DOWN A PRECIPICE.

A Sleighload of a Dozen Pleasure Seekers Have a Frightful Fall.

TWO OF THEM MAY DIE.

The Team, Climbing an Icy Mountain Road, Lose Their Foothold.

ORCHARDS KILLED BY THE SLEET.

Lively Contests in Prospect in the Mercer License Court.

NEWSY NOTES FROM NEARBY TOWNS

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

ZELIENOPLE, Jan. 18.—A terrible accident happened to a sleighload of pleasure seekers between here and Harmony last night. The party, consisting of 12 young people, sons and daughters of prominent farmers of that section, started out comfortably packed in a two-horse bobsled, and after a lively ride of several miles they started for home. To lessen the distance the driver took an unused road that wound along the top of a steep hill. Everything was coated with an inch of ice and the road was as slippery as glass.

Hardly had the horses entered the road and reached the hill-top when it was seen an accident must occur, as the sled slipped ominously close to the precipice at every step. The driver tried to turn the horses, but too late, and in an instant later the sled swung to the edge and tumbled down the hill. The driver lashed the horses, but they could obtain no foothold, and were dragged down with the sled and its screaming occupants. The young people were so securely packed in the sled that they could not escape, and of the entire load the driver is the only one who escaped uninjured, as he jumped just as the sled went over the hill.

At the point where the accident occurred there is a sheer fall of fully 300 feet, with a gentle slope of 200 feet more at the bottom. The place was comparatively bare and covered with ice, and when the sled and its load went over the hill the horses were dragged after and fell floundering, instantly overturning the sled. Then began a terrible slide down the hill, horses, sled-runners and occupants mixed up in an almost inextricable mass.

By the time the driver could scramble down the hill some few of the young men less seriously hurt had helped several young ladies from beneath the sled. Three were insensible from fright and pain, and one young lady, Miss Elizabeth Martin, had her spine so badly injured that if she lives she will be crippled for life. A young man named Berry had been struck by one of the horses and his skull is fractured. He will likely die. Miss Long was also struck by one of the shoes of the plunging horses and received a terrible gash four inches long across her forehead. Those mentioned were found to be the most seriously hurt, though not one escaped without bruises or cuts.

It was found that both horses had broken their legs in the fall, and they were shot to end their misery. The young men, bearing the injured, were obliged to walk nearly a mile over the slippery ice before they reached a farmhouse. Physicians were then sent for, and all are expected to recover in a short time except Mr. Berry and Miss Martin, whose cases are serious.

MERCER WET AND DRY.

The Whistler House Will make a Stubborn Fight for a License.

MERCER, Jan. 18.—[Special.]—This was the day set by Judge Mehard for the hearing of arguments on license cases. It was said a hard fight was to be made by attorneys for the Whistler House, this city, the finest hotel in this section, which has always been without a license. Some years ago Judge Mehard made a ruling, which is still in force, "when a petition for a license has a preponderance of signers, then the license may be granted; when the remonstrance contains the larger number of names, then the license is refused." Under the above ruling Mercer has been without a license ever since, and there is the hardest fight of all on the Whistler House.

In the cases of the applications from Greenville and Sharon, the liquor element seems to have control and there were no remonstrances filed. The main questions in these places are on the restaurant licenses, as the Judge has stated that two restaurant licenses, with liquor, were enough in Sharon this year, but a third man has applied. In Jamestown the remonstrances are largely in excess of the petitions, and under the ruling quoted above that place has no show for licensed drinking places.

Perhaps in no part of the county has the fight been carried on with such bitterness as in Sharpsville. There were two applications from that place. The names on the petition for the Knapp House exceeded the names on the remonstrance, while the remonstrance against the Pierce House led the application by about 30 names. Since the filing of the petitions and remonstrances the two elements have been engaged in a bitter general war, their bitterness increasing every day. The temperance faction published the names of those who had signed the petitions.

A GOOD DIVIDEND PROBABLE.

Receiver Sproul, of the Defunct Corry Bank, Doing Good Work.

CORRY, Jan. 18.—[Special.]—J. W. Sproul, receiver of the First National Bank here, said this evening that Controller Lacey had ordered a dividend to be paid the the last of next month, the first day the law will permit. There is more than enough money on hand now to pay a 30 per cent. dividend, and the receiver says he thinks he can make it 40 per cent. This will put in circulation over $200,000 and wonderfully relieve the present stringency in money caused by the failure.

When Mr. Sproul took charge of the bank there were $33,000 cash on hand. Within the past 30 days he has collected nearly $150,000. It is believed the depositors will receive 80 per cent. in all.

TREES BARE AS BEANPOLES.

Disastrous Effects of the Sleet on the Orchards of Beaver County.

BEAVER FALLS, Jan. 18.—[Special.]—Reports from farmers in this section show that the damage done to fruit trees by the late rain and ice storms is much greater than at first reported. This is especially true in young orchards. The ice formed on the branches half an inch thick, and the trees sometimes snapped off like pipestems.

In some cases farmers built fires under the trees to melt the ice, while in others an attempt was made to knock the ice off, usually resulting in breaking down the limbs. One farmer this morning reports that his entire peach orchard of ten acres is entirely denuded of branches, the trees standing as bare as beanpoles.

An Official's Head in Danger.

CANTON, O., Jan. 18.—[Special.]—A petition is being circulated for presentation to the infirmary directors, asking for the removal of Jackson Pontios, Superintendent of the infirmary. The petition purports to be signed by the Democratic electors of Stark county. Mr. Pontios says the petition is simply the work of an applicant for the position, and he has no fears of being ousted.

TWO FUSILLADES WITH ROBBERS.

One Captured and the Others Escape Though One Badly Wounded.

BEAVER FALLS, Jan. 18.—[Special.]—About 12 o'clock last night, Officers Green and Cornell saw two young men named Cole and Ross, acting in a suspicious manner. They followed them and found the two men, in company with two others, named Barnes and Lee, trying to break into the factory of Hall Brothers. The men started to run. The officers opened fire, which was returned by the men, and a fusillade followed. No one was hurt, and the men escaped. About 3 o'clock this morning an officer discovered the same gang at the same place. Again they escaped, though not before several shots had been fired.

Shortly after that hour, a man, supposed to be Cole, called to the watchman in the Pittsburg and Lake Erie shanty, that he wanted to come in, as he had been shot. The watchman refused and the wounded man disappeared, leaving behind him traces of blood in the snow. The police captured Barnes this morning, and he is now in jail. The others have disappeared, and it is not known how badly one was hurt.

THE BRIDE'S HEAD BROKEN

And Two Belligerent Huns Mortally Wounded at a Wedding.

GREENSBURG, Jan. 18.—[Special.]—Another riot among the Hungarians is reported from United, a little mining place along the line of the Southwest branch. Several of the participants were badly injured, and it is expected at least two will die. The wedding of John Sofranko to a country woman was being celebrated last night, and, as usual, beer was on tap. When the beer ran low the musician's fiddle-string broke. This raised the row.

Revolvers began cracking and clubs and stones were hurled through the windows. Stephen Lagoni was mortally wounded, while a Hun named Lonzo was shot through the thigh and his head terribly beaten in by a club. Several others were badly injured. The fair bride, herself, was smashed over the head with a chair. Both the fatally-injured Huns live at Hecla No. 2, where they were carried. When officers arrived they were refused admittance. Arrests will likely be made of the survivors.

BRADDOCK BREVITIES.

A Former Resident's Suicide—A Shooting Scrape—Struck by a Train.

BRADDOCK, Jan. 18.—[Special.]—Word has just reached here of the suicide of Robert A. Hart, who threw himself under the car wheels at Du Quoin, Ill. The deceased was an expert rail inspector, and for a long time had been connected with the leading iron firms between here and Chicago. He left Braddock to go to Baltimore in the interests of the Carnegie firm last September, and nothing had been heard from him since, until the news of his suicide reached here.

'Squire Clementson to-day committed Stone Horweth to jail. Horweth, in a quarrel, shot George Martezen in his brother's boarding house last night in the hip. The man will live.

S. B. Hurd, a stock foreman at the Edgar Thomson Steel Works, was struck by a train on the Pennsylvania Railroad between Swissvale and this city, and sustained serious, though probably not fatal, injuries.

GOLD NEAR YOUNGSTOWN.

Rabbit Hunters Think They Alight on a Very Important Discovery.

YOUNGSTOWN, Jan. 18.—[Special.]—A party of rabbit hunters near the river at Niles discovered a large quantity of quartz rock which has been pronounced by several as gold bearing rock. Samples have been sent to the New York assay office.

Mary Keefe, a demented woman giving her home as Cleveland, was picked up by the police to-day wandering on the street carrying a bolt of very fine dress silk. She claimed her husband deserted her in Cleveland, and left with three trunks for this city, but no clew to him has been found. The woman was relieved of the bolt of silk and turned out into the street.

M'KEESPORT'S MONUMENT.

It Will Support the Statue of a Soldier—Mangled by a Train.

MCKEESPORT, Jan. 18.—[Special.]—The Soldiers and Sailors' Monument Association to-night awarded to the White Bronze Monument Company, of Bridgeport, Conn., the contract for building a $3,000 white bronze monument, with a 20-foot shaft. The monument is to support a figure of a soldier, the whole to be completed ready for unveiling July 4.

Michael St. Clair, of Port Perry, was struck by a freight train at that place and had his foot so badly crushed that it had to be amputated this evening. He was also severely hurt otherwise.

Raftsmen's Narrow Escape.

PARKERSBURG, Jan. 18.—[Special.]—William Taylor, William Bovinger and Martin Lawless had a thrilling ride last night down the Ohio river on a raft of logs. The raft broke loose on the Little Kanawha, darted down that river and out into the Ohio like a flash. Twenty miles down the river the logs grounded and the men were rescued, almost perishing from the cold.

A Braddock Hebrew Married.

ALLIANCE, Jan. 18.—[Special.]—The first Hebrew wedding in this city was celebrated here to-day in the marriage of Solomon Torenski, of Braddock, and Miss Fanny Wolinski, of this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Michol, of Cleveland, in the presence of over 150 guests from all parts of Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Tri-State Brevities.

MRS. EMMA F. COONS, who was recently dishonorably discharged by the Canton Woman's Relief Corps, will appeal her case to the National Department.

MR. C. M. WILLIAMS, of Calumet, Pa., states there is no truth in the report sent to the Pittsburg papers that Mrs. Anna Williams was arrested for shooting at some school children there a few days ago.

SATURDAY night the McKeesport Salvation Army National Guard brass band was giving one of its concerts. A trombone player gave Policeman Hahn a little back talk and was told to keep quiet, but did not seem to heed The officer arrested him and took him to the lockup, and was followed by a large mob of about 300 people. The prisoner was immediately bailed out.

A NATURAL gas explosion at Lancaster, O., demolished the two-story brick dwelling of Judge Brazee. Mrs. Brazee, four grown children and a servant were in their beds at the time, Judge Brazee being the only occupant stirring. He was blown 60 feet across the street, where he was found unconscious and bleeding from severe wounds about the head. None of the sleeping occupants were seriously injured.

FIRE RECORD.

AT Petersburg, O., near Youngstown, the Town Hall, a hotel, a bakery and a saloon burned. Total loss, $8,000; insurance, $3,000.

AT Rome, a house in the Piazza Spagna occupied by Countess Paduska, the celebrated painter, Corrodi, and others. Some valuable pictures, curios and jewelry were destroyed. The inmates narrowly escaped with their lives.

THE entire business portion of Orleans, Neb., was destroyed Sunday. The flames started in the jewelry store of Frank Bristol, and the postoffice, with all its mails, R. T. Tree's drugstore, C. D. Cole's store, Rander's meat market, Rowley's harness shop and an elevator containing 2,000 bushels of wheat, were destroyed. Many citizens and firemen were frost bitten, as the weather was very cold. The loss will amount to $40,000, with but nominal insurance.

WILL BE FOR BLOOD.

Public Opinion About the McAuliffe and Myer Contest.

LOCAL BASEBALL CLUB GOSSIP.

Prominent Players Amused at the Policy of the Home Magnates.

GENERAL SPORTING NEWS OF THE DAY

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—New Orleans will be the fighters' paradise this season, as it was a year ago. Maher and Choynski and McAuliffe and Myer will furnish two fights worth going many miles to see. The big fellows are to meet each other on February 27, and the lightweights are booked for some time next month. As their fight is between men in the championship class, it will attract as much attention as that between big Maher and the often conquered Choynski. McAuliffe and Myer will fight at 140 pounds, so that their contest cannot, of course, be hailed as a battle for the lightweight championship. Jack is a lucky boy to have made the match at this weight. When he fought Austin Gibbons a few months ago at 133 pounds he looked finely drawn, too finely drawn by far, many people thought. Although Jack put up a strong battle, I think no one will deny that a little more weight will make him much stronger without cutting off any of his staying power. Billy Myer, erstwhile famous as "the Streator Cyclone," will have a heavy contract on hand when he tackles Jack this time. He will not be in his own home, but on strictly neutral ground, where a fair field and no favor is the rule. McAuliffe need now have no fear of rushing the "Cyclone" into his corner, for his pompadour hair will not be disturbed by love taps of bottles or blackjacks. It needs no prophet to predict that the "Cyclone" will find a remarkable difference between McAuliffe's style of game now and his style of three years ago.

No Love Between Them.

There is bad blood between the men. McAuliffe had agreed to fight the Streator boy a few months ago, made a good winning on the race track, and calmly ignored poor Myer. Wherefore, William will rush at John with a glad cry, and there will be many stiff and wicked punches when the lads meet.

What a lucky man Peter Maher is! Or, rather, what an adroit manager his friend Billy Madden is. Peter has made much money since he arrived in America, and he has made it almost without working. He has fought four men during 12¾ minutes within the last five months. He has beaten them all with consummate ease, and, let us say, five punches apiece. Think of it, you hardworking clerks, lawyers, hod carriers, poets and car drivers! This young man has lived on the best this land affords for the last five months, simply by striking five blows per month. Don't you feel like dropping your pens, briefs, hods, sonnets and car hooks and putting on the hard gloves?

Peter's knock out of Philadelphia "Joe" Godfrey in 1 minute and 13 seconds marks him as a good man, although not necessarily a world beater. Godfrey is nearly six feet high and weighs about 190 pounds. He is an awkward fellow, big as a house and very fierce looking. But he is not a truly wicked fighter.

Where He Was Knocked Out.

Frank Herald, of Nicetown, by no means a good fighter, knocked Godfrey into a cocked hat a couple of winters ago at the New York Athletic Club. Frank was so fat he couldn't get out of his own way. He feinted "Joe" with his left and "Joe" ducked against a beautifully timed right hand upper cut. Another left feint caused Joseph to duck against the same old upper cut. He fell upward and backward and became dead to the world. Unless Joseph has improved very much since then Peter Maher must have found knocking him out a great deal easier than rolling off a log. In "Joe" Choynski, Peter will find a different sort of fighter. Choynski is a warrior of strength and skill and sand. He can do as much fighting, if we are to believe Californians, as "Jack" Fallon, "Sailor" Brown, "Jack" Smith and "Joe" Godfrey rolled into one. Madden is taking no risk. He has not put up a cent of stake money. The purse will be $10,000.

THINK IT'S A JOKE.

The Old Players of the Ball Team Are Amused at a Few Things.

Jake Beckley is in the city for a few days, and he met Miller, Baldwin and others yesterday. They had a good laugh regarding the recent talk and effort of the present head of the club concerning the make up of the team. Of course, none of them would be quoted, but it is a fact that they think the club a veritable laughing stock.

One member of the company, and an old ball player, said: "Why, it only shows that flies won't foller us when we ain't wantin' a man like Mack and sign other ducks that nobody doesn't have any use for. As usual, we are in the soup 'afore we start. Why don't Scandrett have a hand in this?"

The above sentiment, as far as it relates to the general policy of the great man of the club, is really the public sentiment. We are, indeed, getting a remarkable team together. Mark Baldwin said: "Why, in 1889 Buckenberger wouldn't allow Stenzil to play a game in Columbus."

Earle and Stenzil, both discarded players even by minor leagues, are both to come here according to the wisdom of W. C. Temple, and Connie Mack, one of the best catchers in the world to-day, is to go. The reason of this very singular proceeding is only known to the new magnate. Beckley, Baldwin and Miller joined in the remark yesterday that Mack was worth as many Earles and Stenzils as could stand between here and San Francisco. The truth is that the good and tried players think the club magnates are trying to play a joke on the public.

McClelland Is Very Busy.

E. C. McClelland, the pedestrian, has been matched to run three-men at Martin's Ferry, February 6, a race of three miles; that is at the end of each mile a new man will start against McClelland, commencing where the latter's opponent leaves off. The three men are Amos Paxton, Clarence Ebbett and Bert Montgomery. McClelland is also matched to contest against B. Sheppard on roller skates, best two in three heats, for $100 and the gate receipts.

Mark Baldwin's Suit.

Mark Baldwin, the local pitcher, received a letter from his attorney, R. C. Dale, of Philadelphia, yesterday, relative to his suit against Von der Ahe. The case will come up for hearing next month. Baldwin claims $20,000, and deserves every dollar of it according to the opinion of lots of people. Von der Ahe caused Baldwin to be put in jail in St. Louis without any alleged sound reasons at all, and a Philadelphia court will pronounce on the matter.

Still More About Pfeffer.

One more dispatch is broadcast as to Fred Pfeffer's whereabouts for next season. The latest from Louisville is as follows: Fred Pfeffer will play second base for the Louisvilles next year. George Williams, of Chicago, to-day bought an interest in the Louisville club and a saloon, and made an agreement with the Louisville directors that Pfeffer should receive $6,000 for playing here next year.

The Pool Tourney.

In the Allegheny pool tourney yesterday Eipern beat Badger by four points in the afternoon. In the evening McKnight beat McDonald by 13 points. To-day's games are: Wehner versus Elpern, Hohman versus Barrie, T. S. McDonald versus J. S. McDonald. The two last named are father and son, and the game promises to be an interesting one.

VALUABLE DOGS SOLD.

F. C. Fowler Buys Some of Mr. Washington's Famous Irish Setters.

MOODUS, CONN., Jan. 18.—[Special.]—F. C. Fowler, the owner of the famous Oak Grove racing stables and Irish setter kennels of this place, has made a deal with W. L. Washington, the owner of the Kildare Kennels of Pittsburg, by which he has secured the three well-known Irish setter brood bitches, Kildare Doris, Ileene and Rose Boroimhe, together with a litter of puppies out of the last named bitch that were sired by the famous champion Elcho, Jr., who died this fall; they are his last get. The price paid was a long one, but the exact amount was not made public.

Kildare Doris was bred by W. L. Washington, and is sired by Champion Elcho, Jr., the champion of America, and is dammed by Champion Ruby Glenmore, the champion bitch of America. She is one of the best of her breed living, and will be shown on the bench during the spring circuit. Ileene was imported from England last summer; she was bred by Major T. Coltburst-Jameson, of the English army; she is sired by Champion Ponto and dammed by Champion Drenagh, the two best of their breed in Europe. Rose Boroimhe was bred by G. E. Gray, of Minnesota, and represents a strain of Irish setters owned in that country; she is a full sister to the famous Tillie Boroimhe, the winner of first prize in the Irish setter stake at the Eastern field trials in North Carolina last fall. These are three of the most widely known and best bred Irish setters in this country.

Fowler is a new light in the kennel world, and has only within the last two years added a kennel to his extensive breeding farm, but has already brought together one of the finest kennels of Irish setters in this country, all but a few of which have been purchased from the Kildare Kennels, of Pittsburg, and his purchases in this line represent an outlay of several thousand dollars. At the head of his kennels is the famous Champion Kildare.

THE COLUMBUS CLUB.

Magnates There Think of Joining the Western Baseball Organization.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 18.—Columbus will be represented in the Western Baseball Association. The projectors of the enterprise are meeting with genuine encouragement of the bankable nature and will soon have the entire stock subscribed.

The Columbus club will not invest its entire capital stock in players this year as has been the case during the past few seasons. The company will be solid in a financial point of view and quiet as determined in its hostility to paying exorbitant salaries and taxing themselves at the end of the season for the amusement they have been giving the admirers of the national game. The home management will not favor a season longer than six months, having become firmly convinced by experience that a seven months' run of baseball cannot be successfully conducted without loss.

The Columbus club of last year cost $32,000. The new club will have a salary list of about $12,500, and under no circumstances will this be increased to over $1,000 for the season. With Toledo, Indianapolis, Columbus and Milwaukee in the East the present managers are confident that the interest will be revived and a profitable season follow.

Winners at Guttenburg.

GUTTENBURG, Jan. 18.—The track was not in good condition to-day and the attendance was small.

First race, one mile—Knapp first, Bonnie King second, Burnside third. Time, 1:43¾.

Second race, five furlongs—Irregular first, Gladiator second, Fassett third. Time, 1:03¾.

Third race, one mile—Irene H first, Defendant second, Prince Edward third. Time, 1:47⅛.

Fourth race, one mile—Mabelle first, Seven second, Rafters third. Time, 1:45¾.

Fifth race, six furlongs—St. Patrick first, Stratagem second, Wheeler T. third. Time, 1:17.

Sixth race, six furlongs—Van first, Onaway second, Longstride third. Time, 1:33¾.

Gallagher Beats Ike Smith.

BUFFALO, Jan. 18.—[Special.]—Ike Smith, champion welter weight of England, and Wrestler Dennis Gallagher, of Buffalo, met here to-night under the auspices of the Buffalo Athletic Club. Two thousand people witnessed the match and saw the Buffalo boy win. The match was catch-as-catch-can, Lancashire rules, for a purse of $1,000. Gallagher forced the wrestling, and won the first bout in 17 minutes, and the second in 16. The crowd then surged forward to the stage, and the applause was deafening.

A Bicycle Record Smashed.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—Wood and Ashinger, the 48-hour English and American champion bicyclists, are believed to have broken the record to-day in the six-day tournament which began at Battery D this afternoon. They covered each 138 miles in eight hours, according to the blackboard, but the track is said to be a trifle short. Stage, the Scotchman, and Lamb, another Englishman, made 137 miles. Scock, O'Flannigan and Robb trailed badly behind.

Tschigorin Gains a Point.

HAVANA, Jan. 18.—Steinitz opened the eighth game yesterday with Tschigorin. The latter scored after 23 moves. Score: Steinitz, 3; Tschigorin, 2; drawn, 3. The ninth game will be played to-morrow.

Baseball Notes.

WE are already getting there again. Poor Pittsburg.

DAVE ROWE will have charge of the St. Paul club this season.

ANSON'S Michigan man is Harry L. Pipp. He will play second base.

J. PALMER O'NEIL has sold his last share of stock of the local club to Treasurer Brown for $10.

AFTER the minor leagues are all supplied the Pittsburg club will have plenty of men to sign.

BECKLEY will remain in Pittsburg until he, Baldwin, Hanlon and Miller leave here for Hot Springs.

JOHN B. DAY makes an emphatic denial of the report that he is to retire from the New York club Presidency.

TAKING the past into consideration, it is an insult to baseball intelligence to discard a man like Mack for an Earle or a Stenzel or a dozen of them.

SHUGART got $500 advance money; Bierbauer, $500; Miller, $900, and Beckley, $1,000. Baldwin, whom the club will rely on next year as a pitcher, was hoodooed down to $300.

General Sporting Notes.

O. S.—His correct name is Killion.

NED HANLAN will return to San Francisco in March to row Peterson.

ERNEST ROEHER is out with a challenge to wrestle any man in America.

THE prospects are that Patsy Cardiff and Joe Choynski will be matched shortly.

J. W. ROGERS says that Lamplighter is the best developed youngster he ever had in training.

POTOMAC has grown into the largest horse in training in the East. He will not race until late.

YORKVILLE BELLE is said to have filled and grown splendidly and promises to be a sensational filly next year.

JIMMY CARROLL writes to friends in San Francisco from New Orleans that he has no excuses for his defeat by Myer.

THE date of the Gilmore-Collins eight-round glove contest, to take place in Detroit, has been changed to January 21.

IF Australian Billy Murphy arrives on the next steamer, as expected, the California Athletic Club will offer a purse for him and Van Heest to fight for.

LONGSTREET and Kingston are looking finely at Gravesend. Raceland is heavier and stronger than he has ever been at this time of the year, and Banquet is big and robust.

BOLTED THE MEETING.

The Big Pittsburg Delegation to the Builders' Convention

LEAVES THE HALL IN DISGUST.

Dissatisfied With the Result of a Vote on Representation.

VERY LIVELY TIMES IN CLEVELAND

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 18.—The National Association of Builders meet in sixth annual convention in this city to-day. There were 114 representatives of affiliated bodies, representing 26 filial bodies, who claimed seats as delegates.

The convention assembled in Y. M. C. A. Hall at 10 o'clock, but it was almost 11 o'clock before President Arthur McAllister, of Cleveland, called the meeting to order. An invocation for divine blessing was offered, when Mayor Rose welcomed the delegates and others in attendance to the city on behalf of the citizens and the Cleveland Contractors and Builders' Association.

Nothing of interest developed until the Committee on Credentials reported. There were two reports, a majority and a minority report, and all on account of the Pittsburg delegation. From newspaper reports it had become generally known that Pittsburg came here with a big delegation and prepared to introduce some radical changes in the constitution, laws and methods of the manner of conducting the National Association.

Pittsburg Not Allowed to Bulldoze.

It was thought Pittsburg proposed to bulldoze and to run the convention, and a scheme to head her off was, therefore, deemed necessary, and it was accomplished at a meeting of the Board of Directors held yesterday, at which it was decided that Pittsburg was only entitled to four delegates—three regulars and one at large. Conformably with this decision of the directory, the majority of the Committee on Credentials reported. The Pittsburg delegates expected this, and were prepared for it. During last evening and this morning they button-holed the delegates who were here and explained their objects and purposes to them. Their propositions were favorably received by a large number of the delegates from New York, Chicago, St. Louis and the smaller cities.

When the committees' reports had been read, therefore, Mr. Blair, of Cincinnati, moved the adoption of the majority report.

Mr. Harris, of Philadelphia, amended to include the minority report, as the two coincided excepting in the matter of Pittsburg's representation.

Debate on the question was long and toward its close became somewhat acrimonious. The Pittsburgers fought against their disfranchisement earnestly and valiantly. Excellent speeches in defense of their position were made by W. T. Powell, W. R. Stoughton, E. A. Knox and others. The whole matter narrowed down finally to a question of constitutional interpretation.

The Pittsburg Case in Good Hands.

The Pittsburgers had their case in good hands, and were making a distinct impression on the assembly. Their opponents perceived this, and at once proceeded to choke off debate. President McAllister discouraged this when he saw a dozen delegates rise to their feet to protest.

Then the fight was renewed with greater earnestness. Some speakers used language disparaging of the Pittsburgers, and they spurned it with scorn, and intimations that they had come to do all that was right, honorable and in consonance with the laws and customs of the association, but they did not propose to be deprived of their just representation.

Finally a vote was called for, and with the result that the Pittsburgers were defeated, the vote standing 70 to 28. When the vote was announced Mr. Harnack, the chairman of the delegation, announced to the chairman that the Pittsburgers would withdraw, and suiting the action to the words, he led the way and the other 18 followed in single file.

This was an unexpected move, and created consternation among the delegates from other cities. Mr. Scribner, of St. Paul, one of the founders of the organization, asked the Pittsburgers to remain, and they paused in the lobby until he made a speech deploring the exodus and winding up with a motion to seat four of the Pittsburg delegates and allow the other 15 seats as alternates.

A Damper on the Convention.

The Pittsburgers immediately went into conference, before the conclusion of which a committee from the convention waited on them and endavored to persuade them to return under Mr. Scribner's motion. They refused, but drafted a series of resolutions which were to have been presented to the convention at to-morrow's session, but which possibly may never reach it because the effect of Pittsburg's withdrawal has put such a damper on the convention that the Chicago delegation is going to present a resolution for a reconsideration of the matter causing the withdrawal, and it is probable it will go through and the convention will reverse itself. If this plan succeeds, the remainder of the session promises some lively proceedings.

The Pittsburg delegation came here to fight some abuses which they claim exist in the management of the association, and will criticize severely its refusal to take up questions on much greater practical interest to builders than has heretofore been done. They want a reduction of the per capita tax, and, as a means of doing it, they propose a reduction of the salary of the secretary and the lopping off of some other items of expense which they deem unnecessary or excessive.

To-night the Pittsburgers are resting quietly on their oars, and are being earnestly talked to by representatives from other cities. They say they will make no effort to get back, being content with the attitude they have taken, but that if the convention treats them justly they will not be found sulking or disposed to treat it discourteously.

ONE-Cent-a-Word will secure a situation in THE DISPATCH'S want columns.

THE WEATHER.

For West Virginia, Western Pennsylvania and Ohio: Snow, Cold Wave Northwest Winds.

The storm has moved from Western Texas to the Middle Gulf, and the clearing condition has moved from Assiniboia to Minnesota. Between these there is a very sharp barometric gradient. Rain or snow has fallen over the whole country except the extreme Northwest. The temperature has risen in the Atlantic States and on the immediate Gulf Coast; it has generally fallen elsewhere.

TEMPERATURE AND RAINFALL.

8 A. M.	37	Maximum temp.	38
12 M.	35	Minimum temp.	32
2 P. M.	36	Mean temp.	35.5
5 P. M.	35	Range	5
8 P. M.	34	Prec.	.32

PEOPLE COMING AND GOING.

Among the eastbound passengers on the Pennsylvania road last night were N. E. Dorente, Sam De Armitt and E. L. Gillespie and wife. Mr. Dorente said he was going to Philadelphia on business for District Attorney Burleigh.

A. W. Thompson, the receiver for J. P. Witherow & Co., and Job Abbott, of New York, the engineer of the Wheeling Bridge and Terminal Company, registered at the Monongahela House last evening.

J. W. Reinhart, of Boston, First Vice President of the Santa Fe road, and his wife are among the guests at the Schlosser. Mr. Reinhart is visiting the Rev. Dr. Allison.

John G. Edwards, Superintendent of the blooming mill at the Columbia Iron and Steel Company, Uniontown, was a business visitor in Pittsburg yesterday.

W. K. Gillette, Assistant General Auditor of the Santa Fe road at Topeka, passed through the city yesterday bound for New York.

H. Matson and wife, of Brookville, and John W. Sutton, an Indiana coal operator, were at the Seventh Avenue yesterday.

G. P. McNichol, of Harvard College, returned to Cambridge last evening. He had been visiting J. B. Ford, Jr.

James R. Doran, a well-known horse dealer and liveryman of Uniontown, spent last night in Pittsburg.

Frank Williams, of Johnstown, and Major McDowell, of Sharon, are stopping at the Duquesne.

Ross Reynolds, of Kittanning, and H. W. Cummins, of Wheeling, are stopping at the Anderson.

W. A. White, of Claysville, and C. H. Gaither, of Findleyville, are at the Central Hotel.

Coroner Wakefield, of Westmoreland county, was in the city yesterday on business.

James Callery, President of the Second Avenue road, went to New York last evening.

Walter Thompson, of Manchester, England, was in the city yesterday.

Pittsburgers in New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—[Special.]—The following Pittsburgers are registered at hotels here: J. S. Arnold, Gilsey House; E. Biller, Union Square Hotel; C. S. Black, Sturtevant House; T. S. Blair, Jr., Hotel Brunswick; J. M. Brokechoff, Gilsey House; H. S. Denny, St. James Hotel; G. Dibrot, Hoffman House; C. H. Edwards, Grand Central; A. Fulton, Gilsey House; J. M. Fulton, Gilsey House; G. E. Goddard, St. James Hotel; T. H. Hartley, Metropolitan; O. S. Hershman, Hotel Imperial; J. Kemble, Metropolitan Hotel; B. H. Ruble, Windsor Hotel; A. Starz, Sturtevant House; L. C. Cooper, Astor House; J. C. Heckman, Metropolitan; B. L. Johnson, Hotel Imperial; J. P. Murphy, Oriental Hotel; J. Wainwright, Imperial; W. F. and W. Webb, Coleman; B. S. Wood, Hotel Imperial.

POLICE DOCKET ENTRIES.

THE Pennsylvania road intends to put on a fast express next month for horses. The train will run between New York and Chicago. A charge of $175 per car will be made, or about $39 more than the rate on freight trains.

GEORGE RUSSELL was arrested in Allegheny yesterday twice by the same officer and for the same offense each time. He was locked up in the morning for drunkenness. He left $5 and was released. He was locked up in the evening again on the same charge.

HENRY LIGHTNER, arrested by Officer Cole early yesterday morning, was committed to jail later in default of $1,000 bail for court. He is charged with assisting James Sweeny and Thomas Moody to rob Anthony Minehen of $94. The other two were arrested several days ago.

FRANK BECKTOLD, of Ellsworth avenue, was arrested yesterday by Detective Gumbert on a warrant and lodged in the Nineteenth ward station on a serious charge, preferred by Miss Ada Anderson, aged 16 years. He will be given a hearing before Alderman Hyndman to-day.

BENJAMIN RODGERS appeared before Alderman McPike yesterday, and swore out a warrant against Andrew Suday and Mary Kizolia. It was alleged that they kept a disorderly house in Church alley, frequented by a noisy and drunken crowd, causing much annoyance to the neighbors.

MRS. KATE JORDAN, of No. 149 Cherry alley, made information before Alderman Richards yesterday charging her husband with assault and battery. It is alleged by Mrs. Jordan that the defendant struck her on the head with a poker. He was arrested and committed to jail for a hearing Thursday.

MARTIN SMITH, a mill-worker, entered the saloon of John Rulang on Carson and Nineteenth streets, Southside, last night and ordered several drinks. When asked to pay for them he refused and became abusive. He was locked up in station house No. 7 and will be given a hearing this morning. Officer McCormick made the arrest.

MICHAEL MARRIVIS, an Italian, was arrested yesterday by Officer Schaffer at his boarding house on River avenue, East End, charged with larceny by Joseph Seager, who alleges that the defendant stole a silver watch from him about two months ago. When the prisoner was searched at the station house the watch was found on him. He was locked up in the Nineteenth ward station for a hearing to-day.

THE Allegheny police yesterday returned to Mrs. Hannach, of St. Louis, the $95 stolen from her in Mrs. Buck's boarding house, on Troy Hill, Saturday night. She returned to her home last night. The police found that the money had been stolen by another woman boarding in the house, who was taking treatment for the morphine habit of Father Mollinger. Mrs. Hannach was also a patient. She refused to prosecute.

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RHEUMATISM.—Jan. 17, 1883, GEORGE C. OSGOOD & CO., Druggists, Lowell, Mass., wrote: "MR. LEWIS DENNIS, 136 Moody St., desires to say: "ORRIN ROBINSON, a boy of Graniteville, Mass., came to his house in 1881, walking on crutches; his leg was bent at the knee for two months. Mr. Dennis gave him St. Jacobs Oil to rub it. In six days he had no use for his crutches and went home cured without them. Lowell, Mass., July 9, '87: "The cripple boy ORRIN ROBINSON, cured by St. Jacobs Oil in 1881, has remained cured. The young man has been and is now at work every day at manual labor." DR. GEORGE C. OSGOOD.

LAMEBACK.—Aberdeen, S. Dak., Sept. 26, 1888: Suffered several years with chronic stitch in the back; was given up by doctors. Two bottles of St. Jacobs Oil cured me. HERMAN SCHWAYGEL.

NEURALGIA.—Bethany, Mo., Aug. 4, 1888: Suffered for years with neuralgia; but was finally cured by St. Jacobs Oil. T. B. SHERER.

SPRAINS.—Constantine, Mich., Feb. 16, 1887: "Was troubled 30 years with pains in the back from strain; in bed for weeks at a time; no relief from other remedies. About 8 years ago I bought St. Jacobs Oil and made about 14 applications; have been well and strong ever since. Have done all kinds of work and can lift as much as ever. No return of pain in years." D. M. REARICK.

BRUISES.—760 Dolphin St., Balto., Md., Jan. 18, 1890: I fell down the back stairs of my residence in the darkness, and was bruised badly in my hip and side; suffered severely. St. Jacobs Oil completely cured me. WM. C. HARDEN, Member of State Legislature.

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