Nikirk Makes a Reply.

sign articles."

Nikirk states that he has offers to go East and take part in half utile races. It is to be hoped that he and McClelland will come to terms one way or another.

Will Fight a Catch Weight.

Wants to Fight Grant.

Sam Barkley's Troubles.

Sporting Notes.

THERE is a letter at this office for Jim McCov.

It is stated that Joe Visner does not intend to play baseball any more.

THE DIE IS CAST.

The Canadian Government Dissolves Parlia

ment and Gives Reasons.

TORONTO, Feb. 3.-The Empire, the chief

organ of the Dominion Government, announced

this morning that, acting on the advice of his responsible Ministers, His Excellency, the

the House of Commons and issue writs for a

new Parliament. The nominations will take

place Thursday, February 26, and the polling

on Thursday, March 5. As the reasons which have induced the Government to appeal to the country at this time the Empire gives the fol-

A JUDGE WITH A PISTOL.

Burglars.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 3.-Two burgiars were

pistol.

John Farley, a colored man, one of the thieves, was mortally wounded.

DR. PIERCES

GOLDEN MEDICAL

DISCOVERY

THE ONLY

TALK IS CHEAP.

but it will only take a minute in which to state a few facts, that, if heeded

vernor General, has been pleased to dissolve

Receives a Set-Back by Being Postponed Several Days in Committee.

STANDARD'S HAND IN IT.

Oil Producers Anxious to Have the Bill Considered Immediately.

WHY REFINERS OPPOSE THE PLAN

The Membership of the Commission to Revise the Mining Laws.

A DISPUTE ABOUT ITS COMPOSITION

HARRISBURG, Feb. 3.-The Burdick oil bill received something of a setback this afternoon. The Corporations Committee of the House postpoued further consideration Mr. Burdick and his backers in anything but a happy frame of mind. An early place on the House calendar would have been of great value to the measure.

By the move of to-day another hundred of bills will probably come out of committees and secure positions on the calendar in adand secure positions on the calendar in advance of the pipe line law. Delay is always dangerous, and there is no telling how far on the close of the session may find the the Burdick bill unless the committee stirs its stumps.

A Plea for Immediate Action. Hon. J. W. Lee, of Bradford, President of the Producers' Protective Association, appeared before the Corporations Committee this afternoon on behalf of the Burdick bill. He told the committee that there was no objection among oil producers to the proposed aw and that for that reason the com

need not delay the measure for the sake of He asked on behalf of the producers of Pennsylvania that the committee report it favorably to the House at an early day, so that it may get to the House at an early day, so that it may get a good place on the calendar. After President Lee retired the committee held an executive session, and it was then they decided to have no turther hearing on the bill until a week from next Thursday. It cannot be learned upon whose motion this action was taken.

The friends of the measure declare it is a movement in the interests of the opposition, and that if the Standard Oil Company wants to be heard they should send representatives at once. Mr. Lea states to your correspondent that the oil producers, at their hig meeting in Warren last Friday, gave the bill their indorsement.

The officers of the P. P. A. besides Mr. Lea are as follows: Vice President, Colonel Rufus Scott, Wellsville, N. Y.; Treasurer, R. J. Strait, of Bradford, Pa.; Secretary, J. R. Goldsorough, Bradford: Executive Board, Lewis Emery, Sr., Bradford; A. D. Wood, Warren; ler: A. M. Todd, Washington. Mr. Lea says this shows the character of the men who are back of this pipe line law. The Burdick bill is the one they prefer. They do not lay claim to parentage of the Showalter bill in the Senate, although Senator Showalter says to-day that the producers, together with Mr. Lea, are in favor of a law restricting the price of pipeage no matter which one it is.

One of the rumors that reached Harrisburg to-day is that the oil refluers on the seaboard are arrayed against the bill because it will build up reducing in the oil region, and thus ler; A. M. Todd, Washington, Mr. Lea says

build up refining in the oil region, and thus ruin their establishments. This would be accomplished by the greater charge provided in the Burdick bill for pipeage over 50 miles.

THE SCHOOL TEXTBOOK TRUST.

Members Anxious to Appear Before the Special Committee.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT. ? HARRISBURG, Feb. 3.-A representative of the American School Textbook Publishing Company, of New York, which is the textbook trust, was in the city to-day. So were several other textbook men. They are busy introducing themselves to the members of that special committee from the House Educational Committee appointed to investigate the allegations that the trust has put up the prices of

committee appointed to investigate the allegations that the trust has put up the prices of
books upon the pupils of the public schools. A
concurrent resolution passed both branches of
the Lerislature to-day, enlarging the committee
and giving it power to proceed with its duties.
A meeting will be held this week.
A startling fact already developed by some
members of this sub-committee is that it is not
all the fault of the trust among book publishers
that prices are high. In some instances it has
been ascertained that the retail dealers in large
cities make a profit of nearly 100 per cent. Mr.
Scott, of Williamsport, the representative of
the trust referred to, told a member of the
committee that for this reason the company
would cheerfully aid the committee in its investigations. They will appear before it, and
let it have access to their books. It is not probable that this Legislature will adopt the colossal
idea of buying or printing school books for free
distribution in the public schools. The sentiment in the Educational Committee is parhaps
a fair index to the temper of the House on
that subject. That leans toward school boards
in towiships buying text books in buils, and
then selling them to pupils at a uniform price.
This is done in Huntingdon county now, and is
said to work well. It prevents the middleman
or retail dealer from reaping big profus from
the school children. Of course, the boards
could have the power to supply poor children
free of charge.

THE FIRST BILL PASSED.

A Long Session in Prospect Unless Legislators Work Harder. IFROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 2-It is exactly one month since the Legislature convened, and to-day the House passed its first bill on final reading. This slow progress is alarming many persons, who fear that the session will extend far into the summer, unless hurried up. James L. Graham, of Allegheny, profits by his large ex-perience at the Capitol, and to-day took the first steps toward stirring up the Legislature to a sense of its idleness.

He moved that an afternoon session be held

to-may for the purpose of getting rid of some of the bills on first reading. There are perhaps a hundred bills at this stage of the calendar. There was a disposition to oppose the move-ment, but Mr. Graham said it was necessary and his motion was carried. The result was a solid day's work on the part of the House. The first bill to pass the House finally, as men-tioned above, was one introduced by Flickin-ger, of Erie. It directs the appointment of official stenographers in courts.

AGAINST FREIGHT REBATES.

The Provisions of Mr. Seanor's New Anti-Discrimination Bill.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT, I HARRISBURG, Feb. &.- The bill introduced in the House to-day by Mr. Seanor, of Indiana county, to enforce article 3 of section 17 in the Constitution, is the same anti-discrimination bill fathered in the session of 1889 by Mr. Wherry. It is well known in its scope, providing a penalty of \$2,000 for any railroad official who shall grant rebates, drawbacks or other freight privileges to one shipper to the detri-

freight privileges to one shipper to the detriment of another.

The prospects for its favorable consideration in this Lerislature are not flattering. On the first gathering of the Senate this year a resolution by Mr. Hines to appoint a committee to investigate rumors that this article of the Constitution is widely violated was killed after some complatic utterances by leaders on the Republican side to the effect that the subject was a cheatnut. The House bill goes to the proper committee.

THE GENERAL ROAD LAW.

An Appropriation of a Million Dollars Is

the purpose of building permanent roads that the counties and townships will be expected to contribute to the permanent roads from their

local taxation.

In each county there will be an engineer elected to have general charge of all road building, and in each township the supervisors will be elected. They will choose the foremen of the road gangs and pay them by the day. The commission which has been engaged in drawing up the bill thinks it is exceptionally strong. It will neet with opposition, however, on the part of the economical farmer, who cannot bring himself to overlook the first cost of a great improvement. There will be considerable discussion in the House over the attempt to abolish the system of working out the taxes,

MINING LAW REVISION.

SENATE AND HOUSE DISAGREE AS TO THE COMMISSION

The Former Wants That Body to Be Con posed of Eight Mine Owners, Four Miners and Four Inspectors-Conference Committee Likely to Be Chosen.

IFROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT. HARRISBURG, Feb. 3 .- The House and Senate have disagreed upon a subject of great importance to Western Pennsylvania. The resolution providing for the appointment of a commission to revise the laws re-lating to the safety of the lives of miners in the bituminous coal regions as passed by the House provided that the commission should be composed of eight miners, four mine own of it until February 12. This delay leaves ers and four mine inspectors. The Senate amended this by making the number eight mine owners, four miners and four mine in

In this shape the resolution came back to the House to-day. P. Kane, of Fayette county, at once moved to non-concur in the Senate amendments. He declared these amendments place the coal miners of Western Pennsylvania

plished.
Several other speeches of a like import were made, and the motion to non-concur in the amendments was adopted by a unanimous vote. The resolution now goes back to the Senate, and if that body refuses to recede from the northing a conference will be Senate, and if that body reluses to the senate will be its position a committee of conference will be appointed. This is an entirely different companies the West on from that now investigating the West moreland county mine disaster. To-day the Governor sent to the House a communication which he received from J. B. Rae, Robert Watchern, Peter Wise and C. M. Parker, officers of the United Mine Workmen of America, calling attention to the Mammoth mine disaster and the need for better mining

MANY BILLS INTRODUCED.

of the More Important Measure Submitted in the Two Houses. SPECIAL TELEGRAN TO THE DISPATCE.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 2.—In the Senate to-day bills were introduced as follows: Meck, Center, basing the granting of retail liquor licenses on basis of population, author-izing 1 license for every 700 inhabitants. Smith, Lancaster, extending the time for

Smith, Lancaster, extending the time for the completion of rallroads began under special or general legislation.

Robbins, Westmoreland, enlarging power of Chief Burgess and other officers of boroughs relative to the punishment of offenders. Also enlarging the limit of taxation.

McDonald, Lackawanna, prohibiting any officer or person except the County Treasurer or his legalized deputy from receiving any fines, fees or costs in criminal cases.

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Laubach. Northhampton, providing that wholesale liquor dealers, brewers, distillers, manufacturers, rectifiers, compounders, store-keepers, agents and bottlers be authorized to make deliveries imany county in which the sale of liquor is not prohibited.

After a brief discussion of Neeb's bill requiring nurderers to be hanged in the Eastern and Western penitentiaries, it was unanimously passed and ordered to be sent to the House for concurrence.

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Johnson, Luzerne, to protect the revenues of the State by preventing fire itsurance companies incorporated by other States and foreign countries from taking risks except by agents and officers residing in Pennsylvania, Also enabling taxpayers of townships and road districts to contract for making, at their expense, roads, and paying of officers of road district officers.

Fow Philadelphia to abolish the collateral

officers.

Fow, Philadelphia, to abolish the collateral inheritance tax on all bequests to public or private charities.

Boyer, Daupile, providing for separate assessment of land values and exemption of im-

provements and personal property from taxation.

Nesbit, Allegheny, to bring mutual fire insurance companies of other States within the jurisdiction of the Insurance Department.

The House considered bills on second reading, when the one had been reached authorizing the assessment and reassessment of the cost of local improvement in second class cities, Mr. Cotton, Allegheny, had it recommitted to committee. All the military appointments made by the Governor vesterday were confirmed, except that of Colonel Henry C. Demming as Quartermaster General, which was laid over on the suggestion of Senator Gobin.

THE GOVERNOR'S VETOES.

He Wakens Up the House By Sending Back

Another Resolution. FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT, 1 HARRISBURG, Feb. 3.—Speaker Thompson decided in the House this morning that no action could be taken on the Governor's veto message in connection with the Cameron Federal elections resolution until notification is received from the Senate of their action, this being a courtesy due the higher body in which

is received from the Senate of their action, this being a courtesy due the higher body in which the matter originated. The clerk had already begun to read the message when he was stopped by the Speaker's announcement. This is the practice, but as no action has been taken in the Senate, it is doubtful how soon the House will hear from that side. Some say the matter will be taken up to-morrow by the Senate.

The second veto of the Governor was received in the House this morning with applause. He returned without his approval a resolution authorizing the printing of 10,000 copies of his inaugural address. He did this because it is unconstitutional to appropriate money by resolution. It should be by a bill. His message concludes:

"While I appreciate the generous consideration which was intended by the legislative department in the adoption of this resolution, I am fully persuaded that the greatest good will be attained by a disregard of personal feelings, and a strict and undeviating adherence to the mandates of the fundamental and statute laws of the Commonwealth."

Among the Governor's appointments sent in this morning was that of Colonel H. C. Demming, of harrisburg, to be Quartermaster General of the National Guard. At the request of Senator Gobin the appointment was laid over for the present. The other appointments, except two or three notaries public, were confirmed. Senators Gobin, Robbins and other National Guard officers in the Senate are opposed to appointments of this character from persons outside the militia organizations.

SUPERVISION OF SCHOOLS.

A Bill to Empower County Superintendents to Have Assistants. [FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

HARRISBURG, Feb. 3.-The Superintendent of Allegheny County Schools appeared before the House Educational Committee this after-noon on behalf of the bill requiring school directors of any district having not less than 10 schools under their charge or of two or more adjoining districts with not more than 50 schools, to elect a district superintendent, who shall be under the supervision of the county superintendent.

shall be under the supervision of the county superintendent.

This bill was gotten up by Superintendent Hamilton. He claims that a whole county is now so much territory for one man to cover that he only gets around to see each school once and awhile. Better supervision would result from the system proposed in the bill. The committee had originally negatived the bill, but it was recommitted in order to give Mr. Hamilton this hearing. Now the committee will report the bill favorably, but with an amendment leaving this plan at the option of townships. As it read originally it was mandatory.

PAWNEROKERS' INTERESTS.

A Measure to Fix the Rate at Two Per Cent [FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

HARRISBURG, Feb. 8 .- The bill introduced in the Senate by Mr. Markley, of Montgomery, Provided For.

(FRON A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)

HARRISBURG, Feb. 3.—The new general road law is now completed and ready for introduction in the Legislature. It embraces 22 sections. The outline given in The Disparch on Monday morning is substantially correct. An appropriation of \$1,000,000 is provided for. This, when divided among 60 counties, will be so small for

OF INTEREST TO PITTSBURG.

Bills That Are Being Closely Looked After in Committee

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.] HARRISBURG, Feb. 3.-Attorney Rober Frazier, of Pittsburg, appeared before the Judiciary Committee of the Senate this aftersoon on behalf of Senator Neeb's bill, permi ting druggists to sell drugs, proprietary medi-cines and prescriptions on Sunday. As the law now stands a druggist was arrested recently for include soda water or cigars, but simply medicines. Through Mr. Frazier's efforts the bill cines. Through Mr. Frazier's efforts the bill will be reported favorably in the morning. A. C. Robertson, of Pittsburg, appeared before the Judiciary General Committee of the Senate to save the bill for eight-hour days in public institutions. He made an argument which brought the bill out with a favorable recommendation. It had been negatived before, was recommitted, and now goes back to the Senate all right. It was another of Senator Neeb's bills.

The Judiciary Committee of the House will, in the morning, report favorably the two bills of Mr. Cotton, of Pittsburg, allowing judges of the Common Pleas Court in Allegheny county to be assigned to duty in the Court of Quarter Sessions, and punishing the embezziers of funds from unincorporated institutions.

The last of Pittsburg's street bills were recommitted in the House this morning by Mr. Cotton. This is merely done to await the ap-

committed in the House this morning by arr. Cotton. This is merely done to await the appearance of Attorneys Watson, Rogers and Moreland, of Pittsburg, before the committee to fully explain the measures. They will be here some day next week, when the Supreme Court has finished them.

THE COMING SANITARY CONVENTION.

It Will Meet in Altoona May 15 and 16, and Be Open to All. REPECTAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. HARRISBURG, Feb. 3.—The fifth State Sani-

tary Convention of Pennsylvania will be held

Friday and Saturday, May 15 and 16, under the uspices of the State Board of Health, assisted by the Board of Health of Altoona and a comlittee of citizens. This is not in any sense a doctors' convention All who take an intelligent interest in the pro All who take an intelligent interest in the pro-motion of sanitary reform and the protection of the public health are invited, not only to be present and take part in the discussions, but to forward to the Secretary, Dr. Benjamin Lee, 1532 Pine street, Philadelphia, for considera-tion by the committee of the board, not later than April 15, papers on sanitary or hygienic subjects which they would like to present be-fore the convention.

THE GOVERNOR GIVES ADVICE.

He Suggests the Order in Which Appropriations Be Considered.

IFROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT. 1 HARRISBURG, Feb. 3.—A sub-committee of the House Appropriations Committee called upon Governor Pattison this afternoon to get upon Governor Pattison this afternoon to get his views upon a proposition to expend \$1,700 in properly ventilating the hall of the House of Representatives by means of fans and vents. The Governor approved of the idea.

He told the sub-committee that, while on the subject of appropriations, he might say that he observes appropriations to the amount of \$5,000,000 are already asked for. He advised action first on bills affecting institutions entirely supported by the State, then on those partially aided by the State, and lastly take upprivate institutions.

THE SUPREME COURT WRONG.

It Draws Up a Bill That Is Declared to

IFROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.1 HARRISBURG, Feb. 3.-The Supreme Court has been nicely caught. This afternoon the Judiciary Committee of the Senate negatived a bill for the relief of the Supreme Court, giva bill for the relief of the Supreme Court, giving it a force of clerks and making appropriation for the payment of salaries.

The committee in doing this calls attention
to the fact that the bill as drawn up by the
Supreme Court is unconstitutional, covering
more subjects than expressed in its title. The
Judiclary Committee of the Senate to-night
negatived the bill abolishing the death sentence in Pennsylvania.

THE MAMMOTH DISASTER.

Report to Be Made by the Commission at an Early Day.

IFROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT. 1 HARRISBURG, Feb. 3.—The Legislative Comission which has been at Mammoth mine, in Westmoreland county, investigating the disaster, returned to Harrisburg this afternoon. The stenographer was directed to get his notes n shape as early as possible for use of the body at different times this evening to say that the

on the part of the company owning the pit, but that the fire boss was the responsible per

IMPRISONMENT OF DEBTORS.

An Effort to Extend the Provisions of the

Present Law. FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT. HARRISBURG, Feb. 3.—The effect of a bill introduced by Mr. Missimer, of Berks, in the House to-day would be to extend the law for-bidding imprisonment of debtors, to persons who now unable to pay back rents or back moneys for property which their title to has been discovered to be bad, are liable to be sent to prison. Ever and anon some such person has been sent to prison in Pennsylvania. This bill will protect them.

Portraits to Be Painted.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDETT.I HARRISBURG, Feb. 3.-The Appropriation Committee of the House to-day acted favorably on the bill to have portraits of ex-Speakers on the limit of law portrains of ex-spearers Galushia A. Grow and Samuel J. Randall painted for the lobby of the House of Representatives at Washington. The committee also added \$300 for expenses of a committee to Washington for that purpose.

Barbers Don't Want Sunday Work. [FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.] HARRISBURG, Feb. 3.—President Millet, of the Allegheny County Barbers' Association, is

here to prevent the proposed amendment of the blue laws so far as it relates to barbering on Sunday. He says the barbers do not want to work on Sunday.

THE FREAK OF A MANIAC.

He Murders His Adopted Daughter While Walking in a Forest.

Lansing, Mich., Feb. 3.—The mystery sur-rounding the death of the young girl whose body was found in Grand river, near Dimon-dale, Friday last, was cleared up this morning. The first clew to the crime was when the body was identified by a Lake Shore conductor as that of a passenger on his train, who was ac-companied by an old man. Then the officials of the State Public School, at Coldwater, companied by an old man. Then the officials of the State Public School, at Coldwater, identified the body as that of Nellie Griffin, who had been adopted a few days previously by an old man giving the name of Hendershot. Active search was instituted for the old man, and he was located early this morning on a farm near Dimondale, where he was employed. His real name was found to be Russell N. Canfield. After being fully identified by the Superintendent of the Coldwater school, he was arrested and taken to Charlottee. At first he denied all knowledge of the crime, but finally broke down and confessed. He said that upon arriving from Coldwater with the girl he set out through the woods firthe farm where he worked. They sat down on a log where the body was found. "The girl began to cry," he said, "and I threw her on the ground and choked her to death with one hand. She did not scream. After her death he took off her clothes and throw her into the hole where she was found. I have no idea why I killed her. I must have been insane. Canfield is 55 years old and his victim was 14. It is thought the old man is crazy, for as far as known the murder was unprovoked.

THE GALLOWS MAY BE CHEATED.

Murderer West Likely to Die of Dropsy in the Near Future. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

The Famous Shortstop Tells Why He Didn't Come Here.

PROSPECTS OF THE LOCAL CLUB Some Strong Reasons Why Louis Bierbauer

Belongs to the Pittsburg Team. JOHNSON AND BRUSH FAIL TO AGREE

John M. Ward has written Manager Hanlon, of the local club, an interesting and gentlemanly letter, fully explaining the reasons why he, Ward, preferred to play in Brooklyn instead of in Pittsburg. The local manager is well satisfied with the reasons given. They are to the effect that Ward's home is close to Brooklyn, and, as he knows the people there, after residing there for so many years, he feels it difficult to move. Ward goes on to say there is no manager under whom he would better like to play than Manager Hanlon, and pays a very high encomium to the latter's abilities, Ward never mentions the question of salary, but confines his reasons strictly to those above

During a conversation on the matter las evening Manager Hanlon said: "The letter is quite lengthy and does credit to John Ward, not at all because of his reference to me, but because of the very frank way in which he ex-plains how his sympathies are with Brooklyn. More Money in Pittsburg.

"He would have done better financially, I think, had he come here, because I was empowered to make him a side offer, which mean hat he would get more money from us than from any other club. If he is only going to get should be still be still play for a salary far short of what we would have given him."

Manager Hanlon returned from the East yesterday morning looking extremely well and hearty. His main topic was the Bierbauer case. On that he said: "Why, nobody can take Bierbauer have from its without outself the fundabauer from us without outraging the funda-mental principles of baseball law. I wired Mr. Phelps, of the American Association, asking whether or not Bierbauer was reserved. Mr. whether or not Bierbauer was reserved. Mr. Phelps replied that neither the association or a club in it had reserved him. This left him free to go where be liked, but nobody knew that but us. I visited Bierbauer at Erie, and while there he received a telegram from Ward requesting him to sign with no club, that they, Bierbauer and Ward, would play together. I induced the famous second baseman to sign with us, and as soon as that was known to the other clubs they all commenced to shout that it was not right. They had been focooled and are now trying to get even by bluff. It won't go. Mack is also our player, and Arthur Irwin was extremely hot with him for signing our contract. Arthur knows very well that Mack is ours. Mack offered me \$250 to release him, and I refused. I think we have lost Haddock."

Manager Hanlon's Confidence. Manager Hanlon is confident that-there will be a team here almost equal to that of New York. He thinks that President O'Neill will come home with the contracts of an outfielde and a third baseman. Probably VanHaltren and Tebeau. If the latter cannot possibly be secured Mr. Hanlon thinks that Mulvey can. But it is understood that as a last resort a certain move can be made to secure Tebeau, Negotiations are now going on for two pitchers, and both are good ones. Altogether President O'Neil and Manager Hanlon are doing all that is possible for men to do toward securing a first-class team, and, if they fall, the fault is not theirs.

The Bierbauer case has now become of na-The Bierbauer case has now become of national prominence as far as baseball is concerned. Manager Hanlon's statement, given above, shows conclusively that only Pittsburg has any right whatever to that player's services. In the past it has been the rule for all the "great" baseball powers to kick against the legitimate claims of Pittsburg when anything valuable was at stake. The same spirit is manifesting itself now, but surely at this time, so soon after the bitter experiences of last year, baseball law pure and simple will be allowed to operate free from all the influences of sentiment and prejudice. If the Association people neglected to reserve Bierbauer the loss is theirs and the result of their neglect. Pittsburg has nothing whatever to do with that. Pittsburg's duty was and is to act in accordance with recognized baseball law. That has been done and those who try to ride rough shod over lawful transactions and trample them in the dust will be responsible for the consequences. They are no friends of right, they are enemies to the best interests of the national game and only want to get along as pirates on the high seas.

JOHNSON AND BRUSH.

They Meet in Cleveland, but Fall to Agree going through Judge H. J. Ewing's house this morning, when the Judge opened fire with a About the Cincinnati Club.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR.1 CLEVELAND, Feb. &.-Al Johnson and John Brush met here this afternoon, and after an hour's pleasant dickering, full of figures and Players' League reminiscences, broke away, each telling the other that he would fight the other as picturesquely as possible, but to a

Brush, according to his Cincinnati agreement came to town at 11:30, saw the Cleveland club people, and sent for Johnson. They got to gether at 1:30 in the Weddell House, and came ont just in time to drink a bottle of wine and tet Brush catch his 2:50 train back to Indianapolis, Secretary Brunell, of the defunct Players' League, and a trustee of the Cheinnati property, gave out the news of the conference, Johnson and Brush both refused to say any-

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The meeting was peculiar, in that Brush bobbed up with a new proposition. He said that Johnson's Cincinnati newspaper friends had made it impossible for him to sell any stock in Cincinnati; so he was compelled, after a conference with his associates, to offer Johnson \$55,000 worth of stock, take \$65,000 himself and assume Johnson's \$4,000 note. Johnson, too, could have the treasurer, George Sliney, manager of last year's Cleveland club, Johnson quickly rejected the offer.

"Pay my note and give me \$50,000 of the stock and I will deal," said he. He also told Brush that he could do better, referring, of course, to the possibility of a combination with Aaron Stern. There was a lot of sidefalk, but the men finally parted with nothing to get them together again. Johnson will go to Cincinnati Wednesday night, deal with Stern ann intrench his position.

Brush's original offer to Johnson, made a

Wednesday night, deal with stern and intreash his position.

Brush's original offer to Johnson, made a week ago at Cincinnati, was on these lines. A \$100,300 stock to company. Brush to have \$45,000 stock, Johnson \$35,000 stock and \$20,000 stock to be sold, to be found by Brush. This offer Johnson rejected and made Brush another to be an swered to-day, and which contained the \$10,000 stock company idea, but divided it \$40,000 to Brush and \$40,000 to Johnson, \$20,000 to be sold. Then Johnson wanted his \$4,000 note, part of Cincinnati purchase price, and payable July 1, 1891, to be assumed by Brush.

HE IS A GREAT HORSE.

The Owners of Wabash Expect Him to Get Below the 2:20 Mark.

In the current issue of Clark's Horse Review there is a splendid picture of the stallion Wabash, owned by the Boyle Brothers and H. Gilmore, of Uniontown. Wabash is the only Red Wilkes stallion in the vicinity and he is being prepared to make a record of 2:20 or better before the year is out. Considerable rested and taken to Charlottee. At first he denied all knowledge of the crime, but finally broke down and confessed. He said that upon arriving from Coldwater with the girl he set out through the woods f.: the farm where he worked. They sat down on a log where the body was found. "The grid began to cry," he said, "and I threw her on the ground and choked her to death with one hand. She did not scream. After her death he took off her clothes and throw her into the hole where she was found. I have no idea why I killed her. I must have been insane. Canfield is 55 years old and his victim was 14. It is thought the old man is crazy, for as far as known the murder was unprovoked.

NEBRASKA'S FARMER LEGISLATURE.

Its Views on National and State Questions
Voted on Yesterday.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 3.—The House this morning passed resolutions favoring the Paddock pure food bill; condemning the Conger land bill, and favoring the deep-water harbor at Galveston.

A bill providing that mortgages given on chattels for loans at usurlous interest shall be vold was defeated, the Alliance men voting solidly against it.

THE GALLOWS MAY BE CHEATED

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Last year he started is ix races, winning two of them, both over half-mile tracks, one being the twort all tablions owned in Western Pennsylvania, in which he beat such fast ones as Danuy.

FUTURE OF THE GAME.

President Reach Says Bierbauer Belongs to the Association A. J. Reach, President of the Philadelphia

WASHINGTOK, PA., Feb. 3.— William West, the condemned murderer awaiting execution in the county jail, has been attacked with symptoms of dropsy, and it is feared he may not live long.

His limbs began swelling yesterday, and has now gone to his body.

A. J. Reach, President of the Philadelphia National League club, arrived at the Monongahele He Mono

VILLAGE AFLOAT.

The Cabins of 200 Fishermen Carried Ed. Nikirk called at this office last evening Out Into the Lake by and left the following reply to McClelland's challenge: "My distance is a half mile and I

have always run out of my distance agains McClelland. I would run no stranger more THE BREAKING OF THEIR ICE FLOE. than a half mile, but to give McClelland a chance I will run him a race of three-quarters of a mile and no further. I am making a concession when I do his, I will meet McClelland at THE DISPATCH office Saturday evening to

Most of the Imperiled Men Regain the Land in Safety, but

AT LEAST A SCORE STILL IN DANGER

BAY CITY, MICH., Feb. 3.-Much ex-The following letter explains itself: "I notice that Thomas Thompson is blowing about fighting me. I do not want to train, and to give him a chance I will fight him at catch weight for \$500 a side. I will meet him at Evans City citement prevails here concerning a report that many fishermen have drifted into Lake Huron on an ice field carried out of Sagmaw bay by a strong south wind this fore-noon. The fishing village is about 15 miles n the 7th inst., and make a match.

Evans City, Feb. 3. Dick Zeigler. northeast of this city and five miles from land. It is estimated that 200 men were engaged in spearing fish, and the first reports The following challenge was received at this office yesterday: "There is plenty of talk about are to the effect that all were lost. Toward evening several of the Elmer Grant, I, William Walker, will match

Jim McCoy to fight Grant to a finish for \$150 or \$200 a side. I will be at THE DISPATCH office on Saturday evening next at 7:30 to make a fishermen reached Andexville, a suburb of this city, and reported that most of their companions reached shore in safety. The best authority obtainable places the number of castaways from 20 Executions aggregating \$2,633 18 were issued yesterday against Samuel W. Barkley. David to 50. Those acquainted with the situation say they will reach shore before the ice Feldman, trustee for Mrs. Flora B. Barkley, issued a writ for \$2,100, and S. H. Hamburger one for \$533 18. passes outside of Saginaw bay. In case they do not, there is no hope of their being res-

The story of the disaster, so far as known, is that during the night the wind had driven ED, CRANE is to be retained by the New York the ice out toward the lake, taking with it all the fishermen who were on the floe in AUSTIN GIRBONS has challenged Jack McAuliffe their shanties, numbering about 200 men. They were distributed all over the bay for miles. Relatives of the lost men went to the lighthouse at the mouth of the river, and lighthouse at the mouth of the river, and with marine glasses were unable to see anything but open water. Later a man proceeded to Oak Grove, on the bay shore, and from an elevation looked through marine glasses, but could get no trace of the ice. A party of men went out a short time later on an ice boat to the point where the crack occurred, and thought they could see the floating ice four miles north. Six of the loss men managed to get ashore 12 miles east of the river, having been on the eastern portion of the ice. Dennis Bonnette, who had his house on the ice, says he thinks about 20 men got ashore on the east side of the bay near Big Creek. The others will escape if the seas, which are running mountain high, do not MARK BALDWIN says the Columbus club players have to report on March 20. PRESIDENT ROACH is on the lookout for a first baseman. He does not consider Farrar strong It is stated that John M. Ward will decide to-day as to what club he will play with, Brooklyn or Cincinnati. ARON STERN, the ex-Cincinnati magnate, wants to be into baseball again. He says if Johnson and Brush cannot agree, he and Johnson can. He wants to join Johnson, and he is "sore at the League." A. T. LIDDELL, Secretary of the East End Foot-ball Jub, writes to say that Mr. Horne did not play with the Allegheny Athletics in the East End football game Saturday last. He also says there was no betting on the game. THE Shearon Avenue Stag Enchre Club will have their next monthly stag party at the residence of Mr. Frank C. Kimmel, No. 38 Shearon avenue, Southside, Twenty-seventh ward, on Monday, February 9. Quite an enjoyable time is expected, as there will be several prominent clubs from the city present. Refreshments will be served after every three games.

A TRAIN ACCIDENT AT BRADDOCK. An Engine Crashes Into a Caboose With

Serious Results.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. BRADDOCK, Feb. 3.-A wreck occurred on the Pennsylvania Railroad this morning about 1 o'clock, within sight of the passenger depot. A flagman was sent out from a freight train to flag another, which was following closely. All brak were instantly set without warning the kept on its way and crashed into the caboose, kept on its way and crashed into the caboose, lifting it clear from the track and forcing it down a hill against a fence.

Several persons in the caboose were all injured, namely: Sam Giant, flagman, hurled upward ten feet, back injured: Andrew Dempsey, conductor, of East Liberty, bruised over the body and gashed over righteye; Charles Widner and Fred Biakeman, in charge of a carload of poultry, sprained arms and internal injuries—recovery doubtful. country at this time the Emptre gives the following:

"It is understood that the Dominion Government has, through Her Majesty's Government, made certain proposals to the United States for negotiations looking to the extension of our commerce with that country. These proposals have been presented to the President for his consideration, and the Canadian Government is of the opinion that if these negotiations are to result in a treaty which must be ratified by Parliament, it is evident that the Government should be able to deal with a Parliament fresh from the people, rather than with a moribund House. It is understood that Canada will send a delegation to Washington after March 4, the date on which the life of the present Congress expires, for the purpose

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATION.

The School Book Question the Most Impo tant One at Charleston.

OPPOCIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.1 CHARLESTON, W. VA., Feb. 3.—This was the dullest day of the legislative session. The business in both houses was of a party routine nature. In the House Mr. Stone introduced a bill authorizing the State Superintendent to contract for the present system of school boards for five years at a discount of 33% per

boards for five years at a discount of 33% per cent off the present price, or for two years at 23 per cent off. He also introduced a bill adopting the present series of text books, except that of Barnes History.

Mr. Johnston introduced a bill prohibiting railroads from issuing passes to public officers and delegates to conventions. Mr. Young, of Upshir, has postponed the introduction of his capital removal bill until to-morrow. The school book question seems to be the matter of

JEFFERSON CITY, Feb. 3.—Speaker Tuttle received a letter from General Palmer, candidate for United States Senator before the Illinois Legislature, thanking the Missouri law makers for their resolution indorsing his candidacy.

WESTERSY WINDS.

PENNSYL VANIA: DECIDEDLY COLDER. NORTH-

LOCAL SNOWS. WITH A SEVERE COLD WAVE. FOR OHIO AND WEST VIRGINIA: COLD-ER, NORTHWESTERLY WINDS, FAIR WEATHER, EXCEPT LOCAL SNOWS IN

NORTHERN OHIO; COLD WAVE. PITTSBURG, Feb. 3.

The United States Signal Service officer in his city furnishes the following: | Ther. | 50 | 8:00 r. M. | The | 50 | Maximum temp | 35 | Range | 31 | Range | 29 | Rainfall | 10 | Rainfall

SPECIAL WEATHER BULLETIN.

The Cold Wave Temporarily Stopped Will Be Here To-Morrow. PREPARED FOR THE DISPATOR.

The storm yesterday covered the greater part of the country east of the Mississippi, It developed rapidly on Monday, and passed from Northern Texas to Lake Eric, where it was central yesterday morning, rain falling in the Southern States and on the coast line, and snow in the Lake Region and Canada and as far to the west as Michigan. The storm was traveling steadily northeast, creating high winds on the New England coast, which were generally easterly, being attended by a dense for they made navigation very dangerous. The fog extended all along the coast as far south as Hatteras. The advance of the storm cut off the cold wave that was coming down from Canada, but made way for the western part of the cold spell that was over the Northwest to spread to the south and eastward, causing a "norther" in Texas and sending the temperature below zero in the Central Mississippi Valley, while it remained from 25° to 35° below zero in Minnesota and Manitoba. The cold wave is expected in ful force Thursday morning.

River Telegrams. PRECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR. MORGANTOWN - River 9 feet and rising. Weather cloudy, Thermometer, 35° at 4 r. M. BROWNSVILLE-River 14 feet 6 inches and fall ag. Weather cloudy. Thermometer, 30° at

WARREN - River 5,3 feet and stationary Windy.

ALLEGHENY JUNCTION—Biver 15 feet and falling. Weather clear and cold.

WHERLING—River 27 feet and falling. Weather clear and cold.

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THE MESSIAH'S SCALP.

It Falls Into the Possession of a Young Lady

SPECIAL TREEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH Youngsrown, Feb. 3.-Miss Gertrude Kemp, residing here, desirous of securing a relic of the late Indian war, recently wrote to relic of the late indian war, recently wrote to her cousin, Willis Kemp, of Troop E. Seventh Regiment, and to-day received a part of the scalp taken from Laughing Joseph, the original Indian Messiah, killed in the battle of Wounded Knee.

The hair is very long and black, and Miss Kemp was offered a large sum for it to-day by a relic hunter.

SIR HENRY THOMPSON.

The Celebrated English Surgeon,

In his work on Calculus Disease, recommends the home use of mineral waters.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 4, 1891.

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ler until MONDAY, Feb. 16, 1891, at 2 o'clock
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Specifications and all information can be obtained from Charles Bickel, Architect, Hamilaton building, 31 and 33 Fifth avenue.

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