## THE FOURTH EDITION

Of a Series of Enjoyable Banquets Given by the Pittsburg Press Club.

### A LONG FLOW OF ORATORY.

No Limit Placed on the Speeches, and They Were Quite Numerous.

POETRY THAT MEANT SOMETHING

Made Use of br Men Who Know What Constitutes Rhythm.

## VERY PLEASANT DOUBLE BILL OF FARE

The newspaper men took a few hours off last evening, and instead of preparing gems of news for their readers, showed their appreciation for a good supper, and later listened to the wit and wisdom that had been stowed away in the minds of the speakers for the fourth annual banquet of the Pittsburg Press Club.

It was a thrifty looking crowd of men who gathered in the parlors at the Hotel Duquesne, and from 6 o'clock to 7:30 they came

improvement, and the discussion became more general.

#### The March to the Banquet Hall.

In the trip to the banquet hall a line of march was formed, and, as usual on occasions where an attack is to be made, the newspaper correspondents were in front, and the members of the military gunpowder club, with the captain in command, brought up the rear. The strains of a march from the corridor in which Gernert's Orchestra was concealed helped somewhat to keep the pewspaper men in line, and there was some show of a march at the fore, though the soldiers in the rear straggled somewhat,

Upon their arrival around the tables every man was voted a prince of good fellows, and in honor of his splendid position was decorated with the rose, a magnificent white one having been placed at the plate of each for the occasion.

Nor were they the only places where roses might be found, for the larger places were where flowers were instead of where they were absent. The decorations under the skilful management and direction of Messrs. J. R. & A. M. Murdock were the most protuse. They filled every nook and corner of the room, hung on the walls, the tables were strewn, and in some instances the splendid roses fell on the floor.

Arrangement of the Tables. At the further end of the banquet hall was a long table, behind which the men of acknowledged brain force sat and beamed down on the slightly lesser lights who, themselves, only know of their magnificent brain power and ability to run a newspaper-if

who occupied places like ciphers, because there was room.

When the less favored sat and from their positions tried to look interestedly at those lined along the table, their eyes continually wandered to the beautiful decorations in the background, because their verdancy was not greatly disgingted by the figures in froot. It would be flatly to say a charm, was added by these figures, for a red rose is always more beautiful than a red mustache, and a large bunch of white illies greatly discounts a hairless head when beauty is concerned, though ladies some times affect to equally admire the latter.

A large mirror would have formed a goodly portion of this background, had not the committee feared the genial President, the Major, might so far forget himself as to look therein and admire what he saw. As a procaution against this danger, it was banked high with green, and over that was extended an arch of the same color, studded here and there with bright red roses.

Beauties of the Floral Decorations.

On the tables all through the room roses and lifes were heaped in the most extravagant profusion, and it looked as though the city must have been stripped of her beauties to add to the charm of this occasion. Tropical verdure, pot plants and every known article in the forists art were to be tound—not somewhere.

pot plants and every known article in the florists art were to be found—not somewhere, but everywhere, for no place was devoid of the died beauties of nature, and apparently every lime was searched to secure that which most charms the beholder.

And then mid all these spienders and the magnificence attendant upon such an occasion the ladies appeared. They were somewhat late, 'tis true, but after their own banquet

they came prepared to sidd greatly to the pleasure of the "stag banqueters" and reign the queens in that imperial bower of beauty and

elegance.

The menu and programme of music and toasts was chronicled in the Scissors, a 3-cent afternoon sheet published for the occasion. As leading events lead all well-regulated newspapers the dioner of course, was to be found at the top of the column in this journal. Though Manager Witherow, of the Duquesne, has been sick, he has kept his eye on the work for this occasion, and none of the details went unattended.

The Scissors, like too many modern American newspapers published for common folks falls into French and for this reason many of the banquetters who have sadly neglected that interesting tongue, consequently fell into second dish on the programme, which goes under the name of Consomme d' Orleans, and as one remarked, a very good dish it was made by a man from New Orleans. a man from New Orleans.

The list of edithes was a long one, and the score or more of waiters was kept on a continual move supplying the lungry—and sometimes thirsty—acceptange the lungry—and sometimes thirsty—acceptange the lungry—and the proper matter to fill space, and do it acceptably. Mr. Witherow promised that nothing would be wanting, even the old English plum pudding finding a place on the table, until it could be consigned hence.

A Hint of the Coming Clubhouse. The center piece of the room was designed by the house pastry cook. The ladies say it made a sweet picture, which is no: to be wondered at, since its composition is entirely of sugar. The piece represents a cottage, from the windows of which streams red, bine and preen lights. The structure is 4 feet long, 4 feetingh and 3 feet in width. On the face and rear walls are engraved "Press, 1891." This beau it illumined the way of those who, by force of the large number, were crowded into the former place, as after the dinner they wandered back into the latter to hear the addresses.

That was only the finest of the pastry pieces, but its magnificence did not oversindow the dozen or so of smaller creations that were to be found on the tables in the different parts of the half. They were of every character, shape and design, and description is simply nundecessary, except that they were the work of the best men to Daquesne's corps affords, and were of the finest of material.

When the coffee was placed before the assembled guests and clubmen the President, Major William Hartzell, said:

Introduction of the Toastmaster.

"I greet you on this tenth anniversary of the Pittsburg Press Clarb. On behalf of its members I bid hearty welcome to our guests, expectably to brothers of the press from abroad who homor us with their presence on this joyceus occasion. I would ent forget our sisters in the prefession, now being entertained at another pace in the city. They are with us here in spirit at least, if not in person, and we The center riece of the room was designed said:
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extend to the ladies our most gracious compliments.

The Pittsburg Press Club, after its trials during the past decade, I may say is in a fairly presperous condition, having new an active membership of about 150, and constantly increasing in number. Its organization and maintenance has been marked by the promotion of fraternal feeling, and other beneficial results have been realized. The assembling in our city of the international Press Convention will mark a red-letter day in the history of our club. The inspiration and encouragement afforded by this event will impel its members to renewed energy, and among its first fruits is likely to be the securing of a clubhouse—a suitable home of our own—where we can carry suitable home of our own-where we can carry out in fuller measure the purposes of the or-

ganization.

"Without further speech from your Chairman—in view of the treat that awaits you in that behalf—I will now introduce to your merciful consideration the clever young gentleman selected to act as toastmaster on this occasion—Mr. George H. Welshons—who now has floor." occasion—Mr. George H. Welshona—who now has the floor."

As is known full well, Mr. Welshons is an inimitable roastmaster, and his witty sayings, and erisp, bright comments in introducing the speakers set the hall a rolling, and kept applianse and laughter rampant. It was well that he should occupy that position that he might shine out in all his beaming effuigence.

## **NEW YORKERS' NOTIONS.**

Metropolitan Editor Sorry He Didn't Live When the Bible Was Published-Newspaper Workers Don't Mold Public Opinion-Humorous Mr. Berri.

Foster Coates was the first New York speaker, and he responded to the toast, "The International League of Press Clubs." Mr. Coates, who was the Permanent Chairman of the Press Club Convention, is so much in love with his profession that he is sorry he wasn't running a newspaper when the Bible was written. "I'd like to have helped the boys get it out," said he, "and then I'd have stolen a march on Pittsburg and formed an International League of Press Clubs my-

quesne, and from 6 o'clock to 7:30 they came in ones and twos, until nearly 250 of them had congregated, ready to show their admiration for a good thing.

Though it was announced that the affair would begin promptly at 6, the first edition was fully an hour and a half late. The leading feature was a treatise on oysters. While the matter was decidedly raw, criticism on the article was extremely friendly, and it was digested by all with rare tact and good humor. Indeed, there was never anything in a first edition so decidedly good, but that which came later showed a marked improvement, and the discussion became "As your deceased presiding officer, I am ex-

Clubs command respect by first respecting ourselves."

Mr. Coates concluded by outlining the work
of the new organization and giving some good
sound advice to the members.

P. J. Hanway, another New Yorker, spoke of
"The Oldest Press Club in the World." He reviewed briefly the history of the New York
club, and then dashed into the proprietors,
claiming that few of the great newspaper owners of the country are practical newspaper
men. Among the theories advanced by Mr.
Hanway was one that the newspaper men are
not the great molders of public opinion they
are claimed to be, because they are seldom permitted to write their own opinion.

A third metropolitan guest was William
Berri, who responded to the toast, "Independent Journalism," in the absence of Hon. A. K.
McCluire. Mr. Berri made a brilliant address,
keeping the guests in a continuous uproar of
laughter. Mr. Berri is one of the brightest
after-dinner talkers in the country.

## OUR NORTHERN NEIGHBORS.

Canadian Guests Respond to Toasts to Their Provinces-They Say We Are One Great Country-Bright Thoughts From Bright

J. B. Boyd, of Toronto, responded to the toast to Canada. He said that while the convention had been good enough to call them neighbors they had gone even further and welcomed them -as brethren. And are and welcomed them as brethren. And are
we not in reality brethren in a very special
sense? Do we not belong to one great fratermity, whose sphere is worldwide, but whose
methous and objects are practically the same?
And may I be permitted, in response to your
cordial toast, to tell you something very briefly
of the history and progress of the branch of
this great newspaper fraternity in the Dominion
of Canada which you have so handsomely recognized at this convention. The Canadian press,
while it cannot compare with yours in members, has had an interesting career.
The speaker gave a brief skerch of Canadian
journalism and the prominent part it has played
in the history of the two countries. One of the
most striking and encouraging signs in the

they only had a chance. Behind this table sat the President: to his left was the toastmaster, while around them were clustered the speakers with pockets bulging with manuscripts, delegates from other cities to the International Press Club Convention, and numerous others who occupied places like ciphers, because there was room.

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that there are, some people who lose their heads on this question.

Some even go so far as to talk war. War, grantlemen, between the United States and Ganada! What an absurdity is this! How much meaning is embodied in that good old Anglo-Saxon word, neighbors. These who are near to each other are not the people of Canada always be near the beople of the United States, not only in the mere proximity of the two countries, but in everything that tends to union, peace and fraternity. There is everything to bring us together. Our interests on this continent is in common with yours. Should we not therefore always live in the closest bonds of friendship? Should not especially be the aim of the newspaper men of the two countries to use their best efforts to foster traternal feeling between the two countries, to do everything to knot closer the bonds of union? Not that political union is necessary or desirable, for Canada has its own destiny to work out. Canadians are looking forward to the day when they too will become a great of the day when they too will become a great work out. Canadians are looking forward to the day when they too will become a grea-nation on the northern part of the continent.

## THE KEYSTONE STATE.

Attorney General Heasel Tells a Great Deal About the Resources of Pennsylvania-Homesick to Be With the Newspaper Men Again-A Wreck.

In the introduction of Attorney General W. U. Hensel, the toastmaster made allusion to his having been in the newspaper business, and being poor at that, turned into the bypaths and fell into the legal profession. After a reply to this accusation, including an apology, Mr. Hensel

as the dividing line between the North and the South. Its mills, factories and other industries are enough to arouse every native and adopted son into enthusiasm."

The speaker then branched into telling some funny reminiscences, and then again returned to the subject of the great State. "It has," said he, "the best regulated railroad and, until recently, the best bossed political party. If there is an occasional wreck on the former, not through mismanagement, two Senators may come together and cause a bad wreck in the latter."

#### THREE TRITE TOPICS.

Pittsburg Journalism, by Henry J. Ford-Judge White Talks for the Judiciary-The Ladics, George W. Boyd-Mr. Smith Was Absent.

The toast, "Pittsburg Journalism," was responded to by Henry J. Ford, who recalled some reminiscences of the early development of the newspapers here, and then went on to state that this city now "supports more healthy newspapers, with larger circulation in propor-

state that this city now "supports more healthy newspapers, with larger circulation in proportion to population than any other patch of territory of its size."

Continuing, Mr. Ford said: "In all the phases of the expansion of American nationality Pittsburg journalism has borne an active and distinguished part. I might justly claim for it as distinctive characteristics breadth of interest and extensiveness of view. The circumstances of the early planting of Pittsburg, and its relation to the development of the western country, incited a broad national comprehension of affairs. This characteristic of national range of sympathy has always been the keynote of Pittsburg journalism. Its conduct was open to criticism, as is that of every important interest, but after all had been said it must be admitted that journalism is impregnably established in a position of peculiar honor. Whatever promotes the weifare of such an institution is of profound importance, and Pittsburg journalism will always regard it as a distinguished honor that it is indissolubly connected with the organization and first meeting of the International League of Press Clubs.

Hon. J. W. F. White was slated for "The Judiciary," and after declaring that "time and tide wait for no man, and a railroad train will wait only for a railroad official," he proceeded with his address. He took occasion to tell wherein the judiciary may have a grievance against some newspapers.

The toast, "The Ladies," was consigned to the cloquent George W. Boyd, and his oratory was Irequently applauded, sometimes by the ladies present, who could see some points which the men were prone to pass unnoticed.

### POINTS ON PITTSBURG.

An Encomium on the Results of Brain and Brawn-A Prominent Manufacturer Comments on the Wonderful Advantages and Industries of the City.

John H. Ricketson responded to the toast, "Pittsburg." He said: "I presume the most agreeable thing I can say to you is that I will be brief. When your committee called upon me to respond to the toost 'Pittsburg' I did my best to induce them to choose a young

upon me to respond to the tost 'Pittsburg' I did my best to induce fhem to choose a young and wittier man to respond to this subject. When they refused to accept any excuse or to relieve me, I begged them to tell ine what to say, and with that readiness so characteristics for the relieve me, I begged them to tell ine what to say, and with that readiness so characteristics for the newspaper profession, they at once said to tell our visitors what a wonderly place we live in geogrambically, physically, in the cross of the committee in asking him to respond that was very witty and was followed by uproarious applause.

Truth, as well as a proper self respect, compels us to admit that, in the development of her natural resources, in the increase of her manufacturing industries, in the growth of population and wealth. Pittsburg thas kept in line with her sister telties throughout the country, and it can be truthfully said that she has done this berself. Outside capital has crept into he best bounds for investment and the smoky atmosphere of our once smoky city; and I am sorry to say that you have had an opportunity of for the country, and their descendants have preserved the characteristics of the hearty, brainy, broad Scotch-firsh, who settled this portion of the country, and their descendants have preserved the characteristics of the hearty, twainy, broad Scotch-firsh, who settled this portion of the country, and their descendants have preserved the characteristics of the hearty, twainy, broad Scotch-firsh, who settled this portion of the country, and their descendants have preserved the characteristics of the hearty, twainy, broad Scotch-firsh, who settled the hearty through the country, and their descendants have preserved the characteristics of the hearty through the provided the provided that the same from the North of Ireland was hardly established the provided the same provided the same

## HINTS OF A HUSTLER.

their present prosperous condition.

Reporters Have Been Brought Very Near to Perfection-His Powers and Responsibilities-The Glory of the Scoop. Hepburn Johns, responding to "The Re-porter," said that he could tell nothing about the reporter that most of the hearers did not know already. No doubt it would

did not know aircady. No doubt it would be interesting to examine the evolution of the reporter, but it would be best to confess modestly that the reporter had been already brought as near to perfection as was consistent with his safety and let it go at that.

The world had missed an awful lot because the reporter had come upon the scene so late in its history. Such important points as the color of Cicero's hair and the cut of Cæsar's toga had been lost on this account.

Mr. Johns then went on to affude to the reporter's joys and sorrows, his powers and re-

Mr. Johns then went on to allude to the reporter's joys and socrows, his powers and responsibilities, his influence and his aversion to piting up millions for his own benefit. The reporter, Mr. Johns contended, had as much need off the Press Club as it had of him, and their destinies were bound together in a glorious union. Nobody was too great or too humble to be a reporter—even ex-Presidents would be welcome in their ranks. With regard to the reporter's joy, what under the sun might be asked could be compared to the subtle intoxicating rapture of a scoop? Prose could hardly do justice to it, and dropping into verse Mr. Johns continued:

When midnight comes and columns still
Are yawning blank and wide.
And: "Say! they're twenty sticks to fill!"
The foreman twice has cried;
The city editor's in tears,
Reporters' spirits croop
Till Smith, the Southside man, appears
And yells: "I've got a scoop!!!"

The man who seeks for hidden gold,
Who probes the land or sea.
May shout with him, the sage of old
"Eureks!" in his glee.
The poet e'en who finds a rhyme,
That fairly makes him whoop,
May howl about it for a time—
"Tis nothing to a "scoop," The fairer, better half of man— Poor darlings!—couldn't know Till recently, as now they can, Our greatest joy below, Indeed the skirted scribe abhors

We know full well the soldier gots
Of glory quite a slice,
And who'd deny that conclettes
Look very, very nice?
Yet when I see a General grim
Anidst a n edalled troop,
I cannot help but pity him—
He never got a "scoop!"

The statesman thinks be knows the taste of glo y-we'll admit
That if a chance occurs he'll haste To get his grip on it.
But when he wakes the nation with, Excuse my French, a coup.
Methinks his glory is beneath The glory of a "scoop."

Where lives the scoop? Ah! who shall say?
"Tis sought by day and night.
And gentle youth grow old and gray
In bringing it to light. To conquer he must stoop. And labor long and silently. To trap the phantom "scoop,"

But, ah! the cestasy! the bilss!
To him who wins and sees
The heavy forms the paper Riss
With big headthes like these:
"Two Vandals Expiate Their Crime Within the Lynchers' Loop,"
And hear the murmar all the time:
"Great Casar! what a scoop!"

And when death comes to bid as go Un board old Charon's sloop, I hope the goutleman below Won't bulletin a scoop!

ames Whiteomb Riley Talks About Our Kind of Man in a Pleasant Way, and Then Turns Him Into Some of His Characteriscie Poetry.

THE HOOSIER POET.

James Whitcomb Riley, the "Hoosier not show such a contract or ugreement, and there ore he dismissed the case.

said Mr. Riley, that he is the universal favorite of all high banqueters who do wreak midnight toasts innumerable upon the cold, dispassionate waiters that have fondly, vainly hoped, that we had gathered thus together to enjoy ourselves. "Our Kind of a Man," then, naturally, when he speaks, is very ant in deed to depend beither upon mem-ory nor manuscript, but to very simply say In closing Mr. Hensel again referred to the greatness of the State, her resources, etc. something pleasant about being reminded of a little story (one absolutely new and fresh), which he proceeds to tell deliciously as well as briefly; and then sits down and stays down, though we jar the plastering loose with our ap-

though we jar the plastering loose with our applanse.

But in our kind of a man there is no "onpuoreness," either of blood, or brain, or morals.

Nor can I resume his praises, but to still leave
untinished the just tribute due. But I will
turn briefly, with your further forbearance, to
a local illustration of our kind of a man, most
happily furnished by your own proud State—
your yet prouder city, since this is his adopted
bome, and your still prouder city, that holds
him as a brother. Therefore, with his simple
name for sponsor, I would read a homely poeu,
inspired by his most wholesome personality,
affectionately inscribed to your beloved friend
and mine and all humanity's:

'Ras Wilson, I respect you, 'cause You're common, like you allins was A fore you went to town and s'orised. The world be gittin' recko'nized,'' And yit p'servin', as I say.
Your common hoss sense ever' way! And yit p'servin', as I say.
Your common hoss sense ever' way! And when that name c' yourn occurs on handbills, er in newspapers.
Er letters writ by Pieuds' at ast A bout you, same as in the past, And neighbers and relations' low You're out o' the tail timber now. And "giftin' there" about as spry's The next!—as I say, when my eyes, Er ears, lights on your name, I mind The first time 'at I come to find The Arst time 'HAS WILSON.

Dad-burn ve'.—Like to Jest haul back
A' old flat-hander, Jest che-whack!
And take you 'twixt the shoulders, say,
Sometime you're lookin' tother way!—
Er, mayby while you're speakin' to
A whole hiame court house 'full o' 'thuSlastic friends, I'd like to Jest
Come in-like and break up the nest
A fore you hatched another cheer.
And say: 'Ras, I can't stand hitched here
All night-nor wouldn't e'I could!—
But Little Ecthel neighborhood,
I ou ust to live at, 's sent some word
Fer you, ef any chance occurred
To git It to you—so ef you

You're common, as I said afore— You're common, yit uncommon more— You alius kindo' pear to me, What ali mankind had ort to be— Jest natchurl, and the more hurraws You git, the less you know the cause— Like as ef God Hisself stood by, Where best on earth hain't half knee-high, And seein'-like and knowin' He 'S the only Great Man, really, You're jest content to size your height With any feller-man's in sight:— And even then they's scrube, like me, Feels stuck-up, in your company!

Like now—I want to go with you
Plum out o' town—a mile or two
Clean past the Fair-ground—where's some hi
O' pennyroil er peppermint,
And bottom-lands, and timber thick
Enough to sorto' shade the crick!
I want to see you—want to set
Down somers, where the grass haint wet,
And kindo' breathe you. like puore air—
And taste o' your tobacker there.
And task and chaw! Talk o' the birds
We've knocked with cross-bows.—Afterwards
Drap, mayby, into some dispute
'Bout 'pomgrannics,' or cat'mus-root—

## SORRY THEY COULDN'T COME.

Letters of Regret From Others Who Were Invited-Only One Journalism in the Land-A Chicago Editor's Friendly

A number of letters of regret were read during the evening by W. C. Connelly, Jr. Among the most notable was the following from A. K. McClure, editor of the Philadelphia Times:

"I would gladly join you all at the Press Club banquet, but it is simply impossible. I so telegraphed you yesterday, and have dispatches from you and Chairman Keenan this morning. There is no sentiment that so little needs either speech or letter as that of 'Independent Journalism.' Indeed, there is no practically no other journalism in this land of free schools and free newspapers. There are journals driveling along and keeping alive to save funeral expense, but the only journalism that is either respected or that is a factor in working public opinion as the independent

Howspaper."
Governor Pattison sent the following reply to his invitation to be present: "Important official engagements render it impossible for me to come. I sincerely regret that I caunot

Ex-President Cleveland wrote: "I desire to

Ex-President Cleveland wrote: "I desire to return my thanks to the Pittsburg Press Club for the courteous invitation I have received to attend a banquet to be given by the club on the 29th instant. I regret that my engagements will not permit me to be present. I hope the occasion will be a most pleasant one to those who participate."

James W. Scott, of the Chicago Herald, replied as follows:
"I regret exceedingly that it will be impossible for me to accept the invitation to attend the fourth annual banquet on January 29. I hope the occasion will be an enjoyable one, and that the efforts of the Pittsburg Press Club to bring the members of all press clubs into closer relations will be successful. With thanks for the hour conferred upon me by the invitation."

thanks for the honor conferred upon me by the invitation."

Mr. Andrew Carnegie, one of the only two honorary members of the club, replied through his private secretary, P. W. Finnegan: "Mr. Carnegie has received your kind invitation to be present at the fourth annual banquet of the Pittsburg Press Club, and directs me to state that owing to other engagements—and especially one on the date mentioned in your invitation—he will be compelled to decline the honor and for ero the pleasure which the acceptance of your invitation would give him."

Congressman Dalzell was too busy to leave Washington, and wrote: "I am in receipt of invitation from the Pittsburg Press Club to attend their fourth annual hanquet, to be given at the Hotel Duquesne, Pittsburg, January 29, 1891. I appreciate your kindness in sending me this jnvitation, and very much regret that under present circumstances it will be impossible for me to be with you on that occasion."

Other letters were read from Senator M. S. Quay, General Schofield, U. S. A.; Chief Justice Fuller, of the United States Supreme Court; Chief Justice Paxton, of the State Supreme Court; Vice President Levi P. Morton and R. F. Jones.

#### AN ALIEN CONTRACT DECISION. The Prepayment of an Emigrant's Passage Not of Itself Unlawful.

the case of the United States versus Henry C. Edgar, for alleged violation of the alien contract law. Edgar is lessee of the Glendale Zine Works, of this city, and was charged with prepaying the passage of two aliens from Bristol, Eng., to St. Louis, under contract to work for the defendant.

The aliens did not land, but were sent back to England. The Judge held that it is not unlewful to prepay the transportation of an alien, unless at the time of such prepayment the alien is then "under contract."

payment the alien is then "under contract or agreement to perform labor or service in the United States;" that the petition did

## Kind of Man." It may be recorded of him, said Mr. Riley, that he is the universal THE PRICE TOO BIG.

J. S. Covey Declines to Pay \$5,000 for the Young Local Trotter.

JOHN SPLAN ENGAGED TO DRIVE.

the Bierbauer and Tebean Cases. EXCITING POOL MATCH IN THE RINK.

What promised to be an interesting and mportant horse sale was completely killed | CLOAK AND CURTAIN yesterday. J. S. Coxey, of Eminence, Ky., arrived in the city with the intention of buying Ironwood, the trotting horse owned by James Mucafee and trained by Mr. Samuel Keys. Ironwood is a good and promising trotter, as local patrons of the track know. Messra. Keys and Macafee wanted \$5,000 for the gelding, and this was too much for Mr. Coxey to pay. His great objection to Ironwood was the fact that the horse is a gelding, and Mr. Coxey thought \$5,000 too big a figure for a trotter of that kind. The deal is, therefore, completely off.

Mr. Coxey stated, during a conversation yes-

terday, that he has engaged John Splan to drive his horses this year. Mr. Coxey's two principal goers are Acolyte, 2:20, a trotting stallion, and Emma, a pacer, record 2:1634. Mr. Coxey is Emma, a pacer, record 2:16½. Mr. Coxey is certain that each horse can improve its record if under the care of a good driver. It is thought that the stallion can reduce his mark to 2:15. At any rate Mr. Coxey thinks that can be done and will try to have it accomplished. Emma, he says, ought to get to 2:12. She did very poorly last year.

H. B. Rea sold a young trotter yesterday to a local buyer. Prices are still keeping high and one or two important sales are pending.

A local horseman stated yesterday that a day or two ago he met Harry Price in Cleveland, and that during a conversation Mr. Price stated that he is sure the new running circuit will be a ge. The local authority sand: "Harry is enthusiastic about it and is sure that there will be a ge. The local authority said: "Harry is enthusiastic about it and is sure that there will be
running races at Cieveland, Buffalo, Detroit
and Pittsburg this year. The only questionable points of ar is Pittsburg, because of the
anti-pool selling law in operation. But this
law, it is expected, will be changed. At any
rate, Mr. Price is certain that there will be a
good running meeting here."

## IT WAS VERY EXCITING.

Clearwater and Kuntzsch Commence Their Pool Match for \$200 a Side. Messrs. W. H. Clearwater and G. N. Kuntzsch hegan their pool match last evening in the Grand Central Rink for \$200 a side and the gate receipts. There was a large audience

gate receipts. There was a large audience present and one of the most exciting contests ever seen in this city was witnessed. At various times the audience became so excited that cheers were loud and long.

The contest is being played on a Brunswick & Balke table, 5 by 10. The match consists of 600 balls—that is the player who pockets that number first will be the winner. The contest ants are among the very best pool players in the world and last evening they displayed their skill to perfection. Several times each man nocketed all the 15 balls straight off the reel. The playing was of the best kind and it is safe to say that the contest will be a close one.

Harry Bushart was referee and commenced the match at \$o'clock. Kuntzsch scored first and for the first hour held a good lead. Clearwater then played magnificently and not only overhauled the Syracuse man, but passed him. Kuntzsch fell to the rear and was 42 points behind. Toward the close he showed extraordinary skill and an idea of the excitement may be formed when it is stated that Clearwater was 188 and Kuntzsch 194 and the latter "in play." He had only six balls to get and there were mine on the table scattered all round. But he fell to pleces on a very simple abot and Clearwater soon pocketed two balls making him 200 to Kuntzsch: 194. Even the players got excited at the finish as each made some very bad plays.

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HE IS STILL HOPEFUL. President J. P. O'Neill Talks About the Tebeau and Other Matters.

Mack. Both these players will wear a Pittsburg uniform next season. The National Boar I, if it decides anything in the Bierbauer case, must decide a principle. It cannot consider the skill or value of a particular player. So far as it has jurisdiction it must decide whether John Doe or Richard Roe, under certain conditions, are eligible to sign contracts. The Bierbauer case does not differ from that of any man who may not have been reserved by a club and subsequently sign with another."

Speaking of Tebeau, he said: "The Cleveland club does not want to part with Tebeau unless it can get in exchange players who will unless it can get in exchange players who will strengthen their team. This is a reasonable business proposition. I am not asking charity or assistance for the Pittsburg club. If I can-not offer them an exchange that will satisfy them of course we will not have Tobeau, but I have not given up the negotiations by means."

## MICHIGAN'S MINE HORROR.

IRON MOUNTAIN.

They Are Shut in the Great Chapin Mine Which Is Burning Fiercely-No Possible Chance to Escape-The Origin of the Fire

IRON MOUNTAIN, MICH., Jan. 29 .- At about 6 o'clock this evening a part of the Chapin mine, the largest and most productive in Michigan, caught fire at the sixth level, and at this writing the fire has spread to an alarming extent. Smoke is pouring from four of the shafts, and it is feared that serious damage will result.

Eight miners of the day shift are underground and cannot be rescued. They have probably succumbed to the smoke. How the fire started is not known. The tops of the shafts are being covered to prevent air entering the mine, and it is hoped by this means to amother the flames.

A later dispatch says the fire has extended and all the shafts are closed down. The eight men have no possible chance to es-

A PARTISAN FIGHT.

## It Causes the Failure of an Attempt to Oust an Official. TERCIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 29.—A partisan fight in the Ohio Senate this evening resulted in the deteat of the bill to oust "tin-tag" Stevens, the Comptroller at Cincinnati. The Republicans only had 17 members, and 19 is a constitutional majority, hence the bill was defeated. The majority, hence the bill was deleated. The nine Democrats voted against the measure, and the Scante was declared adjourned, to prevent, the Republicans from doing any more damage. The Scante has adopted the resolution to investigate the management of the penitentiary, and the committee will be appointed to-morrow. appointed to-morrow,
The bill to abolish the State Board o

Pardons occupied the attention of the House all day. It was supported by the author in St. Louis, Jan. 29.—Judge Thayer this morning handed down an important decision in the United States District Court in the case of the United States versus Hamiltonian and the case of the United States versus Hamiltonian and the case of the United States versus Hamiltonian and the case of the United States versus Hamiltonian and the case of the United States versus Hamiltonian and the case of the United States versus Hamiltonian and the case of the United States versus Hamiltonian and the case of the United States versus Hamiltonian and the case of the United States versus Hamiltonian and the case of the United States versus Hamiltonian and the case of the United States District Court in the case of the United States District Court in the case of the United States District Court in the case of the United States District Court in the case of the United States District Court in the United States District Court in the Court in the

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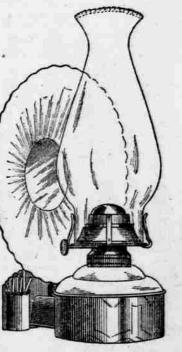
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