All communications for this department should be mailed to reach THE DISPATCH not later than Saturday morning. Reasonable space will be freely given to all organizations classified under this heading.

Jr. O. U. A. M.

Eleven new councils is the record of the past week.

The council at Muncy, Pa., has received permission to present a flag to the Normal School there.

The second annual picnic of Lescallette Council No. 412 will be held at Allquippa Grove on Saturday, September 7.

A large number of Deputy State Councilors have been elected to represent their councils in the State Council of Pennsylvania.

Forest Council No. 646, the first council in Forest county, was instituted Tuesday evening by D. S. C. W. C. Miltenberger, of Clarion.

During the present year 183 councils have been organized in this State, with prospects of the number reaching 200 before Brother Collins' term of office expires.

Commandery No. 3 held an interesting meeting Tuesday evening. This commandery is one of the most enterprising and successful in the uniformed rank.

Welcome Council No. 134, of the West End, will be visited on next Wednesday evening by the Deputy State Councilors. Members of other councils are invited to be present.

The handsome flag displayed in the window of H. Dreer & Co., Fifth avenue, is to be presented to Tyro Hill council to-morrow evening. It is the gift of the lady friends of the council.

Oil City Council No. 273 will play the Saratoga Council a game of baseball at their (Oil City) picnic on July 30. All other kinds of field sport will take place and a good time is expected.

National Representative Harry R. Peck, D. N. C. Fred J. Sisler and J. K. Emge, editor of *The American*, left for Galesburg, Ill., via Chicago to attend the session of the State Council of Illinois.

Smoky City Council No. 119, of Pittsburg, will present to one of the Chicago councils a complete new outfit of paraphernalia, etc. The suggestion was first made that they donate some of their old paraphernalia, but finally decided to do it right, and will present only new articles.

A handsome banner will be presented to Troy Hill Council No. 219 on Monday evening by the ladies of its vicinity. An open meeting will be held to receive it in Reineman's Hall, Troy Hill, and members of the order are invited to be present. There will be appropriate exercises, speaking, music, etc.

Representative G. W. Dean, of Invincible Council No. 33, and wife entertained the members of 33 at their residence, on Shady avenue, Allegheny, on the evening of the 15th. At 8 o'clock a delegation of about 40 members marched in a body to their house, Brother Dean Penwell presided at the piano, and vocal and instrumental music was indulged in until 10, then refreshments were served.

State Councilor Collins will arrange to have a memorial service to the memory of Brothers who have died during the year, which will take place on next Tuesday or Thursday evening during the session of the State Council. Addresses will be made to the memory of Jr. P. S. C., J. P. Winower, D. S. Councilors J. A. Miller, of 253; R. S. Emlen, of 381, and ex-Rep. to S. C., J. W. McCoy, of 146, and others. In closing, in wishing to include any deceased brother who had been a member of State Council can send the name to Brother Collins.

Daughters of Liberty.

A picnic will be held by Jane Gray Council at Linden Grove, Castle Shannon Railroad, on Friday, August 7.

The picnic of Martha Washington Council No. 81, which was to have been held on July 15, at Ideal Park, was postponed until to-morrow.

The first annual picnic of Pride of William Thaw Council will be held at Grove station, Castle Shannon Railroad, on Thursday, August 27.

Pride of the West Council held an enjoyable picnic at Windsor Park on Friday. Despite the showers of the day, there was a good crowd present.

A meeting of representatives to the National Council will probably be held on Friday, August 14, to discuss some of the matters that are to be brought before the coming session of the National Council.

Candidates for office in the national office are beginning to spring up in the West. One thing should be remembered, that if the West expects to elect any of them the forces should be united on one candidate for each office desired. Otherwise very little will be accomplished.

It does not seem to be generally understood that it is now possible to demand from subordinate councils of the Juniors the financial standing of their members applying for membership in the D. of L. A resolution to this effect was passed at the recent session of the National Council of the Juniors in Cleveland.

The impression that the organization is to be divided at Waterbury next month has been spread by Eastern representational officers, where it is very evident that the wish has been father to the thought. The membership here need have little fear of the Western representatives taking any part in a movement looking toward such a result.

Speaking of the arrangements for the trip to the National Council, Deputy National Councilor C. E. Kepple, said yesterday: "We have succeeded in interesting Mr. Watt in the personal comfort of our representatives, and all may be assured of a pleasant journey. Our party will occupy a special car attached to the day express on the Pennsylvania Railroad leaving Pittsburg Sunday morning, August 23, and arriving in Waterburg some time Monday."

The tour of official visits of the National Councilor closed on Friday evening with the largest meeting of the series at the hall of Unity Council on the Southside. Nearly 400 members were present, representing nearly every council in Allegheny county, including two or three councils from Ohio. The meetings have been a big success and have resulted in stirring up more enthusiasm in the organization than anything that has transpired in the last year. Brother McCleary is so well pleased with the good work accomplished that he has decided to visit the West Virginia councils at Wheeling on Thursday night next; those in East Liverpool and vicinity on Friday night, and those at Salem, O., on the evening of August 3.

I. O. O. F.

The dedication of the Widows and Orphans' Home, at Laurel station, last Thursday, July 23, was a grand success and was very largely attended by the brothers and sisters within a radius of 100 miles. The speakers were in fine trim and made some very appropriate remarks. The singing cannot be too highly praised, and those in charge of the affair deserve great credit for the manner in which they acquitted themselves. One of the features of the day was the ball game, with Brother Herman Berger, of No. 336, on one side and Brother James Adams, of No. 9, on the other side. They each picked a nine, and the way the teams played ball would put the Pittsburg League clubs to shame. Sky-scrapers and home runs were the features of the game. But No. 336 was too much for No. 9 and won in a canter. The score was Pittsburg No. 336, 52; Mechanics No. 9, 49.

James B Nicholson Lodge No. 565, I. O. O. F., last Lad. celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary at Silver Lake Grove Friday afternoon and evening. The affair was pleasant in the extreme. The afternoon was devoted to dancing and social intercourse. The supper, which was served by the members of Adelaide Nicholson Lodge, Daughters of Rebekah, the Grand Master, W. Ed Marsh, made quite a humorous speech, in which he claimed the distinction of being "the cake eater of Northwestern Pennsylvania." Past Grand Sire James B. Nicholson, Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania, then entertained the vast assemblage in an eloquent and touching address, holding them spellbound for half an hour. A history of the lodge for the past 25 years was read by P. G. Thomas J. Black, who was the first Noble Grand of the lodge, after which Grand Chief Patriarch R. H. Graham, of Philadelphia, presented on behalf of the lodge a "veteran jewel" to the following brothers, they having been members of the order for a period of 25 years or over: P. G's. Robert Gumbert, T. J. Black, S. M. Lafferty, Jas. G. Klinefelter and W. Metzgar. The brothers were taken completely by surprise and simply bowed their thanks to receive congratulations by the scare afterward. So so with Grand Master Marsh, for at this time the Daughters of Rebekah sprung their surprise and the Grand Master was made the recipient of a large and cosily cake. He generously agreed to divide it with G. C. P. Graham, he retaining the larger half. P. G. Sire Nicholson then stepped to the front of the platform and inquired for D. D. G. M. Thomas Matthews, who was invited to the stage, when the surprise of the evening took place. Brother Nicholson, in a neat and well worded speech, presented the D. D. G. M. with a very beautiful and costly regalia, a present from the members of his lodge. Brother Matthews responded in a short speech, thanking the Grand Sire and the lodge. Dancing, ice cream and lemonade then occupied the attention of the audience till 11:30. Almost every lodge in the surrounding districts were well represented by the members and their ladies, and they one and all departed with good wishes for the success of James B. Nicholson Lodge No. 565. Grand High Priest A. V. Van Artsdalen, of Philadelphia, was also present and made hosts of friends by his genial disposition and kindly ways, he being the soul of wit and wisdom.

Protected Home Circle.

The Supreme Circle will convene at Sharon, Pa., Tuesday, August 11.

Supreme Organizer Bailey is still in line doing good work for all the circles.

Eclipse Circle No. 51 is working hard for the picnic, and the circle is in good working order.

Mayor Gourley will attend the P. H. C. picnic at Rock Point, Saturday, August 1, and make an address.

Enterprise Circle No. 87, at West End, will go in a body to the picnic. A large number of their friends will go with them.

The P. H. C. has initiated 463 members this month, and issued 2,300 certificates to members from July 15, 1890, to July 15, 1891.

Centennial, No. 76, of Allegheny, had a fine meeting at its last session. A number of candidates are expected at its next meeting.

Mt. Washington Circle No. 21 meets Monday evening for a public installation. Addresses will be made by Brother Alfred Marland, J. E. Johnson and others.

Every arrangement for the picnic is made and if the day is fine August 1, Rock Point will have over 1,000 members of the P. H. C. with their baskets for a good time.

Supreme President H. C. Hall paid a visit to Miles Grove, Pa., and to Conneaut, O., last week and installed their officers. He reports these circles in excellent condition.

Allentown Circle No. 30 has a public meeting at Euclid Hall on Tuesday evening, July 28. Supreme President H. C. Hall will be present and install the officers and make an address.

Triumph Circle 101, of Allegheny, and Pittsburg 48, are in a contest for membership. These two circles are composed of representative people and have more than 60 members each. Who will get the banner is not yet known.

Pittsburg Circle No. 48 installed its officers last Monday evening as follows: Caleb Davis, President; Henry Vice, Vice-President; Samuel Cochran, Secretary; J. S. Gosnorn, Treasurer; W. S. Bailey, Accountant; Josiah Barrett, Guardian; A. Paden, Guide; Alfred W. Smart, Companion; R. J. Stoneley, Jr., Watchman; W. F. Maxon, Past President; W. W. Wolfe, Medical Examiner.

Select Knights of America.

Tarentum and Evans City Legions will be represented at the coming session of the Grand Legion.

Commander Hamilton, of Bellevue Legion, is seriously ill with typhoid fever, and, at last accounts, was very low.

Banner Legion, of Youngstown, O., and New Castle Legion, will each send delegations to the Grand Legion this year.

Past General Commander Benton Patterson is happy in the thought that the Past Grand Commanders still have a vote in the Grand body.

Major James A. McKee, had a monstrous molar extracted during the past week. It was eighteen carots fine, and weighed just twenty-eight penny weights.

Pittsburg Legion No. 1 will have a very interesting meeting to-morrow (Monday) evening; it is expected, as it has issued special notices to its members to be present.

The Colonel hopes the comrades who visit Niagara from Erie, who may not be in the habit of using much water, will approach the cataract cautiously, as the sudden sight of such a large body of water may have a serious effect upon them.

A conference of the Grand, and Past Grand officers, and representatives from the different Legions in this vicinity, was held in the Central Hotel Tuesday evening, when subjects of interest to the organization, were thoroughly discussed and plans of legislation mapped out for the coming session of the Grand Legion. The affairs of the beneficiary department were considered, and suggestions for the improvment of the same were indorsed unanimously. It was decided that no further changes would be made in the uniform, consequently it is earnestly requested that all comrades, who have not already done so, will at once make the necessary changes, adding the white plume to the red, and procuring the uniform coat, previous to going to Erie if possible.

Knights of Pythias.

Louis Panner, the new K. of R. & of Energetic Lodge No. 217, K. of P., is proving himself worthy of that position.

Brother P. C. Gaines Bunn was at his usual post in the lodge after an absence of ten weeks across the ocean, visiting his old home and friends in England. He was unable to find any K. P.'s while abroad, but otherwise returned to America's shores satisfied to spend his days and energy in the land of the free.

Allerretta Lodge No. 307, K. of P., of McKee's Rocks, had eight candidates Monday, July 15, all of whom received the Knights' rank. P. C. A. G. Streib, of Energetic Lodge No. 217, officiated, and gave the work in his well known style. The P. C. has the work by heart. Among the candidates was Prof. John Danahay, of the West End. P. C. John S. Tingle, formerly of Johnstown, who lost his wife in the flood, will represent Allerretta Lodge at the coming Grand Lodge session at Harrisburg.

Charlerol Lodge 353, K. of P., was instituted at Charlerol, Pa., Wednesday, July 22, by D. D. G. C., George B. Frantz assisted by P. G. C., Thomas G. Sample and ex-D. D., B. F. Harris, of Pittsburg. The following is a list of the Grand Lodge officers: P. G. C., D. J. Frantz; G. C., George B. Frantz; G. V. C., B. F. Harris; G. M. at A., R. S. Murray; G. P., Colin McNeil; G. K. of R. and S., Sol A. Arons; G. M. of E., J. M. Gamble; G. I. G., George Young; G. O. G., C. E. Henry. Forty members were initiated. The following are the officers of the new lodge: P. C., C. A. Simpson; C. C., R. L. Barnhart; V. C., William Tyler; P., W. A. Kahle; K. of R. S., C. B. Lopeland; M. of E., Robert Hackett; M. of F., R. S. Murray; I. G., J. R. Ryan; O. G., M. Bashman; trustees, R. N. Hastings, C. M. Allen and William Murdock. The ceremonies lasted until late the next morning. After the institution a grand banquet was given to the visitors by the new lodge. Charlerol Lodge was instituted under favorable circumstances and gives promise of being a first-class lodge in every respect.

Order of Solon.

Brother Davis will organize a fine lodge at Homer City, Ind., July 30.

Deputy August Weidemeyer reports ten new members for Eintracht Lodge, of Knoxville.

Deputy John L. Gause has two new lodges to his credit for July and has still another under way.

The chairman of the Supreme Trustees visited Kittanning during the week in the interest of Solon.

Ohio contributes several new lodges for July. Brother Westerhold is still pushing the work of organizing.

The regular semi-annual session of the Supreme Executive Committee will be held Monday, July 27. A full attendance is expected.

Supreme Vice President McMillen has just returned from a trip to New Cumberland, W. Va., where he has been recruiting the ranks of Solon.

Brother J. H. Heintz, of Sharpsburg Lodge, visited the Supreme office Friday, and reports fair progress. Brother Heintz will remove to Lafayette, Ind., in the near future.

An open meeting was held at Ingram July 21 under the able management of Deputy John L. Gause, which is a guarantee of success. A large crowd was in attendance, and prospects are exceedingly bright for a large charter list. Brothers Ball, Cole and Godfrey, of the Supreme office, were present.

The Heptasophs.

C. S. Howells, of Monongahela Conclave, is on his way to Europe.

John P. McCrea, of Friendship Conclave, leaves August 5 for a two months' trip to Europe.

The district deputies of Allegheny county, Supreme Archon Will, Supreme Provost Cohen and Supreme Trustee Collins will meet Wednesday evening at 404 Smithfield street for the purpose of completing arrangements for the celebration of Heptasoph Day, August 28.

The District Deputy Supreme Archons of the first 14 districts met last Thursday night at the Central Hotel. Supreme Archon S. A. Will instructed them as to their work and the meaning of the new laws and amendments passed at the last Supreme Conclave. The Deputies report much enthusiasm among the members and promise a large increase in membership this fall.

The deputies for the first fourteen districts are: First, John I. Shaw; Second, Martin Schroeder; Third, H. B. Lartimer; Fourth, J. H. McRoberts; Fifth, Frank Heber; Sixth, H. E. Holmes; Seventh, Dr. G. A. Mueller; Eighth, Adolph Schmidt; Ninth, O. G. Jones; Tenth, M. A. King; Eleventh, William Dale; Twelfth, Dr. G. W. Smith; Thirteenth, F. W. Hastings, and Fourteenth, C. E. Kennedy.

I. O. G. T.

Enterprise Lodge, of Banksville, Pa., will give an excursion on the river in about two weeks.

Friendship Lodge, of Bloomfield, is still in the swim. Brothers Dickinson and Orth are two of its best workers.

The members of Bessemer Lodge No. 1354, of Braddock, held a very successful "pound" social Thursday evening.

The talk in all the lodge rooms now is about Grand Lodge, which will be held in Lock Haven, commencing next Tuesday.

The regular Sunday night temperance meeting will be held this evening at No. 68 Ohio street, Allegheny. Good speakers will be in attendance. All are invited. The meeting is held under the auspices of the Good Templars.

General Lodge Notes.

Members of Eliza Garfield Lodge No. 12, Order Daughters of St. George, are requested to meet at their hall Wednesday morning, July 29, at 10 o'clock sharp, to discuss matters of great importance. Members of sister lodges are cordially invited to attend.

The Oriental Endowment Order of Cleveland, O., for the mutual aid of persons between the ages of 10 and 70 years, has subscribed to the laws of Pennsylvania regulating foreign corporations, and been allowed to establish a branch office in Allegheny county.

Braddock Lodge No. 180, A. O. U. W., gave its eighth annual steamboat excursion up the Monongahela Valley Tuesday last, on the steamer Elizabeth, as far as Brownsville. About 800 of Braddock's best people and several hundred members of the order and friends from near towns were of the party.

There will be a general meeting of all lodges of the Order of St. George Wednesday next, July 29, at the hall of Eliza Garfield Lodge No. 12, corner of Forty-third and Butler streets. All members are earnestly requested to attend, as business of importance will be transacted. The meeting is called for 10 o'clock.

Venus Castle 291, K. G. E., had a large and interesting meeting last Tuesday evening, when it conferred the second degree on two members and received two propositions for membership. The commandery is bringing in new members to the order, and will give it quite a boom when it gets on the street for parade. The prospects are very bright for having one of the largest and best equipped commanderies in this part of the State. There will be a meeting to organize Friday evening, July 31, at 7:30 sharp, at 57 Fourth avenue.

A GRIST OF BULL NEWS.

Wheat and Corn Strong and Higher, but Weaken Toward the Close—Oats Takes a Back Seat Again—Provisions Make a Steady Advance.

CHICAGO—Wheat showed a great deal of strength during the early part of the session, the news having a decidedly bullish coloring. Receipts were largely below the estimate, and cables generally reported a better tone abroad. A private dispatch from Antwerp said: "Market stronger on incessant rains." Rain was also reported throughout the Northwest. A dispatch from New York said that all offers of wheat yesterday were accepted by foreigners, and that 119 boat-loads were sold for export yesterday. Minneapolis reported large sales of flour for export, and *Bradstreet's* reported the wheat and flour exports from both coasts last week at 2,330,000 bushels against 1,400 000 bushels for the same week last year. There was also some talk of probable frosts in the Northwest, which also helped to develop strength. A cable from Liverpool gave the *Corn Trade News'* estimate of the supply and requirements of the world for the ensuing season, making the wants 420,000,000 bushels, and the supply, allowing 152,000,000 bushels from America, 388,000 000 bushels, leaving a deficiency of 32,000 000 bushels. The shortage in the Russian rye crop was estimated to be 250,000,000 bushels, and that in Germany 75 000,000 bushels.

All of these items were strong turn prices, and, with light offerings and a good short demand, December sold from 88½@88¾c to 89¾c. It held around 89c for a time, when there was free selling. This checked the advance, and then the estimate of 350 cars for Monday came, when weakness set in and the price went off to 89¾c, and closed at 88⅞c.

Corn was strong, chiefly on the continued cold weather and talk of frost. There was a little freeze last night at St. Cloud, Minn., but without damage. Shorts were nervous, and with the offerings light prices were bid up from the start. September opened at 54¾c, sold up irregularly to 55¾c; then on the estimate of 50 cars for Monday, broke to 55¼c, and closed at 55c. Cash corn was in sharp demand and higher, shippers paying 61¾c for No 2, and 64 for No. 2 yellow, and everything sold readily.

Oats were quiet with very narrow fluctuations.

Hog products were strong and higher. Live hog receipts were only 8,000 head. The strength in corn strengthened provisions. The general crowd seemed on the buying side, probably covering short sales. September pork started at $11 45, touched $11 40, advanced to $11 60; fluctuated within that range, and closed at $11 47½.

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

ARTICLES.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT NO. 2.				
July	88⅜	89⅛	88⅛	89
August	86⅞	87⅞	86¾	86¾
September	86⅞	87	86	86⅝
December	88¾	89⅝	88⅛	88⅞
CORN NO. 2.				
July	61	61½	61	61¼
August	56⅞	57⅝	56⅛	57⅛
September	54⅝	55⅞	54⅜	55¼
OATS NO. 2.				
July	34½	35⅛	34	35⅛
August	27⅜	27⅝	27⅛	27⅝
September	27¼	27⅝	27⅛	27⅜
MESS PORK.				
September	11 45	11 60	11 40	11 47½
October	11 52½	11 65	11 47½	11 55
LARD.				
September	6 60	6 70	6 60	6 70
October	6 70	6 82½	6 70	6 80
SHORT RIBS.				
September	6 80	6 70	6 80	6 65
October	6 90	7 10	6 80	6 77½

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour steady and unchanged; No. 2 spring wheat, 89c; No. 3 spring wheat, 03½c; No. 2 red, 89c. No. 2 corn, 61¾c. No. 2 oats, 35@35½c; No. 2 white, 38@38½c; No. 3 white, 38c. No. 2 rye, 69c. No. 2 barley nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 53c; No. 4 nominal. No. 1 flaxseed, $1 01¾@1 02. Prime timothy seed, $1 23@1 24. Mess pork, per barrel, $11 37½. Lard, per 100 pounds, $6 60. Short rib sides (loose), $6 85@6 90. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5 70@5 75; short clear sides (boxed), $7 10@7 20. Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 16. Sugars, unchanged. On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was easier; fancy creamery, 15½@16½c; fine Western, 14@15c; fine dairies, 12@14c. Eggs, 13@14c.

THE WEEK IN OIL.

A Few Offers Break the Dead Level of Monotony.

There were no sales yesterday, but 15,000 barrels were offered at 67½c. Previously the few figures made were bids. It thus seems impossible to make both ends meet.

The week passed without a transaction, and there being no news of importance, the monotony was complete. Producers, by their delay in taking measures to improve the trade, have made their condition worse than before. The best bid of the week was 67½c.

Refined was marked up a fraction at Antwerp, to 16½. The London quotation was 5 5 16; New York, 7.05. Average daily runs increased about 1,000 barrels and shipments 2,000.

CLEVELAND, July 25.—Petroleum easy; S. W. 110°, 6¼c; 74° gasoline, 7c; 86° gasoline, 10c; 63° naphtha, 6¼c.

NEW YORK, July 25.—Petroleum opened steady and declined ⅛c on a few small selling orders, then became dull and remained so until the close. Pennsylvania oil—August option, sales, 8,000 barrels; opening, 67⅞c; highest, 67¾c; lowest, 67¼c; closing, 67¼c.

Price of Bar Silver.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW YORK, July 25.—Bar silver in London, 45 15-16d per ounce; New York dealers' price for silver, $1 00 per ounce.

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TRADE OF THE WEEK.

A Good Movement for the Season, With an Improving Outlook.

LANDS AND HOUSES AGAIN MOVING.

Route of the Proposed Shortcut Street Railway to Homestead Borough.

THE FEATURES OF MONEY AND STOCKS

Interest in real estate is reviving, as shown by the increase in the number and importance of the transfers. During the week upward of 100 transactions were reported in this column, two of them involving almost $100,000 each, one $50,000, and a score or more ranging from $5,000 to $10,000. A number of brokers spoken to yesterday reported sales better than in July of last year. As to values they are stiff as ever, the lull early in the season failing to shake the confidence of owners. Speculation cuts an insignificant figure, the bulk of the property being taken for use.

Big Deal in Acreage.

It was reported yesterday on good authority that a tract of land comprising about 200 acres, situated on one of the prominent railroads a short distance beyond the city line, had changed ownership at a figure not far from $100,000. The purchasers are well-known capitalists who desire their names withheld for the present. They will plot the piece and put it on the market early in the fall.

Will Reduce the Distance.

The Homestead Connecting Railroad, for which an ordinance granting right of way, so far as the city is concerned, was introduced in Councils on Friday, begins at a point on Boquet street near Atwood, thence in a southerly direction through private property to a point near Greenfield avenue, thence to Hazelwood avenue, thence through Calvary Cemetery and properties of S. S. Brown to the corner of Saline and Second avenues, and thence by a bridge across the Monongahela to the foot of Ann street, Homestead. The distance from the northern to the southern terminus of the road is three miles. The engineer's measurement shows that the distance from the Pittsburg postoffice to Homestead by this route is 3¼ miles shorter than by any other. Charters for the road and the bridge have been secured. The incorporators are among the best-known business men in Pittsburg.

Making Up Lost Time.

There has been marked improvement in building operations since the settlement of the strike. Houses in various stages of completion are to be seen in all parts of the city and suburbs. Fully 1,000 are under way. The Thirteenth ward contains the largest number. It is worthy of notice in this connection that in most cases houses find purchasers as soon as finished. Sometimes they are sold in advance. This is indicative of substantial growth. From the way builders are rushing their work it is fair to infer that the delinquency of the first half of the year will be reduced to a very small margin before the end of the season. In addition to these, a contract has sold 20 houses at Valley View, on the Chartiers Railway, and will begin 20 more next week. George Schmidt has sold nearly all of his houses in Eureka Place, and is making arrangements to start 50 or 60 more. And so it goes. The entire East End district is dotted with improvements, while across the rivers and down the valley they are prominent features of the landscape.

The Herron Hill District.

While Herron Hill commands the finest view in the county, improvement in that vicinity has not kept pace with other and perhaps less favored parts of the city. One reason for this is the fact that land is in strong hands, and is held beyond the means of people who could make it convenient to live there. The Olivers, Murdocks and Phillipses are among the largest owners. Considerable of the Schenley property is in that immediate vicinity. Another reason for its backwardness is difficulty of approach. But this will soon be overcome, as one or two new street car lines will soon be in operation. The streets are in bad shape, but are being improved. With adequate transportation facilities, good thoroughfares and reasonable values this district should fill up rapidly. It is almost in the heart of the city, and therefore convenient to nearly all classes of people.

Boomed by Rapid Transit.

A short distance from the end of the Birmingham street car line there is a nice, level tract of land comprising about three acres. During the horse car period it could not be sold at any price. Rapid transit has already wrought such a change that several persons have been bidding on this property lately, and yesterday one of them secured it at a price approximating $4,000. He proposes to put up a row of buildings on part of it and sell the rest.

Business News and Gossip.

Negotiations are in progress for a tin-plate mill at Blaine. The vigor with which this new town is being pushed is a guarantee of success.

Dr. Haworth has purchased a lot in Ira M. Burchfield's Oliver Terrace plan, Hazelwood, and will at once begin the erection of a fine residence.

Last week was the best one of the year in the building trades. The lists looked like those of old times. Business is evidently picking up.

The Enterprise Mining Company's stocks have received Eastern indorsement, and are submitted for the inspection of investors. The mines are in Southern Colorado, and include the famous Yankee Girl, which is said to be paying 40 per cent per annum in dividends. See advertisement in another column.

The half-holiday was closely observed yesterday. It is becoming popular.

The Pleasant Valley Railway commenced paying dividend checks yesterday.

On call yesterday Birmingham Traction was offered at 20. At Boston 12¾ was bid for Electric Trust receipts.

Bar silver was quoted in New York yesterday at 99½. Bonds were firm on light transactions.

Work on the parochial school building, on North Diamond street, Allegheny, will be commenced early next spring. It will cost between $75,000 and $100,000.

Baxter, Thompson & Co. report a good inquiry for property. They predict a brisk fall trade.

The Thirteenth ward is ahead of all others in the number of buildings erected this year.

Judge Magee is one of the largest property owners in the city. Judge Acheson is also a large holder.

The real estate firm of John K. Ewing & Co., Allegheny, has increased its force by admitting John K. Ewing, Jr.

More styles of architecture are used in the Herron Hill district than in any other part of the city. Some of it is evidently original.

Several car loads of machinery for the Enamel and Tube Works at Elwood have been received. The works are almost completed.

The Building Record.

During the past week 66 permits were issued, representing 91 buildings—55 frame, 30 brick, 1 iron, 4 stone and wood and 1 stone and brick. The total cost of all is figured at $187,019. The Fourteenth ward led with 9 buildings, followed by the Thirteenth with 6.

The number of permits issued the previous week was 57, representing 70 buildings, at an estimated cost of $103,351. Number of buildings for which permits have been issued this year to date, 1,791. Yesterday's list follows:

Richter & Shaffner, two frame two-story dwellings, 18x34 feet, on McLean street, Thirty-first ward. Cost, $2,300.

John Eichemiller, two brick two-story dwellings, 16x32 feet, on Jane street, Twenty-fifth ward. Cost, $4,200.

Henry Kreutzmeyer, frame two-story dwelling, 22x30 feet, on Idlewild street, Twenty-first ward. Cost, $1,800.

East End Gymnastic Club, frame one-story bath, 15x30 feet, on Larimer avenue, Twenty-first ward. Cost, $300.

William Sankey, frame addition two-story dwelling, 12.6x14 feet, on Lebanon street, Twenty-seventh ward. Cost, $175.

Mrs. Margaretta Ruble, frame two-story dwelling, 28x38 feet, on Sheridan street, Nineteenth ward. Cost, $3,600.

Mrs. Mary E. Eckert, frame two-story dwelling, 20x36 feet, on Republic street, Thirty-fifth ward. Cost, $1,000.

Otto Schmitz, frame one-story shop, 15x20 feet, rear Lang avenue, Twenty-first ward. Cost, $175.

Roger Conner, frame one-story dwelling, 16x30 feet, corner Madison and Clarissa streets, Thirteenth ward. Cost, $800.

Movements in Realty.

Black & Baird sold the undivided half interest in the Collins & Wright property, No. 137 Second avenue, near Smithfield street, lot 22½x80, with a three-story brick building thereon, to Mr. Clark for $7,500 cash.

A. Z. Byers & Co. sold for John A. Garroway, administrator to William Blaney, of Worthington, Pa., a farm of 98 acres, with all improvements, on the gas belt in Franklin township, Armstrong county, Pa., for $5,000 cash.

Baxter, Thompson & Co. sold the property 99 Washington street, with lot 26x102, a two-story and attic brick dwelling, for $4,100 cash.

John K. Ewing & Co. sold for Mrs. M. W. D. Watson to Mrs. Cora C. Collins two lots, 50x105 each, on Sycamore street, in the Watson sub-division, East Bellevue, Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne and Chicago Railroad, for $1,400 cash.

A. Z. Byers & Co. sold for William A. Black, Esq., to J. C. Davis lots 50 and 51 in W. A. Black's plan, having a frontage of 40 feet on Virginia avenue and running through to Sheridan avenue, a distance of 230 feet, Tenth ward, Allegheny City, on the line of the Perrysville avenue cars, for $1,100.

Charles Somers & Co. report the following additional sales of lots at Blaine: G. W. Roberts, Jr., Elizabeth, Pa., two lots at $400 each; P. J. Long, No. 228 Market street; McKeesport, Pa., two lots at $500 and $450 respectively; A. M. Black, a lot for $250; John Scott, West Setterson, Pa., a lot for $500; C. L. Underwood, American Vault, Safe and Lock Company, Blaine, Pa., two lots at $400 each; J. T. Wilson, Hamilton Hotel, city, four lots at $450 each.

M. F. Hipple & Co. sold for Hogg & Dysart 18 lots in City View place, adjoining Allegheny City.

George Schmidt sold another five-roomed house on Lockout avenue, being on lot No. 169 in his Eureka Place plan, Oakland, to John Eck, for $2,000.

Samuel W. Black & Co. sold a $600 lot in the Denny estate plan, Thirteenth ward.

HOME SECURITIES.

A FAIR VOLUME OF TRANSACTIONS, BUT NO SURPRISES FLASHED UP.

Holders Show Confidence in a Rally by Keeping Out of the Market—No Significant Price Changes—Conditions Improving—Features of the Week.

There were no developments in the stock market during the week upon which to base extended comment. Business was fairly good for the midsummer season. Total sales were 881 shares, against 1,310 the previous week. In addition about 500 shares were sold at auction. The only sale yesterday was that of 40 shares of Luster at 12⅝.

Closing prices as compared with those of the previous Saturday show the following changes in the active list: Luster gained 1½ and Airbrake 1¼. Philadelphia Gas lost ¼, Wheeling 1, Central Traction ⅝, Pleasant Valley ½ and Switch and Signal ¼. There were no fluctuations of consequence in other parts of the list.

The fact that with so little doing prices are, as a rule, well sustained is more significant than appears upon the surface. The business transacted in Pittsburg is solid and enduring. There is very little kite-flying or rainbow-chasing. Stocks representing these interests are therefore of a high class and possess intrinsic value. They are also lifted above the exigencies of chance and placed on the same level as staple merchandise. This explains why Pittsburg securities maintain their high standing while mushrooms are going to pieces.

There was some good news during the week and none very bad. The announcement that the Westinghouse works at Wilmerding were to be run full time made a good impression in business circles. The financial situation was stronger. There was a better call for money from commercial sources. A large amount of funds was shipped West to move the crops, but as it will soon find its way back, the bank surplus is in no danger of permanent impairment. Gold exports have almost ceased, and the counter movement will soon set in. Europe is in need of breadstuffs.

In regard to the outlook for stocks, it is somewhat hazardous to speculate. But it is not risking much to say that all signs point to a revival of activity in the fall. Good crops are assured, railroad earnings will be large, labor troubles are settled, or on the eve of settlement, and money is abundant. Local dragnets have been removed. So far as can be seen there is nothing in the way of a bulge; and that this is the prevailing opinion is shown by the light offerings on 'Change, and the refusal to make concessions. One thing is certain: Those who are lying low for cheap stuff will be disappointed.

Final bids and asking prices for the week are appended:

EXCHANGE STOCK.	Bid.	Asked.
Pittsburg Pet. Stock and Metal Ex.	$300	$400
BANK STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Commercial National Bank	93	....
Citizens' National Bank	64	....
Duquesne National Bank	180	....
Farmers' Deposit National Bank	530	....
Monongahela National Bank	130	....
Safe Deposit Company	....	65½
Workingman's Savings, Allegheny	80	....
INSURANCE STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Boatman's	35½	....
National	60	....
NATURAL GAS STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Manufacturers' Gas Co.	28	....
People's Nat. Gas and Pipeage Co.	7¾	....
Philadelphia Co.	11	11¾
Wheeling Gas Co.	....	20
PASSENGER RAILWAY STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Central Traction	16	....
Pleasant Valley	23½	25½
RAILROAD STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Chartiers Railway	54	....
Pittsburg and Castle Shannon	7	9½
BRIDGE STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Point	9½	....
MINING STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Luster Mining Co.	13½	13⅝
Silverton Mining Co.	....	1¾
ELECTRIC LIGHT STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Westinghouse	113⅜	....
MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Central District Printing & Tel. Co.	150	....
Union Switch and Signal Co.	10¼	9
Westinghouse Airbrake Co.	96½	100

At New York yesterday the total sales of stocks were 62,607 shares, including: Atchison, 3,585; Chicago Gas, 2,000; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 4,605; Louisville and Nashville, 3,100; Northern Pacific, preferred, 2,110; Richmond and West Point, 6,430; St. Paul, 5,800.

THE TREND OF MONEY.

A Better Call for Funds and Favorable Statements Throughout.

The local banks did well the past week, the call for loans being liberal and discounting fair. The supply of funds was abundant, and rates were steady around 5½@7 as the extremes. The bank clearings were larger than those of the previous week, over $1,200,000 in excess of those of 1889, and less than $2,000,000 below those of 1890, when everything was booming.

Saturday's exchanges	$ 2,024,504 01
Saturday's balances	358,646 02
Week's exchanges	14,401,554 45
Previous week's exchanges	14,124,883 29
Exchanges week of 1890	16,084,470 67

The New York bank statement was more favorable than expected, showing an increase in the reserve of $1,220,650. It made a good impression. Changes since the previous statement are: Reserve increase, $1,220,650; loans decrease, $1,887 600; specie increase, $739,200; legal tenders decrease, $32,600; deposits decrease, $2,055,200; circulation increase, $181,300. Amount above legal requirement, $19,710,325.

At New York yesterday money on call was easy, with all loans at 1¾ per cent; closing offered 1¾. Prime mercantile paper 5½@7. Sterling exchange quiet and steady at $4 84¼ for 60-day bills and $4 86¾ for demand.

Closing Bond Quotations.

U. S. 4s reg.	117½	Northern Pac. 1sts.