

THE OPENING WEEK.

Commercially, a Quiet State of Affairs Marks the New Year, ACCORDING TO THE BIG AGENCIES.

NO PERCEPTIBLE CHANGE IN IRON, BUT A VAST DEMAND FOR COAL. THREE YEARS OF TRADE COMPARED.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—A special telegram to the Dispatch indicates a continuance of dullness in mercantile circles generally this week. Stock-taking has not been universally completed as yet, and where it has been traveling salesmen are only beginning to go out after the holidays.

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THE IRON CONDITION IMPROVED. The great industries report no important change, though in iron a large business is being done and the tone is improving.

STRONG TESTIMONY AT VALLEJO. Evidence Point Blank Against Chilean Soldiers at Valparaiso.

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CITY CLERKS ARE KICKING. The city clerks in Allegheny are disappointed over what is to be their new quarters.

A BAD HUMOR CURED. \$5,000 Expended on Doctors and Medicine Without Avail. Game Him-sell Up to Die.

CUTICURA REMEDIES. These grateful testimonials tell the story of greasy, scaly, itching, and sore skin.

NO RHEUMATISM ABOUT ME! In one minute the Cuticura relieves rheumatism.

OPTICIANS? Certainly, the Best in the City. No Charge for Examining the Eyes.

DRUNKENNESS. Or the Liqueur Habit. Permanently Cured by Administering Dr. Haines' Golden Specific.

ELITE PHOTO PARLORS, 516 MARKET ST. Cabinets and Artwork a Specialty.

BAY STATE CATALOGUE OF ARTISTS' FREE. JOHN C. HAYNES & CO., MASS.

J. T. LITTLE, 511 PENN AVENUE. Correcting defective vision a specialty.

ARONS' NEW DIAMONDS. Respectfully dedicated to newly married men who are compelled to walk at night.

VOLTAIC DIAMONDS. Nothing like them has ever been discovered, or ever can be.

BERNARD E. ARONS, JEWELER, 65 FIFTH AVENUE. M. MAY, SONS & CO. FINE DYING AND CLEANING.

THE NEW BREWERY TRUST. Its Name Has Not Been Chosen, but the Movement is on Foot.

EMBROIDERED SKIRTS AND FLANNEL. Special Sale. Clean, fresh goods, choice style embroidery.

ON INSTALLMENTS. Cash Prices—Without Security. One-third of the amount purchased.

THE IRWIN BROS. HARRY WILLIAMS' ACADEMY. MATTIEE TO-DAY.

ALVIN THEATER. Charles L. Davis, Owner and Manager. To-night, Wednesday and Saturday.

THE THUMA DANCING ACADEMY. NO. 64 ROUTE 1, E. of Allegheny.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. STANDARD OIL CO., PITTSBURGH, PA.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. HAYS & TREES, CONTRACTORS. We make a specialty of building.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. T. FLETCHER GRUBBS. OIL WELL SUPPLY CO.

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