COMMISSIONER JILES' CONTEST.

Soldiers of the Two Cities Organize to Demand Recognition in the Coming Local Campaign.

WEST VIRGINIA WILL BE VERY CLOSE.

Effect of the Appointment of Goff and Elkins on the Presidental Contest.

Judge Slagle, acting for the other members of the Allegheny county bench, yesterday signified his intention of personally superintending the filling of the jury wheel next week. Judge Slagle has been chosen by his associates to watch the selecfriends in Pittsburg.

Mr. Jiles is now employed in the State Department at Harrisburg. The letter referred to was exclusively given in THE DIS-PATCH on Wednesday. It solicited votes for Jiles, who is making an effort to be reelected a member of the Democratic State Central Committee. Inclosed with each letter was a slip for names to be put into the jury wheel. The publication of the letter created somewhat of a sensation among the local Democrats.

The Judges Decide to Act. Those opposed to Mr. Jiles called the attention of the judges to his peculiar method of campaign, and as a result Judge Slagle has decided to see that the jury wheel is filled by representative citizens from all over the county and not from the district in which Mr. Jijes lives. The work of filling the jury wheel will be commenced on Monday next. Mr. Jiles is now in the city for se of doing the work, and has not vet been officially informed that the Court ned to assist him and superin-

A gentleman who came from Harrisburg to Pittsburg vesterday, announced that the State administration wanted Mr. Jiles de-feated in his fight for re-election to the State Committee. Mr. Jiles says he is not running as the administration's candidate, ut the fact that he holds an office under, and enjoys the confidence of Secretary Harrity, gives the report that the adminisration is against him weight among the Those Interested in the Contest.

P. Foley, Ed S. Kennedy, Chairman Brennen and others are supporting Mr. biles, while T. O'Leary, Jr., John B. Larkin and their adherents are helping Mr. Clark in his fight for Mr. Jiles' seat on the State Committee. Jiles and his friends are the letter written from Harrisburg, and through which it is alleged he was endeavoring to use the jury wheel to promote his olitical future, is being used effectively

Clark's friends are also hard at work, though Mr. Clark's strength in the district makes his personal campaign labors com-paratively light.

SOLDIERS IN POLITICS.

The Organization of the Late Campaign to Be Revived for the Local Struggle-A Determined Effort to Secure More Recognition for the Veterans,

arnath again as vigorously as they were in the Gregg and Morrison campaign. They are preparing to do active work in the spring elections and it is probable that in a short time they will organize a central club on the same plan as the one during the recent State election. In the Sixth. Ninth and Eleventh wards, Alleghenv, the organizations have been continued and are only waiting for a soldier candidate to reach out for his opponent's scalp.
Cantain Barbour, one of the leading spirits in veteran circles and a Demograt in politics, is taking active part in soldier political organizations and wants to see them made permanent. He is the captain of the Sixth Ward Club, and yesterstated that in the February election they would do netive work.

We have over 200 members in the Sixth,

Ninth and Eleventh wards," he stated. "They belong to both political parties and are ready to vote for their comrades. In position is just the kind of a one able to do hard work, and we propose to see that such a party will get it. The profesoffices long enough. The clubs formed during the State cam-

paign were only temporary. They were dropped, but can be brought together again with little trouble. There are two vet-crans' clubs on the Southside that are going to take part in the Pittsburg election, and affairs. In a short time these will unite i a central club, to which delegates will be sent, and after the February election we commence planning for the one in November, We intend to have something to say about who will go to the Legisla-ture," he added, with a sly wink, "and also with regard to county officials."

"Will you give your support to Colonel Quay in case he and Dalzell are candidates for United States Senator?

"That is too far away," answered the Cap-in. Quay was a soldier, and, of course, Palzell was too young to be, but then inited States Senators are not elected by direct vote. It will be our effort to send to the Legislature without any political strings tied to them. They can then vote for whoever they please. Besides there may be a Democratic soldier candiand, you know, we are non-political. I think the Allegheny county organization will be made immediately after the first of he year. The Philadelphia veterans have made their central club permanent, and other parts of the State will follow suit."

REATNE OR HARRISON

Mr. Kerens Says Elkins' Appointment Has Nothing to De With the Presidency.

B. C. Kerens, of St. Louis, President of the "Cotton Belt" road, and a business associate of Steve Elkins in the West Virginia Central, passed through the city last evening going to Washington. Mr. Kerens is a close friend of the President, but he is closer to Elkins and Blaine. Elkins and he played together when boys, and their money has been invested in the same enterprises for years. Mr. Kerens save that the appointment of Mr. Elkins to be Secretary of War has nothing to do with the Presidency. Elkins has won his spurs, and he deserves the position on his own merits. He thinks it will be satisfactory to W. C. McEldowney and Emil Sparr, both

Speaking of 1872, Mr. Kerens said: "I don't believe Mr. Blaine knows what he will do, and this is why he doesn't answer the clamors of the people. It is settled that either Harrison or Blaine will be the Re-publican nominee. If it is Blaine, the will necede gracefully, and vice versa. Mr. Harrison is growing more in favor every day. His administration has been clean and able, and when the voters stop to ward on the Democratic side of the house.

think, they admit it. Blaine and Harrison make a strong team. The personal popularity of the Secretary of State is something wonderful.

Jeff Chandler, a prominent Democratic lawyer of St. Louis, accompanied Mr. Kerens to Washington. Mr. Chandler has a number of important cases before the Supreme Court, and he will spend the winter in the capital. He favors Gorman for the capital. President, and he says Cleveland has lost much of his popularity in the South and West. The Maryland Senator is the same type of man as Speaker Crisp, cool, level-headed and conservative, with clean hands. Mr. Chandler said also that Mills had consented to be Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee with the understanding that he will not force his free trade views, but be governed by the policy of the

WEST VIRGINIA CLOSE,

With Good Prospects for the Republicans in the Presidental Contest-The Effect of the Appointment of Goff and

William Seymour Edwards, a Charleston, W. Va., attorney, and one of the prominent Republican politicians in the State, was in Pittsburg vesterday and stopped at the Duquesne Club. He was a candidate for State Senator in 1888, and was a victim of the vigorous electioneering carried on by outside Democrats in West Virginia. He week in view of the letter written recently by Jury Commissioner Jiles to political on account of its being sprung too late for contradiction, Mr. Edwards thinks, was re-sponsible for the loss of the State to the Republicans. He was particularly well pleased yesterday with the recognition his State is getting from the administration, and said that the prospects are good for Republican success next year.

Eikins a Clever Schemer.

"But wasn't that a neat scheme Elkins worked?" he asked with a laugh. "He and Goff have been like two big school boys after the same girl. They both wanted to be United States Senator, and they were so anxious to get it that Republican interests in the State were neglected in fighting each other. Elkins, I think, was the man that got Goff the Circuit Judgeship. In that way he saw an opportunity to retire a rival and at the same time make a friend. Goff is a good lawyer, and while he would no doubt have preferred the United States Senatorship, he realized that a bird in hand was worth two in the bush, and therefore accepted Elkins' proffered services to get him a place on the bench. Blains did the work, and at the same time secured a place in the Cabinet for Mr. Eikins. This will undoubtedly place the latter in the to become United States Sen-There is no man in the State to take Goff's place as a leader against Elkins. The two men were the bright lights of the State and the retirement of Goff from politics leaves the machinery in the hands of the New York-West Vir-

"Although Mr. Elkins is really a resident of New York, the Republicans of West Virginia do not look upon him as an in-truder and will probably give him whatever he asks. He is a good politician. A Doubtful State Next Time.

"West Virginia will be a very doubtful State in the next election. The trouble there is that every cross-roads storekeeper is a Democrat from the fact that his father and grandfather and great-grandfather, who preceded him in that line of business, were also Democrats. They have all had wonderful influence over the poor whites, and the present sto-ekeeper, pursuing the policy which he did in the last Presidental campaign, will doubtless put up the price of tinware just before the election and then blame it on the McKinley bill. Another difficulty which the Republicans will have to meet will be the howl from disappointed office seekers. There weren't enough places to go around in our State, and all the candidates who didn't get what they asked for are down on Harrison. The appointment of the two favorites, Goff and Elkins, will appease them to a certain extent, and when it is seen that there are offices to be had the The seldiers are getting on the political party men may work a little harder than they intended to. It will be a close pull with excellent chances for the former.'

VIEWS OF LOCAL POLITICIANS

Upon the Reported Retirement of Blaine From the Presidental Field. "What will the Republican leaders of Pennsylvania do if Mr. Blaine is out of the race for the Presidental nomination?" was asked Chairman John Gripp yesterday.

"I don't know," he replied. "I guess they will be forced into line for Harrison." C. L. Mages says Mr. Blaine is not yet out of the race. His most intimate friends, however, say that all indications show that the great Secretary will not go into the contest and will give his earnest support to Harrison

"It begins to look as though the President has been fooling Senator Quay," Chairman Gripp said.
"Mr. Harrison has proven himself a

our ward there will be an Alderman elected next spring, and although there are no candidutes yet we expect to bring one out. The Blaine the Presiden: has so managed things that no other candidate can be in the ght rippled veteran who isn't for the nomination. He has placed the outoll work, and we propose to see spoken Blaine people entirely at his mercy, that such a party will get it. The profes-sional politicians have been getting the him. The recent combination of the Pennsylvania leaders was made to force the President into giving them what they wanted; but Mr. Harrison has given them nothing, but has given Mr. Dalzell assurances of

MR. WARMCASTLE'S CASE.

He Corrects a Misunderstanding in an Interview With Him.

Collector Warmcastle is still in charge of Collector Warmenstle is still in charge of the Internal Revenue Office. When asked yesterday if he had heard anything from Larrabee, Armand Delliss, Michael Dorer, Z. Dorer and Edward Le Grande, a brother Washington regarding his trouble, the Collector said: "No, I have not yet heard

anything about the matter.
"I want to say," Mr. Warmcastle went
on, "that I have been misrepresented and misunderstood by the newspapers. For instance, I did not say that I would not resign. What I did say, when interviewed, was that I had not resigned and that my case was entirely in the hands of the Presi-

Some action is likely to be taken in the

Not Bent on Politics Now.

Ex-Congressman Ray, of Waynesburg, with several Greene county hustlers, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Ray said he was here on private business and politics had nothing to do with his visit. Since Mr. the Twenty-fourth district he has been giving his attention to the law. He didn't that Henry C. Sayres, of his town, was a candidate for the collectorship until he came to Pittsburg. Mr. Ray takss it for granted that whether Colonel Andy Stewart loses his seat in Congress or not that he will be a candidate for re-election. E. F. Acheson has wanted the place since the new distric: was created, and he will probably be the next one to have a turn.

Colored Voters Indorse a Councilman. The Minersville Independent Political dorse a candidate for Common Council. Independent Republicans. The meeting was onesided, and after a number of addresses eulogizing McEldowney and his career in Councils, he was indorsed by the association and pledged the vote of every colored citizen in the ward.

A Candidate for Council. James Cauley has announced himself as a eandidate for Council from the Thirty-third

BROKEN HEALTH LAWS School Principals and Big Doctors Placed Under a Ban, and

EVEN THREATENED WITH ARREST

Pupils Given Permits to Return in Defiance of the Statutes.

BOGUS DEATH CERTIFICATE ISSUED

Every school principal in Pittsburg is under the shadow of a warrant, according to the Health Bureau. They have been receiving children from families in which there has been diphtheria and scarlet fever, and even the patients themselves inside of six days after convalescence. The law expressly states that children living in a house where there is scarlet fever or diphtheria must not return to school within 30 days after death or convalescence. Physicians are more to blame than the principals, for they give these certificates within one-fifth of the time permitted by law.

A number of methods were used to stop this practice, but it was still kept up, and tion of juries and it is stated that he has was one of the men charged with he health of all the school children in the decided to act as Jury Commissioner next the intention of colonizing the State city endangered. Yesterday Chief Clerk city endangered. Yesterday Chief Clerk Wilbur F. McKelvy, of the Health Bureau, sent his inspectors to every school, and the principals were instructed to put out all children who were attending school in violation of the health laws, and that if any more violations were found criminal proceedings would be commenced at once.

The whole matter was brought up by a Penn avenue doctor who had a case of diphtheria, and so reported it to the Bureau of Health. Another doctor was called in, but in four days the patient, which was a 9-yearold child, died. The family wished to bury it in Uniontown, and the doctor to secure ransportation for the body returned a certificate giving croup as the cause of death. On this a shipping permit was given, and the body was shipped without any precaution against contagion. The State Board of Health does not allow the shipment of such bodies under any conditions.

The triely was not discovered for several days, when the first report of the case was discovered, and a comparison showed it was the same case. An inspector was sent to the consulting doctor. When asked what was the cause of death he said: "Didn't the doctor give that on the death certificate?" When told that croup was the cause given he laughed, and asked if it was not diphtheretic croup. He was told it was marked simple croup, and then remarked

Gave a Bogus Death Certificate.

that the case was "pretty croupy."
Ever since that the Department of Public Safety has been trying to find some way by which a prosecution would be made, but there is no possible way to accomplish it, although such things are frequently done and even by the best physicians. The law on the subject says doctors must return the true cause of death, but it is a mere regula-

tion, for it has no penalty attached. When Chief Clerk McKelvy was seen h said: "The law on this point is defective, and we will find a way to have it remedied. The only way we could make the doctor suffer would be to bring an action in deceit To make that effective we would have to prove damages, and to show a specific case of person affected would be next thing to impossible. In fact, it seems that doctors will defy any law in order to keep on the good side of their patients.

Big D ctors Violate the Law. "It is the same thing with the permits for school children. Why, doctors even take the Bureau of Health books, on which is printed 30 days, the time specified by law for children to remain away, and crossing regarded as medical authorities take in the children. Down in the Fourth ward a Ninth street physician of large practice, and a man of national fame, wrote me a letter that pupils in his ward were at tending school within less than ten day; after there had been a contagious disease a

their homes. The letter came on Saturday, and on Monday the inspector was sent to investigate. The first thing he received was a certificate from this very same physician stating that a cer-tain pupil, having been convalescent for six days, had a right to be admitted into the schools, as all danger was passed. The period of 30 days was decided on by a body of physicians, and they ought to know how ng it would take for all danger of con tagion to disappear. The result is that we will prosecute any principal who disobevs this law. They must not pay any attention to doctors' certificates."

FOUR MEN HELD FOR MURDER.

The Death of Napoleon Le Grande Prov More Serious Than Supposed.

'Squire Robb last night concluded the in quest in the case of Napoleon Le Grande, the young man who died at his home in McDonald Thursday from injuries received during a row at the house of a man named Larrabee, at Tom's Run. There had been some doubt as to whether Le Grande's death was caused by typhoid fever and pneumo nia, as at first reported, or from the effects of his injuries. Dr. Morrison, however, who held an autopsy, testified that death had been caused by the blows given Le Grande. The Coroner's jury rendered a verdict that Le Grande came to his death of the dead man, were held for his murder. Jean Lar abee, who, it was charged, struck Le Grande over the head with a beer glass and inflicted the fatal wound, has not been arrested. The other four, who also participated in the fight, were arrested and brought to the city, where they were lodged in jail on the charge of murder. The of ficers are looking for Larrabee.

THEOSOPHY'S explanation of the origin and growth of man in THE DISPATCH to morrow. All the news. A paper for every

More Trouble for the Straightouts. The Straightout party, in its attempt at reform, has been struck by another law suit. The latest was entered vesterday against candidate Fitzsimmons, by the Ray was turned down for a second term in Pittsburg Printing Company, for between \$40 and \$50, which, it is claimed, is due on the famous circular issued by the Straight outs, in which leading members of the Republican and Democratic parties are caricatured as supporting Judges Kennedy Porter and McClung on a platform. Secre tary Dunn, of the Straightout Com claims the printing company stuffed the order 10,000, and that they do not owe the money claimed. The hearing will take place before Alderman Gripp, on Decem-

> Left to the Discretion of the Roads. General Passenger Agent A. E. Clark, of the Lake Erie road, is back from the meeting of agents in New York. It was decided to take the payment of commissions out of the hands of the board of rulings, and leave it to the discretion of the railroads. This means that the boycott on the Alton road has been raised. Some of the big roads

may refuse for a time to put their tickets on sale, but in the end they will line up with the Erie and other railroads. Gallinger, Jeweler, Still at the old stand, 1200 Penn avenue. Call and see him.

WESTINGHOUSE DENIES IT.

He Says There Is No Truth in the Story of the Air Brake Company Giving Up a Million-A Statement From Bannister -A Libel Suit Promised.

A story was printed in an afternoon paper

resterday to the effect that some months ago George H. Westinghouse, who was then n financial difficulties, demanded from the Westinghouse Airbrake Company \$500,000 to help him out of his trouble. The money was refused him, so the story goes, and it is alleged that he produced an old agreement between himself and the company which gave him alone the power to fix the price at which airbrakes should be sold, and that in consideration of giving up and rescinding this agreement the Airbrake Company thereupon paid Mr. Westinghouse an equiva-lent of \$1,000,000. The payment is alleged to have been made on the advice of the at-torney of the company who examined the agreement between Mr. Westinghouse and his company. In connection with the story were statements that the money thus ob-tained was devoted to a liquidation of an encumbrance upon Mr. Westinghouse's real estate. The publication attracted wide-spread attention and was liberally dis-cussed, especially in financial circles. Lem-uel Bannister, Vice President of the West-inghouse Electric Company and a stockinghouse Electric Company, and a stockholder in the Airbrake company, was visited at his home last night by a DISPATCH reporter. He had read the evening paper story, and he had consulted with his business associates and employes in regard to it. "There is absolutely no foundation for the story," Mr. Bannister said. He laughed pleasantly when he talked. "The story refutes itself," he went on. "Our company has had many dealings with Mr. Westinghouse, but they have all been satisfactor to the company and to Mr. Westinghouse. "You say you are a member of the airorake compan "Yes, sir; I am a stockholder in the com-

"You would then be in a position to know if your company had been squeezed for a million dollars?"

"I certainly would. As a stockholder in the company I tell you the story has no Mr. John Caldwell, treasurer of the Philadelphia Company, was also questioned concerning the matter, but positively declined to talk. The capital stock of the airbrake company is \$5,000,000, and the amount alleged to have been secured by Mr. Westinghouse would amount to 20 per cent. The fact that the connection of several officials with the Westinghouse interests surrency to the story on the street yester-

A special telegram from New York says: Mr. Westinghouse says that he does not propose to make any detailed statement about the story printed in the Pittsburg afternoon paper, but that it is untrue and libelous, and that he will prosecute because of the publication.

CABLE service from every capital of Europe to-day. The news of the Old World graphically reported for THE DISPATCH

WILL GO INTO COURT. Prospects of a Fight Over the Recent Street Railway Combine

The fusion of the Pittsburg and Duquesn traction lines is likely to meet with serious obstacles. The claim has been made that laws of the State prohibit any such relations between parallel lines. It is intimated that Attorney Thomas Bigelow will take the matter into court. He is Vice President of the Pittsburg Traction Company, and was the only open objector to the plan at Thursday's meeting of the stockholders. Attorne; Bigelow was also President of the Central Transit Com-pany and the Pittsburg, Oakland and East Liberty Company, both of which positions he resigned Thursday this out mark in the exact time. Doctors of the give these within six or seven days after convalescence and the school principal assured by physicians who are regarded as making and the school principal assured by physicians who are regarded as making and the school principal assured by physicians who are regarded as making and the school principal assured by physicians who are regarded as making and crossing because to consummate the deal the signature of the President of each company affected was necessary, and he did not wish to sign. Colonel Elkins was chosen to fill the recent places.

Bigelow did not care to discuss the matter freely vesterday, but said it would unquestionably get into court. He verified the statement that he had resigned from the Presidency of the companies men-tioned because he was opposed to the deal.

WAITING FOR THE BILLS.

Fate of the Allegheny Accused to Known To-Day. The cases against Mayor Wyman, ex Mayor Pearson and Market Clerk Hastings, of Allegheny, were before the grand jury vesterday. Bills have not yet been returned to court, but it was reliably stated findings of a true bill were made against each of the accused, and that returns will

be made early this morning.

The cases will be pushed as rapidly as possible. It is expected that the trial of Mayor Wyman will be a long one and that new information will be brought out. It is stated now that the delay in the proceedings against Chief Murphy has been made in order to see the disposition of the cases against the other accused men, and if things progress as the reformers desire, that Murphy will be immediately put on the

Will Remove to Pittsburg. The importance of Pittsburg as a railroad enter and a good source of passenger and treight traffic is becoming more apparent every day. Most of the Western lines have representatives here in both departments. The latest change is the removal of the Eastern passenger agency of the Chicago, St. Paul and Kansas City road from Phila-delphia to Pittsburg, W. P. Cooley, the general Eastern agent, will be found at 215 Wood street after January 1. His road is one of the best between Chicago, St. Paul and Kansas City. Mr. Cooley is well known and popular, and will certainly find plenty of profitable business in Pittsburg.

Remonstrance Against a Switch. A remonstrance signed by nearly 50 property holders of the Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth wards has been prepared to present to Councils, protesting against the laying of switches for the Armour Beef Company, on South Twenty-first street, be-tween Sidney and Carson streets, as pro-

tween Sidney and Carson streets, as proposed by an ordinance now pending in Councils. The paper is signed by such men as James Bryce, William Sankey's Sons, H. C. Gearing, G. L. Gearing, C. H. Stolzenbach, Dr. Z. T. Miller, C. Borner, William Wigman, Dr. J. M. Duff, E. E. Cotton, F. A. Erny and others. An Allegheny Girl Makes a Sensation. Miss Lillie Merriman, a clerk in a Chicago store, whose parents live at 126 Stewart street, Allegheny, has entered suit against Attorney James W. Drouillard, of Chicago, on a charge of threatening to kill her. She states that Drouillard had been her lover, that they had quarreled, and that defendant had planned a system of revenge on her. The parents of Miss Merriman know very little of the case. They say she is 26 years old, and seem to think she is able to take

care of herself. She formerly clerked in

Joseph Horne's retail stores in Pittsburg, and has been in Chicago three years.

Altoons Got the Prize This Year. Supervisor R. T. Morrow, of the Altoons division of the Pennsylvania road, with nine of his foremen, arrived in Pittsburg yesterday, and registered at the Monones hela House. They secured the prize of \$100 tion, and they came to the city to get the money and duly celebrate the event. It is not often that the prize goes to the mountain division, for it is the hardest on the road to keep in condition.

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A RIVER SAND TRUST

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The Move Is Stated to Be in the Interest of Economy, and

NO INCREASED RATES ARE EXPECTED

A consolidation of all the river sand companies about Putsburg into one big concern is the latest fusion movement. The business of digging of sand from the bottom of the river is one that has grown into gigantic proportions during the last few years, and at present no less than 20 steamboats, 150flats, 15 floats, a large number of horses and wagons, and an investment of from \$300,000 to \$350,000 are required to carry on the trade. A number of persons and corporations have been operating independently, but negotiations are about closed by which each concern puts in its equipment at an assessed value, and the whole will form one of the big combinations or trusts of the

through the hands of one management. Sharp competition will cease at once, and harmony and increased profits are expected to result. The objects of the consolidation are to systematize the business, reduce the cost of production, and to increase profits by economy in management. The benefits to be derived by those interested are very apparent. For instance, there are several companies in the business at present, some having offices on the Southside, some in Pittsburg and some in Allegheny. The Southside firms have customers in Pittsburg and Allegheny as well as on the Southside. Those in Pittsburg and Allegheny are similarly situated.

city, and the entire business will pass

Where Economy Will Be Secured. It is of frequent occurrence to haul sand from the Southside to Allegheny, and vice versa, and large sums of money are spent for bridge tolls and the hauling. Hereafter all orders from a particular locality will be filled from the nearest landing, and, besides saving the bridge tolls, the teams engaged in the work can deliver four or five times the amount of sand they could in the old way, and the cost will be materially lessened. The same economy in the production of the article for sale will be practiced as in its distribution. Formerly a single company would have orders from customers from McKeesport to Sewickley, and sand dug at Davis Island dam might have to be delivered at Glenwood, while that taken from the river at Glenwood might have to be towed around to the Allegheny river, costing a great deal in either case for tow-ing and lockage. At the same time an-other company might have a sand digger working in the immediate vicinity from which the order came.

Under the new arrangement this diffi-culty can be almost entirely obviated. A further saving can be made by dispensing with several of the present offices and office forces. No attempt will be made to raise prices to the consumer, but if the plan of consoli ation works well, prices may be

Another Object of the Fusion. It is well known that the sand digger have always been a thorn in the flesh of the coal men and other steamboat men o account of the great obstructions the sand diggers make in the channels of the rivers. Several suits are now pending in the United States Court, on the result of which hangs the destiny of the sand business as it is operated at present. Another object o the combination is to devise means of re-moving the obstructions as fast as they are made. The plan of building scows and moving the obstructions as inst as they are made. The plan of building scows and towing away and dumping in an out-of-the-way place all the refuse of the sand diggers, has been fully discussed, and it is probable t will be adopted

Should this be done, the sand diggers will become a benefit to navigation instead of a detriment to it as they now are. The principal parties concerned in the deal are Stalzenbach & Pheil, the Star Sand Company, the Vigilant Sand Company, the Monongabela Sand Company and Davison Brothers, operating the steam sand diggers, Wharton McKnight, Progross, Little Ike, Vigilant, Pittsburg, Räinbow, Katie Williams, Keystone, Harmony, Star, Genii, Hippopotamus, Ed Davison and J. K. Davison. All the assentials of the deal have already been made, and only the details remain to be adjusted. The new concern will probably be doing business in few days.

Mining Hurt by Bunco Schemes. George L. Scott, editor of the Financial and Mining Review of New York, is at the Duquesne. He says the mining business in the West has been crippled by the bunco schemes that unscrupulous speculators have worked on unsuspecting people. The result is that capitalists are afraid to invest, and many of the companies can't raise money enough to push their work as they should. The business is profitable and legitimate, and Mr. Scott says he knows of no easier way to make a fortune than by putting money into Western mines. The Enterprise Company, of Colorado, turns out 75 car loads of ore per day, each car being worth \$7,000, but this concern can't borrow money in New York, be-cause a Wall street journal has roasted the company. People are afraid to advance them the cash.

To Celebrate the First Union Victory. The thirtieth anniversary of the battle of Dranesville will be celebrated to-night by the Ninth Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserves Association, with a banquet at Turner Hall, Forbes street. It is expected that 200 members of the association will be present. Captain Barbour will be Chairman. The battle of Dranesville is celebrated every year on account of its being the first Union victory. The Ninth Regiment did most of the fighting, and on account of it, takes the credit of first stirring up the spirits of Northern patriots. Among the speakers Northern patriots. Among the speakers will be Judge Collier, Chill Hazzard, Rev. L. Maguire, Captain Taggart and Captain

Given Ten Days to File Objections. In the United States Circuit Court yeserday Judge Acheson confirmed nisi the sale of the Allegheny Valley Railroad by Receiver Barnes. The confirmation will ecome absolute, unless exceptions are filed in ten days. It is not thought that any objections will be raised as the creditors are the purchasers and the \$3,000,000 bid by Widener covers the stockholders.

MARS and its mysteries, as not explained by the great Flammarion. See the 24-page issue of THE DISPATCH to-morrow.

Boring for Water Near the Red Sea, J. R. Watson and Harry Taylor, two oil drillers, will soon sail for Massawan, at the southwestern end of the Red Ses, to bore for water. The Oil Well Supply Company has a contract for \$10,000 with the Italian dovernment to sink artesian wells in the district. The land is almost barren for lack

of irrigation.

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MORE MONEY FOR STRIKERS To Be Given This Week as a Christm

Present-Printers Will Get Full Benefit After January 1-Best's Retirement. The striking printers will be given a Christmas present this week in the shape of increased benefits. The married strikers were given \$9 last week and the single men 86. Enough contributions have been received this week to increase that amount, and on account of the holidays coming it has been determined to give as much as pos-sible. The amount has not yet been settled. After January 1 it was stated vesterday that the printers will be given full benefits or \$16 a week. The 10-cent assessments can-not be levied until the new year, and all money coming in now has been advanced voluntarily. After January 1, 10 cents will be levied on all union printers, the same as dues, and will be forwarded immediately to Pittsburg. This will make it possible to continue the strike indefinitely, and the printers think the employers will get scared when they see the strikers getting their full wages without work and will sign the

It is the opinion of the strikers that the etirement of Mr. Best from the printing firm of Best & Co. was brought about by the present difficulty. Mr. Holliday, who secured Mr. Best's interest, is one of the most determined employers, while it is believed that Mr. Best wanted to sign the scale. The latter was a printer himself and has always sympathized with organized labor, He has been getting the city printing for several years. An effort will be made next March to see that Mr. Holliday is frozen out and that the city's work goes to some union office. It is also stated that Mr. Best will start a union office and that he will continue doing city print-United Mine Workers' Nominations

Nominations for national officers are daily pouring into the headquarters of the United Mine Workers at Columbus. The election will take place in connection with the convention to be held one month hence, Some of the candidates have been nominated for more than one office, and some have been nominated for offices other than the ones they desire. The nominations so far are as follows: For President, John McBride, John P. Jones, W. B. Wilson, P. H. Penna, John Nugent, James White; Vice President, W. B. Wilson, P. H. Penna, Alex Johnson, John Nugent, Joe B. Dellow, Season, Transack, W. C. Pearse. Dalley; Secretary-Treasurer, W. C. Pearce, Patrick McBryde, J. H. Kennedy, W. B. Wilson; members of the board, W. B. Wilson, H. C. Chase, Morgan Lewis, W. C. Pearce, W. C. Webb, M. F. Moran, James White, M. C. White, M. Commesky, James Cantwell, George Rice, John Kane, J. B. Rea, J. Costello, John Nugent.

Tin Plate Making at Baltimore. John B. Taylor, William Thomas and John O. Jones, formerly employed at the United States Iron and Tin Plate Works at McKeesport, have gone to Locust Point, Baltimore, Md., to work in the new tin plate mill just erected at that place. The mill is said to have a big capacity and some time during the present session of Congress the proprietors expect to invite the law makers to examine the new industry.

The Official Guide for December The Official Guide of Pittsburg and Allegheny for December was issued vesterday. It contains all the changes in the winter schedules of the local roads. Division Pas-senger Agent Smith, of the Baltimore and Ohio, is one of the owners and editors, and he went over the time tables himself to insure accuracy.

SENATOR PEFFER, the freak successed of Ingalls, has written a letter on the farmers' attitude toward liquor interests. See it in THE DISPATCH to-morrow.

In Memoriam, At a meeting of the Board of Managers of

the Protestant Home for Incurables, held December 18, the following minute was "The beautiful Home, the gift of the late Jane Holmes, for the care and alleviation of the suffering incurable, has met with an rreparable loss in the death of Raiston, the loved and valued Manager and Treasurer. Her kindness and courtesy embraced all within the compass of he daily life and to the members the employes and inmates of the Home she was full of consideration, thoughtfulness and the charities that soothe and bless. Her heart abounded in sympathy for the suffering, the afflicted and the needy, and she instinctively found her happiness in the happiness of others. The Board sincerely condole with her relatives and feel that they have the consolation, that though her life work is ended, her good deeds will live MARGARET W. SMITH, forever. MARY E. McCandless, Vice President.

Secretary. CHRISTMAS MUSIC BOXES

At H. Kleber & Bro.'s. Cheer up your home by buying one of Kleber Bros.' beautiful music boxes. You cannot find a present which will produce, half the delight and pleasure for both old and young as will the charming music of these boxes. Kleber Bros. are the exclusive agents for the old and well-known Mermod Freres make, and they are selling them at lower prices than such fine goods can usually be bought for. Prices range from \$3 50 to \$175. Store, No. 506 Wood

street, now open every evening. JOKES fresh from Marshall P. Wilde en in THE DISPATCH to-morrow.

Between this and Christmas Eve, and especially to-day, you can save one-third of your money by buying your overcoat at Kaufmanns.' For reasons which do not interest the public, but which are of great importance to us, we have seen fit to cut down 33 per cent the price of every overcoat. You can call to-day and

Buy \$9 overcoats for \$6. Buy \$12 overcoats for \$8. Buy \$15 overcoats for \$10. Buy \$18 overcoats for \$12. Buy \$21 overcoats for \$14. Buy \$24 overcoats for \$16. Buy \$27 overcoats for \$18. Buy \$30 overcoats for \$20. The above reductions are bona fide. Rely KAUFMANNS', on that. Fifth avenue and Smithfield street,

Bome entire new designs at HARDY & HAYES', Jewelers, 529 Smithfield street. Three doors from City Hall. Store open every evening till Christmas.

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Gentlemen's 14-k Solid Gold Hunting stem-winding watches, over 100 designs to select from, with 15 jewels, Elgin or Waltham movement, from \$35 up, according to the weight of the case at Kingsbacher Bros.' great special sale, 516 Wood

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good time-keepers, \$3 50 at the great specia sale. KINGSBACHER BROS., 516 Wood street. JOS. HORNE & Co.'s

Penn Avenue Stores Open evenings until Christmas. ADD 20 drops of Angostura Bitters very glass of impure water you drink.

SILK initial handkerchiefs for Christmas presents at James H. Aiken & Co.'s, 100 WILL BE A GREAT FAIR.

or General Davis Talks About the World's Show in Chicago,

George R. Davis, Director General of the World's Fair, was a passenger on the Eastern express last evening, bound for Connecticut, where he will attend a banquet of the Loyal Legion. He was present at a dinner given by the organization at Terre
Haute Thursday evening, and this is
how he happened to be on a train from St.
Louis. The General is a picturesque looking man at all times, but during the winter
he wears his gray hair longer than usual,
Anyone who has noticed his picture on the
Fair lithographs sent out by enterprising tohereonists would recognize him at once. Mr. bacconists would recognize him at once. Mr. Davis is the Republican boss of Chicago, and has a reputation for adroitness greater than any other Windy City man, which is saying a vast deal. When he took charge of the World's Fair he promised to drop politics, and this is why he refused to talk on political subjects last evening.

Mr, Davis said the Fair would be a wonderful success. The buildings are well un-

der way, and will cover 1,000 acres of ground. Machinery Hall will be a mile in ircumference. The director declined discuss the money features, or what appropriations would be asked from Congress, but he remarked that he had faith in the sense and pride of the American people and the necessary funds would be forthe ing as required. The commission is receiving letters from the great and small nations of the world, and they are all interof the world, and they are all interested. International prejudices are not deterring foreigners from preparing exhibits, and the European countries will be well represented. The South American displays comise to be something for A. for plays promise to be something fine. As for the Yankees, all the States are on the alert and each is determined to outdo the other in buildings and the exhibits of its people.

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About 100 Astrakhan and Labrador Seal Fur Capes just bought of the manufacturer at a price to close the lot; sizes, 34 to 42, These are in superior quality, very shapely, fine satin linings and made in best manner.

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The greatest auction sale ever held by The greatest auction sale ever held by Eastern carpet manufacturers took place in New York City on November 10 to 13. Buyers were present from every large city in the Union, and the goods were knocked down to the highest bidder in every instance. WE PURCHASED THE LARGEST QUANTITY SOLD TO ANY PENNSYLVANIA DEALER. The goods are now on sale at a small advance over the auction price—actually the

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We offer for the holiday season a rare as we other for the industry easies a rate as-sortment of Pure Silk Hose, in black and colors, at greatly reduced price: \$2 quality for \$1.50, \$2.50 quality for \$1.75, or three pairs in box for \$3. The colors are red, gray, bronze, pink, sky blue, nile green and pure

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8-button-length Suede-Mosquetaires, Blacks

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whatever is stylish, \$1 to \$2 a pair. Ladies' 5 and 7-hook genuine Foster Kid and Suede Gloves, \$1 to \$2 a pair.

and best shades, stitching and finish-

Ladies' Fur-topped, fleece-lined Kid Gloves, \$1 50, \$1 75 and \$2 a pair; Fleecelined Kid Mittens, \$1 25, \$1 50 and \$2; Fleece-lined Silk Gloves, 50c, 75c, \$1 and \$1 25 per pair.

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Glove. Fine Undressed Kid Gloves, Black and all best shades, \$1 25, \$1 75 and \$2 a pair. Fine Dressed Kid Gloves, Blacks and all stylish shades, latest stitchings, for street or dress wear, \$1, \$1 50, \$2 and

\$2 25 a pair. Men's and Boys' Scotch Wool Gloves, 40c,

60e, 75e and \$1 a pair. Men's Jersey Gloves, 50c and 75c.

Men's Fleece and Wool Lined Kid Gloves, Men's fine Beaver, Nutria, Otter and Alaska Seal Gloves

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Misses' 4-button Kid and Suede Gloves, Black and all colors, special values \$1 and \$1 25 a pair.

Misses' 5-hook genuine Foster Kid Gloves,

Black and all colors, \$1 25 a pair. Misses Blarritz Kid Gloves and 8-button length Suede Mousquetaires at 75c a

Children's Cashmere Gloves, 25c, 35c, 45c, 50c and 60c a pair.

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colors, 75e a pair. Children's Fleece-lined Kid Mittens, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1 25 and \$1 50 a pair.

HANDKERCHIEFS.

We are having the most successful Holiday Handkerchief sale of our whole experience. But our extraordinary preparations have been equal to the extraordinary demand. New goods come in every day, and for today we announce four new lots, just opened, besides the lines already advertised (Handkerchiefs from \$1 a dozen to \$10 apiece).

New white embroidered Scalloped Handkerchiefs at 25c apiece.

New colored and white embroidered Jap-

anese Silk Handkerchiefs at 25c and 50c

apiece. New Pineapple Cloth Handkerchiefs, in white and fancy colors, 50c, 75c and \$1

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