TALK ABOUT PIRATES.

O. P. Caylor Pays His Respects to the Association Revolters in an Interesting Way.

A FEW VERY SAFE POINTERS GIVEN

Peter Gladiator Browning Modestly Asks $4,000 to Come and Play in the Local Club.

REILLY'S CASE FULLY EXPLAINED.

Mark Baldwin May Sign Catcher Jack O'Connor to Play in This City.

[CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH.]

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—"It is war. Sign all the good League players you want."

That was the message, you will remember, which flashed across the wires between Chicago and Boston about ten minutes after the National Board announced its decision in the Bierbauer-Stovey case. The message was directed to Mr. Prince in Boston and was signed by Arthur Irwin in Chicago. Shortly afterward Secretary Kalbfuss, of Washington, announced that "We are now pirates and have hoisted the black flag against the National League for the good of baseball."

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I call attention to these things because I want to show that the declaration of war came from the American Association. There may have been a casus belli. I am not going to discuss that shade of the question. The cause may have been good or not sufficient; we'll let you take your choice of convictions. What we must all admit is that the American Association declared war. The League and national agreement forces had to make up their minds to surrender or fight. There was no middle ground. The enemy had shouted its orders for an assault. Letters of march and reprisal were issued, and the command went forth to fight. One of the League's forts, Cincinnati, was taken possession of and—there you are.

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Very well. Now to digress a little.

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A few days after the death of General Sherman I read in the Cincinnati *Commercial Gazette* a sketch of the war character of the dead warrior from the pen of Murat Halstead. He showed up the policy which made Sherman one of the famous generals of the world. In brief, General Sherman did not believe in shilly-shally tactics. He advocated the unrestrained use of the torch and the sword in war. When he marched from Atlanta to the sea a swathe 40 miles wide marked the way, and in that swathe not a human being, a habitation or a pound of provision was left to mark the trail; Sherman always insisted if this policy which marked his march from Atlanta to the sea had been put in practice by the War Department in the very start, thousands of lives and millions of money would have been saved.

Now it looks to me as if the National League had taken up the Sherman policy in this latest baseball war. Certainly there has been no misunderstanding possible concerning the policy the League is going to pursue. Mr. Kalbfuss' manifesto seems to have been accepted in good faith by the opposition. "We are all pirates now," says he, meaning the Association men, "and have raised the black flag against the National League." Every school boy knows what the black flag of the pirate signifies. It means: "No quarter asked and no quarter given." How have pirates been treated in all ages by the powers against which they raised their black flags? Please read up on history, and you'll find that most of them have been blown out of the ocean.

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It is a gigantic mistake in the Association and I believe most of the men at the head of Association clubs not in their hearts recognize it. But they are proud (all baseball magnates are born proud) and they do not like to make acknowledgement, in the face of the enemy. But let me say that it is always manly to confess a wrong step and to admit defeat, when defeat stares you in the face like your reflection in a mirror.

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It matters not whether the Association as a body was wronged or not by the National Board; they have no excuse for dragging their whole structure down around their heads for the sake of vindicating a principle. The conservative leaders of the revolt must see that they are overmatched; that they are the victims of bad advisers.

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Who will be first among them to say, "Let us have peace?" He who will speak the word and start the crusade for salvation at the sacrifice of the few hot-heads who precipitated the calamity will soon write his name famous in baseball history.

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Some years ago I saw Louis Harrison play a stage part in which was a scene that reminds me now of the condition of the American Association. Harrison in his role made up his mind to lick the lymph out of the stage villain, and proclaimed the job as good as done before he began it. But Louis, like the more recent warrior, made a miscalculation. When the dust of battle lifted Louis' stage clothes were hanging to him in strips, the stage blood was smeared over his face and damnation clothed him as with an ulster, while his intended victim walked swaggeringly into the wings smoking a cigar and wholly unharmed. Louis gazed after the victim sadly, and said, in a voice saturated with pain and sorrow, "I'm sorry I whipped that man."

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Need I apply the moral?

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Now, I want to state a little history in advance, and I assure you on my word that it is not a prejudiced supposition. Mark it well and heave a brick at my head later on if it be not true. It is this:

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There will be but one club in Cincinnati next year, and that will be a League club. Al Johnson is deceiving the other Association men. He cannot deliver his goods. This is as sure as that two and two make four. I know exactly what my words mean when I tell you this. And McPhee and Reilly know exactly what I know. If they did not you do not suppose they would have signed the League contract, do you? They are not men who would walk into a trap.

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At the schedule meeting to be held in this city next week Cincinnati will be scheduled in the League, and the games will be played.

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Excuse me! I must go out and read the latest bulletin from the scene of war.

O. P. CAYLOR.

PETE'S BIG DEMAND.

The Gladiator Wanted $4,000 to Come and Play on the Local Team.

Messrs O'Neill and Hanlon were once more in gay spirits yesterday, although after making a strong bid for Pete Browning they lost him. The gladiator came on the scene unexpectedly. Hecker wired President O'Neill yesterday morning to the effect that he had signed Pitcher Stratton, and that he could sign Browning at a certain figure, presumably $2,800. Hecker was informed to sign Browning at the latter's own terms, in other words Pete's terms were accepted.

In the meantime Al Johnson arrived in St. Louis and had a talk with poor Pete, and the latter was soon deluded from the path of safety. As a result Hecker wired President O'Neill yesterday afternoon to the effect that Browning's figure had jumped to no less than $4,000. President O'Neill nearly took a fit at this, and immediately wired Hecker to the effect that Browning could get no such salary from the Pittsburg club, and that his own terms had already been accepted. Last evening Hecker again wired Mr. O'Neill telling the latter to inform President Young that Browning's terms had been accepted by Pittsburg. This means that Pete must play here if he plays in a national agreement club. It also means that he has likely resolved to play with the revolters as long as they last.

Mark Baldwin is in St. Louis trying to sign his old catcher, Jack O'Connor. Mark's chances of success are very bright. Mack also notified the local club officials yesterday that he will report for duty in this city on the 17th instant. Mack, in his telegram, also paid a very high compliment to the quality of the club. This settles all conjectures about Mack's intentions. Manager Hanlon stated last evening that no fancy salaries such as Browning wants will be paid, as there are plenty of good outfielders to get.

Regarding Reilly's contract with Columbus, Manager Hanlon said: "Reilly signed with Columbus on the 16th, and the Association did not jump the national agreement until the 18th. Besides, the Columbus club agreed to give Reilly some advance money on the 24th, and he did not receive it, therefore his contract was not lived up to."

Altogether, the prospects of the club are extremely good. With such pitchers as Staley, Baldwin, Stratton and Galvin the box will be very strong.

WAGNER SAYS SOMETHING.

He Points Out How He Can Hold Shindle for Two Years.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 28.—President Wagner, of the Athletics, was not a little vexed over Shindle's flop to the League. Said he: "Now I have something to say about this matter, and neither Shindle nor Griffin will play with any other club excepting the one of which I am President without my consent. I have three-year contracts with both players and will enforce them. Both players signed three-year contracts with my club last spring, and these contracts, according to Judge Thayer's decision in the Pickett case, are binding. In addition to these club contracts I have personal contracts with them. Last fall I had drawn up by our lawyers three personal contrats with Griffin, Shindle and Mulvey for a term of three years, and these contracts bear the signatures of the three players mentioned and are legal beyond a doubt. Thus, you see, I will have the say as to where Shindle and Griffin will play. The latter was flooded with offers from League clubs last week, and the latest reports I have had from him is that Boston offered him a salary of $5,000."

The fight between the Association and League will, outside of the players, perhaps benefit no one excepting the lawyers, who will likely reap a rich harvest from it, as there will be a number of lawsuits instituted by the clubs of the former against those of the latter organization between now and the opening of the championship season.

Another case for the lawyers was furnished to-day when the local agent for the Pittsburg club went over to Princeton, N. J., and signed Third Baseman Reilly to a League contract. Reilly was signed by Lawyer Elliott, of this city, for the Columbus club, last week, and that was the first contract he had signed for the coming season. Mr. Elliott claims that it is binding and Reilly will have to play with the Buckeyes this year or remain idle.

The Stars Not in It.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—The international 14-inch balk line tournament will not likely be the success anticipated. Slosson positively declines to compete. Schaefer, who was especially asked to take part, does not think the inducements offered sufficiently remunerative to pay him for his trouble in getting into trim. He has therefore declined. Frank C. Ives and Eugene Carter have entered and Maurice Daly is trying to arrange his business affairs so as to compete.

The McKeesports Won.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

McKEESPORT, Feb. 28.—The second set of championship games were played by the Allegheny county football teams to-day. The game between Homestead and McKeesport was played at Homestead and resulted in the defeat of the Homestead team by a score of 3 to 1. The McKeesport and Lawrenceville teams play here Saturday next.

Their Second Deposit Up.

Harlan and his backers and the unknown and his backers met at this office last evening and put up the second deposit of $80 a side for the wrestling match proposed to take place between the two men named. Both men are training hard, and there is a strong desire to have the contest take place in the city. It would be hailed with delight by a large number of people if it did take place in some hall in the heart of the city.

East Enders Didn't Appear.

The Lawrenceville football team were awfully disappointed yesterday by the East Enders and the former now claim a victory without playing for it. A game was scheduled to take place between the teams yesterday and the East End lot did not appear. The Lawrenceville players amused themselves until 6 o'clock and then left the field. They claim the game.

Shaner Defeats Braddock.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

SHANER, Feb. 28.—An interesting football game took place here to-day between the local and Braddock teams of the Western League. There was a good attendance. The home team won by 8 goals to 2. Shaner team is playing well, and may win the League pennant.

Bright Issues a Challenge.

"Young" Bright called at this office last evening and left a challenge to the effect that he will fight either "Reddy" Mason or Heathcote at 135 pounds for $100 or $200 a side or a purse. Bright will be at this office next Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.

Bridges Wants to Fight.

The following challenge was left at this office last evening: "I, Jack Bridges, will fight J. Brown, of Homestead, to a finish for a purse or a stake. I will meet Brown at THE DISPATCH office next Saturday evening at 7:30 to make a match."

The Oxford and Cambridge.

[BY DUNLAP'S CABLE COMPANY.]

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The Oxford and Cambridge crews will begin practicing on the Thames on Monday, the race being fixed for March 21. The betting is now 9 to 4 on Oxford.

Sporting Notes.

MR. WALZ gives the National League quite a roasting.

A NEW athletic club is being organized on the Southside on a large scale.

TIM KEEFE wants a salary of $4,600 and may be released by the New York club.

THE local club ought to give Swartwood a try. It would loose nothing doing so.

JOHN WALZ says that as sure as eggs are eggs Reilly will not play in Pittsburg.

C. S. M.—The statement you refer to did appear in this paper. B. therefore loses.

CHAPMAN and Hecker are bidding against each other for Pitcher Stratton, of Louisville.

THE ringleaders of the American Association revolt must certainly feel very weary now.

MANAGER HANLON states that Stratton is not to receive anything like $4,000 from the Pittsburg club.

THERE will be a meeting of the Western Football League at the Hotel Schlosser Wednesday evening.

THE Association disrupters are learning that they are not so strong in Cincinnati as they thought they were.

CARNEY, of the Southside, is anxious to meet Billy Williams at this office at any time to arrange for a fight, at 145 pounds, or catch weight.

IT is not unlikely that Ed Swartwood will be given a try on the local team. Ed is certainly worth a try, and he is in excellent condition.

NOW that Ralph Johnson has signed with the Cleveland club the Columbus authorities have announced that Johnson is not a good player.

HARRY STARR, a well-known trotting horse trainer and driver, died at his home, near Napa City, on February 16, after a lingering illness.

ONE of the stipulations under which Gore signed a contract with the New York club was that he would have to give up his cafe on Twenty-sixth street. He received $400 advance.

IT is pretty near an air-tight "cinch" that there will be a National League team here next season. It is not such a good bet that the American Association will have a representative here.—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

THE local magnates were figuring on the salaries of the Chicago players yesterday. They placed Pfeffer's salary at $2,000, Van Haltren's at $3,000, Anson's at $3,500 and Ryan's at $2,500. This shows that our magnates were only guessing.

A SPECIAL cablegram to Richard K. Fox from Melbourne, Australia, announces that the Melbourne Athletic Club has offered to put up a purse of $5,000 for a fight between "Joe" McAuliffe, of San Francisco, and "Joe" Goddard, of Australia.

MANAGER POWERS said yesterday that the report that Bob Barr had signed with the Louisville club is untrue, as he has received a dispatch from that player denying it and saying that he would like to play with the Buffalo team, which is under Power's management.

THE Pittsburg Players' League club has offered to settle with Keefe and Becannon on a 40 per cent basis. They have refused to consider such a proposition, and yesterday Keefe consulted Judge Henry Bacon about proceedings to collect the full amount.—*New York Sun.*

JOE MCAULIFFE and Billy Madden called at the *Police Gazette* office yesterday to consult with Richard K. Fox in reference to the offer of the Melbourne Athletic Club to put up a purse of $5,000 for Joe Goddard and Joe McAuliffe to fight for under their auspices. McAuliffe and Madden agreed to accept the offer provided the Melbourne Athletic Club will allow McAuliffe $500 for expenses. In regard to the proposed match the following cable was sent to the Melbourne *Sportsman*: "Joe McAuliffe agrees to meet Joe Goddard for the purse offered by the Melbourne Athletic Club, providing the club will allow £100 expenses."

A DISPATCH from Baltimore says: Manager Barnie has returned from Philadelphia and without Shindle. The famous short stop has signed with the Philadelphia League club. Barnie offered Shindle $3,500. Manager Barnie says that he has in his safe a personal contract signed by Childs, in which he contracts to play ball with Baltimore. Accompanying it is a receipt for advance money. Mr. Barnie says some of the League clubs may be surprised, but Baltimore will have a good club without Shindle. President Vonderhorst has returned from New York, where he went to meet Charles Byrne, of the Brooklyn League club, to induce him to jump the League. Mr. Byrne said he did not see how he could leave the League, but he was not in sympathy with the action of the League in signing players already under contract, and that he had telegraphed he would not be a party in any scheme to induce men to break contracts. President Vonderhorst says he is not as enthusiastic as Mr. Von der Ahe and others, but is determined to continue in the present course, as he is sure he is right.

LOTS OF CHAMPIONS.

All the Prominent Dogs in the Country Coming to This City.

THE SHOW'S BRIGHT PROSPECTS.

Law Again Puts Its Veto on the Proposed Dixon and McCarthy Battle.

GENERAL SPORTING NEWS OF THE DAY

It is now certain that the dog show which is to be held in this city next week will be the biggest affair of the kind ever held west of the mountains. The entries are not closed yet and nearly 600 dogs are entered. That number includes the best dogs in the world, and the gentlemen having the show in charge are very proud of the fact.

During the next few days workmen will commence to erect the benches and kennels in the Grand Central Rink. The interior of the latter will be thoroughly renovated, as no expense is being spared by the Committee of Arrangements. Everything that will in any way conduce to the grandeur and success of the show will be done by the energetic committee.

The quantity and quality of the present entries have not been equaled in this city before. To start with, the public will have an opportunity of seeing four dogs, St. Bernards, valued at $55,000, they are owned by E. B. Sear, of the Wyoming Kennels, Massachusetts. The quartet includes the famous champion Sir Bedivere, that lately cost Mr. Sear $12,500. Another very interesting feature will be the contest between the two old and famous rival pointers, Robert Le Diable and Graphic. They had a hot argument here in 1886 when Major Taylor decided in favor of Robert. Mr. Davison will judge them this time, and the fact ought certainly to make this meeting here an interesting one. The celebrated kennel of G. M. Avent, of Hickory Valley, Tenn., will be here, including the famous setter Roderigo. The latter's son, Chance, a remarkable winner, Bessie Avent and four of Mr. Avent's red fox hounds will also be exhibited. Mr. Avent offers to bet $2,000 that his hounds will run down and catch any red fox. The Fleetvein and Reading kennel of pointers from Lynn, Mass., will also be here. Hemstead Fair kennel of collies, North Field kennels from Massachusetts, and Chestnut Hill kennels. Philadelphia will also be here. E. H. Moore, the famous breeder of St. Bernards, will come with his champions from Melrose, Mass. Charles Heath's kennels, New York; Frank Winnholz, New York; August Belmont, Jr., New York; President of the American Kennel Club; Killarney kennel of Irish setters, Chicago; Cooks kennel, Detroit; Macbeth kennels, Norristown, O., Durkee, New York, and other noted breeders and kennels will all be represented at the show.

And there is a large representation of local stock. Of course the famous kennels of W. L. Washington will be on hand. Ruby Glenmore, Kildare, Molly Bawn and others will be there to compete against the Killarney kennels who own Dick Swiveler. Dr. J. A Hartman, Joe Lewis, Keystone Kennel Club, Duquesne Grayhound Club, P. Wolfenden, of Canonsburg, who has never missed a local show; the Allegheny Pointer Club, John Fawcett and Mr. Gormley will each have numerous dogs on exhibit. It will, therefore, be easily seen that the show will be a great one.

HE SCORES THE LEAGUE.

J. W. Walz Says a Few Things About the N. L. Magnates.

John W. Walz, the genial Vice President of the Baltimore Association Baseball Club, looked in at the office last evening and had much to say regarding the present baseball trouble. Mr. Walz is not a baseball anarchist by any means; he is a level-headed and conservative citizen, but he is very positive in his conviction that the American Association is being ill-treated—in fact, dishonorably treated by the National League. During a conversation with the writer Mr. Walz said:

"The National League has ever treated the Association unfairly and now the treatment is not only unjust, but it is dishonorable. Why, a year ago who was howling about the contemptible work of encouraging contract-jumping? The National League. Then the Players' League was thinning their ranks. But now that same National League is doing even worse than the P. L. ever did. We broke away from the National League simply because they broke faith with us. We had all arranged not to meddle with each other's players, reserved or not reserved, yet Stovey and Bierbauer were taken from us.

"Of course, I know that Mr. Thurman claims that our break was to get into Cincinnati. He knows he is saying what is false when he says that. He knows that our circuit was made up without any reference to Cincinnati whatever. He was fully aware of our proposed circuit, and was empowered to place a club in Chicago for us. Again, Mr. Thurman says that Baltimore tampered with Cooney. He knows that he again says what is not true, because when he was in Baltimore we let him see our team as we had figured it out, and he neither saw the name of Cooney nor heard it mentioned. Mr. Thurman has been soft-soaped by Spalding and we all know it.

"But we still live and we want to do business in our own way and by ourselves. We don't want to interfere with anybody. We won't sign any players who are under contract and we will have some good men. I only wish that there were a few more men in the League as honorable as C. H. Byrne. He is the only fair-dealing man in the National League, and he emphatically condemns the League's action in this instance. We have every lover of fair play and justice on our side."

IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS.

George Snyder Wins the Live Pigeon Handicap at Homewood Park.

The live pigeon shooting handicap at Homewood Park yesterday afternoon was one of the most successful affairs of the kind that has ever taken place in this vicinity. It went off without a hitch, and the winner turned up in George Snyder, of the Southside, who netted $140 by his victory. Each contestant put up $5, and $50 was added to the total by James Beardshaw. Great credit, indeed, is due the last named gentleman for the able and satisfactory way in which he managed the handicap. The weather was extremely bad, but there was still two to one bet on the gun. The layers of odds were sadly wrong, as the scores will show.

The handicap was so successful that another on a larger scale will be given shortly by Mr. Beardshaw. It is worthy of note that the winner was handicapped furthest back and he killed all his birds in fine style. Following are the results, together with the distance shot by each contestant:

George Snyder 23 yards, 1 1 1 1 1; W. A. Givens 21, 1 1 1 1 0; J. B. Lovett 21, 1.0; Ed Taylor 21, 1.0; George Lovett, 20, 1.0; J. Horsfield 20, 1.0; W. Hands 19, 1.0; J. Dixon 18, 1.0; E. Quinn 21, 1.0; Keenan 21, 1.0; P. Dean 20, 1.0; S. S. Bishop 21, 0; J. Brooks, 20, 0; J. Horsfield, 20, 0; W. Hands, 19, 0; Hollingsworth 18, 0; Hickey 21, 0; Hamilton 21, 0.

Of course after Mr. Snyder had killed his five birds the first miss was out.

It Is No Bluff.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—"It is not a bluff I am making, as has been inferred," said Keefe yesterday. "Mr. Talcott came to me and offered me a salary of $3,000. It was a pretty big cut from my former salary, and of course I could not accept it. I will take my release before signing at those figures. Of course, my work last season doesn't warrant my saying much, as I did very little. But that is not a criterion of what I may be able to do the coming season. I think I am in pretty good condition. The magnates talk of their losses as a means of wanting me to come down, but to offset that I can quote my losses. I want to play in New York, but I never will for a $3,000 salary. My salary last season was $4,500. Quite a cut, isn't it? To tell you the truth, however, I do not think I am wanted in the New York team, and this cutting method is being pursued to get me out. I have thought all along that certain ones in the club were opposed to me, so I will not be surprised if I get my release."

Fogarty Improving.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 28.—"Jimmy" Fogarty, who, as announced yesterday, has been confined to his room in the Girard House for the past few days, suffering from an aggravated attack of la grippe, was much improved yesterday, and in the afternoon he disposed of some ice cream with apparent relish. During the day the Girard House desk was besieged by callers inquiring about the condition of the famous fielder. Among those who stopped were Sheriff Connell, Magistrate Aherb, A. J. Reach, City Commissioner Stulb, Waldo Claflin, Lew Meredith and Horace Willard. The physicians will not permit anybody to see Fogarty outside of his intimates, George Wood and Al Robrback. For awhile Dr. Ziegler feared that pneumonia might set in, and it was for the purpose of warding off that dread disease that such extraordinary precautions were taken.

Leased the Park.

The Allegheny Athletic Association yesterday sub-leased Exposition Park from the ball club for use when the club is not using it. The lease will hold good as long as the present baseball organization has control of the grounds. It is understood that the annual rental is $800.

NEW FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

A Few State Colleges Form an Organization and Elect Officers.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

HARRISBURG, Feb. 28.—An organization to be known as the Pennsylvania Inter-Collegiate Football Association was formed here to-day by representatives from several colleges in the State. There were present at the meeting Captain Irvine and A. B. Bauman, Franklin and Marshall; C. F. Folmer and C. W. Allen, Bucknell; C. H. Hile and Richard W. Williamson, State College; W. C. Sproul, Swarthmore; M. P. Collins and Edward Woolman, Haverford, and N. B. Masters, Dickinson. Mr. Sproul presided.

The constitution adopted embodies the features of that which governs the Yale, Princeton and Harvard teams. The Executive Committee will consist of one member from each college represented in the Association, and one of the duties will be to prepare a schedule on the fourth Saturday of each September. The members of the teams will be required to devote 15 hours to recitation or laboratory work. Officers were elected as follows: President, W. M. Irvine, Franklin and Marshall; Vice President, W. C. Sproul, Swarthmore; Secretary, M. P. Collins, Haverford; Treasurer, C. H. Hile, State College. On the second Saturday of each January the regular meeting of the Association will be held.

Duffy Hasn't Signed.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Hugh Duffy arrived here to-day on his way to Hot Springs. He had a conference with Spalding and Anson, but did not sign, as the club here will not offer him the money he can get in the East. He denies that he has signed with an Association club, but admits that he was approached by several.

Valuable Youngster Sold.

LEXINGTON, KY., Feb. 28.—Andrew J. Coleman, of this city, has sold to John E. Madden, of Lexington, Ky., the 3-year-old bay filly Cleo, by Gentry's Gambetta, dam by Macey's Hambletonian. Price $5,900. She holds the fastest 2-year-old record over a half mile track, 2:29¾, made at Danville, Ky., on August 9 last.

Will Stop the Fight.

TROY, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Superintendent of Police Willard announces that he will not allow the proposed Dixon-McCarthy fight to occur in this city.

TORN FROM THE FLAMES.

Three People Slightly Burned in an Allegheny Midnight Fire—Heroic Rescue of Miss Nelson—R. & W. Jenkinson, the Tobacconists, Pass Through Another Ordeal.

At 11:40 last night a general alarm was sent out from box 82, Allegheny, for a fire at R. & W. Jenkinson's tobacco store, at 71 Federal street. The fire lasted until 12:30, and the damage will not exceed $3,000.

The fire originated in the third story of No. 71, in Myhitta & Lore's photograph gallery. The other occupants of the building are R. and W. Jenkinson & Co, the firm which was burned out at the Maginn fire, R. Nelson & Co., tailors, and Mrs. Crilly's employment agency. Both Mrs. Crilly and Mr. Nelson and his family live in the building.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Crilly, who was awakened by something falling in the photograph gallery. Then the flames were creeping through the ceiling of her room. She gave the alarm, and the department responded at once, but before they arrived the flames had spread to the adjoining building, No. 69, which is occupied by Wylie & Schreiber's grocery on the first floor, and on the other two floors by roomers.

Just as the firemen burst open the door of the photograph gallery there was an explosion of some of the chemicals. Fireman John Wills, of Good Will Engine Company, had his face badly burned, as also did Harlem Woodhouse, of Pittsburg. Then they discovered that the daughter of Mr. Nelson was imprisoned in her room. The men, although they were suffering from their burns, knocked down the door just as the flames burst into the room. Miss Nelson's hair and face were burned before she could be taken out, but her injuries are not considered serious.

As the fire was confined to the top stories of the two buildings it was easily managed, and the principal damage was from water. Both buildings are three-story brick structures. They have a frontage of 40 feet on Federal street and extend back to Excelsior alley, a distance of about 100 feet. The buildings are valued at $20,000, and $3,000 will fully cover all the loss. Everything is covered by insurance. The women were cared for by the neighbors, and Harlem Woodhouse sent to the Buchanan House at Seventh street and Penn avenue.

THE FIGHTING CHURCHMEN.

No Let Up in the Hostilities Indulged in at Allentown.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

ALLENTOWN, Feb. 28.—In the anti-Bowman Conference little outside of the routine business was transacted. A letter from the deposed Bishop, Dubs, was read and produced a profound impression. In it he said: "I know you will do right. We must stand firm and look to God for help. The old Evangelical Association, as it was established by our fathers, must and will be maintained."

In the Bowman Conference it was resolved that all those members of the East Pennsylvania conference who participated in the attempt to prevent Bishop Bowman from presiding at this session of the Conference, and by their action have sanctioned the forcible and unlawful exclusion of the Bishop from the church where the Conference was appointed to be held, shall be considered located, subject to such action as may be taken by the General Conference of the Evangelical Association. The laymen of the anti-Bowman Conference have organized a defense bureau to raise money to pay court expenses and lawyers' fees. The Bowman Conference decided to meet next year at Morristown. Postmaster Stopp appeared before the Conference with letters from officers of the anti-Bowman Conference, notifying the Bowmanites to report at Ebenezer Church for appointments as pastors.

Bishop Bowman said: "We are laboring with a wonderful rebellion in the Church, and we can hit only right straight from the shoulder. Those who are engaged in this tremendous conspiracy have forfeited all the rights they otherwise possessed."

WILL BUILD BIG AIR SHIPS.

Two Million Dollars Will Be Invested in the New Fangled Vessels.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—The directors of the Mount Carmel Aeronautic Company held a meeting at the Grand Pacific Hotel to-day. Among the subjects considered were the erection of a factory and the construction of several large air ships.

It was decided to raise $2,000,000, part of which would be expended in establishing a large plant and the building of the new ships. It is expected, the directors say, that one big ship will be ready for a trial flight within 90 days.

COLD IN THE NORTHWEST.

How the Thermometer Ranged in Several Minnesota Cities.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 28.—Reports from various points in the Northwest indicate that last night was one of the coldest of the season. In this city the thermometer did not go below 20° below zero, but at Duluth it was 30° below; at Fergus Falls, 38° below; Brainerd, 40° below. Bismarck reports 18° below.

Thornton Bros., Allegheny.

See our special offering this week in black dress goods; 36-inch black alpacas at 19c; 46-inch all wool and silk Henriettas, the $1 00 quality elsewhere, at 69c; 89c what you pay $1 35 for, and 98c a number that will match any $1 50 quality in either city; get samples elsewhere to compare with above; black surahs at 49c, extra quality 69c. This week for mosquetaire undressed kid gloves. Ask for them at The Cash Store; a lot to close.

BAD FOR BRADDOCK.

Another Suspicious Explosion Occurs in the Wire Works.

ONLY ONE CHANCE FOR HOBDAY.

But Little Hope That the Strike Conference Will Succeed.

MINOR NEWS FROM THE THREE STATES

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

BRADDOCK, PA., Feb. 28.—A terrific explosion occurred at the Braddock Wire Mill last night. The cylinder heads of several of the boilers blew out, causing great alarm and excitement among the men working in the mill. They were afraid that some fiend had come around to blow up the mill, and in consequence several of the non-union men quit. No person is reported injured. The mill was not in operation to-day.

Edward Tracy, John Glynn and Charles Lipkow, the three men arrested for the shooting of George Hobday and John Trainor Thursday morning, had a hearing before 'Squire Hiltzman this morning. The men were held without bail to await Hobday's injuries. Previous to their going to jail they were paid off, and Glynn's wife, to whom he was married Tuesday, took care of all the money.

The attending physician thinks that the only hope of saving Hobday is through an operation. They expect to find the bullet in the neighborhood of the right kidney. Drs. McCann, of Pittsburg, Schroley, Stewart and Crothers, of Braddock, performed the operation to-night.

THE COKE REGION ALMOST IDLE.

The Rainey Plants the Only Ones Turning Out Much Work.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

SCOTTDALE, Feb. 28.—There are very few men at work at the Fairchance Works to-day, where so many men were stated to have gone back. In fact, the entire region is now idle, with the exception of the Rainey plants. Mr. Rainey says his plants will be run to their full capacity next week. The United Mine Workers' officials say they will guard against such a movement, and will hold another mass meeting at the works, if necessary. None of the members of the Scale Committee are very hopeful of a settlement at Monday's conference.

A sliding scale of wages to regulate the region has been prepared by some of the operators. The miners will likely reject such an offer, however.

AN OLD FIGHT CROPS OUT.

One Street Railroad Company Obtains an Injunction Against Another.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

BRADDOCK, Feb. 28.—The old fight between the Braddock and Turtle Creek and the Braddock Electric Street railways cropped up again to-day, when the latter company began to place their track alongside the other company's track on Main street, over which both companies have been granted the right of way.

Attorney Yost appeared on the scene, and, as a representative of the other company, served an injunction restraining the men from going any further with their work. A hearing in the case is set for 10 o'clock Monday morning.

A JAIL DELIVERY AT DAYTON.

Four Prisoners Saw 15 Heavy Bars and Braces and Get Away.

DAYTON, Feb. 28.—Four prisoners overcame Turnkey McNeely and escaped from jail at the breakfast hour this morning.

John Grabnock, under ten years' sentence to the penitentiary, and John McCarthy, a desperado, under life sentence as a habitual criminal, both for street car robbery; Edward Lock, burglar, under a three year sentence, and George Moxam, a United States prisoner, awaiting trial for counterfeiting, sawed 15 heavy bars and braces, making a hole through which they crawled.

MELLON'S NEW GAS PURCHASE.

Two Fuel Companies to Be Consolidated as a Result of the Deal.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

UNIONTOWN, Feb. 28.—The natural gas plant of the Fayette Fuel Gas Company, including their three wells, was sold at Sheriff's sale to-day to A. W. Mellon, of Pittsburg. The price paid is $6,000. The purchaser assuming a mortgage of $20,000 on the plant, and himself, as a representative of the Southwest Natural Gas Company, holding a mortgage of $20,000 on the property.

The business of the Southwest Company and the Fayette Fuel Company will be consolidated.

CARNEGIE'S GOOD FORESIGHT.

The Coke Strike Finds Him With Abundant Fuel on Hand.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

BRADDOCK, Feb. 28.—The immense quantities of coke shipped here during the past summer are now coming in good stead at the Edgar Thomson Works. A large amount of the product from here is shipped to Homestead and others of the Carnegie works, while great quantities of metal is being made into pig and stocked up for future use.

In spite of the coke troubles the firm is receiving at present about 50 carloads of coke per day.

A MYSTERY PARTLY SOLVED.

The Body of a Paralytic Boy Taken From the River at Youngstown.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

YOUNGSTOWN, Feb. 28.—The remains of Dwight Sexton, aged 14, who disappeared from his home December 14, were found this evening in the river about two miles from his home.

Since his disappearance his parents have hardly slept, and nearly 100 persons have patroled the country for miles in search of him. The lad was a paralytic, and it is supposed he fell into the water and was drowned.

THE MOYER MINE STILL BURNING.

All Efforts to Extinguish It Fails, and Still no News From Its Inmates.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

SCOTTDALE, Feb. 28.—The Moyer mine still burns, and the efforts of the workmen to extinguish the fire have been almost fruitless. The flames have broken out lately in several portions of the mine.

Mine Inspector Duncan, who has had charge of the work, left for his home to-day. The water has reached a depth of many feet in the shaft. There is no news from the lost men, not a trace of them having been secured.

IRWIN'S NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

Is One of the Finest Structures in Westmoreland County.

IRWIN, Feb. 28.—The new school building at this place was dedicated last evening, it being one of the finest structures in Westmoreland county.

There were over 600 people in the hall to witness the exercises, during which a handsome flag was presented by the Jr. O. U. A. M., of Irwin. Dr. T. N. Boyle, of Braddock, made the dedicatory address.

Fell Into a Boiling Tank.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

EAST LIVERPOOL, O., Feb. 28.—James Massey, a 12-year-old boy, fell into a tank of hot water this morning at the Dresden pottery, and was fatally scalded.

A Church Burned.

CARLISLE, Feb. 28.—The Salem Evangelical Church at Mt. Holly, six miles from this city, was destroyed by fire to-day. Origin unknown. Loss estimated $2,000; insurance, $1,000.

Tri-State Brevities.

LIQUOR licenses numbering 103 were issued in Erie, 25 per cent of the applications having been rejected.

THE condition of the Beaver County Jail will be investigated, Judge Wickham having received a complaint from one of the prisoners.

THE fire in the Charlotte mine of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, at Scottdale, which has been raging for four or five months, has been extinguished.

ONE of the School Controllers-elect of McKeesport was a woman—Mrs. Jennie Lindsey. The returns completely ignored her candidature, and a certificate of election was given her male competitor.

THE END OF A PETTIFOGGER'S CAREER.

He Will Spend Ten Years in the Pen for Forging a Will.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 28.—William W. Thompson, an Albany lawyer of very unsavory reputation, who created a sensation on the advent of the Harrison administration by carrying on a vituperative correspondence with Secretary Noble, which was published until it was discovered that he was writing both Noble's letters and his own replies; who also deserted his wife to go West with his typewriter operator about a year ago, wound up his career to-day by being convicted of forging the will of one James Denny, an aged Irishman.

Mr. Thompson drew up the will in the interest of the deceased brother, Thomas Denny, who was party to the fraud, and whom Thompson bled until he became enraged and confessed that his brother never made a will. The will was signed by Thompson while the old man was unconscious and dying in another room. The minimum sentence is ten years, and when the prisoner heard the verdict he broke down and lost all the bravado which has characterized him throughout the trial.

MORE SYNAGOGUE TROUBLES.

Facts Brought Out at the Hearing of Reuben Miller, Last Night.

Another page of the sensational proceedings at the Grant Street Synagogue was turned yesterday. Reuben Miller, the Vice President, was given a hearing before Alderman Richards last night on a charge of disorderly conduct. Harris Bartnitsky was the prosecutor. When he took the stand he testified that on Saturday morning Miller met him on Wylie avenue, near Tunnel street and called him all kinds of vile names, even going so far as to cast reflections on his ancestors. The witness further stated that Miller wished all he had called him to apply also to the rabbi. Several witnesses corroborated this testimony and Miller was fined $2 and costs.

After this, subpœnaes were served on the principals and the witnesses to appear in Criminal Court, next Saturday, and testify in the case of surety of the peace brought by Mr. Miller against Mr. Bartnitzky. The members of the synagogue will hold a meeting to-day, to investigate the cause of the troubles.

MAY BE THE HEAVIEST ON RECORD.

A Blinding Snow Falling in the East Tennessee Mountains.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Feb. 28.—This entire section is enveloped in a blinding snowstorm to-day. It began falling about 9 o'clock this morning and continues steady.

Three inches cover the ground. The indications are now that it will not cease before night, and that it will be the heaviest on record in this section.

THE RIVERS AWAY DOWN.

Less Than Ten Feet of Water in Them Last Night.

THE Carrier arrived at 5 P. M. yesterday.

THE Allen arrived yesterday morning and left for Parkersburg at noon.

EVERYTHING was quiet on the rivers yesterday. At last reports the marks were 9 feet 10 inches.

THE Keystone State has been repainted and refitted, and will depart to-morrow afternoon as per schedule.

THE Andes arrived from Cincinnati last evening and left for the same port at a late hour last night. She took the place of the Congo, on account of the latter not being able to get under the bridges at Cincinnati, owing to the high water.

River Telegrams.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAMS TO THE DISPATCH.]

ALLEGHENY JUNCTION—River 11 feet 7 inches and falling. Weather cloudy and cold.

ST. LOUIS—River down, falling 8 inches every 4 hours; 11 feet. Cold, 16° to 12° above. Light snow last night. Wind in the northwest.

LOUISVILLE—River falling slowly, with 31 feet in canal; 29 feet on falls, and 57 feet at foot of locks. Business beginning to revive. Weather partly cloudy and clear; moderating.

NEW ORLEANS—Shower at noon; partly cloudy and warmer during the day; cooler to-night.

MEMPHIS—River 33 feet and stationary. Cloudy and cold.

CAIRO—River 45 and rising. Cold and clear.

CINCINNATI—River 52 feet 2 inches and falling 2 inches an hour. Clear and cold.

THE WEATHER.

FOR WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA: FAIR SUNDAY, EXCEPT LIGHT FLURRIES OF SNOW ALONG THE LAKE SHORE, COLDER, NORTHWESTERLY WINDS.

FOR OHIO AND WEST VIRGINIA: COLDER, NORTHWESTERLY WINDS AND FAIR SUNDAY.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 28.

The United States Signal Service officer in this city furnishes the following:

Time.	Ther.		Ther.
8:00 A. M.	30	8:00 P. M.	22
10:00 A. M.	—	Maximum temp.	35
11.00 A. M.	31	Minimum temp.	20
12:00 M.	32	Range	16
2:00 P. M.	35	Mean temp.	28
5:00 P. M.	28	Snowfall	.06

SPECIAL WEATHER BULLETIN.

The Cold Wave Promised to Embrace the Entire Country in Its Grasp.

The storm that was developing in Colorado on Friday was forced to the Gulf of Mexico, the depression spreading northward to the lakes over the States between the Mississippi river and the Allegheny Mountains. This trough of low pressure was cut in two yesterday in the Central States by an extensive area of high pressure from the Northwest. This made two storm centers, one central over the lower lakes and the other over Louisiana. The one in the lower lakes was moving to the Northeast and last night was passing down the St. Lawrence Valley, attended by snow in all the States bordering on lakes Huron, Erie and Ontario. The snow belt extended southwest over Ohio and Kentucky, Southern Illinois and Missouri. Rain fell in Tennessee and the rain area reached to the Gulf. West of the Mississippi the weather was generally clear, except for heavy rains in California. In the Atlantic States the weather became threatening at night, with occasional light rains south of New York. The Southern storm center was showing little or no energy, but may increase in force and reach the Atlantic coast in the neighborhood of Georgia to-day, then pass to sea. The coldest wave of the season has overspread the country west of the Mississippi river. The temperature at St. Vincent, Minn., reached a minimum of 42° below zero to-day; Moorhead, 34° below; St. Paul, 20° below, and Chicago, 6° below. The zero line cut across the center of Lake Michigan, Illinois and Iowa to Southern Kansas and thence northward over Colorado and Wyoming into Montana, and the freezing line extended to the Gulf, taking in all the States, except those south of Tennessee and on the South Atlantic coast. This wave is expected to be very severe over the Southern States and will be felt throughout the country to-day. Its effect will be temporary, not lasting over a couple of days. The severe weather, combined with high northerly winds, caused a norther in Texas.

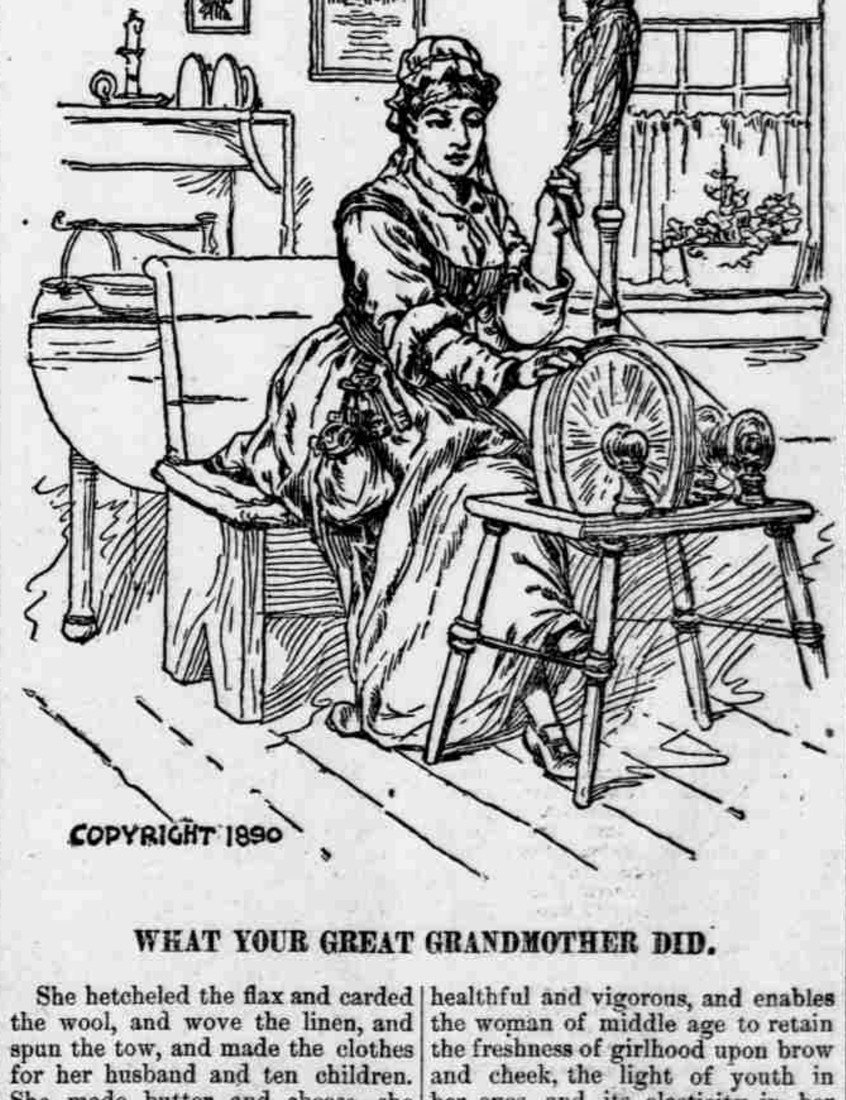
INTIMIDATED FARMERS.

They Fear to Inform on a Saloonkeeper Who Daubed Pictures on a Church.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

WILLIMANTIC, Feb. 28.—The vandal who daubed widows' pictures in black paint on the walls of the white Congregational Church at Storr's Village, was detected in his depredations by artesian well-diggers at midnight last Sunday. Connected with the vandalism is a strange story of misdeeds by a band of local desperadoes in Mansfield. All the time the farmers of the town knew pretty well who the members of the band were, but so much did they fear them that no one dared give testimony against them.

The prisoner is James Costello, a saloonkeeper of Eagleville, and he is under $400 bonds pending his appearance for trial before the Superior Court. Next he was arrested charged with violating the license liquor law and fined $50 and costs.



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Mr. J. O. Nicely, residing at Derry station, 45 miles from Pittsburg, and a traveling salesman for Otis, Shepard & Co., wholesale grocers, doing business on Seventh avenue, this city, says:

Mr. J. O. Nicely, Derry Station, Pa.

"I was troubled for over six years with catarrh which came from a cold I contracted while on one of my trips. My head and nose became stopped up, first one side then the other; could scarcely breathe. The dropping of mucous into my throat was so bad that I had to sit up in bed to sleep. I was subject to occasional dull, heavy pains over my eyes and nose. Had ringing or roaring noises in my ears. Coughed in the morning and raised up quantities of mucous. I suffered from sharp shooting pains in the chest, in the region of the heart and under shoulder blades. My appetite was poor. I felt distressed and suffered from a nausea at the stomach. Felt dizzy on suddenly raising myself and my sleep was restless and disturbed. I always felt tired in the morning.

"Called at the office of Drs. Copeland and Blair, and after examination, finding their charges so reasonable, I took treatment. Almost immediately my symptoms disappeared. Headaches stopped and pains in chest have ceased. Nose and head became clear, and I ceased coughing or raising mucous. Slept well and felt refreshed upon arising. I feel better in every way since they have treated me than I have felt for years."

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Mr. Jacob Altmeyer, Risher, Pa.
Mr. Thomas C. Hooper, Braddock, Pa.
Mr. Williams, Hickman, Pa.
Mr. John Wright, Chicago Junction, Pa.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE BY MAIL.

Mr. W. T. Henshaw, of Prospect, Pa., says: "For years I suffered from catarrh without being able to find relief. Dr. Copeland's Home Treatment cured me."

Mr. Henry Rose, of Eckhart's Mines, Md., says: "I suffered constantly from chronic catarrh; could get no relief. Dr. Copeland's Home Treatment cured me entirely."

Mr. G. C. Bellis, corner Main and Cunningham streets, Butler, Pa., says: "I had all aggravated symptoms of catarrh; suffered constantly; nothing relieved me until I began Dr. Copeland's Home Treatment. To-day I am a well man."

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