A TOUCH OF WINTER

STREETS AND CARS DESERTED.

But Very Little Complaint as to the Supply

of Natural Gas.

PROBABILITIES OF THE NEAR FUTURE

The old saying, that "as the days lengthen

the cold strengthens," is being verified un-

mistakably. The lengthening process has

During the day the temperature moder-

this morning it would be colder than yes-

The Downtown Streets Descried.

The downtown streets were a deserted ap-

pearance during the greater part of the

getting there as quickly as pos-

smiled pleasantly in anticipation of to-

day's business. There were a few com-plaints of shortage of natural gas in the hill

district among patrons of the People's Company, but the Manufacturers and Phil-adelphia Companies' customers seemed to

melted as soon as it fell, but there was

enough remaining to make the sidewalks

decidedly slippery. On the hill the walks were in such had condition that on some

business portion of the city the snow was more noticeable and for the first time this

Warmer Than the Average,

and 8th, carrying frosts and freezing weather as far south as Northern Florida.

The second, from the 25th to 27th, covered the entire country east of the Rockies, but

was of brief duration. The rainfall was heavier than usual in nearly every section

of the country excepting the southern lake region and the Ohio Valley.

Although the month closed with no snow on the ground in the wheat region the cold

wave now prevailing in this district was at-

tended by general rain, turning to snow,

from Tennessee to the lakes. There is an abundance of moisture in the winter wheat

region, but owing to the drought at plant-ing time, and the consequent undeveloped

state of the plant, the outcome of the crop

depends largely on the future weather con

the condition of the crop, but it is not in a state to resist a severe winter unless pro-

YESTERDAY'S POLICE HEARINGS LIGHT.

All the Money Had Been Spent in Cele-

brating New Year's.

Yesterday's police hearings were lighter

ceding Saturday was a holiday, and the

people spent all their money in celebrating

There were 11 cases before Mayor Wv-

man yesterday morning at the Allegheny police hearing. J. C. Pardie was fined \$10, S. McElhaney, \$5 and J. B. Brown \$5 on the charge of

Saturday night at the restaurant of the

intter on Federal street. Pardie and Mc-

Elhaney reflected on the oysters Brown had served them. A fight resulted, and their

arrest was made by Officer Milligan. The

Magistrate Succep had 15 cases to dispose of at the Twenty-eighth ward station hearing

vesterday morning. R. J. Baneyho and Ed. McCloskey, for indulging in a bare

knuckle fight on South Seventh street

were fined \$10 and costs each. Alonzo Thomas, for visiting the house of Albert

Lape and threatening to kill that indi-

vidual was fined \$5 and costs. John Wood.

who was acting in a suspicious manner on the street, was sent to jail for ten days. Edward Jones refused to stay away from

his wife's home, they having separated, was sent to jail for ten days. The other cases

Magistrate Hyndman disposed of four

cases at the Nineteenth ward station and

wo at the Fourteenth ward station yester-

day morning. At the Nineteenth ward station Mike Meyers was fined \$10 and costs for abusing his wife. The other three were

The two at the Fourteenth ward station

There were only 14 cases at Central sta-

tion yesterday, and they were all drunks. The usual disposition was made.

An Italian Haven Raided.

Centain Mercer and Lieutenant Duncar

with a squad of police from the Nineteenth

ward station, raided two disorderly houses

kept by Italians, last night. The first one

was that of Antony Carisacilio, on River

avenue, near the Butler street extension.

Fifteen men were captured. The other was

G. Parificio, a few doors below on the sam

street, where 14 men were arrested. There

has been a number of complaints from the

The Italians come from all parts of the city

and gather at these houses to spend Sun-day. Drinking beer and music is their en-

tertainment. There was only one Italian escaped and he got away by climbing out on the roof and reached the ground by go-

Still at the old stand, 1200 Penn avenue

OF THE DISPATCH AT

107 FEDERAL ST.

Is open every day except Sunday until 9 P.

M. Advertisements will be received up to

ing down through another house.

Call and see him.

ors about there in the last few weeks.

John Borland and Jack Albert

They were fighting, and were fined

drunks and were fined \$1 and costs each.

were very common

\$5 and costs each.

other cases were uninteresting.

\$5 on the charge of conduct. They were arrested

tected by snow.

he New Year.

The mean temperature was 90 higher

edestrians made their way along

The plumbers and coal dealers

the lines.

which they find most irksome and respect.
the one which meets their personal desires.
The diplomatic battle which has been waged so unremittingly for months past has resulted in many entangling alliance Men, in order to win the favor of the fac-tions in which the party was divided before the election, found it expedient to pro-nounce pledges of fealty to the partisans of both candidates, and these promises are new most embarrassing. They have post-poned the evil day to the utmost limit—the hour of delivery is at hand.

Trying to Play Jekyll andtHyde In the vain attempt still to wear the GRAHAM FOR COLLECTOR fring masks of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, they are now suggesting that the Semtoria question should be decided by a secret ballot in the coming canens. Should this plan be carried out they hope to sescape the vol-ames of opproblum which otherwise will certainly be heaped upon them from the

taction they disappoint. While the impression is certainly generalt among impartial lookers-on at Columbus, among impartial lookers-on at Columbus, and the state of the sta that the Speakership contest was fought upon Senatorial lines, and that its result Sherman's re-nomination, the friends of ex-Governor Foraker still maintain that several Foraker men voted for Laylin, and that these together with the votes Foraker will get in the Senate, will be sufficient to give him the nomination. When asked for names and figures, however, the answers are by no means satisfactory. In substantiation of their claims, they say that two men, Rep-resentatives Dicks and Welch, voted for Laylin who are absolutely and irrevocably opposed to Sherman. Dicks they do not expeet in any event, but say he will stick to Fester to the last. Welch they regard as a bare possibility.

Several Claims, but No Names, Speakership fight fell into the same groove. Further, they claim that not a single Sherman man voted for McGrew; that all of them who had made pledges to McGrew asked to be relieved and were relieved from them in advance of the cancus.

Assuming these allegations to be facts, Sherman's strength in the house is six votes less than the vote for Laylin, or but 32. Sharman's strength in the Senate may be ser down as 15, if Iden, the contestant, is not admitted, and 14 if he is. Foraker's managers, however, claim that the ex-Governor will have not less than eight votes in the Senate. Conceding Sherman 14. however, in the Senate, and admitting the Foreker claims in the House Sherman's vote would stand in the House, 32; Senate, 14: total 46. This would leave Senator Sherman one short of a nomination, Fora-ker three short, and Dicks and Welch holding the balance of power but unable to do more than create a tie between Sherman and Feraker should they vote for the latter. According to other Foraker claims the ex-Governor will have 38 in the House and 7 in the Senate, a total of 45. Foster will have one and McKinley one.

Why Iden Is Such a Factor.

It will be thus seen that the admission of lden to the enucus would have an important effect on the result. But the Foraker peopie's claim of at least eight in the Senate. if verified, along with their claim of 38 in the House, would reverse things and give Foraker 16 and Sherman 45. Then if Iden be not mimitted Shermans vote would fall to 44. Welch voting for Foraker, or one of Sherman's men going to him, would give him the required 47.

These are the views at the Foraker headquarters, but their claims are derided by the Sherman people and treated as mirthprovoking pretensions. The Senator's friends are loudly claiming to-night that he will have a majority of not less than 14 votes in the caucus, and profess a willingness to have either an open or secret ballot, as Foraker may desire. They say that the loud claims of the Foraker managers are made with the hope of keeping his followers leval to him in order that he may go down n the caucus with at least a respectable

An Iron-Clad Agreement Being Made. They state that a pledge has been drawn that is from clad in its nature, and that those devoted to the cause of the ex-Governor are being asked to sign it. By its terms the supporters of the ex-Governor "If he refuses, who will be the se agree to remain true to his candidacy until choice of the Republican Convention?" will weaken or wayer in the slighest de The Foraker managers deny that such a document is in existence or that it is led to insure continued loyalty of the ex-Governor's supporters.

The Sherman men assert that Representative Kessinger, of Athens, is with them, while Representative Byron Lutz, of Ross, has been put down in the Foraker column, but no one has as yet heard him say that he and entered it. His constituency is said to be for Sherman, and he is being subjected to powerful pressure. It is to-night said of Senator Douglass Rawlings, of Clark ounty, that he will come back to Sherman. He has never really declared publicly that he is for Foraker, but it has been generally helieved that he would vote for him. Since the announcement of this state of affairs people have been working on him for Sher-

Senator Lampson Still on the Fence, Senator Lampson is claimed by both sides. His election vesterday as President pro tem, it was thought, would have the ef-tect of unscaling his lips, but he is still si-There is no indication yet us to how

The effect of Senator Spencer's declaration for Sherman upon the Cuvehoga delegation, it is believed, will have a salutary effect for the Sherman cause. Senator Parker has not declared how he will vote, but his actions are favorably received by the Sherman 16fse. Representatives Porter and Pudney are still non-communicative, and are claimed by the Foraker men. Representative Dunn, of Morgan, is still noncommittal and claimed by both parties It has been practically determined to hold the Senatorial cancus Tuesday night instead of Thursday night. It is generally agreed

between the Sherman and Foraker men that the few members remaining doubtful will be ready or forced to declare by that time, and that there will be, no advantage to either side to prolong the contest.

ROASTS THE OPPOSITION.

Exposition Managers Will Build the Trades

School if Left A one. S. S. Marvin went to Chicago last evening on the limited. He is one of the directors of the Exposition Society. The anand meeting will be held Thursday afternoon. In speaking of what might occur he said: "Now that the society is on a paying been there are some the city who would like to control it and handle the funds. This is the secret of their opposition, They say they want to stir up the board to do isomething. I remember I laid awake many a right trying to figure out how we could raise the money to pay the contractor and his men. With \$28,000 in the treasury, four men pledged themselves to be responsible for the erection of machinery hall costing \$110,000. The

debt of the society in a few years has been reduced from \$200,000 to \$40,000, and yet the board has done nothing and needs to be stirred up! At the critical period in its history the Johnstown flood occurred, and everybody turned their attention to relieve the suffering. Enough money was raised here to build a number of exposition build-The ontlook then was very blue for us, but after the Johnstown people had been eaced for, I once more turned my attention to the affairs of the Exposition Society.

"I don't know what the result will be until the ballots are east. By turning down members of the board it is possible to tie up the society in the courts, and have no exhibition next fall. I believe if the management is left alone that we can make mough this year to start the traces' school, which the charter calls for, and must be es-tablished sooner or later."

W. B. Lupton is down on the opposition. He says they need novelties to make the what to get. Local manufacturers are not interested, and claim it wouldn's pay them to make an industrial display.

StillaHas the Senator's Indorsement,

and He Yet Believes

anst be accepted as indicating Senator The Bill to Survey the Lake Erie Ship Canal to Go Through.

BLOCKS-OF-FIVE DUDLEY ALSO IN TOWN

Senator Onav was in Pittslang vesterday. His visit lasted, only a few hours, but it wastlong enoughtto keep a myriad of politicians from their Sunday worship in order that they might confer with their leader. 'The junior Senator isn't beautiful; he 'doesn't tell agood story or even entertain 'his callers by singing a new song, but still there seems to be something very attractive They also say that four of Foraker's about him to Western Pennsylvania's minwarmest supporters—whose names they fail
to give—voted for Laylin under pledges
made to him long before the Senatorial and
Sachem; anxious only to pluck a feather about him to Western Pennsylvania's min-Suchem; anxious only to pluck a feather from his war cap that they may go out and within the next week. The appointments are practically made now, and I know who 'slay their adversaries.

None but thestrue and tried are admitted' into the great presence, and when they comesont it is a matter fol common opinion that each carries with him a muscot to besused in -coming campaigns. W. J. Reed, a Clarion county politician, came down from his thomesto get one of the Senator's mysterious somethings, and from the pleasant smile the worewhen the interview was over heunust have been successful

May Openly Declare for Fetterman. Mr. Reed is known principally from the fact that he was defeated for Judge in his district last fall, and that to heal his wounded feelings he would like to succeed Judge Reed. He is not likely to do so, and whatever hope he had of getting Senator Quay's support would have been dispelled an hour or so later if he had been present when to a number of reporters the Senator stated positively: "I am for Fetterman."

"Do you think he will be successful?" thought my support will be any of use." When asked the meaning of the peculiars way he qualified his answer, the Senators

"Well, you see, it is said that when get the money, and with such success that Cameron and I recommend any person to he was seldom refused. The chief of the the President, it is like tying a millstone to his neck and throwing him into the deep

"And is that true?" The answer fell by the wayside. An elec-tric car passed just at that moment, and whatever the Senator said was lost in the noise. It would undoubtedly have been interesting, but was too painful a subject to again be referred to. The Plumed Knight was a more pleasant topic, so the Senator was asked if he still believed Mr. Blaine would accept a Presidental nomination.

Still Thinks Blaine Will Accept. "I have had no reason to change my mind," was the reply. "There has been no indication from Mr. Blaine that he will will not accept. For my own part, I think

"If he refuses, who will be the second wins or loses, and that none of them will "Probably Harrison. The situation may will weaken or way in the slighest dechange, however. I see Alger has been mentioned, but not very prominently. There is time to work up plenty of booms, but it would be difficult to knock out Har-

> rison as second choice.' "Do you expect to succeed yourself in the United States Senate ? "I am not a candidate," answered Mr. Quay, using his stereotyped reply. "The only men in the field are Dalzell and Robinson, with Robinson in the lead."

"Do you think Mr. Robinson is a candidate in fact or only making a bluff?" Not Much Afraid of Robinson.

"I don't know," said the Senator, with a smile that didn't indicate that he was very much afraid of "Chester Jack" as a rival "The last time I saw Mr. Robinson neither of us mentioned the Senatorship."

"When do you expect to announce your The only reply was, "I am not a candi-

date "Who do you think will be appointed Revenue Collector of this district! "I don't know. If the President does not appoint Mr. Graham he will undoubtedin opposition to the wishes of the of Western Pennsylvania. Mr. people of Graham has the best recommendations of any of the candidates. It is impossible, however, to tell who will be appointed." When asked about the statement of Congressman Shively that the appropriation of \$10,000 for surveying the Eric Canal would hardly pass the Democratic House, Mr.

Quay replied: "I think Mr. Shively did not understand the situation. He probably thought the appropriation was for the construction of the canal. It is only for the survey, and is a very small amount compared with other appropriations. I have little fear that it will not go through both the Senate and the House. Appropriations will probably be cut down, but not the one for surveying the Eric Canal."

"Are there many important measures coming up the present session?"

A Block in Legislation Expected. "I do not know of any outside of those that have been mentioned. I have not been talking with the leaders at Washington and do not know what they intend to bring up. The Republicans will not have much chance with the Democratic House, and the latter will not be able to get anything past the

"How was the appointment of Elkins as Secretary of War received?"
"It was a very good appointment," replied Senstor Quay. "Mr. Elkins will make a good Cabinet officer."

"Do you think his selection will swing West Virginia into Republican line? "The appointment of one man will not change the politics of any State. West Virginta may be Republican at the next election, but it can only be counted as

doubtful now." The Senator went to Washington last night on the Baltimore and Ohio to be present at the opening of the Senate on Tues-

DUDLEY STILL FEELS SORE.

He Is for Blaine or Any Good Man Who Can Beat Harrison.

General W. W. Dudley, of Washington and Indiana, put up at the Monongahela House vesterday. He had been in Indianapolis, and was on his way home, but was laid up here for six hours by a wreck on the road. He telegraphed Mrs. Dudley that he would be home for breakfast. In answer to a reporter's card sent to him in the afternoon, he returned his own. On one side was the name William Wade Dudley, on the other was written, "General Dudley sends his compliments and begs to be ex-cused from an interview." Since the General was attacked so severely by the newspapers for the blocks of five episode he has been very sore on reporters. When he was Commissioner of Pensions he gave up news freely, and was much sought after

by the correst ndents. Later the General was seen, and was a lit-tle more communicative. He hates Harri-son as an incbriate does whisky after he has taken several doses of bi-chioride of gold. He smiled grimly when asked if it was true that he had been delegated by a number of friends recently to see Blaine and find out if he would run for the Presidency. It was reported that the Secretary had given him no consolution, and the General returned to him friends near the presidency. his friends very much crestfallen. Mr. Dudley raised his eyebrows and frowned, as much as to say that this was another administration fake, and it wasn't necessary to pay any attention to it. The Colonel is for Blaine, and next to him will support any man who can beat President Harrison. Out in Indiana the Democrats are booming Gray for President, but it is not thought that he will prevail against Hill or Cleveland in the East or Senator Palmer and Governor Boies

A LETTER FROM CLARESON

Summons Ex-League Secretary Robert

Lindsay to a Conference. Ex-Secretary Bob Lindsay, of the State League of Republican Clubs, left for New York Saturday night in connection with some political matter, the nature of which he refused to disclose. On Thursday he received a letter from Chairman Clarkson, of the National Republican Committee, requesting his presence in Philadelphia to-day, but Saturday morning a telegram came from Clarkson changing the place of meet-

Mr. Lindsay was asked the nature of the letter from General Clarkson, but declined to say. "There are good reasons why I cannot divulge the contents of that letter," said he, "but I will say this: The new Internal Revenue Collector and new United States Court Judge will be appointed the successful applicants are. I can't tell you who they are for various reasons, but they will give general satisfaction. amount of inducement would persuade the ex-Secretary to unbosom himself further.

A CITY HALL SENSATION.

One of the Favorite Clerks Fails to Sho Up With Borrowed Money.

People on the inside at City Hall are having a real sensation among themselves that out of respect for the party involved has been kept quiet. One of the best known clerks has not been seen at his desk for several days, and if rumor is correct his name will not again appear on the city payroll. He is missing and him has gone the hard with carned cash of overworked officials, who out of the immensity of their hearts have frequently loaned various sized sums of money to the now absent clerk. Two others also mourn his departure, partly because of the loss of a friend, but principally from the "I don't know. I will indorse him it it is a fact that some rents he had collected for them had not been turned in:

One of the chiefs is a loser, and his sym pathizers for kindred reasons include nearly smiled, winked the eyesthat doesn't wink; all the employes in that department. The young man worked the sympathy racket to young man worked the sympathy racket to department in which he was engaged recently threatened to discharge him, but he was persuaded by friends to give his clerk

NO TOWER FOR 1893.

The Erection of One at the World's Fair Will Probably Fall Through.

The tower designed by Mr. Morrison and proposed as an adjunct to the World's Fair. the contract for which was secured by the Keystone Bridge Company, will in all probability now remain a mere paper scheme. There are several reasons for this conclusion. The land is unsuitable as a ditions. The abnormally high temperature foundation for a structure of the kind, there is difficulty in obtaining a site and the necessary capital is not being subscribed with the alacrity expected by the promoters.

Many are averse to the erection on aesthetic grounds, since it will not compare with the beauty of the buildings already designed ane falls far short of the standard of elegance fixed by the combination of beautiful curves in the Eiffel tower.

A Diseased Heart Killed Her.

Mary Jane Stocks, colored, 41 years of age, was found dead at Twenty-seventh street and Mulberry alley yesterday morning. She had left her home on Spruce alley, between Thirty-first and Thirty-second streets, the evening before to pay some store bills, and was not seen after that by her friends till picked up dead. Owing to the fact that she had some money on leaving home, it was first supposed she had met with foul play. Dr. J. Guy McCandless mortem at the morgue and discovered that death was due to valvular disease of the heart. The Coroner will hold an inquest to-day.

Will Not Hold an Inquest.

Coroner McDowell said yesterday he would not hold an inquest in the cases of John M. Fair and George Conday, who were killed in the nitro-glycerine explosion at Willow Grove Saturday, the exclusive account of which appeared in yesterday's DISPATCH. As the explosion was purely accidental and as there are not sufficient remains to identify either man, no action will be taken unless the man now at Mercy Hospital should die.

Held Up by Footpads and Robbed. Henry Watkins, who lives beyond the Stone tavern in the West End, while on his

way home Saturday night was held up by two colored men. They robbed him of a silver watch and 35 cents in money. The matter was reported to the police and three colored men were arrested, but they were able to prove alibis at the morning hearing The police are still on the lookout for the two footpads.

A Slight Wreck on the Pemicky. Two freight trains on the Pittsburg McKeesport & Youghiogheny Railroad collided at the foot of South Twenty-sixth street yesterday morning. Several cars were badly wrecked, but fortunately no person was injured. The wreck caused considerable delay to travel over the road.

Murphy Wants to Be Coroner. Detective P. J. Murphy, of McKeesport, who was nearly killed by Fitzsimmons at the time of the Gilkinson murder, has an-nounced himself a candidate for Coroner.

TALES OF TWO CITIES.

WILLIAM JONES, was committed to jail yes terday from the Fourteenth ward police station to await the recovery of the lady on Soho street, into whose house he broke a lew days since, assaulting her in his at-tempt to rob the house. When she recovers she will appear against him.

GEORGE B. McC. WALKER, who attempted suicide by taking Paris green Saturday night, was in a precarious condition last evening, and his recovery pronounced doubtful. He is at the home of his father,

THE remains of Mrs. Matheson, of Young town, passed through the city last evening in a special car, bound for Brooklyn, where the burial will take place to-day. Tur enizootic, or some similar disease, i

still prevniling among horses at McKees-port. Several valuable animals have lately port. Several valuable died from its effects. THE Scotch residents of McKeesport are preparing to celebrate the anniversary of the birthday of Kobert Burns.

that hour for insertion the next morning at regular rates. WILLIAM CATHOLIC was arrested on Fortieth street last evening for throwing stone ****** MANY IMPROVEMENTS MADE

During the Short Shutdown at the Edgar Thomson Steel Works-Features That The Thermometer Reaches the Lowest Will Be of Great Importance in the Point Yet This Winter.

Works-The Government Contracts During the shutdown of the Edgar Thomson Steel Works, many important improvements have been made in the various departments with a view of increasing the output of the greatest of the American rail mills. The most interesting of the improvements are those made in the converting mill, and, without doubt, the nearest approach to the perfection of automata, so much sought by modern mill owners. By the new device introduced into the converting department, the oldfashioned methods of "working heats" are practically annihilated with one swoop, by

been appreciable for several days to the the genius of the inventor.

It is the common practice in all Bessemer most casual observer, but the other feature has forced recognition from all in the last plants to have a pit semi-circular in shape, and in this pit are set the molds into which few days. The mercury reached its lowest point this winter yesterday morning, showthe molten steel is run and east into ingots from which are rolled the various shapes known to the trade. With the practice just ing 150 above zero at the Signal Office, on Fifth avenue, and 50 above in the open introduced there is no casting pit, but instead, there are a number of "stools" or country of the suburbs where the artificial heat of buildings did not temper the air. in other words, a series of solid east iron bases mounted on wheels and which run on a narrow gauge railway. On these movable blocks or stools are set the molds of various ated considerably, but in the afternoon it began to grow colder, and late last night sizes and then a dinky engine pushes the train into the casting department of the converting shop, the train of molds now on the semi-circular truck conforms to the indications were that before daylight terday. To-day, the weather sharps say, it will get clear and warmer, and the warmth the radius of the swinging ladle cranes, and the steel is poured into the molds, and when will increase until another cold wave comes the cast is completed the train of molds is pulled out by the same dinky to the stripalong. Yesterday's frigid weather was bad for the street car companies. All suffered alike, there being few passengers on any of

ping shed.

Here the entire number of molds are stripped by a hydraulic crane having various automatic appliances, enabling it to strip the heats almost simultaneous. The heats being stripped, they are transferred to the blooming mill, where they are charged day, and the few people who were out all into the heating furnaces prior to being rolled into rails. By this new method of seemed to have some place to go, and were 'working heats" it will require but half the number of men formerly employed. The story that the Carnegies are so crowded with Government work that they cannot is authoritatively denied. While there is lenty of business on hand, the great mills have always room for more.

have all they could use. The snow fall amounted to a little over THE BOYCOTT BEGINNING TO SHOW. an inch in Pittsburg. Up the Allegheny river there was two inches and in the mountains considerably more. In the lower part of the city most of the snow Travel Is Said to Be Diminishing on th

Second Avenue Line, The boycott on the Second avenue street car line is beginning to be noticeable, so the labor leaders think, though as yet it is in its infancy and has not begun to show its real effectiveness. One of them, in speaking of it last night, said:

the middle of the road. Away from the "The strike has to be won on the boycott and I think it will be. I have been paying season the ground was well covered.

Sergeant Stewart, of the Weather
Bureau,, received yesterday a copy of Chief considerable attention to the way the road has been patronized, and I have no-ticed a falling off in the travel. Saturdar, when the cars should have been packed, a person could have se-Harrington's weather crop report for De-cember, covering the entire country. In reviewing the month the Chief says the weather was warmer than usual for De-cember throughout all districts east of the eured a seat at any time during the day. Both on Friday and Saturday the Baltimore and Ohio had some extra cars on. A good many of the former patrons of the road are crossing over the Monongahela connecting bridge and coming into the city over the than the average. Only two cold waves of marked extent occurred, the first on the 7th

> ng from the strike yet. I heard to-day that some one had thrown a stone through investigation it proved to be without foun Circulars are being sent to all the Knights

"I have not heard of any trouble result-

of Labor assemblies in the two cities, notifying the members not to patronize the

A BANDIT UPRISING.

The Mexican Highwaymen, Tired of Peace Are Sighing for Plunder-President Diaz Is Not Rattled and Still Has Faith in His

Carlos Henriques, a Mexican merchant, was at the Union depot yesterday, going to for the hearty co-operation of the public in New York. He says the Garza revolution general." is the most serious affair President Diaz has had to contend with for some years, but he thinks with the aid of the American troops on the Rio Grande border that the President will soon be able to crush the revolt and restore law and order. The people in the rural districts are badly scared, and than they have been for a long time. It | they hardly know with whom to sympawas attributed to the fact that the day pre- thize.

"President Diaz certainty executed a masterly stroke of policy when he enlisted the Mexican bandits in his army," continued Mr. Henriquez, "but the inevitable out come which many good people feared has occurred. The highwaymen have gotten tired of peace, and they want an oppor-tunity to plunder. These men are well armed with Government rifles, and this makes them more dangerous. As long as they could be held in subjection they were all right, but they are born fighters and accustomed to rough life. When Disz took the oath of office the country was overrun with these robbers. Several of them were captured, and brought before the Presi-dent. Everybody expected that he would follow the course of former rulers and order their execution at once. On the contrary, Diaz questioned them. 'How much money do you make by robbing?' he asked the leader. He replied, naming a rather small amount. 'Well,' answered the President, "if I paid you that much money to work for me and live honestly, would you accept it?" His frankness surprised the banditit, and, when Diaz said he wanted them to join the army, they accepted the offer. The Presi-dent called them the ruralese soldiers, and at present he has about 3,000 of them in a regiment. They are great horsemen, and can handle a rifle with unerring aim. As long as they supported the Government their services were valuable, but now that some of them have become revolutionists it is hard to say what will follow. Diaz realizes that prompt measures must be taken to suppress the revolt, and I think with the aid of the railroads that he will be able to land enough troops at any point to make it hot for the rebels. The trouble on the border doesn't mean that the people are dissatisfied with Diaz. The President is popular with the masses and is sure of re-election.

PEOPLE COMING AND GOING.

Colonel D. B. Case, of the Fourth Regiment, and Captain E. J. Smith, of Pottsville, reached Pittsburg at midnight and put up at the Monongahela House. Colonel Case will be the Court and Captain Smith the judge advocate for the inquiry which Adjutant Rees, of the Eighteenth Regiment, requested.

F. S. Seagrave, a Detroit manufacturer of hooks and ladders, is at the St. James. He sold an outfit to McKeesport, and will go there to-morrow to see how the town is pleased with the apparatus. Bank Examiner Hugh Young has re-turned from Wellsboro where he spent the holidays, and will resume to-day his exami-nation of local banks. He is registered at the Central Hotel.

H. H. Downes, the Denver agent of H. J. Heinz & Co., registered at the Central Hotel yesterday. The drummers of the firm will hold a business convention here this week. Charles Dieu and wife, of Paris, and J. . Jaycox. manager of the Bellaire Nail orks at Wheeling, stopped at the Duquesne

Dr. Smith, of the Christian Advocate, preached in the Youngstown Trinity M. E. Church yesterday. He returned home last Prof. J. Thomson Osmond, of the State Agricultural College, was in the city yester-day visiting friends. He put up at the Du-Nat Goodwin and his company were on the Eastern express last evening going to New York from Cincinnati

Ralph Delmore, the actor, and John W. Reed, of Clarion, lawyer and politician, are stopping at the Duquesne. James Dalzell, a Findlay glass man, and E. G. Parkinson, of Titusville, are at the Mononzahela House. OVERRUN BY THUGS.

Pittsburg's Many Murders Laid at the Door of Foreign Convicts.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORONER.

McDowell Makes Another Plea for a City Hospital and Morgue.

HOW TO REDUCE THE LIST OF SUICIDES

Coroner Heber McDowell yesterday finished his report for the past year, and included in it a resume of the work for the five years he has been in office. Every point under his jurisdiction is touched upon and a number of recommendations are nade, many of which have been anticipated in THE DISPATCH. In the year inquests were held on 858 persone, while in 1890 the number reached 985. They were as follows: January, 72; February, 72; March, 57; April, 62; May, 64; June, 91; July, 84; August, 55; September, 84, October, 73; November, 68; December, 76.

There were 238 persons killed on railroads, 23 on traction roads, 36 murders, 11 accidental shootings, 10 accidental poisonings and 61 suicides. There is an increase of 7 murders and 8 suicides over the year before. In the five years of his term the Coroner has held inquests in 123 murder cases and 256 suilides. The total number of inquests in that time is 4,385. The mur ders by years were as follows: In 1887 there were 19; in 1888, 22; in 1889, 17; in 1890, 29; in 1891, 36. Speaking of this, Coroner McDowell in his report says: Many Murders by Foreign Thugs,

"I attribute the increase in felonious deaths to the infinx of pauper immigration, which has done more to demoralize our civilized community than any other source, my attention being called in several brutal homicides to the culprit's previous record as a fugitive from foreign shores for the same offense. While I recognize the fact that sufficient statutory law is at hand to suppress this brutal and terrible onslaught in our midst, still delay in the trials furnish ample and sufficient reason for the commission of crime after crime, plausible easons being offered in our courts for delay in the prompt execution of the statutes.

"Secondly-The increased number of deaths by self-destruction, which also leads the list and exceeds in volume any previous year, and, in fact, is almost triple that of former years, a great number of cases might have been avoided by the close attention by the triends of deceased persons in cases of insanity, etc. Every case should be a lesson to those knowing their dear ones to be in a condition of unsound or unbalanced mind. I would further suggest that the remedy to decrease these sad deaths lies wholly with their friends and should receive the serious consideration of the public generally.' Trespassing on Railways a Misdemeanor

In regard to the deaths from railways, the Coroner made the recommendation already published in THE DISPATCH to the effect that there should be car inspectors in the employ of the Government, and that trespassing on railroads be made a misdemeanor. He expects the endorsement of most of the coroners of the State in this move. On this he says: "I am glad to note the Chief Executive of the nation in his message to Congress, calls special attention to this growing massacre of those so engaged. I would further recommend and will use my utmost endeavor by an introduction of a bill in the next Legislature, making it a nisdemeanor to walk or trespass upon the railroad highway, bridge or trestle, as a further safeguard to prevent the terrible loss of life by such cause as heretofore, which in the majority of cases leave introid destitution to the widows and orphans. I will ask the co-operation of the coroners of this Commonwealth to secure the passage of such a bill, and further hope

firm persons and children, the remedy lies with the relatives and parents, who should not allow old people to go out unaccompanied, or permit children to make playgrounds of the streets. Then, continuing, he says:

"I deem it my duty to again call the attention of the public to the necessity of a public morgue for the reception of the uffknown and uncared for remains of persons killed on railroads, drowned, etc. During the past year there have been about 400 unknown and unclaimed dead cared for at the present public morgue by the private enterprise of a funeral director. In no other city is there such a lack of law in this direction. During my term as Coroner almost 5,000 cases of violent death has been investigated. Fully 2,000 of these were unknown at the time of death and in my opinion it is the duty of State and county to provide a place where the unknown dead can be held for identification. I have appeared before the last three sessions of the Legislature appealing for a morgue and will again take up the subject at the next session. Another Demand for a City Hospital.

Coroner McDowell urges the establishment of a city hospital. He states that his recommendations in regard to fire escapes a year ago have borne fruit and he has not been called upon within the past year to in-vestigate such cases as the deaths in the Dickson building. He urges a speedy decision by Councils in regard to overhead electric wires, which he looks on as a serious menace to the public. He asks for the establishment of the office of Coroner's physician. Better service at more economical rates could be obtained than under the present system of engaging a physician for each

case requiring an autor sy.

The Coroner repeats his appeal for a fire boat that could be used as well for the res-cue of drowning persons. He calls atten-tion to the decrease of deaths by tion to the decrease of deaths elevator accidents, owing to adoption of recommendations made by juries. Some deaths have occurred from this source which could be avoided in future by the employment of competent persons at the elevators. In relation to deaths in institutions, the Coroner says: "I think it proper to call attention to the decrased number of deaths in penal, charitable and public institutions. It has been the duty of the Coroner to investigate several deaths in such places during the year and make recommendations deemed necessary to add to the safety of the inmates. I am glad to say that in every case, the managers have shown a disposition to carry out these recommendations. In no case was the death due to mismanagement or neglect on

the part of the officials in charge.

"In conclusion I deem it proper to thank the press of the county for their efforts to assist in the apprehension of the criminals in the large number of homicides during the pear; for their wide publication of the descriptions of the unknown dead which a vast number have been claimed and returned to their friends, who would otherwise have been consigned to the potter's field; and for their hearty endorsement of the recommendations of the Coroner and jury as to the necessity for the further saleguards for the protection of the public

A Number of Men Swear Off. A well-attended temperance meeting was held last night in the Moorhead building, Grant street. Mrs. J. M. Foster presided Addresses were made by Mrs. S. Getty, Edward Finch, John Lloyd, William White, Alexander Kennedy and W. W. Frances. A large number signed the pledge.

Christ, G. Dixon's Life in Danger, Christ. G. Dixon, who is laid up at hi home, 42 Sherman avenue, Allegheny, with pneumonia, was reported last night to be in a serious condition. There are three doctors in constant attendance

HIDING RUSSIAN MISERY.

Local Potentates Indulge in Banquets and Gambling to Conceal the Starvation of the Peasin'ry-The True State of Affairs

Kept From the Czar's Ears. St. Petersburg, Jan. 3.-In an interriew, the proprietor of a small estate in the amine-stricken province of Koursk, who is now visiting the capital, tells of the misery which prevails about his home. He expresses surprise at the gayety and luxury to be seen here as being in such violent contrast with the suffering in his own dis-

He says the people there are reduced to the necessity of burning their doors and window frames for fuel, and of pulling the thatch from the roofs of cottages to feed the few cattle still unkilled. He continues

"The horrible compounds eaten in order

to stave off the pangs of hunger induce disease, the progress of which is most rapid among the inmates of the overcrowded houses, where whole families are huddled together for shelter. After denuding their own houses, many of the suffering peasants band together and politely but forcibly compel more fortunate neighbors to divide their resources with them. "Government relief is wrongly allotted. It always comes too late. Local officials desiring to hide the true state of affairs

organize banquets and gambling parties for the entertainment of Government commissioners sent to the district. Any attempt to send appeals directly to the Czar is nipped in the bud by the officials, with threats of expulsion if 'such an attempt is

THE WORLD GROWING BETTER, According to Warner Miller, Who Admits

He Is an Optimist, NEW YORK, Jan. 3 .- [Special.]-Ex-Postmaster General Thomas L. James talked about the work done in this country by the Methodist Church, in the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church in Washington Square this afternoon. Hon. Warner Mil-ler, of Herkimer, followed Mr. James, and

said: It is common nowadays to be a pessimist. It is easy to look to the old times and say that things were better then than now. I, however, prefer to be an optimist. I behowever, prefer to be an optimist. I believe the world is growing better. I know
we are told that religion is on the decline,
and that people no longer believe in the
Bible. I prefer to judge these things for
myself. The churches of this country were
never in so prosperous a condition as they are
to-day. There never was a time when so
much money has been spent in charities as
to-day. If we have our hospitals and charities to-day it is because the religion of Christ
has taught, as charity and good works. The
education of the masses is the outgrowth of
the principles laid down by Christ. These
men who go around telling you the people
no longer believe in the Bible and in religion
are making a great mistake.

The evil of intemperance, centers right
here in this city. There are 550,000 people
living below Fourteenth street in New York.
There are 100 chapels and churches below
Fourteenth street and 4,000 licensed saloons,
running day and night, and in many cases
on Sunday. This is one of the great evils
that now confront us. It is a problem which
calls for the action of the Government itself.
The Government of this country is finally
controlled in its action by strong public

The Government of this country is finally sentiment. If crime of every kind increases it is because the educated people of all de-nominations are not doing their duty.

AN OFFICIAL'S COSTLY JOKE.

He Spends Most of His Time Earning His Fat Mileage Fees.

GREENSBURG, Jan. 3 .- [Special.]-Jury Commissioner Kepple was elected last term by a large vote. He lives near Leechburg. Isnally it takes only about two weeks for the Westmoreland County Commissioner to fill the jury wheel. Mr. Kepple consumed evidently did not know what he was about. the entire term of three months at the work, owing to his residence being so far

from the county seat.

It has developed that Mr. Kepple, in coming to this city, does not take a drive of two hours across the country, but he drives two miles to the railway station at Leechbarg, comes down the West Penn to Pitts-burg and thence by the Pennsylvania Railroad to Greensburg. As he is paid 6 cents a on street railways the Coroner recom-needs that, as most of the deaths are of inway. Mr. Kepple's last bill rendered for mileage was for 3,400 miles, the greater part of it being consumed in easy railroad riding a long way about to reach this city. He has the joke on the taxpavers, however, and pursues the even tenor of his roundabe

Robbed in a Stable by His Bedfellow, Lee Keyser, a driver, reported to the police yesterday that he had been robbed of 840. He had been sleeping in a stable on First avenue the night before with a colored When he awoke in the morning he nd his pocket had been cut open, and the \$40 and the colored man were gone. It was found that the colored chap had left town It was on an early train.

THE FIRE RECORD.

SATBROOK, near Bloomington, Ill., was practically burned up vesterday morning. Loss nearly \$100,000; small insurance. At Brooklyn, the four-story grain elevator of Frank G. Pinto & Sons. Loss, \$100,000 Origin attributed to spontaneous combus

AT Freerort, Pa., the dry house of the Freeport Planing Mill. Loss, \$8,000; partly insured. This is the second bad fire in that place in three days. Ar Nashville, the loss in Saturday night's

fire is now estimated at about \$475,000, which may be increased about \$20,000. Three, in-stead of four, men lost their lives. Ax alarm from station 26 at 10 o'clock last night was caused by a fire in the real estate office of J. B. Larkin & Co., in the rear of No. 59 Fifth avenue. It had started from a fire in a natural gas stove. The damage amounted to about \$100.

Big Reductions in Feather Trimmings. The entire stock marked way below cost. All this season's goods, A. G. CAMPBELL & Sons, 25 and 27 Fifth av.

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Hundreds turned away. The sale will continue and we have our force. With fifty salesladies we will avoid the delay experienced on Saturday.

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CRAZED BY THE GRIP.

Wealthy Young New Yorker Spends the Night in a Cell.

HIS ACTIONS ARE SUSPICIOUS

Until Explained by Some of His Friends,

Who Say He Is All Right.

CAME HERE TO SEE HIS SWEETHEART

H. L. Mecke, a young member of one of the wealthy families of New York, spent last night in Central police station. The charge against him was only drunkenness, but some of his actions were of such a character as to make an investigation apparently necessary. It was not until late at right that anything like an explanation was obtained. Then it was developed that a severe attack of the grip had temporarily un-

balanced the young man's mind. Meeke is about 22 years of age, well dressed and not unprepossessing in appearance. When he entered Central station vesterday afternoon he had a half dazed exression on his face which at first was thought to be affected. He told Detective Robinson he had been relieved of his gold watch, and wanted to pay \$50 reward for the arrest of the man who took it. As proof of his good intentions, he produced a check on a New York bank for \$92, payable to W. L. Leonard and signed by himself. The officer tried to get something out of him as to who he was, but with little success. Signed Another Man's Name.

Finally Meeke asked for a pen to indorse the check. On being accommodated he astonished everybody by writing Leonard's name across the back of the paper instead of his own. He had no explanation for this except that it was customary with him. Detective Robinson began to grow suspicious, but this did not disconcert Meeke in the least, for he proceeded to give the officers a specimen of high kicking. He said he had been an actor, and was quite ex-pert at such things. By this time every-body about the station was satisfied that either Meeke was out of his head, or was trying to palm off a worthless check. The young man overheard an insinuation, and at once offered to bet \$50 to \$10 that the paper was good.

However, having failed to show why he signed another man's name to a check, he was ut behind the bars with little protest. He simply declared he was all right and walked quietly into his cell, where he lav down and was soon asleep. It was decided to hold him until this morning, when his case will be investigated. Late last night several friends of young Meeke called at Central station to inquire about him. Came to See His Intended Wife.

They said he belonged to a well-known New York family. Recently his father died leaving him a large fortune. Meeke has relatives here, and also a promised bride, whem he came especially to see this time. Among the callers was Mr. Leonard, who apparently had no objection to Meeke signing his name to a paper. He declared the young man was all right and he would be responsible for him. According to his friends' statements, Meeke was recently suffering from a severe attack of the grip, which had so affected his

mind as to make him erratic at times. Yes-terday he was given considerable whisky to. drive out the ailment, and as a result he had become somewhat intoxicated. He ing.

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Now going on Greatest values ever

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B. & B. Two lots 27-inch India silk to-day at 50c and 75c. Short work this will be.

Bargains in Ladies' Cashmere Hose, 50e formerly \$1; 75e formerly \$1 25. See the big reductions in merino underwear. Only small lots. Come early. A. G. CAMPBELL & Sons, 25 and 27 Fifthav.

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Hugus & Hacke.

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