IT IS ANSON'S OPINION

That Ewing and the Whole New York Players' Team Will be With the League Next Year.

SKILLFUL PLAYERS TO RETURN.

He Advises the Local League Team to Sign Pitcher Morris, if He Doesn't Want Too High a Salary.

GENTLE JEEMS GALVIN A KICKER

When He Draws His Salary Regularly He Says He Hasn't Been Fairly Treated.

It has often been said that Captain Anson is the greatest ball player and captain in the country. It has also been a matter of record that this great man was a bluff man to talk to; that he could not be approached by common mortals without a go-between. However true this may have been heretofore, this year he has been greatly thawed out, and it is not a difficult task to get him to talk on the all-absorbing question—the Brotherhood movement. Every time he stops in the city he has something new to tell, and it requires no especial effort to get him to give it to the public. Last evening the big man sat in the corridor of the Hotel Anderson with his crowd of players around him, very much reminding one of a hen with her brood of chicks, keeping an eye out that none go astray. Asked about the rumor that Ewing would return to the New York National League team next season, Mr. Anson said:

EWING WILL RETURN.

"Of course he will, and the whole team will be with him; that is, as many of them as Mr. Day can find room for. All the good men of the Brotherhood will be taken back, but the poor ones will be left out. I don't believe the story that a certain Pittsburg player has asked to be taken into the League team again, for if he did they'd take him in a minute. I know if one of my old players wanted to come back I'd take him if I could find room for him in my team. All it requires is for one break and others will follow. Plenty of them would like to come back but don't like to start the jump. I'd like to see just one jump to test the validity of their contracts. I don't think they'd hold, and if this were proven there's plenty of the boys that would take advantage of it to leave the Brotherhood.

WOULD SIGN MORRIS.

"If I were in the place of the Pittsburg (N. L.) team I'd sign Morris; that is, if he is pitching good ball and can be had at a reasonable figure. Of course, I wouldn't put on any fancy price at this stage of the game."

"Do you think the Brotherhood will live through the season?" was asked.

"I think they will. At least they'll try to, and spend the winter trying to effect a compromise. The players themselves needn't worry, as there's no doubt but that the skillful ones can find room in the League, but the moneyed men will be the ones who would like to compromise in order to get their money out of it. We had thought of refusing to accept every man who deserted us, but have at last decided that they were misguided and now they can return whenever they like. Of course, we won't take all of them, but only such as will be an improvement on our present material."

GALVIN IS SORE.

"Have you seen Jimmy Galvin?" was the next question.

"Yes; I saw him last night. He's pretty sore. Says they haven't been using him right. He says he has been getting his salary regular, but in other ways his treatment has been unfair. The fact is, I believe that every player in the country is getting his money, or they'd commence to jump back where they would be sure of it. I don't think the players will lose so much as the stockholders. But I don't believe the salaries will be as high. I know the Chicago club will be a little careful about how much they pay next season.

"Now, let us suppose that the Players' League attempts to go on next season. Salaries will certainly not be as high in the National League. For instance, the Pittsburg club would go to their players and say that unless the salaries were reduced they would be unable to compete with the Brothhood. The players would certainly consent to a reduction, wouldn't they? Can the Brotherhood outlive this?"

Players' League Games Saturday.

At Cleveland—									
Cleveland	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	—6
Pittsburg	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	—1
Pitchers—Bakely and Staley.									
At New York—									
New York	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	—3
Philadelphia	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	*	—7
Pitchers—Keefe and Sanders.									
At Boston—									
Boston	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	—2
Brooklyn	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	2	*—6
Pitchers—Weyhing and Daly.									
At Chicago—									
Chicago	1	0	1	4	0	3	0	1	0—10
Buffalo	1	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	7
Pitchers—King and Keefe.									

Players' League Record.

	W.	L.	Pc.		W.	L.	Pc.
Boston	52	35	.597	Phila	48	49	.539
Brooklyn	54	40	.574	Pittsburg	38	45	.457
Chicago	49	41	.544	Cleveland	38	48	.441
New York	46	41	.529	Buffalo	24	60	.285

National League Games Saturday.

At Pittsburg—									
Pittsburg	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	3	1—4
Chicago	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	*—6
Pitchers—Gumbert and Luby.									
At Cleveland—									
Cleveland	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0—2—5
Cincinnati	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1—4
Pitchers—Young and Raines.									
At Brooklyn—									
New York	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—0
Brooklyn	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	*—5
Pitchers—Rusie and Terry.									
At Philadelphia—									
Boston	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	3	0—9
Philadelphia	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0—6
Pitchers—Gleason and Getzein.									

National League Record.

	W.	L.	Pc.		W.	L.	Pc.
Brooklyn	60	29	.674	Chicago	47	62	.322
Phila	57	33	.633	New York	38	52	.422
Boston	57	34	.626	Cleveland	37	62	.369
Cincinnati	54	35	.607	Pittsburg	18	70	.204

ASSOCIATION GAMES.

At St. Louis—									
St. Louis	2	6	1	0	1	4	0	0	0—14
Brooklyn	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0—2
SUMMARY—Hits, St. Louis, 12; Brooklyn, 7. Errors, St. Louis, 2; Brooklyn, 9. Batteries, Hart and Wells; McCullough, Pitz and Bowes.									
At Columbus—									
Columbus	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	0—6
Rochester	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0—3
SUMMARY—Hits, Rochester, 7; Columbus, 6. Errors, Columbus, 3; Rochester, 9. Batteries, Gastright and O'Connor; Titcomb and McGuire.									
At Toledo—									
Toledo	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	2	0—7
Athletics	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0—6
SUMMARY—Hits, Toledo, 7; Athletics, 7. Errors, Toledo, 4; Athletics, 5. Batteries, Healy and Welch; Hughes, Seward and Baldwin.									
At Louisville—									
Louisville	0	2	0	0	2	1	1	1	1—8
Syracuse	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	0—5
SUMMARY—Hits, Louisville, 14; Syracuse, 11. Errors, Louisville, 5; Syracuse, 1. Batteries, Jones, Ehret and Ryan; Keefe, Briggs and Burke.									

Association Record.

	W.	L.	Pc.		W.	L.	Pc.
Louisville	56	31	.643	Columbus	44	44	.500
St. Louis	50	36	.581	Toledo	40	43	.482
Athletics	47	41	.534	Syracuse	36	51	.413
Rochester	45	40	.529	Brooklyn	27	59	.318

THE JOLLY FISHERMEN.

Friendship Rod and Gun Club in Camp on the Little Kanawha.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

PARKERSBURG, August 10.—The Friendship Rod and Gun Club, of Pittsburg, are having a great time at their camp, ten miles above here on the Little Kanawha. The black and rock bass are beginning to bite freely and the strings the boys are catching are phenomenal for the season. There are about 30 members present.

Many visitors from the city call on the boys, especially on Sundays, and it can be imagined that time does not lag. The camp of the rod and gun club is one of the prettiest and best located on the river.

Games Scheduled for To-Day.

NATIONAL LEAGUE—Chicago at Pittsburg, Brooklyn at New York, Philadelphia at Boston, Cincinnati at Cleveland.

PLAYERS' LEAGUE—Pittsburg at Cleveland, Philadelphia at New York, Brooklyn at Boston, Buffalo at Chicago.

ASSOCIATION—No games scheduled.

THE PITTSBURGER WON.

A Local Lightweight Finds a Chicagoan An Easy Victim.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

BUTTE, MONT., August 10.—At 6 o'clock this morning a prize fight took place at a roadhouse a few miles from this city between Joe Hogan, of Pittsburg, and Jim Dougherty, of Chicago, lightweights. In the first round Dougherty showed signs of weakening and fell easily. He arose in response to the howls of his backers, only to be again knocked off his feet. His nose bled profusely.

In the second round he dodged Hogan's blows, struck out wildly and without effect, and was soon forced to the ropes. He then grappled with his antagonist in a blind attempt to avoid punishment. Hogan threw him to the floor on his face. Dougherty blubbered like a child and made a weak attempt to stand, but was again knocked down. He was unable to rise, and the referee called the fight and awarded it to Hogan.

Sporting Notes.

THE Cresson and Ebensburg clubs played Saturday. Score: Cresson, 16; Ebensburg, 4.

THERE is a letter in this office for the Secretary of the Eighteenth Ward Football Team.

A DRIVING PARK ASSOCIATION at Jacksonville, Fla., has been incorporated with $60,000 capital.

IT is reported that C. J. Van Scoten, a Western bookmaker, has purchased a 3-year-old filly, by Electioneer, for $7,500.

THE stallion Hamdallah Star, by Hamdallah, has been sold for the reported price of $5,000 to Andrew Hamilton, of Winona, Minn.

FINAL arrangements have been made for Margaret S to trot in a special race with Allerton at the August meeting to be held in Independence.

BUDD DOBLE says that Axtell looks more like a race horse now than he did last season, having lengthened and lost some of his bulky appearance.

A NEW mile record was made at the Paddington track, London, on July 29. A. J. McCredy, of Dublin University, rode a mile in 2m, 26 4-5s, wiping out all previous records.

THE Pittsburg N. L. club was sued at Cincinnati Saturday for $25, alleged to be due the Syracuse club for gate receipts at a game before the season opened. Manager Hecker paid the amount to save trouble.

AN amendment will be offered at the annual meeting of the League of American Wheelmen, to be be held on August 26 at Niagara Falls, to create two classes of membership, viz: amateur and professional, in that organization. This is due mainly to the manner in which racing men who have been declared professionals and competed as such are being reinstated to the amateur ranks. Much criticism is going the rounds in consequence of the proposed change, and opinions as to whether or not it will be beneficial are about evenly divided.

AN ANNUAL EXCURSION.

The Ticket Agents Make Convention Work a Pleasant Thing.

CHICAGO, August 10.—The International Association of Railway Ticket Agents left the Chicago and Alton depot this evening on their annual excursion to the mountains. General Passenger Agents James Charlton and E. L. Lomax, of the Chicago and Alton and Union Pacific, respectively, took special charge of the party. A special time card has been issued giving the excursion party the right of way over all other trains, which should land them at Kansas City at 8:30 to-morrow morning. The run to Denver will be made by 7:30 on Tuesday morning, where convention work will be the order of business for several days.

All the principal mountain resorts will be visited, including Salt Lake and Garfield Beach. The party will leave Denver August 18 for Chicago via St. Louis and Springfield, reaching here on the night of August 21. About 350 ladies and gentlemen compose the happy party from Chicago, to be increased by large accessions from St. Louis, Kansas City and Topeka.

FAVOR HIGHER SALARIES.

The Bar Association Asks for Better Wages for Federal Judges.

INDIANAPOLIS, August 10.—At the convention of the National Bar Association of the United States the following resolution was, upon the motion of Mr. Ferdinand Winter, delegate from the Indianapolis Bar Association, unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we favor the increase by the Congress of the United States of the salaries of the Federal Judges; especially do we favor the bill which has been passed by the Senate fixing the salaries of the District Judges at the sum of $6,000, and we urge the immediate passage of this bill by the House of Representatives.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

A Ruch's Hill House Loses a Portion of Its Roof.

Lightning struck the two-story brick house, occupied by John Welsh, on Ruch's Hill, early yesterday morning, tearing a small portion of the roof off. Mr. Welsh's wife and two children were asleep in the second-story front room, but escaped uninjured, with the exception of a severe shock. Mrs. Welsh was badly frightened.

The lightning just caught the rear end of the roof and ran off into the ground, tearing up a large hole.

COOPERS MAKE A STRIKE.

They Stop Work Rather Than Accept a Reduction of Wages.

WHEELING, August 10.—The coopers employed at the Labelle cooper shops struck against a reduction of one-fourth cent a keg in their wages. Notice of the reduction was given in July and the men declined to accept it.

When it went into effect yesterday all but four of the coopers quit. The men have been paid two cents and a half per keg and the new scale allows them two cents and a quarter. The strikers have published a card notifying union coopers of the trouble.

Monument to a Stenographer.

MUNICH, August 10.—A monument to the stenographer Cabelsberger was unveiled in this city to-day. The Burgomaster and delegates from shorthand societies from New York delivered addresses all eulogizing Cabelsberger and his system.

The President Reaches Nantucket.

NANTUCKET, MASS., August 10.—The United States steamship Baltimore arrived off Nantucket bar early this morning with President Harrison on board.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE DOING.

Some Who Travel, Some Who Do Not, and Others Who Talk.

—Emmons Blaine and his wife walked up and down the depot platform last evening while the limited was having its engines changed. They had been in the East, and were returning home to Chicago.

—Among the Eastern passengers last evening was ex-Mayor Allen, of St. Louis. He is one of the owners of the Southern Hotel.

—James A. McKee, clerk to Police Magistrate McKenna, has returned from a trip to Atlantic City.

—John Eaton, President of the Oil Well Supply Company, went East last evening.

LOCAL ITEMS, LIMITED.

Incidents of a Day in Two Cities Condensed for Ready Reading.

THE receipts of the Citizens' Traction Company for the week ending August 8 were $11,159 60. For the corresponding week in 1889 they were $9,151 45. The increase of this year over last year is $2,008 15.

A RATTLESNAKE MINE.

An Oil Driller Opens a Den of the Reptiles With a Torpedo

AND HUNDREDS RUN AROUND HIM.

Two Men Nearly Killed in a Row Among Drunken Colored Miners.

NOTES OF EVENTS IN THREE STATES

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

FRANKLIN, August 10.—Last evening a young man employed by A. G. Harper, in exploding torpedoes in oil wells, met with an experience that he is not likely to soon forget. He had torpedoed a well in the Galloway district, and, as is usual, took the can that had contained the glycerine, into the woods back of the Galena Oil Works, for the purpose of exploding the small amount of fluid that had been left in it. He built a fire, and placed the can on it, and in a few minutes the can exploded with terrific force. Hardly had the sound of the explosion died away before the young man was alarmed by a hissing sound coming from the fire, or rather, where the fire had been. He went to investigate, and found that he had wakened up a den of rattlesnakes, fully a hundred in number, and of all sizes. The first thing he knew he was surrounded by the reptiles.

The snakes, which are all blind at this season, as they are shedding their skins, flew about like lightning, hissing furiously, and shaking their rattles and sinking their fangs into the shrubbery and each other, and in fact into anything they ran against. A large number of them had been killed by the explosion, one of them having ten rattles. The man hastily fled, and afterward returned with a number of citizens, but only a few of the snakes were found, and these were promptly killed. The stench arising from the dead was something awful, and could not be endured by any one for any length of time. There is no doubt of the truth of the story, as the young man is very reliable and temperate, and besides they brought a number of snakes to show about the town.

A WILD CAREER.

The Stormy Time a West Virginian Has Been Experiencing.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

WHEELING, August 10.—John Henry Bairsden, who killed Robert Irons in Buckhannon county, Va., and who afterward figured with two of his brothers in a terrible fight with officers on the Kentucky side of the Big Sandy, in which Braisden's brothers were killed, has escaped from jail in Virginia, after a narrow escape from being lynched, and is now back in West Virginia. After killing Irons, Bairsden fled to West Virginia, where he found another man living with his wife. He got part of his relatives and went to attack the man, but was met by a Sheriff and posse.

Two desperate encounters followed, and Jim and John Bairsden were killed and John Henry was only captured after being desperately wounded. He was taken to Russel county, Va., where a mob was organized to lynch him, and the authorities took him by night to Tazewell county. He then escaped from the jail there. In the fight in which his brothers were killed, a Winchester ball struck Bairsden in the breast, but was stopped by the cylinder of a beautiful silver-mounted navy revolver, thus saving his life. Bairsden has sent this pistol with the shattered cylinder to Major J. C. Anderson, of this city, as a relic.

THE FIGHTING QUALITY.

Negroes Drink Whisky and Then Beat a Man Nearly to Death.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

FAIRMONT, W. VA., August 10.—Fifteen Guinea negroes came to town to-night from Barbour county, and were going to the Beechwood mines on the F. M. and P. R. R., to draw coke and work in the mines at that place for Hutchinson Brothers.

At the depot about 11 o'clock they became very boisterous and assaulted Will Black, beating him with whisky bottles and fracturing his skull. Wesley Fisher interfered for the protection of Black, whereupon one of the crowd drew a revolver and fired at Fisher, the ball striking him in the breast, lodging near the shoulder. The wounds of both Black and Fisher are very serious. After the trouble the negroes fled toward Grafton. Sergeant Morgan with a posse of citizens went in pursuit of them, and they will be under arrest before morning no doubt.

MARRIED A MORMON.

An Ohio Young Woman Accepts an Elder for a Husband.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

YOUNGSTOWN, August 10.—A decided sensation occurred in Bazetta, north of here, yesterday, caused by the marriage of Miss Alice Pinkerton, daughter of a wealthy farmer, to Francis C. Smith, a Mormon Elder. Smith came to Bazetta two weeks ago in search of converts, and met Miss Pinkerton, who is only 17, and pushed his woosing so rapidly that he won her hand and the consent of her parents.

The citizens are indignant, as they assert that the girl's life has been blighted by the marriage. Smith is 40 years old and well educated.

To be Hung for Murder.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

WHEELING, August 10.—James Martin, who murdered his wife in Brooklyn, near Hinton, about three years ago, was tried for the crime in Raleigh county during last week, and yesterday the jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. Martin was sentenced to be hanged October 3.

Drugged to Death.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

WHEELING, August 10.—In Second creek district, Monroe county, John McDonald was struck in the head by a tooth of a harrow yesterday, then dragged by a runaway horse, and his brains dashed out.

Events in Three States.

THERE is a building boom in Braddock started by the recent fire.

MRS. A. C. WEAVER, of Braddock, sister of Paymaster Lapsley, of the Edgar Thomson works, is dead.

POSTMASTER GENERAL WANAMAKER has assured Braddock that it soon will have a new postoffice building.

MISS RAINES, daughter of Adolphus Raines, of Rainsburg, was burned to death from attempting to start a fire with oil.

THE Pennsylvania Railroad Company is putting its tracks along the township road at Brinton, which was declared by a jury to be a nuisance, but reversed by Judge Stowe.

PRESIDENT ALF M. THOMSON, of the Huntington (W. Va.) National Bank, has commenced suit against M. C. Dimmick, lately cashier, for $25,000 damages for alleged damaging statements.

ELECTRIC CARS STOPPED.

The Engineers of a Dayton Line Strike and a Tie-Up Ensues.

DAYTON, O., August 10.—Engineers of the Whitey Line Electric Road ran all the cars to the North road this afternoon, then struck for an advance to $2 a day and demanded the removal of the recently appointed manager, Michael A. Nipgen, who was appointed to bring the employes into better discipline.

The strikers grounded the wires and refused to allow cars to be run back to the power house. The crisis will be reached in the morning.

IDENTIFIED BY HIS BROTHER.

Recognition of the Body of a Man Who Was Killed on the Railroad.

George Troutman, who was killed at Glenfield on the Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne and Chicago Railroad Wednesday evening, was identified yesterday afternoon by his brother, who is a resident of Zelienople.

The body has been at Loury's undertaking rooms on Beaver avenue since the accident, and will be sent to his brother's home this morning.

He Got It This Time.

ROME, August 10.—The supplementary ballot held in this city to-day for a member of the Chamber of Deputies resulted in the election of Antonelli by 900 majority.

POLITICS IN CHICAGO.

ITS PERFECT CONTROL OVER THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Pool Room Fight Brings Out the Truth—Mayor Cregier Calls a Consultation—The Chief of Police Says He Has No Power.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

CHICAGO, August 10.—Ed Corrigan's sensational attempt to close the downtown pool rooms and thereby confine that species of gambling to his Westside race track, may have some permanent results after all. His persistent raids on the downtown gamblers has called public attention in the most forcible manner to the fact that public gambling exists, notwithstanding official statements to the contrary, and his audacious charge that the Mayor of the second city on the continent was sharing in the profits of the houses as a price of protecting them, has had the effect of fastening the responsibility on the Mayor, as it has never been fastened on any Mayor before. His Honor evidently feels very uncomfortable.

As a means of escape from the trying situation in which he found himself placed, Mayor Cregier called a sort of council of war of leading citizens, including several newspaper proprietors, at his office on Friday, and laying the whole case before them, and protesting his honesty of purpose and his desire to execute the laws, asked for their opinion as to what ought to be done. He said that he had selected for Chief of Police an officer of the regular army in the hope of securing perfect discipline and the highest efficiency, and that he had given to him positive orders to enforce the law against gambling. Reports had been made to him from time to time that gambling had been suppressed, and yet there were indications on every hand that it was not suppressed and that it was in existence and as virulent as ever.

The Chief of Police, too, was there. In reply to questions Captain Marsh said that he had issued orders to his subordinates to close all public gambling resorts, and he had been informed that those orders had been carried out, but in some cases he had found that he had been deceived. A few of those cases, he said, he had investigated, but when asked what punishment he had given the offenders, he was silent. That seemed to fasten the ugly responsibility on the shoulders of the Chief, and it was his turn to feel uncomfortable under the burden. To-day Captain Marsh unbosomed himself and made a frank statement of the rock bottom facts to a newspaper man. He declared that the Chief of Police of Chicago is a chief only in name. Politics has got into it, and it is run by the man with a "pull" to such an extent that it is really controlled by irresponsible outside parties with local political influence.

The Chief declared that he could do little to improve it, as long as the present system is in operation. His entire time during office hours, he says, is taken up with delegations calling upon him for the appointment of this man, or the reinstatement of that, and the only time he could devote to his duties proper is during the hours when he should be sleeping. As long as the force was in politics he should not be held responsible for it. "But," he said, "take politics out of the force and I can make it efficient. As it is now politics kills discipline and efficiency, and causes the demoralization which we all know exists. The remedy for all this lies in the appointment of men not because of political influence, but because of competency. There should be an examining board to examine applicants, and recommend appointments and reinstatements at the discretion of the Chief. Police appointments are not what they should be, and they never will be any better until we remove politics from the force.

"I have had orders," continued the Chief, "and still have orders to suppress public gambling. I believe that has not been done as thoroughly as it might have been. I shall see to it now that such orders are carried out to the bitter end and if I am interfered with in the performance of my duty hereafter I am through with the office of Chief of Police."

"What will be your first move?"

"We shall pull every gambling house we find open."

Mayor Cregier, having been informed by his law department that the use of private detective agencies by private individuals for making arrests is illegal, proposes to put a stop to that method of warfare between opposing factions of the gambling fraternity. It is also current rumor that he is about to revoke Ed Corrigan's saloon license at the race track, and, under the advice of his offical attorneys, to break up pool selling there, too. If this programme is fully carried out during the coming week, the enterprising Mr. Corrigan may realize that he has bitten off more than he can chew in trying to work up a corner on the pool-selling market.

A CHICAGO WARRIOR.

He Challenges a Bank President to a Duel After a Quarrel.

LITTLE ROCK, August 10.—Captain H. T. Coffee, a capitalist of Chicago, sent to H. G. Allis, of Little Rock, the following communication:

H. G. Allis, sir: Touching the matter of differences between us, I ask that you fix a time and place where we can finally end them. This will be handed you by my friend, Mr. W. A. Perry, who will act for me in arranging details. Respectfully,

H. T. COFFIN.

The above was last night handed to Mr. Allis, who is President of the First National Bank and President of the street railway company, by W. A. Perry, a well-known attorney of Memphis. Several days since, a local newspaper published considerable correspondence of a decidedly personal nature, which had its origin in a local paper. Allis accused Colonel Jones of being a trickster. Jones came back at him with a batch of letters on the subject and one from Captain Coffee corroborating his (Jones) side of the story. Mr. Allis then distributed a dodger throughout the city, replying to Judge Jones in which this language was used: "So far as Colonel Coffee is concerned, I admit that it is in keeping with his conduct throughout. They (Jones and Coffee) belong together by nature."

This roused Captain Coffee's ire, which found its outlet in his letter to Allis, which the latter read in the presence of Perry and stated that he declined to answer it. Thus the matter stands.

Result of the Turtle Fight.

Andy Eihman and George Whei, the Southside men who were arrested Saturday while fighting over a turtle that had seized Whei by the cheek, were each fined $5 and costs yesterday morning by Magistrate Succop.

The King of Holland Feeble.

THE HAGUE, August 10.—The King of Holland is in a feeble condition, and is confined to his room, but the alarmist reports current are without foundation.

Not Giving Away Facts.

The following very intelligent telegram was received by the Coroner from Constable Piper of McKeesport, last evening: "Please come up and hold an inquest on a body in the morning.

GOD'S MUSIC.

Since ever the world was fashioned,
Water, and air, and sod,
A music of divers meaning
Has flowed from the hand of God.
In valley, and gorge, and upland,
On stormy mountain height,
He makes Him a harp of the forest,
He sweeps the chords with might.
He puts forth His hand to the ocean,
He speaks and the waters flow—
Now in a chorus of thunder,
Now in a cadence low.
He touches the waving flower bells,
He plays on the woodland streams—
A tender song—like a mother
Sings to her child in dreams.
But the music divinest and dearest,
Since ever the years began,
Is the manifold passionate music
He draws from the heart of Man!

—*Temple Bar.*

AN IMPORTANT LINK

In the Chain of Railroads Uniting Pittsburg and Chicago

TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION TO-MORROW

Local Capitalists Said to be After the Chicago and Atlantic

TO ADD IT TO THE P. & W. LINE

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

CHICAGO, August 10.—If the Pittsburgers who are understood to be after the Chicago and Atlantic Railroad at the receiver's sale on Tuesday succeed in getting it, the Pittsburg and Western may suddenly blossom out as a through line from Pittsburg to this city and wage the liveliest kind of a war with the Pittsburg and Lake Erie and the Pennsylvania Company's lines for the vast freight traffic which originates at Pittsburg and is destined for Western points.

But little can be ascertained as to who constitutes the "Pittsburg syndicate," as it is called, but Andrew Carnegie is said to be at the head of it, and with him are said to be associated men who are not greatly his inferior in point of wealth and enterprise. The character and history of the Chicago and Atlantic are well known in the West, but perhaps not in Pittsburg and vicinity, because the road has comparatively little to do with that point. The Chicago and Atlantic extends from Marion, O., about 75 miles south and a little east of Toledo, to Hammond, Ind., which is just 20 miles distant from the business center of Chicago. It is 268.5 miles long, and, at Hammond, it connects with the Chicago and Western Indiana Railroad, over whose track its cars reach this city, at a cost to the Chicago and Atlantic, on rent paid to the Chicago and Eastern Illinois, of $14,216 67 per month.

MADE UP OF SMALL ROADS.

The Chicago and Atlantic has always been regarded as a ne'er-do-well in railroad circles. It had its origin in an amalgamation about 19 years ago of a number of small railroads with high-sounding names, but not much else—the Chicago, Continental and Baltimore, the Chicago and Atlantic Extension, the Baltimore, Pittsburg and Continental were some of them. Its track-laying was not completed until 1882, and since that time its existence has been a prolonged groaning and gasping for breath. It was built originally to enable the New York, Lake Erie and Western to gain an entry into Chicago, and to the Erie it has always turned for relief. In 1883 the "Erie" advanced money to keep it going, and in return took part of an issue $5,000,000 of 40-year gold bonds, but in the following year the Chicago and Atlantic made default in the interest payment, and in 1886 foreclosure proceedings were begun.

Since that time various schemes have been suggested to lift it out of the rut, but none has been more than temporarily successful, and on Tuesday, August 12, at Indianapolis, it is to be knocked down to the highest bidder. Notwithstanding its bad financial record in the past there is no lack of people who would like to get it, and the indications are that many of the bids will exceed its actual value. The bond holders have appointed a purchasing committee, and authorized it to bid $13,000,000, but not a cent more for the property—at least such is the talk. They propose to buy it and lease it for a long term of years to the New York, Lake Erie and Western.

WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE.

The Norfolk and Western, operating a line 408 miles long from Norfolk, Va., to Bristol, Tenn., would like to get it, and by means of the Scioto Valley road, in which it has an interest, and a short piece of new road to be built, establish a through line from Chicago to the seaboard through the New South, and open up a Western market for Virginia coke. Then there is said to be a syndicate, headed by Calvin S. Brice, which would like to obtain possession of the road for the purpose of compelling some other road to buy them out. And last, but not least, the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad is in the field. This great and prosperous corporation owns a line of railroad running from New York to Buffalo, and there connecting with Chicago by a line of boats, but the boats cannot run in winter, and the traffic arrangements which the Lackawanna people have been able to make with Chicago lines have not always been satisfactory. It it should purchase the Chicago and Atlantic it could cover the distance between Buffalo and Marion, O., the eastern terminus of that line, by building 300 miles of new road, and then it would have a through line of its own, and a vastly greater field of operations. The Delaware and Lackawanna people could easily put in the requisite money, but if they should buy the road and take it away from the bondholders who propose to operate it in the interest of the New York, Lake Erie and Western, it is believed they would at once have a fight on their hands with the Erie which could not but result injuriously to Eastern railroad interests, so that after all the Pittsburgers stand about as good a show of getting the road as anybody, their only serious competitor being the bondholders' committee.

A NEWSPAPER FAIRY STORY.

Rumors of a Syndicate Being Formed to Boom Grover Cleveland.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

CHICAGO, August 10.—The unexpected return of Melville E. Stone from Europe the other day is directly responsible for a well-founded rumor that he has placed himself at the head of a syndicate, which has in view the publication of a penny morning newspaper in seven of the largest cities of the United States. Mr. Stone was the founder of a successful penny paper in Chicago, and until he retired, about a year ago, was its active editor. Mr. Stone is an ardent admirer of Grover Cleveland. While he was at the head of a Chicago newspaper he was one of Cleveland's stanchest supporters. He still believes in Cleveland.

The story is that he has found some men to share his views, and that these men have practically banded themselves together and formed a Cleveland party. They have resolved to organize a Cleveland newspaper syndicate. It is claimed that the promoters of the enterprise have agreed to subscribe $2,000,000 toward making it a success.

Death of Mrs. Catharine Beilstein.

Nearing 6 o'clock last evening the spirit of Catharine Beilstein passed peacefully away. She was the honored mother of J. F. Beilstein, President of the Allegheny County Butchers' Association, Theodore and George Beilstein. Approaching four score years, Mrs. Beilstein gathered about her numberless friends who held her in high esteem.

A $10,000 Horse Dead.

GALLATIN, TENN., August 10.—French Park, a stallion for which Mr. Charles Reed, of Fairview Farm, recently paid $10,000, died to-day. The cause of death was pneumonia. Mr. Reed recently lost a $50,000 horse by death.

An Elevator Burned.

CHICAGO, August 10.—The Pullman oatmeal mill and elevator at Kensington burned to-day. Loss, $45,000. W. M. Druly, of Chicago, was the owner. He is insured for $31,000.

A Prince Among the Victims.

SEBASTOPOL, August 10.—Seven persons were killed by the bursting of the steam pipe on the Russian man-of-war Tchesma the other day. Among the victims was Prince Khilkoff.

LINCOLN'S SCHOOL DAYS.

A Close Student in School Hours and a Hard Worker in the Evenings.

[Harper's Young People.]

Little Abe was first sent to school when he was about 7 years of age. His father had never received any "book learnin'," as education was termed among such people, and it was with difficulty that he could write his own name. One day, about four weeks after Abe had been sent to school, his father asked the teacher: "How's Abe getting along?" The teacher replied that he was doing well, he wouldn't ask to have a better boy. He had only one book, an old spelling-book. During the school hours he was attentive to his task, and at night he would study over the lesson he had been engaged upon during the day; the highest ambition of his life at this time was to learn to read. He believed that if he could only read as well as his mother, who read the Bible aloud to the family every day, the whole world of knowledge would be opened to him, and in this conjecture he was about right. As the old Baptist minister told him one day: "When you can read, you've got something that nobody can get away from you."

In the Kentucky home there were but three books in the family—the Bible, a catechism, and the spelling book which Abe Lincoln studied. He had not been long in Indiana before he had read the "Pilgrim's Progress," his father borrowing it from a friend who lived 20 miles away. He was very fond of reading "Æsop's Fables," a copy of which came in his way. A young man taught him to write. As writing paper of any kind was very scarce and expensive, Abe used to practice his writing exercises with bits of chalk or a burnt stick on slabs and trunks of trees. Sometimes he would trace out his name with a sharp stick on the bare ground. When, finally, he was able to write letters, he was called to do the correspondence of many of his neighbors, for very few grown persons in that region could write even a simple letter.

As Abe Lincoln grew older he became a great reader, and read all the books he could borrow. Once he borrowed of his school teacher a "Life of Washington." His mother happened to put it on a certain shelf, and the rain coming through the roof, the book was badly damaged. Abe took it back to the schoolmaster, and arranged to purchase it of him, paying for it by three days' hard work in the cornfield; and he was entirely satisfied with the bargain at that. At the age of 18 his library consisted of the "Life of Franklin," "Plutarch's Lives," the Bible, the spelling book, "Æsop's Fables," "Pilgrim's Progress," and the lives of Washington and Henry Clay. A boy might have a much larger private library than this, but he could scarcely find an equal number of books better calculated to impart wholesome lessons as to correct living and right thinking.

CHASED BY AN ALLIGATOR.

A Contest That Was Sufficient to Last One Man a Lifetime.

[St. Louis Globe-Democrat.]

"To hunt a 'gator or be hunted by one" is quite a difference, as John Highland and Will Jones say. They were out fishing with a cast net in a boat one day recently at the mouth of Fish creek, which flows into Tampa Bay, just below Rocky Point, Fla. Noting a big hole near the bank, they cast their net in, thinking to capture a school of millet, but, to their surprise, a big 'gator came in, thrashing and whaling around in the liveliest manner possible. Then followed a fight that was a circus. The 'gator soon had the net in tatters, but the men, getting mad at this, procured a rope, cast a bight around his head and had him secure. This rendered the saurian furious, and he began the battle right well. He plunged at the boat and tried every way to get over the gunwale. The men had only small paddles and a pole to fight him with, but these they plied lively, beating him about the eyes and mouth whenever he tried to crawl into the boat. The 'gator would jump half his length out of the water and then rush at the boat with wide-open mouth.

The men would push the pole into his gaping mouth and beat him with the paddles, and then the brute would back off with a loud bellow of rage and anger. Finally by a tremendous sweep of his tail the 'gator tore off half the end of the boat, and it began to sink. Jones jumped for