SECOND PART.

# THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH.

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## FIGURES FOR 1892.

### The Approaching National Contest Under the New Apportionment Bill,

### IF IT BECOMES A LAW,

### Will be a Struggle of a Very Interesting Character.

### A FORECAST OF THE RESULT.

Republicans Hold the Advantage in the Electoral Vote

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BILL

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The most important political legislation of the Fifty-first Congress has been enacted this week, so far as the popular branch of Congress is concerned, in the passage of the apportionment bill, providing for a new allotment of members of Congress, in accordance with the increase of population shown by the new census, raising the number of members of the House of Representatives from 332 to 356.

It is agreed upon all sides that this bill is one of the fairest that could be devised, as 356 is the first number which, dividing the population of each State, would not result in a loss of representation to any State, and distributing the increase of 24 as equitably as possible among all sections. It was opposed by a very few Republicans and supported by a considerable number of Democrats, which may be accepted as proving its non-partisan character; and there is little doubt that the Senate will take the view of the House, as the latter branch is the one most immediately interested, in so far as the election of Congressmen is concerned. The partisan opportunity will occur in the redistricting of the various States, and in this the Democrats will have an immense advantage, on account of the number of Legislatures in which there is a Democratic majority, in States which, in all ordinary circumstances, are securely Republican, but which were transformed by the tidal wave, and, fortunately for the Democrats will redistrict their States.

It may be fairly assumed that the result will be a Democratic majority in the National House of Representatives for years to come, unless their party should gain control of the administration, in which case, by what seems to be in these times a natural law, the revulsion of feeling against the powers that be may work a revolution against them, as it did in November with the Republicans.

**Its Bearing on the National Election.**

The most interesting feature of the matter is the bearing of the new apportionment upon the election of President and Vice President. The following table will give a clear idea of the relations of the various States to that important quadriennial transaction:

| STATES. | Proposed rep. resentation. | Present representation. | Gain..... Loss..... |
|---|---|---|---|
| Alabama | 9 | 8 | 1 |
| Arkansas | 7 | 5 | 2 |
| California | 7 | 6 | 1 |
| Colorado | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Connecticut | 4 | 4 | ..... |
| Delaware | 1 | 1 | ..... |
| Florida | 2 | 1 | ..... |
| Georgia | 11 | 10 | 1 |
| Idaho | 1 | 1 | ..... |
| Illinois | 22 | 20 | 2 |
| Indiana | 13 | 13 | ..... |
| Iowa | 11 | 11 | ..... |
| Kansas | 8 | 7 | 1 |
| Kentucky | 11 | 11 | ..... |
| Louisiana | 6 | 6 | ..... |
| Maine | 4 | 4 | ..... |
| Maryland | 6 | 6 | ..... |
| Massachusetts | 13 | 12 | 1 |
| Michigan | 12 | 11 | 1 |
| Minnesota | 7 | 5 | 2 |
| Mississippi | 7 | 7 | ..... |
| Missouri | 15 | 14 | ..... |
| Montana | 1 | 1 | ..... |
| Nebraska | 6 | 3 | 3 |
| Nevada | 1 | 1 | ..... |
| New Hampshire | 2 | 2 | ..... |
| New Jersey | 8 | 7 | 1 |
| New York | 34 | 34 | ..... |
| North Carolina | 9 | 9 | ..... |
| North Dakota | 1 | 1 | ..... |
| Ohio | 21 | 21 | ..... |
| Oregon | 1 | 1 | ..... |
| Pennsylvania | 30 | 28 | 2 |
| Rhode Island | 2 | 2 | ..... |
| South Carolina | 7 | 7 | ..... |
| South Dakota | 2 | 2 | ..... |
| Tennessee | 10 | 10 | ..... |
| Texas | 13 | 11 | 2 |
| Vermont | 2 | 2 | ..... |
| Virginia | 10 | 10 | ..... |
| Washington | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| West Virginia | 4 | 4 | ..... |
| Wisconsin | 10 | 9 | 1 |
| Wyoming | 1 | 1 | ..... |
| Total | 356 | 332 | 24 |

Add two to the number of Representatives from each State, to indicate the Senators, and the aggregate will be the electors from each State, giving a grand total of 444, which is 43 more votes than were cast at the last Presidential election, owing to the increase by the new apportionment and the admission of new States since 1888.

**Forecast of the Presidental Vote.**

Of the 401 electoral votes cast at the last national election, Harrison and Morton had 233 and Cleveland and Thurman 168. Giving the 20 electoral votes of the States admitted to the Union since 1888 to the Republicans, which is quite generally conceded to be reasonable, and assuming that the other States will feel politically in 1892 as they did in 1888, the electoral vote will stand 269 Republican and 175 Democratic, which would be a very comfortable majority for the former.

Taking the number of electoral votes of each State in accordance with the provisions of the new bill, the Presidental situation in 1892, if it cannot be described to an absolute certainty, can be so far simplified as to leave a very narrow margin of doubt. It will probably be conceded by all intelligent and judicial minds that the following States will cast their electoral votes in this wise:

Republican—California, 9; Colorado, 4; Idaho, 3; Illinois, 24; Iowa, 13; Kansas, 10; Maine, 6; Massachusetts, 15; Michigan, 14; Minnesota, 9; Montana, 3; Nebraska, 8; Nevada, 3; New Hampshire, 4; North Dakota, 3; Ohio, 23; Oregon, 4; Pennsylvania, 32; Rhode Island, 4; South Dakota, 4; Vermont, 4; Washington, 4; Wisconsin, 12; Wyoming, 3—218.

Democratic—Alabama, 11; Arkansas, 8; Connecticut, 6; Delaware, 3; Florida, 4; Georgia, 13; Kentucky, 13; Louisiana, 8; Maryland, 8; Mississippi, 9; Missouri, 17; New Jersey, 10; North Carolina, 11; South Carolina, 9; Tennessee, 12; Texas, 15; Virginia, 12; West Virginia, 6—175.

This arrangement leaves New York and Indiana as the only doubtful States, and the Republicans only 5 votes short of the number necessary to elect, which is 223. But to get these 5 it will be necessary to carry either New York or Indiana, conceding them to be the only doubtful States, and if that be done Montana, which some Democrats claim, can be spared from the Republican column.

**Two States That Are Pivotal.**

There are many shrewd Republican politicians, however, who believe that it would be well, while not lacking in endeavor to carry both New York and Indiana, to quietly concentrate money and management in West Virginia or Connecticut, or both, as either would furnish one more than the requisite 223 in addition to the 218 which Republicans consider certain.

The majority in West Virginia of Cleveland over Harrison was only 652, and in Connecticut Cleveland had over Harrison only 336. In Connecticut there were upward of 4,000 Prohibition votes, taken mostly from the Republicans, and, lacking a wave of enthusiasm in 1892, many of these, it is claimed, would return to the party fold. It is frankly admitted by Democrats that, notwithstanding the tidal wave of this year, the advantage in the Presidental election of 1892 will be with the Republicans. The most favorable estimate for the Democrats that has come under my notice closes with the emphatic words: "We shall want New York badly in 1892."

The situation speaks for itself. The Democrats must carry New York, Indiana, Connecticut and West Virginia, while the Republicans can win with any one of them, counting the Republican States certain, which are conceded to be such, as per the above list. As for the disturbing influence of the Farmers' Alliance, that organization showed the old party cloven-foot so thoroughly at its late convention at Ocala that neither party attaches much importance to its future independent operations.

LIGHTNER.

## WANT A BETTER BASIS.

### Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce Takes Action in the Financial Situation—Against Free Coinage—Secretary of State Blaine Sends a Lengthy Communication.

The financial situation and the coinage question came in for a share of the attention of the Chamber of Commerce at its session yesterday. The subject was introduced by Mr. Miller, who offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, There exists at the present time a condition of uncertainty and distrust resulting in part from the agitation and suggestion of the proposed changes in the laws relating to finance and currency; and

Whereas, It is believed that no permanent relief can come until after definite action is taken; therefore be it

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be and are hereby earnestly requested to use every effort in bringing to an early conclusion all legislation relating to finance; that copies of this preamble and resolution be forwarded to our Senators and Representatives and to the Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade in our principal cities.

The immediate importance of the matter at the present time was at once recognized by the members present, and without much comment it was adopted. Mr. Miller is in accord with the views of other well known financiers that wholesale legislation providing for the unnecessary coinage of silver and gold in great quantity is not conducive to the financial prosperity of the country. When but only 4 or 5 per cent of the business of the country is done with gold and silver, and the other 95 or 96 per cent with checks, bills of exchange, etc., whose value depends on public confidence, the continuance of the present unsettled feeling can be expected, and only proper legislation to change this order of things can remedy the matter and restore confidence. Mr. Miller moved for the unconditional adoption of the resolution, which was done.

A communication was read from Secretary of State James G. Blaine in relation to the establishment at Washington of the Bureau of American Republics for the dissemination of information concerning the advantages of the American Republics in the way of trade and commerce generally.

Mr. Kelly moved that it be received and filed, an acknowledgement of the same be returned, and that a request be made for any pamphlet or printed matter of legislation bearing on the subject.

Mr. Dravo did not want it passed over too lightly, as in his opinion the trade with all the American Republics was a vital question for the present and future prosperity of the United States. He moved to amend to appoint a special standing committee to consider the matter now and at all times, and to act in relation to the matter with the Committee on Manufactures.

The amendment was accepted and Mr. Kelly's motion carried.

Colonel Roberts inquired whether or not a committee had not been appointed some time ago to consider the mud road question. It developed that no such committee was in existence, and on motion of Captain Dravo the matter of better roads was turned over to the Committee on Railroads and Transportation and to hold a conference with the engineers who were considering it for the State.

A new member of the chamber was elected in the Pennsylvania National Bank through Colonel A. S. M. Morgan.

### NOT ACCORDING TO LAW.

**Money Being Paid for Affidavits That Couldn't be Collected.**

The flow of new applications for pensions under the recent laws still continues to pour into the pension agency, and the applications for increase in accordance with the last law helps to swell the grand total. Yesterday there were more than 700 of the latter filed in the office of this city. In all these, numerous affidavits have to be filed, in some cases three and four, and as high, sometimes, as six. These affidavits are frequently being paid for, whereas the law distinctly provides that no charge can be collected for them in this city or those of the first or third class. The act of June 11, 1879, is as follows:

It shall be the duty of any magistrate, alderman, justice of the peace or any other person authorized to take acknowledgments and administer oaths to perform such service for any soldier, widow or orphan of a soldier or soldier's parents who may apply to them for the purpose of making affidavit to papers for the purpose of obtaining pensions, free of charge therefor, provided that this act shall only apply to magistrates, aldermen, justices of the peace or other persons authorized to take acknowledgment in cities of the first, second or third class.

### UNUSUALLY HEAVY WORK.

**The Storm Makes Busy Times for the Department of Charities.**

Since the storm the Department of Charities has been taxed to its utmost. The snow finds all the holes in the shoes of the poor, hence requests for new footwear are numerous. There have been a large number of applications for coal.

Notwithstanding the heavy strain, Chief Elliot is as pleasant as ever, and has provided neat bags of candy, which he gives out to the various applicants for aid.

**A Breakdown on the Avenue.**

A motor car hauling two cars loaded with passengers broke a grip shoe while going over the Fifth avenue hump, late yesterday afternoon. The result was the passengers had to be transferred, after which the two cars were taken from the track and run out to one side of the street, where they remained as ornaments for several hours. The motor car was run on out to Oakland.

**Just a Trifle Too Polite.**

Genteel deportment has not been profitable to Mr. Samuel T. Groom, of Clinton, this county. He visited a man's house a few days since to buy cattle. Had he walked straight into the house he would have been saved much expense and pain, but he stopped to wipe his feet on the door mat. The mat slid from under Mr. Groom, and he fell and broke his arm.

## INCREASED SALARIES

### To be the Boon of the Newly Elected County Officials.

### NOW EQUALS WITH PHILADELPHIA.

### Four Gentlemen Will Accept, Without Hesitation, $10,000.

### YESTERDAY IN THE COUNTY COURTS

On Monday, January 5, the newly-elected county officers will take the oath and with the change will come numerous increases in the salary list. By the time the entire change is made the amount of the increase will be $38,500.

Under the acts of Assembly and decisions of the Supreme Court, the new officers will receive the same salaries as paid in Philadelphia or a county of the first class. The census of 1890 will place Allegheny county in the first class as its population is shown to be over 500,000. This means a large increase in the salaries of most of the officers. The officers who are now serving, however, will not get the benefit of the census during their present terms, as the Supreme Court has decided that the salary of a public officer cannot be changed during his term of office.

SALARIES FIXED BY LAW.

The act of June 13, 1883, fixes the salaries of officers of counties of a population of 500,000 or more as follows: District Attorney, $10,000 per year; three assistants to District Attorney at $5,000, $4,000 and $3,000 respectively; Coroner, $5,000; deputy Coroner, $2,500; Prothonotary, $10,000; Clerk of Courts, $5,000; Recorder of Deeds, $10,000; Register of Wills, $5,000; Treasurer, $10,000; County Commissioners, $5,000; Controller, $8,000; Sheriff, $15,000.

The new officers who will get the increased salaries and the present salaries paid are: Sheriff, present salary, $6,000; Clerk of Courts, present salary, $4,500; Recorder, present salary, $5,000; Register, present salary, $4,500; Treasurer, present salary, $6,000; Commissioners, present salary, $2,500; Controller, present salary, $4,500.

The Prothonotary, Coroner and District Attorney do not get the advance, though their successors will. They are prevented from claiming it by holding that the county had 500,000 of a population when they went into office, by the decision of the Supreme Court in 1885. It held that for the purpose of the classification of counties under the salary acts, the United States decennial census is the sole test of population.

GRADED BY THE CENSUS.

The population at any intermediate time cannot be proved, but each county must remain in the class in which the last census found it until it is transferred to another class by a subsequent census.

Another decision by the Supreme Court, in 1883, on a Luzerne county case, bears on the subject and gives the new officers the right to claim the increased salaries. It holds that where a county officer claims to be entitled to compensation by salary under the provisions of the act of Assembly it must be made to appear that the number of inhabitants in the county at the time the officer entered on his duties, entitled the county to be classed under said act as a county in which such salary is payable.

The increased salaries of the county officials, when all have obtained it, will aggregate $89,500. The present salaries amount to $51,000, a difference, caused by the census, of $38,000 a year.

### GRAND JURY'S FINDINGS.

**The True Bills Returned and Those Ignored Yesterday.**

The Grand Jury yesterday returned the following true bills: William Wellel, David Gross, William Bartley, David McKnight, Isaac Femberg, Billy Mayho, assault and battery; Patrick Allen, selling liquor without license; J. A. Jacobs, selling liquor to minors; Henry Kimberly, Clark M. Eggleston, Robert Snyder and M. Jacober, conspiracy; F. M. Stewart, false pretense; Howard R. Kern and George W. While, false pretense; James Davis, larceny and receiving stolen goods; William Roberts, nuisance.

The ignored bills were: R. L. Heaton, malpractice; James Donahue, Victor Dosch, Mary Kelly, Annie Myers, Eliza Orr, Eugene Quinn, Agnes Young, selling liquor without license; William Barcley et al., forcible entry; George Behr et al., malicious mischief; Catherin Devlin, pointing firearms; H. E. Garbrech, larceny and receiving stolen goods; John Komeski, larceny by bailee; Arthur Martin, assault and battery; Louis Schaurer, malicious mischief; Fred Teupel, assault and battery.

### ONE GRAVE, TWO TOMBSTONES.

**An Exception to the Executor's Account for Erecting the Second.**

A hearing in an unusual case took place yesterday before Judge Over in the Orphans Court. It was the exception of the heirs of Catharine Jones to the account of William H. Heselburth, an executor of the estate. The exceptions were to the item in reference to a tombstone purchased by the executor for the deceased. He was directed by the will to erect a tombstone or monument over her grave and proceeded to do so. The heirs of the deceased, however, had already done so, but the executor, it is stated, went ahead anyhow. It is claimed that he took the inscription for the second stone from the one already up. The result was two tombstones alike for the one grave.

Though the executor obtained his stone for $25 less than the heirs paid, yet they except to allowing him credit for the item, as the second stone was unnecessary. Decision was reserved.

### SUING FOR A PILE OF MONEY.

**A New York Mower Company After a Couple of Towanda Concerns.**

In the United States Circuit Court yesterday the Eureka Mower Company, of Utica, N. Y., entered suit against the administrators of E. T. Fox, of Towanda, Pa., and the Eureka Mower Company, also of Towanda, for $100,000. It is claimed by the plaintiffs, that in 1883 they purchased from the Towanda Company, of which Fox was President, the patent rights for the exclusive manufacture of the Eureka mower.

Upon the representation of Fox and the defendant company that the rights were exclusive and the profits $12,000 a year the plaintiff paid $50,000 for the patent rights. Since then, however, they have learned that the defendants did not own the exclusive rights and that there are prior patents. They state, also, that they have lost money, and they ask for $100,000 damages.

### CRIMINAL COURT CASES.

**Three Men Plead Guilty, and Three Are Found to be Innocent.**

In the Criminal Court yesterday Henry Miller and Henry Fribert pleaded guilty to charges of larceny. James Porter pleaded guilty to charges of forgery and larceny. George Dougherty pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny, and was sent to the workhouse for 24 hours.

John Balo and William Getty were acquitted of a charge of assault. George Tell was found not guilty of malicious mischief and forcible entry and detainer, preferred by Ida Olson.

**Released From the Reformatory.**

Judge Magee yesterday made an order for the release of Edward Hanley and James Brooks from the Huntingdon Reformatory. The release was made on a petition from the managers of the Reformatory, stating that the boys had reformed, and their final release was no longer incompatible with the welfare of society. Hanley had been sent there for larceny and Brooks for receiving stolen goods.

**To-Day's Trial Lists.**

Criminal Court—Commonwealth vs George Zimmerman, Henry Meyer, John C. Lloyd, John Harrington, Phillip Meyer, Michael Jordan, James S. Routh, Theresa Kleitz, alias Beilstein; James Coen, Shamus O'Brien, James Walker, Thomas Turner, Joseph Aland, Thomas Beadling, Mary Cregan, John Hoeffler (2), George Hoeffler (2), Frank Hoeffler (2), Phillip Hoeffler (2), J. A. Hay, Edmund Kelly, Leotine Steinway, Otto Sanders, Walter Wenstbopp.

**Notes From the Courts.**

A CHARTER granted yesterday for the First Baptist Church of Duquesne.

JAMES DAKENS yesterday entered suit against the Monongahela Cemetery Company for $102, for wages as a gravedigger at $1 50 a day.

THE County Commissioners yesterday appointed J. W. Petrie Assessor for Chartiers township vice Galbreath Wilson, whose long continued sickness has rendered it impossible to perform the duties of the office.

IN the divorce case of Anna M. Kirchartz against Adolphus Kirchartz, C. G. McIlvaine was yesterday appointed commissioner. R. S. Lake was appointed commissioner in the case of Dora Baumhoff against Peter Baumhoff.

### BETTER PAVEMENT DEMANDED.

**Liberty Avenue People Will Ask Councils to Repair That Thoroughfare.**

The citizens of the Sixteenth and Twentieth wards were represented at the City Clerk's office yesterday afternoon by a committee who asked City Clerk Booth to prepare them a petition to Councils for the repairing of Liberty street from Main street to Center avenue. The committee was composed of the following well-known citizens, who were appointed for the purpose at a public meeting held last Saturday night, and they will report at another meeting to be held next Saturday night at Turner Hall, Bloomfield: David Blair, Christ Winters, William Yeagle, David Page, George Herb, Herman Straub, Peter Zern and George Reiling. The petition will be presented to the citizens of the Lawrenceville and East End wards who use this thoroughfare, and it is expected that such an array of names will be secured that when the paper is presented to the Finance Committee they will be unable to refuse to grant the request.

Chief Bigelow said yesterday, when asked about the matter, that he was in favor of the improvement, but if the people wanted it done they must work hard themselves to secure it. He was opposed to repairing the whole length of Liberty street, as it would cost nearly $400,000, but between Main street and Center avenue, the portion most used, the street was in very bad condition and needed repairing. This was one of the streets paved with wooden blocks nearly 20 years ago, and the blocks have rotted out so that the roadway is probably in worse condition now than if it had never been paved.

### GOING OVER THE REPORT.

**Mr. Thaw's Charitable Bequests May be Paid This Week.**

W. R. Thompson, one of the executors of the Thaw estate, said yesterday that Judge Hawkins was badly overworked, but as soon as he could get through the report and everything was satisfactory, they would commence to pay off the charitable bequests.

The Judge will probably finish his work some time next week.

**Afraid He Could Not Get Back.**

Lock Chain, a young Chinaman who has been working at 314 Grant street, is going back to China, and yesterday he applied to the city officials for papers which will assure his safe return.

**Borne Down With Infirmities,**

Age finds its surest solace in the benignant tonic aid afforded by Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which counteracts rheumatic and malarial tendencies, relieves growing inactivity of the kidneys, and is the finest remedy extant for disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels. Nervousness, too, with which old people are very apt to be afflicted, is promptly relieved by it.

WHAT shall it be? For a substantial Christmas gift see Arthur Schoendelmyer & Co.'s stock of plush sacks, jackets, umbrellas, fancy sets, etc., 68 and 70 Ohio street, Allegheny.

SEE the Beau Brummel umbrellas at $4—new to-day.

JOS. HORNE & CO.'S
Penn Avenue Stores.

GENTS' Mackintoshes for presents.
SMILEY & Co., 28 Fifth avenue.

HAVE you seen the sterling silver hat brush Durbin & McWatty sell for $5?
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**Fine Plush Cases.**

Largest variety in the city, $1 to $25, at Rosenbaum & Co.'s.

NICKEL-SILVER stem winding watches at $4. HAUCH'S,
No. 295 Fifth avenue.

LADIES' sable capes.
SMILEY & CO., 28 Fifth avenue,

SILKS at 75c a yard—Our sale of silks of all kinds will be continued for this week only. Goods that actually cost from $1 25 to $2 50 to produce, now 75c a yard.
TTSSu HUGUS & HACKE.

SEE the Beau Brummel umbrellas at $4—new to-day.

JOS. HORNE & CO.'S
Penn Avenue Stores.

**Fine Watches Given Away With Boys' Suits at Kaufmanns'.**

We have just bought 500 more of fine nickel stem-winding and stem-setting watches, with second hand first-class movement, guaranteed first-class time keepers, and will give one gratis to-day or to-morrow with every purchase of $12 (or more) of boys' clothing. A handsome gilt chain goes with each watch.
KAUFMANNS'.

SEAL caps and gloves,
SMILEY & Co., 28 Fifth avenue.

**Anybody Can Play It!**

What? Why, one of those wonderful autoharps. All the various styles are shown. Simple, charming, lovely. Book of instruction with each. Just the thing for lads and lassies. Manufacturer's agent, Geo. Kappel, 77 Fifth avenue.

SOHMER PIANOS! SOHMER PIANOS!

**Colby Pianos**

Are preferred by the conscientious musical instructors, and are the favorites of the music-loving public. Fine holiday assortment of these unrivaled pianos at the music store of J. M. Hoffman & Co., 537 Smithfield street. Store open in the evenings until after Xmas.

LADIES' seal capes.
SMILEY & Co., 28 Fifth avenue.

## TOO CHILLY FOR HER.

### The Empress of Germany Isn't in Love With Her Neue Palais.

### WINTER IN HER BERLIN SCHLOSS.

### How Bismarck Loaded Wilhelm Up With East African Stocks.

### POOR STREET CAR MANAGEMENT

[CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH.]

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—I hear from Potsdam that one of the reasons that the imperial family will spend the winter in the Berlin Schloss is that the Neue Palais, where they are staying now, cannot be heated sufficiently to suit Her Majesty. Though a steam heating apparatus has been put in during the summer, the atmosphere remains decidedly chilly, probably because German mechanics are not up to the art. Besides, the palace is in a very exposed position, and the cold air strikes it from every side.

The removal of the court, while pleasing the Berlin storekeeper immensely, gives no end of trouble to a number of aristocratic Berlin families, who moved to Potsdam in the autumn just to please Their Majesties, and who are now obliged to return to the capital for the same reason. Some of them have leased their Berlin residences to other families, which makes the situation decidedly uncomfortable.

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The notorious German East African Society is very busy just now. It is issuing large advertisements asking for a loan of 5,000,000 marks, on which they state the Imperial Government guarantees an annual payment of 600,000 marks. This is incorrect. The Government contracted to pay 600,000 marks to the society out of the duty income if the resources allowed of it. If 600,000 marks are not taken by the Government the payment to the East African Society will be correspondingly small, so that the Government guarantee is quite conditional. The society further advertises as an evidence of its high standing that shares to the amount of 500,000 marks were bought by the late Emperor William I. This is true but it should be added that Prince Bismarck acted as broker in this matter and that the Emperor made the investment, not because of the sound position of the company, but because of its advocate. However, Prince Bismarck, who is a very good financier, never bought any stocks of that company for his own use.

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His Majesty, the Sultan, has just given orders for a magnificent palace for the Turkish Embassy to be built in Berlin which shall be worthy of the Turkish Empire and of his great friend, the Kaiser of Germany. It seems strange that the government of countries which are not reputed to roll in gold are exactly the ones which have lately launched out into the most palatial official residences. The Spanish Embassy, for instance, occupies to-day one of the finest public buildings in this city. It is just possible that Spain and Turkey try to throw dust into the eyes of Berlin financiers by all this splendor, though it is not politic to say so.

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Count Arthur Henckel has decided to buy the racing stable left by his father, Count Hugo, from his brothers. The horses, however, do not run under the Count's name, but "Mr. Remember" will sign as their proprietor. Gloucestershire, Kiralyne, Nini, Micsoda, form the principal racing stock. The stables, however, will not be removed into Prussia as intended after the death of Count Hugo, but to Frendenau, near Vienna.

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There is some talk of altering the street car arrangements which are decidedly not carried out with a view to suiting the public convenience. They take passengers only at certain stations, and passengers are only allowed to alight at certain stopping points, in exactly the same way as the regular railway trains. The service is stopped every night at 10, just at a time when it would be most useful to the theater-going public.

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A friend of mine who saw Princess Victoria when she left Buckeburg on Saturday tells me that he was horrified at her pale and haggard appearance. The young and fresh-looking girl whom we admired so often in the Thier Garten has visibly grown older in the last three weeks, and the delightful girlishness which always distinguished her seems to have quite gone.

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The Count Brenner, father-in-law of the hereditary Prince of Ratisbor, some years ago imported six pairs of Virginia deer and set them loose on his domain, Grafinegg, in Austria. They have increased wonderfully, I am told, and at a recent aristocratic hunt three of them were killed. This meat is considered superior to that of the native animal.

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The Kaiser is evidently very fond of his English relations. He showed exceptional favor to the Duke of Connaught, and now proposes in January to visit the Ducal Court of Darmstadt, where he will meet several of them. His long-promised visit to the Fortress of Mayence will be made at the same time.

**Wants to be a Humane Agent.**

B. J. Cable yesterday made a complaint to the Humane Society that three young men had thrown a dog over the Point bridge. He did not know who they were, but asked to be appointed an agent for the society so he could look after cruelty cases in the West End.

**Tearing Down the Old Fence.**

The work of tearing down the fence around the Government building was commenced yesterday, and now the whole Smithfield street side of the building is exposed. The derricks are also being hauled away.

AUCTION.

**Watches, Diamonds, Jewelry and Silverware, Etc.,**

AT NO. 533 SMITHFIELD STREET.

Positively this stock will be sold to the highest bidder without reserve, as I am determined to close out this stock. Come and buy your Christmas presents at your own price. Sales every morning, afternoon and evening until all is sold. Store for rent and fixtures for sale. D

**A Few of Many Suitable Gifts.**

Ladies' and gents' handkerchiefs, from low to fine grades, in silk and linen, in attractive boxes, 1-12, 1-6, ¼ dozen each. We call special attention to our immense variety of extra fine handkerchiefs at 25c.

In fine leather goods we offer pocketbooks, satchels, shopping bags, belts, etc., in wide assortment, gloves and hosiery, embracing staples and novelties.

BIBER & EASTON.

MAKE your holiday purchases here—the biggest stock and the lowest prices. Store open this evening until 9:30.

JOS. HORNE & CO.,
609-621 Penn Avenue.

**Fresh Holiday Stock of Fancy Goods**

Opened every day, clean and bright, for each day's trade. Ask for "Holiday Hints," now ready. JOS. EICHBAUM & CO.,
D 48 Fifth avenue.

**WILT IS NOT WORRIED.**

**He Loaned Locke $2,500, and Says He Will Get the Money.**

Manager E. D. Wilt, of the Grand Opera House, said yesterday that he had loaned Locke & Davis $2,500 when Locke was here with the Emma Juch company. He says the story coming from New York that he was pushing Locke was not true. "I am not afraid of losing my money, and if I did it wouldn't worry me," he said. "If it was necessary I could soon get it out of the De Wolf Hopper opera company. I received a telegram from Mr. Locke on Saturday, and I know all about his movements.

"Locke is strictly honest. I have loaned him money before, and he always paid me back. I have seen him as much as $100,000 in a hole, and come out with $25,000 clear profit."

## LATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

—The 3-year-old son of Edward Lennett was burned to death at Hawarden, Ia.

—Spotted fever, or meningitis, prevails to an alarming extent at Mexico, Texas.

—Edward Dackert, 9 years old, was murdered with an ax by an insane man, at New Orleans.

—Charles Kellogg asserts his title to 160 acres of ground in Bloomington, Ill., and will sue for the same.

—The nineteenth Italian arraigned in New Orleans for the murder of Chief Hennessy has pleaded not guilty.

—Jennie and Lillian Allen while driving at Chicago, were badly hurt by their team of horses running away.

—St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church in New York City was burned yesterday. Loss, $75,000; insured for $60,000.

—Charles F. Foley, aged 50 years, was burned to death in his carpenter shop, at Cambridge, Mass. He was asleep at the time.

—P. J. Moraty, of Ashland, Wis., married a girl of 15, and when accused of bigamy, took a big dose of laudanum and may die.

The Casino Roller Skating Rink, at Twenty-fourth and State streets, Chicago, was burned yesterday morning causing a loss of $60,000.

—An engine collided with a street car in Chicago Sunday night, dangerously injuring Jennie Ward. The other passengers were not hurt.

—A question involving the title of about 1,000 acres of land on the Nebraska shore, where the town of South Sioux City stands, is soon to come up in the courts.

—As a result of the heavy storm, New York City is threatened with an oyster and clam famine, the oystermen being prevented by the weather from dredging.

—The body of Francis T. McKay was found in the woods, near Yarmouth, Mass. Alexander Henry, his friend, with whom he went out riding, is suspected of murdering him.

**Prison Life Goes Hard With Him.**

Henry Voight, the ex-cashier of the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank, who is confined in the Riverside Penitentiary, is in bad health. His face is covered with eruptions, due to a severe attack of boils.

THE HOMELIEST MAN IN PITTSBURG and others, are invited to call on any druggist to-day for a free sample bottle of Kemp's Balsam, the best cough cure. TThSu

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137 Federal street, Allegheny, 124 Frankstown avenue, East End, Pittsburg.

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SMILEY & Co., 28 Fifth avenue.

SEE the Beau Brummel umbrellas at $4—new to-day.

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A wonderful variety to select from, ranging in prices from $15 to $75, just mounted at DURBIN & MCWATTY'S,
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### OFFICIAL—PITTSBURG.

[No. 195.]

A JOINT RESOLUTION—AUTHORIZING the payment of the expenses of E. M. Bigelow and party to England.

Whereas, Edward M Bigelow, Chief of Department of Public Works of the city of Pittsburg, lately visited Mrs. Mary Schenley in the city of London, England, in the interest of said city and for the purpose of securing a valuable tract of land to be used in connection with the public park, donated by Mrs. Schenley, and also as a site for the public library.

And whereas, In order the more certainly to secure the same and have the matter placed in proper legal form the said Chief invited Mr. J. R. Scott, of the Library Committee, and Mr. Thomas D. Carnahan, Assistant City Attorney, to accompany him.

And whereas, The expense incurred therein and actually made necessary, amounting to $928 35, was paid by the said E. M. Bigelow from his private funds.

And whereas, The whole benefit of said visit is of a public nature, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Pittsburg, That the sum of $928 35 shall be paid to the said E. M. Bigelow to cover all said expenses and reimburse the said outlay.

Resolved, That the Controller of said city is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of said E. M. Bigelow for the foregoing sum of $928 35 and charge the same to appropriation No. 41.

In Councils December 8, 1890, rule suspended, read three times, and finally passed by a two-third vote.

H. P. FORD, President of Select Council. Attest: GEORGE BOOTH, Clerk of Select Council. G. L. HOLLIDAY, President of Common Council. Attest: E. J. MARTIN, Clerk of Common Council.

Mayor's office, December 13, 1890. Approved: H. I. GOURLEY, Mayor. Attest: ROBERT OSTERMAIER, Mayor's Clerk.

Recorded in Ordinance Book, vol. 7, page 603, 17th day of December, A. D. 1890.

[No. 190.]

AN ORDINANCE—AUTHORIZING THE construction of a sewer on Arabella and Emerson streets, from Shady avenue to Howe street.

Section 1—Be it ordained and enacted by the city of Pittsburg, in Select and Common Councils assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That the Chief of the Department of Public Works be and is hereby authorized and directed to advertise in accordance with the acts of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the ordinances of the said city of Pittsburg relating thereto and regulating the same for proposals for the construction of a 15-inch sewer, starting at the intersection of Shady lane and Arabella street; thence along Arabella street to the intersection of Emerson street and Arabella street; thence along Emerson street to connect with the sewer on Howe street, according to the plan in City Engineer's office; the contract to be let in the manner directed by the said acts of Assembly and Ordinances. The cost and expense of the same to be assessed and collected in accordance with the provisions of an act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania entitled "An act relating to streets and sewers in cities of the second class," approved the 16th day of May, A. D. 1889.

Section 2—That any ordinance or part of ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this ordinance.

Ordained and enacted into a law in Councils this 8th day of December, A.