## BOOMING THE RENTS.

Business Men Make a Rush for Places. on Smithfield Street.

THE MECCA FOR THE RETAIL TRADE

Many Changes Caused by the Removal of: the Postoffice.

TRADE NOW HAMPERED BY THE BUMP

The struggle among business men to get near the new postoffice is making the situation comfortable to owners of property on Smithfield street, and there will be more moving, tearing down, rebuilding and fitting up on the street next season than has ever been witnessed in two whole decades previous combined. Most of those affected by the purchase of Messra. Solomon and Ruben have made up their minds that they will leave, but Mr. McClov said he did not know vet what he would do, intimating, however, that money might effect a peace-

able arrangement. Sign painters will get considerable employment. C. C. Will & Co. state that they will move across the street to the place now occupied by McKnight & Victory, and one of the latter said they did not know where they would go. Dr. Shidle moves, but has not selected another place, J. Rhodes Miller & Co. will move, but have not decided where. George Camp bell is in the same fix.

Changes at the Central Hotel.

In the Central Hotel block some of the tenants have made terms with Kauffmann Bros., and will not remove. Anderson & Rowan have decided to stay. J. M. Littell said he had decided to stay, though he thought the rent pretty steep. E. & G. H. Zacharias will probably remain where they are. Halpin, Kennedy & Co. will remove to Wood street. Their rent was raised from \$1,350 to \$3,000, and they say that one street is as good as another to them, as they attach no importance to their retail trade. J. T. Shields will remove from 415 to 315 Smithfield street. That building will be remodeled.

While there is some complaint on the part of renters that prices have been raised too much, C. H. Love, who has the agency of the Central Hotel property, states that the advance will only net the owners about 4 per cent. Mr. Love says the rents heretofore have been very low on that property. Charles Somers stated that if every building within a considerable radius of the postoffice were vacant they would all be taken long before present leases expire. Herron & Sons said it was yet too early to predict next season's work.

Smithfield the Great Retail Street. It has been stated that the Howard block would be remodeled and the upper stories converted into offices, but inquiry among the tenants does not indicate the truth of Most of them have leases that have yet four years to run, and they say they have not had any intimation the owners that they would like to make any change. One thing seems to be determined beyond controversy, viz: That in future Smithfield street will be the great retail street of the city, though Fifth avenue property will rtill be as valuable, as downtown business room will be scarce and will grow more scarce from year to year, unless the hump be cut down to give an outlet.

Some people are beginning to discuss the revival of the project to cut down the Fifth evenue hump, but at the Department of Public Works it was stated that there had been no official agitation of the subject. This was also the report in the City Controller's office. Some real estate brokers say the matter will not down, but that before many years pass the hump must go, as more room must be had for business.

## A MUTUAL MUDDLE.

A New York Trouble That Interests Many surance Concerns-A Court Decision That Interests a Great Many,

The times seem to be inimical to the mutual life insurance companies. Not many days ago, announcement was made of the winding up of a local company on account of its inability to keep up membership. The latest trouble is in the Life Union of New York. There is a split in it, and Ralph Marden, Secretary, who is at war with the Executive Committee, has issued circulars to members stating that since January, 1888, the membership has de-clined from 2,943 to 2,125; that the insurance in force has decreased from \$8,310,000 to \$5,800,000; that the Union has lost this year 195 members and \$444,500 insurance; but 10 paying members have been added since August 1, and there is not simple acceptance. been added since August 1, and there is not a single working agent in the field. The income for expenses this year has not been sufficient to run the company, and in consequence of the mortuary fund having been drawn upon it is \$2,000 short. In consequence of these and several other things stated the Secretary opines that if there isn't anything rotten in the State of Denmark the situation is nevertheless not Denmark the situation is nevertheless not so comfortable as it might be.

There are quite a number of people in this vicinity who have been paying assess-ments to the Life Union for several years, and they are beginning to make inquiry, and some of them think the life of the Life Union is wearing to a close. A few days ago was the date fixed by the bolting Secretary for a meeting to overhaul the affairs of the institution. The Secretary, Executive Committee and a third party which sides with neither have been contributing largely for some weeks to the revenue of the Postoffice Department and some job printing establishments, by sending thousands of proxies addressed to members asking them to yote to sustain the representation. ing them to vote to sustain the respective factions. The third party while professing to side with neither of the others expresses concern lest the \$62,000 reserve fund be frittered away, and take it all in, all memfrittered away, and, take it all in, all members hereabouts begin to think that the payment of any more assessments would probably be merely throwing good money after bad, so that the last response is likely to net less cash than any of the preceding. They also refuse to fill out proxies for any party, as at this distance from the seat of war they say they cannot act intelligibly. What some seem to think certain is that they have lost from \$100 to \$150 apiece during the last five years, and that a membership that has dwindled 33 to 50 per cent bership that has dwindled 33 to 50 per cent in that time is not likely long to yield death assessments, to say nothing of in-creasing the reserve fund.

creasing the reserve fund.

Since the ruling of our court last fall, that the representatives of an insured person can collect, whether dues had been kept up to the time of death or not, provided the last payment fell within six years, unless there was an explicit contract between the policy holder and the company that the insurance would forfeit in case of non-payment, there has been considerable of a flutter in some co-operative mutual benefit life insurance companies. The rule with many of these organizations has been that policies were forfeited within a very brief time of delinquency. The a very brief time of delinquency. The numerous wrecks of life insurance companies strewn along the shore of the last 30 years strengthen the adage, ex nihillo nihil fit.

Some years ago a mutual company in Mercer county settled with some of its policy holders in a way they did not relish, and now it is reported that a movement is on foot to attempt to bring the officials of the company to book.

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## HIGHBINDERS CUT LOOSE AGAIN.

nother Murder in San Francisco Laid Up to Their Account. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5 .- [Special.]-The Highbinder warfare broke out afresh to-

night, when an unknown Chinese was shot in Cook alley, in the heart of Chinatown. The man was just entering a house when the assassin fired. One bullet entered the victim's back and another went through his breast. The Chinese murderer threw away a hig revolver with which he had done the deed, and escaped before the police arrived. The wounded man was taken to the hospital, but died on the

operating table.

The murder shows all the signs of Highbinder vengeance, but the police have no clews yet. This is the first shooting among clews yet. This is the first shooting among the Highbinders for two weeks, the last attempt at murder being December 21, when Louey Din Ak was shot through the side, but escaped death almost by a miracle. As he belonged to the Duey Ong fraternity the police think to-night's killing was in

### CHEATED JUSTICE BY SUICIDE

A Check Raiser Shoots Himself While the Sheriff Is Forcing His Door.

revenge for that deed.

St. Louis, Jan. 5 .- A. Patton, a fugitive from justice, shot and killed himself in his room at 11 o'clock this morning while the police were forcing the door to arrest him. This tragic affair is the end of Patton's missteps in Pike county, Ill., where he is wanted on a charge of raising checks on school teachers and members of the School District Committee who bought school

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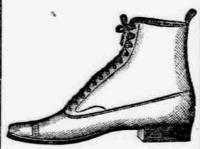
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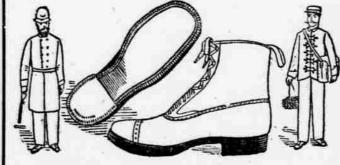
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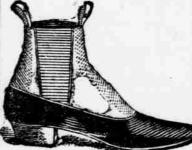
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