QUITE A GOOD RACE.

McClelland Cleverly Defeats McCabe in Their Fifteen-Mile Pedestrian Contest.

THE TRACK COVERED WITH ICE.

An Exciting Association Football Game Between McKeesport and Shaner Teams Results in a Tie.

A FAMOUS JOHNSTOWN DOG DEAD.

President Young Talks About Baseball Matters—General Sporting News of the Day.

As a rule there is not much fun at a foot race on a cold winter's day, but the 15-mile contest yesterday between E. C. McClelland and J. D. McCabe at Exposition Park was something of an exception. The day was cold and the park was almost entirely covered with frozen snow and ice. Between 300 and 400 spectators were present, and everything considered they saw a good race.

The track, if such it could be called, was covered with ice more than half the distance, and the contestants were heroic indeed to ever attempt to run 15 miles under such conditions. The race was for $100 a side and the entire gate receipts, the latter amounting to $157. One remarkable feature of the contest was the almost entire absence of betting. Ed Wikirk did offer to bet $5 to $4 on McClelland, but there was no response, and it is safe to say that less than $20 was bet on the grounds. John Quinn was selected referee and starter, and dispatched the contestants to a good start. McClelland at once went to the front, and made the pace quite lively. McCabe kept from two to five yards behind him, and in this order they passed the five-mile mark in 27 minutes 35 seconds. Ten miles were covered in 56 minutes, and then McCabe went to the front amid the cheers of his friends. He kept in front by about four yards until about three-quarters of a mile from the finish, when McClelland put on a spurt and shot past him. The Soho man sustained his speed until he was 25 yards in front of McCabe. In the seventy-third lap McCabe began his effort, and reduced McClelland's lead by ten yards before the lap was ended. When the seventy-fourth lap was fairly entered into, McCabe had gotten within a foot of McClelland. The excitement was great at this stage, because the contestants were in the last lap but one. McCabe, however, lacked stamina, and McClelland put on another spurt, to which McCabe could not respond. The local man continued his effort to the finish, winning the race in 1 hour, 25 minutes and 30 seconds. McCabe stopped about 40 yards from the string and did not finish.

There was no official timekeeper nor was the track a certified one, so that the above time will not go for very much. The race was well run and the loser proved himself a good and plucky man. For a distance runner his legs are probably too heavy, but this factor only makes him the pluckier man. In running a long distance race he has much more to contend against than a man like McClelland, and it is, therefore, reasonable to say that the better runner of the pair won yesterday. McCabe left the city last evening for the South.

SPRINTER JOHNSON'S DEATH.

An Account of the Sufferings of the Late Champion Runner.

Every now and then there is raised some doubt as to the truth of the report of the late Harry Johnson's death, and it probably would not be surprising to some persons if they were to hear of his re-advent on the cinder path. A gentleman of New York recently wrote to Billy Dailey, in San Francisco, for the facts in Johnson's case, and received this reply:

"I read the article in newspapers in which reference was made to the doubt as to poor Harry's death with amazement. His experience on the Pacific coast was anything but pleasant, as he saw but few well days. He had three bad sick spells, and went down under the last one. He was just preparing to leave for Nevada to run a big race that would have netted fully $10,000, when he was taken down with peritonitis. His companion, Johnny Haugh, nursed him onto his feet again. They went to Grass Valley, a little town in the foot hills, and shortly after Harry was taken down again with typhoid fever. There was another long struggle in which his powerful physique assisted in carrying him through. He returned to 'Frisco, and while preparing to leave town he was put to bed a second time.

"His brother professionals in this city deserted him almost to a man, but Schifferstein, the amateur runner, watched by his bedside night and day. I went up on Sunday morning to relieve 'Schif.' I found the great sprinter very low. Harry grew worse rapidly and I knew the end was near. He was unconscious and died at 1:30 on the afternoon of August 24. Schifferstein took charge of the body, and acting under instructions of Mrs. Johnson, had it embalmed and shipped to St. Louis, where he was buried.

"Harry participated in only two races while in 'Frisco, and they were the handicaps given by the California Footracing Association. His appetite became enormous shortly after his arrival, and the physicians cautioned him repeatedly regarding it, but to no avail."

A NOTED DOG DEAD.

Mayor Rose, of Johnstown, Loses His Favorite Hunting Canine, Wash.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

JOHNSTOWN, PA., Dec. 25.—Mayor Rose mourns his favorite and celebrated dog, Wash. He was regarded by hunters as being one of the best, if not the best, all-round hunting dogs in the State. He was bred and trained by Shan Margerum, the well-known fancier of Washington, Pa., and was noted for his wonderful scent and endurance. His owner, and the late Chal L. Dick, spent many days together in the wilds of Cambria and Bedford counties, and it is safe to say that Wash retrieved more birds than any other dog in these several near counties.

Pheasants were his specialty, but he was also great on woodcock and quail. Wash went through the flood, and was injured in making his escape from the stable, where he had been shut up that day, but on his owner being carried to a house on the hill side, his faithful dog crawled to his bedside, and exhibited his joy at finding his master living by a peculiar bark that would be recognized by all who knew Wash. Many sportsmen of Western Pennsylvania will be sorry to hear of the death of this dog, he having done service for them many a time in the field.

Bowen and Gibbons Will Fight.

The following telegram was received at the *Illustrated News* office yesterday from James McCann, Secretary of the Audubon Athletic Association of New Orleans:

"Everything arranged for match between Austin Gibbons and Andy Bowen. Have forwarded you the articles of agreement."

Jim Gibbons, Austin's brother and backer, will be in New York to-morrow to sign the articles, which call for a fight to a finish, with regulation gloves, for a purse of $2,000 before the Audubon Association the first week in March. There will probably be an outside wager of $2,000, as Bowen has many friends that are willing to back him. The men will weigh in at 133 pounds.

Carson Will Fight Martin.

The following challenge was left at this office last evening: "I, H. Carson, will fight John Martin to a finish, Queensberry rules, for $100 or $200 a side, the fight to take place within one month from signing articles. I will meet Martin at THE DISPATCH office to make a match."

Yale and Harvard Evenly Matched.

ST. PAUL, DEC. 25.—"Pudge" Heffelfinger, S. Morrison and B. Morrison, the three famous local members of the Yale College football team, arrived here yesterday morning to spend the holidays with relatives. "Pudge" went over to the ball park in the afternoon and took part in a little practice in baseball. He says Yale worked to get another game with Harvard before the season closed, but Harvard was content to allow matters to stand as they are. Heffelfinger says Yale and Harvard are about evenly matched. Princeton, while a strong team, played a poor game against Yale, far poorer than they should have played. It was reported that Pudge would take a law course at the University of Minnesota next year, but he says he will likely go to New Haven instead. The Morrison boys stopped at St. Paul.

MR. YOUNG'S OPINIONS.

The National League President Has a Few Interesting Words to Say.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—"Business is pretty quiet at present in National League circles," remarked President Young this afternoon, "and this is probably due to the fact that a meeting is to be held the middle of January, 1891, at which all existing troubles between the League and Brotherhood will be settled. Hence there is no disposition manifested to hurry baseball matters, either in signing players for the next season or making other necessary arrangements. As a result of the investigations of those interested in promoting the national pastime, it can be set down as a certainty that no player will be punished or prevented from playing next year because he was a Brotherhood man last season. Only one question will be put to a player, and that will have reference to his merits, and upon such a basis his salary will be established. Every player, be he a great star or one of a lesser magnitude, has a certain following, and an effort will be made to cater to this element at far as the circumstances will permit such a thing.

"Too much money was lost last year to admit of any further ruptures in the relations between players and employers, and while some of the big-salaried players of former days may have to submit to a reduction, it may be set down that a man will receive every dollar that he is worth. There will be no attempts at disciplining any player, but every movement made by the National League will be in the interest of harmony and restoring the game of baseball to the position which it occupied before the organization of the Brotherhood. It is with such a feeling uppermost in their minds that the men who have given substantial encouragement to the game will meet at New York next month and settle all the details necessary to consolidating hitherto conflicting interests with a view to obtaining a fair return for money which has been invested in baseball organizations throughout the United States. Pittsburg probably came nearer than any other city in 1890 to making both ends meet, and this was accomplished by the sale of star players and transferring games to cities where more than a guarantee was taken in at the gates. Next to Pittsburg, very little if any money was lost at Cincinnati, but in the remaining six League centers expenditures greatly exceeded receipts.

"So far as recruiting for the season of 1891 is concerned, Brooklyn is ahead of all competitors, having signed half a dozen of last year's players, and at Cleveland three men have been secured out of the old team. At other places everything is in statu quo, pending action by the Consolidating Committee, but the prospect was never better for the national game. A gratifying report was made to me to-day by Presidents Kradkoff, of the Western League, from which it appears that six of the eight clubs included in that circuit had a handsome margin at the close of the season of 1890. They were not affected in the least by the controversy between the League and the Brotherhood, and the attendance at the games was largely in excess of all previous years."

Wilmot to Leave Anson.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Walter Wilmot, Captain Anson's good left fielder, came to Chicago from his St. Paul home yesterday to spend the holidays here. The National League and Chicago are likely to lose Wilmot, who hopes to join the Western Association club in St. Paul next season. He is a big favorite in the Minnesota capital, having made a good baseball record there before he signed with the Washington club three years ago. If Wilmot's expectations are realized he will be given his release by Spalding and then accept the management and captaincy of the St. Paul team. It is said that his main object in coming to Chicago is to sound Spalding and Anson, and if possible to railroad his release through and return North free of engagement. While Anson would prefer to retain Wilmot, it is likely that he will not object to a release, because of the player's opportunity for improvement, and because with Ryan and Duffy on the team, Wilmot could be spared.

DEMPSEY AND FITZSIMMONS.

Some Interesting Pointers From the Training Quarters of the Nonpareil.

GALVESTON, TEX., Dec. 25.—Jack Dempsey, the middle weight champion, who is matched to fight Bob Fitzsimmons for $12,000 and the middle weight championship of the world, is hard at work training at this place. E. T. Dodds, the president of the Galveston Athletic Club, has taken a great interest in Dempsey, and is doing all in his power for the champion. Sporting men here are all worked up over the contest, and it is expected the majority of the club members will accompany Dempsey to New Orleans and back him to defeat the New Zealander.

Dempsey is confident of winning, and claims that he has beaten better pugilists than the New Zealand champion. Many sporting men believe that Fitzsimmons will have considerable trouble in reducing himself to 154 pounds, as his regular fighting weight in condition is 157 pounds. It is expected the hard work necessary for Fitzsimmons to reduce himself will weaken him. Dempsey could fight so he claims, at 150 pounds, and he will have no trouble in reducing himself to the weight. If Dempsey defeats Fitzsimmons the Galveston Athletic Club will tender him a big reception. Dempsey is put out over the fact that it is reported that Jack McAuliffe, the light-weight champion, who is going to second him, is going to England. He claims that he would sooner have McAuliffe behind him in the ring than any other man in America.

It is reported here that Jimmy Carroll and Tommy Danforth will second Fitzsimmons. Dempsey's principal anxiety is over the referee. He is afraid that the Olympic Club may select someone, who if he is not, at least, partial to Fitzsimmons, may not thoroughly understand the Police Gazette rules. One of Dempsey's admirers in New York has sent on to the Olympic Club asking them to select either Jere Dunn or Frank Stevenson for referee, and it is expected that the Olympic Club management may select either one or the other.

Dempsey claims that Gus Tuthill, of New York, who has been his backer in many of his important battles, has notified him that he intends to bet from $2,500 to $5,000 on the result, and that he has other admirers who will bet large sums, and he is eager for Jere Dunn or Frank Stevenson to be referee because he is aware they will give a decision without fear or favor. Dempsey will stop here until a week previous to the day appointed for the fight.

THAT BUFFALO FIGHT.

Jimmy Faulkner Says That the Contest Was Certainly an Honest One.

BUFFALO, Dec. 25.—The principal topic discussed in sporting circles here now is the German-Unknown prize fight fake. Whether or not the participants are to be indicted remains to be seen. Assistant District Attorney Kenepick said to-day that he thought the men could be indicted, and that several charges could be made against them. They certainly can if half the stories about the swindle can be verified. There is a story afloat that the stakeholder turned the money placed in his hands over to be bet again against Murphy. The latter was a most willing dupe, and put up his money freely. Murphy has placed his case in the hands of a lawyer, and he has given out that if he can get his money back he will drop the case. This, however, will not satisfy the lovers of straight sport. There is another side to the story. James H. Faulkner, the wrestler, who held the stakes, was interviewed by THE DISPATCH correspondent to-night. He said: "I have the papers to prove that this fight was on the square. All there is to it is that Murphy tried to make the match a fake and failed. One thing more: I counted all the money deposited with me right before Murphy, and he knew I had the stakes."

Faulkner, however, did not like the way the press handled the story. He went on to say: "If any one thinks the best man did not win, I will match Gorman against any man in Buffalo at 136 pounds for $1,000 a side. I am willing to back him against any one. Murphy thought he had the match fixed, and was certain he had a sure thing. He was around boasting that he could contract Gorman, and knew that the unknown would win." Ed Gorman was also seen by THE DISPATCH correspondent. He said: "What difference does it make whether it was on the square or not? I could have made twice the money by selling out, but I would not. Now, Murphy offered Wright $1,500 to fix the fight. He came to me and asked me if I was out for the stuff, and I said I was. That is all I had to say to him. I did know Murphy very well, and was no friend of his. I found at first he was betting on me. Then he went to Detroit and came back and began to bet against me. As for his suit, let him sue. I believe it to be a bluff."

Wants to be a Professional.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Danny O'Brien, the ex-amateur champion sparrer of America, who was defeated for the honor by clever Tim Murphy, according to the referee at the championship tournament on Saturday night, is greatly dissatisfied with the result of that official verdict, and yesterday he stated to a reporter that he would like to get on a match with Tommy Kelly, the "Harlem Spider" or the talkative "St. Paul Kid," the conqueror of Billy Murray. Danny is employed at the New York Stock Exchange, where he has charge of the messengers, and he is very popular with the brokers, a number of whom will back him against any one of his own weight whom Danny fancies he can lick in a finish battle.

O'Brien wants another "go" with Murphy, and thinks under other conditions than those of Saturday night he can defeat Murphy, as he did last year for the same honor. There is no question at all about the fight between Murphy and O'Brien being very close, and an extra round should have been ordered. A "go" between these two cracker jacks will fill any hall or gymnasium in the country, and there is every prospect of either the Manhattans or the New Yorks offering a valuable trophy for the contest.

Exciting Tie at McKeesport.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

MCKEESPORT, PA., Dec. 25.—The most exciting game of football ever witnessed in this city was that which took place at Fairview Park this afternoon between the local and Shaner teams. Neither of the teams scored until near the finish and at the end of two and one-half hours the game stood 2 to 2. The attendance to-day was very large, a great number of ladies being present. Some large bets were made.

The Irish-Americans Won.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—A football match between teams from the Irish-American and Gaelic societies was played at the new Polo grounds this afternoon. The game was played under Gaelic Association rules. The Irish-Americans won the game by 10 points to 3. No goals were made.

The Squirrel Hill Shoot.

Inclement weather marred the Squirrel Hill gun shoot yesterday. There was a goodly attendance of shooters, but the surroundings were so unfavorable that only two matches were shot off. The following were the results:

First match, nine keystones—Turner first, with 9; Snyder second, with 8; Levis third, with 7, and Cochran fourth, with 6.

Second match, nine keystones—Turner first, with 7; Levis second, with 6; Burgoon third, with 5; J. McKnight, Jr., fourth, with 4.

Sporting Notes.

GAFFNEY is slated as an American Association umpire.

SIR GUY HECKER was kept busy at the toboggan slide yesterday.

THERE was a large attendance of Monongahela river coal miners at yesterday's foot race.

TOMMY WARREN and Tommy Miller will fight ten rounds with hard gloves near Indianapolis to-night.

MARK BALDWIN has arrived in town. He was a prominent Broadway ornament yesterday.—*N. Y. Herald.*

TOM HAMMOND, who is to run Nicholas at Monongahela City, New Year's Day, was in the city yesterday, looking in excellent condition.

ST. PAUL sports are talking of arranging a boxing match between Pat Killen and Frank Glover, of Chicago. The latter is in St. Paul and willing to try his luck.

JAY FAATZ, Larry Twitchell and Darby O'Brien, who were signal failures in the Player's League last season, have signed their willingness to stick to Al Johnson.

JIM MUTRIE is happy again. He is talking about next year's Giants most of the time, and says the League pennant will come to New York—if it doesn't go somewhere else.

CLUBS in need of a first-class first baseman should bear in mind Whistler and Esterbrook, of last season's New York National League team. Both men can play well enough for any team.

JAMES BAILEY, of Cincinnati, has lost by death his well-known trotting stallion Squire Talmage. He was 24 years old, by Hysdyk's Hambletonian, dam Lady Talmage, by American Star. Squire Talmage sired Neva, 2:25¾, and six others in the 2:30 list.

MANAGER MUTRIE has been compelled to postpone the opening of the professional indoor baseball season until next week. The management of the garden cannot get the amphitheater in readiness by Saturday night, and consequently will not consent to the playing of a game on that evening.

MALACHY HOGAN has chartered a special car which will leave Chicago January 11 for New Orleans loaded with Chicago sporting men who are desirous of witnessing the Jimmy Carroll-Jack Burns mill, to take place January 14. Several prominent members of the board of trade, professional, and business men, have signified their intention of making the trip.

A BOSTON telegram says: Captain M. J. Kelly has organized an in-door baseball club to play between here and Chicago. He has engaged the following players: Ed Crane, Morgan Murphy, Tom Brown, Harry Stovey, Arthur Irwin, Arlie Latham, Con Dailey, Tom McCarthy, Paul Radford and John Irwin. John B. Day has engaged Madison Square Garden, New York, and Kelly's nine will play there against a team organized from the professionals in that city.

FOOT racing in winter is not a profitable sport.

A DISPATCH from Boston says: The steamship Virginian, which arrived at this port from England this morning, brought over a very valuable piece of dog flesh. It was the rough-coated St. Bernard prize bitch, Pilnellis, which is by Champion Save, and was purchased in England by E. H. Moor, of Melrose. Pilnellis is rich orange in color, with perfect white markings and black facings. She has a grand head and perfect legs and feet. She was in good condition, and will probably be seen at the New York and Boston bench shows.

SYDNEY papers received yesterday afternoon give the details of McLean's victory over Stanbury, November 17, on the Paramatta course, where, scarcely a month after, McLean defeated Kemp and became the champion sculler of the world. It seems that Stanbury was heavily backed, and maintained a lead for half the race. At one time odds of 10 to 6 were freely offered on him, but when halfway over the course Stanbury appeared suddenly to give out. McLean spurted and passed him, and off Tumbulgum Stanbury, then 20 lengths behind, turned and rowed to his shed, abandoning the contest, to the great disgust of his backers.

ALL AFTER PODLEWSKI.

HUNTING FOR SILIVERSKOFF'S SLAYER IN NEW YORK.

Russian Secret Agents and American Detectives Join in the Search, but No Trace of Him Found—Nihilists Doubtful of His Extradition if Arrested.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—If Podlewski, the Nihilist slayer of General Siliverskoff in Paris, has taken refuge in this city, he is not easily to be found here. Nihilists here all profess to be in total ignorance of his whereabouts, and allege that they have no information of his having come to this country. There is a question among the Nihilists whether the American Government would send Podlewski back to Russia for execution if he should be arrested here. The French Government has shown its determination to deliver him into the hands of the Czar if he were found in France, and there is no doubt that other European governments would take the same course.

But the Nihilists in New York hold that his extradition from this country could not be accomplished without much difficulty. The State Department would act cautiously in dealing with his case, which might in fact be carried before a Federal court, where there would be trouble in identifying him as the actual perpetrator of the deed with which he is charged. The Nihilists say that if he was really the guilty party, his offense was of a political nature, an act of vengeance upon an official who had doomed thousands of their compatriots to death and exile, without trial and without being permitted to exercise the right of self-defense.

There are Russian secret agents here who are on the outlook for Podlewksy, whom the Czar's government is resolved upon securing at any cost. They keep watch of the steamers that arrive at this port. They scan the faces of the immigrants of both sexes, for he may be in feminine garb, who are constantly passing through the Barge Office. They strive to get any kind of a hint from the Nihilists into whose circles they can penetrate, and they pursue their search in every quarter which offers the least promise of success. It is probable that they have aid from American detectives, and that members of the Pinkerton force are assisting in the work.

HYMEN AND SANTA CLAUS.

Councilman Robert McAfee's Home the Scene of a Pretty Wedding.

The home of Select Councilman Robert McAfee, in the Eleventh ward, Allegheny, was the scene of a pretty Christmas wedding last night. Miss Winifred Harrington was the bride and Joseph McAfee, a brother of the Councilman, was the groom. The transition from Harrington to McAfee was made by the Rev. Samuel J. Glass.

A pretty wedding supper and a reception followed the ceremony. Last night the couple started for Baltimore. They will visit Washington and the South.

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS' CHRISTMAS.

Grand Master Gobin, of Lebanon, Pa., is Highly Honored.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

ERIE, Dec. 25.—Two hundred Erie Knights Templar joined with 80,000 Knights Templar throughout the United States in a demonstration to honor the Grand Master of their order, General J. P. S. Gobin, of Lebanon, Pa.

The testimonial was offered standing at high noon.

THE HOLIDAY MARRED

By Many Deeds of Crime in Different Parts of the Country.

A BLOODY KANSAS CITY TRAGEDY.

Domestic Troubles Cause a Double Murder and a Suicide.

ALL THE PARTICIPANTS ARE COLORED

ST. PAUL, Dec. 25.—This Christmas was less than hour old when, with a knife and two six-shooters, Silas Mickel, colored, accomplished the killing of his step-daughter, Emma McLeod, the dangerous wounding of his wife, and his own death. The tragedy was enacted at 72 West Tenth street, near St. Peter, and seems to have resulted from a quarrel growing out of Mrs. Mickel refusing to live with her husband. There were no witnesses to the tragedy.

Mickel and his wife had not lived together for five or six months. However, of late he has sought her repeatedly with offers of reconciliation, but without avail. From all that can be learned it seems that Mickel became enraged over his inability to make peace with his wife, and attacked her with a knife. Her daughter, who was thoroughly respectable and peaceable, came to her mother's defense, and was herself attacked by the infuriated man, who was armed for the occasion.

Mrs. Mickel was shot in the abdomen and had her throat cut, while Emma McLeod was stabbed five times in the body. Several shots had been fired at her, but the stabs were enough to cause death. Both women ran for their lives, but the younger one fell to the ground and died in front of the house. Mrs. Mickel staggered along the streets a few steps, with blood gushing from the big hole in her throat at every step, until she met Officer Newell, to whom she said, pointing to the house:

"I am killed—my husband—done it," a gush of blood following each exclamation.

She was sent to the City Hospital, and is still alive to-night, but very low. On entering the house Mickel was found lying on his back in the kitchen in a pool of blood, with a revolver in each hand and a hole in the side of his head, through which his brains were oozing. Seven shots had been fired, but no one in the neighborhood heard a sound, and there are no witnesses to the tragedy, which is the third in this city within two weeks.

A BAD POLITICIAN KILLED.

He Tries Unsuccessfully to Run a Town With a Winchester Rifle.

CARROLLTON, MISS., Dec. 25.—A fatal tragedy occurred on the principal street in this town to-day at 12 o'clock noon, in which John Prentiss Matthews, the Republican postmaster, was killed by P. S. McBride, a young and prominent druggist here. Matthews was coming down street toward the drug store of McBride & Co., armed with a Winchester rifle, when McBride stepped towards him and fired the fatal shot, while Matthews had his gun uplifted and was preparing to shoot McBride.

The cause of the difficulty is about as follows: Last night McBride went to the postoffice after his mail, and Matthews began cursing and abusing him, which led to personal encounter. This morning Matthews appeared on the streets armed with a Winchester rifle and a large pistol, whooping, hollowing and cursing the town in general, and threatening to kill young McBride in particular. After several hours thus spent, he was placed under arrest by the Sheriff, but was released under bond for his appearance to-morrow morning. Matthews then returned to his store and, holding his gun in his hands, stood in his door and began crying off his goods at auction, and cursing everyone who came within his hearing. After a few minutes he came down the street toward the drug store of McBride & Co., where he was killed. As a politician and bully, Matthews had a very bad reputation.

A PRIVATE WATCHMAN MURDERED

Because He Refused to Arrest a Man for a Trivial Insult.

NORFOLK, Dec. 25.—Early this morning J. F. Brady, a fireman employed by the Cotton Compress Association, applied to C. J. Colcutt, a private watchman on the wharf, to arrest a man in the street who had been offensive to him. Colcutt refused, saying he had no authority to arrest the man.

Brady then left, but returned just as Colcutt was eating his dinner, which had been brought him by his wife and two little grandchildren, and in their presence pulled a revolver and shot Colcutt through the head, killing him instantly. Brady was arrested, and it was with difficulty that the police prevented the crowd from lynching him.

A SUICIDE IN PRISON.

A Man Seizes a Fellow Criminal's Razor and Cuts His Own Throat.

PRESCOTT, ARIZ., Dec. 25.—John M. Stoop, who shot and killed Grant Le Barr at the Peck mine Sunday night, was arrested and placed in jail here yesterday. He admitted the killing, and his preliminary examination was set for December 27.

About 9 o'clock this morning, while one of the prisoners in the jail was engaged in shaving, he laid his razor down a moment, when, stooping suddenly, Stoop picked it up and went to his cell and slashed himself across the throat before the horrified prisoners near him could prevent it. As soon as he committed the deed he walked out into the corridor and attempted to speak to the prisoners who had followed him, but immediately sank to the floor and expired within five minutes.

HIS HOLIDAY PROFITS VANISH.

A Merchant is Knocked Senseless and His Store Robbed.

MADISON, S. DAK., Dec. 25.—Just before midnight last night two strangers entered the drug store of William Bartlett as the proprietor was closing for the night after a big holiday trade. Bartlett was knocked senseless by a blow on the head, and when he recovered consciousness the men had disappeared with $3,000 they found in the safe.

To-day word was received from Winnifred that the men had been caught. Mr. Bartlett will go there to identify them.

SHOT BY HIS HIRED MAN.

An Ohio Farmer's Christmas Spoiled by Having His Head Blown Off.

NEWCOMERSTOWN, O., Dec. 25.—James Booth, a farmer, was shot this morning on his farm, four miles from here, by Henry Worley, one of his hands. Both men had been drinking yesterday and had quarreled.

This morning, at the breakfast table, the quarrel was renewed, and Worley blew off the top of his employer's head with a shotgun. Worley escaped, and citizens are now hunting for him in the woods.

Killed by a Stray Bullet.

JACKSON, MISS., Dec. 25.—Nick Jones, colored, was instantly killed last night, it is believed by a stray bullet, as there was a good deal of indiscriminate firing of pistols.

Shot His Wife.

BATON ROUGE, Dec. 25.—William Johnson, colored, had a dispute with his wife, and shot her dead. The murderer escaped.

IN THE WOOLLY WEST.

Kansas City Rolls Up a Pretty Long Chapter of Christmas Crimes.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 25.—No less than four affrays of either fatal or dangerous results, made up a portion of the Christmas chapter of local crime. Late last night William Barnes, colored, quarreled with George Taylor, also colored. Taylor struck Barnes over the head with a hatchet, producing a fatal wound. Taylor was arrested.

William Rockwell, a laborer, called on his former sweetheart, Mrs. Rockwell. He shot at her, the bullet carrying away one of her fingers, and the woman fainted. Thinking he had killed her, Rockwell turned the weapon on her little daughter and fired on her, the bullet producing a flesh wound in the arm.

In a low quarter of town Oliver White quarreled with Alice Lawson, split her head open with an axe and escaped. The woman is fatally injured. At a negro resort "Vinegar Tom" had an altercation with Charles Morton. The latter drew his revolver, and in the scuffle for its possession it exploded, the bullet striking John C. Adams, an aged colored man, in the thigh, producing a dangerous wound.

A FAIR YOUNG MURDERESS.

She Crushes a Man's Skull With an Ax at a Party.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 25.—Maggie Murphy and Edward McDermott got into a row at a party given by a friend in Morgan street to-day, and Miss Murphy, who is only 15 years old, hit McDermott on the head with an ax, crushing in his skull.

The girl was arrested and McDermott was sent to the City Hospital.

OVER A HUNDRED SHOTS FIRED.

A Tough Bites the Dust During a General Fusilade of Revolvers.

LEXINGTON, KY., Dec. 25.—In a drunken row at Chilesburg, this county, this morning, a tough named John Parton, from Jack's Creek, was killed.

Two or three others were injured during the fusilade of over 100 shots.

FROM ANOTHER WORLD.

A Ghostly Visitant Plays Havoc With the Superstition of Twentieth Ward Residents—It Appears at Ben Venue—An Officer Injured in the Chase.

There is a ghost in the Twentieth ward that has been spreading terror among the superstitious people of that ward. The ghost had located itself in the vicinity of Liberty and Winebiddle avenues, and its nocturnal appearance would be manifest about midnight.

Belated pedestrians for the last two weeks declared that on a number of occasions within that time they have seen the ghost and confessed that they fled precipitately, taking no time to make a mental inventory of the apparition. All were unanimous, however, that it was tall and robed in pure white. A number of young ladies returning from a party a few evenings since were startled and badly frightened by the ghost, which took after them. One of the ladies fainted and the party came to a halt, whereupon the ghost disappeared.

Captain Brophy was notified of the condition of affairs and stationed Officer Peter Schultz, of the Seventeenth ward police station, at the spot where the ghost was supposed to appear. This spot was at the head of the boardwalk leading to Liberty avenue from Ben Venue station. For three evenings the officer kept guard over the place, but until early yesterday morning his watch was fruitless. About 1 o'clock yesterday morning the specter appeared about 20 yards distant from him and moved toward him at a slow pace. The officer pulled his revolver and advanced to meet the comer. When within 30 feet of it, the ghost turned and fled in a manner quite reprehensible for such a character. The officer gave pursuit and fired several shots but did not check the speed of the ghost. The latter was pursued up the railroad for some distance and would probably have been caught had not the officer fallen heavily and sprained his ankle so severely that he could continue the chase no further.

The officer was not able to report for duty last evening on account of his injury. He vows vengeance on the ghost, however, and says he will run it out of the world.

NATURAL GAS IS DUTIABLE.

No Free Trade Allowed in the Imported Canadian Brand of It.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The Collector of Customs at Buffalo, N. Y., recently submitted to the Treasury Department the question as to whether natural gas imported into that port from Canada is liable to duty under the tariff law. He says that the Buffalo Natural Gas and Fuel Company is engaged in laying a large eight-inch main pipe across the Niagara river for the transmission of natural gas produced in Canada to be used on this side for fuel purposes; that it will be brought in large quantities and take the place of fuel in many hundred households in the northern part of Buffalo, and that the quantity received is to be measured by a meter located on the American side of the river. In replying to the Collector, Assistant Secretary Spaulding says:

"Under the circumstances mentioned the department concurs with you in the opinion that illuminating gas is wholly different from electricity, and that as it is a merchantable commodity which can be measured as readily as liquids and other gases, it would be liable to duty on importation. The proper rate of duty would seem to be that prescribed for unenumerated unmanufactured articles—viz., 10 per cent ad valorem."

A LARGE FACTORY FIRE.

The Department at Cincinnati Take Unusual Precautions.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 25.—The establishment of the American Faucet and Bung Manufacturing Company was discovered on fire at 8:30 o'clock this morning by a policeman. Being in a neighborhood of combustible buildings, the fire department used unusual precautions, and prevented the spread of the flames to adjoining furniture and other factories.

The fire was confined to the basement and first three stories. The large amount of stock on these floors was not burned, but was ruined by water, and the machinery was ruined. The loss will exceed $20,000, covered by insurance. It is thought that the fire was of incendiary origin.

PIERCE IN THE LEAD.

An Estimate of North Dakota's Legislative Vote on Senator.

BISMARCK, N. D., Dec. 25.—The McKenzie men and Senator McCormack, the Democratic leader, agree upon the following estimate of the vote for United States Senator at the opening of the Legislature: Pierce, 21; Ball, 20: Hansbrough, 15; Lamour, 9. This represents 65 straight Republican votes and leaves 28 Democrats and Independents, most of whom will support McCormack.

The Republican vote will probably reach 69. Pierce's friends to-night claim at least 30 and concede Ball 18. Lamour men will not support Ball.

Crushed by Iron Ore.

Steven Small, a laborer employed at Jones & Laughlins' furnace at Frankstown, was brought to the Mercy Hospital yesterday suffering from a broken right ankle, which he received by a large rock of iron ore falling on it.

TROOPS PENNED UP.

The Indians Surround a Company, but the Soldiers Are Safe.

THE INDIANS SURRENDERING FAST

They Were Afraid of Being Massacred if They Gave Themselves Up.

REDSKINS NOT ALLOWED IN CANADA

DICKINSON, N. DAK., Dec. 25.—Major Carroll made a forced march Tuesday night, with 55 cavalry, of 65 miles in 14 hours, up the Cannonball, arriving at New England City at 8 A. M., complying with orders from Fort Yates by courier to the effect that Captain Fountain, of the Eighth Cavalry, was surrounded in Cave Hills by 500 Indians. Two hours' rest was taken at New England City, and Major Carroll continued the forced march southwest in the direction of Cave Hills, 50 miles distant. His force got to Captain Fountain's assistance this morning. Aid may have come from the South, and if not, the surrounded forces are thought to be in a position to hold off the Indians till assistance arrives.

The Indian War Over at Norville.

A dispatch from Pierre, S. Dak., says: Captain Norville, special agent, has just returned from Fort Bennett, and reports the Indian war there over. It seems now that the Indians have been the most scared of anybody. They have been afraid that they would be massacred, or they would have come in before.

After the Indians arrived at Bennett, several councils of war were held to determine whether they would give up their arms or not. Finally they agreed to do so when General Miles asked them. Agent Palmer said: "No arms, no rations or blankets." This soon brought them to time, and all arms are now stacked up at the agency.

Captain Hearst, commanding officer at Fort Sully, has received the capitulation of 174 Uncapapas, including 70 of Sitting Bull's band and 50 from the Rosebud agency. Narcisse Narcello, a boss farmer, brought in 412 of Big Foot's Indians. Out of these 98 stands of arms were collected. They were nearly all Winchesters of every description and of very antiquated pattern.

Sitting Bull's Men Are Timorous.

Sitting Bull's men want to remain at Cheyenne, and say they are afraid to return to Standing Rock. All have surrendered, and the best of care is being given them. All of the teams of the agency have been started to Dupree to bring in the sick women and children. Many of the leaders among the Indians acted very ugly in making final settlements, and there was a great deal of quarreling among themselves.

A dispatch from Ottawa, Ont., says: According to reports received at the Mounted Police Department it appears that Commissioner Herchmer three weeks ago issued orders to the border patrols to disarm all United States Indians coming into Canadian territory and collect duties on their ponies, or else turn the Indians back. These instructions were faithfully carried out, with the result that everything is quiet on all the Canadian reserves.

THE MYSTERIOUS GIVER.

Elegant Presents Received by Several People From Unknown Friends.

The Biblical injunction, "Let not thy right hand know what thy left hand doeth," was religiously obeyed in two prominent instances yesterday when valuable Christmas gifts were forwarded. Coroner McDowell received a handsome gold-headed cane and an elegant silver set for his wife and family from some unknown friend. Bayley Bros. were the recipients of two solid silver pitchers of antique design, and an elegant punch bowl, all elaborately engraved.

The mystery surrounding the gifts adds greatly to the pleasure of those who were favored by friends who prefer to remain in the background.

THROUGH HIS WIFE'S DEVOTION

James McKenna Walks Out of the Penitentiary a Free Man.

James McKenna, of Westmoreland county, was released from the Penitentiary on a pardon yesterday. He had served two years of a five years' sentence for arson. His release was accomplished by the efforts of his wife. She is a poor washwoman, and laid by a little money during the last two years, which she devoted to the interests of her husband's case, and although she had no attorney, laid her statement before the Pardon Board with such good substantiation that she obtained her husband's pardon.

Jacob Bobbs, of Scottdale, also walked out of the Penitentiary yesterday. He had received a five years' sentence for his connection with the May Sullivan case.

Made Mutually Agreeable.

Laurence A. Knapp, junior member of the firm of Knapp Brothers, the Diamond market fish dealers, was yesterday presented with a handsome desk and chair by the employes of the firm. John A. Schoffer made the presentation speech. Mr. Knapp responded by presenting each of the employes with a $20 gold piece, and then gave them a reception and dinner at his residence on Fifth avenue.

Liberty and a Bed-Slat.

Patrick Way vainly tried to evade the majesty of the law, and used a bed-slat in his efforts. Officers Beers and Liston were at the prisoner's residence trying to arrest arrest him, when the bed-slat came forcibly into the affair. Magistrate Succop decided that Way should rest at least 30 days after his herculean efforts on behalf of liberty. The workhouse is his winter resort.

Officer Young Felt Hurt.

That you have no right to use a policeman like an Indian cigar sign is the decision of Magistrate Succop. John Murphy was assessed a small fine for insulting Officer Young on Carson street, and he will hereafter be careful how he treads on the tender corns of a foot of the law.

Eating Up the Profits.

John Millet was fined $3 and costs for selling oranges on Carson street. The oranges were all right, juicy and mellow, but John failed to take out a license, hence this unpleasantness. He paid up. Thus go the profits.

A Charge Not Sustained.

Patrick Butler, Harry Kernele and Philip Goodboy were arrested on a charge of passing counterfeit money, but as there was no evidence that any of the spurious stuff had slipped through their fingers,