know they existed there, and demanded that wrong-doing be proved against him be fore he was punished

Plenty of Bread and Water.

Then all the other matters came out, and it was found that over a dozen men had been implicated with Sterling, and he was put on a liberal allowance of bread and water. He declared he had done nothing wrong and nothing he would not do again This called for a meeting of the Board of Managers, and it was decided to keep Jones in the whitehouse until he agreed to keep the rules of the prison. Sixty days is the time he has been there now and of course be is not as strong as he once was, but as a physician calls on him regularly, his health is declared not to be in danger. When Superintendent Hill was seen yes-

terday he told the story as given above and admitted that Sterling had been on a diet admitted that Sterling had been on a diet of bread and water for the past 60 days, but it was not alone on account of his literary aspirations, but for other violations of the prison rules. He showed five or six yards of the manuscript, but it was only the philosophy and a treatise on "Maggots in the Meat."

James Sterling was born in Masontown, Fayette county, where he still has a num-ber of relatives living. He has been turn-ing sharp corners all his life. In sporting circles he was long known as a "short-card" gambler, and among the first-class gamblers he was not recognized. He had very large hands and palming was his great strong-

A Slight of Hand Artist, Too. He could simply lay his hand on a pack of cards and conceal half the pack in his palm if necessary and then deal the remainder of the cards. He was well known to the police and his mania for being the proprietor of a speak easy gave them much trouble. His last place was on Water street, where, in a vacant house, he con-cealed his business. The only entrance was through a half closed vacant room and one unacquainted with the place ran chances of

In there he had a bar fitted up as nicely as any in the city, and there was not a fancy dish made that could not be had over his bar. It was there he fell, but his sornis bar. It was there he fell, but his sor-rows never commenced until he attempted to be a literateur, and his genius was left to die out under a diet of bread and water. Yesterday, however, he said he was begin-ning to fatten since oil has become one of the component parts of the water.

HOW TO SECURE PURE WATER.

Conncilman Hugh Perguson Tells of a Plan He Believes Practicable

"I have a suggestion to insure a clean water supply for the city at very little expense," said Councilman Hugh Ferguson last night. "The plan is in practical operation and has been for years at the Lucy blast furnaces in Lawrenceville. A well about 10 feet deep and 18 feet in diameter was dug in the river bed just opposite the pump house. In this were placed three heavy cast iron rings with broad flanges upon which a brick wall was built, from one ring to the other. The weight of this structure caused it to sink deeper and desper into the river bed sink deeper rnd deeper into the river bed until it finally rested on the rock, I suppose. Then the connections were made and a hermetically scaled top was put on the well. All the water pumped from this well is filtered through 15 feet of sand and gravel and enters from the bottom. The water is as clear as crystal and has more lime in it than the river water, making it slightly "hard." No matter how muddy the river may be the water in that well is clear.

"Why, even after the Johnstown flood that water was clear, clean and healthy, and hundreds of people in Lawrenceville used it for drinking and cooking purposes. Would it supply the city? Well, from that well you could pump 5,000,000 gallons a day. The city could build a larger well if it was necessary." it was necessary.

HOLIDAY RATES TO-DAY.

Railroad Men Expect a Good Traffic, but It Depends on the Weather.

Line territory go into effect to-day, but tickets will not be sold for Western points until to-morrow. Usually the Central Traffic Association sets the example for liberality, but this year their policy is niggardly, while the Trunk Line people have surprised themselves.

For the East excursion tickets can be bought on any day between now and January 1, good until January 4. Going West tickets will be on sale to-morrow and Fri-day and on the 31st and New Years' Day. As a rule the Trunk Line Association has favored restrictions and limitations in the sale of holiday excursion tickets. The Baltimore and Ohio passenger office

was crowded yesterday with people buying excursion tickets to various points. Divi-sion Passenger Agent Smith thinks the business will be good. General Passenger Agent A. E. Clark, of the Lake Erie road, says everything depends on the weather. He will be surprised if the holiday traffic is up to last year. Money is not as plentiful. A good business barometer at this time is European exchanges. Last season the amounts going abroad averaged from £5 to £10. This year the number of drafts are as large, but the sums range from £2 to £3.

Peddler Mysteriously Missing.

Harry Werbelinsky, a Polish Hebrew, aged about 18, left Pittsburg on December 7, with a pack of drygoods and notions for country peddling. Nothing has been seen of him since. His parents received a postal card, purporting to be written by him, but they say it was not his handwriting. He had quite a valuable pack with him. They fear he has been done away with and robbed. He started toward McDonald. His parents live at 62 Chatham street. Superintendent Wier was notified last

Final Meeting of the Committee

John Burke went to Philadelphia last evening to act as stenographer for the final meeting of the committee appointed to investigate the offices of Auditor General and State Treasurer. Since the close of the extra session the committee has done nothing, and the business will be closed up at once.
The appropriation has run out, and there is
a slight deficiency already. The members
have no inclination to work for glory.

Landslide on the Panhandle.

A landslide on the Panhandle near the Ohio connecting bridge blockaded the road for 4 hours yesterday afternoon. A freight engine broke down toward evening, and de layed the eastern express about two hours. The rain interfered with the other rail-roads also. The express from Chicago on the Ft. Wayne was behind last evening about a half hour. It was due to slow freight trains.

Return of Phipps and Walker.

Messrs. Henry Phipps and John Walker will return to this city to-day, after an absence of six weeks, during which they have visited a large number of cities where there are conservatories with a view of securing ideas to be incorporated into Mr. Phipps gift conservatory to this city. It is expected that Mr. Phipps and Chief Bigelow will proceed at once with arrangements for the erection of the conservatory.

Suspicious Conduct of an Allegheny Man.

J. C. Raymond, of Allegheny, went to Oakland last night, got drunk, or p. etended to do so, and entered a residence at the corner of Fifth avenue and Atwood streets He refused to leave when ordered and frightened the family until they called an officer and had him locked up. The police believe Raymond was intent on robbing and will investigate him to-day.

Gallinger, Jeweler, Still at the old stand, 1200 Penn avenue

CALLS LOCKE A LIAR.

Faith Healer Dowie Makes a Bitter Attack on the City's Popular Methodist Minister.

A LENGTHY OPEN LETTER READ

At a Meeting of the Local Adherents of the Felief in Curing the Ills of the Flesh Without Medicine.

THE TROUBLE CAUSED BY A SERMON.

All of the Statements Made by the Brimstone Churc Paster Strongly Denied.

About 300 members of the Divine Healers' Association of Pittsburg and Allegheny met last night in the Liberty Street M. E. Church. Rev. John Alex Dowie, of the National Association of Divine Healers, was present. Rev. Dowie is a mild mannered gentleman. He wears long gray whiskers and his head is bald. He is a pleasant, agreeable talker while preaching, but he appears an untamed lion when he devotes his eloquence to his own defense or to attacking an enemy.

"Charles Edward Locke is a liar," Rev. Mr. Dowie shouted last night, and his 300 hearers sat silent and trembled. He held both hands in the air while he shouted and his rotund form quivered with passion. His tace paled and his big eyes rolled in his head. After this violent charge Mr. Dowie stood for a moment hesitating. He seemed uncertain whether to retract or to continue the assault.

An Open Letter to Locke,

He had just concluded reading an open letter to the Rev. Charles Edward Locke, pastor of the Smithfield Street M. E. Church. He threw the letter upon the open Bible which had been placed on a stand beside him. Then hitting the sacred book violently with his left hand, he continued: "Isn't Mr. Locke a valiant shep-herd to hunt the wolf after it has flown? He dare not face me with the charges he made after my leaving Pittsburg. He dare not face me and answer the questions asked in that letter.'

The letter from Rev. Mr. Dowie to Rev. Mr. Locke is, in substance, as follows:

Mr. Locke is, in substance, as follows:

Mr. Charles Edward Locke, Smithfield Street
M. E. Church, Pittsburg, Pr.

Dear Sir—A number of Christian friends,
some of them members of the denomination
of which you are a minister, have sent to
me copies of the Pittsburg papers of November 16, containing a report of your sermon of the previous day, entitled: "False
Prophets; Ancient and Modern." It has
been generally understood by the press and
people that you have referred to us in your
attack upon those whom you say "call themselves Divine Healers." This is a term
which we have never used, seeing there is
only one Divine Healer—God himself. There
is little doubt that you do refer to us since
you speak of "these so-called teachers who
tell of blind eyes being opened in Australia." I write, however, to formally ask
you concerning the reports in The Disparch
of November 16, and also ask you to either
affirm or deny that you intended to refer to
us in the statements which you have made,
and which are wholly false so far as we are
concerned.

The Statements Which Aroused Anger. I specially ask you to give me your sup-posed proofs for the following charges: First-That we are "false teachers." Please particularize, if you can, any of our teachings which are contrary to the Word of God. Second—That we are "perambulating im-posters." Give instances, if you can, where we have been guilty of imposture.

Third—That our religious profession is a "pretended piety." Please tell us, if you can, in what way our lives and actions give lie to our prayers and teachings.

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the lie to our prayers and teachings.

Fourth—That we practice "diabolical deception for the sake of the almighty dollar."
In this connection 1 will dely you to find a
single person in Pittsburg or Allegheny, or
in any city of America or Australia or elsewhere, whom we have ever deceived, or
have ever bargained with to pay us a single
cent for our services as ministers of our
Lord Jesus Christ.

Fifth—That we are "ravening wolves,
rapacious, greedy, devouring; and are malicious, not hesitating to malign the church,
the ministry, and the doctrines and sacred
institutions of Christianity." Please to particularize any fact which would identify us
with "wolves," any act of rapacity or greed,
any instance in which we have maligned
and villified the church, any minister whom
we have falsely accused, or any doctrine
and institution of Christianity that we have
injured.

There are other expressions in the report

injured.

There are other expressions in the report of your sermon the whole of which I brand, so far as we are concerned in it, as utterly so far as we are concerned to the cover the false, but these seem to me to cover the principal points. If you are a child of God and a brother in Christ, you will not hesitate to bring forward your supposed proofs. It is needless to remind you that an assertion unsupported by proof is utterly valueless, and I would remind you that you have not attempted as yet to bring forward one single fact in proof of your scandalous libels.

Going to Brand Him Publicly. If you fail to give me your supposed proofs in reply to this demand, I shall brand you publicly as a willful deceiver of the people, and as having invented a series of falsehoods for which you knew that you had not one single fact in justification.
If you desire a private interview with me had not one single fact in justification.

If you desire a private interview with me I shall be glad to give it to you at the residence of my friend and brother, Mr. J. W. McFarland, 51 Washington street. Allegheny, who is doubtless well known to you as an old citizen of high standing and as an official member of one of the oldest M. E. churches in your city. It would give me pleasure to meet you and prevent, if possible, the public exposure which you have so recklessiv provoked. The cause of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is infinitely dearer to me than all besides, and if you could see it to be your duty, in a manly and Christian spirit, to withdraw these charges as publicly as you have made them, it would be a most desirable termination to this matter. Should you desire to bring any persons with you, I shall be glad to meet them also, and will, in that event, ask several of my friends to be present also.

Believe me that I write in no unkind spirit, nor with any desire to avenge myself, but, as you are aware, my character and reputation as a Christian minister is dear to many thousands of sincere followers of Christ in many narts of the world with whom I am associated as President of the International Divine Healing Association, and to multitudes of faithful members of the Church of God in many lands, I dare not permit your public libels to remain unnoticed.

Neither True Man Nor Christian Minister You will allow me to say that your conduct in attacking me in my absence, when you had abundant opportunity to do so durring my nearly five weeks' residence in your city, is in itself an act of which no true man or Christiau minister ought to have been guilty. Awaiting your reply, and trusting that God will, by His holy spirit overrule this painful matter and prevent further injury to the cause and kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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In the report of your sermon in The Distance the following passage occurs: "If they would remove suspicion, and remove themselves out of the role of impostors, they (of Australia) must open some blind eyes in America." We have never in Australia nor America opened the eyes of the blind, or performed any work of healing, and there is not a line in all our writings, or a word of all our utterances, in which we have made any such claim. But the Lord has used us in opening the eyes of the blind, both spiritually and physically, and in the hope that it may help in opening yours, I send you herewith two pamphilets, entitled "American First Fruits" and "Our Second Year's Harvest," in which I have marked a number of testimonies of those whom the Lord has restored to sight, after suffering from total, and in some cases from partial, blindness. At least three of these cases were blind in one or in both eyes from birth. I also enclose with them a copy of "Divine Healing Vindicated," which contains the teaching by which we stand, so that you may have something authoritative on which to hase your examination of our doctrine, and compare it with the word of God.

At the conclusion of Rev. Mr. Dowie's

At the conclusion of Rev. Mr. Dowie's reading and talk, 20 minutes were spent in fervent prayer, during which many gath-ered at the altar rail and kneeled. It was

then arranged that Rev. Mr. Dowie should hold a mission in this city from February 1 to February 8. The money necessary for the mission was raised at last night's meet-ing. An effort was made to interview Rev. Mr. Locke later, but he could not be

PRESENTS FOR MEMBERS.

A Happy Exchange of Courtesies at the Botanical Society Meeting-Wonders Revealed by a Search Into an Enormous Stocking-The Affair a Success

The regular meeting of the Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania was held last evening. After the regular business the members examined and discussed the exhibit of Mexican plants, prominent among which was a magnificent display of ferns arranged by Commissioner C. D. Pringle. All through the meeting there was an undercurrent of suppressed excitement that kept the members not in the secret on the tiptoe of expectancy. At last it was announced by C. C. Mellor that owing to the meeting being so close to the holidays the meeting being so close to the holidays it was thought proper to remember a few of the staunch and steady members of the society with some slight tokens of regard. Mr. Mellor then opened the door into the cloak room which no one had been allowed to enter and on the inner side was displayed an immense stocking that seemed filled to its utmost capacity with the good things that Santa Claus generally distributes at this season of the year to the good little this season of the year to the good little children who have not been naughty for at least a week prior to his arrival. Mr. Mel-lor began the distribution with a few well

lor began the distribution with a few well chosen remarks on the progress of the society and how much it was indebted to its first President, through whose efforts it had reached its present solid standing. It was only just and due that the society should recognize his efforts.

Reaching into the sock he brought forth, to the amazement and amusement of everyone, a small figure of an old man in a chair, which he said represented the grandfather of the organization. Seemingly in keeping with the remarks, the head kept bobbing up and down benignly on the assemblage, up and down benignly on the assemblage, as though acquiescing to all that had been said. Next came a toy in the shape of a miniature palm tree, to the top of which a small weight is attached, and immediately a small figure mounts to the top, removes the weight and slides down removes the weight and slides down again. This was presented to J. A. Shafer, the curator of the society, in recognition of his untiring efforts in the search for new and interesting subjects for the members to discuss. Another capacious stocking brought forth a monkey with a young one in its arms, which was presented to the President, Dr. Koenig, with due ceremony and the remark that it represented him as nursing the society and keeping up the interest in it. The next present was a book on the metamorphosis of man for Prof. Guttenberg, which was so subdivided that any manner of man could be produced that any manner of man could be produced by the mere turning of a leaf in a twink-ling. A millionaire could be turned into a beggar or a dude into the quietest, mild-mannered individual imaginable.

CHASING THE WOLF-CHASERS.

The Humane Society Instructs Its Attorney to Proceed at Once.

The Humane Society held a meeting at their rooms on Sixth avenue yesterday afternoon. The following resolution was

Resolved—That the attorneys of this society be instructed to enter suit, at once against the principals in the recent wolf hunt on the farm of Paul Hacke at The following resolution was adopted: Resolved—That the agents of this society be instructed to investigate the cases of children being hired to drive cattle through

the streets of the city, and to take necessary steps looking to the discontinuance of the Mrs. Dr. Mabon and her daughters Emma and Jeannette were elected members of the

Agents Inspect St. Louis Terminals.

The new St. Louis terminals of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy road are finished, and the freight agents of the road inspected them last Sunday. Commercial Agent Mathews returned vesterday. He was accompanied by Mr. Davis, the representative of the road in Buffalo. Mr. Mathews said the Pennsylvania was also building freight terminals in St. Louis. Hitherto the traffic has been handled in East St. Louis, and was then transferred across the river. The new arrangements of the "Q" will enable the road to dispose of their freight in the city. Mr. Mathews thinks the depot and sheds are the finest in the United States. Seventy-five of their agents inspected the terminals.

Ye Tong After His Persecutors. Ye Tong, who was alleged to have been onvicted of conspiracy through the machinations of the great Chinese secret society of Tian-ti, because he was a Christian, has almost completed his term at the workhouse. almost completed his term at the workhouse. The officials there say he is the best prisoner they ever had there. Mr. Gray, one of his friends, visited him vesterday and said he had almost secured enough evidence to convict the whole gang. He declares Ye Ching, the prosecutor, and several of his confederates have left the city for fear of arrest. Ye Tong will be released nextweek

The War Between Burgess and Connell. Alfred McCabe, ex-Burgess of Coraopolis, believes that the Council has put its foot into it and that Burgess Kendall will finally come out on top. Mr. McCabe states that since the last meeting of Council the name of the Burgess has been signed to legisla-tion and that he not only did not sign it, but did not authorize anyone else to sign for him, some of it being what he had strenuously opposed. It appears there will never be peace down there until the courts mark the boundaries of legislative power, and some furious fun is promised.

Not a Case of Inhumanity. The Allegheny Valley Railroad officials positively deny that an injured man was ridden to and fro in an open freight car Monday before being taken to a doctor, as stated in an evening paper. The man's name was not John Anderson, as stated, but Michael Bellmich, and he was taken care of.

A Fpecial Meeting of Council Called. Chairman Parke has called a special meeting of Allegheny Common Council for to-night. The object is to act on the reso-lution to refer Chief Murphy's case to the City Solicitor. It was passed by Select Council last week, and otherwise would have to be held over for a month.

On the Way to Kansas for Burtal. The body of Senator Plumb passed through the city bound for Kansas at an early hour yesterday morning. The coffin rested in the center of a Pullman car. Another sleeper was occupied by the Sena-torial and Congressional committees.

****** ALWAYS GAINING.

The Cent-a-Word columns keep growing. The latest comparative exhibit gives the Adlets for two weeks ending December 12. 3,245 For same two weeks last year 1,649

Increase Due to Cent-a-Word..... No better evidence of the real popularity of these columns could be produ

not fail to read them. It will amply repay you to use and peruse them. ******** BUFFINGTON THE MAN Even Leading Allegheny County Poli-

NAMED FOR JUDGE REED'S PLACE.

Letters Now on the Way to Wind Up the

ticians Admit He Will Be

Warmcastle Affair.

REVISING THE DEMOCRATIC RULES

A meeting of the Bar Association of Allegheny county will be held this afternoon at which ex-Judge Fetterman will be unanmously indorsed for the place on the United States District Court bench to be racated by Judge Reed. Several other Allegheny county attorneys have been men-tioned for the place, but no other name than Fetterman's will be considered at the Bar Association meeting this afternoon.

There are about 800 members of the Bar Association. It is argued that nine-tenths of the business of the United States District Court is from Allegheny county and that court is held in other parts of the district but about ten days of each year. For these reasons the President will be asked to name Judge Fetterman for the place.

The Pittsburg politicians who are accepted as authority on such matters believe that the appointment of a successor to Judge Reed will not be given to Allegheny county.



C. L. Magee returned from the East early vesterday morning. It was given out during his absence that Mr. Magee would indorse Judge Fetterman for the place. "Who are you for as Judge Reed's sucessor?" was asked Mr. Magee.

Buffington Has the Qualifications. "Joseph Buffington would make an excellent Judge," Mr. Magee answered.

"I am satisfied that Mr. Buffington will be named for the place." Then Mr. Magee explained that the appointment could not be expected to come to

"But who are you for?"

Allegheny the second time from the same administration.

Joseph Buffington is a son of Ephraim
Buffington and a nephew of the late Judge
Joseph Buffington, well known throughout

Western Pennsylvania.

Ephraim Buffington, the father of Joseph Buffington, is a member of the Armstrong county bar. He was prominent in the profession up to about 1875, when he retired from active practice to devote his time to agricultural pursuits. He lives in the old Buffington homestead, in Kittanning, inherited from his uncle the Judge, who also left him about 400 hundred acres of excellent land and about \$75,000 in money. His farm contains about 800 acres, well improved land. He is a very modest man, but a fiery orator, an active politician in his day and a popular stump speaker. He is a man of superior judgment and good hard sense. He was Internal Revenue Collector some time after the close of the war. The candidate for Judge Reed's place is nis son Joseph, about 36 years old, graduated from Trinity College when about 19 years of age with the honors of the class. He read law with Judge Neale, of Kittanning, and Judge Logan, of Greensburg, and was admitted to the bar at the age of 23. His business was both civil and criminal, but principally civil. He was interested in many very important civil suits, one of which was the celebrated Lord Linton case in the United States Circuit Court for this d.strict, appearing for the administrators of the estate of the late James E. Brown, millionaire, the grandfather of Mrs. Linton. Another case was the famous Beall-Jennings & Co. suit, twice tried in the lower courts and in the Supreme Court, winning in all. He appeared in the case of the Commonwealth against Miles Lewis, a prominent merchant at Muff, P. O., Armstrong county, charged with a serious crime, being employed by the plaintiff to prosecute the case. The case was twice tried and both times the dependant was convicted.

fendant was convicted. He several times appeared in cases in opposition to ex-Solicitor General Jenks and other attorneys of that class. Has a Large Practice.

He is attorney for the Pittsburg Plate Glass Works, Fairmount Coal Company, Oak Ridge Coal Company, several National banks in Kittanning and Apollo, as well as for insurance companies and business enterprises. He has also acted as administraterprises. He has also acted as administrator and executor for many large estates in
Armstrong and adjoining counties, and is
recognized by the profession and by the
business community as an exceptionally
strong man, well equipped for any high
position, characterized by clear judgment
and good business qualities.

Personally Mr. Buffington is genial and
pleasant. He is about 5 feet 8 inches tall
and weighs 160 pounds. He married a

and weighs 160 pounds. He married a daughter of Rev. Mr. Simonton, a brother of Judge Simonton, of Harrisburg. His wife is highly educated. She is a niece of the late Judge Grier and is said to be a delightful woman. They have no children.

A dispatch from New Castle says: The nembers of the Lawrence County Bar sent the following to-night:

To His Excellency, Hon, Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States: President of the United States:

The undersigned, members of the Bar of Lawrence county, Pa., take pleasure in recommending the appointment of William D. Wallsace, a member of our bar, to the position of Judge of the District Court of the Western District of Pennsylvania, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge Reed. Mr. Wallace has a large practice in our county, and is well qualified to fill the position. His energy and ability will make him, if appointed, a successful Judge.

Ambitious to Be a Councilman. James McMoran, Chief Engineer at the Keystone Bridge Works, yesterday announced himself a Republican candidate for Common Council from the Seventeenth ward. He is a property holder, has good backing in the contest, and is popular among the people. This makes the fifth candidate for the Common branch in that candidate for the Common branch in that ward, which elects three. The others are Max Leslie, Samuel Rheams, George Metcalf and Hugh Ferguson. The two last named are now members from that ward. The present third member, Miller Elliott, has moved to the Southside since he became Superintendent of the Birmingham Traction line and the new conditions. ine, and the new candidates are fighting for

Mills Feels Sore, but Isn't Sulking. Congressman Gillespie, representing the Twenty-fifth district, registered at the Seventh Avenue yesterday. He says time will demonstrate that the choice of Crisp was

wise. Mills feels sore, but he doesn't show his sulkiness in public. The correspond-ents, he claims, have misrepresented the Texan. He thinks the withdrawal of Egan would settle the Chilean trouble.

LETTERS ON THE WAY

Which Are Expected to Put an End to the Warmenstle Affair-Will Not Be Allowed to Resign - Deputy Mitchell to Take Charge.

Collector Warmcastle returned from

Washington yesterday morning. While at the capital the Collector was informed that he would be removed, and he returned to Pittsburg relieved of the strain. It was expected that the removal would certainly ocour yesterday. Last night General Sewall received a telegram stating that letters were on the way to Warmenstle and himself that would end the matter. The delay in removing Mr. Warmcastle is construed by the Collector's friends as being complimentary to him, but they have abandoned all hope of his being retained as abandoned all hope of his being retained as Collector. The employes of the Collector's office say they have been unable to do their duty for a week and when they were informed yesterday that the Collector would not be allowed to resign, but that he would be removed, they were anxious that it be settled soon.

In case of the removal of a collector, a wall of the description.

In case of the removal of a collector, a rule of the department requires that the removed officer's chief deputy shall be appointed to fill as least temporarily the vacancy. Captain H. J. Mitchell, Mr. Warmcastle's chief deputy, will succeed his dethroned chief and his friends will make an effort to have the appointment made permanent. Captain Mitchell was born and raised in Butler county. He entered the Internal Revenue service in 1882, under Colonel Juckson, who before the reorganiza-Colonel Jackson, who before the reorganiza-tion of the service by President Cleveland was Collector of the Allegheny district. Mr. Mitchell was chief clerk under Colonel Jackson. He was made chief deputy under Collector Bigler, the Democrat, and he was appointed to the same place under Collector Warmeastle. He is said to be familiar with sll the details of the service and he has al-ways enjoyed the confidence of his

REVISING DEMOCRATIC RULES.

The Committee Will Study the Methods in Other Section The sub-committee of the Democratic

County Committee to revise the rules of the organization met yesterday afternoon in Mr. Brennen's office. Those present were A. J. Barr, 'Squire Hermann Handel, E. S. Kennedy and 'Squire Boyle. 'Squire Handel was chosen Chairman, and W. J. Brennen acted as Secretary. The necessity of revising the rules of necessity of revising the rules of the party was pointed out in a short discussion, but no plan for their reconstruction was adopted. By resolution the Secretary was instructed to write the Chairman of Democratic organizations in other cities throughout the country and to secure their system of party rules and to invite suggestions looking to the best interest of the party. The Secretary was also instructed to invite suggestions for revising the rules from all the Democratic organizations in Allegheny county; as well as from individual Democrats throughout the county. The meeting then adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman.

In revising the rules it is probable the

In revising the rules it is probable the committee will determine to give to each delegate in convention the right to cast the number of votes polled at the preceding State election in his district. This plan it is argued would not reduce the working force ot delegates in the districts, but would give the Democratic districts of the county the representation due them.

etc., in readiness for occupancy. The second floor of the building is much handsomer than the postoffice floor, and all the offices on it are finished in cherry polish and brown carpets. Agent Bengough will be the first official to occupy rooms on this floor and will be ready for business there on Saturday. The Internal Revenue offices will be ready by the first of the new year, and a week or two later the Collector of the Port will move in. The court rooms on the third floor will not be ready for some

Diamond Pendants. Many new designs mounted in our shop last week have been put in stock for late buyers. Come and see them at HARDY & HAYES',

Jewelers, 529 Smithfield street. Open every evening. Three doors from City Hall.

Ladies' Solid 14-k Gold Filled watches, hunting, stem-winders, elegantly engraved, accompanied with a 20 years' guarantee by the manufacturer and indorsed by us, and with a good Elgin movement, only \$16 50, at Kingsbacher Bros.' great special sale, 516 Wood street.

STORE open this evening and to-morrow vening until 9 o'clock—all departments. Jos. HORNE & Co.'s

Holiday Pianos. Holiday Plano An elegant stock, first-class makes, reaonable prices, easy payments. Store open till 9 o'clock. LECHNER & SCHOENBERGER,

69 Fifth avenue. Don't Make a Mistake, But buy your toys, bicycles, baby carriages, velocipedes, in fact, anything in the holiday line at James W. Grove's. Stock the largest; prices always the lowest. See it and be convinced.

Millinery-Hats and bonnets, stylishly trimmed. \$5 each. JOS. HORNE & Co.'s Penn Avenue Stores. Grand Display

Special Holiday Display.

Of men's, boys' and ladies' fancy velvet slippers, 50c to \$1, at Simen's, 78 Ohio street, Allegheny, Pa. Open evenings. B. & B. Polls-biggest and best in kid body lolis, at 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1 00-ever sold in this or any other market.

Boggs & Bull.

MEN's smoking jackets, cardigan jackets and dressing gowns—largest variety.

Jos. Honne & Co.'s Penn Avenue Stores.

Christmas Is Booming. Our stock is new and fresh; store one R. S. DAVIS & Co., 96 Fifth ave.

STORE open this evening and to-morrow vening until 9 o'clock—all departments, Jos. HORNE & Co.'s

YOU'LL surprise us if you can't find suit-ble furs in our stock. SMILEY & Co., 28 Fifth avenue. New Machintonios for Present

4 50 up, at Rosenbaum & Co.'s. EMBROIDERED night shirts for Christmas presents at James H. Aiken & Co.'s, 100 Fifth avenue.

MEN's fancy night shirts for Christmassteen and silk. JOS. HORNE & Co.'s

Penn Avenue Stores.

AWAKENED BY WATER

His Money and Christmas Presents for the

Children Lost.

DELED OUT IN THE CENTRAL STATION

William J. McCurdy, of Fayette City, had a strange experience in Pittsburg yesterday. Its principal features were the oss of his money, a cold bath in the river, a struggle to escape drowning, and a search for Central station in dripping clothes. The most surprising part of the affair is that the one most directly concerned has no knowledge of how it all happened.

McCordy is 30 years old and a gasfitter by trade. He came to the city yesterday to transact some business and purchase Christmas presents for the little ones at home. He got through with everything nicely, and late in the afternoon was ready to go home. But it was not train time yet, and during the interval McCurdy took occasion to gratify a taste for crab-apple cider. Train time soon began to look a far less serious affair as the minutes passed. But finally he started to the Union depot, loaded down with gifts for the children and thrice happy under the influence of the lively apple-juice.

McCurdy hought his ticket and remem-McCurdy bought his ticket, and remem-

bers nothing more for two hours. It is evident there were some lively incidents during that forgotten time, for when McCurdy finally came to, it was by the shock of un-comfortably cold water. He came to his senses to find himself floundering in the Monongabela river near the Sixth street bridge. Old Monongahela water was victo-rious and McCurdy was himself again. This rious and McCurdy was himself again. This happy state of affairs came about just in time for him to be able to struggle out of the water. Minus his hat, wet, shivering and dazed, he wandered to Central station about 6 o'clock. After telling what few details he knew ot his experience he was put down in the basement beside the heater, where he remained all night drying out. How he got into the river he does not know. There is nothing to show whether he was thrown there or

river he does not know. There is nothing to show whether he was thrown there or walked in himself. But whatever the cause, McCurdy was full of sorrow at the result.

"I had lots of presents for the children and some money," said he regretfully, "but where are they now?"

The case will probably be investigated today to see if anybody is responsible for McCurdy's plight. There being no charge against him he will be released from Central station whenever he desires.

The Great Rush at Kleber & Bro.'s The Great Rush at Kleber & Bro.'s

Persons can have no idea of the popularity of the Kleber Bros., and the immense business they are doing in the sale of pianos and organs, unless they drop in at their warerooms, 506 Wood street. And little's the wonder, for the Messrs. Kleber have the monopoly of the grandest pianos made in America. Just look and listen to the glorious Steinway and Conover pianos and the popular Gabler and Opera pianos, and you will admit that nothing else will compare with them. Besides, the Messrs. Kleber sell at honest, reasonable prices. They take the smallest profits of any dealer They take the smallest profits of any dealer and they give the longest warranty and sell on the easiest monthly payments. Klebers' store is the most popular place to buy at, and people have implicit faith in their hon-est dealings and their superior judgment.

Take Particular Notice That we will sell men's fine overcoats dur-ing the two (2) days before Christmas at one-half their real value. Genuine imported materials made up in the best style into

men's overcoats at \$12 and \$14, worth double P. C. C. Pittsburg Combination Clothing Company, corner Grant and Diam streets, opposite the Court House. Open evenings.

Gents' Gold Watches at E. P. Roberts

A splendid assortment in all the new style cases. Prices range from \$50 to \$150.
Our watches are good timekeepers. Come in and see what we have. No trouble to show you at E. P. Roberts & Sons', Fifth avenue and Market street. Open every evening.

Fire and Thievre Visit when least expected. You can have perfect protection for papers and valuables in the safe deposit vaults of the Farmers' Deposit National Bank, 66 Fourth avenue. Boxes rented at \$5 and upward. Separate apartments for women.

A life-size crayon free with a dozen cabi-nets at Aufrecht's Studio, 77 Fifth avenue. A Steer Weighing 2,000 Pounds

Crayons Free Until January 1, 1893.

Is one of the attractions to be witnessed at G. W. Evans' meat stall, No. 113, Pittsburg market. See ad in for sale column. HUGUS & HACKE.

Last week's WONDERFUL BAR-GAINS surpassed because of the

DRESS GOODS.

All now at MARKED - DOWN PRICES, an almost unlimited display in this the lightest, brightest and altogether the most attractive Dress Goods Department in the city. Serge and Cloth, Embroidered and Astrakhan Trimmed Dress Patterns worth from \$15 to \$30, now from \$8 to \$15 each.

LACE CURTAINS.

Odd lots, two, three and four pairs of various weaves and qualities; to quickly close we mark at about half actual values.

Handsome Chenille Portieres AT \$5 PER PAIR.

Newest designs, the best value

and finest assortments ever shown at

a uniform price. Cor. Fifth Ave. and Market St.

ELEGANT CHRISTMAS GOODS .

E. P. ROBERTS & SONS', JEWELERS,

COR, FIFTH AVE. AND MARKET ST. JEWELS, SILVER & BRIC-A-BRAC

In the City.

Visit Art Room. Open Eveninge.

For Selling Liquor to Minors Conrad Sunday, a Reserve township saloon keeper, has been sued before Alder-William McCurdy Finds Himself
Floundering in the River.

Man McMasters for seiling inquor to minora.

The suit is brought by J. G. Seitz, who alleges that the defendant sold liquor to his brother, E. P. Seitz, and to Richard Boyle, both of whom are minora. Sunday was arrested and gave bail for a hearing. man McMasters for selling liquor to minors.

All Departments open until 9 o'clock this evening.

The Leading Pittsburg, Pa.
Dry Goods House. Wednesday, Dec. 28, 1861.

JOS. HORNE & CO.'S

PENN AVENUE STORES.

NOW ONLY TWO DAYS MORE

To buy for Christmas. It is the exceptional ones who have

purchased all their gifts. We confidently address everybody, knowing that everybody has yet something to Our stores are still crowded chock full of the best things the season offers and requires, in spite of the

enormous, unexampled trade of the past weeks. You can surely find here just what you want, something good and useful and acceptable for any and every member of the house-

To-day we announce special reductions in

LADIES' JACKETS, In all grades, but especially in the finer ones, up to the very best goods produced this season, some of the high-class novelty Fur - Trimmed lackets having been as much as \$125 each-all now at prices fully onefourth less than they formerly sold

Sharp markdown also on prices of our Fur-Lined Circulars and Carriage Wraps. Similar, even greater reductions

have been made on our great line of Furs, From the cheapest Muff or Child's Set up to the richest, royalest Sealskin. Prices are on all very low

compared with the excellent quali-Whatever the grade or style, prices are now down to the lowest notch.

SEALSKIN JACKETS, 23 to 30 Inches Long, \$105 AND UPWARD, And on the same quality of garments

prices cannot be made lower by any-If you've a Seal Garment or Furs of any sort to buy, do not buy until you have visited our Fur Depart-

The long list of gifts we have advertised so often offers you just as

much choice as ever:

Silver Novelties, Plated Novelties, Fancy Baskets and Boxes, Glove and Kerchief Cases, Leather Goods. Fans, Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Hosiery, Umbrellas. Wool Dress Patterns, Silk Dress Patterns. Cotton Dress Patterns. Table Linens, Lace and Heavy Curtains, Blankets and Quilts, Brass and Iron Beds.

Fancy Shoe Boxes. We have yet several hundred MEN'S SMOKING JACKETS

Brass and Iron Cribs,

Fancy Screens,

men.

Springs and Mattresses,

MEN'S DRESSING GOWNS. The best styles, all sizes.

They are shown at the entrance to the Curtain Room-plenty of space and light. Also a choice assortment of Silk Suspenders, Neckwear, Capes, Mackintoshes and fine Toilet Articles, limited time before our stock-taking. suitable and acceptable as gifts to

> JOS. HORNE & CO. 607-621 PENN AVE

> > OUR LAST SEASON

FANCY GOODS.

The entire stock must be sold before Christmas.

FANCY PIN CUSHIONS, WHISK HOLDERS, SATCHET BAGS, SCRAP BASKETS, WORK BASKETS, PLUSH BOXES, ORNAMENTS, ETC.,

Less than half price. Now is the time to sell them. This is the place to purchase them.



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