The State Legislature Is Going to Have Trouble Making Both Ends Meet.

### A PROBLEM FOR PATTISON.

Something Like Eighteen Millions In Bills for Him to Pare.

WHERE THE MONEY ALL GOES TO.

A Curious Story Back of the Effort to Repeal the Bequest Law.

ATTENDING THE FUNERAL OF SHERMAN

PETECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. HARRISBURG, Feb. 14-Including the \$1,000,000 demanded for the improvement of highways in this State for the next two years bills have been introduced in the Senate and House for appropriations aggregating nearly \$9,000,000. This amount does not include any items that are required to be incorporated in the general appropriation bill.

The estimated receipts for the next two years are placed at \$12,000,000. This sum may be increased \$1,000,000 if cases settled against corporations for taxes should result favorably to the Commonwealth. There will be required for common, normal and soldiers' orphan schools about \$4,500,000; for the National Gaurd (including amount required to supply deficiency), \$640,060; for the muintenance of the indigent insane at the various State hospitals, \$800,000; for the payment of judicial salaries, \$1,100,000; for public printing and binding, \$500,000; for the payment of members and other legislative expenses, \$575,000, making a total of \$8,115,000. Department and other items will run the current expenses up to \$10,600,-

#### The Total of Expendit-res.

Of the amounts embraced in this summing up bills have been introduced, including the amounts of \$400,000, payable to William H. Kemple for his loan to Governor Beaver; \$174,000 to the Eric Soldiers' Home; about \$300,000 to normal schools; \$246,000 to soldiers' orphans schools, and \$500,000 for pay-ment of salaries of State institutions. Outaide of these items the requested appropriathese amounts to those absolutely required and a grand total of \$18,000,000 is reached. It will be seen that if all appropriations were passed the expenditures the next two years would exceed the revenues between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000.

The Committee on Appropriations will doubtless make a material reduction of this aggregate, and if it should not bring the apriations within the anticipated receipts, Governor, who has some experience in this business, will see that the revenues and proposed expenditures are as nearly equal-

#### Bills for Flood Destruction.

Among the bills which propose relieving the State of some of its surplus money is the one providing for the reimbursement of counties for the destruction of bridges by tution counties must build their own bridges and the payment of the cost of them by the State would, according to the opinion of the Auditor General, be a clear infraction of the Constitution. It is estimated the proposed cheme would reduce the amount in the public exchequer about \$500

A recent decision of Judge McPherson. Supreme Court, will bilk the State treasury considerably. The provision in the these bargains: general revenue law, exempting manuincturing corporations from the payment of a capital stock tax saves these companie about \$400,000 a year, but the decision of Judge McPherson will reduce this amoun materially, as he holds that only corporation organized exclusively for manufacturio purposes are entitled to the exemptionallowed in the law. Heretofore they have been relieved of the capital stock tax with out regard to other business they migh have prosecuted.

## Cost of the State's Insane

Some of the men who are fighting abolish the Committee on Lunacy blame it for overcrowding the insane hospitals of the State and thus adding largely to the expenses of the Commonwealth. The State expends annually \$400,000 for the maintenance of indigent insure at these hospital while the counties pay about \$300,000 a year Every patient of this kind costs the State \$ and the county \$1 75 a week. The number reaches nearly 4,000, and the tendency toward a gradual increase.

It is maintained that many of these up ortunate people could be accommodated a the county alms houses at an average cost of \$1 25 a week, it the amount of work the could do were taken into consideration

### THE TAX UPON FOREIGNERS.

Action of the Judiciary Committee Against Its Passage,

SPECIAL TRANSPLAN TO THE DISPATCE. HARRISBURG, Feb. 14.-The prompt indorsement by the Judiciary Committee of Senator Meek's bill requiring naturalized foreigners to pay a tax of \$3 a year toward the poor fund in the district in which they are employed, has given hitn a strong hope that it will receive the favorable consideration of the Legislature. This bill is now on the Senate calendar, and it will be pushed to a final passage as rapidly as the rules of that body will permit. One of its main purposes is to raise a fund to pay the expenses put on districts by illiterate and semi-civilized representatives of foreign countries who have located in them. Many of these people, through lack or loss of employment, have to be supported at the expense of the district in which they are working, entailing a great burden on the taxpaying people, while nothing is contributed to the local treasuries by the obnoxious residents. Instead of spending their money in these communities they send it to the country from which they emigrated. Through one postoffice in Ceffer county they last year forwarded to their native homes over \$20,-900. In addition to the burdens they im-pose on localities in which they have a habtation, they are of a very quarrelsome disposition. Several murders have been comtted by them in Center county, which has

put the county to a large expense.

Senator Meek's bill proposes that they shall contribute something to meet the expenses traceable to them. The employers of the objectionable laborers are required monthly to deduct 25 cents from their wages for the use of the poor fund of the interested district. The payments are required to be made so frequently to cover removals from one township to another, so that the ope to which they have changed their residence last receives its proportionate share of the

### IN SHERMAN'S MEMORY.

Adjutant General McClelland Issues an Order to the Guard.

SPECIAL TELEGRAR TO THE DISPATORA! HARRISBURG, Feb. 14.-By direction of Governor Pattison an order was issued by Adjutant General McClelland this afternoon, referring to the brilliant military record of General William Tecumseh Sherman, concluding thus:
Always in the advance in military ideas,
movement and action, his "march to the sea"
is tingly crowned his marchless military career.

SIX MILLIONS SHORT regiment and companies on the day of burial will be observed. Officers will wear the usual badge of mourning for 30 days from the date of

#### THE LAW OF BEQUESTS.

CURIOUS STORY BACK OF REPRESENTA-TIVE TALBOT'S BILL.

It Was Originally Framed to Strike a R ligious Sect, but It Hit Others-A Quaker School and an Episcopalian Church Suffered From It.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. HARRISBURG, Feb. 14.-Most of the bills introduced in the Legislature have a local inspiration. One of these, read in place by Representative Talbot, of Chester, had its origin in the unsatisfactory working of a law passed in 1855. Eli K. Price, the distinguished lawyer, was then a Senator, and in order to put a stop to the alleged influence of Catholic priests in controlling bequests in the interest of institutions of that church while members of that faith were approaching dissolution, he drafted a bill rendering illegal bequests made within the month prior to the death of the person mak-

month prior to the death of the person making it.

Mr. Price was a member of the Society of Friends, and the first victim of the act was the school at Newton, in which he was greatly interested. Richard Bailey left to the school, for the purpose of purchasing a telescope, \$25,000, but the money could not be applied to the desired purpose because the will directing the appropriation of the money was made within the interdicted period. It is said that a Catholic priest twitted the author of the law interfering with the execution of the bequest by stating with the execution of the bequest by stating that he had prepared it to catch the Cath-olics, but that the Friends were the first to

Subsequently a member of the Presby-terian Church authorized enough money to be paid out of his estate to finish the un-completed steeple of an Episcopal Church, but it, too, could not be applied to the inbut it, too, could not be applied to the in-tended object because of the prohibitive law, which has become so objectionable on account of its unsatisfactory results that Representative Talbot, in response to a strong sentiment prevailing among his con-stituents, has introduced a bill in the House repealing the obnoxious legislation.

#### KEEPER OF THE ABSENAL

Colonel O'Nell Appointed to the Late Cap-tain Maloney's Place.

INFECIAL TELEGRAN TO THE DISPATOR. HARRISBURG, Feb. 14 .- Christopher T. O'Nell, of Allentown, Lieutenant Colonel of the Seventh Regiment, National Guard, has been appointed keeper of State arsenal to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Captain Thomas F. Maloney.

Will Attend Admiral Porter' Fun al. PPECIAL TRIEGRAM TO THE DISP-TOR.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 14.-Governo: Pattison and his Military Cabinet, Adjutant General McClelland, General Snowden, Chambers McKibben, Inspector General; Thomas J. Hudson, Chief of Artillery, and other officers of the National Guard, will attend the funeral of Admiral Porter at Washington next Tuesday. Governor Patti-son will be one of the pailbearers.

The old saying is money talks. Well, I'll give you a pointer, the following prices will talk. Talk? Yes, more than that. They will make you jolly, laugh and grow fat.

Business is business, and quantity makes all the difference in the world in buying goods. I have bought right and I am going to give you all a benefit.

All orders of ten (\$10) dollars and upward I will give you the benefit of the following:

LOOK AT THESE PRICES: Every article bought in my store no equer about \$500,000.

ent decision of Judge McPherson,
non County Court, if affirmed by the

goods guaranteed No. 1. Send for February price list. Order now or you will miss

-	1 can blackberries
of	1 can string beans
18	1 can peas
of	1 can solid packed tomatoes
t	1 cau pumpkin
ac	1 can genuine sugar corn
g	1 can best Lima beans
n	1 gallon New Orleans molasses
re	3 cans red salmon
1-	8 hs white clover honey 1
ht	15 lbs California dried grapes 1
	7 hs choice evaporated apples 1
ш	12 fbs sun dried apples1
a	4 fbs chewing tobacco
it	1 gailon glass oil can, tin-covered
18	33 hs Butler co. buckwheat 1
E-	3 lbs evaporated raspberries 1
te	4 lbs Weyman's tobacco
n-	5 ths tea (in all varieties) 1
ls	7 lbs rossted coffee (fresh ground) 1
r.	50 bars good family soap 1
2	Large family scales
-	10-15 kit mackerel 1
is	9 cans fresh mackerel 1
~	1 sack family Amber flour 1
3-	1 sack high grade Minnesota flour 1
st	1 bbl bigh grade Minnesota flour 6
of	30 bars (5 cents size) soap 1
y	15 hs boneless codfish 1
3	New codfish, per fb (whole)
Ш	Sugar cured shoulder, per fb
	4 lbs dried corn
	1 clothes horse (4 wings; 6 feet)
st	6-foot step ladder, complete
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parties living outside of the city will prepay freight on all orders of \$10 and upward.

#### Send for price list. JAMES J. WELDON, No. 201 Market street, Corner Second avenue, Pittsburg,

SPECIAL remnant and clearance sale of drygoods and carpets, beginning to-morrow and continuing the balance of week, at J. H. Kunkel & Bro.'s, 1847 and 1349 Penn avenue. Read the startling prices we have made in another column. Two squares east

If not advertise it in THE DISPATCH. Mondays and Thursdays are special rent list days.

AT a third and a half real value are tho shirts Gasky's will offer all this week. A thousand dozen in all. But don't wait till Friday, for they will be apt to move quickly.

You will have to get a move on if you want to participate in the immense values we are going to offer in men's shirts all this week. See particulars of the four large lots Grange of the four large lots.

in this paper. IRON CITY beer is uniformly excellent. None but the perfect article is allowed to leave that brewery. Ask for it at your

Business Men

Will find just what they want for lunch or dinner at Bayley's Cafe, Nos. 405 and 407 Smithfield st. Hundreds of Pretty Novelties In fine chinaware and art pottery and vases, including the most celebrated goods in the world, now displayed at away below jewelry store prices in Kaufmanns' china department—basement.

Works of Art-Nothing Less. Works of Art-Nothing Less.

That's what the choice selection of royal Worcester vases and brica-brac, now displayed in Kaufmann's China department, consists of. These goods represent the quaintest, oddest and most artistic shapes ever displayed in Pittsburg, and remember this important fact: The prices are from one-third to one-half less than the exorbitant jewelry store figures. KAUFMANNS'

China Department—Basement.

### DEATH CLAIMS HIM.

[Continued from first page.] have just been advised. His patriotic, faithful and valuable services to his country will ever be gratefully remembered."

SPEECHES OF EULOGY.

GENERAL HAWLEY'S GLOWING WORDS OF PRAISE FOR THE DEAD.

Significant Passage From Bunyan's Pilgrims' Progress Read-Senator Morgan Speaks for the South in a Patriotic Strain-Lessons From the Event.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.-In the Senat this afternoon, when General Sherman' death was made known, Mr. Hawley offered appropriate resolutions and said among ther things:

other things:

The history of our country is rich in soldiers who have set examples of simple soldierly obedience to the civil law and self-abnegation. Washington, Grant, Sheridan and Sherman lead the list. Sherman was the last of the illustrious tric who were, by universal consent, the foremest figures in the armies of the Union in the late war. In the precious traditions to pass into our history for the admiration of the old and the instruction of the young was their friendship, their most harmonious co-operation, without a shadow of ambition or pride. When General Grant was called to Washington to take command of the armies of the Union, his great heart did not forget the men who stood by him.

Here Mr. Hawley read the letter from Grant to Sherman, expressing thanks to him and McPherson as the men, above all others, to whom he owed his success; and Sher-man's letter in reply, saying that General Grant did himself injustice and them too much honor, Mr. Hawley closed his re-marks (his voice frequently giving way from grief and emotion) by reading the following passages from Bunyan's "Pilgrims' Prog-ress:"

passages from Bunyan's "Pilgrims Progress:"

After this it was noised about that Mr. Valiant-for-Truth was taken with a summons. When he understood it, he called for his friends and told them of it. Then said he, "I am going to my father's; and though with ereat difficulty I got hither, yet now I do not repent of all the trouble I have been at to arrive where I am. My sword I given to him that shall succeed me in my pilgrimage, and my courage and skill to him that can get them. My marks and scars I carry with me to be a witness for me that I have fought His battles, who will now be a rewarder. When the day that he must go hence was come, many accompanied him to the riverside, into which, as he went, he said: "Death, where is thy sting?" And, as he went down deeper, he said: "Grave, where is thy victory?" So he rassed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side.

Mr. Morgan reviewed the history of the Civil War, and said:

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The power rested with the victors at the close of the conflict, but not all the honors of the desperate warfare. Indeed, the survivors are now winning honors, enriched with justice and magnanimity, though less worthy than those won on the battlefields, in their labors to restore the country to its former feeting of fraternal regard and unity of sentiment and action, and to promote its welfare. The fidelity of the great General who has just departed in the ripeness of age, and with a history marked by devotion to his flag, was the true and simple faith of an American to his convictions of duty. We differed with him and contested campaigns and battlefields with him; but we welcome the history of the great soldier as the proud inheritance of our country. When a line so narrow divides us from these high courts in which our actions are to be judged by their motives, and when so many millions now living and increasing millions to

judged by their motives, and when so many millions now living and increasing millions to follow are to be affected by the wisdom of our enactmenta, we will do well to give up this day to reflection upon our duties and (in sympathy with this great country) to dedicate the day to his memory. In such a retrospect we shall find an admonition that an American Senate should meet on this side of the fatal line of death as the American generals meet on the other side to render justice to each other and to make our beloved country as happy, comparatively, as we should wish the great beyond to be, to those great spirits.

Speeches eulogistic of the dead General

Speeches eulogistic of the dead General were also made by Senators Manderson, Davis and others, and the resolutions were

### SOME CABINET VIEWS.

SECRETARY NOBLE'S FEELING TRIBUTE TO HIS DEAD FRIEND.

Kindly Words From Secretary Blaine, Post master General Wanamaker and Attor. ney General Miller-All Highly Praise the Sterling Qualities of the Old General.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 .- All the mem bers of the Cabinet, who would speak on the subject of General Sherman, were inter-

viewed. Secretary Noble said: lifeel great personal grief at the loss of Gen eral bherman, my friend for many years. I was born in Lancaster, where he was, I served under him in the war, and had been honored by his friendship and personal intercourse, both in St. Louis, New York and Washington. He was as tender and kind in private life as he was great and successful in war. His love for his comrade-in-arms was like that of a father of his children. His love embraces all our people, Among the first events in my official life here was a visit from General Sherman, voluntarily made, in behalf of Genera Joseph Johnson, for whom he spoke in the high

Postmaster General Wanamaker said: He was made of pure gold. Ne man that I ever knew combined in such a degree the courage of a lion, the loying gentleness of a woman, and the simplicity of a child. The sunset of his career has been as gorgeous and beautiful as the glory of his great campaigns. Said Attorney General Miller:

In General Sherman's death the world has lost the first of its military men. At least there is no one surviving at all comparable to him, unless it be the great German Marshal, Von Moltke. One thing especially struck me in the great centennial review in New York. There he stood by the side of the President. No matter what else might be claiming his attention, did he eyer fail to take off his hat and salute the flag? He might let men pass without recognition, but never the flag.

Secretary Blaine said he could remember General Sherman personally from the time he graduated from West Point, 50 years ago, when he was himself a schoolboy of 10 years.

years.

For more than 30 years, by reason of 'family connections, I had known him very intimately. Of his many and great qualities on his public side, I do not care to speak. General Sherman's military history is part, and a large part of the proudest annals of the nation. He did not grow less in the intimacy of private life and by the fireside in his own home. He had the kindest of hearts and the most chivalric devotion to those he loved. He was one of the warmest friends to those for whom he professed friendship. He was frank, just and magnanimous.

This Month Only We will make with every dozen of our best cabinet photos an 8x10 handsomely colored photo, with elegant frame, also cabinet photos at \$1 per dozen. Life size crayon portraits \$3 50.

LIES' GALLEBY,
Thus 10 and 12 Sixth street.

Watch To-Morrow's Rent Lists. The best lists published, describing desirable houses and properties to let. Mondays and Thursdays are special days.

Hundreds of Pretty Novelties In fine chinaware and art pottery and vases, including the most celebrated goods in the world, now displayed at away below jewelry store prices in Kau'manns' china departbasement.

In suitings, tronserings and overcoatings at Pitcaira's, 434 Wood street.

J. G. Bennett & Co., Leading Hatters and Furriers, Corner Wood street and Fifth avenue.

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That Was the Question Considered by the Columbus Meeting.

The General and Defense Fund Are Merged Into One Hereafter.

PENNSYLVANIA STRIKERS INDORSED

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. COLUMBUS, Feb. 14.—The National Concention of Miners has adjourned to Monday with the prospect that it will require the greater part of next week to complete the work. The scale question, which is one of the most important, was referred back to the Scale Committee with instructions to investigate the conditions in the several districts, and it is expected they will be ready to report by Monday, There are rumors of a sensation brewing in the K. of L., in which Hayes, Cavanaugh and others are interested, but none of the particulars have been learned.

The defense fund occupied the attention of the convention nearly all day. Some were in favor of abolishing the national fund and creating district funds. Others were in favor of a tax for a defense fund to be devided between the national and district organizations, while there was a less radical sentiment in favor of a national fund, giving districts a voice in its disposition.

The General and Defense Funds. The drift of the discussion was decidedly against a national fund, and it looked as if this vital feature of the organization was

President Rae, in his annual address, recommends that the general fund and defense fund be consolidated, and that 80 per cent of the monthly per capita tax be set aside for defense purposes. This recommendation was adopted on the suggestion of John P. Jones, the per capita tax being fixed at 20 Jones, the per capita tax being fixed at 20 cents a month. An amendment was adopted providing that where sny dispute arises the District President shall report to the National Executive Board, and if they neglect or refuse to give a decision within ten days the District President shall have full power to order a strike; and the strikers being entitled to receive aid from the defense fund the National Fragmities Board shall not sail the National Executive Board shall not call off a strike luangurated under this section unless by the consent of the district officers and the men on strike. This solution of the difficulty was satisfactory to all the dele-gates. It leaves the defense fund practically as it was last year, and gives the dis-tricts rights which they did not have.

The Irwin Strike Is Indorsed. The Committee on Grievances presented : report indorsing the action of the national officers concerning the strike at Irwin, Pa., and recommending that the incoming Executive Board receive descrying attention. The committee recommended that the West-moreland and Pennsylvania Gas Coal Commoreland and Pennsylvania Gas Coal Com-panies, at whose mines the strike has been on since last May, be forced to comply with the national scale of prices. President Rae said the two companies had lost several mil-lion dollars by the strike and were becom-ing very sick of it. He had information from a Pennsylvania operator that if a vig-orous effort was made to force the payment of scale rates May 1, the companies would of scale rates May 1, the companies would concede them. The recommendation of the committee was adopted.

The Committee on District and Boundaries

The Committee on District and Boundaries reported as follows:

District 1, anthracite region of Pennsylvania: 2, counties of Jefferson, Clearfield, Center, Indians, Cambria, Blair, Huntingdon and Bedford; 3, Low Grade, Pennsylvania: 4, coke regions, Pennsylvania: 5, Pittsburg district; 6, Ohio: II, Indiana and Southwest Kentucky; 12, Illinois; 12, Iowa: 14, Missouri and Kansas; 15, Colorado, Washington and Territories; 16, Maryland; 17, West Virginia: 18, Virginia; 19, Tennessee and Eastern and Southeastern Kentucky; 20, Alabama and Georgia: 21, Texas, Arkansas, Indian Territory and Mexico.

Disasters and Safety Appliance The report was accepted and the matter of consolidating District 11 with District 2 or 3 was referred to the Executive Board.

The Committee on Mine Disasters and Safety Appliances recommended that the Legis-lature of each State be urged to enact a law providing at each mine a local board of ex-aminers, to consist of two practical miners working at the mine and the mine boss or other representative of the company, the appointment of miners on this board to be

appointment of miners on this board to belong to the majority of miners at the works.
The duty of the board is to be the examining of miners as to their efficiency in the
knowledge of safety lamps and how to use
them, especially in time of danger.
Other laws recommended are, that
there be created a State Board
of Examiners in each district where at presnot man a visit whose duty shall be to exent none exists, whose duty shall be to examine applicants for mine and fire bosses from the various districts to which the board belongs; the Examining Board to consist of one representative of the operators, the District Mine Inspector and one miner, the National Executive Board of the United Mine Workers of America to recommend the miner named to the Governor

of the State for appointment. Other Legislation Recommended. The report also urged that all operators of mines be compelled to place the Shaw apparatus in every mine generating gas until the coming of a more perfect machine.

In support of this the committee say it is their opinion that, had this machine been in use in the Mammoth mines where the say it is the say it is the say in the say it is say in use in the Mammoth mines, such a terri-ble catastrophe as that which shocked the entire world a few weeks ago would not have occurred. The committee further re-

ported:

We recommend a law compelling all companies to place a competent person at the top and bottom of each mine while miners are ascending or descending. We recommend a law making it obligatory on all companies to keep at their works, always in readiness, an ambulance wagon and other conveyances for carrying injured miners to their homes; that no person be employed in any mine where safety lamps are used without a certificate stating his efficiency in the knowledge of safety lamps and how to use them in times of danger.

### TEXAS IS FOR HILL.

The Ex-President Has No Chance in th Lone Star State Now.

AUSTIN, TEX., Feb. 14.-Interviews were had to-day with members of the Legislature on Cleveland's silver letter and their choice for President. The letter has demoralized and scattered Cleveland's supporters, and with one accord they agreed that the ex-President had committed political hari-kari. They are now for Hill or a Western man. Hill's friends are enthusi-

Western man. Hill's friends are enthusiastic, and declare the stalwart Democrat must and will be the nominee.

A reporter in the House sends interviews with as many members as he could reach, with the following result: For Cleveland, 16; for Hill, 26; Cleveland first, Hill second choice, 2; for Palmer or some Western man, 19. State Treasurer Wartham, Commissioner of Agriculture Foster, Speaker Milner and Superintendent of Education Pritchard, are all for Hill. Other State officers are for Cleveland and a Western man, with Hill as second choice if Cleveland is out of the mace. Texas will be for Hill.

RESULT OF BRICE'S TRIP.

A Close Traffic Alliance and a Combination

of Some Proportions. CHICAGO, Feb. 14 .- A rumor is published that, as a result of Calvin S. Brice's trip over the Louisville, New Albany and Chicago road, a close traffic alliance has been formed between it and the Richmond Terminal lines. In connection with this, it is said, Brice has bought the unsold mortgage bonds of the road amounting to \$1,875.

O00, for which he paid \$1,000,000; that this sum is to be used in improving the physical condition of the road, and that it is to be Gusky's.

used as the Chicago line for the East Ten-nessee, Virginia and Georgia via New Albany, and of the Queen and Crescent via Cincinnati and Indianapolis.

FIRE IN THE MAILS

LEGISLATION THE MINERS WANT. A DANGEROUS BLAZE IN NEW YORK'S

It Starts in the Basement and Destroys Many Sacks Full of Newspapers-Lively Times Among the Distributing Clerks

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR. NEW YORK, Feb. 14.-The general post office building caught fire to-night, and hundreds of bags of newspapers were burnt up and thousands of letters will be delayed in reaching their destination. A few minutes after 10 o'clock every electric light in the building was suddenly extinguished, leaving every floor in total darkness. Following this came the smell of smoke, and the 300 employer who were at work distributing the mails stampeded out of the building. Hardly had the last ten men reached the rear entrance at Mail street when a puff of smoke came up

from the engine room and enveloped the rear of the building.

Two newsboys were sleeping on the grated bottom of the ventilator on the Mail street sidewalk when the fire broke out, and one was so badly burned that he was taken to Chambers Street hospital in a dying condi-tion. Streams of smoke came puffing up through the ventilators on Mail street like the smoke from a steam engine. Smoke filled the distributing room, where fully 300,000 letters were being made ready to be

sent out.
The mail from the European steamship Celtic had just been brought in and was be-ing distributed when the electric lights went out. The Western mail had nearly all been sent out before 9 o'clock and the Southern mail followed it shortly afterward. The employes were nearly all busy getting ready for the biggest Western mail that goes out during the day. It usually comprises from 800 to 1,500 sacks, and is in readiness to be sent out at from 1 to 4 o'clock in the morning. As soon as the firemen arrived Superintendent Hall, with the aid of a num-Superintendent Hall, with the aid of a number of volunteers, entered the building and began rescuing the mails, while the firemen drowned out the fire among the newspaper mail in the basement. No first-class mail was destroyed. The only damage to mail was to newspapers and third-class matter, and the extent of that cannot be determined until to-morrow morning.

### REPUBLICANS AT PIERRE STILL HOPE.

Independents May Come Over, Palmer Ob jects to the Trade, and Moody Quits.

PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 14.-Stirling's followers have received assur from several Independents that they will support a Republican whose name has already been mentioned, but which, for prudential reasons, is withheld. Conservative Republicans believe victory is yet possible. A telegram has been received here from a member of the Illinois Senate

here from a member of the Illinois Senate that Palmer refused to countenance the proposed Senatorial deal between the South Dakota and Illinois fusionists.

Senator Moody abandons the Senatorial contest, and leaves the field to the score of other aspirants. He believes the Republicans will yet succeed, although the chances are not encouraging.

### OLD SOLDIERS AND BOOMERS.

They Hold a Monster Meeting and Ask Congress to Open Cherokee Land.

ARKANSAS CITY, KAN., Feb. 14 .- In namer to a call issued by the Southwestern Soldiers' Association fully 1,000 old soldier and five times as many citizens gathered here to-day to urge Congress to open the Cherokee strip and other Indian lands at

once to settlement. Resolutions were adopted calling upon Congress to act at once and give the people homes and to treat the whites as well as the

To Repeal the Tariff Laws. WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 .- In the House o-day, Representative Dickinson, of Kentucky, introduced for reference a bill to re-peal the McKinley tariff act, and to re-en-act all laws repealed by that act.

The Last Opportunity to Visit the Natio

Capital At a very reduced rate is offered by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company March 5. On that date a special train of this com-pany's finest coaches and Pullman parlor pany's linest coaches and Pullman parlor cars will leave Union station at 8 a. M., running through to Washington, D. C., without change. The rate for this, the last of the season, will be \$9 for the round trip, tickets good ten days, with stop-off privileges at Baltimore in either direction, Tickets at this rate will be honored on trains leaving Union station; at 4:30 P. M., 7:15 P. M. and 8:10 P. M. on the above date P. M. and 8:10 P. M., on the above date. Seats in the parlor car on day train, and perths in sleeping cars on night trains can now be secured on application at the ticket office, 110 Fifth avenue, this city. A corresponding low rate will be made from East Liberty, Braddock, Irwin, Uniontown, Connellsville, Greensburg, Latrobe,

and stations east thereof. \$1 00-Until May 1-\$3 50. 12 cabinet photos, or one life-size crayon for \$3 50 at Aufrecht's Elite Gallery, 516 Market street, Pittsburg. Use elevator.

The Henry F. Miller Piano The favorite with musicians, and a pian

that has gained great fame on account of its wonderful musical tone, quality of tone and unsurpassed durability in the homes of music lovers. An elegant assortment of these celebrated instruments at W. C. Whitehill's Music Parlor, 152 Third avenue.

SOME of the most intelligent artists in this country and Europe, who are familiar with Mr. Dabbs' work, claim that he has the rare gift of seeing when a person is most natural and the talent to secure in a photo-graph a likeness that is unequaled.

### Supplies for the Army.

The contract for supplying baking pow-der to the United States Army, bids for which were recently opened in New York, has been awarded to the Cleveland Baking Powder Company. Before the award was made the different baking powders offered were submitted to a thorough analysis, with the sanction of Commissary General Du Barry, so that the result is a high tribute to the merit of the Cleveland Baking Powder.

MR. M. C. BYRNES, merchant tailor, Fifth avenue, went East lest night. His staple goods having been nearly all bought already, this visit is for the purpose of seeing the latest novelties and fancy touches which distinguish the elegante from the wearer of ready-made garments.

Silk drapery nets, 46 inches, 49c; 6 to yards for full suit. THE CASH STORE. To Let Lists Area valuable assistance to home seekers. Fullest and best published. It pays to con-

Have You Rented Your House? If not advertise it in THE DISPATCH. Mondays and Thursdays are special rent list days.

IN THE TOILS AGAIN.

Count di Montercole Gets Out a Fresh Batch of Circulars

AND HEROICALLY SCATTERS THEM All He Wants This Time Is to Return to

Single Blessedness, HE LANGUISHES IN A PRISON CELL

PEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH, ! PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 14.—For the third time during his brief but notorious sareer Count di Montercole has been arrested for distributing scurrilous circulars concerning his wife, who was Miss Virginia Knox, of Pittaburg, and be now lies in a cell in the City Hall to await further pun-

The Count was first sentenced to a fine of \$20, which he could not pay. He was then held in \$500, and on repeating the offense by distributing circulars of a viler char-soter, he was, on May 21 last, sentenced to imprisonment for six months. He emerged from Moyamensing on November 21 in his usual penniless condition, and took refuge in an obscure lodging at 757 South Eighth street and lived upon his charitable compatriots. He made advances through his lawyer, Mr. Keely, to his wife's family and they advised him to go to Italy. He refused unless his wife gave him a divorce, which he said he could not get because of his pen-

ishment for his offense.

niless condition.

His wife took no further notice of him, and, tired of inactivity, the adventurous Italian began his old tricks. He composed another circular and he got a printer to strike off 700 for \$1 65. The document was

He Tired of Inactivity.

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AMERICAN GENTLEMEN—I am distributing a third circular to inform all the honest people of my sad position caused by Miss Virginia Knox (once my wife.) Remember that last year I was committed to prison for seven months and a half for distributing to the public a second circular. I, being ignorant of the American law, got deceived by a lawyer who advised me to answer guilty at the interrogation. Then I heard with great surprise that I would be condemned without the appearance of the grand jury, which I desired to have as my judge, so as to give light to the true situation of the matter. During my time in prison I have suffered persecution, been surrounded by detectives and treated in the most barbarous manner.

He Pleads for Divorce. As I have served my unjust punishment, I again ask Virginia Knox to give me the liberty which she took away from me. But she refused to be divorced from a man that 26 months has accused of being brutal and unjust. From insufficiency of money I cannot show my rights. Finally I notified Miss Knox that I was ready to give her the divorce, allowing her to accuse me of such acts as never took place. Her desire is to compel me to return to Europe and to deprive me of any kind of occupation; to put me in such condition as not to remain in this country. I have very much to say but—finish for this time. I inform Miss Knox that I may die, but will not remain her husband. You, Virginia Knox, take off the title of Counters. Your place is the cafe chantant. CONTE DI MONTERCOLE.

—R. W. Patterson, managing editor of the Chicago Tribune, and James W. Scotz, publisher of the Herald, passed through the city yesterday on the way home from New York, where they attended the American Newspaper Publishers' Association. Mr. Bootz said there was no difference of opinion be-tween the World's Fair managers. He claims the fair will be a great success. He Acts Like a Martyr. Armed with these the Count to-day went around the Continental, the Girard and Green's, and he freely gave away his extraordinary composition. At last he was espied by Reserve Officer Delhauer, at 5:30

espied by Reserve Officer Delhauer, at 5:30 P. M., who recognized him and at once arrested him. In his cell in the city hall tonight the Count said to a reporter:

"I am glad; I am happy. The Knox family will now get me a divorce. I hate that woman. She loves me still and will not divorce me. Now she will have to come to court again, and I will expose her; She is a bad, wicked woman. I make my living by acting as waiter, and I want to go back to Italy a free man."

The Count would say no more and turned The Count would say no more and turned

MISPLACED CONFIDENCE Why Bank Teller Ritter, of Evansville, Is a Heavy Defaulter EVANSVILLE, Feb. 14 .- The principal ause of the defalcation of Charles H. Rit. ter, the paying teller of the First National

tion of a Christian martyr.

Bank, is no doubt the mismanagement of Bank, is no doubt the mismanagement of his music house and branches by Oliver Wiggins, the manager.

The business was done with recklessness and lack of business system. Ritter seemed to have placed implicit confidence in Wiggins, which the latter's autecedents did not justify. Wiggins is extensively known all

#### over country. LEADERS IN A REVOLT. Clever Plans Which Two Boys Had Laig to

Make an Escape. Harry Leo, a 10-year-old boy wandered into the Twenty-eighth ward police station last night and asked for lodging. He said that he, in company with Tommy Burch, aged 11 years, had been an inmate of St. Paul's Orphan Asylum, on Tannehill street, and ran away from that place yesterday morning. He says that Burch had organized what he called a club, with the intention of starting a war at the asylum, and while the trouble would be taking place

they were to escape.

Yesterday was the time set to make the break. All the boys, with the exception of Leo and Burch had changed their minds. They concluded to go anyhow, and made their escape through a hole under a fence around the institution. Leo said that Burch had promised to get him work. He failed to do this, so the two boys parted as had friends. Burch soing to Woods' Run as bad friends, Burch going to Woods' Bun and Leo going to the Southside. Leo wants to go back to the home and says he is satisfied to stay there. He was given lodging for the night. The asylum people have been notified of the matter.

# MINNESOTA LEGISLATION.

A Bill Against Excessive Railroad Profits and for Liquor Damages. ST. PAUL, Feb. 14 .- Among the bills introduced in the House this morning was one by Mr. Maguire, providing against the

excessive profits by railroads, after allowing them fair interest and actual expenses, and requiring them to show such to be the fact.
Mr. Thompson introduced a bill allowing Mr. Thompson introduced a bill allowing the recovery of damages where they have been caused by the sale of intoxicating liquors. When the House met in the afternoon a resolution was adopted for the appointment or a joint committee to send an appropriate expression of sympathy to the families of Admiral Porter and General

Sherman. ONE PAIR OF INCORRIGIBLES.

A Couple of Southside Girls Who Left Home Suddenly for Ohio.

Mrs. Catherine Steplein yesterday made an information before Alderman Hartman, an information before Alderman Hartman, of the Twenty-seventh ward, charging her 13-year-old daughter, Katie, with incorrigibility. Katie Steplein, in company with Annie McGuire, also 13 years old, left home suddenly on last Wednesday night, and went to Fremont, O., where she was picked up by the police.

Constable Schertzinger will go to Fremont to-morrow for the girl. Mrs. McGuire, the mother of Annie, has as yet not taken any steps toward having her daughter brought back.

cured. He will be returned to the City Home.

SCORING PRIVATE BANKS.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

and Examination-The Majority Favor

Making the Governor the Appoin

PRPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 14. - President Craig D. Ritchie, of the Real Estate Title

Insurance and Trust Company, was the first

witness be ore the joint committee of the Senate and House of Representatives to in-

quire into banks and banking this morning.

In answer to a question by Senator Packer, Acting Chairman, Mr. Ritchie said: "I am

of the opinion that State banks should be

brought under State supervision. As to trust companies I do not think it necessary."

He explained the reasons for this by saying

that banking was only a small part of their

business. It was not necessary to have

on deposits, yes; but if on a fixed sum, no."

Benjamin Miller, President of the Phila

delphia Mortgage Trust Company, said the

opinion that bank examiners should be ap-

pointed with fixed salaries and a long tenure. Others expressed similar views.

PEOPLE WHO COME AND GO.

-R. W. Patterson, managing editor of

-J. H. Smythe, of Minneapolis, is in the

-Dr. Z. X. Snyder, principal of the In-

-Signal Engineer W. M. Grafton, of the

Pennsylvania Company, went to Lectonia res-terday and approved an interlocking crossing with the Nypano road.

-Mrs. Samuel Morrison, of Franklin

street, Wilkinsburg, has left for Indianapolis where she was called suddenly. She will be

tive of J. P. Witherow & Co., and George Col-lister, of Cleveland, are stopping at the Monon-gahela House. -E. C. Darley, the Southern representa-

-Mrs. H. D. Buckley, of Battimore, an

rived at the Duquesne last evening. Her husband is Purchasing Agent of the Baltimore and Ohio road.

-Dr. George A. and A. S. Edwards,

Syracuse, brothers of Manager Edwards, of Wanamaker & Brown, are at the Anderson.

-Walter F. Stauffer, of Scottdale, and

James P. Sayer, of Washington, are among the guests at the Seventh Avenue Hotel.

-Miss Mary Hamilton, of Danziger &

Co.'s, leaves for the principal Eastern cities to-night to attend the millinery opening.

-W. H. Merrill, of San Jose, is at the

-George De Wolf, of Danziger & Co's.,

leaves to-night on a business trip through the commercial parts of the East.

-J. W. Miller went to Philadelphia last

to have as large a fund as the banks.

their operations inquired into.

Financiers Who Favor State Supervi

Power-Ideas as to Trust Compani

the Mammoth Disaster. TESTIMONY YESTERDAY BEFORE THE

NO ONE IN PARTICULAR BLAMED

LIQUOR IN THE MINE.

The Finding of the Coroner's Jury in

But a Protest Against the Employment of Drinking Men Put In.

SAPETY LAMPS DEMANDED BY LAW PETEL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCELS

GREENSBURG, Feb. 14.-The Coroner's jury in the Mammoth mine explosion this morning heard the arguments of the H. C. Frick Company and the miners. The arguments were opened by John Kane, a member of the National Executive Board, who insisted that the H. C. Frick Company were responsible for the disaster. He insisted that Mr. Snaith, the fire boss, was doing the work of two men. He also said that Snaith's habits were such as to have caused the company to discharge him, but instead of that they were indifferent,

General Fisher, trust officer of the Ger-Mr. Moorhead, the attorney for the comman American Trust Company, stated that pany, was the next speaker. He showed conclusively that the company had used in his opinion the proposed supervision would prove beneficial both to the banks every precaution to prevent accidents, and that they were exceedingly careful about the ventilation. Each man, he said, as was testified, had double the amount of cubic feet of fresh air required by the act of Assembly. He showed that Mr. Soaith was not overburdened with week but in and the public. It would not be necessary to inspect private loans. In regard to the appointment he thought it should be by the Governor. The Clearing House was comwas not overburdened with work, but, in fact, had less to do than the other boss in posed of National banks, and might not be fair in recommending appointments. Asked if he favored a reserve fund, he said: "If he slope. Employment of Bosses Purely Optional. The trust companies should not be required

Mr. Moorhead claimed that the law did not require the company to provide fire bosses in mines that were believed to be free from gas, and the Mammoth mine, as was proven by most all the witnesses, was one of the safest in the Connelisville region. In the evening the jury rendered the fol-

only sensible plan was by examiners, but in his opinion this would not entirely remedy the present evils. The National bank ex-In the evening the jury rendered the following verdict:

It is our opinion that the cause of the Mammoth mine explosion, occurring on the 27th day of January, 1891, at or about 9 o'clock A. M., whereby '107 persons lost their lives, whose bodies we examined on the 28th day of January, was caused by an accumulation of carburetted hydrogen gas in the lower levels or dip of the said Mammoth mine. Whether said gas accumulated prior to or after the examination of Fire Boss William Snaith, we are unable to say, the only evidence being the certificate which was signed by the said William Snaith on the morning of the explosion, stating the condition of the mine to be fair. No other evidence exists to show the condition at the time, or that any gas had existed in the mine at any time to any considerable amount prior to the explosion, although there had been one explosion several years before that had slightly injured one man.

Protest and Recommendations. aminers did not succeed in preventing the failures of those banks. Private banks should be examined, but not private bankers. He favored a law forbidding the use of the word bank by private bankers, as he thought it misleading.
Samuel B. Huey, of the Security Trust
Company, favored the appointment of examiners for State banks and similar justitutions. He did not believe in paternal gov-ernment and thought the State had nothing to do with private bankers unless they called their houses banks. He favored a law forbidding the use of this title by private bankers. Regarding the reserve fund, he said that the State banks should be put on the same Nbasis as the ational banks in this respect. J. Rommel, Jr., of the Mechanics' National Bank, gave it as his

Protest and Recommendations. We found all machinery about said mine to We found all machinery about said mine to be in good condition and in working order. The fan and the power to propel it were amply sufficient to force; air to any part of the mine. Windle we find that the H. C. Frick Coke Company has not been guilty of any neglect in providing for the comfort and care of their underground employses and miners, we do protest against the employment of fire bosses and pit bosses who are addicted to the use of malt and spiritous liquors, either when employed or off duty. duty.
We also believe that there should be an

We also believe that there should be an amendment to the mining laws against the working of mines under water level with any flame or open light, and to compet the lighting of the same by electricity or safety lamps. We recommend that no person be permitted to enter any mine now operated in this State, or hereafter opened, except those whose names or number shall be kept in a book or registry as the entrance of the mines.

city looking for the heirs of James Coyne. In 1872 he took up a square in the town under the homestead act. He rented the ground and dis-appeared, the tenants now claiming it in fea-simple. The land has become valuable, and suit to recover it will soon be brought. SMALL SCRAPS OF LOCAL NEWS. JOSEPH HOBAUGH, 40 years old, a resident of Lawrenceville, died suddenly yesterday aftersoon at the home of his sister, Mrs. Henkle, Federal street, Allegheny, Hobaugh has been a sufferer from consumption for a long time, and yesterday he was seized with a hemorrhage, and before a physician could be summoned expired. An inquest will be held to-morrow.

diana State Normal School and recently ap-pointed State Superintendent of Public In-struction by Governor Pattison, was in the city yesterday. The doctor is one of the most popular lecturers before teachers' institutes in -A theater party from Wheeling regis-THE body of Mrs. Mollie Moore, who died at tered at the Duquesne yesterday afternoon. the Allegheny General Hospital on Friday from injuries inflicted by herself, was taken to her parents' home in Springfield, Eric county, where she will be buried to-day. The sorrow-ing husband and children accompanied the re-mains. -C. E. Gregory, City Passenger Agent

of the Baltimore and Ohio road, will accom-pany the Crystal Slipper Company in their special train to Philadelphia. THE rear wheels of a wagon, driven by Jacob Schoefield, hung over the edge of the Allentown incline yesterday, as the car began its ascent of the hill. The wagon was all but slip-ping off when a number of men caught hold of it and held it until the top was reacued. Aw alarm was sent from box 74 at 11:35 last night for a fire in the house of Henry Ed

munds, corner of Robinson and Craig streets, Allegheny, caused by a lamp exploding, which sat fire to the carpet. It was exunguished with JAMES H. WHEREY will preside at the tem perance meeting in the "Little Jim" Church, Allegheny, this evening. The speakers will in-clude Glibert M. McMasters, and Mrs. Mary Stuckrath will lead in gospel songs.

THE report of Controller Morrow on the school millage for this year shows that in most of the wards there has been a slight decrease in the lavy, except in wards where new buildings have just been erected. JOHN W. Roberts, a paper hanger, 71 years

old, and who lived on Forty-third street. droppped dead while at work yesterday. Heart disease was the supposed cause. An inquest will be held to morrow. A MALE infant was found yesterday on the porch of Jim Beamer's residence at Fifth ave-nue and Neville street. It was christened "Gamble Weir" and sent to the Poor Farm. A VALUABLE horse owned by James Houser, a liveryman of Milivale, had two of its feet badly cut by shying and throwing his feet under a cable car on Penn avenue yesterday.

A MAN entered Hewman's jewelry stere, Penn avenue and Twenty-seventh street, last

night and stole a revolver. The police were notified. If Little Babies

# Could Write Letters

WHAT a host of grateful testimonials the proprietors of the Cuticura Remedies would receive. How their little hearts would overflow in ink! They know what they have suffered from itching and burning eczemas and other itching, scaly, blotchy, and pimply skin and scalp diseases before the Cuticura Rem-

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