number of articles that were redeemed was said to be larger than in former years, and that it was owing to in

ereased prosperity.
Smit's establishment, 313 Smithfield street, had a large patronage from among the laboring classes. One of the clerks said that one of the reasons for this was the monthly payment system, and that the people near the end of the month would pawn some article to tide them over until pay day. But the pawns, he said, were NEARLY ALWAYS TAKEN OUT,

sometimes the next day and sometimes be-fore the end of the time for the expiration of the ticket, but it was very seldom that an article was left there and never called for. A good many of the sales here were made by the laboring classes, also, especially

on watches,

At DeRoy's, GB Smithfield street, a big amount of the p waing was laid to the system of monthly and fortnightly payments.

Also, the wording classes, it was said, did as much busings with pawn shops when times were good as they did when times were bad, and sometimes more. Business men frequently pawned goods when their bank ac-Cohen's shop, 629 Liberty street, did a

light clothing business, together with a trade in jewelry. For this time of year it was said that business was remarkably slow. The reason of this was said to be the scarcity of money, but a further investigation showed that the cry of poor times among the pawnshops was only among those piaces where the principal business was in secondhand clothing, almost principally. The majority of the pawnshops where

second-hand clothing is taken in are on Wylie and Penn avenues. There everything was said to be as dull as it could be and it was like a ray of light for a custom to cross the thresholds.

FEW SALES OF OLD CLOTHES. A young man was haggling over the price

of a suit of clothes at Witkowsky's, 24 Wylie avenue, when the reporter entered. He finally walked out with the uniform under his arm, having paid down \$7 50. "That is my first sale to-day," said Mr. Witkowsky, smiling all over his face when he learned the reporter's errand. He went on to say that the pawn part of the business was very good. Loads of all kinds of clothing, he said, were left there every day. said, were left there every day. But it was very difficult to find customers who wanted to bu Mr. Witkowsky said he was unable buy. give a plausible reason for this state of af-fairs. He had pendered over it all last spring and this summer, which were the dullest periods since he has been in the business. The people seemed to be just as prosperous, if not more so, he thought,

than ever they were. But they didn't buy so much second-hand clothing, and they did not want to give the prices for what they did buy. His regular customers, he said, brought in just as much but they didn't buy as they used to. He said he could only attribute the falling off in the buying of second-hand clothing to the cheap ready-made clothing establish ments, and to the system of paying big in stallments. People went to the ready-made clothing stores, where they could get nev just the same price or a little

more than in the pawnshops. Then, again, the working people, he said, found it easier to pay 50 cents or \$1 at a time than to pay

BUSINESS ONLY FAIR. "Business is middling," said Mrs. Louis

Two More Regiments to Mt. Gretsu. The Fourteenth Regiment started to Mt. Gretna Encampment last evening on a special train. Another special bearing the rear guard of the Eighteenth Regiment and the horses of Battery B followed them. The Fifth Regiment joined them at Johnstown.

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Susman, who runs the second-hand clothing shop at 13 Wylie avenue, "that is, the pawning. People that have anydings to pawn come to Louis Susman, 13 Susman avenue. What do you say? Why is that? Why, people are now saving their money to

buy property with."

Mrs. Susman said there were piles of unredeemed pledges in the store. People were more prespersus. They did'nt want their old clothes any more. Fifty or 60 pledges a day, she said, was the usual number a short time ago. Now, she said that business would be called good if 10 or 12 pledges were taken in a day. were taken in a day.

were taken in a day.

It was the same story at Gallinger's, 1200
Penn avenue—business dull. But there
was an increase in sales over that of last
year. Working people did not pawn so
many articles as they used to. The best
time in that locality for the pawn business
was when the mills shut down. was when the mills shut down.

At Gelder's, DeRoy's and other pawn-

shops on Wylie and Penn avenues, where second-hand clothing was principally dealt in, the old cry of no business was sent up and always attributed to people buying better goods than formerly.

## GONE WITH GAMBLING.

THE REASON ADVANCED BY A NORTHSIDE PAWNBROKER

For the Falling Off in His Business-Sports Who Used to Pawn Jewelry Several Times a Day-Women Their Own Detectives. "I want a watch!"

The speaker was a well-dressed lady. The scene was the pawnbroking establishment of S. A. Sampson, on Ohio street, Allegheny. Time, last evening. "What kind?" asked the attendant.

"Show me your gold ones." A tray containing a varied assortment o

gold time-keepers was shown her.
"No, I don't want that kind." said the woman. "Haven't you any with a bird on the case, and a ring around it?" "No," replied the clerk, "we have nt any of that kind."

The woman turned away. As she passed out the door, Mr. Sampson looked after her and remarked to a DISPATCH reporter: "There goes a woman who is trying to be her own detective. We meet a great many of that class of people. They come here, pretend they want to buy something, and ask to see the goods, expecting that they will find the article that has been stolen from them or is missing.

MAKE A MISTARR.

"They practice deception, and there they make a mistake. It would be much better if they came right out with a straightfor-ward statement that they had lost a certain ward statement that they had loss a cost at article, and would like to see if we had it in the store. We would gladly inform them if the article was handled by us. It is that class who hold the loan offices in bad repute, and seem to think that we are not doing a legitimate business.

"How is trade now?"
"Our custom basfallen off somewhat since gambling has been on the decrease in this community. Sports patronize pawn brokers more freely than anyone else. Milestones are unsociable things, because you never find two of them together, but gamblers are generally as far removed from money as the east is from the west. Easy come, easy go, USED TO BE DIFFERENT.

"I recollect the time in Pittsburg when sports would pledge the same watch or ring half-a-dozen times a day. It seems almost incredible, but that used to be a common circumstance. Now all that has stopped. I used to transact business with a wealty Pittsburger who is well known in that city. He was a spendthrift. He kept a standing account with a large jewelry establishment, and when he wanted to make a raise he would purchase jewels on trust, and then take them around the corner to pawn them. Theatrical people and sporting men who have business transactions with us are, as a rule, the most superstitious characters on the face of the globe. They will come in and ask for a certain clerk to wait on them, because they

other party. Then there is the man who of-fers his false teeth and wooden legs as col-lateral. We meet all kinds of people, but the gambling element has almost entirely dropped off." STRUCK BY A STRIKE. INFLUENCE OF LABOR TROUBLES ON

SOUTHSIDE SHOP. The Proprietor Knows Just When a Lockout Begins-Some Men Who Would Pawn Their Own Wives If They Were Negotiable.

Louis Van Ullem the Southside nawn broker, said that business with him was on the boom. He need not have stated that fact for a half hour's wait was necessary before the shop was cleared of customers and the genial "uncle" could find time to say "next" to the inquirer. It was noticed that the men coming in and going out were evidently workingmen, and this fact was commented on. In reply, Mr. Van Ullem said he did

not need a newspaper to tell him when a strike was in progress. He said he already saw the effect of the puddlers' strike at Jones & Laughlin's mill. This seemed strange, as the mer had only been out two days, but Mr. Van Ullem explained by saying that working-men, as a general thing, live close and depend on what is coming to them. They run their expenses up to the date of receiving the next pay, and when they fail to get that a visit to the three golden balls is in or-der. Of course, this would not apply to all

workingmen, but enough to make a great difference in the brokerage business. Continuing, Mr. Van Ullem said: "Yes, business usually looks dull at this season of the year, but it is better now than last year at the same time. Another thing, many the men are not working now, and did not lay up their 'store of honey.' Some want to go on vacations, and need money to pay ox-

In the window were a number of lodge pins, and Mr. Van Ullem was asked it many persons pawned such articles.
"Oh, bless you, yes," he replied, "I have had men pawn medals given them for acts of bravery, rings that were mement of lost friends or wives, keepsakes of all kinds and descriptions. Some men would pawn their wives if I would take them, but they are too bulky." And the genial pro-prietor smiled, and in answer to a call prietor smiled, and in answer

## WORKING HAND IN HAND.

The Pawabrokers Render Valuable Assist

ance to the Police. The pawnbrokers and the police work hand in hand in the detection of crime. The places are connected with the police headquarters, and it is not many minutes after a suspicious looking man tries to raise some money on a valuable article until a couple of detectives are at his side. When a house is robbed a list of the articles stolen are printed and sent to the pawnbrokers, and when any of them are presented as pledges, the police are at once notified.

Many stolen articles are recovered through hany stolen atticles are recovered through the pawnbrokers. A few days ago a man in Springfield, Ill., wrote to Inspector Mc-Alesse, describing a valuable watch he had lost. Lust night the Inspector expressed the timepiece to its owner. It had been re-covered at a pawnshop.

Eye, Enr. Nose and Thront.

NO WIRES, NO TRADE.

Stockbrokers Lose Millions by the Western Union Blaze.

Investigating Serious Charges Against an Almshouse.

A NEWSBOY WHO WAS POOR BUT HONEST

The fire in the Western Union telegraph office in New York has had a very depressing effect on the stock brokerage business and the bucket shop trade in this and other cities. The su spension of business during the few days that they have been deprived of stock quotation wires will cause a loss which is beyond estimate, but a rough calculation made by a broker puts the amount involved in the millions. This has not been directly lost, but the brokers have been unable to do any business here on account of the fire, which they consider a loss.

The shutting off of stock quotations caused a shut-down of the markets, as without the quotations the brokers and bucketshops cannot do any business, and they count this just the same as money lost. They could not close out their contracts on account of telegraphic facilities being out off directly from the New York Stock Exchange, and speculators have been in total ignorance of which way the market was going until the day after, when the quotations were 24 hours old, and the market might have advanced or declined materially against the speculators, so much that in many eases losses would be very large.

BROKERS THE WORST SUFFERERS. Night Manager F. J. Bender, of the Western Union office, said that business was not delayed very badly, as the company had three wires in working order with Jersey City shortly after communication was cut off with New York direct. He said that the brokers would be the worst sufferers by the fire in this city, as it prevented them from doing any business. He could not make even a probable estimate of how much would be lost by them, but thought it would be

very large. Stock speculators have ordered their brokers to place stop orders on their deals. That is, to put in orders to close contracts at a certain price. This has made a very perceptible change in the course of the market.

"That an ill wind," etc., was again proven; the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company have been reaping quite a harvest since the fire Thursday morning in New York. Assistant Manager Hughes said: "We have had ten wires working direct with New York which have been crowded to more than their capacity. We have no wires to the New York Stock Exchange over which quotations are sent, and could do nothing for the stock brokers here.

SUBJECT TO DELAY. It is said that the Western Union Company sent out notices Thursday to the effect that all telegrams would be taken for transmission subject to delay. They are sending all New York telegrams to Jersey City, where they are received and sent by messen-ger across the terry to New York City. The local business would not be delayed to any great extent were it not for the fact that the Western Union office here has to relay all business for Chicago, Cleveland, Cincin-nati, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, St. Paul and all points West and Southwest of Pitts-

Manager Bender stated that he expected to have a wire direct to New York to-mor-row. This will be given to the stockbrokers to enable them to get the marketa.

PREDICTS PATTISON'S ELECTION.

Ex-Sheriff Chambers Talks on Washington

County Politics. W. B. Chambers, late Deputy United States Marshal, now a candidate for County Treasurer in Washington county on the Democratic ticket, was in the city yesterday. In speaking of political affairs in his county Mr. Chambers said: "Our party is thoroughly united, while our friends of the sition have a bitter war on hands. The Wallace Democrats are all for Pattison and

were from the moment of his nomination. Washington county is a large and wealthy agricultural county, you know, and many of the Republican farmers will vote for Pattison. Then the large influx of voters interested in the oil development are unani-mously opposed to Delamater on account of his Standard Oil Company affiliations and his record in opposition to the Billingsly

"Every Democrat in the county and many Republicans will vote for Pattison, and if the same work is done throughout the State Pattison is sure to be elected."

AGENT DEAN'S RELICS.

He New Has the Chain With Which a Boy Was Mauncled.

Humane Agent Dean exhibited a heavy dog chain at his office yesterday, and said: This is the chain that the colored boy, Swayne, were looked about his neck, placed there by his mother, with the other end nailed to the floor for two weeks. The mother claimed she could not control the boy any other way, but at the hearing today she was convicted of cruelty, and fined \$10 and costs.
"I took charge of the boy, and took him

to Tom Druitt's Newsboys' Home, where he received a good bath and something to eat. He is willing to work, and Mr. Druitt will soon find something for him to do. You can see how rusty the chain is from the sweat on the poor boy's neck. I will keep the chain among the other relies of barbar-ism that we have here."

NOT PLEASED WITH TOWERS. A Ft. Wayne Man Says Allegheny Will Not

Have Them Long. Mr. Theodore Wilkinson, of Ft. Wayne Ind., is visiting friends in Allegheny, Yes-terday he said: "Allegheny is a beautiful city, but they, like us, have been sold on their electric light towers. They do not give the illumination that was expected. We used to have them in Ft. Wayne. Ours were not trellis work, but were made of

"The only place where it was light was or the roofs of the houses, and we had to take the towers down, as the pigeons need no such light to guide them. I suppose Alle-gheny will have to change its system, too, r live in darkness."

AN UPRIGHT NEWSY.

An Instance Where Housety Wasn's Looke for but Was Pound.

"Well, let 'er go. It's only a dime," remarked a gentleman on Diamond street last evening. In explanation he said he had given a newsboy 10 cents for an evening paper and the newsie went off to get the

change.

The gentleman thought, of course, the boy would not come back and had gone a square away when a shout was heard behind him, "Hello, mister, here's your change!" and the little newsie came running up with the required amount, after having gone to con-siderable trouble to get it.

Not Outte the Word He Wanted. An instance of how people twist words was given by Rev. E. R. Doneboo yester dey. "I was talking on Wood street the other day with a friend," he said, "watching people jump street ears. One man

chased sa car for half a block, and then made a wonderful leap and caught the car. After watching him my friend remarked: 'Quite a spinster, isn't he?' I agreed with him, and then went away to laugh."

AN ALMSHOUSE SCANDAL

The State Board of Charities After th BUYING A CAR SEAT AT AUCTION. A Waynesburg paper has been making ugly charges of cruelty and mismauage-ment against the steward of the Greene County Almshouse. It alleged that the inmates were almost starved, and gave specific instances where a crippled old man was beaten with a broom handle and a female inmate lashed with a heavy whip. The paper containing these charges was sent to Colonel James B. Scott and W. J. Sawyer, of this city, members of the State Board of Charities. The charges seemed almost incredible, but clearly demanded inalmost incredible, but clearly demanded investigation. In speaking of the matter, Mr. Sawyer yesterday said:
"The papers came to us and, knowing the former bad reputation of the institution, we thought some action was necessary. We

sent the papers to the Secretary of the State Board of Charities, who directed us to investigate the matter at once. We went to Waynesburg and found the institution much improved over its former condition, as far as cleanliness is concerned. We made merely a preliminary examination. The inmates charged that the Steward was guilty of cruelty, vulgarity and drunkenness, but we had not time to enter into a full hearing f the case then, but this will be done soon. While we were not satisfied that the charges were untrue, we do not care to give an opinion prior to a tull and impartial examtion of the matter.

WHY THEY WERE CHANGED. How a Granby Attorney Caused a Revolu-

tion in Rallway Tickets. "Good for one first-class passage," said Mr. George McKee, of the Westinghouse Company, last night as he looked at a railroad ticket. "Did you ever hear how it came to be changed? The tickets used to read good for one seat. The way they were hanged was this.
"A cranky old lawyer got on a crowded

train at Altoona. He at once started an auction, and bought in the seat of the lowest bidder. He paid the money and took a re-ceipt. When he got to Philadelphia he laid down his receipt at the company's office and domanded the money. He said that was what he had to pay for sitting down. The officers did not dispute the matter, but all the tickets were changed to read 'good for one first-class passage.'"

HIS FAITH IN DELAMATER.

An Indiana Republican Says His County to Good for 2,000 Majority. Prothonotary John A. Scott, Indiana county's leading Republican, was in Pittsburg yesterday visiting his brother, Dr. William M. Scott, of the East End. He

his county despite the bitter fight there. In speaking of the situation he said: "We always have a Republican majority of 2,700 in Indians county, and this year we can count on at least 2,000 of a majority for Delamater. The people who conducted the fight there against Delamater are not doing anything now. I don't believe much in the talk of Republicans voting for Patti-son. The Farmers' League may oppose the Republican nominee, but I don't believe when it comes to voting they will put in a

DEATH IN VARIOUS FORMS.

Arthur Wilkins Killed on Penn Avenue-Passenger Trains Leave Mangled Victims on Two Roads-The Many Other Accidents of Yesterday.

Another death by a cable car was added o the list yesterday morning. At 11 15 Arthur Wilkins, aged 11 years, was run over and instantly killed by a Penn avenue

car at Eighth street. The boy and a companion were attempting with vehicles. They had passed behind a car going east and stepped in front of one going west. Arthur's companion jumped out of the way, but young Wilkins was unable to escape. The remains were taken to the boy's home at Duquesne way and Seventh street. The gripman was not re-sponsible for the accident. Mrs. Ebdalla Gibralia, an Arabian ped-

dler, was struck by a train on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at Layton station last evening and instantly killed, her skull be-ing crushed. She was about 30 years of age,

and lived at No. 31 Basin alley.

A large Pole, known by the name of Anthony, employed at the Black Diamond Steel Works, was struck on the back by a swinging crane yesterday afternoon. His spine was so severely injured that he may

A. E. Watts, a machinist at Walls station, was struck by a train at Roup station last evening. He was severely cut and bruised, but will recover.

James O'Brien, who is employed on the new vinduct at Verner station, fell from the

viaduct yesterday morning, and sustained painful but not dangerous injuries about the head and body.

About 8 o'clock last night one of the

About 8 o'clock last night one of the lamps on car No. 12, Pittsburg Traction line, exploded when the car was passing Magee street. The conductor caught the lamp and threw it from the car. A horse attached to a wagon belonging to William Friday, of Fulton street, ran

away on Webster avenue yesterday and demolished the wagon.
Oscar Wilkes, employed at the Beaver
Avenue Locomotive Works, had his foot crushed yesterday by a carwheel falling

MAY END IN A MURDER

An Assault That It is Fenred Will Cause a Woman's Death.

Last night as Mrs. Lucy Jenkins, a col-

ored woman living at the corner of Twentyeighth street and Mulberry alley, was going along Penn avenue she was accosted by a burly colored man, who attempted to assault her as she was about to enter her house. She ordered him away, and when he refused to go she called for her husband. Before the latter arrived the man struck her a blow in the face, which felled her to the ground senseless, and then picked up a large cobble stone and threw it at her with such violence that t fractured her skull.

Dr. Green was summoned and attended Mrs. Jenkins. He states that the woman is in a very precarious condition, and may not survive the attack. The police have been furnished with a description of theman, and are on the lookout for him.

THEY MUST WEAR NECKGEAR.

Mayor Wyman Reads a Lecture to Couple of His Coppers. System and neatness are potent factors in a progressive police force in the views of Mayor Wyman, of Allegheny. Last night he ordered the men to march out as far as Federal street in regular file, instead of the promiscuous style formerly in vogue.

The Mayor was present at the 8 o'clock roll call and two officers were given a lecture, one for not having a collar and the other one for being minus a necktie. The

orders in this respect are imperative and a suspension is threatened for those wno fall Flow of Spirits Checked. Last evening Officer Livingstone, of the Allegheny police force, found Wm. Hays, Simon Barton, James Coatford and two 13year-old girls, named Pearl Black and
Lizzie Griffith, in a shed off School street.
The party had a bottle of whisky, from
which they had been imbibling freely. The
entire party was locked up.

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SALVE FOR THE SICK

Carnegie's Homestead Employes Beneficial Society Setting

AN EXAMPLE TO OTHER MILLS

Expressmen Coming Under the Ægis of the Knights of Labor.

INDUSTRIAL AND LABOR MOVEMENTS

"Help yourself and God will aid you" is one of those wise saws handed down to the present times from the lips of a French philosopher. Its application is strikingly illustrated in the case of the Beneficial Society of Homestead, composed entirely of the employes of Carnegie, Phipps & Co., which, organized only four months ago, is already productive of the good which results from a business-like rendering of the maxim. That the employes of this progressive firm should recognize the advantages, and coalesce with the view of benefitting from a mutual aid association of this kind is much to their credit and affords an example to the employes of other large establishments which they might follow with profit. The entire executive force, from Superin-

endent John Potter down to the writing clerks, are members of the society, and at the meeting to-day the already large number of "wealth producers" who have become associates will be increased by new members to be initiated. PRINCIPAL ORNANIZERS

Most energetic among the organizers have been George W. Sarver, manganese heater in the Bessemer department, and who has been for two years State Councilor of the O. U. A. M.; Mart. Murray, roller in the blooming mill; Hugh O'Donnell, one of Homestead's best-known citizens and a popbett, who is treasurer of the society. The bett, who is treasurer of the society. The object of the society is to assist those members who are unable to work by reason of sickness or injury, and to provide for burialin case of death. Any employe of the mill over 16 and under 55 years of age and in good health is elegible. A member who has ceased to be an employe may retain his membership as long as he resides in Allegheny county, and, of course, conforms to the rules. The initiation fee is only \$1, and the dues are 50 cents a month, payable on the dues are 50 cents a month, payable on the first day of the month. Every member in good standing who is sick more than a week receives \$5 per week for six months, on receipt by the Secretary of a medical certificate, renewed every second week. Members afflicted with an incurable disease, or who shall be permanently dis-abled, are entitled to receive \$500, raised by predicts a good majority for Delamater in

> in the case of a single member retains the six months' benefits for his use. ASSESSMENTS FOR FUNERALS. In case of death an assessment of \$1 is made to defray the funeral expenses and for the benefit of his family. When the funds in the treasury reach \$2,000 no funeral as-

> family of such a member (should he have one) the sick benefits for the time stated, or

ment is made. It will be seen that the tax on the mem bers is very small, and infinitesimal when compared with the benefits obtained. There s no expense attached to the collection of dues, since each member has but to leave his quota in the hands of the paymaster. This is, perhaps, one of the best features in the scheme. Everyone acquainted with the working of beneficial societies is aware of the difficulty and analysis. noyance incidental to gathering in the dues. Neither is there, in the Homestead beneficial plan, any danger of defaulting collectors or loss from uncollected dues. The members do not feel the small mouthly tax, and are almost unconsciously accumuating benefits, which at any moment, from the hazardous nature of their employment, they may have occasion to resp.

WILL REMAIN AS AT PRESENT.

Beggs & Sor, of Allegheny, Will Continu With Their Present Men. Frederick Killmann, agent of the Granite Cutters' National Union, said last night that Messrs. Beggs & Son, of Allegheny, who had been reported as willing to make their shop a union establishment, had changed their minds and would continue to work non-union. The work of the firm, says Mr. Killmann, is chiefly monumental

and cemetery, and is not handled by union granite setters, as it would be were they preparing building work. employed in the shop are mostly Italians or other foreigners. The shop, he says, is the only one in the trade in Pennsylvania em-ploying non-union hands. Mr. Killman remarked that there was \$30

worth of prepared grantite work imported to the city for the \$20 worth wrought here. Contractors have admitted to him that work finished after being placed in the building cost about 40 per cent more than if it had been previously prepared in the shop.

GRANT THEM THE NINE HOURS.

Bair & Gazzam Concede the Points Their Machinists, Under Conditions. Bair & Gazzam, of Third avenue, yester-

day conceded their machinists nine hours' work for ten hours' pay, on the stipulation that the other firms did so within three weeks. This is one of the National Associ-ation of Machinists shops, and it employs about 20 of the craft. In all there are about 30 shops in the city, and of these six have ow conceded the demand.

Members of the association have ex-

pressed themselves as highly appreciative of the courtesy with which this firm has always treated its employes.

GRADUALLY GETTING SETTLED. All but Two Firms Have Granted the Boller-

makers' Demands. Thomas Carlin & Sons, of Allegheny, and the Oliver Iron and Steel Works are the only firms which have not acceded to the boilermakers' request for a nine-hour day. But four men of this trade are employed at the latter works. They were offered work in the structural department, at 10 hours, but refused it. They deem it right to hold out for nine hours at their proper work.

Reported Filnt Ginss Trouble Premature. The publication yesterday of reported trouble shead between the flint glass workers and their employers, over the new scale, is regarded as premature by both worker and manufacturers. None of the officers have returned from the convention, and no proposition for a change has been outlined. Mr. Macbeth, who is at the head of one of the largest chimney factories in the world, said yesterday that he could not express any opinion on the question until it had come before him in a proper form.

A telegram received last evening from Detroit says: "At the convention of Iron Molders' Union of North America to-day, Martin Fox, of Cincinnati, was elected President for the year. He was nominated by Frank Humphreys, of Pittsburg. Thomas Wisdom, also of Pittsburg, was elected Vice President.

A Pittsbarg Man Elected.

The Switchmen's Mutual Aid Association will hold a picnic at Ross' Grove, on the West Penn road, to-morrow. A special will leave at 9 o'clock. Bound trip tickets 25 cents.

THE HON. JOHN WILSON, M. P.

He Formerly Worked at Irwin, but Was Unknown as a Labor Lender. John Wilson, Treasurer of the Durham, England, Miners' Association, whose election to Parliament was noted by special cable in yesterday's DISPATCH, as stated, was at one time in the rank and file of Pennsylvania's mine workers. He was principally employed in the mines at Irwin, Pa., where he lived with William Noble, who has a store there. Mr. Wilson did not remain more than four years in this country, and during that time was not prominently identified with the labor movement. He was known as a very conscien-tious man and an ardent student. This is not the new Member of Parliament's first term in the House of Commons, as he served for a year prior to the advent of the present administration, and failed to be reurned at the last general election.

The district for which Mr. Wilson has

been returned is the most populous mining section of England. The Tory candidate, Vane Tempest, whom he defeated, is related to Sir Charles Henry Tempest, Baronet, of Heaton Hall, Lancashire, whose influence in the district for which his relative was defeated is said to have been at one time very great.

FIXING UP ITS ACCOUNTS.

The Amalgamated Picule Committee Closing Its Business-The Struction Unchanged. The Picnic Committee of the Amalgamated Association met yesterday at the office to wind up its accounts. The officers would only refer to the rebellion in the American Iron Works by saying that the men were still out. President Weihe is in the East, and it is not known when will return. A number of the trustees and officials of the Association were about the office during the day, and it is possible that the puddlers' revolt was touched upon, but whatever is proposed to be done is kept severely under lock and key.

At the National Rolling Mills and Moore-head & McClean's, affairs were as stated on

NOT CLEAR AS TO THE LAW.

Inspector Keighley in the City Secking Advice Concerning His Legal Position. Mine Inspector Fred C. Keighley has een in the city for a day or two. He said that he came to Pittsburg to ascertain his position with regard to his present responsibility. Under the law he was obliged to assume charge of the entire work at Dunbar, and its provisions were not clear as to where his responsibility began and ended. He said he would have a number of amendments to the present mining laws to offer.

He doesn't want to bring a suit of any kind, but is not clear against whom it should be brought. He thinks, however, he has no choice, but proceed against Superinten-dent Long whom the Coroner's jury found criminally negligent for the accident.

BECAUSE THEY JOINED THE UNION.

an assessment of \$1 on each member in good standing. In addition the society pays the Southside Tinning Firm Discharges Eighteen of Its Men. Eighteen tinners employed by A. Northrop & Co., of Twenty-third and Mary street, were discharged last evening, they say for joining the Tin, Sheet Iron and Cor-

nice Makers' International Union. A deputation from the union, which afforded this information, said that but two of the firm's men had concluded to stay, because they had to do so through necessity, and that the sole cause of the discharge was ecause the firm would not recognize men if they entered the union. The firm could not be reached to confirm the report.

EXPRESSMEN ORGANIZING. Three-Fourths of the Men Now Within the Order of the Knights of Labor. Local Assembly 2237, Knights of Labor, omposed of the expressmen employed by the principal express companies, held a well-attended meeting on Wednesday night. sured this case will be fully investigated." The organization of the men was reported as

Of 250 men in the city eligible to member ship, about 180 are now members of the order. At the next meeting a large num-ber of new members will be iniated.

The Painters' Annual Convention The National Committee of the Brother and of Painters and Decorators are make ing preparations for a convention here on August 5. Committees have the work in has arranged for a picnic for the delegates attending the convention. Every State in the Union and all the provinces of Canada will be represented at the convention.

Has Signed the Scale. The United States Iron and Tin Plate Company, of Demmler, has signed the Amalgamated scale.

. INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

Itoms of Interest to Men Who Own or Work in Mines and Mills. THE eight-hour system will be inaugurated t Homestead to-morrow. AT a well-attended meeting of the iron miners yesterday it was unanimously decided to continue the strike.

No. 1 of the Carrie Furnaces is being blown out for relining after working since 1886. It was in blast in 1882. Furnace D of the Edgar Thomson is also being relined. THE miners of the Oak Hill mine of the New York and Cleveland Gas Coal Company at Turtle Creek, are still on strike for 79 cents. They have been out for three months.

HUNTING FOR A BOY.

Three Private Detectives Cleverly Euchre by a Member of the Force.

Charles F. Degelman escaped from Morganza yesterday. He lives at 361 Cedar avenue, Bloomfield, and is a big, muscular boy. The police were notified and Detective Bendel was put on the case. He went out to the boy's home and found three members of a detective agency scouring the neighborhood for the escaped prisoner. They searched high and low, far and near, out never a trace of the boy could they find Detective Bendel walked in and found the boy asleen in an outhouse. The boy had een disturbed somewhat by the private deectives walking all over him while looking for him, and warmly welcomed the man from the regular force. The boy is in the Central station, and will be taken back to Morganza o-morrow.

FIRES IN ALLEGHENY.

Suspicion Points to Several Persons as the Originators of the Confingration. Yesterday morning a bonfire was discovred in Willey's lumber yard, where the big semi-centennial fire occurred Thursday night. No one was around. The blaze was surrounded by piles of lumber, but was extinguished before any damage was done. Suspicion points to a number of person who caroused in the neighborhood as the originators of the recent fires in that local-Owners of the property on which the con-flagration occurred lately sent a petition to

Allegheny Councils protesting against the extension of River avenue from Darragh street to School street, in the First ward, on the ground that the work is unnecessary. " Laft in a Glare of Red Fire. Amid a blaze of red fire and glory the Lotus Club, of the Southside, departed last night, over the Pittsburg and Lake Erie road, for their camp on the banks of Lake Erie. The club was 200 strong. As the club marched down Carson street, headed by a brass band, it was greeted with a display of fireworks and cheers. The

A FATAL PREDICTION.

Jennie McDonald Driven to a Sulcide's Death in the River by

THE PROPHECIES OF A SORCERESS.

Inspector McKelvey to Thoroughly Investigate the Case.

THE POOR GIRL'S BODY RECOVERED

The body of Miss Jennie McDonald, of

Duquesne, who threw herself into the

Monongahela river on Thursday evening.

committing suicide. The young lady was

bright, intelligent and apparently above

such a thing as superstition, yet when a

sorceress happened to hit upon a few facts

in her life she thought all that was pre-

was recovered yesterday. The Coroner will hold an inquest on the body to-morrow. The suicide has created a great sensation in Duquesne and on the Southside. The fact that she had had her fortune told, in which her death had been predicted Large invoice within a few weeks, and that she would be buried in her wedding dress, LADIES' JERSEYS. preyed on her mind to such an extent that she verified the prediction by

dicted would surely take place, and ended her life rather than live to see its possible verification. There is great indignation upon the Southside, and even in other sections of the city, over Miss McDonald's death, which Choice styles

fortune telling business. SCARED BY A SOPCERES Miss McDonald made known before her death that she had called on Mrs. Smith, the well-known fortune teller of the Southside, in company with a young lady friend who is not now known, but whose first name is Annie, and that Mrs. Smith predicted her

seems to have been hastened at least by this

death some time prior to August 7. Mrs. Smith emphatibally denies that Miss McDonald ever patronized her. But her stories, as reported, do not agree. When first interviewed she said she had been away from home for a week and it could not be possible that Miss McDonald had called on her, but when it transpired that Miss Mo-Donald's visit was ten days ago she said she

bonald's visit was ten days ago she said she had been away for two weeks.

Mrs. Smith is a well educated, comely looking woman of fine appearance and good address, but with a decisive and emphatic air, not to say temper. She was once a teacher in the Bedford school, and doubtless her experience in that line led her to notice the susceptibility of human nature and opened up the way for her present business. She has been doing a big business in fortune-telling on the Southside, and people come from all sides to have her unfold the future

WILL PUSH THE CASE Miss McDonald's body was found yester-N. B .- 37% French Satines now offered at day in the river at Duquesne, not far from where her hat and coat were found on the

river bank. The Coroner's inquest will doubtless cause a thorough investigation into the fortune-telling business. Inspector McKelvy said last night: "This is indeed a sad case. There is an old law against fortune tellers and sorcerers, but it has had so little application as to be a dead letter. The fact that Mrs. Smith has been doing a big fortune-telling busi-ness can easily be established, but whether she is concerned in this particular case we no not know. Action will be taken, even

stances seem to justify it. I am told that people go to Mrs. Smith in great numbers to have their fortunes told and they are not always the class that one would think would do such a thing, but respectable and wealthy people who drive up in their carriages. Rest as-

A BIG BUSINESS. Inquiry among the neighbors of Mrs. Smith confirmed the statement that Mrs. Smith has been doing a big and very profitable business, but since the sad outcome of Miss McDonald's fortune-telling experience, everybody was very reticent in speaking of the matter. Many of Mrs. Smith's neigh bors give her an excellent character so far as they know, but say they were always a little at sea regarding the legitimacy of her

business. The inquest on Miss McDonald's remains will be held on Monday. In the meantime, very energetic efforts are being made to learn who the young woman is who accom-panied her to Mrs. Smith's house when the

fatal forecast was made.

A DISPATCH reporter called at Mrs.
Smith's house last night, but was informed that she was out of the city. Her whereabouts could not be learned.

Struck With a Beer Glass. Peter Murphy, Harry McClusky and Mike Gallagher were arrested by Officers Madison and Meyers last evening, on Wylie avenue near Devilliers street, and lodged in the Eleventh ward station on a charge of disorderly conduct. It is said by the officers that the prisoners had a keg of beer at the place, and after partaking freely a general row occurred in which Murphy was struck over the head with a beer glass, cutting an ugly gash. They will be given a hearing this morning.

this morning. Committed for a Court Trial. James Thoman was committed to jail yesterday by Alderman Warner, in default of bail, for a bearing Tuesday, charged with assault and battery, preferred by Frank Raimonvitz. Both men were employed at Carnegie's Thirty-third street mill. A few days ago a dispute arose, and Raimonvitz claimed he was thrown over a pile of steel clippings, and was cut in several places as a

Drunk and Abgaive. Patrick Fitzsimmons was arrested by Officer Tettly last evening at his home, on Miller street. He was drunk and abusing his wife, He was locked up in the Eleventh

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day of judgment.

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