## VERY GOOD, IF TRUE.

A Rumor to the Effect That Louis Bierbauer Has Signed a Pittsburg Contract.

CHANCES OF GETTING JOHN WARD.

Unusually Large Entries for the Spring Running Meeting of the Kentucky Association.

THE LOCAL TOURNAMENT IS A GO.

Bufficient Money for the Prizes Guaranteed-Genera

Sporting News,

It was stated in local baseball circles vesterday that Bierbauer, the famous second baseman, signed a Pittsburg contract on Wednesday. The statement was made by a gentleman very much interested in the club, and he claimed to have information direct from Erie, where Bierbauer now is. None of the local authorities who meet at Pratt's store could give any information on the matter, and the officials of the club now in the city could not or would not say anything definite about it. The gentleman who claimed to have the news from a sure source

before leaving this city for the East recently, said that Bierbauer was sure to play in Pitts-

said that Bierbauer was sure to blay in Pittsburg. Manager Hanlon has steadily argued that the Association have no claim on Bierbauer, and that the latter would play here. As stated a few days ago, Manager Hanlon spent a few days with Bierbauer at Erie, last week, and it may be that the latest rumor regarding the player is correct. Many local patrons of the game have been confidently expecting that Sam LaRoque would be retained in the club. He is an excellent player and will certainly improve. If Bierbauer comes here it will be worth the while of any club wanting a second baseman to look after LaRoque.

Lecal patrons of the national game are becoming exceedingly curious about the absence of Fresident O'Neill. Nobody seems to be able to locate the very energetic President. One of his friends stated yesterday that he, O'Neill, had been spending a few days in New York, trying to complete the Ward deal, and that the prospect of Ward's coming to Pitteburg were very good, indeed. If Ward is not secured a good pitcher and first class fielder will be signed instead. President O'Neill is aware that one or two first-class pitchers are needed and that they must be secured if there is to be a winning club here.

#### ALL PIGHT AT COLUMBUS.

Manager Schmelz Thinks His Team Will Do Great Things This Year.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 22.-Ralph Lazarus, Vice President of the Columbus Club, and Gus Schmelz, manager of the Capital City team, are in the city, Both gentlemen are in a par-ticularly happy frame of mind, due to the smooth manner in which the great baseball snarl was unraveled in New York City. They recognize the dawn of a better day for the national game.

Mr. Lazarus was particularly jubilant over all is once more back to its old standard. Mr. n and myself have \$46,000 invested in the umbus Club, and before this settlement took Calambus Clab, and before this settlement took place I would have sold out dirt cheap. I was disgusted with the continual bickerings and unbusiness-like methods that prevailed in the national game. Now I would not sell out for a considerable advance. The present brilliant outlook is due to the efforts of two men, Allen W. Thurman and A. G. Spalding."

Manager Schmelz believes the Columbus club will cut a big swath in the American Association race the coming season.

sociation race the coming season,
"I do not know a team that is better fixed in
the pitcher's box thau we are," said Mr.
Schneiz. "We have Baldwin, Gastright,
Knauss, Easton and Chamberlain, Every one of them is a good, canable man. Our team is strong in every particular. I not only look to see the game back to its old standard, but I believe the war will have the effect of increasing the interest. I look for a big boom in the

The Columbus club management has certxinly shown great enterprise and liberality and it will doubtless receive the support of the Columbus baseball public. There is no truth in the report that Baldwin has been released.

#### DIDN'T THROW HIM OUT.

Jim Hart Tells of His Experience at the

Late P. L. Meeting. CHICAGO, Jan. 22.-Jun Hart returned from New York vesterday morning. He had arranged to meet Anson in Buffalo, but "the old man" failed to show up, Hart tells some aughable stories of experience in New York as the authorized representative of the Chicago Players' League Club. He filed his credentials and went into the Brotherhood meeting. He and went into the Bromernoon intensity. It was treated coldly enough and was informed that the meeting had the power to "throw" him out if it wished. Jim said he had no objections to being thrown out, but the matter was reconsidered and he was allowed to re-

In order to get rid of him, however, the work In order to get rid of him, however, the work was transferred to a committee of three, with Lunton, of Brooklyh, as a member. When this committee had finished its work the Brooklyh club notified the Players' League that Linton had no power to represent it. The result was that all the work was lost and the Players' League was compelled to call in Hart and Anson to make a quorum so that the League could adjourn forever. Hart saw a number of players while in the East, and was surprised to find that some still cherished autaronistic feelfind that some still cherished antagonistic feel-ings toward the League. He deplored this greatly, as such a feeing, unless smothered, must work injury to the game.

#### OIL CITY LOOMS UP.

An Effort to Get a Club in the New York and Pennsylvania League. REPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE.

OIL CITY, PA., Jan. 22.-President Lindsey, of the New York and Pennsylvania Baseball League, has called a meeting of the league di-rectors to be held at the Budd House, Meadrectors to be field at the Budd Honse, Meal-ville, on January 29. At this meeting an effort will be made to get Oil City, New Castle and Youngstown, O., into the league. Nothing has been done here as yet, though several letters have been received by men tak-ing an interest in the matter. The trouble with this place is that no one seems to be willing to take the lead and act as manager. Another

take the lead and act as manager. difficulty presented is the absence of available grounds, though this might be remedied. A club here would certainly pay expenses at They Condemn in Strong Resolutions ti

#### IT IS A GO.

The Billiard Tournament for the Championship Will Be Held in This City.

The billiard tournament in this city is to be a go. This was definitely decided vesterday at a meeting of a number of local room-keepers, but the date has not been definitely fixed. The meeting was held in the office of George Meyers, the Brunswick & Balke agent. Mr. Meyers stated to the meeting that \$1,000 had been guaranteed, G. T. Schmitt, the local agent of Auheuser-Busch, giving \$50, and George Mashey \$25. Mr. Meyers further stated George Mashey \$25. Mr. Meyers further stated that efforts would be made to secure Oid City Hall for the week of Washington's birthday, and if that building could not be secured for the date named the tournament will not be held until the week in which St. Patrick's Day is celebrated. The \$1,000 will be divided into five prizes, as follows: 30, 25, 20, 15 and 10 per cent. This ratio will give the second man not very much short of the winner, and as many people think that McLaughtin has an easy task to win, the good second prize will induce more entries than otherwise would be had. The game is to be li-inch oalk line on a 5x10 table, and Brunswick & Balke will furnish the table.

It is expected that the entrance fees of the players intending to enter will be here within a few days. Mr. Meyers is certain that there won't be less than six entries and that number few days. Mr. Meyers is certain that there won't be less than six entries and that number of players will make an interesting contest. Each game will consist of 300 and that will afford about two hours good entertainment. The tournament will be of a championship kind as there will be no handicapping. The winner will be the recognized champion of the State and a few people are inclined to think that the result will be a surprise. McLaughlin is a good

player, but he only got third in the last tourns-ment, and Dodda, our local player, defeated him by more points than he received as a handican

ABOUT HIGH PRICED DOGS. A Western Canine Fancier Tells a Few Very

Interesting Facts. An Illinois dog fancier makes the following interesting statement about high-priced dogs:

"I see in your paper quite a deal of talk over the big price paid for an English dog and comparison is made with Emmett's purchase of 'Pilnlimmon.' There are other Americans who have imported dogs at great cost. Mr. John Prag, of Toledo, O., paid \$3,700 for the smoothcoat St. Bernard, 'Watch,' Mr. E. R. Sears, of
Melrose, Mass., paid a like sum for 'C' 'upion
Pierna,' and has now purchased fi 'Mr.
Green, of Thorndale, England, the best oughcoat St. Bernard ever shown.

"This dog, 'Champion St. Bedivere,' cost
\$5,500. The rough coat St. Bernard 'Alton' recently imported by Mr. Moore, of Melrose,
Mass., cost as much as Mr. Emmett's dog, and
'Lady Sneerwell,' owned by the same fancier,
was recently imported at a high figure. Mr.
Mitchell Harrison, of the Chestnut Hill Kennels, Philadelphia, paid £1,000 for the collie dog
'Christopher,' and there is a stud pug in Peoria
that cost \$500." Prag, of Toledo, O., paid \$3,700 for the sm

It might be added that Mr. Sears has been offered £1,500 for "St. Bedivere," making \$8,000 offered and refused in America for a non-

## SOME FXCELLENT ENTRIES.

Grand Prospects for the Spring Race Meet ing of the Kentucky Association.

PERCHAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR. LEXINGTON, KY., Jan. 22.-To-day the entries to the stakes of the Kentucky Association, which closed the 15th of this month, were given to the public.

It is a superb lot of performers that are en-

tered in the nine stakes that are to be run here this spring. The total entry list, embracing 425 said:

"I am informed by the very best authority that Bierbauer has signed a contract to play in Pittsburg next season. Everything has been arranged between the League and the Association regarding his case, and it is reported in Eric that he has been assured of \$1,600 advance money."

The above statement can be taken for what it is worth. It is a fact that President O'Neil, before leaving this city for the East recently, said that Bierbauer was sure to play in Pittshead, contains some of the most sensational

WELLSVILLE, O., Jan. 22.-The Wellsville O., Fair Association holds a summer meeting July 3 and 4, 1891, and \$2,000 will be offered in purses. On August 25, 26, 27 and 28 their third annual fair will be held, with \$4,000 in speed premiums. Wellsville has one of the fastest and best half mile tracks in the world, with good stabling, located on railroad and Ohio rivor.

Wants to Run J. Priddy. The following challenge was left at this office ast evening: "I, Ed Wikirk, will run Joseph Priddy a race of a quarter of a mile for \$250 a side. I will be at THE DISPATCH office Mou-day evening at 8 o'clock to make a match."

#### Sporting Notes.

BILLIARDS-Eight times. MIKE SCANLON, of the Washingtons, wants A FORFEIT is up in behalf of Steve Farrell to PRESIDENT YOUNG, of the National League, has issued the new baseball contracts. IF the local billiard tournament is a success, national tournament will be held in this city.

MANY of Guy Hecker's friends think that his chances to get on the League umpire staff are good. STEINITZ is still champion chess player of world. Gunsberg made a good fight, but was

A NOTHER little stranger—he may blossom into a star pitcher—has arrived at the home of Jimmy Galvin. PRESIDENT SODEN, of the Boston club, says lie won't release Tucker to make room for Brouthers.

W. G. George, the Englishman, is to the front again. He wants to run anybody in America a series of races.

THE Fastern baseball authorities are complaining about the appointmen; of Colonel Rogers on the National Board instead of C. H. Byrne. JOHN B. DAY returned from a short Eastern trip yesterday. When asked if he had signed any of the old Giants he shook his head mysteriously.

MANAGER BARNIE, of Baltimore, says he wants Storey. So do a great many other managers, but the great outfielder will probably stay right in Boston. Paste this in your hat. John Ward will captain, manage and play short stop for the Brooklyn Bridegrooms this year, New York

WHEN Dick Johnston is in condition he is the greatest outfielder in the country, bar none. Back Ewing wants to give him another chance on the New Yorks this year, so "Dickey" will probably be retained.

PRESIDENT O'NEILL, of the Pittsburg club, says George Miller will not play third base this year, but will be utilized behind the bat. He also says Gumbert will play with his team, with Berger to catch him.—N. I. Herald, THE Chicago League team will probably consist of these players: Hutchinson, Luby and Stein, pitchers: Farrell, Kittridge and Nagle, catchers; Anson, first base: Pleffer, second base; Burns, third base: Cooney, short stop; Wilmot, Jeff field; Ryan, center field; Duffy, right field. field; Ryan, center field; Duffy, right field.

AUSTIN GIBBONS, the 125-noundTchamplon, accompanied by his brother, Jem Gibbons, and John P. Kerwin, left Paterson, N. J., for New Orleans, where the purilist will go into active training for his match with Andy Bowen. There was a large crowd at the depot to see him off, Austin appeared to be in good trim and spirits, and cheered his friends by telling them that he was confident of victory.

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Wisconsin will have two State Leagues next season, both outside of the National Agreement. The first is to be called the Northwestern and includes the following cities: buluth, West Superior, Ashland, Hurley, Eau Claire, Chippewa Falls, Winona and La Crosse. The second is called the Wisconsin League and its cities are: Marinette, Green Bay, Appleton, Oshkosh, Fond du Lac, Janesville, Sheboygan and Kache. The salary limit will be \$500 a month. - Clipper.

#### A BANK'S MAIL STOLEN.

The Bold Thief Asks for and Receives It

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.-The facts have just very valuable package of letters belonging to the Northwestern National Bank. Yesterday morning the bank messenger called at the postoffice for the bank's mail. He was given part of it and was told to call for the remainder in 15 minutes. Just before the expiration of that time a young man, who had evidently overheard the conversation with the messenger, put his head at the delivery window and said: "I want the rest of the Northwestern Bank's mail." It was given without question and nothing more was thought of the matter till the ar-rival of the regular messenger. Then there was a scurrying around, but the thief had escaped and has not since been seen. Subsequently the missing letters were found in a closet. It is supposed that the stolen package consisted of about 60 letters,

## in checks and non-negotiable paper.

Present Method of Weighing.

containing from \$100,000 to \$150,000, mostly

ISPECIAL TELEGRAN TO THE DISPATCH. COLUMBUS, Jan. 22.-The United Miners of Ohio to-day adopted the following: WHEREAS, The system of screening coal

now in vogue tends to encourage employment of unskilled miners, thereby creating a surplus of men, depriving the practical and skilled of men depriving the practical and skilled miners of the opportunity of earning a sustenance for himself and dependents; and,

Whereas, Incompetency is encouraged, there being no incentive for the operators to procure the services of our skilled brothers; and,

Whereas, The wanton waste of coal injures our craft and is a detriment to the operators' society; therefore

A GAS WELL IN CHICAGO. It Was Insignificant at First, but Is Now a Productive One.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.-Four years ago natural gas was discovered on the premise of a Chicago manufacturing company. The flow was small at first, but has increased right along, and has now become so strong

RESENTING A SLIGHT.

D. R. Jones, of Allegheny County. Throws Up His Committee Places.

HIS CONVICTIONS WERE IGNORED.

Important Salary Bill Launched in the House by Mr. Nesbit. THE DELUGE OF BILLS CONTINUES

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.] HARRISBURG, Jan. 22.—There is some talk of the Allegheny county delegation holding a meeeing on Tuesday night next to consider the salary bill introduced to-day in the House by Mr. Nesbit. There is some difference of opinion on the figures in Mr. Nesbit's bill. In the whole list of 18 county officials it only makes four changes. They are as follows: The Allegheny County Coroner, who now receives a salary of \$2,500, will receive a salary under Mr. Nesbit's bill of \$3,000. The County Prothonotary is reduced from \$6,000 to \$5,000 per year. The Register is also reduced from \$5,000 to \$4,000 a year. The Solicitor is increased from \$800 to \$1,000. The bill has no doubt been introduced in this shape in order to get it a place on the calendar, and many important changes will probably be made in the other salaries.

Some of the members think that the County Treasurer, being under such heavy bonds, should receive more than his present salary, which is \$5,000. A conference of the Allegheny county delegation will result in some important amendments to the bill. Some time before the Legislature convened THE DISPATCH, in an interview in Pittsburg with D. R. Jones, of Homestead, gave his peculiar views about the formation of legislative committees. In consistently adhering to his views, Mr. Jones created quite a sensation in the House this afternoon.

Resigning From the Committees. Arising in his seat, he asked the unaninous consent of the House to offer his resignation from certain committees, and explained his reasons therefor. The hum of voices instantly ceased, and all eyes were turned on the gentleman of the Monongahela valley. He thereupon said that he resigned from all committees to which he had been appointed by the Speaker, except one, that on Constitutional Reform. He read the following written reasons:

"First, I am not placed on any commit tees where I can be of any use to the people of my district. Second, I asked to be placed on the Appropriation Committee, where I believe I could have done somewhere I believe I could have done some-thing to stop unnecessary appropriations of public money. I also requested to be placed on the Corporations Committee, where I could have done something to prevent the giving of private corporations any more powers, and further requested to be placed on the Committee on Labor, where I could have done compiler for the westing people have done something for the working people of my district, as well as of the State. Standing by His Convictions.

On neither of these committees was I placed, but on the contrary I was placed on insignificant committees, which are beneath the respect due to the people of my district, and also beneath the respect due me on my own merits. My convictions on the above subjects were well known at the last session of the House. They are convictions that ought to be recognized and given a fair place in the House, instead of being ignored and discouraged. I do not complain for not getting everything, but for getting nothing."
"The resignation of the gentleman from Alleghenv county is accepted," said Speaker Thompson promptly, "and in due time I will appoint a member to fill the vacancies caused thereby."

There was no debute, and that ended the episode. Mr. Jones will escape a tremendous amount of hard work, judging from the number of hills introduced this the number of bills introduced this morn ing, as a continuation of yesterday's deluge. The record of all former legislative years was broken to-day by the introduction o 128 additional bills, and the House was only in session for two hours. This rush will continue to-morrow. The chairmen of committees are already declaring themselves swamped with business.

After the Telephone Companies. In addition to Mr. Nesbit's county salary bill, the members of the Allegheny county delegation introduced seven or eight other the most important of which was by Mr. Marshall, preventing discrimination of

the part of telephone companies and fixing telephone rentals at not more than \$3 per month, or where two or more telephones are rented by the same individual, at not more than \$2 50 per month each; or where tele-phones are advertised for use between towns, cities and villages, the price must not be more than 15 cents for the first 15 minutes of conversation.
As many as ten amendments to the Brooks license law were introduced to-day. None of them changed the price of the license, but several related to the distribution of the money. Mr. Johnson's bill, for instance,

gives all the money from the licenses to first-classcities, and in the case of Pittsburg and Allegheny, two-fifths of the money to the cities and three-fifths to the county. By this the State would get nothing. Mr. transpired in regard to the clever theft of a Bain's bill is one of quite a number providing for an excise commission to grant the licenses instead of the courts. It provides for the election of three excise commissioners in each ward, township or borough in the State, none of these commissioners to receive compensation for their services.

An Amendment by Brooks. Mr. Brooks himself introduced an amend ment to correct the abuses which were brought up in the two great cities in regard to the wholesale liquor license. His amend-ment will restrict the sale of liquor by wholesale to not less than one gallon, while five gallons of malt liquor will be the least wholesale dealer can sell.

Other of the new license bills effect the question of bondsmen, while still another devotes all the money accruing to townships from liquor licenses to the repair of country roads. It is impossible to predict this early what sort of a general bill the committee will form from this mass of ideas. But through them all the idea of an excise commission, instead of the courts, seems to be

popular.
The financial affairs of the State also received much attention in to-day's new legis-lation. A bill by Mr. Johnson, of Cameron, diverts one-half of the money from State taxes instead of one-third from the State Treasury to the counties. Mr. Taggart introduced the elaborate bill that has been prepared by the State Revenue Commissioners. Mr. Fow, from Philadelphis, brought up his old auti-trust bill.

#### To Cut Down Big Fees.

A sensation is produced in Philadelphia by the introduction of a bill here to-day to limit the sees of the Registers of Wills to 5 per cent. In Philadelphia the Register of Resolved, That we favor the weighing of all coal before screening: and, Resolved further, That on such coal we make a scale on Hocking Valley of 57% cents per ton.

He for the Register of Wills in some cases is said to have made as high as \$50,000 per year. This bill will effect the Register of Wills in all the counties of the Commonwealth.

The two street bills curative of Pittsburg's embarrassment on account of the Suprem-Court's decision, introduced in the House by Mr. Cotton, were returned this evening by the Judiciary Committee with an affirma-tive recommendation. This committee also returned with an affirmative recommenda-tion Mr. Beatty's bill which makes corpora-

tions and individuals liable for the taxes of their employes.

An effort to stem the flood of legislative

enue the farmers now have for sheep killed is the tax on dogs. STOFIEL. TO ABOLISH HANGING.

A BILL FOR THAT PURPOSE INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE.

Politicians Come in for Some Attention Fixing the Salaries of Judges-The Deluge of Bills Continues in the Lower House of the Legislature.

"SPACIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR.; HARRISBURG, Jap. 22 .- In the House to day the following bills were introduced: By Mr. Fruit, of Mercer, authorizing the incorporation of associations for the prevention of crime and detection, arrest and conviction of crime and detection, arrest and conviction of criminals. Fritz, Luzerne, for the appointment of a commission by the Governor to revise the mining and ventilation laws. Fruit, for the appointment by the Governor of a competent miner and coal operator and others as a commission to revise the mining laws of the bituminous regions. Taggart, Montgomery, extending the right of appeal to County Commissioners, municipalities and all persons interested in improving streets. Cochrane, Armstrong, making it lawful for the widow or legal representatives of a deceased registered pharmacist to continue his business.

Hines, Mercer, to abolish the death penalty by substituting imprisonment for life; also authorizing soldiers or sallors to bring suit in any county, city, ward, borough or township for war bounty. Quigley, Philadelphia, for appointment of a commissioner for the prometion of unifornity of legislation in the United States on the subjects of marriare, divorce, insolvency, probate of wills, notarial certificates, etc. Johnston, Luzarne, making it unlawful for candidates for office or members of political committees to pay naturalization expenses, or the taxes of citizens, or for officers lawful for candidates for office or members of political committees to pay naturalization expenses, or the taxes of citizens, or for officers to charge fees for naturalization below those fixed by law, and providing for the punishment of violation of the law by a fine not exceeding 3100 and imprisonment not exceeding one year. Stewart, Allegheny, maxing agents or informers of mercantile agency liable for damages for false information. Morrison, Lawrence, providing that building and loan associations not incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania shall deposit cash or adequate security with the insurance Commissioner of the State equal to the amount collected in the Commonwealth in installments to indemnify against possible loss. Fow, Philadelphia, fixing salaries of Chief Justice of Supreme Court at \$12,000. Associate Judges and Common Pleas Judges of Philadelphia and Alleghony county, \$10,000.

#### SOME GOOD BACKING.

Oliver R. Snyder Strongly Indorsed for an Appointment.

IFROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.1 HARRISBURG, Jan. 22 .- Oliver R. Snyder, Esq., Greensburg, Westmoreland county, has been designated for an appointment as Assistant Chief Clerk in the office ment as Assistant Chief Clerk in the office him for money. This draft was also refused, of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to so it is said, and was paid by his son. succeed A. Nevin Pomeroy, Esq., Cham-

bersburg, resigned.

Mr. Snyder is strongly indorsed by the leading citizens of Westmoreland county and vicinity, including L. W. Doty, Calvin Rayburn, W. G. Baer, John Kuhns, Senator Gerald C. Brown, Valentine Hayes, Esq., ex-Senator H. P. Laird, Leonard Rhone, Jacob Turney and S. A. Kline, Esq., Chairman of the Westmoreland County Committee. He was also indorsed and recommended by the publishers of the Democratic newspapers of Westmoreland Democratic newspapers of Westmoreland county and by the entire delegation of Westmoreland county to the recent Demo-

#### STATE ROAD COMMISSION.

A Bill for the Legislature to Be Prepared by It Wednesday.

[FROM A STAFF COURESPONDENT.] HARRISBURG, Jan. 22.-The State Road Commission will meet in this city on Wednesday pext to finally prepare a bill for the Legislature. Secretary Ettla to-day had a committee from Luzerne county wait upon him. They were George Johnson and Will-iam Fell, of Wilkesbarre.

They make a general complaint of the bad roads in that region and hope that reform legislation will be enacted.

BUCKEYE FARMERS.

LATE A PLATFORM.

Twenty of the Resolutions Relate to State Matters, and the Remainder to Nationa Affairs-Attention Paid to Taxes, Rail roads, Pensions and Other Subjects.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 22.-The Ohio State Farmers' Alliance has been in session at Galion since Tuesday morning. There are between 400 and 500 delegates in attendance, and much interest in the convention's work is manifested. The real work of the convention came up to-day, when reschutions presented by the committee yesterday

The resolutions adopted relate to national affairs, and demand that the Government issue legal tender notes on real estate; ask for a just and equitable system of income taxes; ask for laws to prevent dealing in futures; demand free coinage; want alien ownership of land prohibited; demand the ownership of land prohibited; demand the passage of the Conger land bill; oppose subsidies; favor the election of President and Vice President by popular vote; condemn the Associated Press for its unjust course toward the farmers, and pledge themselves to withhold support from any paper that misrangement that from any paper that misrepresents their in-terests; demand the suppression of trusts; that no corporate company shall issue stock in excess of 11/6 times its assessed value demand that the assets or income of railroads shall not be spent in excessive salaries; demand that the soldiers, their widows and heirs, should be paid the difference between the face of their contract and the coin value of the sum, paid with compound interest at 6 per cent, and demand that a graduated income tax be levied to provide funds to meet this just demand; and demand such a reduction in railroad rates for transportation of freight as will correspond to the depression in farming lands and farm products, and that passenger rates be reduced to 2 cents ile. A score of resolutions related to per mile. A State affairs.

#### THE MONTANA DEADLOCK.

A Probability That It Will Be Broken by

Compromise in a Week. HELENA, MONT., Jan. 22.-Both partie to the Legislature deadlock have been caucusing all day. The Democrats first made a proposition that the two Houses come together with 28 Republicans and 27 tion of the House. The Republicans then made a counter proposition, accepting the Democratic terms of 28 Republicans to 27 Democrats, giving the latter the Speacership, but asking for a division of other
offices and that the proceedings of the rival
Houses be expunged from the journals. This
the Democrats refused.

Notwithstanding the lack of agreement today there is now no doubt that the two
Houses will effect a compromise not later
than Monday. The Republican House has
adjourned till Saturday. Democrats giving the latter the Speacer

### BURIED BENEATH SNOW.

Many Miraculous Escapes From Death in a Spowslide at Quebec.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH OURBEC, Jan. 22 .- Four houses in Champlain street, beneath the Citadel Cliff, were almost entirely demolished to-day by a snowslide from the Heights of Abraham, not far from the scene of the fatal landslide of September, 1889. The snow completely covers the three-story buildings in front, and the only access to them is by the rear.

About 30 people occupied the houses, and all had miraculous escapes from death. Nearly 100 men are now at work digging out the street, which is buried in 25 feet of

OLD HUTCH OUT OF IT.

Forced by Threats of His Family to Retire From Speculation.

LOSS OF \$19,000,000 IN 20 YEARS.

The Action Taken to Eave the Solitary Million Remaining.

SOME DECIDEDLY PECULIAR FREAKS

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.] CHICAGO, Jan. 22 .- B. P. Hutchinson, he veteran Board of Trade man, has suddeply withdrawn from speculation. It was thought to be merely a new freak on the eccentric millionaire's part, but now the cause of his retirement has been discovered, Hutchinson's family was dissatisfied with his peculiar trades and asked him to retire from business. This the old gentleman flatly retused to do. His son, Charley L. Hutchinson, consult-

ed with his attorney and close personal friends, and, upon their advice, he told his father that unless he would close up his deals quietly and give up all speculative business, the matter would be taken into the courts and a conservator applied for. Hutchinson, Sr., was very angry, but finally consented to the terms, and at once evened up his trades and closed his books. It is esti-mated that Hutchinson has lost \$19,000,000 within 20 years. In 1870 he was reported to have a fortune of \$20,000,000. Ten years ago, his son says, this had dwindled to \$10,-000,000, and now there is but \$1,000,000 left. To Save the Last Million.

It was to save this from following the rest of his money that the family insisted upon his retirement. "Old Hutch" has been acting queerly for some time. He is not a domestic man, and his methods of life are not conducive to sound physical or mental health. He has accessed in the wildest of health. He has engaged in the wildest of speculations, not only on the Board of Trade, but in realty, and his conduct has repeatedly occasioned unpleasant comment. Hutch's treatment of his wife in money matters, also, had something to do with the threat of putting a conservator in charge of his property. As the story goes Mrs. Hutchinson, when abroad about a year ago, needed some funds and made a draft on her husband for \$1,000. Hutchinson, however, refused to honor the drait, and declined to make an explanation. Mrs. Hutchinson, when East a few weeks ago, again drew on

Hutchinson has been the biggest and boldest speculator the Board of Trade has ever known. He was born in Massachu-setts. His only early advantage was a common school education, and his first business venture was as a shoe dealer in his native place back in the '40s. The business failed and its proprietor drifted out West, but within a few years, when he had established himself as a successful man in Chicago, he returned to Gloucester, and though protected by the lapse of time and the land established himself as which followed himself as the land to the lapse of time and the land established himself. the legal settlements which followed his mercantile disaster, loyally paid his early creditors the balance of their claims, with

Hard Work for Him to Quit. The name of "Old Hutch" applies to him The name of "Old Hutch" applies to him by right, as he is nearly 70 years of age. It seems, however, to have originated as a peculiar distinction between him and his eldest son, Charles Hutchinson, who has been President of the Board of Trade and head of the Corn Exchange Bank. The New England physique and physiognomy are prominent in "Old Hutch," as well as the Yankee intellect. He is tall and spare, with the sharp, shrewd features of the New England type. Those who know Hutch will say that the spirit for trading is still strong within him and that nothing but the fear that his family will carry out the threat fear that his family will carry out the threat to apply for a conservator keeps him to his

Very naturally the greatest secrecy has been observed in this settlement of the delicate question involved. The grain magnate whereabouts are unknown to business ass ciates. The action of the family interrupted by the compromise is but the culmination of talk that has been quietly prevalent on the

#### A BLUE GUM NEGRO'S BITE.

It Proves Fatal to a Colored Farmer and

Creates a Scare. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 22.-Nimple Brown, a prosperous colored farmer of St. Matthews, Orangeburg county, some time ago got into a fuss with a "blue gum" negro named Tom Simmons, and in the fight which followed. Brown was bitten on the finger by Simmons. In a little while the finger began to swell, and it was not long be ore gangrene set in. On Sunday Brown died. Coroner Dukes was summoned and an inquest was held here to-day over the

dead body.

Drs. Able and Able, who conducted the post mortem examination, say that Brown's death was caused by the bite and that the bite of a "blue gum" negro in nearly every case proves fatal. The negroes here are excited over the death of Brown, and with the eccustomed superstition peculiar to them. imagine all manner of strange things. A negro with a "blue gum" is now a terror to

#### DEPORTATION OF CHINESE.

The Southern Pacific Railroad Receives Contract From the Government. WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 .- The Secretary of Treasury has approved of a proposition of G. B. Williams, made on behalf of the Southern Pacific Company, to transport Chinese intended for deportation from Seat-tle or Tacoma, Wash., to San Francisco by rail and thence to Kongkong by steamer, at \$51 each, which sum is to include food for the entire journey and adequate guard between Seattle and San Francisco.

The Treasury has requested the Attorney General to instruct United States Marshals to turn over to the company designated all Chinamen intended for deportation, and to have a deputy marshal accompany them to

#### THE EXPOSITION IN JAMAICA.

of It Sent to Foreign Governmen but No Official Invitations.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 .- General Michael Butt Howson, formerly a resident of Democrats, the latter to have the organiza- Mississippi, but who has lived here for some time, explained semi-officially to-day that the British Government never sends formal invitations to any country to be represented at any Exposition within the British dominions, unless such Exposition is actually organized by the British Government. A notice simply announcing that an Ex-osition was to be held at Kingston, Jamaica, was sent to the Government at Washington by the British Government, at the same time a similar notice was sent to Governments of other countries.

#### CLEVELAND ON NEGRO EDUCATION. He Contributes \$25 to a Proposed Col School in Mississippi.

VICKSBURG, Jan. 22 .- The following letter from ex-President Cleveland to Hon. Isaac Montgomery, of Bolivar county, Miss., will be published to-morrow: Isaac H. Montgomery. Esq.:

Mr. Henry F. Downing has put in my hands rour letter to him in relation to the school for the instruction of colored children at your home. The condition you describe has arrested my attention, and the projects you have
in hand for the improvement of your people interest me so much that I feel like aiding
you, though it must be to but a
slight extent. I have an idea that
opportunities for education and practical information among the colored population are

most necessary to the proper solution of the race question in the South. At any rate, it seems to ne to be of the utmost importance that if our colored boys are to exercise in their mature years the right of citizenship, they should be fitted to perform their dutres intelligently and thoughtfully.

I hope that in the school you seek to establish, the course of teaching will be directed to this end. Inclosed please find my check for \$25, which I contribute with hearty wishes for success of your patriotic and praiseworthy undertaking. Yours very truly.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

AN INDUSTRIAL UNION.

FARMERS' ALLIANCES AND KNIGHTS OF LABOR IN COUNCIL. Basis of Agreement for a Confederatio

Agreed On-A Welding Together of Many Organizations Into One Big Body-The St. Louis Platform Adopted. WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 .- A meeting of

he representatives of the Committee on Federation of the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union was held here to-day, in conformity with the instructions of the Ocola conference. Grand Master Workman Powderly and his Executive Committee were present. Organization was perfected by the elec-

Organization was perfected by the elec-tion of Ben Terrill, of Texas, as Chairman, and G. L. Gantt, of Georgia, as Secretary. The organizations represented were the Knights of Labor, the Colored Farmers' Alliance, the National Farmers' Alliance and Farmers' Union and the Citizens' Alliance. Representatives from three other or-ganizations are expected to-morrow. A committee on business was appointed, consisting of Livingston, of Georgia; Wright, of Pennsylvania; Humphries, of Texas, and Wild, of Washington City. After a long discussion a formal agreement, looking to the confederation of the different organizations, was reached on the following

First—A confederation.
Second—A Joint Committee on Confederation of five from each organization, which shall represent this Confederation.
Third—Each organization shall be entitled to as many votes as it has members who are legal voters in State or National elections.
Fourth—The St. Louis platform shall be the basis.

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Fifth—Each shall stand pledged to assist when possible in all local efforts to better the condition of our people.

Sixth—Fraternal delegates or correspondence shall never be denied the one by the other so long as the Confederation exists.

Seventh—The Joint Committee on Confederation shall have the power by a majority to vote to admit other organizations, with similar objects, upon application.

Eighth—When plans are agreed upon by the Joint Committee on Confederation for mutual co-operation, each organization shall be bound to support said plans fully and cheerfully.

Ninth—Expenses accruing on account of the Joint Committee on Confederation shall be defrayed by their respective organizations, as they may be incurred by each.

Tenth—The Joint Committee on Confederation shall have power to adopt such by-laws for the government of the joint committee as they deem best

he government of the joint committee as they NOT HAMILTON'S, BUT MANN'S WIFE. Doubt as to the Proof of Robert's Death

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 .- This afternoon Surrogate Ransom decided that the marriage of Eva L. Hamilton to Robert Ray Hamilton was void, and that Eva is still the wife of Joshua J. Mann. The Surrogate, after hearing testimony a

Delays a Decision.

to the execution of Hamilton's will, said that of the factor the will he had been satis-fied, but he was not satisfied with the proof of death. Counsel asked for a commission to exam ine witnesses who had seen Hamilton's body, and pending their report the Surro-gate said he would mark the case "Reserved generally," with the petition to come in at any time with the required evidence.

#### STRADDLED A STATE LINE.

Sawed Off by Police Officers. KANSAS CITY, Jan. 22.-Street Commis sioner Patterson, of Kansas City, Kan., and which will move eastward and produce clearing his corps of workmen, yesterday sawed off and tore down the Kansas end of the notorious Bill Lewis' saloon. The Missouri end

is left standing, yawning and bleak. The saloon stood on the State line of Kansas and Missouri, and Lewis ran the place without a license. The exact location of the line was never determined until yesterday, and Lewis, when arrested by the officers one State, always claimed to be doing busi ness in the other. Yesterday the State line was definitely located.

ACQUITTED OF MANSLAUGHTER. A Lake Vessel Captain on Trial for Care lessly Causing a Collision. MILWAUKER Jan. 22 .- Captain Occeling of the Fearless, which ran down the fishing schooner Seabird, and caused the drowning of Captain Rennferdt, of the latter, was today acquitted.

It was claimed that Captain Oereling's

#### carelessness caused the accident, and the charge was manslaughter. MESSES. VILAS AND SPOONER.

They Are Respectively the Democratic and Republican Senatorial Nominees MILWAUREE, WIS., Jun. 22 .- In the joint Democratic legislative caucus at Madison, to-day, William F. Vilas, Postmaster General and Secretary of the Interior under Cleveland, was nominated for United States Senator. The election takes place Tuesday. The Republicans will cast a complimentary vote

#### for Mr. Spooner. THE BRAZILIAN TROUBLES.

The Ministerial Crisis Will Probably Be Satisfactorily Arranged. RIO JANEIRO, Jan. 22 .- M. Benjamin Constant, Minister of War, died to-day, In political circles here the belief is generally expressed that the ministerial crisis

ment will soon be effected.

Making Full Time Again. The steel smelting department of the Black Diamond Steel Works, on Thirty-second street, which has been shut down for the past two woeks, owing to the scarcity of gas, resumed operations last night, with a full complement of men.

#### TID-BITS OF NEWS.

Brief Notes, of Passing Interest Gleaned

Everywhere by Wire. MRS. ANDREW CARNEGIE, at New York, lectared out of danger.

CLARA LAVELLA, a leading pranist composer of America, is dead at Boston. FUERSOT'S INSTITUTE, College Point, L. I., was damaged \$20,000 by fire yesterday; insur-ance, \$4,500.

LEBARAGA, alias Maynard, a notoriou horse thief wanted in Detroit, is under arrest at Brantford, Ont. THE funeral of Charles Justin Jones. vesterday, and the remains were started to Cleveland. of the New York Times, occurred in New York

EIGHT-YEAR-OLD FRANK EDWARDS WE

Skiwinski, a New York salesman, was en gaged to a Huntingdon, Pa., girl. She wrote him breaking the engagement, and resterday he went to her town and hanged himself. AT Rochester Wednesday night, John Miller ness by his 28-year-old son, stabbed him four times and fatally. The son is dead. The father arrested.

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TEMPERATURE. PITTSBURG, Jan. 22. The United States Signal Service officer in this city furnishes the following: 

SPECIAL WEATHER BULLETIN.

Fair Temperature Condition Moving This

SNOWS, WESTERLY WINDS, STATIONARY

Way From Manitoba. PREPARED FOR THE DISPATCE. The low barometric area which extended along the Mississippi Valley on Wednesday, formed a storm center yesterday over Virginia and Maryland. Heavy rains fell in the Middle and North Atlantic States inland to the lake region and north to Boston; thence north and west the precipitation was snow, extending to the west shore of Lake Michigan and north to Quebec. A high barometric area, or fair weather condition, appeared in Manitoba curred on the Atlantic coast. The wind will increase from the Northwest to-day, and will

#### blow heavy guns on the Atlantic coast from Hatteras to Boston.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAMS TO THE DISPATCH.1 MORGANTOWN—River 9 feet 6 inches and rising. Weather cloudy. Thermometer, 42° at 4 P. M. BROWNSVILLE—River 12 feet 3 inches and rising. BROWNSVILLE-River 12 feet 3 inches and rising.
Weather cloudy. Thermometer, 35° at 6°. M.
WARREN-River 1.7 feet and falling. Weather
cloudy and moderate.
CINCINNATI-River 21 feet 3 inches and falling.
Cloudy and coid.
CAIRO-River 25.2 feet and falling. Fair and

cool.

LOUISVILLE—River falling: 9 feet 3 inches in canal, 8.4 on falls, 20.6 foot of locks. Business good. Weather clear and cool. Light snow last night, and more threatened.

EVANSVILLE—River 22 feet 2 inches and falling. Cloudy.

MEMPHIS—River failen 4 inches. Clear.

ALLEGHENY JUNCTION—River 7 feet and rising.

MEMPHIS—River up 3 feet 7 inches. Cloudy and bleasant.

## WHEELING-River 9 feet 6 inches and rising. Clear and cold.

THE FACTIONS IN COLORADO. Wiser Counsels Prevail, and the Supreme Court Will Decide Matters. DENVER, Jan. 22.-There was a decidedly quiet air around the House of Representatives this morning. Affairs livehed considerably when the members of the combine met. The combines proceeded to regular business. Seventeen bills were introduced, but there being no committees to consider them, they were laid on the Clerk's desk until such committees

# laid on the Clerk's dest until such committees are appointed. A resolution passed the Senate recommending ex-Senator Tabor as Colocado's Commissioner to the World's Fair. The members who were early on the floor expressed the opinion that both factions would now await the decision of the Supreme Court, although several intimated that it "wasn't their way;" they would not consider it final by any means. There was no quorum present when the House met, and an adjournment was taken until tomorrow.

NINE FRUITLESS BALLOTS. The North Dakota Legislature Has Not Yet Elected a Senator.

BISMARCK, N. D., Jan. 22.—The Legislature took nine ballots for United States Senator to-day without result. Pierce had 19 votes in the last five ballots, and Hansbrough 25 on the last two. The Democrats voted steadily for McCormack.

SMALL SCRAPS OF LOCAL NEWS.

THE Dunn temperance meeting at the standard Theater last night was largely at-Standad. Mr. Dunn read the Scriptures and Cantain Barbour led in the prayers. The Moorhead Union Choir furnished the melody for the occasion, and several short speeches were made by pledge signers. Ar the meeting of the Botanical Society, last

evening, an interesting paper was read on the travels of Peter Kalm, who was sent by Linuareus to study the Flora of the United States, and in honor of whom Kalmia was THE Fifteenth Ward Republican Club social session did not prove a social success last night because of the limited number present, and they shook hands and adjourned. AN alarm from box 36 about 7 o'clock last

J. Rain and thaw caused a rush of water that carried him in. seventh ward, who has been on the sick list for some time, is attending to business again. THERE was a crime famine out Penn avenue last night. Not an arrest was made in the district up to it o'clock. OLIVER STINSON, of Halpin, Rennedy & Co., is a candidate for Gas Inspector. THE Grocers' Association wants a Sealer of Weights and Measures.

> TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY. POSITION - YOUNG MAN (26) WANTS POSI-TION as time keeper or weighman; experi-enced; reference given, Address F. S. B., Dis-

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