FEAST OF FAT THINGS.

The Year 1890 Surpasses Every Other Twelvemonth, to Date, in Pittsburg and Vicinity.

ONLY SHARES AND OIL WEAKER.

Clearings Climbing Toward a Thousand Millions, and Declines in Stock Prices Deceptive.

MONEY TIGHTNESS AND MANIPULATION

Shrivel Figures on 'Change, but Real Estate Holds and Wealth Accumulates.

"Great oaks from little acorns grow." Very few people in this city in 1885 believed that the city's business would attain nearly ten times its then size in 24 years, but it has, for although the Clearing House figures do not quite show it, the middle-aged who keep tab on business progress will remember that in 1866 there was 25 to 30 per cent of its trade represented by inflation. The Clearing House figures showed exchanges in 1866, the year after the close of the civil war, to be $33,731,242 17, and for the year just ended they were over $784,000,000.

As the average Pittsburger looks at the business represented in the Clearing House, as the Egyptians do at the height of the Nile, and as the Arab does at the size of his camel's hump, those of 1890 are full of comfort, especially when the trade barometers, Dun & Co., and Bradstreet's tell him that financial skies are brightening, confidence returning, and promise of another good year's business in iron is seen on the horizon.

The Work of the Clearing House.

And clearing house reports have, from year to year, justified the estimation placed on them as a barometer, as they have been large in good years and have been shriveled like Pharaoh's ean and ill-favored kine in years when the sound of the grinding was low.

The Twin Cities seem to have been unusually blessed in basket and in store in 1890, for though dreams of wealth in the Argentine Republic came near wrecking even British stability and the great house of Baring Bros., a synonym for financial strength, was tossed by the hurricane until its deepest roots were moved; though the crash affected Eastern houses in our own country until suspensions became unpleasantly numerous, and though the farming interests suffered from cyclone, drouth, wet and chinchbug, and though slightly paraphrasing the rapt seer of Judah, the figtree did not blossom, neither did fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive failed and the fields yielded no meat; the flock was cut off from the fold, and there was no herd in the stails, yet our vessel kept on her course on even keel, and these cities were spared as were the 12 tribes on the night when from the first born of Pharaoh unto the first born of the captive in the dungeon were smitten and morn found them cold in death.

Pittsburg Passed by the Storm.

Without irreverence, one can almost imagine that the blood of the paschal lamb had been sprinkled on our lintels and our door posts, and in consequence, the destroyer passed over us and struck the West. Mountains have sometimes marked the borders of a pestilence, and last year the wave of panic terror seemed to extend its force at the eastern lines of the main Appalachian chain, getting no nearer to us than Altoona.

But all influences have not been conducive to wealth-getting during the year, which goes to prove that the base of Pittsburg's prosperity is on rock and not sand. There has been an enormous shrinkage in natural gas stocks and in petroleum. The shrivel in the latter has not been felt on account of the great inflow of capital its development attracted, but the loss on natural gas stocks, in some instances 50 to 60 per cent, has been and severely, too. The local farmer had next to nothing to sell except hay, but he felt the thrift, either for bonus paid or not or gas gotten, or from the employment of his teams in hauling. Prices of food have advanced sharply, but our people have been so well employed that they have not been seriously disturbed thereby.

The decline in the natural gas supply has helped a prostrated industry—that of the coal purveyor, but as an evidence that we are not yet suffering, and that we are still prodigally extravagant, it may be so affected by the fact that while, as a resident of Bellevue puts it, we are shivering in front of fires that remind us of *Colonel Sellers* and his make-believe fire of a tallow candle set in a stove behind a mica front, two enormous gas wells nearly large enough to supply the deficiency are lighting the heavens in the southwest and wasting themselves unappreciated. In addition to this there are scores of smaller wells pouring fuel into the air, each sufficient to keep 100 to 200 families warm. People who will tolerate such waste deserve to shiver.

The Prospects With Local Banks.

The banks have been somewhat parsimonious, of late, in dealing with customers, but now that they have made their statements to the Controller of the Currency, and have made them satisfactorily, there need be no fear, even though the stillness that follows the holiday season should be, as usual, somewhat pronounced.

Building has been exceedingly brisk, and it has been largely done by persons of moderate means, who propose in future to know no landlord except the tax-gather. Much is still under way and will give considerable employment this winter, provided the weather moderate so that operations can be prosecuted.

Petroleum trading has almost disappeared below the horizon, but nothing else could be expected when producers allow themselves to have but one string to their bow. As "competition is the life of trade," the lack of it is its death.

After all allowances are made for the shrinkage above mentioned, the business of the city increased, in round numbers, $130,000,000, over that of 1889, the increase being nearly twice the total business represented by the Clearing House in 1866, as the following comparative statement shows:

Clearing House Report for 1890.

	Exchanges.	Balances.
January	$ 69,187,292 24	$ 11,522,857 49
February	59,645,675 62	8,974,193 83
March	72,311,859 69	10,246,564 72
April	70,442,710 91	11,915,501 49
May	67,823,132 93	9,780,236 50
June	68,153,176 71	9,887,040 38
July	72,676,721 42	10,625,722 24
August	61,470,234 64	9,155,277 62
September	64,675,123 14	8,925,203 49
October	74,753,563 89	9,816,045 10
November	67,067,885 82	7,769,828 93
December	87,066,930 60	8,066,430 63
Total	$784,156,221 49	$115,876,696 63

Clearing House report for 1889:

	Exchanges.	Balances.
January	$ 54,413,489 49	$ 8,603,776 32
February	47,195,582 22	8,251,115 55
March	55,745,140 51	9,355,236 91
April	59,369,577 87	12,102,450 47
May	55,903,148 11	9,235,074 25
June	47,294,811 60	7,986,629 66
July	57,542,836 69	10,693,846 21
August	59,355,875 31	10,037,264 47
September	50,626,993 91	9,891,337 20
October	64,240,765 65	9,516,059 93
November	55,788,245 09	8,473,644 49
December	59,052,655 64	7,741,995 72
Total	$664,080,250 80	$111,557,719 63

RECAPITULATION.

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Total for 1890	$784,156,221 49	$115,876,696 63
Total for 1889	664,080,250 80	111,557,719 63
Gain over 1889	$120,175,970 47	$ 4,319,976 84
Total business 1890		$990,032,317 87
Total business 1889		785,636,470 56
Gain in 1890		$204,394,247 31

The accuracy of the bank clerks who transact the business of their respective banks at the Clearing House is something phenomenal. Manager John M. Chanlin states that James H. Young, of the Second National Bank, has not had an error on his sheets in four years. J. W. Fleming, of the Farmers' Deposit National, and C. F. McConnell, of the Third National, have had clean sheets for three years.

The largest day's business of the year was on July 2, when exchanges were $3,941,667 51, and the smallest, December 27, when they were $1,729,892 26.

Though the local trade of 1888 was regarded as enormous, it was eclipsed in 1890, $209,409,206 63.

Something as to Stocks.

Notwithstanding the desuetude into which local stock trading has fallen nearly all sure dividend payers are higher than they were a year ago. This, of course, does not include some very popular ones at that time and yet some of these are now paying better than they did 12 months ago. Some of the natural gases are paying as much as they did then and selling at 33 to 50 per cent of what they did at that time. The causes of the decline need not be recapitulated here. The late stringency in the money market explains much of it in the selling value of others which are really worth 10 to 15 per cent more than they were at the opening of the year. While people have ceased to wonder at Chartiers Valley Gas being quoted at 10 bid, against 55 bid early in January and the same of Philadelphia and some other gases, they know, as F. L. Stephenson says, that Citizens' and Pittsburg Tractions are making more money running at 5 cents than they did at 10 cents for through trips, yet Citizens' has dropped from 79½ to 56½, a decline of 23 points, or more than 30 per cent. Pittsburg Traction has dropped from 49 to 32 and has been but rarely quoted for a month past. Of course wars and rumors of wars, etc., have had much to do with the decline in these stocks, especially, etc. Pleasant Valley has only declined between 2 and 3 points since March, while since then Central Traction has dropped about 25 per cent, though it is said to be making money and its growth of patronage from year to year for a long time to come is assured.

In dismissing the subject of stocks it may be said that there has been a general decline all along the line save in a few instances, aside from bank stocks, which are uniformly higher.

Monopoly's Feast in the Oil Business.

The power of the Standard Oil Company to squeeze its lemons is shown by the record of clearances of the Pittsburg Petroleum Exchange for the year 1890. The year's work amounted to but little more than that of an average week in the days when the big monopoly allowed the "high rollers" to paw in the valley and rejoice in their strength, thinking their necks were clothed with thunder; when they said among the trumpets, "Ha, ha!" and smelled the battle afar off, "the thundering of the captains and the shouting." And yet if one had only known, you know, he might have enjoyed a feast of fat things, a feast of wine on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wine on the lees, well refined. Had he, as Captain Barbour remarked, sold 10,000 barrels on January 21 at $1 08, and covered it December 8 at 61c, his profit, with carrying added, would have been $4,000, and a high roller might have made ten or twenty times that much, although the business of the year was less than one-fifth of that of 1889 and less than one-sixteenth of that of 1888.

Clearances for 1890 were:

January	9,230,000
February	6,730,000
March	14,767,000
April	8,120,000
May	6,851,000
June	4,844,000
July	2,449,000
August	3,725,000
September	1,748,000
October	779,000
November	915,000
December	382,000
	61,490,000

For 1889 clearances were 328,002,000 and for 1888, 983,002,000 barrels, and this latter year was regarded as very dull. The changes have been rung so often on the reasons assigned, manipulation, Lima oil competition, Russian competition and general uncertainty, that it is unnecessary to discuss them here.

A DAY IN THE COURTS.

The Criminal Court Grind Was Very Small and Mostly Acquittals—Walter Harrington Anxious for a Pardon—The City Sued for $5,000 Damages.

John Thompson, Jr., was acquitted of the charge of larceny by bailee. The information was made by Colonel J. W. Echols. It was stated that Colonel Echols had prepared an article of association between Thompson and other parties and that Thompson borrowed the paper and refused to return it.

Mary Burkle pleaded guilty to selling liquor without a license and on Sunday.

Jesse Point was convicted of the larceny of a pocketbook from G. H. Hillman. He was sent one year and six months to the workhouse.

James Davis is on trial on a charge of receiving stolen property.

W. H. Thackery was acquitted of renting a house for immoral purposes but was ordered to pay the costs.

TO APPLY FOR A PARDON.

The Friends of Walter Harrington Working for His Release.

A. C. Herron, of the Clerk of Corrt's office, yesterday prepared a copy of the record in the case of Walter Harrington to be forwarded to the Pardon Board at Harrisburg. Harrington was convicted with Jacob Bobbs in the May Sullivan case of Scottdale. Bobbs was sentenced five years to the penitentiary, but was pardoned a few days ago, and Harrington was sent there for three years.

Harrington's friends intend taking his case to the Pardon Board also, and a copy of the record was made out yesterday for that purpose.

Sues the City for Injurie Received.

Maggie Bonner, yesterday entered suit against the city of Pittsburg for $5,000 damages. She stated that on May 18, 1890, while walking along Denniston avenue, she stepped out in the street to avoid a tree that had fallen across the sidewalk. She stepped into an excavation that was not guarded in any way and was severely injured.

The Grand Jury Hearing Witnesses.

The grand jury yesterday continued the hearing on the petition for the incorporation of McKee's Rocks into a borough. The hearing of witnesses in favor of having a borough was concluded, and the witnesses opposed to the measure commenced with. The case will require a couple more days to finish.

To-Day in Criminal Court.

Commonwealth vs F. M. Stewart (5), Curtis Wessner, C. W. Barton, M. Borenstein, R. Brown, C. Coleman, alias Colbert, Isaac Femburg, Joseph Miller, George Rosser, P. Boyce (2), John Boyle, W. Quigley, Josephine Deming (2), W. J. McGregor, Isaac Wormser, Joseph Wormser.

Notes of the Courts.

JUDGE STOWE yesterday approved the bonds of County Commissioners-elect Mercer, Weir and Boyle.

THE County Commissioners met yesterday and re-elected Stephen A. Geyer county solicitor. William A. Herriott was elected mercantile appraiser.

PRECIPES were filed yesterday in suits for damages by Jacob Emanuel, Jr., and Jacob Emanuel, Sr., against Henry Peckman. No statements of the cases were filed.

THE GOOD SAMARITAN.

A Sick Colored Woman Cared for by an Utter Stranger.

A sad case of destitution was reported to the Eleventh ward station last night by Officer Terry. The case is that of a colored woman named Blanche Coleman, about 35 years old, who is said to be dying. The woman was found on Monday night wandering about the streets sick and almost exhausted. Mary Leonard, also colored, who resides in the rear of 37 Wylie avenue extension, took the woman in and provided for her yesterday, but her means are limited, and she was compelled to apply to the authorities to take charge of the woman. Miss Coleman claims to have no friends in the city, and has no money with which to procure medicine, or even the necessaries of life.

The case will be reported to the Department of Charities, and an effort made to have the unfortunate woman sent to the Poor Farm.

DRUGGISTS say they can't sell any other liniment since the introduction of Salvation Oil.

Pure and Healthy.

ALL merchants engaged in the liquor business owe a special duty to the public in seeing that the articles offered for sale are pure and healthy. How many of those who do this the people can best judge. It is only well-established firms, who have a name and character to retain, can be relied upon in this respect. One of these we can cordially recommend to the general public, namely, the old and favorably known house of T. D. Casey & Co., 971 Liberty street, corner of Tenth. WSU

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MAY REDUCE PRICES.

Wire Manufacturers Meet to Discuss the Condition of Trade.

THEY WILL FORM AN AGREEMENT.

Homestead Steelworkers Submit to a Reduction of Wages.

CORKWORKERS WANT AN INCREASE

An important meeting of wire manufacturers was held in the office of the Braddock Wire Company yesterday.

There had been a meeting of the stockholders of the Braddock Wire Company, called for the purpose of increasing the capital stock from $300,000 to $500,000, in order to conform with a change that had been made in the St. Louis company. But within the past few weeks the feeling of a necessity for having some understanding with each other in regard to prices has been growing among the manufacturers. Yesterday's meeting was called to discuss this question, and the meeting of the Braddock Wire Company's stockholders has been postponed until after the other manufacturers finish their business.

Among those present yesterday were O. M. Gregg, a barbed wire manufacturer of Crawfordsville, Ind.; C. P. Garvey, of the Wire Nail Works, Anderson, Ind.; J. R. Ashley, John Lambert and T. H. Connell, Joliet, Ill.; B. Crane, Crawfordsville, Ind.; J. R. Thomas, Niles, O., and W. G. Rose, of Cleveland. George T. Oliver, of the Oliver & Roberts Wire Company, and J. G. Gates and W. H. Howe, of the Braddock Wire Company, were the local representatives.

TWO LONG SESSIONS HELD.

The first session was held at the Monongahela House in the morning. The afternoon meeting was held at the office of the Braddock Wire Company, and continued until nearly 7 o'clock last evening. Although the gentlemen present refused to say much about the object of the meeting, it is stated upon good authority that the manufacturers have come together for the purpose of either reducing the output or decreasing prices.

It is well known that for some time the wire industry has been only in a fair condition. Prices have reached such a level that jobbers and retailers, who never place their orders until after the first of the year, have already taken advantage of the prices, and have given their orders. From this fact alone mills have been kept moderately busy, but at the present time, it will not be long until they will have nothing to do.

Mr. Gregg, of Crawfordsville, presided at yesterday's meeting and was seen after it adjourned. He said the manufacturers expected to be here for two or three days, and nothing would be given out officially for publication until they get through. It had been reported that the manufacturers were here for the purpose of forming a trust, but Mr. Gregg denied this, saying that no such thing had been even hinted at by any of those present.

George T. Oliver was also seen. He said: "There is really nothing that can be said of the meeting at present. We are not thinking of forming a trust or combination of any kind. We are merely talking over the condition of trade, and will not arrive at anything definite for a day or two."

CONSIDERING AN AGREEMENT.

From another source it was learned that an agreement on prices for wire, barbed wire and wire nails had been presented by one of the manufacturers for all to sign, and that it is under consideration. This agreement, it is understood, contains a reduction on some things, and particularly on wire nails, the price of which has been hindered somewhat by iron and steel nails being placed on the market for less money. For many purposes wire nails are preferred to any other, but their higher price frequently prevents their use.

Alex. Clark and C. R. Talbot, two agents from Cincinnati, were at the Monongahela House last night. They said they had no fear of a trust being formed—as the attempt had been made and failed. They expect an agreement to be made on prices, however, that will stimulate the trade in some way, and make the industry more profitable than it has been for the past eight months.

NOT SEEKING OFFICE.

Robert Watchorn Resigns Office Because of Ill-Health.

Robert Watchorn, Secretary of the United Mine Workers' organization, went on to Philadelphia last night. He joined Mr. Powderly on the express, which ran as a section of the fast limited. Mr. Watchorn said his resignation as Secresary was still in the hands of the President, and had not been accepted.

He had made up his mind to withdraw from the office owing entirely to ill health, against which he had struggled for the last two months. He was on his way to Philadelphia for a month's rest. He had not the slightest idea regarding what he would turn his attention to. Any reports respecting his seeking political office were without foundation. Mr. Watchorn was very clear that a united and successful attempt to obtain an eight-hour work day would be made by the miners on the 1st of March.

HE WAS NON-COMMITTAL.

President Eberhardt Refuses to Be Quoted on the Jeannette Matter.

President Eberhardt, of the Window Glass-workers' Association, was seen yesterday in regard to the circulars said to have been sent out to the membership in reference to employment at the glassworks of Chambers & McKee, at Jeannette. Although insisted upon for an expression on the matter, he would say nothing either in support or against the statement.

"I do not want to say anything about it for publication. I want no controversy with Mr. Chambers. When the association has any business to transact with him it will be done in some other way than through the public press. I do not deny the story printed in THE DISPATCH, nor do I affirm. I simply do not want to say anything."

The manner in which Mr. Eberhardt answered the interviewer's questions led the latter to believe he was trying to evade the issue.

A SLIGHT REDUCTION.

The Quarterly Adjustment of the Homestead Sliding Scale.

The quarterly adjustment of the sliding scale at the Homestead works of Carnegie, Phipps & Co., has resulted in a reduction of about 9 per cent over the wages paid during the quarter ending to-day. The pay will be based on $27 per ton, which is less than it has been during the year, although it is 10 per cent above the base of the scale.

This sliding agreement will remain in force until July, 1892, and the men are thoroughly satisfied with it, as it is believed to be the most equitable wage arrangement that has been operated in this branch of the industrial world.

POWDERLY A PASSENGER.

He Passes Through From Louisville on His Way to Philadelphia.

General Master Workman Terrence Powderly was a passenger on the Eastern express last night from Louisville to Philadelphia. He expressed a decided disinclination to talk for publication, and would make no reference either to the condition of the Knights of Labor or the pretensions of the Farmers' Alliance.

Regarding the latter new-found aggregation he said he supposed they were maturing their plans for securing such legislation as they demanded. He declined, however, to become their spokesman, as he had not been so authorized.

THEY WANT AN ADVANCE.

Local Corkworkers Will Ask for a Ten Per Cent Increase.

The Corkworkers' Assembly, K. of L., has a committee appointed to prepare a list of demands to be presented to their employers tomorrow, asking for an increase in wages.

The highest wages paid any corkworkers is $2. It is intended to ask for an advance in all departments. Armstrong Bros. & Co. employ the largest number of this class of workmen, and the demands will be presented to that firm. The advance asked for will average about 10 per cent.

MORE CONTRACTS AWARDED.

A Pittsburg Man to Construct Approaches to the New Postoffice.

After a careful examination of the bids for the construction of the approaches to the new Pittsburg Government building, which were published in THE DISPATCH the other day, Supervising Architect Windrim awarded the contract to George Fritz, of Pittsburg.

Mr. Fritz's bid was $28,600. Work on the contract is to be begun at once.

PRESENTED WITH A WATCH.

Superintendent Murphy, of the Pittsburg Tube Works, Retires.

Superintendent B. Murphy, of the Pittsburg Tube Works, was presented with a diamond-studded gold watch yesterday by the employes of the works. James Flinn, in an appropriate speech, made the presentation.

Mr. Murphy has been Superintendent of the tube works for three years, and in that time has made hosts of friends among those with whom he has been in contact. He retires from the position on the first of the year, and the watch was a farewell gift. His successor is a Philadelphian.

Industrial Notes.

THE Columbia Iron Works are shut down for a two weeks' rest.

THE plate mill of the Republic Iron Works has been shut down while a new engine is being put in.

STATE FACTORY INSPECTOR MARTIN will be here Friday to attend the hearing of the Wormser Bros., indicted for employing child labor.

THE annual midwinter exposition of table glassware manufacturers of the West will begin in a few days, and will take place at the Monongahela House.

CARNEGIE, PHIPPS & Co. have placed an order for an appliance known as the Harrison conveyor, utilized in conveying coal to furnaces and ashes from furnaces, pits, etc.

THREE hundred incandescent electric lamps were removed from the Exposition building yesterday for use elsewhere, owing to the light company's inability to make enough burners to supply the demand.

THE hanger fitters employed at Jones & Laughlin's mill demanded an advance of 10 per cent yesterday, and were discharged. The matter will probably be taken up by the Amalgamated Association.

CAPTAIN R. D. MORROW, connected with the Tennessee Navigation Company, is at the Duquesne. He says hundreds of families are locating along the Tennessee, and intimates that an iron mill will be built there shortly by Pennsylvania capitalists.

SOME SAMPLE SERMONS

Preached by Theological Students Before the U. P. Presbytery—Energetic Measures Needed to Collect Necessary Funds—Date and Place of the Next Meeting.

Yesterday morning's session of the Monongahela Presbytery of the U. P. Church, held at the Wylie Avenue Church, was devoid of special interest. Rev. Dr. W. J. Reid, the financial agent of the Presbytery, presented his report. It showed that the total quota of all the churches of the Presbytery was $18,659. The total amount paid was only $9,440 31. The amount was to be divided among the foreign, home and freedmen's missions and boards of church extension, education, publication, ministerial relief, assembly fund, Synod fund and Presbyterian fund and Westminster College fund.

The individual reports of the ministers were then made, and nearly all of them referred to the great difference between the quota and the amount received. Many of the clergymen proposed that more energetic measures be taken to collect the amounts. They were of the opinion that every member of the church, young or old, should be required to pay something and not allow the head of the house to pay all the money.

After lunch the first business was the election of delegates to the General Assembly, which meets at Princeton, Ind., on the fourth Wednesday of May, 1891. Those elected were: Ministers—Rev. John G. Brown, D. D., Rev. J. D. Turner, Rev. J. W. English, Rev. D. S. Luttrell, D. D., and Rev. R. A. Elliott. Elders—William Hill, of Mansfield; S. B. Donaldson, of Wilkinsburg; S. H. Sturgeon, of Oakdale; James Campbell, of McDonald, and John McBride, of Allentown.

Rev. Dr. John G. Brown was appointed a member of the General Committee on Home Missions.

Two students of theology, Messrs. Hart and Bailey, preached sermons as specimens of progress.

A vote of thanks was tendered the ladies of the Wylie Avenue Church for the substantial lunch furnished the Presbytery.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet on the last Tuesday in March, in the Sixth U. P. Church, Pittsburg, at which time the new pastor, the Rev. R. N. Russell, will be installed.

At the morning session the Rev. R. B. Ewing, at his own request, was granted a certificate of ministerial standing and a transcript of the records in his case. These documents show his exact standing as a minister in relation to the Monongahela Presbytery and all the proceedings of his trial.

ALLEGHENY SURVEY COMMITTEE.

Numerous Ordinances and Petitions Considered by It Last Night.

At the Allegheny Survey Committee meeting last night a resolution to widen Perrysville avenue to an 80-foot street was adopted. An ordinance to widen the same street, a remonstrance against widening, and an ordinance for changing the grade of the same, were referred to a sub-committee. The following ordinances were ordered to be printed for the use of councils: For the filing in the Engineer's office of duplicate reports of various sewer improvements, changing the grades of portions of Wilson street, School street and Ellis street, and widening Kreiling street. Remonstrances against the ordinances establishing the grades of Frederick street and Williams street, against the viewers' report in the change of the grade on Superior avenue, and against the widening of Iten street were ordered to be filed. The petitions for the widening of Lincoln avenue, Eleventh ward, and Wheeler avenue, and the ordinance for the opening of Carpenter alley were referred to sub-committees.

Plans of lots of Columbia Park, Tenth ward, by James Jacob Rosa, of Sewickleville, Eleventh ward, and by J. J. Christian and others, Eleventh ward, were approved.

Sent His Mother Adrift on Christmas.

Mary Ann Probert, aged 78 years, was yesterday given a ticket to reach her husband at Maynard, O., by the Department of Charities. She said her son had driven her from his home in Homestead on Christmas.

CHANGE of life, backache, monthly irregularities, hot flashes, are cured by Dr. Miles' Nervine. Free samples at Jos. Fleming & Son's, Market st. W

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Men's heavy chinchilla and cassimere overcoats, nicely made, worth $12, for $4.

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Men's imported chinchilla overcoats, in blue and black, either with satin lining throughout or with fine cassimere lining, a very stylish garment: worth $20, for $8 90.

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F. H. EGGERS & SON, Ohio and Chestnut sts.
THOMAS MCHENRY, Western and Irwin aves.
G. W. HUGHES, Pennsylvania and Beaver aves.
PERRY M. GLEIM, Rebecca and Allegheny aves.

WANTED.

Male Help.

ASSISTANT BOOKKEEPER AT ONCE. MUST be reliable and experienced. Address H., 3, Dispatch office. dc31-29

BARBER—AT 3022 CARSON ST., SOUTHSIDE. Call at 2 o'clock, Wednesday. dc31-97

BOILERMAKERS—FOUR GOOD MEN. APPLY at once to ENTERPRISE BOILER CO., Youngstown, O. No strike; steady work. dc30-66

BOY—A GOOD, STEADY BOY TO TAKE care of offices and make himself useful. Address, stating age, 1 5, Dispatch office. dc31-33

CABINET MAKER—ONE WHO UNDERSTANDS making picture frames; married man who can speak German preferred; steady situation to a good man. Apply to SHANAHAN TRANSFER CO., 101 Forbes st., city. dc21-48

CARRIAGE DRIVER—A RELIABLE MAN TO take care of two horses and one cow; references required. Apply to JOSEPH WALTON, 134 Water st., Pittsburg. dc31-1

DRAFTSMEN—FOUR GOOD MEN AT ONCE on general machinery; give references and salary expected. BUCYRUS S. S. & D. CO., Bucyrus, O. dc31-9

OFFICE BOY—FOR NIGHT WORK—MUST live with parents and have references. Apply to-day from 2 to 1 o'clock only at DISPATCH MAILING ROOM, No. 75 Diamond st., asking for BUSINESS MANAGER. dc30-137

PORTER—GOOD PORTER AT SCHREIBER'S HOTEL, 35 and 36 South Diamond st., Allegheny. dc31-46

PRINTER—ONE WHO HAS PRESS AND type for sale and can manage a small printing office. Address I, 3, Dispatch office. dc30-22

SALESMEN—ON SALARY OR COMMISSION to handle the most perfect chemical ink erasing pencil; the greatest selling novelty ever produced; erases ink thoroughly in two seconds; no abrasion of paper; 100 to 300 per cent profit; one agent's sales amounted to $620 in six days; another $32 in two hours; we want one one gentle general agent for each state and territory; sample by mail, 35 cts; for terms and full particulars, address THE MONROE eraser MFG. CO., La Crosse, Wis. dc27-13

SALESMEN—TO SELL LINE OF GENTS' furnishing goods on commission, in Southern and Western Pennsylvania; references required. Address WILLIAM G. KLEMM, 33 S. Third st., Philadelphia, Pa. dc31-6

SALESMEN—THREE CLOTHING SALESMEN with first-class experience and recommendations; permanent positions. Address BROWNE BROS., Buffalo, N. Y. dc31-34

STENOGRAPHER—STATE SALARY WANTED; also age of applicant. Address I, 7, Dispatch office. dc31-41

TYPESETTERS—91 THIRD AV., THIRD floor. dc31-30

Agents.

AGENTS—TO SELL THE PINLESS CLOTHES line; the only line ever invented that holds the clothes without pins; a perfect success; patent recently issued; sold only by agents, to whom the exclusive right is given; on receipt of 50 cents we will send a sample line by mail; also circulars; price list and terms to agents; secure your territory at once. Address THE PINLESS CLOTHES LINE CO., 17 Hermon street, Worcester, Mass. oc9-65-ws

AGENTS EVERYWHERE—BY THE TEA planters of Ceylon desired under a strictly co-operative plan; liberal pleasing ideas, new prices; a strong company, in the success of which each agent shares; responsibility an absolute necessity. THE CEYLON TEA PLANTERS' TEA COMPANY, 4 E. Twenty-second st., New York, 1229 Filbert st., Phila., Pa. dc31-7

Female Help.

GIRLS—TWO FOR SMALL FAMILY, ONE to do cooking and washing, the other to nurse child 1 year old; good wages paid. Apply 218 CHARTIERS ST., Allegheny. dc31-10

GIRL—FOR GENERAL HOUSEWORK. APPLY 6324 HOWE ST., East End. dc31-5

GIRL—FOR GENERAL HOUSEWORK. APPLY WM. BUHL, 262 Forbes st. dc31-18

LADIES—25 LADIES TO SIT FOR SPECIMEN photos this week at AUFRECHT'S ELITE GALLERY, 516 Market st. dc30-81

TELEGRAPH OPERATOR—A LADY WHO can take charge of a branch office; one who can operate typewriter preferred. Address H., 4, Dispatch office. dc30-63

Male and Female Help.

COACHMAN—FARM HANDS, WOODCHOPPERS, cooks, chambermaids, house girls, cook and chambermaid for small family; children's nurse, nurse girl, colored girls, dishwashers, pantry girls, 4 cleaning girls. MEEHAN'S, 545 Grant st. Tel. 90. dc29-p

Situations.

POSITION—BY YOUNG MAN WITH FIVE years' experience as bookkeeper; will start on moderate salary if good references furnished. Address G., 6, Dispatch office. dc30-35

POSITION—AS GOVERNESS TO CHILDREN by an educated German lady. Address H., 7, Dispatch office. dc30-42

SITUATION—A RELIABLE YOUNG MAN, well acquainted with the notion and grocery business, wants to call on the trade (no specialties) to the retail trade of this city for a couple of firms on commission. Address I, 4, Dispatch office. dc30-23

SITUATION—BY EXPERT STENOGRAPHER; three years' experience. Address I, 2, Dispatch office. dc31-91

Financial.

MORTGAGES ON CITY OR ALLEGHENY county property at lowest rates. HENRY A. WEAVER & CO., 92 Fourth avenue. mh2-D

MORTGAGES—LARGE AND SMALL, AT the lowest market rates of interest. See W. A. HERRON & SONS, 80 Fourth ave. no6-23-w

PUT YOUR MONEY INTO REAL ESTATE—We have for sale a number of lots at Brushton, in good locality and less than neighboring property. BROWN & SAINT, 527 Smithfield st. dc28-42

TO LOAN—$200,000 ON MORTGAGES—$100 and upward at 6 per cent; $600,000 at 4½ per cent on residences or business property, vacant lots or farms. S. H. FRENCH, 125 Fourth ave. oc22-D

TO LOAN—$600,000, IN AMOUNTS OF $3,000 and upward, on city and suburban property, on 5 per cent; also smaller amounts at 6 per cent. BLACK & BAIRD, 95 Fourth avenue. se21-d26-D

Miscellaneous.

ALL TO USE JONES' REDBUG PARALYZER. Jones' Magic Roach Powder; contains no poison; roaches banished by contract; satisfaction given or no pay. Prepared by GEO. W. JONES, 222 Federal st., Allegheny, Pa. Sold by all first-class druggists. Residence No. 80 Monterey st. jy11-42-MWF

EVERY LADY—WISHING TO BE HER OWN dressmaker to call at 616 Penn ave. (opposite Horne's store) and investigate MADAME FLESHER'S ladies' tailoring system; no risk; parties responsible; school now open. no19-23

FOR A CHRISTMAS PRESENT—NOTHING would please so well as a light running New Home Sewing Machine; you want the best, and the New Home fills the ideal every time; will make a special reduction until Christmas; open every night at H. CARTER'S, 19 Sixth st., two doors below Bijou. dc12-13-MWF

PERSONS—WHO ARE WILLING TO QUALIFY themselves for positions as stenographers and typewriters. Address or call on MARTIN'S SHORTHAND SCHOOL, 412 Wood st. dc31-37

PUMPING OUTFIT—1,200 FEET OF TUBING and sucker rods; state price and location. Address H., 10, Dispatch office. dc31-12

FOR SALE—IMPROVED REAL ESTATE.

City Residences.

$8,750—NO. 259 MAIN ST., NEAR PENN av., Seventeenth ward. Phil Lange's beautiful brick residence of hall, vestibule, ten rooms and bath; both gases; all modern conveniences; lot 48x100; $4,000 cash, bal. to suit; reason for selling, owner leaving city. See THOS. MCCAFFREY, 3369 Butler st. dc14-146-WSSu*

$1,750—ON HOLMES ST., NEAR FIFTY-FOURTH, lot 20x100; new frame house of 5 rooms, hall and finished attic; side entrance, porch; worth $2,200; terms $200 cash, balance $25 monthly; no interest or taxes to pay. See THOS. MCCAFFREY, 3369 Butler st. dc30-86WSS*

$1,800—WICKLOW ST., VALLEY VIEW place, Nineteenth ward, two-story frame dwelling of four rooms, hall, front porch, etc.; lot 20x100 to an alley; $300 down, balance on easy payments—like rent. A7, BLACK & BAIRD, 95 Fourth av. dc6-5-6, 13, 31*

Allegheny Residences.

$1,300 CASH—FOR GOOD FRAME HOUSE, 4 rooms and attic, in Allegheny; level lot; owner needs money, must be sold in ten days. BALTENSPERGER & WILLIAMS, 154 Fourth avenue. dc31-2*

FOR SALE—IMPROVED REAL ESTATE.

East End Residences.

HOME—DESIRABLE HOME OF 10 ROOMS ON South Highland av.; all modern conveniences; handsomely papered; immediate possession. BAXTER, THOMPSON & CO., 162 Fourth avenue. dc28-107*

SHADYSIDE—QUEEN ANNE BRICK, 11 rooms, bath, lincide w