All communications for this departmen should be mailed to reach THE DISPATCH D later than Saturday morning. Reasonable classified under this heading.

Jr. O. U. A. M.

Brother H. P. Staving was elected to repre-sent the Fourth ward in Allegheny's Common Council. A very successful reception was held by John Gray Council No. 249, in Turner Hall, on Friday evening.

The annual convention of the Funeral Bene fit Association will be held in Washington, D. C., on Monday, An entertainment was given by Sherwood Council No. 150, in the Moorhead School Hal

on Friday evening.

Rockwood Council No. 558 was instituted at Rockwood, Pa., on Wednesday evening, by D. S. C. A. Markel. Dr. Foster, of Bunker Hill Council No. 209, was elected a School Director in Chartiers township this week.

A new council is being organized at Summer ville, Fayette county, Pa. There are already 80 names on the application.

The fourth annual reception of Fulton Council No. 147 will be held on Thursday evening.
March 12, at Penn Incline Hall. Killbuck Council No. 387 was drowned out on Tuesday evening, the high river flooding its hall, preventing a meeting being held.

Brother George Rowbottom, of No. 62, was one of the lucky ones in the Councilmanic election in the S xth ward, Allegheuy. D. S. C. J. M. Huddell was one of the "sufferers" in the flood this week. The water was up to the second story of his residence. Chairman Kerr, of the General Committee, Bays there will be 20,000 m·n in line; Chief Marshai Morley thinks there will not be over 15,000.

The entertainment given by Welcome Coun-cil No. 134 on Tuesday evening, like all other enterprises undertaken by that council, was very successful.

The Sixth ward school was presented with a flag by Manchester, Fort Pitt and Summer Controlls W. T. Kerr made a brilliant presentation speech. Confluence Council No. 389 has formed an asoctation of the members to erect a fine build-ig at Confluence, a portion of which will be sed for louge purposes.

A handsome banner was presented to Pitts-burg Council 117 on Thursday evening by Judge John Gripu. It was received on behalf of the Council by James H. Porte, Esq. Council by James H. Porte, Esq.

At the meeting of Sharon Council No. 224, on Monday evening, eight new m-mbers were initiated. Af er adjournment of the council the "Oriental" was conferred on 30 pilgrims.

Brother Thomas Breeze, of Pittsburg Coun General J. B. Sweitzer Council invites all vis fing members of the order to its reg. lar meeting on Monday evening in A. P. A. Hall, corner Wood street and Virgin alley. A candidate for membership will be initiated, and the meeting will be generally interesting.

Protected Home Circle.

John Berlin, of Pittsburg 48, has gone to Cube for his health. Banner 36, of Sharpsburg, initiated five can-didates Monday evening. Centennial Circle No.76 have moved into Odd

Triumph 101, of Allegheny, is to have a box with a musical and literary programme, Wednesday evenings Gem Circle, at Duquesne, is doing finely, and ther John W. Crawford, who has been very sick, is reported out of danger.

East Liberty Circle No. 58 reports new mem-ber. Prol. L. P. Greves, its Secretary, is out again from being confined at his home with

Henry Mendall, Superintendent of the Mails,

has been empowered to draft designs for the ha ces to be worn by the officers of the P. H. C. Last Saturday evening Pittsburg Circle No.

Est Catinal evening Pittsburg Circle No. 68 ingualled the following officers: President, Careb Davis: Accountant, J. W. Hopkins: Treasurer, J. S. Goshari: Guide, A. R. Bryte; Porter, A. E. Girleland: Vice President, R. Herrod; Secretary, J. B. Johnson: Chaplin, R. B. Bewman; Companion, E. J. Agnew; Trustures, Herrod; Goshora and Goefman.

Supreme Occapation: W. A. Braller, and following the control of the co Supreme Organizer W. A. Bradley, assisted

Supreme Organizer W. A. Bradley, assisted by members of Triamph Circle, instituted a circle at the West End, Friday evening, consisting of 25 charter members. The following officers were elected and installed: Martha Henderson, Local Deputy; Charles Beiber, Past President; Susie Oldham, Guardian: William Stewart, President: See Engene Gray Vice President; Leomhard Koch, Secretary: Philip Painer, Accountant; John L. Baker, Treasurer; Emima Bretta, Chanhant; Margaret Graham, Porter; Barid Henderson, Watcoman; Sarah Case, Guide, and Emima Beiber, Companion, A very fine Spread was enjoyed, that had been prepared by the ladies. The new circle will be known as Euterprise Nu. 37. Rev. H. C. Huil, Supreme President of the P. H. C., paid a visit to Enterprise Circle Friday evening.

Select Enights of America.

General Meade Legion No. 18 is fast forging Past Grand Commander John Rowan paid

ving visit to Youngstown during the week and reports having had an enjoyable time. Comrado James P. Flanigan, of Spartan Legion No. 7, has been on the sick list or ring the week, but the boys hope to see him about again in a few days.

Humbold Legion No. 17, Allegheny City, composed of German citizens, is adding new numbers at every meeting, and it is time well pent for the English members to pay it a visit. couldn't the English members to pay it a visit, the contratulations of his many friends in his successful race for councilmanic he nors in the Fifth ward, Allegheny City, having red the Duquesne Legion No. 10 had a rousing meet-

ing last Monday eventor, and much entinusiasm was manifest. No. 10 is considered spe of the linest legions in the State, being composed of first-class material. Major James A. McKee and P. G. C. John August James A. McKee and P. G. C. John Rowen, of No. 16, came very near being lost in the flood over on the Northside Tuesday even-ing last. They were found defining about on a range the success of the current, and rescued by the Allegheny partel.

Colonel C. V. Lewis has made the following Golobel C. v. Lewis has made the following appointments for the present term of two years on his staff: Adjutan, James M. Todd, N., Il; Quartermaster, James Jiles, No. 20; Regimental Inspector, Henry Bork, No. 17; Sergeant Major, Chartes L. Hannon, No. 7.

Humboldt Lodge No. 89 | as been rather upertunate this month, having i staeveral mem ers by deuth. Among the list of unfortunates by the flood wire a good many memoers of the order, and charity.

Allegheny Lodge No. 34 is adding to its roll of membership right along, and several members are having a traternal brush for an elegant Union Lodge No. 86 will give a compliment-ary entertainment at its indi, No. 77 Sixth ave-nue. Theretay evening. All non-members are

Confidence Lodge No. 249, Allegheny City, the Intestindee on the roll, will meet Tuesday even ing next in Pieasant Valley, and extends a cor-dial invitation to all members to pay them a

Oukland Lodge No. 248, one of the latest additions to the list of longes, is in a prosperous condition, and a cordinal invitation is extended to all members to pay it a visit any Weenesday

Master Workman Alex. Taylor, of Industry Louise No. 25, Alleghamy Ciry, was at his post height and early Tuesday evening last, not-withstanding the fact his house was under

Deputy Grand Master Workman S. I. Os. mono, organizer for this jurisdiction, is now in the eastern part of the State in the interest of the order, and reports good success. Another

louge will be added to the roll before many days. Harvey Henderson, receiver of Industry Lodge No. 25, Allepheny City, came out with fiying colors in the race for Council in the Sec-ond ward, Allegheny, almost leading the ticket. His friends are very jubilant over the news, and are extending him their congratulations.

Order of Solon. Tarentum Lodge initiated ten new members

A lodge has been organized at Lock No. 4. The Supreme Vice President addressed the meeting and installed the officers. Correspondence received during the week from deputies in various States shows a marked increase in membership all along the line. Charter Lodge No. 1 promises a lively session Monday evening. Several caudidates will be initi ted and a number of visitors will be in at-

Brother John L. Yanse, assisted by Supreme Treasurer Godfrey, organized Excelsior Lodge No. 161 February 18, at Johnstown, Pa. Thirty-three members were initiated and officers were elected and installed.

Supreme President Ball and Supreme Treasurer Godfrey attended an entertainment at De Haven Friday evening. The citizens of the village turned out in full force, and a fine lodge of Solon was the result.

An open meeting was held at Derry Friday evening, Februray 20. Supreme Secretary E. F. Beatty, Deputy H. Z. Strickler and the Rev. J. B. Keehne, of Charter Ludge No. 1, were in attendance. Quite a number were added to the membership. Invitations are out for a complimentary musical and literary entertainment to be given at Old City Hall, Thursday, March 12 by the combined lodges of this city. The committee is striving to make this affair the event of the season. A brilliant array of local taient has been secured, and Rev. J. B. Koehne, the eminent lecturer, has been engaged as orator of the evening.

Order Golden Chain. Pittsburg No. 32 is experiencing a boom,

Allegheny Lodge No. 46 is having inititations Brother Painter, who has been lying ill is Sermany, is expected home very soon. Brother Druit, of the Newsboys Home, who s confined to his house through illness, is

slowly mending.

Brothers McCullough and Turner, of Pittsbure No. 22 are in a fair way to become the
worthy possessors of elegant gold emblems of
the Chain for securing the required number of

The secret society column of THE DISPATCH is open to all news from this and all other or-ders. The Secretary of each lodge should mail reports of all happenings. News notes is what is wanted, not advertising matter, puffs and trivialities. Pittsburg No. 92 boasts of a clean cut mem-bership of 120 and some stars among them, such as Brothers Magee, Lea, Chambers, Mer-cer, Greggs, Hood, DePuy, McCallough, Staub, Kline and Seibert, who are to be found

Personal Small Talk.

E. Sanvagent, the traveling man, who was langerously ill, is convalescent Thomas McCaffrey and family have arrived home after a pleasant ten-day trip to ton and other Eastern cities. Misses Eva and Norine Erskine, who for the

past two weeks have been visiting the Misses Hartman, of Bayard street, Allegheny, have returned to their home in West Virginia. returned to their home in West Virginia.

The following Pittisburgers are registered at the leading hotels of St. Augustine, Fla. At the Ponce de Leon-Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Wood, J. W. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jolly and Mrs. A. A. Jolly. At the Alozar-Mrs. M. P. Mic. Kee, Miss M. S. McKee and John N. Mac. Gongle. At the Cordova-Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bergstresser. At the Magnolia-Mrs. James Park, Jr. and Miss E. G. Park; and at the Florida-Mr. and Mrs. Oliver O. Philips.

Sevennial League

Twenty-one lodges were instituted last month for the Sexennial League, and this in the worst lodge mouth of the year. Another Sisterhood Lodge will be instituted in this district in about ten days, 25 approved petitions being reported on file.

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On last Wednesday Sisterhood Lodge No. 245 was instituted in G.A.R. Hall, West Diamond street, by the D. S. P., with 19 charter members. Nine approved members who could not attend owing to the flood, will take the obligation at the next regular meeting. This lodge will be known as Selma Lodge.

K. of P.

Great Western Lodge No. 345 is booming There will be three candidates for the Thir rank next Friday evening, and Great Wester can get along without a convocation of th Grand Lodge—bein held at its lodge room. Mt. Washington, the baby of the order in the county, is a ill growing tooth by tooth and will soon be able to sample some of the adults.

___ The Heptasophs.

A committee consisting of J. W. Hague, J. L. Boardman, W. E. Ford, Sol Bachman, S. E. Reywolds, Dr. McGiffen, Dr. J. A. Muller, M. Isenthal and J. M. Bail, went to the residence of Mrs. Emma E. Kroegher, on Margaret street, Allegheny, Friday evening and paid to Mrs. Kroegher §1,000 on behalf of Northside Conclave No. 85, I. O. H. Mrs. Kroegher is the widow of the late Edward J. Kroegher, who died January 23. died January 23.

K. of P. Public services will be held by Invincible Lodge No. 114, K. of P., in memory of Brothers James C. Wilson and Homer W. Chadwick in its half, corner of Franksown are pue and Station street. East End, this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. William A. Stanton and kev. C. V. Wilson will make addresses. Appropriate music will be furnished by a select quartet.

I. O. O. F. Alice Carey, Rebekan Degree Ledge No. 20, L.O.O. F., will hold its twelfth anniversary at Turner Hall, Forbes screet, March II. The proceeds are for the benefit of the Widows and Orphans' Home, at Laurel station, Pitts-

burg, Ft. Wayne and Chicago Railroad. General Lodge Notes.

Equitable Aid Union No. 784 has removed to the Caledona Hall, over the Third National Bank, No. 101 Federal streat, Allegheny City, and will meet the first and third Thursdays of each manth.

Pittsburg Lodge No. 35, A. P. A., had a very I'llsburg Lodge No. 50, A. P. A., had a very lively meeting Thursday evening. The R. W. M. J. Wilson, read a paper which was followed by a discussion in which all the members participated. The lodge will occupy a new hall in a short time.

Colonel Alexander N. Hart, of the U. R. K. of P., inspected Iron Cross Division No. 35 Thursday evening and found it in good condition. It voted unanimously to go to Harrisburg in August to the session of the Grand Lodge, accompanied by the G. A. R. band of 40 pieces. Thursday evening witnessed one of the most d lightful banque's in Wilkinsburg that the statu old is rough ever saw. Wilkinsburg Ludge No. 384, K. of P., with the wives of the

Lodge No. 384, K. of P., with the wives of the members criebrated its twenty-seventh anniversary in good style with feasting and merriment. Some excellent speeches were made.

St. Andrew's Branch No. 67, of Allegheny City, is monrough the loss of one of its active members, Brother Jeremiah R. Sweeny, whose death occurred at his home, 163 Knox street, Wednesday. The remains will be taken to Alborna for interment this mornist. Any courtesies or kindness shown the family of Brother Sweeny, by the members of Branch 75, of Altona, will be appreciated by the officers and members of No. 67.

Decoration Council No. 4 I S. of I. met at

officers and members of No. 67.

a Decoration Council No. 4 I. S. of I., met at its hall, corner Twenty-fourth street and Penn avenue, Friday evening and initiated a large number of new members. This council at the present time is the second largest in the order and bids fair to soom become the largest. Any member desiring his trade card can procure it by calling at the residence of Financial Secretary, Mins Rose G. Davis, No. 318 Thirty-eighth street, city.

Pitrsburg Lodge No. 35, American Protestant Pitraburg Lodge No. 35, American Protestant Association, was highly entertained last Thursday evening by Mr. John Wilson, the Right Worthy Grand Masser of the order for the United States. Mr. Wilson read a valuable paper prepared by him on "Rome." The article was full of interesting and instructive information, and was greatly appreciated. This lodge will soon move to its excellent rooms in the new stone building of the Pitraburg Gas company, on Penn avenue, East End.

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One of the most enjoyable events of the season was the farewell reception in honor of Rev. Mr. Cameron, in St. Mark's Guild House, last Monday evening, under the ausoices of St. Mark's Branch Guild of Iron Cross. After a fine programme had been rendered by some of the most prominent performers a fine supper was served was novel. The following Guild members performed the duty of waiters: Wells Lininger, John W. Young, Rudolph Shultz and James Ord. Much credit is due to these gentlemen.

When baby was sick, we gave her Chstoria, When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria, When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria, When she had Children she gave them Castoria

EFFECT OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTRIC COMPANIES.

Necessity of Care in Wiring Houses for Lighting Purposes-Advantage of Elec-tric Stoves-Fire Alarm Systems-General News of the Electric Current.

UNION OF INTERESTS.

PREPARED FOR THE DISPATCE. Much of the work that the late William Orton had to do was to weld in one massive, barmonious whole the various telegraphic companies which individually represented a number of struggling enterprises, but which collectively became a property worth to-day, on a dividend paying basis, not far short of \$100,000,000. The telephone business is on a somewhat different basis, since the purent American Bell Telephone Company to-day has control in probably every one of the sub-companies, operating under its patents, throughout the country, but there was a time when such a solidarity of interest did not seem easy to obtain, and there may be a time coming when the hands of union will be wrenched asunder. The electric lighting field has seen some pretty big combinations, but there are a large number of active competitors to-day, although Dame Rumor is busy all the time with the alleged intentions of the Edison, Westinghouse and Thomson-Houston interests. The company of the last name has, in fact, recently absorbed the buge Brush factories and plant at Cleve-

land, and virtually controls a dozen other corporations as well, but it has observed a policy of giving each of these concerns its own self-management or autonomy.

Perhaps it is among the local lighting companies that the principle of consolidation has been most vigorous. In many towns and cities, after a period of very fierce rateand cities, after a period of very herce rate-cutting, there has been a wholesale amalga-mation, and not infrequently the gas inter-ests have taken a hand in the promotion of an "era of good feeling." While in one re-spect this may have checked the growth in the number of plants, and may not have been viewed altogether with equanimity by the consumer, it has had many palpable ad-vantages. The stations have been rebuilt or enlarged on sound engineering plans, and securities that went begging have gained a stable market value, adding thereby to the

list of desirable local investments.

Another new and recent feature of this movement is the consolidation of the local electric lighting and electric railway enter-prises. Both exist to manufacture current -one by day chiefly and the other mainly by night. It is evidently an economy to carry on such an industry continuously under one direction and under one roof Wherever the plan has been tried-and the instances are aiready numerous-the results have been most encouraging, and a great many consolidations of this class may be looked for in the near future.

Insurance Inspector's Experience, A decided improvement is taking place in the quality of the work done in installing electric wires for various purposes, but the experience of an insurance inspector, who writes on this subject, shows that in many cases the cheap and bad work of former days is still being allowed to increase the danger and expense of using the current, and to create a prejudice against it. He re-marks, with reason, that it is strange that the public, knowing especially from the daily papers what danger may accrue from bad work, will persist in giving their contracts to so-called engineers (plumbers, gasfitters, etc.,) instead of to men who have

earned their reputation in the business and who, there ore, are higher priced. Great trouble is found in small towns, where the electric light company does no where the electric light company does no wiring, but simply jurnishes the current. This is the opportunity for the electrical engineers of that town. Naturally jealous of each other, they cut their prices, even doing the work below cost in order to secure the job. As a result the work is done in a

Electric Fire Alarms.

The municipal authorities of all the cities in the union can study with advantage the annual report of the Glasgow (Scotland) fire brigade, which states that the damage done by the fires attended by the brigade during the year just closed amounted to £43,500, as compared with £150,000 in 1889, and £206,000 in 1888. The explanation of this sudden diminution is given in the words of the firemaster, who says: "It was in a large measure due to the early discov-ery of the outbreaks, and the speedy means of communicating with the brigade offered by the electric street fire alarms, which were used to intimate 200 fires last year out of a total of 425 attended by the brigade." In answer to the objection frequently urged that "malicious calls" are likely to be made, it is stated that out of a total of 500 calls in Glasgow, 29 only were "malicious," while the probable saving of the service to the town was some £200,000. It is further stated that the Edinburgh authorities, on the strength of this excellent record, are considering the establishment of a similar service.

Electrical Heaters. One of the electrical applications which will presently come into as general requisition as that now enjoyed by the electric motor is the electrical heater. It dispenses with all dirt in the house, and can be turned off and on just when it is wanted. A large percentage of the heat from a stove goes up the chimney and is wasted, but as the electrical heater is light and handy, and can be moved from place to place with ease, the full advantage of its heat can always be secured. For instance, if a person is writing his feet often get cold if he is at any distance from the fire or stove, but with an electrical heater diffusing a heat of any strength or milduess, and costing less than 1 cent per hour, he can continue his writing in com-To those who suffer from cold feet at night the electrical heater is a godsend. It at the loot of the bed for a certain time and then to automatically reduce the supply of heat and finally cut it off.

New Electric Log.

The speed at which ocean travel is now carried on necessitates the provision of a most reliable record of distance traveled in s given time, and in the electric log many of the objections which have hitherto atmoved. The recent tests it has undergon under the supervision of the English ad miralty officers at Portsmouth, at all speeds up to 20 miles an hour, would indicate that it will in all probability be adopted gener-

Unloading Freight by Electricity.

Electricity is now being much used for the unloading of lumber and other freight from vessels in conjunction with a whip-hoisting

FINANCE AND TRADE.

Drawbacks to Business Being Slowly but Surely Overcome.

ALLEGHENY POSTOFFICE SITE.

The New Town of Avonmore Beginning to Make Quite a Stir in the World.

THE DRIFT OF LOCAL SPECULATION It seems that the Government is making haste slowly in acquiring a site on the Northside for a new postoffice. A gentleman doing business on Federal street remarked yesterday: "From all I can learn the Stockton avenue site still has the call by a large majority. I was told a day or two ago that two of the offers had been accepted and that the others were under favorable consideration. A strong effort is being made, I understand, to reinstate the Diamond and Ohio street site in official favor, but I think it will fail, for two reasons-it is too costly, and a building there there would have less room and light than on the avenue. Both of these requisites are very essential to the proper handling of the malls. A gentleman who was in Washington a short time ago brought back word that a de-cision would be reached by April L"

It Was News to Him.

It is hard to overtake a "yarn" when it once gets a good start. After sleeping for a long time the old story of a syndicate leasing the Lutheran Church property on Smithfield street came to the surface again yesterday, but was promptly sat upon by a member of the con-gregation, who said that he had no knowledge gregation, who said that he had no knowledge of such a deal, present or prospective, and did not believe there was one on foot. Indeed, he was sure there was not. The property was a gift to the church by the Peuna and cannot be sold outright, but may be leased for a long period. There was an offer for it a year or so ago, but the figure was too low. The congregation is one of the wealthiest in the city and may take a notion to build on the property.

The list of new towns in the vicinity of Pittsburg is constantly growing. The latest candidate for population and business is Avonmore, in Westmoreland county. It was laid out by the Avenmore Land and Improvement Company, which was incorporated a month ago with a capital of \$250,000, and is composed mainly of Philadelphia and New York capital-ists. Mr. W. A. Lewis, a well-known attorney, is the only Pittsburg member. Speaking of the company yesterday Mr. Lewis said: "We own absolutely about 1,000 acres of land suitable for building and manufacturing sites, besides holding some nine miles of gas territory along which a 12-inch main has been laid to Avonmore, the name of the coming town, and this fuel is being delivered in any required quantity. The location being near the Murraysville field, insures a supply of gas so long as it is obtainable. Coal abounds in the immediate vicinity. Excellent glass sand has been found on this property and satisfactorily tested. There is a 20-foot vein of fine fire clay, and also clay from which superior pressed brick have been made. There are over three miles of river front. The West Penn Railroad has ju t established a station, naming it Morenue, after the owner of the glass works, which are being pushed to completion."

The company has issued no bonds, paying cash for the property and for the pipe line, which cost \$2.000, and, despite the silence which has been maintained until all was in readiness for publicity, about \$80.000 worth of lots have been sold. The company has erected an office and is equipping a lovel in Avonmore. It is estimated that between 200 and 250 dwellings will be put up there the coming summer. required quantity. The location being near the

ings will be put up there the coming summer.

During the past week 51 permits were issued, representing 61 buildings, 18 brick and 43 frame; the total cost of all being \$92,020. The Twentieth ward led with 15, followed by the Thirtsenth and Nineteenth with six each.

The number of permits issued the previous week wa- 38, representing 39 buildings, costing, as estimated, \$29,125. The number of buildings

The Building Becord.

authorized this year to date is 279. Permits is-sued yesterday follow: John H. R.ce, brick two-story and attic dersized and out of proportion, secured with metal staples, and solder being an unknown Mineteenth ward. Cost, \$1 100. J. C. McQuiston, fram, one-story kitchen,

9x18 feet, on rear Berg street, Twenty-seventh ward. Cost. \$120. Patrick Holmes, frame addition one-story

Patrick Holmes, frame addition one-story dwelling, 14x16 feet, on rear Gazzam street, Fourteenth ward. Cost, \$70.

J. P. Caldwell, frame two-story dwelling 16x32 feet, in Schenley View, Nineteenth ward. Cost, \$550.

M-llon Brox., three brick one-story stores, 45x26 feet, on Highland avenue, Twentieth ward, Cost, \$2,000. Andrew Betz, on Friendship avenue, Twentieth ward. Cost, \$2,000.

Mrs. M. D. Burford, frame one-story and mansard dwelling, 24x2i fee, on Shiloh street, Thirty-second ward. Cost, \$875.

J. G. Las:, frame twe-tory and mansard dwelling, 21x30 feet, on Second avenue, Twenty-third ward. Cost, \$1,500.

Mrs. Laura Liesinger, frame two-story dwelling, 18x32 feet, on Ella street, Sixteenth ward. Cost, \$1,785.

Alfonse Loeffel, frame two-story dwelling, 20x34 feet, on Pearl street, Sixteenth ward. Cost, \$1,900.

Bell & Caldwell, brick two-story and attic dwelling, 27x45 feet, on Friendship avenue, Twentieth ward. Cost, \$4,500.

Bell & Caldwell, brick two-story and attic dwelling, 27x45 feet, on St. Clair street, Twentieth ward. Cost, \$4,500.

Andrew Betz, frame one-story stable, 15x12 feet, on William street, Sixteenth ward. Cost, \$150.

Business News and Gossip. Last week was the best one of the year in the building line. Fifty-one permits were taken out, represeting 61 houses.

The deal for a postoffice site in Allegheny is

said to be making progress. Stockton avenue is a strong favorite.

Baxter, Thompson & Co. yesterday sold a fine residence, corner of Ellsworth and South Negley avenues.

Forty-two mortgages were on file for record

yesterday, the largest being for \$7,000. Each of 18 was for less than \$1,000. Manufacturers' Gas was offered at 21, withou

Five dollars is pretty low for Castle Shannor Railroad stock, but there were no buyers at that Officials of the Chartlers Valley Gas Com-Officials of the Charters Valley Gas Company have refused to deliver up the books to the special committee appointed at the recent annual meeting to investigate the company's condition and management. The matter will probably be ventilated in court,

Airbrake is on the upward grade, with a good demand o back it up.

For Bank of Pittsburg stock % is persistently bid without bringing it out.

A bid of 30 was no temptation to helders of Pittsburg, Allegheny and Manchester Traction stock.

Movements in Realty. John K. Ewing & Co. sold to John G. Rols house, the well-known oil operator, a tract of land containing seven acres, with a two-story frame house of seven rooms and hall, large frame barn and other outbuildings, situate in the Tenth ward, Allegheny, at the terminus of the Perrysville avenue electric road, for \$16,000

Black & Baird sold for H. S. A. Stewart an other of those fine brick dwellings in Negley place, with lot fronting 50 feet on Hays street and extending back to an alley 156 feet, for \$10,000. Charles Rowe, Esq., Superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company, was the purchaser.

Baxter, Thompson & Co. sold for Fred Co.

the purchaser.

Baxter, Thompson & Co. sold for Fred C. Sauer lot No. 238 in the Baum Grove plan, which is connected by a beit with the shaft which operates the drums. Each drum is operated by a lever, and can be stopped in an instant. When the lumber is drawn from the vessel, a large hook from the wharf derrick is attached, and the sticks are transferred to any part of the yard. The entire pulling, twisting and transferring is done by electric power.

Coughs and Hoarseness.—The irritation which induces coughing, immediately relieved by nse of "Brown's Bronchial Troches." Boid only in boxes.

Special ingrain carpet and lace curtain sale this week. Read the startling prices we name for this we k in amounter column, at J. H. Kungle & Bro.'s, 1247-49 Penn avenue, Pittsburg.

Only pleasant results follow the use of ales and beers of the Iron City Brewing Go.

All dealers keep them.

consisting of a house of 12 rooms, with about one acre of ground.

J. E. Glass sold for A. C. Watkins lot No. 10 in the Allequippa place plan, Thisteenth ward, for \$565 cash.

L. O. Frazier sold for N. Green & Co., Limited, the property No. 520 Forty-second street, Seventeenth ward, lot 20280 feet to a 20-foot alley, having thereon a two-story brick carpenter shop, to Charles Rote for \$1,550 cash. Mellon Brothers sold to Louise C. Weisser a Seven-roomed frame dwelling, situated on Carver street, near Park avenue, Twenty-first ward, East End, for \$3,650.

HOME SECURITIES.

Pittsburg and Boston Awaiting the Outcom of Electric Negotiations—Other Active Interests—The Week's Trading and Fluctuations.

There was some disposition to operate in Electric yesterday, but holders were stiff in their views and business hung fire. All through the session 12% was freely bid, but only a small jag was offered below 12%. The only sale was a ten-share lot at 12%. The feeling in Boston was much the same as that which prevailed here. There was no urgency to load up or unload. The few transactions that took place there were around 13. In both places the trade assumed a waiting attitude pending developments in the financial deal. Here the opinion seems to be gaining strength that a combine of some sort with the Thomson-Houston Company is a strong probability. The hesitation to take hold is due to two causes

The hesitation to take hold is due to two causes—uncertainty as to what the outcome of pending negotiations will be and to the fact that the time for bringing affairs to a head—March is so near at hand that heavy dealing would bear a close resemblance to recklesness.

A block of Citizens' Traction was taken at a slight advance. The sale indicates that it is attracting more interest than it has been favored with of late. The only other active interest was Philadelphia Gas, several large bundles of which were unloaded at the uniform price of 12% showing steadiness.

Closing prices of the leading stocks, as compared with those of the previous Saturday, show gains in Philadelphia dras, Citizens' Traction, Electric and Airbrake, and concessions in Central Traction, Pleasant Valley and Luster. The close of almost everything was from fractions to points better than the lowest quotations of the week.

YESTERDAY'S SALES ON CALL:

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BEFORE CALL: 50 shares Philadelphia Gas......1234 Total sales yesterday were 383 shares; for the week, 7,392 of which Elretric contributed 4,729. Sales the previous week were 8,941 shares. Closing bids and offers follow:

Central Pacine.
Chesapeake & Uhio
Chicago Gas Trust... 224
C. Bur. & Quiney... 83%
C. Mil. & St. Paul... 65½
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C. & St. Pr. M. & O. DI...
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C. C. C. L. B. & C. B. BANK STOCKS. NATURAL GAS STOCKS. Bid. Asked.
 Manufacturers' Gas Co.
 Bid. Asked.

 21
 21

 People's Nat. Gas and Pipeage Co.
 8
 84

 Philladelphia Co.
 12%
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 12%

OIL COMPANY STOCKS, Bid. Asked. Columbia Oil Co..... PASSENGER RAILWAY STOCKS. Bld. Asked. 1715 19 67% 58% 63 54 24% RAILBOAD STOCKS. Bld. Asked.

MINING STOCKS. Bid, Asked, ... 95 30 ... 15% 16 La Noria Mining Co...... uster Mining Co.... terling Silver Mining Co. ELECTRIC LIGHT STOCKS. ostinghouse Electric.....

MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS. Peo., Dec. & Evans... 20% Pnliadel, & Reading. Bld. Asked. Monongahela Water Co. Pulladel, & Reading.
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MONEY MARKET.

Union Pacific
Wabash.
Wabash preferred. 18%
Western Union.
Waceting & L. E. 125
Wheeling & L. E. pref. 73
North American Co... 18%
P. C., C. & St. L.
P. C., C. & St. L. A Satisfactory Week in Financial Circles. Some Encouraging Features. At the close of business yesterday local *Offered. †Sale, week's work. The volume of Clearing House exchanges was below that of the previous week, due to the flood, bad roads and other

causes, but the increased demand for loa s and larger depositing more than made up the deficit. The banks will be closed to-morrow, consequently counter business was heavy,
A bank officer explained the situation as fol-

The weekly statement of the New York banks, issued yesterday, shows the following chances: Reserve, decrease, \$3,119,675; loans, increase, \$1,558,000; specie, decrease, \$4,76,500; legal tenders, increase, \$768,100; dep-sits, decrease, \$2,364,900; circulation, increase, \$5,900, Amount of reserve above legal requirement, \$15,872,775.

Closing Bond Quotations.

Bank Clearings.

ching serious; but their weight was sufficient to give a delicately balanced market a downward dip.

The principal cause of the yielding tone of values is that the market is a waiting one. The "street" has come to the conclusion that there is no chance for any revival until Congress has adjourned, and as that event will come in less than two weeks there is a general disposition to wait for it. The principal question which adjournment was expected to settle has already been virtually disposed of. It seems to be conceded even by the most sanguine partisans of silver coinage that there is no chance for accomplishing anything at this session. Possibly, some form of compromise may yet be siggested; but the silver leaders seem to care for nothing short of free coinage, and its opponents seem equally resolved not to go beyond the limit of the existing law. Experienced politicians and statesmen seem to regard Mr. Eleveland's silver legislation for some years to come, during which time the craze is likely to have exhausted itself. Indeed, already the strength of the issue is very perceptibly waning, partly from the grave political complications which it threatens, partly from the uncompromising hostility of Eastern opinion to any further commitment of the nation to the silver hasis, and partly from the discovery that the Western and Southern pro-silver sentiment is much more superficial than it has been supposed to be. It thus seems that a point has been reached in this important struggle at which further apprehension may be indefinitely postponed. This fact has not yet had an effect upon the investment market at all commensurate with its actual significance, simply because it is not yet fully or generally apprehended, and also because there is a disposition to wait until the defeat becomes a fully accomplished fact. It seems reasonable to expect, however, that so count is harded the province and investors by the seemile formidable chances that the country might be irrevocably committed to an exclusively silver busist a CHICAGO—Bank clearings were \$11,789,000, New York exchange was 70c discount. Rates for both time and call loans were \$60% per for both time and call loans were \$60% per cent.

PHILADELPHIA—Bank clearings, \$2.883,108; balances, \$1,423,383. Clearings for the week ending to-day were \$62.561,520; balances, \$3,945,-903. Money, 5 per cent.

BALTIMORE — Bank clearings, \$2.201,771; balances, \$390,851. Money, 6 per cent.

New YORK — Bank clearings, \$81,178,490; balances, \$4,120.529. For the week—Clearings, \$550,896,214; balance, \$27,832.921.

BOSTON—Bank clearings, \$18,852,756; balances, \$1,857,619. Money, 5@6 per cent. Exchange on New York, \$25655c discount. For the week—Clearings, \$89,390,620; balances, \$10,040,814. For the corresponding week last year—Clearings, \$76,216,454; balances, \$8,970,310.

THE WEEK IN OIL.

Light Trading and a Clear Loss of Over Four Cents. There-were no orders for oil yesterday, and no business. The market was inclined to weak-ness. The opening, if such it may be called, was 76c, and the close 76% bid. The week

throughout was dull and uneventful. Fluctuations are given in the following table:

McGrew, Wilson & Co., 99 Fourth avenue, quote puts at 75%; calls at 77%@78c.

Oil Markets. BRADFORD, Feb. 21.—National Transit Cer-tificates opened at 75%c; closed at 75%c; nighest, 77%c; lowest, 75%c; clearances, 994,000 NEW YORK STOCKS.

Low-est. 22% 48 23% 25

60%

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A WAITING MARKET.

NO CHANCE FOR REVIVAL UNTIL CON-

GRESS ADJOURNS.

The Effect of Cleveland's Silver Letter Has

Not Yet Been Realized-Money Contin-

ues Easy, but the Banks Lose Heavily

on Exchange With the Sub-Treasury.

PERCIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE.

weekly financial review, says: The condition of affairs in Wall street noted in our last weekly

advices predisposed the market to sympathize

quickly with any adverse conditions. The past week has furnished such conditions, and stocks

have consequently been weakened, prices generally showing moderate declines. The re-

duction of 1/2 per cent in the quarterly dividend of Chicago, Burlington and Quincy had a de-

moralizing effect on the Granger stocks gener-

ally, as it strengthened a prevalent doubt about the ability of that group of roads to maintain their late rate of dividends.

Another unfavorable symptom respect-ing the Western roads was forthcoming

ing the Western roads was forthcoming in the form of an application for a receiver for the Louisville, New Albany and Chicago Railroad. The suspension of the American Loan and Trus: Company, and unfounded rumors about the standing of other minor trus: institutions have produced an unfavorable impression; while the continued high rates for tering exchange and the taking out some \$600,000 of gold for export have affected the market adversely. The week's duliness has also been encouraged by the half holiday on Thursday and by the prospect of the holiday of Monday uext. None of these facts alone was of much importance, nor do they combined amount to any-

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NEW YORK, Feb. 21 .- Henry Clews, in his

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hares Continue Dull, but Are Moderately Bullish-Slim Prospect of Legislation Depresses Silver-Mobile and Ohio

Bullish—Slim Prospect of Legislation
Depresses Silver—Mobile and Ohio
Up—Susquehanna Is Down.

NEW York, Feb. Il.—There was no expectation of anything more than a dull and listless market this morning, and no one was disappointed, many brokers failing to put in an appearance, and the floor for a long time presented a deserted appearance, while the trading was strictly in accordance. The room was inclined to the bull side for the most part, but just before the bank statement appeared there was shown a disposition to discount an unfavorable showing, and the final dealings were marked by a weaker tone.

The opening was firm, reflecting the general sentiment, and in the early trading further slight advances were scored among the Grangers, St. Paul, Rock Island and Burtington showing some animation. Silver, however, was weak, the general indications being that no further legislation favorable to the silver interest will be allowed to go through this session. Mobile and Ohio was prominent among the low-priced shares, advancing from 35% to 59c on reports of favorable developments to come out and good earnings of the road. On the other hand, the Susquehanna stocks were sharply depressed, the common falling from 10% to 9c, and the preferred from 37 to 34% c. though a partial recovery took place later.

The theory of the movement in these stocks is that certain of the in-iders have been endeavoring to secure options, tried to depress it in the market to buy. The market was totally devoid of other feature, and the close was rather heavy at insignificant changes for the day. Mobile and Ohio is up 1%, but the Suquehanna and Western preferred is off 3% and the common 13%.

There was the usual light business in railroad bonds, with the usual insignificant changes for the day. Mobile and Sp. 2000 on silver went to Europe, and Sisk, 2000 in silver went to Europe, and

a large mass of Argentine stocks and of many other asw undertakings similarly unfortunate, American securities will stand dut as the most secure and remunerative of external investments, and the demand for them may be expected to revive accordingly. Moreover, at the present range of prices the London speculative interests associated especially with American stocks are not likely to be slow to encourace operations in them—the more so as the present case in the London money market would conduce to favorable results.

Thursday's statement of the Bank of England was better than expected. Although within the week the bank has paid a second million of the £3,000,000 Borrowed from the Bank of France, yet its specie declined only £65,000, and no change was made in the rate of di-count, which had been expected to be put up one-half to one per cent. A London dispatch says: "The Bank of England continues to realize on the assets of the Baring. This policy has a tendency to ease the financial struction, and in the end will inure to the cheapness of money." This opinion seems to chime with the general expectation.

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WALL STREET GOSSIP.

Duliness and Strength the Features-Still Afraid of Washington.

Several points of interest to speculators are presented in the following from Watson & Gibson to John M. Oakley & Co:

The duliness of the stock market is intense, but this duliness is accompanied by a marked degree of strength. The bank statement today showed a further falling off in the reserves, but the New York banks are still well fortified as to their surplus, and money is comparatively easy and cheap and readily obtainable on good collaterals or prime more antile paper.

We do not look for any great activity in prices until the legislative bodies at Washing-

of legislation on that subject during this term of Congress. This has been reflected to-day in

Philadelphia Stocks.

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Northern Facilic pretured.

Condition of Markets at East Liberty Stock Yards. OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH. | SATURDAY, Feb. 21. Cattle - Receipts, 840 head; shipments, 546

Hogs-Receipts, 2,500 head; shipments, 2,200 head; market steady; medium and selected, \$3 80@3 90; best Yorkers, \$3 75@3 80; fair to good Yorkers, \$3 80@2 75; pigs, \$3 80@3 50; 6 cars hogs shipped to New York to-day.

Sheep — Receipts, 600 head; shipments, 400 head; market slow at unchanged prices.

Influence-Wheat, Corn and Provisions Lower-Oats Dull-A Decline All Around Near the Close.

further offerings. There were ellers in abandance of May wheat at 97% a against 97% on the

home team.

The last 20 minutes of the session saw the

pectation.

The local money market retains its late ease, but the banks have lost nearly \$2,000,000 during the week on their exchanges with the Sub-Tressury, and \$600,000 through export of gold, while on their transactions with the interior

ton have adjourned. The latest advices from there seem to indicate that the opponents of free silver coinage need have no apprehension

of Congress. This has been reflected to-day in the price of silver.

The short crops last year have had some effect upon the railroads' earnings, but the second week in February, as reported for 97 roads, showed an increase of 8.64 per cent, while the gross earnings for the first week of February, for 90 roads, showed an increase of 8.25 per cent. But the fact is that better rates and reduced expenses will materially offset this reduction and help to maintain better net results.

The Saturday half holiday and the fact that Washington's Birthday will be celebrated ou Monday by the closing of the Exchanges, had its effect in a slight reaction of prices toward the close of business, as there are always a number of small traders who do not like to take the attendant risks of a two days' cessation of business.

Closing quotations of Philadelphia stocks, furnished by Whitney & Stephenson, brokers, No. 3 Fourth avenus. Rembers New York Stock hychanges

Pennsylvania Railroad

LOCAL LIVE STOCK.

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MARKETS BY WIRE. The Unexpected Balmy Weather Has an

CHICAGO-The delightful change in the weather acted to the discouragement of those who had bought wheat yesterday expecting zero weather here this morning. From this cause solely those who were previously short were encouraged to press the market with

ance of May wheat at 37½c against 37½c on the previous afternoon. There were buyers for these liberal offerings.

Up to 12 o'clock the extreme range in May was from 37c to 37½c. Some buying was occasioned by the extremely cold weather in the Northwest, and the prediction that it would move down over the winter wheat country by to-morrow, giving the wheat plant the severest nip of the season. The bit was dull after the first half hour, and the business resolved itself into a match between the divided forces of the home team.

The last 20 minutes of the session saw the prices at the lowest point of the day. May sold at 98%c, and closed with 98%c bid, or %c decline from yesterday's final quotation. The most active trading of the day was concentrated in the time occupied by the final break. The market for corn was affected by the weather at the start, which being favorable to a freer movement from first hands, made the opening rather weak at 1/20%c under yesterday's closing figures. The sellers, upon the bulge of yesterday having an encouraging margin of profit, were inclined to press the advantage they would thus be possessed of. There was a fair amount of activity at times, and a good deal of it in the last 15 minutes. The break in wheat near the close was the influencing cause of a drop in May corn to 52%c, with

very little done at the lowest quotations, there being an immediate slight reaction.

Oats were extremely dull at a narrow range of

Provisions opened weak and declining on Previsions opened weak and declining on the continued accumulation of stocks and the continued heavy receipts of hogs. Pork for May Jopened Mat a decline of 5 cents, land after a temporary reaction of 7%c., broke 22%c, and closed at \$9.75, which was the lowest for the day. Lard made a bad break closing at a decline of 12% cents, and ribs made a smillar poor showing and closed at \$9.75, which was the lowest for the day.

The leading futures ranged as follows, as corrected by John M. Onkley & Co., 45 Sixth street, members Chicage Board of Trade:

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IMPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE.1 NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Bar silver in London. 4%d per ounce; New York selling price, as re-

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VOLTAIC BELT CO., Marshall, Mich. DRY ITCHING SCALES THAT CRACKED AND POPPED OPEN. LINDLEY, STEUBEN Co., N. Y., April 11, 1890, FOSTER, MILBURN & Co., Buffalo, N. Y. GENTLEMEN :- When about ten or twelve years old I was troubled with cracks across the palm of my left hand, and when they healed the trouble broke out on my head, and every winter it would come out as a sort of tetter and make scales all over

winter since, but it was worse last winter after I had the grippe, for then it came out in spots all over my body. I had a doctor examine me, and he told me that there was no cure for me. I got worse and worse. Scales would form over the sores and then dry out until they would crack and pop open, showing a watery matter. My skin was all like a dry wrapper. It felt as though it had dried on me. The scales were so bad that they would collect in the bed and have to be shaken out. It was about this time that I was about this time that I was about the last my had the my they would collect in the bed and have to be shaken out. It was about this time that I commenced using B. B. B. I was so bad that I was ashamed to take my hat off before a neighbor. I had used five bottles of another medicine without noticing any effect; but when I commenced to take B. B. B. the sores came out thicker than before, and they burned like fire; they were immense blotches of fire that would burn so I could not sleep. The way they burned and itched can not be told, and I hope no one else may ever know from experience. The only relief I could get was from washing the sores with some B. B. B.

my head. I have not been free from it a single winter since, but it was worse last winter after I had

I stuck to the medicine and was on the fourth bottle before I could see that I was really better, although I knew that it was better to get such rottenness out of my blood than to have it stay there. I did say once that I wished I had never commenced taking B. B. B., but my wife encouraged me, and to-day I thank her for the advice, for I am in good health now, and I don't believe I ever would have been with my blood in such a condition as it was.

My scalp now is clean and clear of all scales and tetter, and on my body there are only small spots to show where the sores were, and these spots are free from scales. I do not doubt but that the cure will be perfect.

I am now on the sixth bottle and will take more until every spot is gone. I firmly believe that Burdock Blood Bitters will cure the worst disorders of the blood, for such certainly was mine.

