EIGHT CASES HEARD

The List of Arguments Made Before the Supreme Justices.

SENTENCES OF PETTY CRIMINALS.

Judge Over Decides a Point on Mortgaged Real Estate.

DOINGS OF A DAY AMONG THE COURTS

Eight cases were argued in the Supreme Court yesterday. Justice McCollum was not present owing to the death of his son.

An argument was heard in the case of the Commonwealth vs W. M. Gillespie and A. Varner, appealed by the defendants from the Quarter Sessions Court. The appellants were oil operators and appealed from their conviction of violating the Sunday laws for working their wells on Sunday.

An argument was heard in the case of C. J. Clarke et al. vs the Western Assurance Company, appealed by the plaintiffs from Common Pleas No. 2. The suit was on a fire insurance policy.

An argument was heard in the case of A. P. Clever et al. vs J. M. Guffev, an action on an oil lease, appealed by the plaintiffs from Common Pleas No. 1. The case of H. O. McKnight vs the Manu-

facturers' Natural Gas Company, appealed by the defendant from the Common Pleas of Washington county, was argued. The case was an action on a lease.

An argument was heard in the case of J. McGinley vs. J. Follmer & Bro., appealed by McGinley from Common Pleas No. 1.

The case was an action on a mechanic's The case of McKeesport borough vs Eliza Fidler, appealed by the defendant from Common Pleas No. 2, was argued. The ap-

peal was on a sewer assessment.

The case of Braunn & Fitts vs the Illinois Dairy Company, appealed by the defendants from Common Pleas No. 1, was argued. The case was an action to recover on an account for eleomargarine sold.

An argument was heard in the case of 8, O. Rhodes vs W. B. Rodgers, appealed by the defendant from Common Pleas No. 2. The suit was for personal injuries received by the plaintiff in a fight over an account for coal shipped.

MANY MINOR OFFENSES.

Record of the Trials in the Criminal Court

Yesterday. In the Criminal Court yesterday, John Kersch, aged ten years, was convicted of the lareeny of three kegs of beer from a wagon of the Keystone Brewing Company, on Josephine street, Southside.

William Weaver was tried for the larceny of \$28 56 from Daniel Sullivan. They were reommates in a bearding house at No. 65 Second avenue, Weaver was acquitted.

Louis Jones was acquitted of the larceny of \$10 from George Johnston. The two were reommates in a bearding house at No. 139 Elm street.

Michael Caveny was tried for assault and

Michael Caveny was tried for assault and battery on J. H. Moore, at No. 213 Web-ster avenue, on October 22. Caveny was acquitted and the costs were divided. Judson Taylor was convicted of assault on Lizzie Hollenback, a resident of Arch

street, Pittsburg, on October 17. C. L. Ream, a collector for W. G. Johns ton & Co., the Wood street stationer, was convicted of embezzling \$149 56 from his employers. He was sentenced four months to the workhouse.

Thomas Morrow was convicted of the larceny of \$99 from Elizabeth Young at Harmersville on October 5. Harmersville on October 5.

John Thomas pleaded guilty to the lar-ceny of a pair of trousers from Somon Schubinski, of No. 1110 Penn avenue. He was sentenced three months to the work-

Horace Taylor is on trial for felonious as-

sault and buttery on F. R. Bailey. Both are colored and quarreled on Jones avenue, Twelfth ward, on October 1.

Are Entitled to Their Money.

Judge Over yesterday handed down an opinion on the estate of John Kingan, who died in 1873. The decedent's property was divided among his heirs, among whom was Mr. Elder, who mortgaged his share to James McGinnis, and which part was sold at Sheriff's sale to the petitioners, who sued to recover the amount of owelty. Judge Over decides that the decree in partition was not perfected, as the owelty was not paid and the petitioners are entitled to the owelty charged on the estate.

Wants Damages for an Eye.

William T. Bunt yesterday entered suit against George Conner and Edward Keenan, comprising the firm operating the World's Museum, for \$25,000 damages. Bunt states that on September 11 he purchased a ticket and entered the place. An employe in the shooting gallery, he alleges, while handling a gun accidentally discharged it and the shell striking Bunt in the left eye destroyed the sight of that organ, and its removal was

To-Day's Trial List

Criminal Court-Commonwealth vs W. J. Arters, James Blakeley, Frank Fullerton (2), L. Koseu, alias Carey, Louis Schmidt, Van-solof Frymofskie, John Thomas, Charles

Execution Against a Glass Firm. W. J. A. Kennedy, trustee, yesterday issued an execution against the Architectural Glass Company for \$9,247 56.

AFTER LONG DELAY.

Judge Ewing Demands a Report in the

Stayton-Wyman Case. This month is expected to wind up the contest between Messrs. Stayton and Wyman for the determination of the possession of the Mayoralty of Allegheny City. Judge Ewing has ordered that the testimony for the contestant's part be all taken by the. 14th inst., and that of the respondent's by the 21st, and that Commissioner John D. Shafer be given until the end of the month

to get it in shape for submission to court.

At the rate the matter has hitherto progressed but little more will be accomplished.

Long ago Mr. Shafer refused to adjourn to any specified time, as he shaddered at the thought of the pile of monoy the case would cost if carried on in the usual way. So one day he adjourned the matter sine die, gry ing the parties to understand that whe they got ready to do anything there would be a resumption. As Mayor Wyman didn't appear to care and Stayton's counsel did not object, the matter there rested until Judge Ewing called for a report.

To the Saloon and Private Trade

As the season is now at hand for ale and porter, the Straub Brewing Company take pleasure in announcing to the saloon and private trade that they are prepared to fill all orders promptly. We also claim that our celebrated brands of "Pilsener" and "Munich" lager beer cannot be excelled by any brewers of the States. We guarantee our beer to be four and one-half months old and all our goods are made of the very bes quality of hops and malt. Ass. trade for it or telephone No. 5038. THE STRAUB BREWING CO.

Corner Main street and Liberty-avenue.

For Comfort. Breakfast jackets in silk and faucy French fianneis, and also fine assortments of lovely ten gowns. PARCELS & JONES,

Mrs. Wirslow's Soothing Syrup is an un-excelled medicine for children while teeth-ing. 25c.

A MYSTERIOUS SUICIDE.

AN ENGLISHMAN SHOOTS HIMSELF IN A NEW YORK HOTEL

No Clew to the Cause of His Act, Except That His Nerves Were Affected by Two Recent Tragic Events-Found by a Bell

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.-Captain Algern Horner, 45 years old, formerly Captain in the British army and of late in the employ, it is said, of the English Secret Sevrice, committed suicide yesterday afternoon in his room at the Victoria Hotel by shooting himself through the right temple. At 7 o'clock this evening a note was sent to the hotel, addressed to Captain Horner. The boy who took it to his room could not get any reply, although the key was on the outside of the door, which was bolted on the mside. Repeated knocking failed to bring any response.

The door of the private bath adjoining

Captain Horner's room was forced open and an entrance effected that way. In the bed room, lying upon the bed with only his night clothes on, lay Captain Horner. His right hand, which lay across his breast, held a revolver from which one cartridge had been fired. A bullet hole in the right temple told where the missing bullet was. The man had been dead several hours when he

was found.

Very little is known about the suicide Not a single letter or paper of any kind which might give any reason for the suicide or in any way tell anything of his connec-tions in England, was found about the dead The only thing besides a lot of correspondence was a letter which authorized Captain Alegernon Horner to act as the agent in this country for the Reuter Telegraph

Early last summer Captain Horner, while staying at the Victoria, received a cable-gram which caused him to go go to England the following day. He took passage on the steamship City of Richmond, and it was during this trip that the steamship took fire during this trip that the steamship took fire in midocean. Captain Horner has since then often said that his nerves have never recovered from the shock. He was a warm personal friend of Actor Dennison, the member of the Kendall company who re-cently committed suicide in the Arno flats, and the tragic death of his friend seems to prey upon his mind even to the extent of keeping awake nighta.

BURNED TO ASHES BY A LIVE WIRE.

Horrible Details of the Death of a Man From Electricity in Panama.

PANAMA, Nov. 2.-This city has had an appalling experience of the electric wire's power to slay, first a horse and then a man having been stricken with instant death and the latter partially incinerated by a live wire. On the afternoon of Saturday some street urchins at play detached a naked telephone wire and caused it to hang from the support to the ground, trailing over the street light circuit wires. About 7 P. M. a police lieutenant discovered the wire hanging and commenced to haul it in and coil it about an old gas-light post.

Suddenly the officer was seen to spring violently back into the air and fall uncon scious. Fortunately he had not received the full force of the current, and soon rethe full force of the current, and soon re-covered. Meanwhile a cab came driving rapidly along, and upon the wive. Instant-ly the horse plunged headling to the ground, its flesh sizzling. The driver sprang out, and, regardless of warning yells, he grasped the trailing "string" that had up-set his horse. At that instant the wire swung across his forchead, went right through the skull almost to the ears and through the skull almost to the ears and there remained although the unfortunate victim fell forward over the horse. The electric fluid filled the man's head, and in a moment brain and eyes had been completely incinerated. Then the flesh and skin smoked and sizzled until they also were reduced almost to ashes. All this while the sparks played about the head in an awful shower. The body was partially burned to ashes, and the head completely so.

A LASTING MONUMENT

Charles Donnelly to Dedicate a Foundling

Asylum to His Wife, Charles Donnelly, the well-known coke manufacturer, has decided to erect a \$5,000 monument to his deceased wife, which is not only commendable as a testimonial to a good and public-spirited woman, but the continuation of her work in the cause of suffering womanhood.

Yesterday Mr. Donnelly received the title deeds to the property on Cliff street, formerly occupied by the Ursuline Sisters as an academy for young ladies. Mr. Donnelly donates the property for the establishment of an institution to be called "The Rosalia Foundling Asylum and Maternity Hospital." Mrs. Donnelly was prominent worker in this direction before her death, which fact inspired Mr. Don nelly with the idea of completing her work and naming it after her. It will be non

ectarian.

The location is a beautiful one overlook ing the city, and the grounds are spacious and the situation salubrious. The building is admirably adapted for the purposes in-tended, and contains between 40 and 50

Running an Engine With His Throat Cut PARKERSBURG, Nov. 2. - [Special.] -Walter Layman, a well-known engineer made a thrilling run last night. An eccentrie slipping on the engine caused a delay and to make up time the train was covering the ground at a rapid rate. When the engineer put his head out of the cab some one near the track threw a large stone at the engine, cutting a deep gash in the man's throat, making an ugly wound. With the blood spurting, the engineer was dazed for a moment, but stuck to the throttle. For several miles he suffered from the injury, but he brought in his train before having dressed the wound. The stone came with force enough to kill him had he been struck on the head.

Impish Freaks

Are those of a disordered liver. But when that organ is thoroughly disciplined with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, the bile is adequately secreted, diverted from the blood into its proper channel, digestion grows active, the skin and eye balls lose their bilious tinge, pain in the vicinity of the liver ceases, sick headache and nausea depart. The bitters is an incomparable preventive of malaria, rheumatism and kidney complaint. Impish Freaks

DAN BIGGS, the popular and well-known hotel clerk, formerly of the McClure House and Windsor Hotel, Wheeling, W. Va., and late of the Seventh Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa., begs leave to announce to all his friends and former patrons, that he is now at the Hotel Albion, near Union depot, Pittsburg, where he will be glad to see and entertain them whenever they visit Pittsburg. Don't forget the name, Hotel Albion, near Union

I desire to inform my friends and patrons. though burnt out, I have made arrange ments to fill all orders intrusted to me promptly, as usual. Extending my thanks for past favors, and soliciting a continuance of the same, I am, very respectfully, ALEX. McClure,

Twenty-seventh street and A. V. R. R.

Did You Get One Of the fine frames given with every dozen of cabinets at Hendricks & Co. 's,68 Federal street, Allegheny? See them every day this week. Cabinets \$1 00.

To-day, plaids. New wide wale, soft serge, medium bright plaids, double width, 35 cents. Center dress goods room. BOGGS & BUHL.

LADIES having any kind of goods to be cleaned or dyed can direct a postal to us and we will send for them. E. J. Linnekin & Co., 174 Federal street, Allegheny. Tel-

FOREST PHANTOM

Wonderful Phenomenon Encountered by Tourists in New Mexico.

ACRES WITHOUT A LIVING TREE.

Cabins of an Eccentric Monk Who Founded a New Religious Sect.

THE MIRACLE OF A HIDDEN SPRING

SANTA FE, Nov. 2.-From one of the members of a tourist party who recently made the ascent of the famous twin mountains peaks in Northern New Mexico, known as Old Baldy, the following interest-

ing story of their trip was learned to-day: The party reached the base of the peaks late one evening in the middle of August. The next morning having secured guides, the party started, the ladies mounted on burros, the gentlemen afoot. For about three miles the way lies through the finest of tim-ber, and something like a mile of the latter part of the ascent is over paths rough and rugged, trying to the men and difficult to the ranged trying to the men and dimensite the and animals and their riders; but time and patience conquer all things, and at last the brow of the mountain was reached. Looking back, but little over 100 yards seemed to cover the distance over which they had

A Veritable Phantom Forest.

Around them as far as the eye can reach stands a huge forest of dead timber. When, or why, it died, no guide or settler can tell; no tradition of the events linger on the lips of the traditional oldest inhabitant. But there it stands in all the melancholy grandeur of death, not a living tree throughout its wide extent, though thouthroughout its wide extent, though thousands upon thousands of cottonwoods are
springing up at the feet of the dead giants.
A half-mile's journey through this phantom forest brings the party to a cabin built
of logs, from beneath which flows out a
bold and beautiful spring, its water clear as
crystal and cold as ice. For another half
mile the way leads through the dead forest,
the path being marked out by crosses reclining against the trees. These emblems
of the crucifixion have evidently not been
disturbed for ages. Then another cabin
comes into view. It is smaller than the one
at the spring, and differs from it by having
neither door nor window nor chimney nor neither door nor window nor chimney nor nny other opening, except an aperture near the ground, which cannot be of greater dimensions than 10 inches in height by 30

inches in length. Three Massive Wooden Crosse Three Massive Wooden Crosses.

This cabin is situated on the very edge of the dead timber, immediately in front of it, and at the distance of about 100 yards, are three immense crosses, representing those of the Savior and the thieves who died with Him. They are so massive that they look as though twenty men would not be sufficient to handle one of them. Neither are they planted in the ground, but are maintained in an upright position by tens of stone piled around their base.

This is called the station of the crosses, and from it there falls upon the view one

This is called the station of the crosses, and from it there falls upon the view one of the loveliest and most picturesque scenes to be found in all New Mexico. On the mountain top the dead timber has disappeared, to be succeeded by an open glade, dotted over with clumps of trees lovely in their luxuriant foliage, while the glade is carpeted with grass of freshest green.

From this snot of scenic grandeur, the

From this spot of scenic grandeur, the guide leads the way to yet a third cabin, smaller even than the last, which a slight undulation in the glade had hidden from view. Like the cabin at the crosses, the roof of this one is flat, covered with earth and overgrown with grees and brambles. and overgrown with grass and brambles. Like the other, also, it had no opening of any character, except a slight oblong hole, Not Very Easy to Enter.

In both cabins this opening had its four sides thickly studded with long projecting nails making both ingress and egress a tedious and painful performance. Unlike the second cabin, this one, which goes b the second cabin, this one, which goes by the name of the Home of the Sacred Her-mit, consists of two parts, a kind of veranda and a sleeping apartment, the latter not be-ing more than four feet wide and eight feet long, and of so scant a height that a man of ordinary stature cannot stand upright in it.
A spring or pool about six feet square is inclosed in a kind of framework near by, and has so sluggish a current, if current at all, that a thick and uninviting scum secumulates upon its surface. The guide, upon hi knees with hat reverently removed, brushe away the seum and drank heartily of the water, vainly urging the party to follow his example. This, he said, was the Blessed Spring, and its history, together with that of the crosses and the cabins, was thus given by him when the trip had ended.

A Mania for Making Crosses, Some time in the year 1862 there ap-Some time in the year 1862 there appeared among the people of the Gallinas Valley, a man of peculiar mien and austere habits. He said he was an Italian monk, that his home was on the top of Old Baldy, and that he had come to teach the people the way of the Lord more perfectly. He the way of the Lord more perfectly. He would accept nothing but the bare necessities of life, and then only in the most meager quantities. His chief occupation was the making of crosses; and so assiduous was he in this employment that on the north side of the mountain, where the ascent is the most difficult, and where he made a trial for himself, the entire way is lined with crosses if his construction. with crosses of his construction. From this the people generally called him Juan de las Cruces—John of the Crosses—but his immediate followers called him Christian John. Soon he had 42 converts, whom he formed into an order, which he called by a Mexican name signifying The Third. His opponents, said that his system was a mixture of Christianity and infidelity, or of some heather religion; but as the organization was alteresther a secret order. was altogether a secret order, it is some-what doubtful as to what they founded their assertion on.

The Story of a Miracle.

At length it was concluded to build a cabin for the monk, which should mark the cabin for the monk, which should mark thes sanctuary of their order, on the top of Old Baldy. The faithful assembled and thework was begun; but soon they ran out of water, the supply having been brought to the top of the mountain in half barrels lashed to the backs of burros. The guide who told the story was one of the boys that had driven the water-laden beasts. The monk, however, bade them go to a certain place beside the path, and there they would find water bubbling up from the earth.

earth.

They did as directed; and though they had passed and repassed the place hundreds of times, and never seen a sign of water, they obeyed the command and found the pool which ever since has been called the Blessed Spring. The fame of so great a miracle went through all the country, and people from that time to the present have continued to come from far and near to drink at the spring and to carry a way its.

Christian John had often informed his Christian John had often informed his followers that he could remain in one place neither longer nor less than exactly three years and 40 days. So in the year 1865, on the very day the time expired, he disappeared as mysteriously as he had come, and his people have seen him no more. Report, however, has it that he was shortly afterward killed by the Indians, whom he attempted to convert to his theories.

WHEN mind and body are out of sorts. with cold extremities, a yellowness in the skin, costiveness, dull headache, and an indisposition to stir about, be sure you are in-for a bilious attack, springing from a more or less disordered liver. Dr. Jayne's Sana-tive Pills will bring the liver to a healthy condition, and speedily remove all biliary distress.

Use Brown's Bronchial Troches for Coughs, Coles and all other Throat Troubles, -- "Pre-emi-nently the best." -- Rev. Henry Ward Beecher,

FRENCH DISCOVERIES IN AFRICA

A Tribe of Dwarfs Who Hunt Elepha and Traffic in Ivory. NEW YORK, Nov. 2 .- For the past three years the French agents on the Kongo have

been conducting a series of very interesting explorations through a region hitherto unknown. After the expeditions of the brothers De Brazza on the Licona and Likoli rivers, in 1885, which took them some 600 miles from the mouth of the Kongo, no more exploring parties ventured into the north until three years later, when Paul Crampel, then private secretary of M. de Brazza, obtained from his chief authority to explore the region between the Ogoone river and the Cameroon mountains, which divide the French and German possessions He was able to establish the French pro tectorate as far as the frontier between the 10th and 12th degrees of longitude. The courses of two very important rivers were traced, one, the Ivindo, being the principal tributary of the Ogoone, and the other, the Crampo, forming part of the northern fron-tier line.

Crampel's account of his journey contains an interesting description of a tribe of dwarfs, the largest of whom was a little over one metre in height. They inhabit the marshy forests and live by hunting ele-phants for the Pohouin chiefs. They exchange the ivory for food, etc., but the not slaves or even menials. In fact, they are very independent, and if they become the least discontented with their chief they the least discontented with their chief they disappear in the forest and look up a new field of action. The Pahouins are only too glad to transfer the dangerous occupation of elephant hunting to these skillful little men, who have been seen by several explorers since Crampel. It was in the course of this journey that Crampel "married," that is, adopted, the little Pahouin girl, Niarinzhe, whose bizarre appearance and eccentric manners created such a sensation in Paris, whither she was brought by the explorer. Some months later an agent of explorer. Some months later an agent of the French Kongo, M. Gaillard, retraced the route followed by the Crampel party, making a slight detour to the west, thus completing the map of the country north of the equator as far as the German frontier. There still remained a large blank between the Ogoone and Oubanghi rivers.

BAVAGES OF A PRAIRIE FIRE. One Brave Woman Almost Loses Her Own

Life to Save Her Stock. MANDAN, N. D., Nov. 2.-Persons from

Oliver county tell of severe experiences that the farmers and ranchmen had with the recent prairie fire. More damage was done than was first supposed. Several thousand tons of hay were lost, large ranges burned, and it is estimated that at least 20 settlers

had their houses and stables consumed.

Mrs. John Day came near losing her life in attempting to save 400 sheep. Her husband and the farm hands were away and the sheep were in the corral. The corral took fire, and not until her hat was burned from her head, her hands badly burned and clothing almost all destroyed did she give up her attempt. Two settlers, named Nelson Hunter and Smith, lost horses and cattle as well as buildings. All the buildings in Sanger were burned except the post-

BURGLARS' BOLD CRIME.

They Rouse a Cashier at His Home and Compel Him to Open the Bank, HOMER, NEB., Nov. 2.-The State Bank was robbed at 2 o'clock this morning of \$1,600 by two masked men. The robbers went to the residence of the cashier, Freese,

went to the residence of the cashier, Freese, and, waking him up, compelled him at the point of a revolver to accompany them to the bank.

They also forced him to open the safe, after which they bound and gagged him. Mr. Freese succeeded in gaining his liberty, but the robbers had made good their escape.

Fireman Craig Gets a Thousand, The regular meeting of the Fireman's Disability Board was held vesterday after oon in Mayor Gourley's office. A resolution was passed granting Isaac Craig \$1,000 for permanent injuries received by falling from a ladder at No. 10 engine house May 4. His right hip was dislocated, disabling him for life. The claims of David W. Thompson, of Hook and Ladder Company B, Otto Hauck, of Engine Company No. 1, and John Hart, of Engine Company No. 2, for sick benefits were granted. The statement of funds for October was made as follows: Balance on hand October 1, \$18,-314 44; receipts, \$497 50; expenditures, \$162 84, leaving a balance on hand of \$18,-

Mr. Motte Acting for Mr. Rotha WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.-The Marquis Imperiali, in charge of the interests of Italy at Washington, has informed the Secretary of State that the Chevalier Motte, the Italian vice consul at Boston, has been

placed in charge of the Italian consulate at New Orleans during the temporary absence of Mr. Roma. The customs officials at New Orleans have been instructed to recognize the official acts of Mr. Motte. BOSTON, Nov. 2.-Edward B. Welch has scored a partial victory in his suit to recover \$250,000 from Inventor Thomas A.

Edison for an alleged breach of contract. The defendant-made a motion in the United States Circuit Court before Justice Nelson, to appoint an auditor to hear the plaintiff's claim, and the Judge has denied the motion. TROUBLESOME throat diseases are rapidly

nd permanently cured by Dr. Bull's Cough

Talk of the Town.

Talk of the Town.

Two large show windows literally packed with loose diamonds and also mounted in ear drops, lace pins, hair pins, bracelets, pendants, necklaces, rings and studs.

The diegant display and sale will continue all this week, and I cordially tinvite, the public to examine these fine diamonds on which I pride myself of being the first direct importer in this city. My thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed upon me. I still continue to superintend the sale personally and assist purchasers in their eelection.

Persons so desiring can call now and

Persons so desiring can call now and make their selection for the holidays and have the goods laid away free of charge.

M. J. Smitt,

311 Smithfield street,

Opp. New Postoffice.

BLAINE IS HERE. Up the Busy Valley Bristling With Fac

A delightful and healthful location, people from that time to the present have continued to come from far and near to drink at the spring and to carry away its waters for medicinal purposes. That they water for medicinal purposes. That they coal and gas, elegant water, fertile country, populous, prosperous and refined district, authenticity of this miracle might be beyond, cavil, the half barrels in which the water had previously been carried were placed in the spring, and there they remain to this day.

This time to the present have railroads, a navigable river, rich fields of railroads, a lots are cheaper and investments safer at the present time than anywhere else. Free trains every day to and from the new town. Tickets, maps, price-lists and full particulars at 129 Fourth avenue.

THE BLAINE LAND IMPROVEMENT CO. REAL ESTATE SAVINGS BANK, LIM.

401 Smithfield Street, Cor. Fourth Avenue Capital, \$100,000. Surplus, \$75,000.
Deposits of \$1 and upward received and interest allowed at 4 per cent.

Handsomest new imported dress goods and suitings of the season opened to-day. Boggs & Buhl. \$1 quality zigzag chevrons, 42 inches wide, at 75c a yard to-day. JOS. HOENE & Co.'s Penn Avenue Stores.

HISTORY

Modern Australian Ballots Were Employed by the Old Romans.

GREEKS USED A SECRET BALLOT.

The Pope Chosen by a Two-Thirds Secret Vote of the Cardinals.

HOW A VENETIAN DOGE WAS ELECTED

Where did the ballot come from? Like Topsy and most other human institutions, it "growed." And in its growth it has taken such varied forms as will make an interesting study. Of course, in the good old times, when all civilized countries were governed by kings, there was no use for a ballot. A primitive, self-governing tribe, like those of the ancient Germans, were satisfied with viva voce voting. The Hebrews, before they had kings, might be called a self-governing people. Strictly, however, their theory of government put everything in the hands of God, and in technical terms was a theocracy. If a public officer must be chosen, he was named by God's representative, the priest or prophet. Or else lots were cast, and it was expected that God would send the right lot to the right man. It is not unlikely that such casting of lots gave the first hint of a

According to a writer in the New York Evening Sun, the ancient Greeks used the ballot in enacting laws and in courts, where there were a large number of judges. The ballot there was originally a pebble, whole for a yes vote, or pierced with a hole for a

Voting by Wheels and Pebbles. Sometimes there was only one stone, which was dropped into a yes or no box. Later the pebble was changed for a little bronze wheel. A few of these have been found in modern times, stamped on one side with the words "Official ballot" and on the other with the number of the judicial district

In electing officers the Greeks voted by show of hands. Often officers were ap-pointed by lot. White and black beans were used for lots, and those who were unwere used for lots, and those who were un-derstood to be hungry for office received the suggestive name of beancaters. The idea here was that every citizen was good enough to hold office, and this was the most impar-tial way of dividing the spoils. They never used a secret ballot to vote for candidates in the modern fashion, but only to vote against them.

against them.

If party spirit was running high, and the power of a boss was growing dangerous, a vote of exile was ordered. Each citizen wrote a name on an oyster shell or a piece of broken crockery, and put this vote se-cretly into the box. Any boss against whom there was a sufficient majority must leave the country for ten years.

Ostracism Like a Modern Ballot. This peculiar institution, called ostra-cism, is really the nearest approach the Greeks made to a modern ballot system. Ostracism went out of use because on a cer-tain important occasion the thunderbolt failed to hit either of the prominent lead-ers, but struck a comparatively obsoure

The details are not quite clear. It has been suggested, however, that the great bosses made a deal by which they were to let each other alone, and give all the votes to a troublesome third party man. This re-sult was so unsatisfactory to the people that ostracism was given up.

The ballot was introduced into Rome in

The ballot was introduced into Rome in the second century B. C. This was the real Australian ballot. The voter received a wooden slate covered with wax on which the names of all the candidates were scratched. He made holes in the wax opposite those of his choice and dropped his tablet in the box.

After the downfall of the Roman Republisher. lie popular government took a long sleep, and there was little use for a ballot till quite modern times. Still, some of the most curiously elaborate ballot systems

known were developed in the small govern ing bodies of the middle ages. Cardinals Voting for a Pope. One of these is the form for electing a Pope, which has continued to our own time. All the cardinals are looked up together in a suite of rooms at the Vatican, and forbidden to have any communication with the outside world till they have made a choice. Food is passed in to them, but if the Pope is not elected within a few days they are put on prison rations by way of

they are put on prison rations by way quickening their work. A ballot is taken every morning, followed A ballot is taken every morning, followed by another, to give an opportunity for changing votes. Each cardinal receives a printed blank. He first signs it then folds it over so as to conceal the signature, and seals it. On the uncovered part of the paper he writes the name of his candidate. If there is not a two-thirds majority the ballots are burned, and the smoke tells the waiting crowd outside that there is no election.

The same process is repeated every even-ing. When any candidate gets the necessary two-thirds the scaled signatures are opened, to make sure that no unauthorized person has voted. Then the election is publicly

This carefulness, however, is nothing to that which was used in electing a Doge of Venice. The Venetian legislators, despair-ing of getting an election which would not be controlled by politicians' intrigues, called in the lot as their helper.

The Election of a Doge of Venice.

When a Doge was to be elected the Great Council of between 400 and 500 members was called together. Those below 30 years of age were shut out and the names of the of age were shut out and the names of the rest were written on slips of paper. A small boy was then picked up on the street and brought in to draw out-30 names.

Out of these 30 nine were obosen to go on with the election. They were to choose 40 others. Four of them nominated five each, five of them four each; and each of the 40 must be confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the nine. Out of these 40 names 12 were taken by lot

the nine. Out of these 40 names 12 were taken by lot.

The 12 in the same way chose a new board of 25, the chairman nominating three and each of the others two, a three-fourths vote being necessary to elect. Lots were again drawn for nine of the 25. These nine in the same way choose 45 others of whom the lot pick out 11.

These 11, still in the same form, nominate 41 to elect the Doge. Each of these must be confirmed by a majority vote of the whole of the Great Council. Then the 41 whole of the Great Council. Then the 41 were locked up together to go on with their election. While they were locked up each of them was furnished with whatever he asked for, regardless of expense. But the same must be given to each of the 41.

For instance, there was once an elector who wished to read in Æsop's Fables. He got his book, but not till all Venice had been ransacked to find the necessary 41 copies. At another time one of them ordered a rosary. Forty-one rosaries made their ana rosary. Forty-one rosaries made their ap-pearance in due form.

A Trying Time for News Seekers. A Trying Time for News Seekers.

This treatment was expected to make the electors so unanimous that at least 25 of them would a ree on a doge. When this took place the rigmarole was over. An evening newspaper, trying to follow the returns in Venice at that time, would have had painful times.

Coming back to the ballot as used by common mortals, and coming down to this century, the Hungarian ballot of 30 years ago is one of the most interesting. The voter had given to him a stick from four to six feet long. With this he went alone into a room

given to him a stick from four to six feet long. With this he went alone into a room where the bullot boxes were placed, each bearing the name and color of the candidate. In one of these he must place his stick. The object in having such a large ballot was to make sure that there were not two or three extra ones concealed in the citizen's pockets. But this has now been replaced by prosaic paper.

In Greece at the present day the ballot is

a little lead ball. There is a box for each candidate, divided into two compartments. A clerk goes from box to box with the voter, carrying a bowl full of these balls. At each box the voter takes one, puts his hand into a funnel, out of sight, and drops his ball into the yes or no compartment, making a vote for or against the candidate. If he wishes to vote for more than one party there is nothing to prevent him.

In Italy each voter, on registering, gets a ticket of admission to the polling house. Here a stamped blue paper, with a copy of the law printed on the back, is handed to him. On this paper he must write his vote. The Freach ballot system is much like what the American was five years ago. England uses the Australian ballot.

A Capitalist Commits Suicide SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 2.-William Center, a capitalist and a son of John Center, a well-known capitalist, who was formerly associated with large shipping interests here, committed suicide to-day, firing two shots through his head. It is supposed the deed was due to despondency caused by ill-ness.

The Value Not Yet Deter The viewers appointed by court to fix a value on the lots of Milton L Baird taken by the city in the erection of the Schenley Park bridge met in the City Attorney's office yesterday morning. The statements of three witnesses were heard and then an adjournment was taken until November 17, when the matter may be settled.

New York Drygoods Assignment NEW YORK, Nov. 2.-Charles Schneider & Co., dealers in drygoods, Brooklyn, made an assignment to-day to Charles H. Reilly, the general credit man of Fred Victor & Achells, this city. The liabilities are said to be \$110,000 and nominal assets \$200,000, the actual value of the stock probably being

The Dominion Cabinet. OTTAWA, Nov. 2.-William R. Mereader of the opposition in the Onin containing has accepted a portfolio in contain Cabinet, tendered him by P. Abbott. Nothing has been settled as yet regarding Chapleau.

OUR CLEARANCE SALE

FINE FURNITURE AT COST

A Great Success!

We still have some unexcelled bargains in fine Mahogany, Walnut and Oak Chamber Suits,

Sideboards, Leather Chairs, Leather Gouches, Library Tables, and Hatracks.

Compare our goods and prices with others. YOU will see we can save you money. DON'T FORGET THAT OUR NUMBER IS 51 AND 53 FEDERAL STREET, ALLEGHENY, PA.

JACOBS & M'GILVRAY.

ASTONISHING VALUES.

CLOAKS, SAVING PRICES.

Our buyers secured some extraordinary values in Cloaks for cash on their recent tour of the Eastern markets. We will share the benefit of these lucky purchases with our customers. Come and examine the goods and note the prices. We do not expect your order until you are thoroughly satisfied that such bargains as we offer are not to be obtained elsewhere. It costs nothing to investigate, and investigation is exactly what we

are after. We know that such high-class

garments were never before placed on sale for so little money. Fine Fur-Trimmed Jackets, full shawl collar, \$6 75: others ask \$10. Extra Fine Astrakhan and Light Fur-Trimmed and Embroidered Jackets, \$10; value \$13 to \$18. One lot of well-made Cloth Cheviot and Astrakhan Trimmed Resers, \$4 50; value \$6 50 to \$3. One lot of Real Seal Plush Jackets, full lengths, high shoulders, One lot of Real Seal Flush Sacques, eatin lined, \$10 to \$12.

One lot of Real Seal Plush Sacques, eatin lined, \$10 to \$12.

Newmarkets with Long Capes, from \$12 75 to \$25; \$13 95, \$16 50; \$19 75, \$23 75. Long Capes, \$7 50 pto \$35.

Special bargains in Real French, Cony. Astrakhan, Sealette, Mink, Cape Seal, Monkey and other Fur Capes, from \$3 88 to \$35 each.

BARGAINS IN UNDERWEAR.

Visit our Underwear Department and you'll be surprised to see how far a dollar will go. We show an immense variety of the finest winter underwear. Note these prices:

Heavy Ribbed Vests, long sleeves, 25c and 48c. Fine Merino Vests, 35c, 40c, 45c. Fine Woolen Ribbed Vests,75c, 95c, 31. Fine Gray Vests, 50c. Fine Natural Wool Vests, 74c, 81.

Extra Fine Scarlet Vests, \$1. Misses' Scarlet, Gray and White Vests, 250 to 750. Full lines of Gents' Scotch Gray and Natural Wool Underwear, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1 25, \$1 50 each.

Fine Fur-Topped Lined Kid Gloves for Ladies, Gentlemen and Children, 75c, \$1, \$1 25, \$1 50, \$1 75 and \$2. Best values ever offered anywhere.

Rosenbaum

510-518 MARKET STREET.

REMOVAL.

On Monday morning next we take possession of our new store in the Hotel Anderson Block known as No. 39 SIXTH STREET, and we propose to do a first-class merchant tailoring business exclusively in all its various branches at popular and attractive prices.

We needn't tell you that we go to the mills of this country and Europe, and buy the best goods at the closest prices which can be produced. So that by placing your orders with us you only pay one small profit. We shall be ready to serve-you in our new location with an abundant stock of foreign and domestic woolens and the broadest variety of patterns in-this or any-other city. Give us a call and see what you can save by direct dealing.

Clothing made to order with distinguished success.

WANAMAKER & BROWN,

39 SIXTH STREET Hotel Anderson Block.