The gasser was the only topic of conversation all over the city, yesterday. Of course, absurd reports about the enormous pressure were laughed at, but the fact that gas had were laughed at, but the tact that gas had been struck at the Exposition created gen-eral interest. All are hopeful that a great flow will be discovered when the fifth sand is penetrated deeper, and a number of people talked of sinking wells.

Views of Public Officials. Mayor Gourley is in favor of the city sinking a number of wells, if this one proves success ul. Superintendent Pattison said he believed the present pressure was sufficient to justify anyone in sinking a well, and he could see no reason why the Govern-

ment should not drill one at the great granite

pile on Smithfield street.

There seemed to be a general feeling that Pittsburg berself would remedy the great scarcity of the precious natural fuel which now exists. The estabment of the fact that the fifth sand is under all Pittsburg was regarded as a discovery that takes precedence away beyond the mere flow of gas at the Point. As soon as possible it is expected that wells wit! be drilled all over Pittsburg, and all the wells in the city that have been abandoned as dusters will now be deepened far enough to penetrate this stratum of sand, which bids fair to give a new lease of life to the fuel which has added so much to Pittsburg's

AN EXPERT'S OPINION.

prosperit

Value of the Strike to the City-Result of a Test of the New Well-A Monument to the New Era Thought to be Opened. The following opinion of an oil and gas expert is given as showing the possibilities extended by the strike in the fifth sand:

But five wells have been drilled deep enough around Pittsburg to get this sand. They are: First, Painter & Sons completed a well at their mill, West Carson street just across the river from the Exposition, November 27, 1884 and at 1,980 reet, obtaining 8 feet of medium quality of sand, in which there was a little gas, Second, Jones & there was a little gas, Second, Jones & Laughlins drilled their No. 1 well at the American Iron Works, Twenty-fi th ward, completed to a depth of 3,000 test, April 10, 1885, and at 2.034 teet (which would be the same level as the Exposition sand, allowing for the difference in elevation,) got 9 teet of fine, white sand, but barren. Third, Westinghouse No. 7, at Homewood, drill-d in 1885, got about 25 seet of the same sand, close in fexture, and therefore small in volume, but which is still making some gas into the Philadelphia Company's mains. Fourth, in the same neighborhood, in the well which Mr. Westinghouse drilled to 4,700 feet, about 20 feet of this same sand was found, with some show of gas, but not enough to be of any value: 821 feet below this sand, at 3,000 feet, they got about 20 feet of reddish brown sand, with a small show of both oil and gas. Fifth, Thomas Liggett on January 3, 1890, got into the top of what is the same sand on the Stoner farm, Penn township, about three miles cast of the city line, on the Pin-Hook anti-clinal; the tools were lost, and, after fishing for the same until October, they finally abandoned the job and sold the well to the Philadelphia Company, who are now using it. The well, while small in volume, is making the same amount of gas now that it did when struck.

One Thing That is Settled. It has been settled beyond doubt that this is the same stratum which is known in Washington county as the fifth sand. That the stratum underlies Pittsburg and vicinity has also been settled by the few wells drilled deep enough to reach it, and with the thousands of acres under which it is now known to exist, the probabilities of a and altar. To the right is the pastor's study future gas supply for the Gas City are in-deed very great. What the result of further brilling on the Exposition well may be, no one can tell. They have already a sufficiency for their own uses and some to spare, and further drilling may develop a large well, but whether it does or not, the fact onstrated that the best gas-producing sand now known underlies the city and vicinity, with gas in paying quantities, and the finding of prolific deposits, the benefits o which will be incalculable to the in-

The caloric fluid was tapped Friday night, at 12 o'clock, in the fifth sind, at a depth of 1,990 feet. J. C. Boyce, of the Oil Well Supply Company, by a care ul and scienoffic test with an anemometer, and also by Phtor's tubes, as recommended by Prot. Embertson, of the University of Obio, demnativated the fact that the well in its present status is producing 547,613 cubic feet a day, which, according to Mr. Boyce's calculation is equivolent to 25 tons of coal, or enough gas to run 25 or 30 large stationary

An Eight-Foot Vein of Coal Found. At 1,440 feet the gas, or salt sand, was

The record of this well is without doubt the most elaborate and complete of any well drilled since the first inception of the great oil and gas industries, samples having been taken every ten feet of the geological formations from the time the well was begun up to the present. These samples have been placed in glass iars in rotation in the Exposition building, where they will in the future be one of the interesting features of the exhibition, and will remain as monumental to the new era which it will likely open up to the great manufacturing industries of Pittsburg. Too much credit cannot be ascribed to the Oil Well Supply Company for its generosity and magnanimity, to which the dis-

TRIPLETS IN ALLEGHENY.

Mrs. Blume Presents Her Husband With Two Girls and a Boy.

even is a lucky number-at least, so thinks Joseph Blume. He is a carpenter, and lives in the rear of a shoemaker's shop at 220 Franklin street, Allegheny. Lost Wednesday he had four bright children who called him father. That evening three more appeared, and they will call him father as soon as they are able to talk.

Mrs. Blume is a comely woman, of German descent, and is about 35 years old. She has been married about 15 years. She first presented her busband with a girl and six years ago two boys were born. Then girl was brought into the world, and on Wednesday she made her husband prouder than ever by increasing the family with two girls and a boy. The three children and the mother are all perfectly bealthy.

THE ZOO BROKEN LOOSE.

Residents of the Fourteenth Ward Are

Troubled With Dark Suspicions. A large goat owned by Mr. J. E. Johnston, of Craig street, was found dead yesterday morning. It had several holes in its neck and is supposed to have been killed by some animal that has escaped from the Schenley Park menagerie. Mr. Johnston lost a number of chickens last week in the same manner, read from the Clerk of Courts at Staunton, Frank Schaffer, of Meyran avenue, has lost 17 chickens in a like manner, and his brother, John Schaffer, had six killed. The police have been notified of the oc

currences, and a watch is being kept for the

unknown animal. PREWERY MEN PANOHET

Harry Darlington's Manager Presented With a Diamond Pin.

employes of Harry Darlington's brewery enjoyed a banquet at the Seventh Avenue Hotel, last evening, and presented Manager Elliott with a diamond pin as a mark of the est-em in which they held him.

It was a very pleasant affair, and Mr.
Elliott accepted the gift in a very neat
speech. The estivities were kept up to

HAS HIS OWN CHURCH

A Beautiful Edifice for Worship in the East End Ready for Dedication Next Sunday.

ENTIRELY PAID FOR BY ONE MAN. Now Standing With Open Doors, Awaiting

the Coming of Congregation, Paster and Sexton.

IT IS COMPLETE IN ITS EVERY DETAIL.

Not to Cost the Consistery-to-be a Single Penny for its Construction,

One week from to-day what will be known as St. Mark's Memorial Reformed Church, East End, will be consecrated and another handsome and substantial place of worship will be added to Pittsburg's long list of edi-

fices devoted to Christianity. The morning service, beginning at 11 o'clock, will be conducted by Rev. E. A. Truxall, of Westmoreland county, and the evening service by Rev. Cyrus J. Musser, of Huntingdon, Pa.

St. Mark's Church will begin a career that is strikingly peculiar to itself, and probably without a parallel in the history of the country. The conditions, briefly stated, are a handsome little stone edifice, old English style of architecture, most tastily fitted up within, with every convenience that could be desired, without a pastor, membership, congregation or consistory. It will simply stand with open doors, inviting those who will to come, the only induce-

ment being the worship of God. Origin of a Very Unique Church.

Its origin dates back to nearly two years ago. Mr. B. Wolff, Jr., the gentleman who erected the building, was at that time a member of Grace Reformed Church, this city. Certain differences arose in the congregation, however, and Mr. Wolff withdrew. Shortly after this he decided to establish a church of similar denomination in the East End, and finally purchased a lot fronting 70 feet on North Highland avenue and running back 185 feet on Howard

Ground was broken for the foundations over a year ago, and since that time Mr. Wolff has given the work his personal attention. Everything has been done in accordance with his wishes, and the items of expense have not been counted.

The sole idea was to make the structure thoroughly serviceable in every particular, while the interior arrangements and decorations have been chosen with rare taste and care. The result is a delicate and beautiful blending of colors that gives the commodious room an attractive appearance.

Description of the Interior The main entrance, which is on North Highland avenue, is surmounted by a handsome tower. Turning to the right, or north, on entering, the visitor faces the chancel and to the left a pipe organ of delightful tone. The altar and baptismal fount are of pure white marble. The organ and chancel are of cream-white and gold. On the lett of the chancel is a marble tablet which bears the following inscription:

This building elevated to the worship of Almighty God, was erected by B. Wolff, Jr., as a memorial of his brother, Chris-tian H. Wolff, born April 6, 1815, died February 28, 1887.

To the right, on entering, are two memorial windows of beautiful design. One is of Christian H. Wolff, with the inscription: "Rejoicing in hope." The other is in mem-ory of Mr. B. Wolff's son, and has the inscription: "In memory of Bernard Withers Wolff, born February 21, 1872, died January 18, 1890. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

Inscriptions Above the Chancel. Over the chancel is the inscription, "And the Spirit and the bride say, come." Above these words are three emblem windows, while in the ceiling is a circular window of similar design,

struck, and at 1.600 the centennial sand was struck. At 680 feet an eight-loot vein of tween 300 and 400, and the woodwork of the entire interior is of solid cherry. All the windows are of solid colored glass, handsomely mingled, and are as fine as anything of the kind to be found in the city, the one in the rear of the building being particularly attractive. The heating apparatus, ventilation and dressing rooms are of the very best workmanship and design. In

fact, no details have been omitted, even the organ being worked by a water motor. In the rear of the building, on Howard street, is a commodious chapel for Sunday school purposes, lectures, etc., while below this will be erected a sexton's residence.

A Congregation Soon to be Formed. Speaking of the church yesterday, Mr. Wolff said: "A ter the consecration services, sometime during the week, a congregation will probably be formed and consistory chosen. When this is done, I shall make them a present, in fee simple, of the prop-erty. Who will likely be selected as pastor? erty. Who will likely be selected as pastor? I have no idea, and will have nothing to do with the direction of the church. That will be left to the people. I have made the building and surroundings as nearly what I thought they should be as possible, and now

my labors are done." Mr. Wolff was asked what the cost of the edifice had been, but he declined to say any-thing on that subject. From workmen and others, however, it was learned that the amount would be at least \$40,000 and probably more than this sum.

CHARGED WITH BIGAMY,

But There Was No Record of the Alleged First Marriage.

Joseph McDowell, colored, was given a hearing yesterday afternoon before Alderman Kerr, of the Fifteenth ward, to reply to a charge of bigamy preferred by Ellen McDowell, also colored. She had alleged in the information that 12 years since she was married to McDoweil at Staunton, Va.; that he left her some time since and took up his abode in Pittsburg, where he became in-volved in trouble with Margaret Fordyce, a white woman, and in the effort to save him-self from trial on a serious charge, married

Miss Fordyce. At the bearing last evening a number of letters from the defendant to Mrs. Mc-Dowell were read, in which he referred to her as his wife. A letter, however, was in which it was stated that no record could be found there of the marriage between the prosecutrix and the defendant. On this

CHANGED HIS RESIDENCE.

State Chairman Andrews Registers From Mendville, Now

State Chairman W. H. Andrews was at the Seventh Avenue for a short time, yesterday morning. He left early in the after noon, but the clerks did not know in what direction he had steered. Mr. Andrews now registers from Meadville, and whether he has changed his resi-dence, or because he doesn't like the deal he got from his fellow townsmen of Titusville.

is not apparent on the surface. EXTRA facilities for delivering goods for bolidays at Max Klein's.

MR. WITHEROW RETIRES. Temporary Settlement Reached in the

Duquesne Muddle-The Trouble to be Submitted to Arbitration-A New House Talked Of.

Two large red lines drawn across yester day's page of the Duquesne register shows where the old management ceased and the new one commenced. William Withersw stepped down and out yesterday afternoon

and Charley Miller was installed.

A temporary settlement was reached at a meeting of the attorneys and the partners in-terested. William Witherow insisted that Mr. Perdu, the bookkeeper, should run the house until a conclusion was reached, but J. P. Witherow and Thomas Deegan would have Mr. Miller or no other. Finally it was agreed to submit the difficulty to arbitration, and an agreement was signed to keep the present force of clerks and employes in their places. J. P. Witherow wanted nobody discharged. The old books were locked up and a new set opened at once. Detective and the hotel was under the new manage-

Before going home William Witherow told the clerks that he wanted them to remain at their posts. He said his partners would either have to buy out his interest, or he would purchase their shares. In any case, he says, he is not out of the hote business, and not if in the Duquesne, he will build another house. Mr. Witherow has any number of friends who have expressed a willingness to back him financially, and as Pittsburg needs another hotel, this may be the city's opportunity. Mr. Witherow shook hands with the new manager, and wished him all the success possible in his work. Another meeting will be held

to-morrow, when it is expected some conclusion will be reached. Charley Miller, the new boss, is a very popular hotel man. He had no desire to mix up in the tangle, and he regretted the unpleasant position in which he was placed. So far as Charley is concerned his relations with all the partners are the most pleasant, and everybody is happy over the present

GOING IN GREAT STYLE.

solution of the problem.

The Randall Club Making Preparations to Attend Governor Pattison's Inaugura tion-Two Hundred Members Expected

to Take Part in the Proceedings. An adjourned meeting of the Randall Club was held at the elegant new quarters on Duquesne way last night. The main business was to perfect arrangements for the trip to Harrisburg to attend the inauguration of Governor-elect Pattison.

The attendance was large and the interest manifested was great. From reports re-ceived up to date, it is probable that about 200 men will be in line. The members will wear pearl-white caps, black mackintosh oats, with capes and black leggings. They will be accompanied by the Great Western Band, leaving the city January 18. The proceeds of the late entertainment at Old City Hall, some \$700, will be an important factor in paying off such bills as

that of the band. The club is in much better condition at present than at any time since it was organized. The membership now numbers 460, and 16 candidates are slated for admission at the next meeting. This will make the total 482, and the officials say the 500 limit will be passed before spring. Constant improvements are being made in the commodious building, making it by far the finest headquarters of the kind in this part of the State. parlor has been greatly beautified by the addition of furniture, paintings, pictures, new and elegant chandeliers, etc. Among Among the attractive pictures are those of Governor-Campbell, of Ohio, and Governor-Elec-Pattison. A well-known business man of the city also recently presented the with a painting representing an old-time campaign scene in Pittsburg. Its value is placed at \$500, and it vividly recalls other days to the older members and guests.

SMALL SCRAPS OF LOCAL NEWS.

THE Board of Viewers have made the final ssessments for the paving of Howe street, DURING the month of November the Department of Public Works collected \$3,252 77 A LITTLE blaze occurred yesterday in Dewey's Hotel, Water street. No damage. D. O. CUNNINGHAM'S office. South Twenty. seventh street, was scorched \$125 worth yester-

THE body of Cora Barnes, who suicided in Allegheny, was shipped yesterday to Beaver Falls for interment. THE mail train was about two hours late or

the Pennsylvania road last evening. It left Altona behind time. caused a \$100 fire yesterday in P. Haberman's greenhouse, Carson street.

THE regular weekly temperance meeting will be held in the Rebecca Street M. P. Church, Allegheny, this evening at 7 o'clock. RECORDER GRAHAM, who retires from office next month, will give a reception to his office force next Thursday evening at his North avenue residence.

NATURAL gas set fire to a mantelpiece in the house of William Erb, on Monterey street, Allegheny, last evening, but was put out before much damage was done.

JOHN ZENDIA, an employe of Booth & Flinn on Linden avenue, East End, had his right leg fractured at the thigh, yesterday afternoon, by the caving in of a clay bank. THE man who jumped into the river at Duquesne has been identified as J. Hensel, a barber, formerly employed at Braddock. No reason is known for his suicide.

JOHN SMITH, a stranded laborer from Holli- in. daysburg, who has been here looking for work for several days, secured lodging at the Twen-ty-eighth ward police station last night. JUSTICE writes to THE DISPATCH and wants

to know why he has to lose a day's work and pay railroad fare to attend a Coroner's bearing without recompense. The answer is that the law reads that way. THE Engineers' Society of Western Pennsylvacia will meet on Tuesday evening in the

pariors of the Academy of Arts. Henry D. Hibbard will read a paper on "Modern Im-provements in the Construction of Open Hearth Furnaces." CHARLES DEVINNEY and John Shonnan, the brakeman and engineer of the freight train wrecked early yesterday morning at the West Penn junction, on the Allegheny Valley Rail-road, were considerably improved at the West Penn Hospital last night. Both will recover.

THE Committee on Organization of the Middle Division of the Jr. O. U. A. M. parade last, evening elected W. C. Evans Chairman, and George Beecher Secretary and Treasurer. The Marshal will be elected Saturday week. The only nominee yet is Scott Dibert. CHIEF ELLIOT was notified yesterday by Mellon Brothers that Mary Taylor, who is in the County Insane Asylum, owns a valuable piece of property on Bryant street, near High-land avenue, against which they had a claim and took it out of the reat. The matter will be

HOLIDAY goods in shape of diamonds. watches, jewelry and musical instruments arriving daily. Largest line of music boxes. GALLINGER'S, 1200 Penn ayeuue, 1200. MWSu

Holiday Fancy Articles and Baskets Japanese vases, trays, smoking sets, ash receivers, match safes, mats, cushions, tidies, scarfs, ladies' neckwear, lace scarfs, fans. See the exquisite trimmed baskets. A. G. CAMPBELL & SONS, 27 Fifth av.

Beautiful Mirrors Given Away.

We have about 500 more of those hand-some velvet tramed boudoir mirrors left, and

will present one with every purchase in our ladies' cloak departments to-morrow.

KAUPMANNS. MINCEMEATS without fine rum lack good taste. All kinds of "Imported Ja-maica and St. Croix" or New England at

Max Klein's. STILL a few of those Powderly books leit. Have you got your copy yet? It is a large 800-page book, handsomely illustrated, and the retail price of which is \$3. One free with every purchase of \$15 and up in our men's department. GUSKY'S.

FEAST OF CITY HALI

Social Reunion of All the Officials and Employes to be Held

TO THAW OUT FORMAL FROSTINESS

Opinions of the Mayor and the Chiefs of the Departments.

UNOFFICIAL PROGRAMME OUTLINED-The spirit of Christmastide is hovering over City Hall. Golden rays of peace and goodwill have enetrated the murky and erstwhile chilly atmosphere of the municipal building, and in every office there is a feeling of pleasant anticipation of a good time to come.

> about a proposed social reunion of the heads of the different city departments and their office forces. The programme, as suggested, embraced a few brief speeches, a little eating and drinking, with plenty of ice cream for the lady employes, good music and an enjoyable senson of dancing. This programme was admittedly unofficial and subject to amendment. The more the idea was discussed

For days post there has been much cossir

the more feasible it appeared, until finally it was resolved by all the City Hall employes that they prepare their garments for the feast. Visions of swallowtail coats added to the difficulty of casting up long rows of figures, while such words as "gore," "bias" and "demitrain," would unaccountably insert themselves into the fair copy turned out by the lady typewriters.

EXCITEMENT IN MUNICIPAL HALL, Expectation was on tiptoe yesterday, and fears were expressed that it might over balance and perform an act of dull-thuddery. One-half the employes of City Hall asked the other half, "Have you got an invitation yet?" and the other half replied, "No; have you?" This was very unsatisfactory, but hope was revived again when it was learned that Chief Bigelow had been in consultation with Mayor Gourley on the

His Honor was seen and asked what he knew about the rumored reception to the City Hall employes. After some hesitancy, he said: "The first I heard of the matter was this morning, when Mr. Bigelow mentioned the matter to me. I am heartily in favor of anything which will tend to remove the armor of official formality which prevents us knowing each other as we really are. It is owing to this lack of intimate knowledge of each other that occasional coldness springs up between us in this hall. We are all working to one end-a wise administration of the city's affairs as economically as is consistent with good govern-While we are all striving to attain the same object, we sometimes are divided in opinion as to the best way to reach that end. If one of us gives utterance to his opinion on these subjects, there is a danger that he will be charged with unfriendly personal criticism, when, in fact, he is merely refer

ring to a method, not to a man. POLISHING OFF THE CORNERS. "Now, all this unpleasantness could b obviated if we knew each other better. think we are all pretty good people, and am confident that the gentlemen in admin-istrative positions are working for the best interests of the community. If we could come together socially, when our official armor is removed, we would appreciate each other more, and be less likely to take offense at some trivial and probably kindly-meant

"I hesitate at taking the initiative in an occasion of the character suggested. would much rather that one or all of the chie's of the city departments would make the first move. But I am peartily in layor of a social gathering of the persons sho daily labor under this root—not forgetting the Department of Charities and Health Bureau, which have been crowded out of the hall for lack of room. I would like to be present at such an occasion, and I should like to hear remarks from some of the gentlemen present, and I might say a few words

"Is it not your place, as the executive of the city, to take the first action?"
"Well, an affair of this kind hardly comes within the lines of my official duty. Never-theless, I am giving the subject some thought. It need not be a very expensive affair, and could be made very pleasant. An unexpected pressure of natural gas In fact, it might, and ought to become an annual institution.

MAKING AN ESTIMATE OF COST. "I suppose the number of persons em-ployed in the hall is between 150 and 200, perhaps not so many. We could undoubtedly get up a very nice reception for, say \$400, and I have no doubt the money could be easily raised." At this point Mayor's Clerk Hugh Flinn.

At this point Mayor's Clerk Hugh Finns, who had become deeply interested in the project, broke in with, "You can put me down for \$50."

This Bigelow was asked how he felt "Hear It Tick." Size, 14x28 inches.

GRAND UNION TEA CO., toward a social reunion of City Hall officials and employes, and said: "I think we are all on friendly terms in this building, but you can count me in on an occasion of this

Chief Brown is also a warm advocate the idea. Notwithstanding that he has become the bugaboo of criminals, he is not prepared to declare that there shall be no ore cakes and ale, but is ready to help out

the festivities. Chief Elliot was not seen, but as he has the reputation of always being ready for a little quiet fun, no serious objections are expected of him.

A number of the employes in the hall were spoken to about the proposed reunion, and they one and all declared emphatically

in favor of it. DROPPED DEAD ON THE BRIDGE.

Well-Known Lawrenceville Citizen Dies Suddenly From Heart Disease. Valentine Fruch fell dead yesterday evening on the Tenth street bridge. His death was caused by heart disease. He was over 50 years of age, and was a brother of the late Officer Furch, of the Allegheny police force. He resided on Twenty-seventh

street, and was crossing to Alleghenv when Several men saw him fall, and, supposing he was drunk, carried him into the toll-house and called the patrol wagon. The remains were taken to Harmann & Ebbert's undertaking rooms, and were safterward claimed by his friends.

ON POVERTY'S COMMON LEVEL.

An Ex-Oil King and a Tramp Lie Down To gether in the Lockup. The cold winds of last night brought seven tramps to the Allegheny lockup for shelter. One of them made apologies for his request for free lodging, and said he had seen the day, but a few years ago, when he enjoyed wealth and asked favors of no man. NOVELTIES in children's suits, overcoats He said he lived on the top wave of pros-perity during the oil excitement in Titus-ville, where he was a large producer.

Another boarder looked the typical tramp, with his stubly heard, long hair and dirty face and a top coat like a dude's, some two inches shorter than his under coat.

The professional tramp and the ex-wealthy oil king lay down together.

Dr. B. M. HANNA. Eye, ear, nose and throat diseases exclusively. Office, 720 Penn street, Pittsburg, Ps. s&su "HOME, Sweet Home"-don't send East to get your wines and fine liquors for Christmas and New Year, when you can get them of Max Klein and sent to your home Patronize home enterprise.

A TEMPTING OFFER.

Southside Physician Tendered the Dea ship of the New Orleans Medical Coilege - The Leading Institution of the South-An Open Offer.

Dr. C. C. Hersman, of the Southside, has had a tempting offer made to him, and while he has not given a definite answer in regard to it, he may accept. The deanship of the New Orleans Medical College, the leading institution of the kind in the South, has been tendered to him. The college combines law, medicine and theology. The offer made to Dr. Hersman, of course, is for the medical department.

The doctor has been located on the South side about three years, having previously resided in West Virginia, where he was assistant superintendent of the insane department of the West Virginia Hospital. He is a direct descendant of the Stonewall Jackson family, and was born and raised near the old homestead in West Virginia. Since coming to Pittsburg, Dr. Hersman

has gained considerable prominence and oc-cupies a number of enviable positions, and has filled all so creditably that, in case he ccepts the new offer, his many friends will he sorry to see him leave. He is Secretary of the Southside Medical Society, he has charge of the insane department of the St. Franciscus Hospital, a member of the faculty in the Western Pennsylvania Medical College and on the staff of the Southside Hospital. A representative of the New Orleans institution cailed upon the doctor during the

past week and laid the offer before him, ex-plaining at the same time the desires and plans of the officials. After talking over the matter some time, Dr. Hersman asked for time to consider the offer, and he was given until the first of October, 1891. He can take charge at any time, but the place will remain open until that time.

STANLEY WILL SHAKE HANDS

At the Close of His Lecture, To-Morrov

Evening, at Old City Hall. All efforts to convince Mr. Stanley that a reception to him and his amiable lady in this city would be eminently the proper thing have failed, and, as a consequence, I never realized as fully as I do now the im the only opportunity to see the great explorer will be at Old City Hall. He declared that his duties as a lecturer tax him too much to admit of anything but a handshaking after the close of his lecture. lumerous invitations have been tendered Mrs. Stanley to attend small private receptions, and one of them will doubtless be accepted. The party will arrive in the city this morning in the special car over the Pennsylvania Railroad, Mr. Stanley leaves Tuesday morning for Columbus, his

next stopping place.
Up to last evening \$2,000 worth of tickets had been sold, and the indications point to \$3,000 house, at least. The gallery will be thrown open for the first time in a great while. The seats there will probably sell at \$2. Arrangements have been made for 14 ushers in full dress. The committee expects a big rush for tickets to-morrow There are a few more seats left for the stage.

CAUGHT A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE.

Robert Richardson, Formerly of the Owl

Gang, Wanted in Ohio, is Arrested. Detectives Coulson and Robinson arrested Robert Richardson yesterday as a suspicious character. The arrest proved to be one of some importance owing to the fact that Richardson is an escaped convict from Ohio. The prisoner is only 18 years old and a Pittsburger by birth. He was a member of the famous Owl gang, and when the police dispersed the crowd Richardson left the city. About four months ago he was arwith another young Pittsburger named Kilrain in Newark, O., for robbery. The pair were found guilty and Richardson was sentenced to the reformatory at Laucaster, O. On the way to prison Richardson managed to make his escape from the consider the situation and agree to disagree, Sheriff at Columbus, O. The authorities at but this will not mond the roads.

Fight for a Watch. A fight occurred on street car No. 30, of the Birminghom line, about 7:30 o'clock last evening, near South Fourth street. The fight was started by two men who both

hurt. No arrests were made. Hear It Tick. This is the title of a beautiful Christmas souvenir that the Grand Union alone in this movement, however, for it is Tea Co, will give to all purchasers of one pound of tea or one pound of Grand Union Baking Powder at their store on Saturday, December 20. This handsome panel made very soon, and the sooner a start is card, in size, 14x28 inches, is given in addition to the tickets given regularly. We ornamental articles that are given out in exchange for our tickets. Our teas are

Opposite Gusky's, 307 Market st. CHRISTMAS MUSIC BOXES.

Klebers' Annual Importation.

H. Kieber & Bro.'s annual Xmas importation of fine music boxes has been received and can now be seen at their store, No. 506 Wood street. The high grade of these beautiful works of art being well known, we can

only say that happy, indeed, will be the person who shall become the possessor of one of these delightful gifts. Klebers also have a full line of the celebrated Washburn guitars and mandolins, Stewart's and Fair-banks & Cole's banjos, either of which will make a highly desirable gift.

Call early and make a selection. Store

open every evening.

Smoking Jackets. We have a splendid line of smoking jackets, dressing gowns and house coats, and we have marked them at prices that will be sure to sell them. At \$6 we are showing some elegant Japanese quilted silk smoking jackets that we don't believe can be matched under \$10 in any other store in town.

YOUTHS' DRUMS.

George Kappel, 77 Fifth Avenue. "Young America" is patriotic and soldierty. Bring them up to guard and defend the rights for which their lathers fought so nobly, and buy the boy one of those beauti ful drums specially ordered for Christmas GEORGE KAPPEL, 77 Fifth avenue, Thsu

STANLEY'S STORY;

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REGULAR DEADFALLS

The Country Roads Killing People Off at an Alarming Rate.

ANOTHER FATALITY ON FRIDAY.

Coroner McDowell Gives Some Figures for the Last Three Months.

HIS IDEAS OF WHAT SHOULD BE DONE

Edward Caughey, of Stowe township, met death in a rather peculiar manner Friday For some time Caughey has been engaged in hauling oil well supplies into the Chartiers field. He started for that locality at the time mentioned, having on the wagon

among other material a coil of wire cable.

The roads, as usual, were in a horrible con-

dition, and before the field was reached the

wheels on one side of the wagon went into a deep rut, overturning the rig. Caughey, who was walking, was caught under the coil of cable, and so badly injured that he lived but a short time. The Coroner was notified and will hold an inquest on Monday. Caughey was the son of a well-to-do farmer of Stowe township, and his unexpected death is a source of general regret in that section. He leaves a wife and

four children. Coronar Mc Dowell was asked last night if violent deaths of this kind, due to the bad condition of country roads, were of frequent occurrence in this county. He had evidently been giving the subject some attention, for his reply came very quick and was right to the point. He said:

DANGER OF DEATH ON THE ROAD. "Yes, sir. They are becoming quite com mon; entirely too much so in a section o country that prides itself on being abreast of the times in this nineteenth century. portance of having these great highways of the State put into a condition that will at least make them safe for the purpose of ordinary travel. Within the last three month I have been called upon to view the bodies f three men who have lost their lives en tirely through the wretched condition of our county roads. In addition to the case o young Caughey a well-to-do farmer of Ross township was killed only a few weeks ago. He was driving a team attached to a hay wagon over to O'Hara township While on the way the wheels got into one o the deep ruts that are so common, the wagon was overturned and he received fatal in juries. Still another instance was that of a farmer of Mifflin township, who lost his life from the same causes and in about the same way. Now, as I said, these are all instance that have occurred within the three months mentioned. I do not know what the records for the year would show, but in the name of all deceney, the ones mentioned constitute three too many for this day and age of the

world. THE FARMERS GREATLY WORKED UP.

"Do you know it is a fact that the farmer and country people generally are greatly worked up over this question, and these re-cent latalities have only added to their bitter feelings? Several meetings of farmers have been held, and more are promised for the future. They have a perfect right to be thoroughly aroused for the condition of all roads as a rule is simply shameful. As THE DISPATCH has so ably shown they are next to impassable during a good portion o the year, and even when cold weather sets in and freezes up the surface mud people are in more or less danger of having their con veyances overturned every time they ven ture out. Now it is all right for township road commissioners to meet and solemnly 'Here is my idea of what should be don

The Legislature will meet within a few weeks and the members will have plenty of time to consider this question and take some action before they adjourn. Let the farm ers and country people generally make this road question an issue. Let every repre-sentative from the rural districts be made to claimed the ownership of a watch that ap-peared on the floor of the car rather sud-denly. In the scramble the women in the car were badly frightened but no one was will bring matters down to a point where there can be no misunderstanding, and the result will be that beneficial action will tol-"The country representatives need not be

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avenue, and see his stock before purchasing

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by the Police. Inspector McAleese received information at 7 o'clock last evening that about 40 per sons were drinking beer in Mrs. Kaiser's house, No. 18 Liberty street. The Inspector went before Alderman McKenna and took out a warrant, charping Mrs. Kaiser with keeping a disorderly house. When the police reached the place most of the people had left, but they found Mrs. Kaiser, six

men, nine dozen quart bottles and a hal-barrel o' beer.

Mrs. Kaiser has been married twice.

Brinkman, her second husband, served 30 days in the workhouse for keeping a speakeasy. Upon being released he went home, borrowed \$500 from his wife without her knowledge and disappeared.

Controller Grier's Bond Approved. The bond of County Controller-elect James A. Grier, in the sum of \$50,000, has been approved by Judge Ewing. Mr. Grier will take the oath of office Saturday, Janu-ary 3, 1891, his term of office commencing the first Monday in January.

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