The chief interest in Grand Army circles, last week, centered in the arrangements for the trip to Detroit next year.

Post 3 at its regular meeting last Monday evening, appointed a committee of five to take charge of all arrangements for the post's trip to the National encampment. It is desired that all the comrades who intend participating in the trip attend the meetings of the post and subscribe their names to the list of the club. Comrade Armor, Secretary of the club, will have the list ready to-morrow evening. The Secretary would like to have the names of the comrades as soon as possible, so as to enable the committee to make the necessary arrangements. Comrades intending taking ladies with them are also cordially invited to participate with Post 3 when their own posts are making no special arrangements. The committee expects to form a club of at least 150 members. Comrades are urged to report as soon as possible. Hotel accommodations may be limited for the occasion, and those who defer too long may be disappointed in securing the same.

Officers of Post 236's Detroit Club were elected last week. They are Comrade John C. Thomas, President, Comrade J. E. Johnston, Secretary, and Comrade R. L. Jones, Treasurer. The club started with about 15 names. It is expected that nearly all the members of the post will join. Their number will be swelled by outsiders, several of whom have already made application for membership in the club.

The hop committee of Post 157's Detroit Excursion Association is delighted over the prospects of the reception and hop to be given at Turner Hall on Halloween. The members have been working hard for the success of the affair and are already seeing the effect of their good work. The 50 members of the post are especially desirous that the hop proves a success, it being the first of a series intended particularly for the young people, who will no doubt enjoy them to the fullest extent. The indications seem to predict that the first will be an elegant affair.

At Post 151's meeting last Tuesday a committee was appointed to devise ways and means of forming a Detroit Club. The committee will report to the post on next Tuesday. The project is in good hands, those of Comrades Duvall, Ams and Frana. A large membership in the club is expected.

Post 162's Detroit arrangements are looming up in a pleasing manner. Members are being added to the list at every meeting and the indications point to a club of large numbers.

Interesting Statistics of the War.

Some interesting statistics are gathered from the Fox history. Out of 2,000,000 soldiers three-fourths were Americans. Of the 500,000 of foreign birth, Germany furnished 175,000, Ireland, 150,000; England, 50,000; British America, 50,000, and other countries, 75,000. The average height of the American soldiers was 5 feet 8½ inches. The men from Maine, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri and Kentucky were slightly above this figure. West Virginia's soldiers averaged 5 feet 9 inches. The average would have been greater had boys from 17 to 20 years not been included. Out of 1,000,000 recorded heights there were 3,613 men over 6 feet 3 inches tall and among them were some over 7 feet. Regiments and brigades could have been formed that would have surpassed the famous giant guards of Frederick the Great. The average weight of the soldiers was 143½ pounds. The tallest man in the service was Captain Van Buskirk, of the Seventy-seventh Indiana, for whose stature the testimony is complete that he stood 8¾ inches in his stocking feet. The shortest man in the army was one in the One Hundred and Ninety-second Ohio Regiment. He was 24 years old and was 40 inches in height. The Colonel of the regiment says he could endure fatigue and exposure with the best.

Grand Army Small Talk.

WHO is to be your next post commander?

POST 3 will muster two recruits to-morrow evening.

COMRADE SNYDER, of Post 88, was buried by his post on Friday with a soldier's honors.

THE Executive Committee held a meeting at City Hall yesterday and transacted routine business.

THE large number of 25 recruits will be mustered by Post 19, of Philadelphia, on Thursday evening, November 6.

COMRADES JOHN BROWN, Officer of the Day of Post 157, and James R. Chapman, Officer of the Guard, make a good team.

COMRADE H. P. DEAN, of Post 236, went to the Ryan Hospital yesterday to have an eye which is afflicted with cancer removed.

POST 151 turned out on a sad mission last Sunday. The remains of Comrade Fritz Kaufield were laid to rest with all the honors of war.

COMRADES of Post 41 who prefer Commander J. R. Ross for the commandership for next year claim that he still leads in preference over all others.

MRS. D. P. PARKER, of Wilkesbarre division, Inspector of the Women's Relief Corps of Pennsylvania, is inspecting the corps in this district.

MRS. THOMAS G. JONES, Chaplain of Circle No. 7, ladies of the G. A. R., who has been ill for two weeks, has sufficiently recovered to be out.

POST 41's sick list is at present larger than it has been for some time. The unfortunate ailing ones are Comrades Pitzer, Moore, Sargent, Adams and Humphreys.

CAPTAIN BEN S. BARBOUR, of the Seventh Iowa, was mustered into Post 157 on Thursday evening. The post has congratulated itself on securing another good worker.

COMRADE JOHN RINTZER, of Post 548, celebrated his silver wedding at his beautiful home in Wilkinsburg on Saturday evening. A large number of friends participated.

GEO. H. THOMAS CIRCLE No. 24, Ladies of the G. A. R., tender their heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Wm. Davis and family in the death of Mr. Davis, who was a kind husband and father.

ANOTHER meeting of the wives of the members of Encampment No. 1 U. V. L., will be help in the Legion Hall, Sixth avenue, on next Tuesday, at 3 P. M. A full attendance is desired.

ON next Tuesday a campfire and beanbake will be held under the auspices of Post 135, at Tarentum. A cordial invitation is extended to comrades from this city to attend. A number will likely go.

COMMANDER HUGH MORRISON, of Post 88, was back and in the chair last Tuesday night. The previous week he was in Ft. Wayne attending the annual encampment of the Union Veteran Legion.

POST 157's visit to Post 162 last night a week was a happy occasion. The evening was pleasantly spent. Remarks for the good of the order were made by visiting and visited, and were interesting in the extreme.

POST 162 has a number of applications on file awaiting muster. Now that the post has reached the 230 notch it recognizes no limit, and will force steadily ahead, hoping to have first honors in this vicinity ere long.

MRS. FAWCETT, President of Circle No. 24, Ladies of the G. A. R., and her husband have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in the death of their daughter, who was buried from the Bingham Street M. E. Church last Monday.

THE Fourth Department Encampment of the Union Veteran Union of Pennsylvania will be held at Washington, Pa., next Thursday and Friday. Department Commander L. S. Houghton requests that all members who can be on hand.

AT Monday night's meeting of Post 215, Quartermaster William Graham was presented with a gold-headed cane by Comrade William Pollock, of Post 151. The occasion was the finishing of Comrade Graham's ninth year as Quartermaster and his retirement.

FOR the reunion of the Seventy-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, to be held at Kittanning on the 30th instant, excursion tickets will be sold by the Allegheny Valley Railroad at the following stations: Pittsburg, Verona, Parnassus, West Penn, Mahoney, Redbank, Parkers, Bethlehem, Maysville, Brookville and Du Bois.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER DENNISTON and several other Grand Army men from Pittsburg, will go to Erie to-morrow to take part in an affair in the evening that promises to be of big proportions. It is to be a meeting of all the Erie posts and all in that vicinity. Comrades A. P. Burchfield, Thomas G. Sample, H. H. Bengough and others will likely go. While there Major Denniston will inspect the Soldiers' Home.

COMRADE H. H. BENGOUGH, of Post 157, is highly pleased over the recovery of his badge, which he lost while at Springdale week before last. It was brought in last week by Commander Burns, of Post 289, Springdale. A lady had picked it up from the pavement. Comrade Bengough was afraid he had dropped it some place where it would be trampled upon, but it is returned without a scratch.

AN open meeting of Circle No. 52, Ladies of the G. A. R., will be held on Wednesday evening, the 29th instant, at Dietrich's Hall, Southern avenue, Mt. Washington. This is to be the last open meeting of the current year, and a number of the lady department officials will grace the meeting with their presence. Some rare musical treats will be presented, and reports made on the social and charitable work of the organization, in which this circle has been participating largely and creditably.

THE ladies' auxiliary of Post 88 will give a bazaar on Friday and Saturday nights, October 31 and November 1. It will be held in the post room in the telephone building, corner of Sandusky and South Diamond streets, Allegheny. The ladies are busily engaged in preparing for the occasion. There will be fancy needlework, etc. The refreshments will be of the best. Special preparation of the hall will be made, and it is promised that the guests will not regret their visit. The proceeds will go into the charity fund.

AN open meeting is being arranged for by Post 41 for the evening of Wednesday, October 29. The programme is not yet completed, but there will, of course, be speeches and music. Among the speakers will be Department Commander Denniston, "Chaplain" McGuire and Colonel Danks. The committee of five appointed at the last meeting is energetically at work making preparations. A large crowd is expected. All old soldiers, whether members of the Grand Army or not, are specially invited to attend.

LAST Tuesday was a felicitous day for Comrade A. P. Burchfield and his family. He and his excellent wife celebrated their silver wedding at their home in Shadyside. They were the recipients of many handsome presents. On the same evening the daughter of Comrade Burchfield was married at the parental mansion. A number of Grand Army comrades were among the guests. To say that all had an extremely enjoyable time seems superfluous. The whole house seemed to overflow with happiness over the double event, which was one long to be remembered.

THE affair at Greensburg Thursday evening was very enjoyable. Among those who went from here were Department Commander Denniston, Thomas G. Sample and Rev. Dr. Core, of Wilkinsburg. On behalf of the citizens Comrade Core presented to the Post, No. 276, a beautiful memorial volume. It was accepted on behalf of the post by Comrade Sample. The meeting was most pleasant. On account of the rain it was not as large as it otherwise would have been. The visiting comrades were entertained most hospitably and the visit dwells pleasant in their memories.

COMRADE GEORGE BURROUGHS, of Post 41, does not care to assume an honor that does not belong to him. It has been stated several times that he was the color bearer of the Sixty-first Pennsylvania Volunteers and carried the colors all through the war. This is not a fact. He was a member of the color company of the regiment and brought home the colors with the dead body of Colonel Rippey. The colors were presented to the post by Colonel Rippey's father. Comrade Burroughs was appointed by the post to bear the Sixty-first's colors in all parades in which the post participates.

A GLORIOUS reunion was held by the members of the One Hundred and Fortieth Pennsylvania Volunteers at Freeport on Tuesday. About 250 survivors were present. The excellent turnout was pleasing to all the "boys" and they enjoyed themselves as only old comrades in arms can. Colonel J. A. Danks, of the Sixty-third Regiment; J. H. Short, of the One Hundred and Fourth; and A. J. Stevenson of the One Hundredth, who are honorary members of the Survivors Association, were present. United States Marshal Harran was with his comrades once more. Major McDowell, candidate for Congress in the Twenty-fifth district, was present. He served in the One Hundred and Twenty-first Regiment. The One Hundred and Fortieth is noted as having lost a larger percentage of its members in killed than any other regiment in the service.

Sons of Veterans.

THE meeting of the Executive Council of the Pennsylvania division will be held at Reading, Pa., on November 10 and 11.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL H. M. REBELE has commenced to make his official visits. He visited Davis Camp last Tuesday night.

THE next meeting of Harper Camp No. 162, on Tuesday of this week, will likely be large, as it is to be important. Important action in regard to the camp's financial affairs will probably be taken.

Union Veteran Legion.

THE third open meeting of Encampment No. 1 will be in November, and the programme will be made up entirely of musical and vocal selections, the performers being from the best of our local talent. The new National Commander and other national officers will make an official visit early in November, and will no doubt visit encampments in Beaver, Westmoreland, Indiana and other Western counties.

COLONEL SAMUEL HODKINSON, Senior Vice National Commander, made his first official visit to Encampment No. 1, U. V. L., on last Monday night. He was warmly received, and after several addresses a few of the comrades gave him a little banquet, which will long be remembered. The delegates to the last National Encampment made reports as to the changes in the rules and regulations and ritual. Three new recruits were mustered and ten applications for membership read. Eight volumes of fine works were added to the library, the gift of Comrade McInary. A magnificent black velvet altar cloth, trimmed with gold fringe and handsomely embroidered in gold, was presented by Mrs. Elmer Croco. A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered the fair owner.

TO-MORROW evening at 8 o'clock "The Straggler Abroad" (Charles F. McKenna, Esq.), at Union Veteran Hall, Sixth avenue, will give an account of his trials, troubles and tribulations when in Europe. Commencing with Ireland, he will journey over Scotland, England, France, Germany and Italy, and will prove everything he says by beautiful stereoptican views, from photographs taken by himself. He has over 100 pictures of places of interest and will also exhibit portraits and battle scenes familiar to old soldiers. This is the second of the fall and winter course of free lectures before Encampment No. 1 of the Legion, and as all—especially old soldiers and their families—are invited, full houses are the result. Mr. Leonard Wales, the popular organist of Allegheny and author of the romantic opera, "Lion of Peru," has kindly volunteered his services and will preside at the organ.

BY FRIENDS ON THE B. & O.

Mr. McIlvaine Presented With a Handsome Present.

Gilbert McIlvaine, who leaves for Sharpsville to-morrow to act as superintendent of the road there, was presented with a very handsome diamond shirt pin at the Baltimore and Ohio depot yesterday, by a number of his friends on the latter line. Mr. C. S. Howell made the presentation speech, and Mr. McIlvaine replied in a happy manner.

Mr. McIlvaine was for a number of years chief clerk in the superintendent's office of the Baltimore and Ohio, and his promotion is well deserved.

The Bridge is Finished.

The Ohio connecting bridge is finished, and freight will be moved across it to-morrow. For awhile only coal for the lakes and empty cars from the Panhandle will be run over it. As soon as all the yards and connections in the system are completed freight will be moved with a rush.

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THE opening of the new home of the Academy of Science and Art was a notable event in the history of this city. It is no figure of speech to say that the elegant old mansion on Fifth street was crowded during the evening with cultured men and women, all interested directly or indirectly in the various arts and sciences, and all enjoyed with a keen zest the feast spread for their pleasure by the various organizations which have been drawn together by the new academy. The occasion was a fit one for the interchange of congratulation, because never before was the prospect of intellectual activity in the direction of art and science in Pittsburg so promising; and the opening of this building was the legitimate outgrowth of the new energy. The various societies, each in its own way, contributed to the combined exhibit, and notable among the collections was that offered by the Pittsburg artists through the art society. Twenty-two pictures in all were exhibited. Mr. George Hetzel contributed works entitled "Lovers' Lane," "Paint Creek," "October," "Landscape" and "A Study From Nature." Mr. Joseph R. Woodwell offered "A Blue Day. Magnolia," "Gloucester Harbor," "The Rocks," "Norman's Woe," "Off Cobblestone Beach," "A Windy Day," "The Coast" and "A Grey Day." Mr. John W. Beatty offered "A Block Island Road," "Study of a Horse" and an etching upon "Return to Labor." D. B. Walkley offered "The Patter;" A. Bryan Wall, "Mountain Road," "A Sketch From Nature" and H. S. Stevenson, "Long Run Fording," "A Country Smithy," "Long Run" and "Milking Time."

J. J. HAMMER, who resided in this city several years ago, has left his old studio at No. 47 University place, New York, and removed to the old University building in Washington square, W. A. Coffin, also a former Pittsburger, has removed to No. 138 West Fifty-fifth street.

MUCH interest is being felt in art circles throughout the country touching the subject of the art exhibit at the Columbian Exhibition of '93. "It is probable," says the New York *World*, "that a call will soon be issued to American artists in art centers to unite in some decided expression of opinion regarding the work to be done in this direction to secure a creditable display." It is universally conceded that the showing of American art at Paris alone redeemed the American exhibit as a whole, and there is no good reason why the exhibit of art works at Chicago may not fitly represent the great progress made during recent years in this direction. It should do more. It should make plain to the hundreds of national legislators from the wild and boundless West, as well as those from the mercantile East, the importance of art to this nation, and result in the establishment of a national academy of fine arts. Even if these honorable legislators fail to appreciate the importance of the subject they will at least have an opportunity, in Chicago, of discovering the comparative merits of pork and art, and thereby be enabled to deal intelligently with France when the question of an interchange of these products along the line of reciprocity again comes up for discussion.

ANOTHER collection of paintings is announced to arrive in Pittsburg during the present week.

THE following grist of information touching the whereabouts and doings of New York artists will be read with interest by Pittsburg artists and connoisseurs: Robert Blum is still in Europe, and so are Mr. Blashfield, Mr. Van Boskerck, T. W. Shields, Sydney Lawrence, E. L. Durand and J. Wells Champney. John LaFarge is in Honolulu. A. A. Anderson has settled in Paris, and Frederick A. Bridgeman has returned to this country. Mr. Stanford Cox is still in Gloucester, Mass., where also is Mr. Rice, the portrait painter. Mr. Bunker, who has been in Boston during the past ten years, and whose pictures attracted much attention at the Paris salon this season, is still of the Society of American Artists, has returned to New York. Mr. R. G. Hardie still occupies his summer studio at Woodstock, Vt. F. E. Bartlett has returned from a hard season's work in the Adirondacks with a large collection of water colors. Mr. Irwin, the portrait painter, is still in San Francisco, but will return soon to his studio in the Halbein building. Mr. George Innes is painting at his country studio at Mont Clair, N. J.

MR. A. F. KING shows a carefully painted fruit piece this week.

A NUMBER of Pittsburg artists have received invitations to enter works for the sixty-first annual exhibition of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia. The time for receiving exhibits will be from Monday, January 5, to Saturday, January 17, and paintings, drawings, sculptures, architectural designs, engravings and etchings may be submitted. Our former townsman, Mr. Charles Linford, is on the committee to select works and award medals.

THE one hundred and fifty-ninth reception of the Art Society will be held in the Academy of Science and Art building Monday evening, October 20. No pictures will be exhibited, as the evening will be devoted to music, the special feature being an informal lecture by Mr. Ethelbert Nevin upon Richard Wagner's last music drama, "Parsifal."

MR. M. F. H. DEHASS, the well-known marine painter, has moved into the studio formerly occupied by F. S. Church. The studio occupied many years by Mr. DeHass is now occupied by Horatio Walker. F. S. Church is now in South America. Gilbert Gaul and Frederick Dielman, both represented in the Pittsburg Exposition collection this year, have removed to studios in the *Judge* building.

A DAY'S RIVER DRIFT.

Small Rise Caused by Rains up the Allegheny—The Packet and Coal Business Brisk Yesterday—A Dense Fog Delays the Early Morning Boats.

The rivers have begun to rise again, this time caused by the surplus water of the Allegheny and backing up that of the Monongahela. At 5 o'clock yesterday the Market street gauge registered a depth of 9 feet 8 inches and still slowly rising. It is not thought that the rise will be so great as to interfere with the river trade, and it will probably be all over to-day. Business was very brisk yesterday in the coal trade as well as in the packet lines. The weather is splendid for river traffic, and all the river men were on the hustle yesterday, keeping the boats on the go with more than usual briskness.

Boats and Their Crews.

THE Courier arrived yesterday afternoon from Parkersburg.

THE Convoy goes to Louisville this morning with a heavy tow.

THE C. W. Batchellor left for Cincinnati yesterday loaded down.

CAPTAIN JAMES HENDERSON made a flying trip to Cincinnati yesterday.

THE steamer Hudson will be the regular Cincinnati packet on Monday. Captain Allison will have charge.

THE dense fog delayed the boats that should have been in early yesterday morning and all were somewhat late.

HORNET NO. 2, under command of Captain McDonald, left yesterday morning for Cincinnati with 14 barges in tow.

THE Matt F. Allen arrived yesterday from Wheeling and left soon after for her regular weekly trip to Parkersburg.

THE Andes arrived yesterday from Cincinnati and departed for the same place. Captain Cooper reports a first-class trip both ways.

LOGUE NO. 1, formerly clerk of the steamer Eastern State, but now of Steubenville, is visiting his old friends in the city. He takes charge of the Steubenville wharfboat on Monday.

HONORS FOR DILLON.

Not O'Brien's Companion, but Chief Support of General Boulanger.

OTTAWA, ONT., October 18.—Last evening Sir James and Lady Grant gave a reception to Count Dillon, General Boulanger's right-hand man. Among those present were: J. A. Chapleau, Secretary of State; John Carling, Minister of Agriculture; C. H. Mackintosh, M. P., and Sanford Fleming, C. E.

The evening was pleasantly spent. Count Dillon left this morning for British Columbia and the Northwest.

STEADY ON ITS LEGS.

Solid Interests of Pittsburg More Than Holding Their Own.

A FINE COUNTRY PLACE PICKED UP.

Talk of an Advance of the Standard of Value on Diamond Street.

MORE INTEREST TAKEN IN BUILDING

One of the most picturesque places in the Sewickley Valley changed owners yesterday, through the agency of Messrs. Black & Baird. It consists of a handsome brick dwelling and nine acres of ground, tastefully laid out, and is situated near Shields station. General A. L. Pearson was the purchaser. The owner was W. J. Meek, of Chicago. The consideration was $11,000.

General Pearson will remove his lares and penates to it and make it his home.

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May Elevate Values.

Judging from the talk of the street it is quite likely that the Kuhn property, to be brought under the hammer on the 25th inst., will go at a price that will raise the standard of value on that part of Diamond street. The last sale in the locality, about a year ago, was at the rate of $1,000 a front foot.

The Kuhn property is in two packages—both original. The drift of opinion is that the lot on the north side of the street, with an old building, will bring at least $1,500 a foot, and the other, on the south side of the street, as much or more, with the additional value of the improvement added.

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Give the City a Chance.

When such a man as Chauncey M. Depew predicts a great future for Pittsburg, even going so far as to say that it will equal Philadelphia in population in a short time, citizens should go to work to make his words good. This is a matter of special concern to capitalists. If they will provide the houses the population will be forthcoming.

A number of building schemes are being talked up, some of which will no doubt be consummated. The most recent of these is being developed by the commercial travelers of Pittsburg, who have formed an organization to buy land and build small houses in the East End. Mr. J. C. Hill is President. He was negotiating with Messrs. Anderson & Beckman yesterday for a large tract in the Fortieth ward.

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A Thriving Suburb.

Several things have conspired recently to bring Homestead into prominence. Perhaps the most important of these is the projected railroad to Pittsburg, which will materially shorten the distance between the two points, facilitating communication and opening to settlement a large scope of country. Homestead expects to profit largely by this enterprise. Indeed, it has already had the effect of promoting activity in real estate, several important deals having been effected within the past few weeks. Building is also looking up.

The situation is admirable for manufacturing and commercial purposes, commanding both railroad and river advantages, and having an abundant supply of natural gas and coal. A leading citizen said yesterday: "We are prospering as never before. Everybody is busy and making money."

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No Place for Croakers.

While the speculative markets are depressed by various causes, chief of which is the diversion of money to legitimate interests, the volume of general trade shows no abatement of commercial prosperity. In the local trade situation there is no exception to the rule of profitable activity. In every line there is unusual industry, a fairly satisfactory margin of profit, an active market for products, and a healthy state of collections. It would be difficult for the most bearish croaker to find in the general situation anything indicating an immediate reversal of the present favorable conditions.

This wave of prosperity will rise and fall as other waves have done. The halt and the downfall to come may be assured or retarded by future contingencies, but none are near enough to warrant any fears of a material check to the forward impulse.

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New Buildings.

During the past week 34 permits were issued, representing 44 buildings—32 frame and 12 brick, the total cost of all being $76,331. The Twentieth ward led with eight, followed by the Nineteenth with six.

The number of permits taken out the previous week was 39, representing 45 buildings, the estimated cost of which was $48,355. The total number of permits issued this year to date is 1,427, representing 2,496 buildings. Yesterday's list follows:

Albert Emerick, frame two-story dwelling, 20x30 feet, on McKee street, Fourteenth ward. Cost, $1,000.

Florence G. Parr, brick two-story and attic dwelling, 15x14 feet, on corner of Clark and Bank alleys, Eighth ward. Cost, $1,125.

John Urban, brick two-story and attic dwelling, 31x56 feet, corner Beatty and Mignonette streets, Twentieth ward. Cost, $6,000.

John Smith, frame one-story shop, 20x14 feet, on Sheridan avenue, Nineteenth ward. Cost, $800.

M. B. Lewis, frame two-story dwelling, 20x32 feet, on Woodville avenue, Thirty-fifth ward. Cost, $1,000.

John Pedder, two frame two-story dwellings, 26x32 feet, on Kearn's road, Thirty-fifth ward. Cost, $1,000.

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Business News and Gossip.

The little German carpenter on Atwood street, referred to a week or two ago, has evidently determined to resist the freezing out process to the bitter end. He is putting another story on his house.

A gentleman said yesterday: "I am inclined to think the scamp who is robbing Pittsburg letter boxes is one of the gang who played the same game in Chicago a year or two ago. The methods are strikingly similar."

It is not generally known that one of the largest cork factories in the world is located in Pittsburg. Sales of the products of this concern amount to about $1,000,000 a year. Most of the raw material comes from Spain.

A contract has been made for the erection of 20 medium-sized dwellings in Johnstown for the Cambria Iron and Steel Company.

The mortgage list was small yesterday—only 17, of which six were for purchase money. The largest was for $2,500. All but six were for less than $1,000.

The annual election for officers of the Bankers and Bank Clerks' Mutual Benefit Association will be held to-morrow evening. There are two tickets in the field, and a lively time is expected.

Railroad earnings: Pittsburg and Western, second week October, net increase $6,900. Two weeks October, net increase $13,809. Northern Pacific, second week October, net increase $146,674. From January 1 to date, net increase $1,514,298. Hocking Valley, month September net increase $70,911. Nine months, net increase $342,773.

The Pittsburg Plate Glass Company has declared a dividend of 3 per cent, payable October 22.

At the rate business on Wylie avenue is picking up it will soon be one of the most bustling thoroughfares in the city.

Lower Penn avenue is at a standstill and little movement is expected until it is known what disposition will be made of the Schenley property.

A prominent corner on Smithfield street is on the string at nearly $4,000 a foot front.

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Movements in Real Estate.

L. O. Frazier sold for John A. Hofman the property, Nos. 5104 and 5106 Butler street, Eighteenth ward, lot 40x110 feet to Dresden alley, having thereon a double two-story frame dwelling, to Daniel Hagerty, for $6,000 cash.

Charles Somers & Co. sold for M. E. Brenneman to N. Godfey, a residence property in the First ward, being No. 21 Second avenue, a two-story brick of ten rooms, bath, etc., with lot 21 by about 72 feet to an alley, for $8,000.

Black & Baird sold for Matthew Mawhinney, two new brick residences on Mawhinney street, Bellefield, with lot 50 feet front and running through to Bellefield avenue, for $20,000.

Reed B. Coyle & Co. sold to W. S. Turner, a lot on Grazier street, Twenty-first ward, size, 25x130 feet, for $550 cash.

W. E. Hamnett & Co. sold a lot on Bennett street, Brushton, 40x157, for R. L. Thompson to a prominent real estate agent of the East End for $775.

C. Beringer & Son sold for A. A. Law, of Emsworth, his residence with about an acre of ground for $7,000.

M. F. Hipple & Co. sold for C. A. Balph a six-roomed frame dwelling on the north side of Elmer street, Twentieth ward, at a price approximating $1,200.

J. E. Glass sold for A. C. Watkins lots 22 and 23, each 24x100 feet, in Aliquippa place plan, Thirteenth ward, for $1,300.

Philadelphia Stocks.

Closing quotations of Philadelphia stocks, furnished by Whitney & Stephenson, brokers, No. 57 Fourth avenue. Members New York Stock Exchange:

	Bid.	Asked.
Pennsylvania Railroad	51¾	51¾
Reading	18¾	18 11-16
Buffalo, Pittsburg & Western	9¾	....
Lehigh Valley	*51¾	....
Lehigh Navigation	32¼	32½
Philadelphia and Erie	....	23½
Northern Central	....	39¾
Northern Pacific preferred	74¼	74¾

*Sale.

HOME SECURITIES.

Trading of Fair Proportions, but Values Clipped Off a Trifle.

There was a fairly active movement in local securities during the week, but as the selling contingent showed up in strong force values of most of the usually active properties were cut down fractional amounts.

Closing prices, as compared with those of the previous Saturday, show concessions in Philadelphia Gas, Central Traction, Pleasant Valley, New York and Cleveland Gas Coal, Electric and Switch and Signal. The only important advance was scored by Luster, which recovered nearly all the loss sustained by the raid. Pittsburg Traction also moved up a peg.

The depression was not due to the discovery of any weak spots in the interests handled, but was in sympathy with the apathy at all other speculative centers, occasioned in part by the employment of money in other directions and in part by the fact that investors have about all the stocks they want to carry through the rest of the year.

EXCHANGE STOCK.	Bid.	Asked.
Pitts. Pet., Stock & Metal Ex.	445	....
BANK STOCKS.	**Bid.**	**Asked.**
Arsenal	67	73½
Bank of Pittsburg	83	....
Commercial National Bank	104½	106
Duquesne National Bank	....	....
Freehold	....	68
Iron and Glass Dollar Savings	93¾	....
Keystone Bank of Pittsburg	74	....
Masonic Bank	65	....
Merchants & Manufacturers' Na. Bank	70	....
Mechanics' National Bank	....	126
Monongahela National Bank	127	....
Safe Deposit Company	66	75
INSURANCE STOCKS.	**Bid.**	**Asked.**
Monongahela	37	....
GAS STOCKS.	**Bid.**	**Asked.**
Allegheny Gas Co. (Illum.)	20	....
Pittsburg Gas Co. (Illum.)	75	....
Southside Gas Co. (Illum.)	....	25
NATURAL GAS STOCKS.	**Bid.**	**Asked.**
Chartiers Valley Gas Co.*	....	36
Manufacturers' Gas Co.	16	28
Ohio Valley	21¾	....
People's Nat. Gas and Pipeage Co.*	14¾	15
Pennsylvania Gas Co.	14	....
Philadelphia Co.	28¾	28½
Westmoreland and Cambria	....	15
Wheeling Gas Co.*	17¾	....
OIL COMPANY STOCKS.	**Bid.**	**Asked.**
Washington Oil Co.	85	90
Fisher Oil Co.	55	....
PASSENGER RAILWAY STOCKS.	**Bid.**	**Asked.**
Central Traction	....	26½
Citizens' Traction	....	65½
Pittsburg Traction	24	....
Pleasant Valley	....	27
Second Avenue Electric	50½	51
RAILROAD STOCKS.	**Bid.**	**Asked.**
Chartiers Railway	....	53
Pittsburg & Lake Erie	60	....
Pitts., McK. & Youghi. R. R. Co.	61¾	....
Pitts., Cinn. & St. Louis	....	28
Pitts. & Western R. R. Co.	....	13¾
Pitts. & Western R. R. Co. pref.	....	17¾
Pittsburg, Wheeling & Kentucky	....	54
COAL STOCKS.	**Bid.**	**Asked.**
N. Y. & Cleveland Gas Coal Co.	32	....
BRIDGE STOCKS.	**Bid.**	**Asked.**
Ewalt (Forty-third st.)	58	....
MINING STOCKS.	**Bid.**	**Asked.**
La Noria Mining Co.	19	20
Luster Mining Co.	19¼	19¾
ELECTRIC LIGHT STOCKS.	**Bid.**	**Asked.**
Westinghouse Electric	28	28¾
MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.	**Bid.**	**Asked.**
Union Switch and Signal Co.	14¾	14¾
Union Switch and Signal Co., pfd.	....	47
Westinghouse Brake Co., Lim.	....	75

*Ex-interest.

Sales were 10 shares Wheeling Gas at 18, 20 Philadelphia Gas at 28¾, 35 Electric at 28¾, 10 Luster at 19½, and 50 Pipeage at 14½.

The total sales of stocks at New York yesterday were 128,350 shares, including: Atchison, 12,745; North American, 16,430; Northern Pacific preferred, 4,900; Reading, 3,220; Richmond and West Point, 5,064; St. Paul, 5,115; Union Pacific, 4,700.

STUBBORN FACTS

In the Shape of Figures Show Big Gains Over Last Year.

Because Tom, Dick and Harry say that business is solid and flourishing it does not necessarily follow that such is the case, but when the manager of the Clearing House gives out figures backing up the statement there is no longer room for doubt.

The bank clearings last week reached the large total of $17,142,624 22, against $15,464,262 25 the previous week, and $13,886,566 35 for the same week last year, showing a gain of $3,258,057 87 over 1889. It is no need to add anything to this exhibit. There is business to show for the figures or they would not be given out. The gain over last year to date is nearly $117,000,000.

Saturday's exchanges	$ 2,747,944 98
Saturday's balances	376,024 35
Week's exchanges	17,142,624 22
Week's balances	2,409,480 19
Previous week's exchanges	15,464,262 25
Exchanges week of 1889	13,886,566 35
Balances for week of 1889	1,700,327 71
Total exchanges to date, 1890	631,722,435 13
Total exchanges to date, 1889	524,194,224 25
Gain to date, 1890	116,021,210 38

Bankers reported a sufficient supply of money and a good demand, but with some discrimination in favor of regular borrowers. Rates were on the usual basis of 6@7 per cent for call and time loans.

Money on call at New York yesterday was easy, ranging from 2¼@3 per cent, last loan 2¼, closed offered at 2¾. Prime mercantile paper, 5½@6. Sterling exchange quiet and steady at $4 80¾ for 60-day bills and $4 86¾ for demand.

The weekly statement of the New York banks, issued yesterday, shows the following changes: Reserve, decrease, $3,504,550; loans, decrease, $710,400; specie, decrease, $4,737,700; legal tenders, increase, $427,100; deposits, decrease, $3,224,600; circulation, decrease, $2,500. The banks now hold $2,849,220 less than the requirements of the 25 per cent rule.

Closing Bond Quotations.

U. S. 4s, reg	123½
U. S. 4s, coup	123½
U. S. 4½s, reg	104¼
U. S. 4½s, coup	104¾
Pacific 6s of '95	113
Louisiana stamped 4s	88
Missouri 6s	100
Tenn. new set. 6s	104
Tenn. new set. 5s	100
Tenn. new set. 3s	72½
Canada So. 2ds	99¾
Central Pacific 1sts	110¾
Den. & R. G. 1sts	110
Den. & R. G. 4s	81¾
D. & R. G. West 1sts	—
Erie 2ds	100¾
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s	80¾
M. K. & T. Gen. 5s	69
Mutual Union 6s	102½
N. J. C. Int. Cert.	110
Northern Pac. 1sts	116½
Northern Pac. 2sts	111¾
North'w'n consols	139
North'w'n deben's 5s	108½
Oregon & Trans. 6s	107½
St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s	92
St. L. & S. F. Gen. M.	110¾
St. Paul consols	124¾
St. P. Chi. & Pc. 1sts	115
Tex. Pc. Le. G. Tr. Rs.	21¾
Tx., Pc. R. G. Tr. Rs.	20
Union Pacific 1sts	112
West Shore	103¾

PHILADELPHIA—Clearings, $13,836,284; balances, $1,980,117. For the week—Clearings, $77,431,510; balances, $11,244,720. Money, 6 per cent.

BALTIMORE—Clearings, $2,422,497; balances, $278,058. Money, 6 per cent.

BOSTON—Clearings, $15,971,613; balances, $1,477,176. For the week—Clearings, $107,477,234; balances, $11,436,861. For the corresponding week last year—Clearings, $105,907,378; balances, $10,990,953.

NEW YORK—Clearings, $130,474,667; balances, $6,101,280. For the week—Clearings, $812,971,407; balances, $37,166,872.

BERLIN—The statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany shows an increase in specie of 19,660 marks.

PARIS—Three per cent rentes, 93f 87½c for the account.

CHICAGO—Bank clearings for the week aggregated $91,193,819, against $73,993,150 for the corresponding week last year. New York exchange was 40c discount. Bank rates on money were unchanged. Clearings for the day were $15,907,093.

THE WEEK IN OIL.

Some Improvement in Business, With Prices On a Higher Level.

Oil traders found plenty of time between sales yesterday to match pennies and discuss the live issues of the day. A few thousand barrels changed hands at 82¾, the top price. The market then went off 1 cent for want of support, and closed at 81¾, which was also the opening and lowest figure. Fluctuations for the day and week are appended:

	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.
Monday	82	82¾	81¾	82¼
Tuesday