THE HOUSE SHAKES,

Lights Go Out, the Chairs Are Overturned and Mysterious Footsteps Are Heard.

A RESIDENCE THAT IS HAUNTED.

Idward Ascher Tells a Story of the Experiences of His Family Which Is Indeed Remarkable.

THEY HAVE SOUGHT ANOTHER HOME,

While a Couple Blessed With Deafness Are Wrestling With the Ghosts.

A "haunt" walks on the wild hillside above the rope walk on the Evergreen Road. the superstitious Germans in that locality even the shadows of trees on a quiet night are enough to call up visions of visitants from another Atmospheric conditions and the size of the evening jag have been known to increase the number wonderfully. This form of ghosts were not minded much save that they shortened the hours which lovers stayed at night.

For weeks these spiritual visitors came and went with the regularity of nightfali and daybreak. Among others who met with these strange visions was young Edward Ascher. He is a teamster for Conneilman John Stacey, a scrap iron dealer at Madison avenue and Sawmill alley, Allegheny. He, with his mother and several brothers, live just above the Evergreen road. The house is an old one, and contains seven rooms. For almost a year they lived there undisturbed, and farmed the five acres of land that surrounded the cot-

A Shock and the Lights Went Out.

One evening late in October, while the family were gathered around the open fireplace, suddenly the house shook all over and the light went out. Steps were heard in different parts of the house and chairs were overturned. The members of the fsmily were so scared they ran out of the house. At first they thought it was a high wind, but when they recovered their senses they saw it was as quiet as a night in June. Finally they returned and were undisturbed for the balance of the night.

Since that at various times chairs have been overturned at night and tootsteps could be heard pacing up and down the room, though no one could ever be seen.

Ascher told Councilman Stacey of his troubles, but the Allegheny lawmaker laughed at the idea of ghosts and tried to reason him out of the notion. It was a waste of words, however, for morning the man returned with a new story of the pranks of the uneasy spirits who broke out of their confines and disturbed mortal man.

He stood it all until one night he was awakened from a deep sleep by the footsteps approaching the bed and it seemed as if an unknown invisible something fell across him. He could feel a weight yet saw

Endeavors to Break the Spell.

That experience almost settled the idea of a suburban home with him, but he did not wish to give up. Horseshoes were nailed above the door and the house was riddled with bullet holes until it rivaled the Revolutionary cabin in Schenley Park, but even these time-honored barriers for holding back those beyond the veil of death were ineffectual, and with each recurring sunset came the tootsteps as plain and clear as if a person in firsh and blood walked over the floor.

One night even a mirror fell from the wall and broke. The string was still intact, and the nail from which it hung was still sticking solid in the wall.

That experience settled the suburban home for him. He gave up the place and moved to Allegheny with the family, and since then has not been disturbed.

No Explanation of the Myslery. Vesterday he was visited at Councilman

Stacey's place of business and told the above story. He is a handsome German, about 21 years of age and is too intelligent looking to be deceived by mere superstition. He could give no explanation of the mystery and said he knew of no history connected with the house or the locality that would cause the appearance of ghosts there.
In speaking of it he said: "I would not

stay another night in that house for a for-tune. Sometimes I could hear tin pans rattle and then there would be the footsteps. Since we left there an old couple have taken the house. They are old and so deaf they could not hear a clap of thunder."

CARELESS ELECTION OFFICERS.

The Result of the Investigation Into the Stayton-Wyman Contest.

In the Stayton-Wyman fight the unraveling still goes on, but Commissioner Shater states that in the boxes opened vesterday there was nothing of importance found. In the examination of ten boxes on Monday Wyman lost 39 votes, an average of 3 to the district, but Mr. Bennett, one of his counsel, expresses himself confidently that Wyman's margin of 871 majority cannot be overcome, as over one-third of the districts have been canvassed and he has lost only

about 130 votes.
As a further proof of the farcical character of elections in some districts, in one in Mr. Stayton's ward 78 votes were thrown out, only 19 legal ones being found in the lox. Of these ballots 58 had not been numbered. The omission is attributed to care essness rather than to ignorance.

It Was Not a Suicide.

William Morrison, an oil-driller, died at the Keystone Hotel yesterday. A box of pills tound in his room led some of the hotel attendants to believe he had taken a drug, and Coroner McDowell was notified. On investigation the pills were found to be light doses of quinine, perfectly harmless and in no way responsible for his death. Morrison had been affected for a long time with heart disease, and telt bad vesterday morning, refusing to get out of bed and asking for a doctor. Some hours later a physician arrived and going to his room ound him dead. A brother came to the city from Butler yesterday and will take the body there for burisl. Morrison was III years old and worked for A. J. Gart-

Drivers Sued for Abusing Mules.

Yesierday General Agent O'Brien, of the Humane Society, went to Mt. Braddock, and with District Agent Harry Campbell inspected the mules used at the mines of James Hogsett. The mules in the barns were found all right, but 11 animals in the mine were in a bad condition, the skin being fairly rubbed off some of them. Agent O'Brien had them taken out of the mine, and entered suit against four drivers before a Justice of the Peace at Dawson, and they will have a hearing to-morrow. The firm discharged the boss of the underground stables.

WISDOM OF THE ENGINEERS.

They Meet and Discuss Various Problem Bridge Building Being the Chief Feature -The Nomination of Officers for the

Coming Election. The regular meeting of the Western Penn-sylvania Engineers' Society was held last

evening in the rooms of the Academy of Science. The Committee on Nomination of Officers for the coming year submitted the following list of nominees: President, Alfred E. Hunt; Vice Presidents, Phineas Barnes, Charles Davis; Directors, Robert Munroe, George W. G. Ferris; Treasurer,
A. E. Frost; Secretary, R. Neilson Clark.
The election will be held at the meeting
next month. The Committee on Banquet
reported that all arrangements had been
made for holding a banquet at the Duquesne Club Thursday evening, January 28.
The paper of the evening was read by
Emil Swennson, of the Keystone Bridge
Works. His subject was "Bridge Details."
The paper gave a minute, but technical
description of the details of bridge construction. Munroe, George W. G. Ferris; Treasurer,

During the discussion J. A. Brashear said an interesting affair had been brought said an interesting affair had been brought to his notice. A bar had been broken at a point where there was but a light pull on it. It was found that a small hole, not larger than a piu head, had been made at the place of the breakage. It was not thought possible that so slight a cause could occasion the break, and a smilar hole was punched at another place. Upon the strain being applied the bar broke there.

J. Neilson Clark related the discovery of a friend of his in testing Bessemer steel. He had used slow solvents, obtained a thorough had used slow solvents, obtained a thorough heat and found in the midst of the steel, by means of the microscope, a piece of fire brick. It had gone through the furnace, converter, etc., and into the pig.

THE GREAT TRACTION COMBINE.

The Deal to Be Perpetually Closed by Formality To-Morrow.

The directory of the Pittsburg Traction Company met yesterday afternoon at the Washington street power house. P. A. B. Widener and William L. Elkins, the Philadelphia men who own the road, were there. What transpired is not known. Messrs. Elkins and Widener said last night that nothing but routine business had been

"We discussed the fusion of the Pittsburg and Duquesne lines," said Mr. Elkins last evening, "but our meeting was not to take official action concerning that matter. That is to be done at the stockholders' meeting is to be done at the stockholders' meeting on Thursday." The two Philadelphia men went to the theater last evening. Prior thereto Mr. Widener had been very desirons of an interview with C. L. Magee, but as that gentleman could not be found, the conference was postponed. Mr. Widener said last night that he would be unable to attend the stockholders' meeting to-morrow whals to leave the city this morning. Mr. is he is to leave the city this morning. Mr.

Elkins will attend the meeting.
The stockholders of both the Pittsburg and Duquesne lines are to meet to-morrow to ratify what Mr. Elkins calls the "fusion." and Mr. Magee, "the traffic arrangements," arranged by the principal owners of both roads. The ratification will be practically roads. The ratification will be practically unanimous. This was the last formality in connection with this enormous consolidation of interests. Colonel W. L. Elkins, President of the Pittsburg line, will take his place as general manager of both lines on the first of January. His son will be superintendent of the Pittsburg line, and either Colonel Rice or George McFarlane, present superintendent of the Duquesne. present superintendent of the Duquesne, will be superintendent of the latter line. In all other respects the conditions of this great deal will remain as they have been previously outlined in THE DISPATCH.

New developments are expected in the running arrangements of the Duquesne after Colonel Elkins takes charge.

Robbed the Bride-Elect.

Agnes Vader, of No. 3940 Penn avenue. reported at the Seventeenth ward police station yesterday morning that she had been robbed. She was to have been married to-day, and her intended husband gay her \$350 and a ring valued at \$25, which she locked in her trunk. On Monday night she had an altereation with Robert Means, a boarder and also a rejected lover. On get-ting up vesterday morning she found her room had been entered, the trunk broken open and the money and ring were missing. Upon investigation other articles of minor value were also missed. Means' room-mate reported that \$20 was missing from his pants pocke. At a late hour last night Means had not been apprehended. He is well known to the police, and they are on the lookout for him

Inspected the Work at Walls.

President Roberts, General Manager Pugh, General Superintendent F. L. Shep pard and other officials of the Pennsylvania road attended the sale of the Allegheny Valley yesterday. They put up at the Duquesne and spent the night here. The offi-cials took advantage of the opportunity to inspect the new work at Wall station. They were out there in the afternoon with Super-intendent Pitcairn. The party will return East this morning over the West Penn road. This division was neglected last year, but considerable money will be spent on it next summer. Vice President Green smiled broadly when asked about the proposed new depot, and replied that the newspapers knew more about it than the railway officials.

To Be Extended to Lake Michigan.

The directors of the Grand Rapids and Indiana road held a meeting yesterday in the offices of the Pennsylvania Company. President Hughart said the object was to dispose of some routine business held over from a former meeting and to discuss plans to extend the road for 50 miles to Manistee, on Lake Michigan. The line is controlled by the Pennsylvania road and is a valuable connection running through Michigan. The extension will be made next summer. Mr. Hughart said they hadn't decided where the branch would touch the main line. Among those present were Auditor F. A. Gorham, W. O. Hughart, Jr., Chief Clerk George Bucher and H. J. Hollister, of Grand Rapids.

To Elect Chiefs Again.

special session of Councils has been called for next Monday to elect chiefs of departments. The charter provides that they be chosen by Councils on the third Monday of December every four years. Chiefs Brown, Bigelow and Elliot were elected in 1887, and their terms are now about to expire. In all probability the election will not take more than a few minutes. There is no opposition to the present heads of the Departments of Public Safety, Public Works and Charities, and their re-election is assured.

Changes After the Lapse of Years.

Roland Reed, of Red Wing, Minn., was in the city yesterday bound for Kellersville, on the Allegheny Valley road, to pay a visit to his aged parents. Mr. Reed left here in 1855, and this is the first time he has been back. He was surprised to see all vestiges of the old canal gone. The Union depot, he said, is built over the ancient water way. He drove along the canal to Johnstown when he lived in these

They Are Wealthy Bankers.

The Baltimore and Ohio foreign stockholders left yesterday morning for Baltimore. Division Passenger Agent E. D. Smith went with them as far as Ohio Pyle. He says they are very wealthy bankers, and represent other foreign moneyed men. Mr. Fleming, the Dundee banker, received 21 messages at the Monongahela House, 11 of

which were cablegrams. Gallinger, Jeweler, Still at the old stand, 1200 Penn avenue.

JILES WRITES NOTES bers. He is a brick and stone contractor and is quite well fixed financially.

That Do Not Please a Portion of His Democratic Constituents.

THE STATE COMMITTEE CONTEST.

Two Republican Clubs Indorse Miller for the Collectorship.

STRAIGHTOUT LEADERS MUST PAY UP

Pittsburg Democrats were considerably stirred up yesterday by a few of them receiving from John Jiles, a clerk in the office of Secretary of State Harrity at Harrisburg, the following letter. It was written on State Department paper and bore all the evidences of being official. The letter

My DEAR SIR-In accordance with the rules of the Democratic party in Allegheny county the County Committee will meet at Pittsburg on the first Saturday of January next to organize for 1892 and elect one member to the State Central Committee from each Sen-atorial district. I am the present member of the State Central Committee from the Forty-fourth Senatorial district, in which you reside. I am exceedingly anxious to be re-elected to the State Committee for next year. I would, therefore, deem it a favor if you would attend the meeting and give me

your support.

I will be at the Jury Commissioner's office in Pittsburg from December 20 to January 4, when I will be engaged at filling the jury wheel. If you are in the city at that time I would be pleased to see you.

Yours very truly, JOHN W. JILES.

With the letter was enclosed a blank slip equesting names to fill the jury wheel. The local Democrats complain that Mr. Jiles is holding too many offices and they protest in vigorous language against his using the jury wheel to further his campaign. They contend that when he left Pittsburg to accept a place in the State De-partment and became a resident of Harris-burg he should have resigned as Jury Commissioner. The letters are being circulated missioner. The letters are being circulated through the district, and every possible effort is being made to defeat Jiles on the ground of his office holding proclivities.

A Democratic leader said yesterday:
"This is the first time that it was known." that the jury wheel is being worked openly for the use of the Jury Commissioner. The

proper selection of jurors. Mr. Jiles is holding three offices at present, viz: Clerk at Harrisburg, Jury Commissioner and member of the State Committee." WARMCASTLE HOLDING ON.

court should sit down on such uses of the

jury wheel, as it is against decency and the

He Has Received No Further Intimation as to the Length of His Official Life—The Young Men's Republican Tariff Club Formally Indorses Candidate Miller,

Collector Warmcastle heard nothing from Washington yesterday regarding his trouble. Agent Mason, a brother of the Commissioners of Internal Revenue, is still in Pittsburg and daily visits Mr. Wormcastle's office. "I will not resign," Mr. Wormcas-tle said yesterday, "and I really don't know whether I will be removed. The fact that I am still in charge of the office is sufficient evidence that I have not lost the confidence of the department.

A largely attended meeting of the Young Men's Republican Tariff Club was held last night, over 300 members being present. President Ford called the meeting to order and amounced that the object was to consider the candidacy of George W. Miller, Esq., a fellow member, for the Collectorship of Internal Revenue in the Twentysecond district. Speeches in support of Mr. Miller's claims were made by Mr. C. L. Magee, Senator Flinn, Dr. A. Æ. McCandless, Sheriff McCleary, Judge Gripp and about 20 others. The following resolutions were adopted unanimously:

Whereas, A vacancy is likely to occur in the office of Collector of Internal Revenue in the Twenty-second district of Pennsylva-nia, now held by Samuel D. Warmeastle, Esp. and

nia, now held by Samuel D. Warmcastle, Esq.; and, Whereas, We recognize in the person of George W. Miller, Esq., an officer of our club, an applicant for said position (if the vacancy occurs), a man of excellent social and official reputation, a hard and earnest worker in the Rpublican ranks, and a man able and competent in every respect to perform the duties of the said position; therefore,

fore,
Resolved, That the Young Men's Republican Tariff Club of Pittsburg indorse the candidacy of George W. Miller and recommend him for the appointment to His Excellency, Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States.

The Eleventh Ward Republican Club

adopted similar resolutions at its meeting

WOES OF THE STRAIGHTOUTS.

A Judgment Secured Against the Leaders of the Movement,

Alderman Black, yesterday, announced his decision in the suits brought by clerks against the campaign committee of the "Straightout" Republicans to recover wages for clerical work performed at the "Straightout" headquarters during the campaign. The plaintiffs were five young ladies for amounts ranging from \$9 to \$20, and J. O. H. Black for \$76 75. The total amount was about \$150. The Alderman gave judgment for the amounts claimed against all of the defendants except David Smith and William Arbogast, who were not served in time, and W. S. Nesbet and Samuel Leary, who showed they were not members of the com-

The other members of the committee against whom judgment is given, are Chair-man, Thomas P. Fleeson; Vice Chairman, W. F. Trumble; Secretary, John M. Dunn, and Alfred Morland, Frank Anderson, W. C. Ranson, W. M. Loughry, John Ray, John Sloan, William Arnold, Charles Dal-zell, William McClelland, T. S. Freeland, John Moffit, Captain J. D. Walker, Will-iam Scott, David Hall, Peter Moul, Cap-tain S. G. Brouff, Morgan Z. Evans, Thomas tain S. G. Brouff, Morgan Z. Evans, Thomas A. Watson, Joseph T. Ritchey and Abra-ham Faust. It is stated that there other suits that will be brought.

TAXPAYERS IN POLITICS.

A Twenty-Ninth Ward Ticket in the Field for February.

The Taxpayers' Protective Association, of the Twenty-ninth ward, held a meeting last night and elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, Charles Breitweiser; Vice President, C. W. Kauffield; Secretary, W. J. Pritchard; Treasurer, W. H. Dearbaum. An Executive Committee of 15 citizens was appointed to take charge of and manage the campaign during the

February elections.

The committee to which had been referred The committee to which had been referred the matter of forming a ward ticket recom-mended the following, which was unani-mously endorsed. For Select Council, Chas. Breitweiser; for Select Council, Dr. A. D. Brewster; School Director, A. J. Day and A. J. Locke; Ward Assessor, Thos. Walters.

Ferguson Suggested for Collector.

It was reported in Lawrenceville last night that Mr. Hugh Ferguson, of the Seventeenth ward, would be an applicant for the office of Collector of Internal Revenue, in case Mr. Warmcastle should resign. Mr. Ferguson was seen and said that he knew nothing about it; he had received some letters on the subject, but did not think he would be a candidate. Mr. Fergu-son represents the Seventeenth ward in Common Council, and has held the seat for Mr. Ferguson was seen and said that so long that he is one of the veteran mem-

IT'S NOT A WHITEWASH.

Chairman Henricks Tells Why Charges Against Murphy Have Not Been Pushed-He Denles Any Deal and Is Not a National Delegate Candidate.

Chairman Henricks, of the sub-Auditing Committee, says he was put in bad light by the statements of the sub-Auditing Com-mittee on curative legislation Monday night. Yesterday he said:

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The sub-auditing committee commissioned Dr. Gilliford and myself to secure under oath such evidence as might be offered pertinent to the audit. Many things developed that were not strictly the duty of auditing committee that did not pertain to moneys due the city, but were rather charges affecting the Police Department. Some of these charges dating years back and were outlawed by the statutes, other charges were in the nature of hearsay evidence. These lawed by the statutes, other charges were in the nature of hearsay evidence. These statements and rumors were not worthy of consideration unless they were made under oath, yet so interested and inflamed has the public mind become that while it was not perhaps the duty of the Anding Committee to report or touch upon, yet desiring to fully investigate and properly determine the facts in Chief Murphy's case as well as was done in others preceding his. I offered a resolution that all matters charged or appearing be referred to the city attordey to bring such charges, in such places as the evidence justified, and in the event of the evidence not justifying prosecution to report to Councils giving the reasons therefore.

tion to report to Councils giving the reasons therefore.

Mr. Lewis in committee supported this resolution in quite a speech and it carried without a dissenting voice. Now to make this resolution binding it must pass Councils and as to-morrow's will be the first meeting since the committees there has been no chance to have the matter reach the City Attorney in an authorative form. The matter in Chief Murphy's case depends entirely on evidence of witnesses who may be reliable or otherwise, and as such matters should be passed on by a man learned in the law, and for that reason I believe the City Attorney the proper person to pass ity Attorney the proper person to pas-person. It is not best to make a lot o city Attorney the proper person to pass thereon. It is not best to make a lot of charges and perhaps have them fall to the ground, and it is only fair that Chief Murphy be only confronted with charges that have substance, and not by a lot of rubbish that might be furnished by a go-as-you-please investigation by a committee.

It is both fair to the city, fair to Chief Murphy that the matter be quickly sent to the attorneys, and then we have done our duty, and if Mr. Murphy be cleared no charges of white-wash or personal spite can be lodged against the committee. I have not made any charges against Chief Murphy, only desire that the resolution be passed by Council and a full investigation be made in a legal way. I also deny that I have make any deal with Chief Murphy or his friends to secure election or be delegate to the National Convention. In fact I have not decided to be a candidate.

W. L. Brown was also seen and denies he

W. L. Brown was also seen and denies he was told by Mr. Hendricks to drop work against Murphy. He says he has never furnished any evidence against Murphy.

WANT CHEAPER FARES.

Sharpsburg Citizens Like Electricity but Object to the Prices.

The people of Sharpsburg and Lawrence ville are delighted with the new electric line between those points. The only drawback is that the fare is 10 cents from the city. A meeting of the citizens of Lawrenceville between Forty eighth street and the Sharpsburg bridge was held in the school house which was presided over by Alderman Mc-Neirney. A committee of 24 were appointed to confer with the traction company on the question of one fare, at least between the bridge and the city. The project, however was killed in the committee.

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The Alderman thinks that but one fare should be charged in order to secure the patronage. At present the Allegheny Valley furnish commutation tickets at 6 cents and if the traction company hope to secure the patronage they must come down to that

AN INVESTIGATION TO COME.

Unexplained Circumstances of the Death of Mrs. Millinger.

Dr. Ryall, of Charties fownship, reported to Coroner McDowell last night that Mrs. Millinger had died there very suddenly vesterday. There had been no attending physician in the case, and the doctor could not tell what ailed her. In answer to questions by the coroner, the doctor said he had heard there was some trouble in the family, but he knew nothing of it per-

sonally.

Mrs. Millinger was about 33 years old and lived near the city line and Dr. Ryall did not know anything more of her condi-tion in life. He was delegated to learn what he could and see the coroner this morning.

Temperance Women in Secret Session. A special meeting of the County Women's Christian Temperance Union was held yesterday afternoon in the Sterritt building, Allegheny. It was reported that the object of the meeting was to consider the project to erect a temperance tabernacle. This idea was originated by a Temperance Legion in Soho, and it is claimed by some of the old workers that the name of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was being used. The meeting was held with closed doors. When the session ended it was andoors. nounced that only private business of no concern to the public had been transacted.

Rather Poor Showing for the Year.

The statement of the business of the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad including the Little Miami for November, shows a decrease of \$35,-861 32 in gross earnings, a reduction of \$41,479 75 in expenses and an increase of \$5,618 43 in net earnings. The 11 months of 1891 compared with the same period of 1890 show a decrease in net earnings of \$5,615.75. The gross earnings dropped \$695,697 10, but the expenses were held down \$690,081.35.

Voigt Held for a Court Trial. Edward H. Voigt, arrested on a second charge of embezzlement and larceny from the Miller Hardware Company, was given a preliminary hearing yesterday before Alderman Succop and held in \$3,000 for court. The evidence brought out was similar to the accounts already published in regard to Voigt's shortages. Charles Humbert and A. Voight, an uncle of the defendant, furnished the necessary bail and Voigt was

Arrested by the Clearfield Sheriff. Sheriff McCloskey, of Clearfield, likes Pittsburg, and is still here, stopping at the St. James. Yesterday he arrested S. E. Heathcote, who is charged with desertion by his wife. Heathcote was employed in the Allegheny yards of the Ft. Wayne road. He will be taken to Clearfield to answer

the charge.

released.

Prisoners to Testify. Ex-Alderman Doughty, J. D. Bauder and Mary Foley were brought from the workhouse, where they are serving sentences, vesterday and placed in jail. They will b taken before the grand jury to-day to give testimony in a perjury case that grew out of the famous Bauder gang conspiracy cases.

ON THE NORTHSIDE.

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THEIR PLEA FOR LOWER RATES

Referred to a Committee Knowing Nothing of the Situation.

THE REASONS GIVEN FOR A REVISION

The pig iron manufacturers of the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys made another appeal to the railroads yesterday for a reduction in rates. A similar request for cheaper coke was made last winter, but the roads gracefully declined, claiming that they could not afford it, and arguing that the iron business was really not so bad after all. The present pig iron rates between the valleys and Pittsburg, Cleveland and Wheel-ing are 70 cents per ton. The furnace men have asked for a cut of 35 per cent, which would make the rate about 50 cents per ton.

The Pittsburg and Youngstown committees of freight agents met at the Lake Shore office vesterday to consider the proposition. All the roads interested were represented. General Freight Agent Sam P. Shane, of Cleveland, was there for the Erie system. Harry E. Passavant, Secretary of he Mahoning and Shenango Iron Manufacturers' Association, was on hand to push the claims of the iron men.

A Favorable Recommendation Made. The local agents are in sympathy with the valley people, but they have not the authority to make the reduction. The matter after some discussion was referred to the Iron Committee of the Central Traffic Association with a favorable recommendation. General Freight Agent Cromlish, of the Pittsburg and Western, said the Association would grant the request if the Iron Committee favored it.

The iron men are disgusted with the red tape of the railroads. Referring the request to Chicago takes the subject out of the hands of the people who best understand the situation, and it is equal almost stand the situation, and it is equal almost to a refusal from the start. A furnace man in speaking of the matter said: "What do the people of Chicago care about us or our business? They see the railroads blockaded with the grain traffic, and in the excitement they lose sight of everything else. Local freight is forgotten. They are not in sympathy with the pig iron men, and our arguments are brushed aside as trifling. These men are arrivers to maintain hig per. These men are anxious to maintain big per-centages in the Eastern and Western ship-

A Charge of Discrimination.

"The roads carry grain to the seaboard at a rate that is ridiculous and absurd com-pared with what we have to pay on iron. The profits in grain are not nearly as large as the roads reap from the 1ron business of the country. Every day I see lots of empty cars going west through Yourgstown. They have been to the seaboard and are returning for more grain. At the same time the seaboard and are returning for more grain. time the manufacturers of mill and mer-chant iron in the valleys can't compete in Chicago and St. Louis markets, because mills located near these cities have cheaper freight rates.

"When the iron business is good you never hear iron manufacturers grumbling about freight rates. It makes little difference to us whether we pay \$1 per ton or 70 cents. In ordinary good times the Western manufacturers can't compete with us, and buyers are compelled to come to the val-levs for their iron. The Mahoning and She-nango manufacturers control the merchant iron trade of the United States. I am not speaking about steel now. Pig iron was never sold so low in the history of the busi-ness as at present. A ton of mill iron sells

The Duty of the Railroads. "With the trade in so bad a condition we have no fear of Southern competition, and

at this time the railroads ought to be will-ing to help us. The day is coming when the lines will be in closer touch with their patrons, and as business goes up or down rates will vary accordingly. This is the only way to get along successfully. The furnace men are running in the valleys now to make money enough to meet their ore payments as they become due. They have a year's supply of ore on hand, and must pay for it. The stock is piled up, and a lit-

tle is sold as necessity compels. "The ore men did the square thing this ear. When they saw the condition of the trade they reduced their product. Ore will be 50 cents per ton higher next year, and this is only fair. The railroads ought to bear their share of the burden."

PRESERVE THIS.

Special.

The Misfit Clothing Parlors, 516 Smithfield street, will be open evenings until 8:30 from to-morrow (Thursday) until Christmas eve. Fine silk and satin-lined overcoats at \$15, \$18, \$20, \$25, \$30, \$35 and \$40. Prince Albert suits at \$22 50, \$25 and \$30. Full dress suits at \$22, \$25, \$30 and \$35. Cutaway and sack suits from \$12 to \$30. Our prices are just about one-half what your tailors would charge you and we give you as good in every particular. Remember, we are open evenings for one week from to-morrow until the 24th.

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GOLD pens, with silver, pearl and gold pen holders, including a Pittsburg souvenir in sterling silver—the finest assortment in the city. JOSEPH EICHBAUM & Co., MWF 48 Fifth avenue. ****************

OPPOSE THE TEMPLE.

The Central Executive Committee of the W. C. T. U. Holds a Stormy Meeting-Mrs. Colbert Retracts Her Former Stafements and All Is Harmony Again. The Central Executive Committee of the W. C. T. U. of Allegheny county, consisting of the general officers, with Miss A. M. Jones, County Superintendent of Loyal

Temperance Legion work, met yesterday

afternoon to investigate the "Temperance Temple affair." Mrs. Sarah Colbert, the

projector of the temple idea, was present and

projector of the temple idea, was present and stated her original idea was to locate the structure at McKee's Rocks. President Porter asked where she proposed to locate it now. The lady answered it was not decided upon. President Porter then said:

"You have undertaken a great task, and in reporting the same to the press have made some serious charges against the County Woman's Christian Temperance made some serious charges against the County Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and, while the union is prosecuting juvenile work, it has never authorized or sanctioned any project for building a temple, let alone impose such a heavy task on a band of children. We have not been consulted, have not authorized any money collected, and have never made a single effort to get possession of any money col-lected, notwithstanding the letter printed over your local treasurer's own signature These reports must be retracted, and that immediately. We cannot and will not be brought before the public in such a light. You claim that you have been wronged and misunderstood, but the printed statements of both secretary and treasurer of your own

Loyal Temperance Legion do not sustain this claim. These charges must be re-tracted by you so far as they refer to the W. C. T. U. Extracts from the letters referred to were read and then Miss S. E. Gemmell, Vice President, offered the following:

Resolved, That we, the executive officers of the Allegheav county W. C. T. U., request Mrs. Colbert to retract the following printed statements that the officers of the W. C. T. U. desire only the "money and honor, after others have done the work."

The resolution was adopted and a paper was prepared and signed by Mrs. Colbert, with the full knowledge that the same was to be given to the public. The paper was:

Mas:

I. Sarah Colbert, fully exonerate the officials of the County W. C. T. U. from all participation in the matter of building a temperance temple, and I also retract the reports that the W. C. T. U. has asked for any of the money, and I hereby state the members of the W. C. T. U. we's entirely ignorant of the movement, but owing to newspaper reports and my ignorance in knowing to whom to report, the whole affair has been a great mistake.

During the investigation the lady stated that the temple "trick cards" were used originally at McKee's Rocks, were gotten out before she became a resident of Pittsburg or had connected herself with the Manchester branch of the W. C. T. U., and entirely on her own responsibility withou the indorsement of the W. C. T. U. organization, either county or local.

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Pittsburg and Allegheny Home for the Friendless, held on December 3, 1891, the following minute was read and approved The Board of Managers of the Home for the Friendless has heard with sorrow of the death of Mrs. James Laughlin, who was one of the pioneers in this work of charity and who has continued an interested member of this board since its organization in 1861.
We desire to express not only profound regret at this sad event, but also a deep sense of gratitude to the kind Providence which has permitted this, our fellow man-ager, to remain with us for these 30 years of

beholding the unhoped-for and gracious benefits which the Lord has bestowed upon We offer our sincere sympathy to the friends and family of the deceased, calling to their remembrance the comforting as-surance that it is of these blessed ones it has been written: "They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them?".

our existence as an institution to counse and help us, as well as to rejoice with us in

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President, MRS. SULLIVAN JO Secretary.

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See our windows to-day for ideas of Christnas presents. CAMPBELL & DICK. SILK umbrellas for Christmas presents. JAMES H. AIKEN & Co., 100 Fifth ave. HAVE you tried Minnehaha flour?

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The New Central Station

Speaking of the ordinance introduced fonday for a new Central station, Chief Brown said yesterday: "The matter is in indefinite shape as yet and I can scarcely express an opinion as to whether we will get the new Central station next year or not. But I feel it is necessary and will make an effort."

The Leading Dry Goods House. Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1891.

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In endless variety of patterns, 1 to 18 inches in width, 4c a yard and upward.

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9 inches wide, 15c a yard and up-You will find many useful and desirable things for Christmas giving in our stock of Duchesse Lace-D'Oyleys, Cushion Covers and Handkerchiefs. We offer a special Duchesse Lace Handkerchief at 50c -prices range from this to \$40 apiece. Duchesse Laces from 1 to

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