AN HEIRESS IN NEED.

THE ONE TO WHOM A BLIND MAN

LEFT HIS WEALTH.

The Story of a Contested Will-It Makes

Its Beneficiary Poor Though She Used

to Receive \$700 a Month-The Case

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 .- Sweet-faced and

ing years, had made a most astonishing re-

"I think it a remarkable circumstance,"

DR. BRIGGS' SCRIPTURAL VIEWS.

His Chair in the Union Theological Sem

inary in Danger.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 19 .- "One of the most in-

eresting matters that will come up before the

General Assembly of the Church at Detroit will

e the approval or disapproval of Dr. Charles

A. Briggs' appointment to the Chair of Biblical

quest of Surrogate Ransom.

THE GRANGER VIEW

Of the Tax Question Given a Handling by the Corporations' Advocate.

FARM SALES ARE QUOTED

To Prove That Railroad Companies Pay the Heaviest Taxes,

WHILE DIVIDENDS ARE REDUCED.

Inequalities Charged Against the Latest Tax Measure.

PERCHAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH, ! HARRISBURG, Feb. 19.-The corporations had their inning to-day before the Ways and Menns Committee, and the commission's revenue bill, which embodies the tax views of the Grangers, was handled without gloves. The principal argument was made by M. E. Olmstead, of this city. After quoting a number of judicial authorities in favor of his position on the proposed legislation, he said there was no urgency for

suon a measure. Statistics, which had been given, showing an average taxation of 15 to 18 mills on farm lands for local purposes, he said, were incorrect, and quoted statistics from 57 different counties, made up from actual sales of over 4,000 different farms, as returned to the State Board of Agriculture, to show that the average rate of taxation of such property throughout the Commonwealth for all purposes was 7 84-100 mills, while railroad companies paid 3 mills upon their capital stock, 3 mills upon their loans and 8 mills upon their gross receipts.

Their capital stock, as shown by official papers from the Auditor General's office, as compared with market reports, was always appraised at full value, and sometimes higher than the market price.

Reduction of Railroad Rates.

Farm products had declined, according to the most reliable statistics, from 25 to 30 per cent in the last 10 or 15 years. The rates of transportation charged by the Lehigh Valley Railread Company and all other railroad com-panies in the Commonwealth, he said, had within that period been reduced at least 50 per cent, and he produced statistics to prove his

tatement.
The dividends of the Lehigh Valley Railroad had been reduced from 10 per cent to 5 per cent, and while it was commonly supposed that corporations have no souls to be saved nor rectifies have no souls to be saved nor dies to be kicked, it was a fact that this comprised of 8,000 stockholders, rec-fifths of whom were women, and among he largest stockholders were the Lehigh Uni-reraity and St. Luke's Hospital. Parties thus interested, he thought, were entitled to some ion as well as other interests. the reason why the rate of taxation appeared The reason way the rate of taxation appeared high on tarm lands was because their valuation in most counties was greatly below their actual value, and he produced official certificates from commissioners of a number of counties to show this to be the fact.

A Claim of Inequality. Railroad property in cities is wastly more waluable per mile than in country districts, yet this bill spread the city valuation over the rural mileage and gave to the counties the benefit of taxation of valuable city property, to which they were not equitably entitled. After reference to recent decisions of Judges Simonton and McPherson, which he said would

give the State from \$300,000 to \$500,000 a year

nal revenue, and the proposed diversion tion of the State revenues to local pur-Mr. Oliusted was interrogated for nearly At the conclusion of Mr. Olmsted's remarks Robert E. Wright, of Allentown, addressed the committee on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. He said that, while he admitted the fact that farm property and all real estate was taxed too much, the fault was not that the railroad companies and other corporations were taxed too little, but that personal property, which the law pretended to lax, was not reached at all—or a very small amount of it. Mr. Wright said that at the very foundation of our Government it was deemed unwise and impolitie to permit any State to have any control over commerce between the States; and the wisdom of that provision in the Constitution is made more manifest as time goes on.

Other Interests to Be Heard.

Other Interests to Be Heard. At the conclusion of his remarks the committee agreed to meet next Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock to hear counsel for other intercests. The committee in executive session agreed to report the bill without recommendation, so that it may get a place upon the The message of Governor Pattison, suggesting that the Legislature appropriate sufficient

leperal's department and pass a law requiring General's department and pass a law requiring all warrants on the State Treasury to be drawn by the Auditor General, will receive favorable action at the hands of the Senate Committee, to which the communication was referred. Under presented. of laves this official draws warrants for scarce alf the moneys expended by the State, and a therefore unable to tell the condition of monwealth. The con tree having in charge the Governor's recom-mentations is unanimous in its indorsement of

he scheme to execute all murderers in the The scheme to execute all murderers in the neutrentiaries received its quietus in the House to-day. There is another bill on the Senate calendar having a similar purpose in view, but its counterpart having been indefinitely postponed in the House, there is no hope for its passage. This proposed change in the custom of hanging was strongly pressed by Sheriffs, who wanted to get rid of executing proposed.

BILLS OF VARIOUS HUES.

They Still Keep Coming Into Both the House and Senate.

PETECIAL TELEGRAN TO THE DISPATCH.1 HARRISBURG, Feb. 19.-Bills were intronumed as follows in the Senate to-day: By Williamson, Huntingdon, to provide for the publication of a digest of the laws of Pennsylvania by the Supreme Court reporter, apoperating \$5,000 for payment to reporter and

lerical expenses.
Lancaster, appropriating \$96,000 to
Normal School.

secessary clerical expenses.

No Mylla, Lancaster, appropriating \$96,000 to Millersville Normal School.

By Green, Berks, to prevent any persons not members of the order of the Sons of Veterans secaring its badge or shield.

Ity Penrose, Philadelphia, to prevent discrimination in appointing to office in counties or cities on account of color.

By Woodward, Philadelphia, to prevent deception in the manufacture and sale of articles of gidel ware.

by Lafferty, Fayette, providing for the election of School Supervisors in townships.

Among the bills introduced in the House
were the following:

A Freight Jumps the Track, Demolishing
Cars and Delaying Traffic.

were the following:
By Whiteley, regulating the fees for boarding prisoners in county jails.
By Towle, to make provisions for the prevention of mental diseases.
By Smith, making appropriation for the Memorial Home at Brookville.
By Johnson, to regulate the taxes on anthracite coat lands.

REDUCED THE PRICES.

That's What the Publishers Say the School Book Combine Has Done.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH, HARRISBURG, Feb. 18.-The joint sub-com mittee on education met to-night to continue the inquiry into the alleged School Book Trast Charles G. Sower, of Philadelphia, said he knew of a combination of four school back publishers, but did not think it put up the price of text The idea prevailing of large profits being made by publishing firms was er-profits being made by publishing firms was er-roneous. He seemed to be afraid that his busi-ness might be injuriously affected by firms giving books away in order to introduce their books to school boards. He thought it better for parents to purchase books than school districts. Book agents were defended. He gave the committee much information of which it had known nothing. had known nothing.

Henry T. Coates, of Philadelphia, said the four firms which had combined had made competition sharp and diminished prices a little. He did not favor the State going into publishing businesses.

VERONA BOROUGH BILL It Passes Second Reading Along With Several Others.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.1 HARRISBURG, Feb. 12.-Among the bills passed second reading in the House were the following: To repeal the first section of the act to prohibit the sale of liquor in Verona borough, Allegheny county; to provide for public morgues in counties having over 300,000 inhabitmorgues in counties having over 300,000 inhabitants; to reimburse counties for losses sustained by destruction of bridges by the flood of 1889; for the erection of monuments and tablets to mark positions of the Pennsylvania troops on Chickamanga baitlefield; appropriating \$150,000 to Chicago Weild's Fair after defeat of amendment reducing amount to \$100,000; providing for appointment of a commission to revise the anthracite mining laws.

FOR PUBLIC HEALTH. A Pittsburg Bill to Better Protect It Passed by the Senate.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. HARRISBURG, Feb. 19.-The bill was passed finally in the Senate to provide for more effectual protection of public health in cities FARM VALUATION IS PLACED TOO LOW of the State. This bill was drafted by the De-

BIRD BOOK INQUIRY.

It Is Referred to the Printing Committee for a Reply.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. 1 HARRISBURG, Feb. 18.-A resolution, presented by Robbins, of Westmoreland, in the Senate, asking for information from the State Printer and the ornithologist of the State Board of Agriculture relative to the failure of the State Grange to receive the 600 copies of the pird book, to which it is entitled, was referred to the Committee on Printing.

Women Are Not Competent. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR. HARRISBURG, Feb. 19 .- Attorney General Hensel handed down an opinion to-day, in which be decides that women are not couppe-tent to be incorporators or treasurers of a cor-poration, and that the act of 1887 does not re-move the restrictions.

A Favorable Report Made. HARRISBURG, Feb. 18.-In the Senate to day, the bill appropriating \$1,000,000 to carry out the purpose of the proposed road law of the commission for the next two years was favorably reported.

BURIED IN BURNING DEBRIS.

several Firemen Injured at a Big Blaze in Youngstown. "SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

Youngstown, Feb. 19,-Shortly after noon fire destroyed the No. 2 puddle mill of Cart wright, McCurdy & Co., and buried a number of firemen in the debris. A spark from the guide mill dropped into the fig-wheel pit, igniting the grease and oll dripping from the machinery, and an instant later the guide mill, bar mill and puddle department were in flames. The entire fire department was called and the flames were prevented from licking up the other mills of the plant.

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About the time it was under control several beams with a portion of the roof felt. Firemen Henry Steinhart, James Probst, John Reynolds and Citizen John McAniuch were caught in the debris and hadly injured. All were removed in ambulances to their homes, and it is believed will recover. Assistant Chief Knox and Driver Sim Dyer were also injured. The loss will reach \$20,000; insurance, \$150,000. The mill will be rebuilt.

WORK RESUMED IN JACKSON PARK.

It Is Believed the Laborers Will Be No

Longer Molested. CHICAGO, Feb. 19 .- A squad of carpenters re sumed work on the temporary buildings in Jackson Park this morning and were not molested The mob of idlers which drove the laborers out of the park several days ago, and

which had maintained a threatening attitude thereafter, did not appear. Grading machinery is being unloaded on the grounds, and the contractors say they intend to put a force of men at work on Monday. They propose to employ only American citizens, in accordance with the terms of their contract, and this, it is believed, will avert any further

HIS AIM WAS SURE.

A New Yorker Shoots Himself Dead in the Presence of a Card Party.

SPECIAL TELEGRAN TO THE DISPATOR 1 SARATOGA, Feb. 19.-William H. Cooke committed suicide last night by shooting himself through the throat and through the body with a revolver. He did the deed in the presence of a card party at the house of a friend, ence of a card party at the house of a friend, where his sister and her husband, name Dobbins, were spending the evening.

Cooke said he called to say goodby, as he was going away, and almost immediately fired the fatal shots. Cooke ran an engine on the Adirondack Railroad, and was a member of the tribe of Red Men. He was 28 years old, married and had four children.

A STORM IN THE WEST.

Telegraph Communication Paralyzed by Sleet and Ice.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.-A phenomenal storm plastered great areas of the country with ice to-night, from the Alleghenies to the Rockies north of Mason and Dixon's line. It began about 6 P. M., and in half an hour the tele. graph wires began to show signs of demoral-ization. By 9:30 the life had temporarily been ization. By \$30 the life had temporarily been choked out of nearly every metal string throughout a vast belt by the constantly thickening coat of freezing crystals stretching from pole to pole.

From Indianapolis west, near Springfield, Ill., and toward Kansas City at that time was the most completely wrecked section from telegraphers' standpoint. Thousands of words of belated newspaper dispatenes were piled unsent in offices on the edge of the affected district.

COAL WAGES IN INDIANA

They Are Fixed Independent of the United Mine Worker.

BRAZIL, IND., Fpb. 19.-The coal operators of Indiana, acting wholly independent of the United Mine Workers of America, will shortly fix a scale of mining prices for the year begin-ning May 1 next. As a body they withdrew from the National order two years ago. For the past year the mines have been operated on their scale, which, at least, has secured fair work on an average.

With trade regained and with new customers, the prospect for paying a better scale next year is fair. The National order demanded a larger advance, however, than is likely to be

Cars and Delaying Traffic.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE. FINDLAY, Feb. 19 .- A freight train on the Toledo, Columbus and Cincinnati Railroad jumped the track this evening about two miles south of Arlington, demolishing five cars and causing a wreck which will prevent the ranning of trains until some time to-morrow.

The passenger train from Leaton to Toledo had to be abandoned at Dunkirk, and the passengers were compelled to walk a mile around the wreck in order to reach the relief train at Arlington. No one was junged but train at Arlington. No one was injured, but the financial loss will be many thousands of

A SUPREME JUDGE DEAD.

Judge G. Berkshire, of the Indiana Bench. Passes Away.

Indianapolis, Feb. 19.-Judge John G. Berkshire, of the State Supreme Court, died this evening at his home in Vernon from an attack of pneumonia, contracted some two weeks ago.

Judge Berkshire was about 60 years of age.

He was elected to the Supreme Bench in 1888,
and had four years yet to serve. This is the
second death on the Supreme Bench within

After Anneke Jans' Millions. CHICAGO, Feb. 19 .- A dispatch from New He did not favor the State going into publishing business.

Frank B. Wood, representing S. B. Lippincott & Co., said the trust had cut down prices 5

York City says that there are at least 60 Chicago people who are heirs to the famous Anneke Jans-Begardus estate, now in litigation in New York City.

per cent. C, T. Copperthwaite and E. H. Butler, of Philadelphia, were also before the com-

Kansas Bankers Not Alarmed Over Alliance Legislation.

REPUBLICAN SENATE IN THE WAY

To Block Any Wild Financial Measures of the Farmers.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.1 TOPEKA, KAN., Feb. 19.-The financial legislation threatened by the Farmers' Alliance majority in the Kansas Legislature creates more alarm among the capitalists of the East than it does with the moneyed men of the State, who are in a position to estimate accurately the power of the order, and

SPEAKER ELDER'S CAMPAIGN DESIGNS

to separate the real intention of the leaders from their idle campaign declarations, If there was any prospect of of the State. This bill was drafted by the Department of Public Safety, of Pittsburg, to apply to dities of the second-class, but was made general.

The bill was also massed finally, amending an act to enable the officers of dissolved corporations to convey real estate, and authorizing the court to direct the sale of such real estate, on the petition of any one or more of the shareholders or their legal representatives, whenever requested so to do.

If there was any prospect of the measures which have been introduced in and passed by the House of Representatives would at once begin preparations for withdrawing their capital from the State and retire from business.

The business of money leading would be

The business of money lending would be so hazardous that conservative men, who would be satisfied with a reasonable return from investments, would decline to engage in it and it would be conducted by the most unscrupulous Shylocks, who would demand exorbitant rates of interest in return for loans made at such great risks. It has been rumored freely that the Republican Senate had determined, in order that the new political party might the sooner destroy itself, to pass every wild bill agreed upon by the House, and demonstrate at once to the people the im-practicability of the laws which the Farm-

ers' Alliance is clamoring for. Some Bills Already Passed. Some Bills Already Passed.

The House has already passed a chattel mortgage bill, which provides that personal property given as securicy for a loan shall fully satisfy the obligation of the borrower, no matter what it brings when sold; an interest and usury bill which does not protect innocent purchasers of usurious notes, even if the usury is hid so effectually that no one could know of its existence, except the giver and taker, the penalty of which is the forfeiture of the principal and interest; a taxation bill that requires every note, bond and mortgage to le stamped by the assessor, showing that it has been assessed, before it can be collected through the medium of the courts; a mortgage bill which permits no judgment to be rendered

through the medium of the courts; a mortgage bill which permits no judgment to be rendered against the the mortgagor which cannot be satisfied by the sale of the property mortgaged, and which gives to the courts the right to set aside any mortgage sale which they believe has been effected at too low a price.

These bills passed by the House, when taken with the rumor that the Republican Senate intended to place no obstacles in the way of their becoming laws, naturally alarmed the bankers and investment companier. A meeting was quietly called to be held in Topeka to ascertain positively just what course the Republican Senators really intended to pursue. They desired to know in advance if it was really intended to approve the farmers' revolutionary measures.

The meeting was held, and was attended by the Governor and every Senator, with the exception of Senator Wheeler, who was elected by the Farmers' Alliance to fill a vacancy, and about 50 bankers from all parts of the The bankers were assured by the Senators that they need have no fear that any of the financial bills passed by the House would become laws, and that they might go home and engage in business, with the certainty that there would be no change in laws governing

interest, mortgages or personal property taxa-tion during the present session, or terms of the Senators present. So it is that the bankers and capitalists of So it is that the bankers and capitalists of Kansas have no fears of the enactment of laws now that will be inimicable to their interests. If the People's Party organization remains intact for two years it will get full control of the executive department and both branches of the Legislature. That being true, then it would seem certain that the legislation which the farmers have attempted in the House can only be postponed two years. If the bankers of postponed two years. If the bankers of Kansas really believed that the farmers will be successful two years hence, and in case of success that they will really enact the laws which they now claim to want, they would at once so shape their business that they could have their money well out of the State before that time.

They Have No Fears. But they do not believe, first, that the movement will hold together for two years; and second, that if it does the leaders will desire to pass their laws when they have full power to do so. If they really favored them when they came to Topeka, they have had ample oppor-

do so. If they really favored them when they came to Topeka, they have had ample opportunity to see what the result of such legislation would be. A practical demonstration of this was brought home to the Alliance leaders only a couple of weeks ago.

The Alliance Tibune, one of the party organs, became involved in financial difficulties and it became necessary for it to secure a lean of \$2,000. A note for this amount was drawn up and indorsed by John G. Otis, Congressmanelect from the Fourth district; Jerry Simpson, Congressmanelect from the Seventh district, Ben Clover, Congressmanelect from the Third district; W. A. Harris, a wealthy stock raiser and late candidate for United States Senator; P. P Elder, Speaker of the House, formerly a banker in Ottawa, and now the wealthiest farmer and stock raiser in Franklin county.

Ordinarily, any one of these gentlemen's indorsement would have been sufficient to have carried a \$2,000 loan, but not a single bank or loan company could be found in Topeka that would accommodate this shining galaxy of reformers, and the Alliance Telbune was lorced to apply to the District Court for a receiver. P. P. Elder, one of the indorsers of this note, is the author of every bill enumerated in this article, and he look ed after each one personally, and saw that they nassed through the body of which he is look of after each one personally, and saw that they passed through the body of which he is the presiding officer.

Working Up Campaign Thunder. These who know Elder best, know that he does not want his bills to become laws. They know that if he were not sure they would never run the gauntlet of the Senate, he would not have introduced them, and that he would have offered similar measures introduced by any one else. Elder was defeated for the Senate and he wants to be the candidate of the new party for Governor in 1892. With their "anti-money power" bills to his credit, he will have plenty of material for campaign thander with which to enter the campaign thander with which to enter the campaign, but Elder as Governor would veto the bills which Elder as Speaker of the House advocated so strongly. The milk in the cocanut is that the Farmers' Alliance legislators who promised Farmers' Alliance legislators who promised their constituents so much in the last campaign, in the way of retrenchiment and reform, will return to their homes with nothing whatever to their realit. The expenses of this session will be greater than those of any previous legislature in the history of the State, and they will have nothing to show tor it.

The only reductions made in the appropriation bills will be at the expense of clerks in the different departments, and all they will have to go before the people with is the House journal, which will show their futile attempts to drive every dollar of legitimate capital from the State and open it up to the ravages of the pawnbroker and the 100 per cent money shark.

NO PENSIONS FOR DESERTERS.

Some Remarkable Applications Thrown

Out in Georgia. ATLANTA, Feb. 19,-The frauds upon the pension list of the State of Georgia have pecome so pronounced that strict scrutiny has lately been employed to prevent it. Georgia was one of the first States in the South to make an appropriation for the benefit of wounded and maimed ex-Confederates. The benefit was in the shape of artificial arms, legs, eyes, etc., renewable at stated periods. As a matter of convenience to these pensioners they were permitted to take the money in commutation. A few days ago the name of an alleged votera in Dooly county was stricken off because it had been ascertained that his arm had been lost in a sugar mill instead of in battle. Yesterday the Ordinary of Gilmer county was in Atlanta, and brought with him a number of pension claims for people living if his county. Captain Harrison had been advised that there was doubt concerning several pensions that were paid in Gilmer county last year, and when the claims were presented for examination he secured a copy of the roster of the Sixty-fith Georgia Regiment, in which most of the applicants enlisted.

The first name called was that of W. A. Knell, Company H. He claimed to have had his left arm disabled by a gunshot wound at Cumberland Gap. "Deserted in the face of the enemy." That was his record, which disposed of his claim. W. T. C. Sallian was next. He was in Company A. The record was, "Deserted." Then came B, G. Charles, "Deserted;" was one of the first States in the South to make

T. F. Nelson, "Descrted;" L. D. Rodgers, "Descrted;" all of Gilmer county, Company A. On the back of each claim is now written: "It is not the pelicy of the State to pension descrters," "I think I'd better stop here for one day," remarked Captain Harrison, as the fifth application was tossed aside. "That roster of Confederate troops has saved the State \$250 tenday." All the man had drawn pensions!

Little Say About the Situation. All the men had drawn pensions las

NOT QUITE SOLID IN CINCINNATI.

Beckley, Carroll and Staley All Sign Three-Year Local Contracts.

GENERAL SPORTING NEWS OF THE DAY

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. CINCINNATI, Feb. 19. - Cincinnati really desired to stay in the League-that is, the patrons did. They were opposed to Brush and believed Johnson had the best simple little Annie Murphy Divver, the 17claim. The jump into the Association was year-old daughter of the blind millionaire, not received with wild delight, though a Dan Murphy (the late King of Cherry Hill and Kerry Castle), and solace of his declinbetter feeling exists since Louis Kramer, a local man, is President and this city headquarters. It is not believed the League will put in a club here. Indeed, dispatches resays Surrogate Ransom, "that this young ceived here to-day make it quite certain Brush will take the franchise to Indiaugirl-she is hardly more than a childshould have come to me to try to obtain funds for her suit, pending the contest of a will by which she is left a bewildering fortune. She says that she has applied to these who are now seeking to be included in the petition for the probate of Dan Murphy's will, and seeking to exclude her as one not a legal heir or kin of the decedent; that they declined to assist her, and that she is destitute and actually in need of food, while her husband, Thomas Divver, is ill." apolis. All the Cincinnati players are not

apolis. All the Cincinnati players are not satisfied, and some may refuse to play with the Association. Mr. Kramer, speaking of the situation, said this afternoon:

"I accepted upon the understanding that I was not forced to leave the city to settle down. I will receive \$3.000 a year, traveling expenses when I leave the city and a stenoprapher. My information is of such a character as to make it quite certain that Mike Kelly will play with and manage the team. Two or three other good players are as good as engaged, but I cannot give their names now. Sunday games will be played.

be played.

"Cincinnati always was a Sunday ball city.
For many years there has been a law against Sunday ball playing, but it was never enforced, except part of one year. Therefore, I cannot think there will be any trouble about playing on the home grounds. But, if there is, the club will simply cross the river, I suppose, and play in Covington, where good grounds can be secured.

food, while her husband, Thomas Divver, is ill."

Little Annie herself, in her simple, child-like way, said to a reporter to-day: "It is true that I wen; to the Surrogate to try to get some money from my father's estate. I did not teil the Surrogate anything that was not true. I am in great need of money, but of course I am not starving, or in actual want of food. I did not mean that. I meant that I was out of money, and to obtain food and other necessaries must ask someone to trust me for their value. That is all there is in it.

Justice Divver explained the situation more clearly, thus: "I suppose the truth of the matter is that that little girl, for she is only a little girl, without knowledge of business, has become worked up to a high pitch by these proceedings and ran over to the Surrogate's Court without consulting anyone.

"You see, she has been in the habit of handling a great deal of money for her father. Now, William G, Murphy, who is only a half-nephew, claims to hold a lease of Kerry Casile and the tenements at Nos. 20 and 22 Cherry street, dated in 1859, and running for ten years. By this lease he pays \$300 a month rent. That leaves a profit to him of \$700 or \$750 a month.

"When this contest was begun of course William stopped paying the \$300 a month. Annie thinks she is being defrauded out of it, I suppose. My son knows nothing of the business, and if he did he is too feeble to attend to it. As to the contest of the will, that will fall completely when it is tried. I have kept out of the case and advised the children to live by themselves until the will contest ends." in Covington, where good grounds can be secured.

"As to the fight with the League, we don't intend to push it unless forced to. We will avoid conflicting dates, if possible, and will not tamper with their players unless forced to it. Had the League acted fair Cincinnati could not have been induced to leave the League. But we were purposely held down and were forced to protect ourselves. We won't lose anything and will gain much. The American Association will play good, honest ball, treat players and public right and go right ahead. I cannot speak officially, but a compromise is not wanted by us at any sacrifice."

staley, Beckley and Staley Sign to Play

Manager Hanlon was an extremely happy man yesterday. He received definite information to the effect that Carroll, Staley and Beckley had signed with the local club. President O'Neill was at Springfield, Ill., yesterday morning, and signed both Staley and Beckley. The President at once wired Manager Hanlon to this effect, so that statements to the contrary are worthless. Mr. Hanlon received word directly from Carroll. The latter states that his signed contract is now on its way to Pitts-burg, and that he and Mrs. Carroll will be here A. Brigge' appointment to the Chair of Biblical Theology by the Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary of New York," said Dr. T. R. Monfort, of the Herald and Presbyter. to-day. "Dr. Briggs has been attracting the attention of the Church for some ten years by his peculiar rejection of the supreme authority of the Holy Scriptures, but it was his inaugural address in his new position that brought down upon him the adverse criticism of the church press. In his address Dr. Briggs questioned the inspiration of the scriptures and uttered many thoughts which the great body of the church does not believe respectful, to say the least.

The signing of Beckley is another proof of the bluff and bluster of the baseball wreckers, who are going about the country circulating lies for no other purpose than to create a discontent that will aid players in acting foolishly. The most diabolical methods of subterfuge will doubtless be resorted to by these characters, who are disgracing the name of baseball, and the public and the players should give them no quarter at all.

them no quarter at all.

A question has come up with the Association's break that is worth considering. It is: Can Association clubs who signed players to play under a National agreement hold these players now that the clubs have thrown the National

church does not believe respectful, to say the least.

"The General Assembly has the veto power ouer the election of professors, and unless Dr. Briggs modifies the stand he has taken it is not likely that the Assembly will approve the action of the Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary. It would have been better for Dr. Briggs, perhaps, had he remained Professor of Hebrew and Cognate Languages in that institution. He is, I think, about 45 years old—old enough, in fact, to know better than to put himself so far out of the line of the church as to excite grave fears of his usefulness in it, and especially in the position where he will have such a marked influence upon the great body of the theological students and coming ministers of the Church. The delegates to the General Assembly will not be elected until spring, and so it is too early to state their attinow that the clubs have thrown the National agreement to one side? A number of people claim that the violation of the National agreement by the clubs releases all players who signed to play under such an agreement. If this contention is right there will be a great attack on Association players by the League and Pittsburg won't get left.

The directors of the local club are certain that the Association is going to certain death, and they are of opinion that not a man who has encouraged the disruption should be recognized by the National League. The Board of Control must speak out in plain and strong terms to-morrow giving every disrupter to distinctly understand what the consequences will be as far as the National agreement organizations are concerned. It will be a blessing if all the Irwins. Barnes and Von der Ahes are wiped tions are concerned. It will be a blessing if all the Irwins. Barnes and Von der Ahes are wiped from the business. If that is the result the break will be of infinite benefit.

It may be mentioned that all players who have signed with the local club have signed three-year contracts.

The American Loan and Trust Company

Securing Much Cash. NEW YORK, Feb. 18 .- Superintendent Preston, of the Banking Department, states that the effort to reorganize the American Loan and Trust Company, is still on foot, and so much has now been done in that direction that the hearing on the applica-tion for a receiver will be adjourned to-

The company to-day received \$10,000 in cash.



spring, and so it is too early to state their atti-tude in the matter; but there is no question that Dr. Briegs will get a shaking up in an as-sembly of 700 delegates representing 213 Pres-byteries.

MAY SOON REORGANIZE.

byteries.

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EASTERLY WINDS. PITTSBURG, Feb. 19.

The United States Signal Service officer in this city furnishes the following: Ther. 30 8:00 p. m. 35
— Maximum temp 39
34 Minimum temp 27
34 Range 12
35 Mean temp 33
37 Rainfall 3 2:00 P. M. 5:00 P. M.

SPECIAL WEATHER BULLETIN

Canadian Line.

Very Cold Weather on Both Sides of the

PREPARED FOR THE DISPATCH. The high barometric pressure, with the cold reather central Wednesday over the Middle Atlantic and New England States, was traveling off the coast. The temperature throughout that region fell from 6° to 10° below freezing, while just north of the lakes, in Canada, it touched 60 below zero. It was warmer in the Southern States, but was growing colder in the Northwest. A storm is developing in Arizona, creating an intermingling of warm and cold air in the central valleys and producing rain in all the Southern States and snow in Wyoming, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas. The rain and snow area is spreading, and probably covered the country east of the Mississippi yesterday, with rain falling in the South Atlantic States and snow in the Lake regions and the northern portion of the Middle Atlantic States. Brisk winds prevailed along the coast. In New York the day was fair.

SPECIAL TELEGRAMS TO THE DISPATCH. Mongayrows-River 8 feet and stationary. Veather rainy. Thermometer, 480 at 4 P. M. BROWNSVILLE-River 12 feet 6 inches and fall-Weather snowy. Thermometer, 370 at 1 WARREN-River 10.9 feet and falling. Weather

oudy and mild. Calko-River 42 feet and rising. Raining and WHEELING-At8F, M, river 43 feet 7 inches, buy fell two inches the last hour. It has been alting since 6 P, M.
ALLEGHENY JUNCTION-River 26 feet and fail-Ing.
LOUISVILLE-River failing fast: 18 feet 4 inches in canal, 16 feet on falls, 43 feet 2 inches at foot of locks. Business good. Weather cloudy: light snow last night and rain all day. No dauger of flood now.

MEMPHIS-River 31 feet 3 inches and rising.
Cloudy and cold. NEW ORLEANS-Partly cloudy and warm.

President Louis Kramer Has His

PITTSBURG ALL RIGHT.

With the Local Club.

in about two weeks.

FOOLISH BILLY BARNIE. He Patters Out Some More Nonsense, and

Thinks Beckley Isn't for Pittsburg. NEW YORK Feb. 19 .- Nearly all the Ameri can Association delegates have left this city for their homes. Al Johnson, Billy Barnie and a few others, however, remain here, and to-day were engaged in talking over the effects of the

On Saturday next the Board of Control will meet at Chicago, when it is expected the first volley will be fired back at the Association. In the first place the players hold that the National League is not going to give up Cincinnati without a fight, but the American Association is prepared to protect Al Johnson's interests at all hazards. Manager Barnie, of Baltimore,

says: "The League may also put a club in Cincin nati, but Johnson has the call, and with such stars as Kelly, Tebeau and his Cincinnati men he can't lose. It was had enough to have Spaid-ing's fingers on our throats for nine long years. log's fingers on our throats for nine long years. Spalding says he wants war, and we will give it to him. He talks of blacklisting forever Kelly, Duffy, Farrell and others who are going with us, but he is talking through his hat. You can say positively that there will be no conflicting dates if the American Association can prevent it. If the League tries to conflict it will get the worst of it. Manager Hanlon, of Pittsburg, claims he has signed Beckley. Does he? Well, don't you believe it. Acting for Gus Schmelz, who was sick, I wired yesterday to Joe Pritchard, of St. Louis, to see Beckley. Beckley wired me he would accept Columbus offer of \$5,000, with \$500 advance, and I directed him to wire to Cohen, of Columbus, for the advance moneyjat once."

WANT TO JOIN THE LEAGUE.

Association Star Players Anxious to Leave the Wreckers at Once.

PERCIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. CLEVELAND, Feb. 19. - Manager Leadley, of the Cleveland club, to-day signed Delehanty, formerly of the Philadelphia League team, for that organization next season. Dele-hanty said he would have preferred to play in Cleveland, but as no arrangement could be made for his transfer, he would go back to Philadelphia. When asked whether he had received any telegrams from the American Association he replied that Gus Schmelz had wired

him.
"Do you think I would join a minor league?"
said he. "I wouldn't go to the Association now
under any consideration." said he. "I wouldn't go to the Association now under any consideration."

The Disparch correspondent to-day saw telegrams from some of the leading American Association stars who are unsigned, and who announced their willingness to come to Cleveland. The telegrams came unsolicited, and show that the Association players are more anxions to leave their own organization than to stay in it.

An Old-Fashioned Hunt. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE. MANSFIELD VALLEY, Feb. 19 .- An oid-

fashioned circular hunt will be held in Peters township, five miles south of here, next Saturday, near the old Center Church, on the lands of J. W. Park and Job Bell. The start will be made from the outside line at 10 o'clock sharp. On reaching the first straw line a halt will be called to form a circle, and all the hounds will be let loose at the sound of guns. The marshals will order all guns to be discharged on reaching the first straw line, and no shooting will be allowed inside the ring. lowed inside the ring.

Bad for the Fighters.

St. Louis, Feb. 19 .- A special from Austin, Tex., says: The bill making prize fighting a penitentiary offense has passed the house. The term of imprisonment provided for ranges from two to five years. This measure is a substitute for the Schate bill.

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TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY. Sporting Notes.

IKE WEIR has returned to America. THE Association will now have trouble in holding on to its own players.

JIM HALL has made a remarkably good impression as a boxer in San Francisco.

MARK BALDWIN is not at all inclined to be a Pittsburg, Pa.

member of another rebellious faction. Mark is THE Executive Committee of the Allegheny athletic Association applied for a charter for that organization yesterday.

THE contracts of Beckley and Staley have not arrived yet, but these players notified Manager Hanlou yesterday that they had signed. AND now persons who have done their best to cause trouble are saying: "It is too had to have another war." Why, it won't be war. It will simply be butchery of the Association.

THE way the Association fauntics have made up their teams is more than amusing, and some papers publish the list of players seriously.

"LEFTY" MARE and other Cincinnati players claim that they signed no contract to play in the Cincinnati club, but only made an "agreement" with Johnson to play in a Brotherhood club. This may after things. THOMAS THOMPSON called at this office and stated that he is ready to fight Zeigler, of Evans City, under any rules and at any time if Zeigler will fight outside of Evans City. Thompson says Zeigler is a "duffer."

FORGED A PREACHER'S NAME.

Swindling Impostor Runs Amuck in a Maryland Village.

WESTMINSTER, MD., Feb. 19.-A number of the citizens of this place have been swindled n a small way by two enterprising strangers who were carrying on their operations here within the last few days. One of these swin-dlers exhibited a letter purporting to have been written by Rev. Dr. Henkle, of the Luthbeen written by Rev. Dr. Henkle, of the Lutheran Church, recommending him to the charitably disposed of that denomination. Appended to the letter was a list of subscriptions, at the head of which was the name of Rev. P. H. Miller, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church of this city, for a subscription of \$2. In calling on the members of that church the paper was exhibited, and the operator explained that he was suffering with an incurable cancer, and that he had a wife and four children in destitute circumstances. In some instances he represented that his wife and children were staying at the Lutheran parsonage until he could raise sufficient funds to take them to Eric. Pa.

Success was attending his efforts, and he had received contributions from ex-Mayor Milton Schaeffer, Rev. J. U. Asper, Messrs, thenry R. Grammer, F. J. Lawyer and others, when his operations were arrested by an unward event. He called on Mr. Lich Geisel-

Henry B. Grammer, E. J. Lawyer and others, when his operations were arrested by an untoward event. He called on Mr. John Geiselman, a prominent furniture dealer, told his story and received a contribution, when Mr. Miller called at the effice and encountered him in the very act. An exposure followed. Mr. Geiselman's money was refunded, the paper was destroyed, but the swindler was permitted togo his way. It was learned that he had several names of prominent members of the church on his paper, for contributions, who had given him nothing, and that he had raised the figures of the sums actually contributed. Rev. Mr. Miller's name was a forgery.

FANCY TROTTERS BURNED.

They Lose Their Lives in the Destr a Lexington Barn.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Feb. 19.-The barn of five head of trotters, among them his stallion Prince Mont, valued at \$5,000.

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700 pairs Ladies' Finest Kid Shoes, were \$5, \$6 and \$7, now only \$3 90, including patent leather vamps, fine French cloth tops; the fine est hand-made goods, latest styles and choicest selections; all sizes, all

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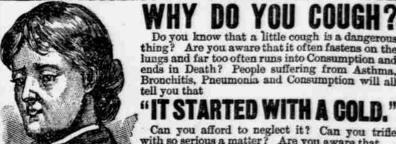
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