THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1891;

FLORENCE ON POKER. players to its spirit, I would suggest that the limit be never more than the equivalent of ten times the ante.

The Popular Actor Had Just Prepared a Volume on the Game

AS A SCIENTIFIC AMUSEMENT.

Rules to Be Followed to Prevent a Degeneracy Into Mere Gambling.

hands to begin with.

mount he chooses.

in general.

resort to it except in extreme cases,

All in the Draw.

done quickly and unhesitatingly. The

dealer must announce his draw in an audi-

Full hand, once in 693 deals.

Straight, once in 254 deals.

Two pairs, once in 20 deals.

One pair, 10 times in 13 deals.

For the Parpose of a Bluff.

Two cards should not be drawn to a pair

inless the ace or king car be retained with

them, except for the purpose of a "bluff." If most of the other players are "in" the

determine, but they are very slight and are

more than compensated by the chances of

Flush, once in 507 deals.

Threes, once in 45 deals.

case are of

FEATURES OF THE AMERICAN PASTIME

IWRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCR.

The Saturday preceding the last illness of Actor William J. Florence he entered the office of George Rutledge & Sons, in Lafayette place, and seated himself weariedly in a chair.

"I want you gentlemen to get through with me in a hurry," said he, "for I'm a sick man. I've just got in town on a train, and a hard time I had of it traveling I fell flat on the floor of the car once through sheer weakness, and the porter had to lift me up."

The publishers brought some proof sheets. and Mr. Florence hastily read them over and made a few corrections. Then he threw aside his pen, and said he had to take a train to Philadelphia and dreaded the trip. One of the managers offered him some fine Scotch whisky and he took a few drops. to "buck" against, or for "bluffing" purtrain to Philadelphia and dreaded the trip. This seemed to cheer him, and he drove off poses. to the station in a cab.

Was a Great Poker Player.

The proofs that Mr. Florence was revising were for a book on draw poker, which he had finished writing only a short time before, and which it was proposed to put upon the market very soon. Mr. Florence was very fond of a social game of poker. His acquaintance among men of standing who were poker players was very large, and he was the author and hero of many a good poker story of wide circulation. He was generally recognized as an admirable player. The nature of the book is set forth in the

following excerpts from the advance proofs: The game of poker has become popular during the last two decades and is now known in almost every civilized land. I have seen it played by the donkey boys in the streets of Cairo and by the Piute In-dians on the plains of Nevada. I was present on one occasion when a poker party was made up of a reigning monarch, a future king future king and three princes imperial. That might well be called a "royal flush."

That the game which could hold such competitors must be a fascinating one cannot be denied. It is indeed held by some to the most dangerous of all games of cards, since it can only be played for stakes; but it must be remembered that this is true of all games in which the player conceals the value of the cards he holds.

Certainly Not an Unsocial Game.

To the objection that poker is an unsocial game, since it admits of no partners, each participant striving for himself alone, it is to be said that since one object of the game is to mystify your adversaries as to the value of your hand, and as all sorts of chaff and badinage are permitted, nonsense may fly from tongue to tongue, fast and furious, to any extent, providing it does not delay the game. A hand shown down de-tects its owner's futile attempt to mislead the table, a rousing laugh usually follows, so that the fun is always kept up. Of course one may have a bad tempered or a churlish companion at the table, but such a one gets the worst of it when he betrays his peevish-

ness. As in any game of chance or speculation there are in poker opportunities to cheat. Long before poker, however, was invented the unprincipled. I have seen loaded dice taken from the ruins of Pompeli and Herculaneum and now preserved in the Govern-ment Museum at Naples. So poker is not responsible for all the charges brought gainst it. It is well, however, to be careul about going into a game of poker on an

ocean steamer, in a railway carrfage or a vestern hotel without some knowledge of vour companions.

bered that the four cards are of absolutely no value without the odd fifth which is to be drawn, except so far as bluffing is con-cerned. There is no earthly probability of a bobtail winning on its merita, conse-quently the only chance of winning is of im-proving the hand. It is hardly worth while to take the risk unless the pot is one of con-riderable size. What Straddling Affords. What stradding Anoras. Generally speaking, good players never straddle. For straddling does not in reality alter the chances of winning of anyone at the table. It simply gives the straddler the opportunity of drawing last and so of ob-serving what the other players draw, with a view of forming the poker player's legiti-mate inferences as to the value of their hands to havis with

iderable size. Drawing to a straight with both ends brawing to a straight with doth ends open is very good play, as the odds are only about 6 to 1 against its being made. But drawing to an intermediate straight is tak-ing a chance of 1 in 12. A flush, according to the calculus of probabilities, should on a one card draw be made 9 times out of 47. If the player next the age on the left does not straddle no one else can, and he must use his privilege before the completion of

The Betting and the Bluffing. the deal. No one, of course, may properly look at his cards before the deal is com pleted all around. After the third player, who sits next the age, has straddled the "blind," as the ante is often called, the players next him may in turn straddle his "blind" or raise, so long as the "blind" is not in this way made more than half the

also

The Betting and the Bluffing. After the discarding comes the betting. Primarily the bettor, or the player on whom the duty of betting or "passing out" first devolves, is the second to the dealer's left, C. He bets first or goes out, and each player after him has the privilege of either "seeing" what C has bet, raising it or pass-ing out. When in this way the turn of the age is reached he may raise up to the limit or simply "see" the highest bet already made, and the advantage of his position is such that nobody can "raise" him. His "seeing" calls for a "show down" of bands. The form of betting known as bluffing which, by some, is erroneously supposed to limit of the betting. But there is another kind of betting before the draw which is recognized as legitimate in draw poker and which does not carry with it the privilege of drawing cards last. This is called "raising before the draw," and by this means any player beginning on the left of the age is allowed to raise the stake then being played for by putting that much addi-tional into the pot to the limit or to any less which, by some, is erroneously supposed to so characterize the game of draw poker as to give it, actually, the name of "bluff" in some localities, is a necessary part of the game as best played. But it cannot be de-As such a raise has an inevitable tendency nied that many poker players do get through an evening without once resorting to it. The fact that they pretend to bluff, or bluff at bluffing, has, however, the desired month to keep other players from drawing cards at such an additional expense it is not wise to desired result, in producing an erroneous impression on the minds of their compan-ions at table, producing such impressions being indeed a sine qua non to success. For the player known never to bluff is never

There is a slangy saying that the game of poker is "all in the draw." While this is an exaggeration, it is not so very far from the truth. And, in the first place, it should "called" except on some hand shown by experience to be probably superior to his. Successful bluffs are almost impossible in be borne in mind that it is a duty each player owes to the game, his neighbors and himself to discard and draw quickly and "jack pots." A Delightful Episode.

The jack pot is a delightful episode in a game of poker. But it must be permitted to arise naturally and to dawn upon the vision of the wearied traveler like an oasis decorously. It should be concluded as soon as possible after every one has come in or passed out. The practice of poring over the cards should be deprecated; it in the desert rather than be forced upon him. "Passing the buck," which is simply the phrase applied to the circulation of a buckhorn knife or any other such object around the table, should never be employed often prevents some other player from act-ing on an impulse suggested by the first view of his own hand, and, by delaying further procedure, annoys the other players as a means of artificially producing jack pots, since the jack pot is a direct and serious innovation on the regular routine of As to the method of discarding, on should throw his discards to the center of the table as nearly as possible in front of the next dealer. This discarding should be

the game, making a difference not only in the dealing, but in the drawing and betting A jack pot is a pot played for when every

ble voice: the other players, of course, must ask for their cards so as to be heard by player around the table passes. This re-quires the supposition that when all have passed around to the ante man he also passes. Thereupon, it being his deal, he takes the cards and deals as usual, but bethe dealer and other players as well. When they have once spoken and received their cards they cannot be required to answer questions about them or to reannounce how fore so doing every player around the board, as one of the solemn ceremonials atmany they drew. The chances of having dealt on the "go in" are as follows: Straight flush, once in 65,000 deals. Fours, once in 4,164 deals. tending upon jack pots, is required to con-tribute to the pot before the deal the amount of the ante or some other amount arbitrarily fixed upon by the ante man, who exercise very considerable authority in the matter.

The Opening of the Fot. The second distinguishing feature of the jack pot is the fact that after the ante man has so dealt and all around the table have so contributed, the first bettor is called upon not only to bet but to perform that mysterious ceremony known as "opening mysterious ceremony known as "opening the pot," which he cannot do unless he finds in his hand the equivalent of a pair of jacks or better. If he finds that he has not in his hand a pair of jacks or better he passes and the next player in turn ex-amines his hand for the openers. If he does not find them the privilege of opening the pot passes around the board, and if nobody can do so the next player in turn deals again after every player present has chances of drawing an ace or a king are not ouite so good as those of drawing a small card, because the other players are more likely to be staying in on high than on low cards. The probabilities of such being the course quite impossible to deals again after every player present has "fattened" the pot with either one chip or

increasing the comparative value of the hand by making aces or kings "up" instead of two small pairs. Thus, while it has been an amount agreed upon. The process of opening the pot must now be gone through with again, and if the secwell said that the actual mathemetical expectations of improving such a hand are ond time no player in his turn discovers a ond time no player in his turn discovers a pair of jacks or better the pot must be again fattened and the new deal made until the mystical openers are finally discovered. When the discovery has been made and the player finding in his hand a pair of jacks or more says. "I will open the pot," he is at once called upon to bet, no matter what his position at the table may be, and all those who do not see his het fall out and greater by drawing three cards, yet it cannot be denied that the practical value of the hand is much enhanced by a successful two card draw. The odd card should only be retained with a small pair-that is, on the merits of which the pot cannot, presumably,

be won, say a pair of nines or under. The only possible way of improving two pairs being to make a full hand, the chances

BUT A SINGLE CLOUD

Now Visible in the Political Sky of Happy, Liberated Brazil.

President Peixotto Denies Pretensions to Dictatorship.

THE OLD CONGRESS IS RECALLED.

otto promulgated a manifesto to-day, which is received with general satisfaction. In this he altogether abandons the arbitrary and dictatorial authority assumed by Da Fonseca, and declares that the legal order of affairs is re-established.

As a consequence of this general statement, the manifesto announces that the dissolution of Congress decreed by Da Fonseca is annulled and the state of siege in the Federal District has been raised. The manifesto summons Congress to reassemble December 10 and resume its functions.

This proclamation makes it clear that the new President does not sympathize any with the policy inaugurated by Da Fonseca and that he proposes to do all in his power to restore the political situation to normal condition. A new Cabinet has been formed as follows: Senhor Alves, Finance; Senhor Faria, Husbandry; Senhor Pereira, Jus-tice; Senhor Oliveierea, War; Senhor Mello, Marine; Senhor Pallita, Foreign Affairs, Senhor Pereira, Minister of Justice, will take charge temporarily of the Minister of Public Instructions and the Interior.

The latest advices from Rio Grande do Sul say that there is general and great rejoicing over the Dictator's retirement. The insur-gents, under command of General Ossorio, were marching toward the north with the intention of invading the adjoining State of Rio Janiero, when the news of Fonseca's abdication reached Ossorio. They had just arrived on the frontier of the two States. A later dispatch says that dissensions be-tween the army and the navy are now causing disquiet.

WILL HE EVER COME BACK !

William Allison Fleeces Several People and

Then Disappears. William Allison, an employe of the Lake

Erie road, is a much-wanted man at present, especially in the neighborhood of Chartiers and McKee's Rocks. Some three or four months ago Allison made his appearance at Chartiers, and engaged board with a lady named Morris. He then proceeded to make friends with everyone by posing as a model man. He did not drink or use tobacco in any form. He also became a regular attendant at church. Among those favorably impressed was a sister of the land-lady, to whom Allison made love and in a short time they were engaged to be married. Allison then went to John Schmid, Sr., and purchased a lot from him for \$400. st, and purchased a lot from him for \$400, at the same time telling Mr. Schmid of his approaching marriage and asking him to se-cure a carpenter to build a house, as he did not have the time to attend to it. Mr. Schmid consented and soon the house was in course of construction. When it was completed Allison went to Schmid and gave him a check on the Marine National Bank for \$873 in payment for the house and lot which was to be \$800. He received the difference, \$73, and also borrowed \$47 from Mrs. Morris. Allison then disappeared and up to the present time nothing has been heard of him. The people at the bank deny that Allison had any account with them. Suit has been entered against Allison before Squire Bryan, of Chartiers, for false pretenses, and fficers are now endeavoring to locate him.

FROM THE NUTMEG STATE.

Colonel Frank Gray Talks of Connecti-

LIGHT WILL BE CHEAPER. Two Electric Companies Will Contest for

the Job of Lighting Pittsburg. The city's three-year contract with the East End Electric Light Company for lighting the city will expire January 1. Next, week Chief Bigelow will let a new

able interest is being manifested to know who will be the bidders. The East End company, having its plant and all the light equipments, will be a bidder, and the Thomson-Houston Electric Company is

THE ARMY AND NAVY NOT IN HARMONY BIO JANEIRO, Nov. 25.—President Peix-BIO JANEIRO PEIX-BIO JAN Company is also expected to bid much lower than their last proposal, because in event of another company securing the contract the East End people would lose considerably react and people would lose considerably on the wires, lamps and mast arms they have erected. In any event the prospect of getting much chesper light for the next four years seems very favorable. The Pennsylvania Globe Gaslight Com-

pany will be a bidder for the gasoline lamps that are still in use, and Booth & Flinn, who have the gasoline contract now, will also file an offer before next Wednesday, when the bids close. The advertisement for bids calls for a

The advertisement for bids caus for a proposition for incandescent lamps, but Controller Morrow says that incandescent lamps for street lighting purposes have been tried and found to be a failure, and he will oppose any award of contract therefor. All bids on the lighting contract must be made at so much per lamp, and bonds aggregating at so much per lamp, and bonds aggregating \$75,000 must accompany each bid as indem-nification for the city against loss and for the faithful performance of contract.

One point discussed in connection with the possibility of the Thomson-Houston Company getting the contract, is how they will arrange for lighting the city while they erect a plant. This company has no plant here at present, and, as the new contract would require them to be in operation by January 1, they would not have sufficient time to erect a plant, and, consequently under the city's conditions, they would be expected to furnish light and would have to make an agreement with the present con-tractors. Failure on the part of the East End Company to secure the contract would make them rather revengeful, it is said, and they would either refuse entirely or compel the Thomson-Houston Company to pay handsomely for the service.

PUT ON THE BRAKES.

County Commissioner Mercer yesterday refused to approve a bill for the county's proportion of the expense of the burial of an indigent soldier. Under the act of Assembly providing for the county paying for the burial of indigent soldiers, the Commissioners appoint representatives in each ward, borough and township, whose duty it is to attend to all the details of the funeral and examine into the financial condition of the deceased or his family before the burial. If the deceased is an indigent soldier, sailor or marine the representative so certifies to the Commissioners, and the county pays \$35 for the funeral and provides a headstone costing \$15. Com-missioner Mercer stated yesterday that many of the representatives, who are old soldiers and interested in G. A. R. work, do not seem to understand the act of Assembly. They are required to examine into the finan cial condition of the deceased before burial, and if indigent attend to the details of the funeral, and so certify to the Commission-ers. This many fail to do, but certify all the same. • In the case in question this had been neglected. The total bill also was \$109 for the undertaker, and indicated that if so much could be paid the deceased was not an indigent. As no investigation had been made as required by law, payment had to be refused. Another case occurred recently where a representative collected the \$33 where a representative conjected the coor from the county and gave it to the widow of a soldier for her support, instead of apply-ing it to the funeral expense. The under-taker's bill went to the Commissioners and

the representative had to pay the amount to

DISASTROUS FIRE.

Five Horses and Twenty-Six Electric Cars Are Destroyed.

contract for a four-year term, and consider- CROSSED WIRES WERE THE CAUSE.

Second Avenue Railway Crippled and Borlin's Hotel Burned.

THE LOSS WILL EASILY REACH \$60,000

About 1:30 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the car barn of the Second avenue electric line destroying the entire building together with 26 cars. Five horses that were in a portion of the building were cremated.

The fire communicated to the hotel of James Borlin adjoining and the house of Mrs. Grau across the street. The hotel was entirely destroyed and Mrs. Grau's house was damaged to the extent of \$500.

The loss to the electric line will reach \$50,000, and to J. Borlin \$4,000. The building occupied by Borlin was owned by J. Buting and was valued at \$5,000. Borlin had \$1,500 insurance on his goods. It could not be learned whether the railway's property was insured or not.

The fire originated in the car barn, and is supposed to have started from an electric light wire becoming crossed with the trolley wire. The alarm was turned in from box 98. Glenwood engine No. 4 was telephoned for and went to the assistance of the Hazelwood company. The residence of Mrs. Grau is insured.

The Second Avenue Electric line will be disabled for some time. None of the authorities could be seen last night.

DETECTIVES AWAITING HURLBURT.

Positive Evidence That He Wrote the Let ters to Gladys Evelyn. IBY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH. !

LONDON, Nov. 25 .- Detectives are awaiting the arrival of William Henry Hurl-

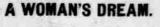
burt, at Queenstown with a warrant for his arrest on the charge of perjury. Several months ago Gladys Evelyn sued Hurlburt for breach of promise of marriage. Part of the evidence consisted of a series of obscene letters which she received, signed "Wilfrid Murray." The plaintiff declared that these were writ-ten by Hurlburt. This he decied on oath, but no one was able to find "Murray." Ever since then friends of the girl have been at work hunting up avidence that

Ever since then triends of the grin have been at work hunting up evidence that Huriburt really wrote the letters, and de-tectives have visited every place in Eng-land and France where Miss Evelyn lived and was visited by the American. The necessary proof is now said to have been obtained. Miss Evelyn was quietly sum-moned to Bow street Monday, and, on in-formation sworn by her, Sir John Bridge issued the arrest warrant. Prospection was issued the arrest warrant. Prosecution was advised by Sir Edward Clarke, Solicitor General, after an examination of the proof found by the detectives.

ZANESVILLE IRON WORKERS STRIKE

Bring About a Settlement.

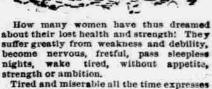
ZANESVILLE, Nov. 25.-[Special.]-William Weihe, President of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers, arrived in the city to-day, and this afternoon held a conference with the management of the Ohio Iron Company with reference to signing the scale which was presented them several months ago. The result of the conference was not satisfactory, and to-night, at a meeting of the lodge of the as-sociation here, a strike was declared -about 200 men are engaged in it.



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their feelings, and they often have palpitation, indigestion, gas, bloating, malaria, liver trouble and constipation. If a woman thus troubled is wise she will procure im mediately that great nerve cure and restorer of strength, Dr. Greene's Nervura, Health of body and strength of nerve will return, and she will again know her old-time strength, power and vigor to enjoy every moment of life. Dr. Greene's Nervurs is purely vegetable and harmless. Druggists sell it, \$1 00.

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County Commissioner Mercer Refuses to Approve a Soldier Burial Bill.

Amalgamated Pressuent Weihe Falls to

Harmless if Played by Gentlemen

But with a party of gentlemen, and for imited stakes, poker is a fascinating and harmless pastime. While a number of books have been written about it, none can claim absolute authority. Though the rules of the game are really simple, the deviations, alterations and amended allowances, and the fact that almost any party sitting down to play may and often does make its own rules about certain matters, render poker a by no means easy game, such regulations, for example, as to the value of a "straight," piaying "around the corner," "passing the buck," "blazes" and jack pota. It is to fix the positive and long accepted rules of the games that this book is written, the rules herein set forth having been sanctioned by the best custom where-ever draw poker is played in its integrity.

Whatever its origin, poker is now con-ceded to be one of the most intellectual, as it is doubtless the most fascinating of card games. Attack and defense are in it developed to a annazing perfection, the op-portunities of seizing strategic advantage being wonderful. There never was seen such a combination of logic and luck, of calculation and speculation. It has by some been declared the offspring of the famous and difficult English game of "gleek," which we know to be 300 years old, while others describe it as a direct development from the English game of "brag."

Evidentiy Originated in England,

The derivation of the name from the old English "pot and pair" seems fanciful, but the striking analogy between the use of the poker terms "seeing" and "seeing you again," or raising, and the "vying" and "revying," or seeing and reseeing referred to by Ben Johnson in "Every Man in His

Humor" is notable and suggestive. It would seem by all odds, therefore, to have sprung, like so much of what is best in America, from "the right little, tight lit-Sir Walter Raleigh may have tle island." brought it over and Captain John Smith may, in defiance of the legend, have won his life and Pocahontes' hand by bluffing her old red father !

Baron Rothschild advised speculators: 'Cut short your losses; let your profits Poker is so admirable an expe of human nature that it is fruitful of maxims. Play liberally with liberal players and closely with close players. The father of American poker, General Bob Schenck, said: "The main elements of success are good luck, good cards, plenty of cheek and cood temper." Richard Guermane, m "Poker Book," adds, "and plenty of pa-tience." To these it is not misplaced to add ience." To these it is not any mining, stay this: "Push your luck when winning, stay this: at when losing until a little better hand than the average comes to you.

Etiquette of Raising the Limit.

It may not infrequently happen that a player who has had a run of luck desires to raise the limit and increase the ante. procedure is much to be deprecated, as it is apt to be a sacrifice of the comfort of all for the caprice of one. Of course in that method of playing known as "table stakes," wherein any one player on depositing in full view on the table the sum total of what he is willing to risk, has a right to "see" any hand for that sum, a raise of the ance or limit beyond the amount so deposited is impossible. And in the game of "freeze out," a variety of poker, any player, losing the amount so deposited on the table is foridden to come again into the game, the remaining players continuing the game until ill the chips are in one player's possession. While the ante and the limit are as he. ore said, generally arranged at a fixed alue, an unlimited game is sometimes played. This, however, is gambling pure and simple, and at once places the player with a small capital at the mercy of his As this little treatise has icher rivals.

seen prepared for the use of those in search f harmless amusement, using stakes solely a controlling influence to keep the play within bounds and hold the interest of the are 11% to 1 against its being made. When two small pairs are held and there are indications of fairly good hands being out the smaller pair is often discarded, the chances of drawing a third to a pair being greater than of making a full hand out of two pairs. Again, if two pairs be held with acces or kings up and a raise followed to a two-card draw by one or the other players points to threes being held by him, the smaller pair might be discarded in the hope of making high threes. No rules can be laid down for either of the above cases, as a question of judgment is involved.

When to Stand Pat.

A great many players of experience rec ommend standing pat occasionally on two small pairs. This is unwise, as the only hand which is liable to be driven out is a hand which is just a little better. Almost player with "aces up" or three of a any kind will call a pat hand, particularly if the pat be a large one, and to stand pat on two pairs against an inferior hand is to waste your resources.

the termination of the pot, openers and all, face up on the table. And it is considered an excellent rule, by the way, to open a jack pot whenever you can. The question of discards naturally arises To play a hand pat, the limit should be raised both before and after the draw, and the game will seldom be found to be worth the candle. The only hand to stand pat on, when the opener has such a hand as this-a pair of jacks and four hearts. Naturally it other than a genuine one, is a hand without a pair and nothing to draw to. In the Southern States players consider

pair of jacks and four hearts. Naturally it occurs to him, with a big pot and a good many playing, that were he to discard the other jack and keep the four hearts with the jack at the head, he may stand a good chance of drawing the fifth heart and getting a flush. In such cases it is considered allowit almost a point of honor to stand pat on a hand called a "kilter"-that is a hand with a nine for the highest and a two for the low-est card. It is impossible to make anything of such a hand by drawing, and the only this to be done is to direct the balance of the second able for him to do so if he carefully puts the thing to be done is to discard the whole or discarded jack on one side, where it remains

play pat. When a player finds threes in his hand on the first deal he at once recognizes the fact that it may be improved to either a full hand or fours. There is no other increase nand of fours. Incre is no other increase of value possible. Once in every 23½ times four of a kind may be made by drawing two cards to threes. Just twice as often, or about once in 12 times, a full hand may be made. It is possible, therefore, to improve this hand by drawing inst once in every this hand by drawing just once in every eight times.

Masking of the Hand.

A favorite play is to retain an odd card, discarding and drawing one card, and thus accomplishing the valuable result of deceiving one's rivals as to the strength of the hand. The probabilitief of improving the hand are, of course much less, four of a kind being possibly made in this way only once in 47 times. The one card draw will result in a full hand about once in 16 times. The one card draw creates the impressio that the hand is either a straight, a flush or two pairs. It seems to be the opinion of good judges that as three of a kind is 19 times out of 20 a good enough hand to win the pot, it offers the possessor a very wide range for the exercise of his own judgment in the draw. It matters not how the draw is made, the hand is bound to remain good

and may be improved. For this reason the policy of masking the hand is often advis-able; for the one card draw especially is calculated to create an appearance of bluff ing, indicating a draw to a bobtail straight or flush. Some excellent authorities on poker say that with three of a kind it is almost always

nouse by Magistrate Leslie. His wife was discharged and allowed to take the two youngest children. The other five were placed in the hands of the Humane Society. best to hold up a card and draw one SUPERINTENDENT WEIR ordered the arrest While it seems a little paradoxical to talk of two men yesterday who were parading

about drawing cards to a hand which is dealt you in its complete form, such as a full, yet it often occurs that for reasons of the moment it is advisable to discard the pair and draw two cards, or more probably to throw away one of the associate pair and draw one. Where there are only a few playing and a full hand with aces or kings pat is dealt it is better to mask the strength of the hand by throwing away the small pair, or one of them at least, retaining the three aces or three kings. But this, of course, is largely a matter for individual taste and the emergency of the moment.

Drawing to a Bobtall.

The larger the number of players in a game the better play it is to draw one card to a bobtail flush or straight. As far as the Manufacturing Jeweler, 530 Smithfield element of chance goes, it must be remem-

lose their share of the pot. Colonel Frank Gray arrived in Pittsburg

It is considered the best play te open a jack pot for the limit if it is of any special yesterday from New Haven, Conn., where he value. If, however, the opener has an ex-traordinary good hand and wishes to induce everybody else to come in he may make the open as light as he chooses. If, however, has been for some weeks actively engaged in the gubernatorial fight of the Nutmeg State. He says the Democrats still feel sanguine of installing General Morris in office. He he finds in his hand openers only it is gen-erally considered best for him to open for says the contest is so bitter that it has entered into the very family circle of every the limit. The drawing and betting in jack pots, outside of the opening bet, are ex-actly similar to those of the regular game little village and hamlet of the State and that members of the State Legislature are being invited on by delega-tion after delegation. In some towns meetings have been held and resoluof poker. Any player other than the opener who desires to come in may do so on putting up the amount for which the pot tions passed instructing delegates how to vote. "I am here," said Mr. Gray, last was opened, regardless of the value of his

The Show-Down Must Be Made. Of course, as the opener must have a pair of jacks or more he must prove to the other players at the end of the pot that he did hold such a hand on the go in. For that reason he must invariably show his hand at

in full view, and announces his intention of

SOME PETTY LAW BREAKERS.

A Box of eggs, valued at \$7, was stolen

from the front of Charles Briel's store, 2514 Penn avenue, yesterday morning.

PETER GALLEGHER and Patrick O'Brie

were arrested last evening by Officer Elmer

for fighting on Wylle avenue. They were locked up in the Eleventh ward station.

JOHN SYKES has sued Harry Whalen before

Alderman McInerney for the larceny of a lot of potatoes from his cellar on the Morn-ingside road. A warrant has been issued.

JOHN WHALEN was arrested and locked up

in the Central stalion last night for keeping

disorderly house at Grant and Water treets. Eight inmates were also locked up.

WILLIAM FRAZIER, who lives on Clark

street, made an information before Aider

man Richards yesterday charging Thomas

Allen with assaulting him with a beer glass. Allen was arrested and held under \$300 ball for a hearing Saturday.

The man arrested by Officers Shafer and

Foster on Eighteenth street yesterday morning, clad only in his undershirt, was

Anton Kouser, or Fifteenth street. The police say that he was suffering from tem-porary insanity or that he was drunk. He is still in the Twelfth ward station house.

JAMES MCDONOUGH, who was arrested in the

Seventeenth ward on Tuesday evening for

neglecting his family, was sent to the work.

the streets, in violation of a city ordinance

HENRY TERHEYDEN,

Set in studs,

discarding one of his openers.

CHIEF JONES IS MAD.

makes life a whirl of excitement, show

He Asserts Positively That Somebody Is Prevaricator.

Allegheny Common Council will meet in special session Friday night to consider some important questions. It is said that a resolution will be introduced to abolish the office of the Assistant Superintendent to the Fire Bureau, a position which is now held by John Hunter.

Chief Jones was seen last evening by a DISPATCH reporter and was most emphatic in his language when asked as to the truth of the rumor that he was looking for Mr. Hunter's scalp. He said: "You may say funter a scalp. He said: 1 ou may say for me that any man who asserts that I am backing this resolution to depose Mr. Hun-ter, or that I know anything whatever about the resolution which it is said will be introduced, is a liar."

Arranging Proceedings Against Wyman City Solicitor Elphinstone and the attorney of the Allegheny Reform Association had another meeting yesterday after-noon with the expert auditors in regard to arranging a course of legal proceedure against Mayor Wyman and ex-Mayor Pearson. No definite plan was agreed upon as the reports have not yet been thoroughly sifted. They will meet again to-day and finish the examination.

Growing Impatient Over the Delay.

The citizens along Butler street, between Forty-eighth street and Sharpsburg, are becoming somewhat impatient at the prolonged delay in starting the electric branch of the Citizens' Traction road. It was an nounced some time ago that the road would

be in operation by the middle of the present month. It is given out now that it may not be started before the first of the new year.

Discriminating Against Pittsburg

Freight Agent Bates, of the Allegheny Valley road, returned from New York yes terday where he attended a conference with Southern railway representatives about rates on Pittaburg products. The local iron men claim the Southern roads are discrim-inating against them. Mr. Bates said he thought a satisfactory schedule of rates would be prepared.

Will Start a Pawn Bank.

Sam Stearn, better known as Uncle Sam, the Smithfield street pawnbroker, proposes to start a pawn bank on a new scale. His scheme is to reach a different class of people by making loans to business men on col-lateral at 2½ per cent interest per month, which will bring quite a respectable income and will also knock out the present high rate of 20 per cent now charged by pawn-berkers brokers.

THE TEST CASE HEARING.

Wholesale Liquor Dealers Testify Against the Drivers.

Alderman McKenna yesterday held a hearing in the case of Victor Docsch against John Langan for selling liquor without a license. This is one of the test suits brought by the Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association of this city, against drivers of beer wagons, whom they accuse of illegal liquor selling.

of illegal hquor selling. A large number of liquor dealers were present at the hearing, and considerable time was taken up hearing the testimony. The evidence proved that the defendant was in the employ of Pier & Dannals, wholesale liquor dealers, had the name of night, "in the interest of Comedian Crane and 'The Senator,' and while my business wholesale liquor ocalers, has the number of his employer on the wagon, the number of his license plate, and it appears, as far as this mes, complied with the law. The tesbusiness is like a 'summer sea' in compari-son to the seething, sizzling political battle that is now raging in Connecticut." this goes, complied with the law. The tes-timony on which the prosecution bases his suit was slightly different. It was proven that Langan had received an order for beer on Webster avenue and delivered the same at a house on Wylie street. This, it was claimed, was a direct violation of the law, it being a'leged that the beer should have peen ordered of Pier & Dannals personally been ordered of Fier & Dannais personally at his brewery and delivered from there in-stead of the way it was done. The attorneys spent considerable time in discussing the matter without bringing out

any new features in the matter. Alderman McKenna then said he would reserve his decision in the case until next Thursday. The other suits against Sebastian Herman Henry Rupp and Charles Lorisch will be heard next Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

VALUABLE PAPERS REPORTED FOUND.

They Are Said to Be Absolute Titles to Vast Estates in New Countries.

A story was printed yesterday to the effect that a box containing valuable papers had been unearthed while workman were tearing down an old house on Brereton avenue, Lawrenceville. There was a deed said to have been signed by John Penn, at that time Governor of Pennsylvania, and dated February 18, 1775. The deed calls for conveyance of certain property on the Kisciminitis river in Armstrong county. Squire Leslie was said to have the papers, and to have expressed the opinion that they in-volved a great amount of interest to Westmoreland and Cambria county people and land owners.

The Squire was seen last night by a DIS-PATCH reporter, but he simply said he had glanced at the papers and did not look at them carefully. He gave them to an evening newspaper man, who based the story on them, and he didn't know how im-portent they were portant they were.

A New Allegheny Teacher.

At a meeting of the school board of the Ninth ward, Allegheny, last night, Miss Mary Hardie, of Beaver Falls, Pa., was elected an additional teacher in the Ninth ward.

The mills have been shut down for about a month, and the men are in a poor condi-tion to stand a long strike. The present management of the mill represents only about \$130,000 of the \$500,000 capital stock, the remainder being held by small stockholders. They are beginning to complain of the long idleness of the mills, and it is predicted that they will combine to short a new Board of Directors and thus new Board of Directors, and thus to elect a solve the difference.

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SPAIN'S NEW MINISTRY.

The Policy of the Government Unchanged, With Greater Economy.

MADRID, Nov. 25 .- A semi-official note, issued to-day, says the political policy of the new Government is identical with that of the previous Cabinet. Referring to the financial condition of the country, the note declares that the Government considers that the present position is due to accidental causes. The first necessity in the prepara tion of the budget will be the expression of truth, not fiction. Reductions in the expenditures are necessary in all branches of the public service. The Government will always provide to meet the coupons on the debt as they fall due. A meeting of the Cabinet was held to-day

at which the question of customs duties was the principal subject of discussion. A ma jority of the Ministers favored a single tariff.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Ar Belgrade, the capital of Servia, the courts of justice were badly burned. Many important documents were destroyed.

Ar Oldenberg, Prussia, Tuesday night the Grand Ducal Theater was completely de-stroyed. Fortunately the fire did not break out until after the performance.

FIREBUGS seem determined to burn up Belpre, O. Last night the third attempt was discovered. A barrel filled with tarred rope and saturated with oil was put into a tan nery building and set on fire. When it was discovered a keg filled with powder was found near by. The powder soon caught from the flames and an explosion followed, several persons narrowly escaping. Three weeks ago two attempts of a similar kind were made to destroy the town.

AT Lacrosse, Wis., yesterday, fire broke out in Bomas' grocery store. Firemen William Doane and Frank Killian, who were handling the hose on a ladder, called Wil-liam Drake to strap the hose to the ladder. liam Drike to strap the hose to the iadder. When Drake ascended the ladder it broke, throwing the three men to the ground. Doane's arm and leg were broken, Drake suffered severe sprains and Killian had his ribs broken and is in a critical condition. The fire was caused by a lamp exploding. Loss, \$2,500; insurance unknown.

AT Marshalltown, Ia., yesterday afternoon while workmen were putting a tar roof on the Tremont House a barrel of tar exploded the fremone house a carret of the exploded and the structure was guited by the flames. The postoffice and a number of large busi-ness firms on the ground floor suffered se-verely by fire, water and smoke. Total loss about \$75,000, mearly covered by insurance. The heaviest damage is to the hotel, the clothing house of P. A. Stern and the boot and shoe stock of Bromley, Ingledue & Co.



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with placards hung over their shoulders. One was arrested on Fifth avenue and the other on Market street. They gave their names as Alex Burkhart and Dan Hagerty, and the agent they represented put up a forfeit for their appearance this morning. Diamonda Rings, Brooches, Lockets. Diamond settings in great variety. Our factory being in the same building, the gems can be set while you wait.