BABY WITH A PIPE.

A Stunted Hungarian Tot Slowly Dying of Nicotine Poisoning.

HE IS IN A STATE OF SEMI-STUPOR.

Prefers Cigars to Candy, but Hates the Effeminate Cigarette.

NEWSY NOTES FROM NEARBY TOWNS

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

SCOTTDALE, Feb. 29.—Mikey Covosta is a little Hungarian boy, 2½ years old, who smokes several pipes and cigars every day. At rare times he takes a quid of tobacco in his mouth and chews it as dexterously and spits out the brown juice as scientifically as some old stager of 60. His father, John Covosta, is a coke drawer and lives near Morgan's station. He came to this country from Hungary with his wife shortly before little Mikey was born.

When THE DISPATCH correspondent entered the house to-day little Mikey was sitting on the floor, his head was bent over and his lack-luster eyes were closed. His face was ghastly and the whitest I ever saw among the Hungarians, who are a dark-faced race. His father shook him roughly and the boy dropped the dirty black pipe he was clutching in one hand. Then he awoke exactly as a person does after being drugged. He sleeps thus nearly the whole day except when he takes a little food or sucks away at the vile pipe, with evidently the same enjoyment another baby takes in his milk.

The boy looked up with dull eyes while I tried to make him smile; but nothing would induce him to part his tightly-drawn lips. Just then a ray of bright sunshine came in at the window and played on the black floor near Mikey's feet, but he did not pay the least attention to it or try to catch it as other children might.

Mikey was given a lighted pipe about a year ago, and, with baby instinct, put the stem in his mouth. Then he gave a little draw, and the men around laughed when he made ugly faces over it. This was where he was taught the habit that has clung tenaciously to him ever since. The Huns would loan him their filthy pipes and watch him in the afternoons when they gathered after work at Covasta's house.

The baby was rather pretty, but his face had a pallor like that of the dead. The habit his parents allowed to grow is stronger than it is upon most men, and will in a short time cause its death.

Covasta tried to tell me that the habit was born in the child. The boy is wonderfully stunted in his growth, and spends the greater part of the day sitting on the floor sleeping. His sleep is unnatural and restless.

I took a cigar from my pocket and held it up. For the first time during my call the baby's eyes brightened as he reached for the cigar. When I put it back in my pocket his lip fell and he looked as if he was going to cry. His father began to prepare the vile pipe for the baby, so I gave Mikey the cigar and he clutched it with a pleased expression. One strange feature of the case is that he will not smoke cigarettes, but seems to utterly hate them.

To-morrow Covasta, his wife, little Mike and the baby start for the fatherland. Little Mike, I fear, will never see the home of his parents. The white-faced little fellow is suffering from acute nicotine poisoning and tobacco heart. His father does not seem to care whether the child is broken of the habit or not.

BIG TAXATION CONTESTS.

Westinghouse Companies Claim Exemption in Dauphin County Courts.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 29.—Judges Simonton and McPherson, of the Dauphin County Court, held a special term of court beginning to-day for the trial of State tax cases. Among the most important were three against the Westinghouse Airbrake Company, being claims of the State for taxes on capital stock for 1889 amounting to $32,788 40; for 1890 amounting to $44,841 15, and for 1891 amounting to $52,314 67. M. E. Olmstead, of this city, counsel for the company, argued that the company was not liable to any tax whatever, being exempt as a manufacturing corporation. Attorney General Hensel and Deputy Attorney General Stranahan contended that the act of 1889 exempts only companies which are organized exclusively for manufacturing purposes, and that the Airbrake Company owns some property not immediately connected with its manufacturing plant.

The next cases called were against the Westinghouse Electric Company, involving similar taxation for the years 1888, 1889 and 1890, for large amounts. The grounds of contest are the same as in the Airbrake Company case. In addition the Westinghouse counsel contend that this was a business which could just as well be carried on in New Jersey, where the tax is 1 mill, as in Pennsylvania, where if liable at all, the company is liable to 3 mills, and he thought it is the intention of the Legislature to exempt just such companies as these and encourage them to maintain their operations in this State. If this company is to be taxed and other manufacturing companies exempted, then the act is unconstitutional, because it does not impose uniform taxation. The same counsel also argued several cases involving the taxation of Pullman's Palace Car Company and the Woodruff Palace Car Company. In all the above cases the Court took the papers and reserved its decision.

OUTWITTED THE PENNSY.

The B. & O. R. R. to Invade Its Coal Territory in Cambria County.

JOHNSTOWN, Feb. 29.—[*Special.*]—A movement is now on foot by which the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad will penetrate the rich bituminous coal fields of the northern part of Cambria. Some years ago the Pennsylvania Railroad, in consideration of track room privileges, transferred to the Cambria Iron Company its rights in the Old Portage Railroad from this place to a point above Conemaugh, retaining only the privilege of laying a side track to the Gautier Steel Works. Now, by an amicable agreement between the Cambria Company and the Baltimore and Ohio, it is said this route will be used by the latter, crossing the Pennsylvania by means of an overhead bridge near the viaduct at South Fork.

The extremely friendly attitude of the Cambria Company to the Baltimore and Ohio is explained by the fact that the ironworks owns large blocks of the latter's stock in the branch road extending from Rockwood to their works at this place. The Pennsylvania is not idle, and their branch to the coal fields of the north is being rapidly pushed. Since this new move of the Baltimore and Ohio has become public, the Pennsylvania has determined to also build a diverging branch to the Black Lick coal fields.

PAST HISTORY RAKED UP.

An Old Resident With a Large Family Arrested for Bigamy After 26 Years.

GREENSBURG, Feb. 29.—[*Special.*]—A sensation was created here to-day by the arrest of Samuel Bair, a wealthy man of Mt. Pleasant township, who is charged with deserting his wife and child at York, Pa., 26 years ago. An officer arrived from York to-day and served the warrant on the astonished man.

Many years ago after he came here Bair married a Miss Jones, of Ligonier township, and since that they have raised quite a family. In that time he has acquired considerable wealth, and is considered a good church member and a model man in his neighborhood. Bair was seen after his arrest, and claims it is a blackmailing scheme in which two or three parties of this county are interested. He at once gave bail for a hearing at York and was released. The information charges him with desertion and bigamy. He refused to give the story of his life.

Captured Tramps Prove to Be Burglars.

BEDFORD, Feb. 29.—[*Special.*]—On Thursday officers gathered in what were at first thought to be three professional tramps; but they corresponded with the description of the persons wanted in Meyersdale for the robbery of Hay & Sons' jewelry store of $500 worth of jewelry January 12. Somerset officers came to-day and identified them. They gave their names as John Roberts, James Murphy and William Daugherty. All have a list of aliases and are said to belong to a gang who once operated in Somerset county.

New Castle Society Scandalized.

NEW CASTLE, Feb. 29.—[*Special.*]—Henry McMillen, formerly a passenger conductor on the New Castle branch of the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad, but now connected with the Nypano, is the defendant in a serious case. Miss Edith Sterling, daughter of the late Jury Commissioner Sterling, has made an information against him. McMillen is 53 years of age, and married with a family, and Miss Edith is a member of the church and prominent in Sunday school work. McMillen was arrested this morning, but when the officers left him for a moment, he fled for parts unknown.

SLAIN WITHOUT WARNING.

One Hungarian Plunges a Knife Into Another in a Coke Region Saloon.

CONNELLSVILLE, Feb. 29.—[*Special.*]—The Monarch Coke Works of the H. C. Frick Company at Leisenring No. 3, near here, was the scene of a cowardly murder last night. The victim was George Huos, and his slayer Joseph Cochis, both Hungarians.

Huos and a number of his countrymen were in a house drinking, when Cochis entered, and without any provocation walked up to Huos and plunged a knife into his breast, killing him almost instantly. Cochis then fled and has not been heard of since. Sheriff McCormick has offered a reward of $19 for his capture.

McKeesport's New Turn Halle.

MCKEESPORT, Feb. 29.—[*Special.*]—The new $40,000 hall building of the McKeesport Turn and Gesang Verein was dedicated to-day with a public parade and interesting ceremonies at the hall. Two thousand Turners, representing Pittsburg, Allegheny, Beaver, Wheeling, Braddock, Homestead and other places in Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio were in line. Two thousand men started over the route laid out at 2 P.M. regardless of the bad condition of the streets and weather, after which they marched to the hall.

A Physician Accidentally Poisoned.

ALLIANCE, Feb. 29.—[*Special.*]—Dr. J. P Gruwell, the oldest practicing physician in this county, drank from a bottle containing aconite root this afternoon, instead of one containing tincture of gentian. He had been suffering from severe pains in the stomach and had taken the poison by mistake. About an hour afterward he felt its effects and lost consciousness. It is feared he cannot recover, as he is over 82 years of age.

Swallowed Paris Green by Mistake.

PARKERSBURG, Feb. 29.—[*Special.*]—Frederick Nelly, by mistake, took paris green last night and died some hours afterward. He was a former member of the City Council, a prominent Odd Fellow and a merchant of wealth and high standing. He arose in the night for a drink of water, and drank from the glass which contained rat poison.

A Foot of Snow at Bedford.

BEDFORD, Feb. 29.—[*Special.*]—Snow fell here to-day to the depth of a foot.

Tri-State Brevities.

THERE are 229 applications for space in the Pennsylvania department of the World's Fair.

A RICH deposit of silver ore, supposed to be of meteoric origin, has been discovered near Tiffin, O.

NAILERS, heaters and rollers at Steubenville have formed an Amalgamated Association lodge.

JOHN SUTTON, living near Haydentown, Fayette county, fatally shot his 5-year-old brother Sunday by carelessly handling a revolver.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS MORGAN, of Grafton, W. Va., is charged with conspiracy with the School Book Trust. The Farmers' Alliance will investigate the charge.

SUNDAY evening while Charles Lewis, of near Mt. Pleasant, was handling a loaded revolver, he placed it under the chin of a boy named Robert Keyser and pulled the trigger. The result is that Keyser is minus a chin and may die.

THE attorneys of Dr. Garrison, the Wheeling murderer who has been granted a new trial, claim that he cannot be tried for an offense greater than second degree murder, since he was acquitted of first degree murder in the first trial.

NOTHING has yet been heard of the whereabouts of Rev. E. B. Lewis, the politician, preacher, editor and postmaster, at New Holland, O. His accounts as postmaster are short, and all his property is heavily mortgaged. About two weeks ago, Mr. Lewis suddenly left home, and the last heard from him was at Cincinnati about ten days ago.

SUNDAY night Hays Deemer, a 15-year-old son of Prof. Deemer, of Bunker Hill, was attacked while on his way home by two boys. One of them, named Fimeral, picked up a stone and hurled it at him, striking him on the cheek bone, felling him to the ground unconscious. His cheek was broken, his nose smashed and otherwise very seriously injured. He is still in a critical condition.

AT Belle Valley, Noble county, O., a test hole has been drilled for the purpose of ascertaining how many veins of coal could be found within 300 feet of the surface. At a depth of 184 feet a vein 7 feet 1 inch thick was discovered. At 200 feet a vein 3 feet thick was found. At a depth of 289 feet the Hocking Valley vein was penetrated, 5 feet 1 inch thick. A short distance away it was 8 feet 5 inches thick.

PEOPLE COMING AND GOING.

Thomas A. Connolly, of Washington, is at the Schlosser.

Baggage Master Bentley, of the Pennsylvania Company, went East last evening.

Warren E. Russell, of Warrenton, and Julian Griggs, of Columbus, are stopping at the Anderson.

D. B. Bell, of Du Bois, and D. S. Richmond, of Meadville, are stopping at the Monongahela House.

J. M. Ferguson, the banker, and L. D. Wilson and wife, were among the passengers for New York last evening.

J. T. Shipley, a Meyersdale hardware man, and N. O. Peterson, of Copenhagen, put up at the Duquesne last evening.

William C. Roberts, D. D., President of Lake Forrest University, will be in the city to-day, the guest of Thomas C. Jenkins.

M. J. Alexander and H. Sellers McKee went to Rochester last evening to attend a meeting of a land company in which they are interested.

C. P. McCafferty, A. D. Morrison and J. K. Davis, of East Brady, registered at the St. James Hotel yesterday. They left in the afternoon to open a coal mine in Virginia.

Superintendent Harry Miller, a son of J. F. Miller, General Superintendent of the Panhandle road, arrived in the city last evening from Columbus. He returned at midnight.

Judge J. M. Pew, of Columbus, O., arrived in the city last night to attend the celebration of the St. David's Society this evening. He is to be one of the speakers of the occasion.

STUMBLED OVER THE STATUTES.

OFFICER JOHN ROACH stopped a seance in the Yellow Row on Second avenue yesterday afternoon, the principal medium of which was Mrs. Ruth Ann Woodruf, a colored woman, assisted by William Snowden, also colored, and Emma Snowden, his wife, a white woman. The spirit present was of one kind only, and had been conveyed into the sanctum in a pint bottle.

HENRY BENNETT entered suit before Alderman Burns yesterday charging George Morofsky with larceny. Bennett is a peddler, selling shirts and cheap jewelry. Saturday he was exhibiting his goods to a crowd of young men on Twentieth street. Bennett alleges that while a few of the party detracted his attention Morofsky slipped a shirt valued at $3 under his coat and walked off.

A Runaway Bull Frightens People.

A bull escaped from Hoffman's slaughter house on Spring Garden avenue, Allegheny, yesterday afternoon, and caused a stampede in certain parts of the city for a short time. The animal raced up the street, frightening people and causing terror wherever it went. The bull was wild with fear and many persons had narrow escapes from being gored. At the corner of Sandusky and Lacock streets, however, its race was ended, a policeman, by a fortunate shot, succeeding in bringing it down and killing it.

Death Due to Heart Failure.

Coroner McDowell held an inquest yesterday afternoon over the body of Thomas Healy, the Connellsville coal miner who died at the West Penn Hospital on Saturday. Healy had received a broken leg by a fall of slate. The physicians at the hospital intended to amputate the limb and gave the subject an anæsthetic from which he died. The cause was assigned to heart failure and exhaustion.

RYAN WAS TOO SICK.

The Chicago Champion Could Not Meet Danny Needham.

BASEBALL MAGNATES IN SESSION.

Latest About the New Arrangements of Games for the Season.

GENERAL SPORTING NEWS OF THE DAY

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 29.—The postponement of the Needham-Ryan fight to-night was not known until a short time before the hour fixed for the fight, 7 o'clock, and the amphitheater of the Metropolitan was crowded with people. The announcement was made that the fight was off because of Ryan's sickness. The club is a heavy loser by the affair, for it has been compelled to refund some $10,000 ticket money taken in. Ryan, it seems, is subject to tonsilitis. Yesterday a number of his Chicago admirers were present and to show them what he could do, he punched the bag vigorously and got himself into a profuse perspiration. The weather turned a little cooler and the result was a slight cold. It showed itself this morning in considerable irritation of the throat and as the cold advanced got worse and finally developed into a fever. Dr. Hunter pronounced Ryan to be suffering from a severe attack of tonsilitis and that it would be at least a week before he would be fit to enter the ring.

The club agreed to pay all of Needham's expenses if he will wait until Ryan is ready to fight. It is not yet certain whether Needham will accept this offer.

The Unknown Men.

There have been numerous reports as to who the two unknown are who will box Mitchell and Slavin before the Olympic Club Wednesday night. To-day it is said that the two unknowns are the California pugilists, Choynski and Greggins, and that Choynski will meet Mitchell and Greggins Slavin. The betting is unchanged here but is growing more active. It is even as yet, but the majority of the sporting men arriving believe that Maher will win. The chances are that it will be a little in his favor. When Maher enters the ring he will weigh from 175 to 180 pounds. A rumor was started last night that Maher had got drunk Saturday night, and had had a row with Madden, in which he had hammered the latter, but this was thoroughly exploded to-day as a roorbach to affect the betting. There is now no doubt that Maher will not be here until the morning of the fight, and Madden is keeping his man well out of sight. Fitzsimmons will not see him until he enters the ring, which was also the case when he met Jack Dempsey.

Regarding Ryan's sickness there is a general disappointment of course.

Mr. Abe Copper, the President, was seen and said: "About noon I went out to see Tommy Ryan at his quarters on Canal street, and found him in bed. He said he was suffering from sore throat caused by a cold, but otherwise was feeling well. He thought he would be able to go on with the fight. Jack Burke and several others were applying poultices to his throat. Lou Housman and Billy Myer thought it would only be a slight trouble, and would not interfere with the contest this evening.

Mr. Copper's Statement.

"When I was going away I told Ryan that I would call later. He replied that if he didn't feel any better he wouldn't be able to go on this evening, but he hoped to improve before night. The doctor had been there and left a prescription for a throat wash.

"I returned and saw Ryan about 4:20 o'clock and found him apparently much worse. His throat was very much inflamed and swollen with hard tumors on the outside of the neck. We suggested that he see a physician and in company with Lou Housman, Billy Myer, H. A. Varnell and other Chicago friends proceeded with him in a carriage to the Hotel Dieu. We found the physician outside, but we repaired to the Charity Hospital and called for Dr. A. B. Myles. The doctor being out we drove to the office of Dr. J. D. Hunter, where, an examination of Tommy Ryan was made. Dr. Hunter examined Ryan's throat and found that he was suffering from a sore throat and fever, his temperature being 101. Being asked for an official certificate of Ryan's condition, the doctor handed me the following:

NEW ORLEANS, February 29.

I hereby certify that I have to-day examined Mr. Thomas Ryan and find that he suffers from an affection of the throat (tonsilitis), with fever. This requires medical attention. It will require at least two weeks to restore his health.

J. D. HUNTER, M. D.

MADDEN'S BLARNEY.

He Talks About the Betting Being 3 to 1 in Favor of Fitzsimmons.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Feb. 29.—Two young Irishmen, both evidently sports, attended morning services at the Catholic Church yesterday. One was Maher, who is to meet Bob Fitzsimmons in the prize ring at New Orleans on Wednesday night. The other was Jack Fallen, one of his backers and trainers.

In an interview with Billy Madden regarding Maher's condition and character, he said: "Peter is a boy; he don't care to trip about being among the sports. Why, if he wins that fight, he will go off with some Irish friend or other and dance with the girls at some Irish reel. You won't catch him among the sports."

"Do you think he will win?"

"I don't know; we are not bragging. I understand the betting is 3 to 1 in Fitzsimmon's favor. I've got $20,000 with me to back Peter at such odds as that, and I'll either lose or win."

"Is he in good health?"

"Yes, tip top. But you can just say this for me, if Fitzsimmons is in the condition he is cracked up to be by the newspapers he is in just twice as good a condition as Peter."

"What does Maher weigh?"

"The last time he was weighed he showed up at 177 pounds. When he goes in the ring he'll weigh about 175 pounds. He's 5 feet 11½ inches, 23 years old, and the pluckiest boy I ever saw in my life."

Foxhall Arrives.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—Lord Roseberry's horse Foxhall arrived here to-day on the steamer Nomadic in charge of Mr. E. A. Day, his old trainer. The first three days out from Liverpool the ship encountered very heavy weather, and Mr. Day despaired of landing his charge in New York, as the horse was very nervous during the gale and sweated heavily. Foxhall is now in the pink of condition and shows no sign of his trip. Mr. Day designs taking the horse to Mr. Easton's stables in Kentucky after he has had a rest of a day or two.

A Great Finish.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 29.—The international seven days' bicycle race ended last night, Ashinger, the American, winning by two feet over his English opponent, Woods. The following is the score: Ashinger, 873 miles 5 laps; Woods, 873 miles 5 laps; Robb, 858 miles 4 laps; Lamb, 857 miles 7 laps; Prince, 736 miles 3 laps; Stage, 652 miles 8 laps; Howell, 643 miles; O'Flannigan 600 miles.

Dixon at the Academy.

George Dixon and Ed Daly boxed at the Academy of Music last evening. Dixon, as has been stated in this paper many times, is the best man of his weight living as a boxer or a fighter. He is really worth seeing by those who want to know anything about boxing.

Skating Champions.

CHRISTIANIA, Feb. 29.—The final races for the world's skating championship have taken place between Smart and Hagen. The latter was victorious in both the half mile and the two mile race. Hagen's time for the two miles was 5:43 4-5, and Smart's, 5:49 3-5.

Latest From New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 29.—Slavin is in the city. Mitchell arrived early in the day, and is quietly training in the suburbs. Both say they will meet only local men this trip. If Slavin wins with Jackson he will return and make a match with Sullivan. Maher is also said to have arrived in the city very quietly and hidden himself from public view. Jim Hall is here, and if Fitzsimmons wins, he will challenge him to meet at catch weights. He says he cannot get down to middle-weight any more, and does not think that Fitzsimmons can either.

THE MAGNATES.

Mr. Brush, One of Them, Says a Word or Two.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—[*Special.*]—The baseball schedule makers had not succeeded at the close of their labors on Saturday evening in agreeing on dates, and they will have to put in some lively work to-day in order to get a schedule in shape for presentation to the League meeting to-morrow. There seems to be a hitch at some point, which is causing trouble.

John T. Brush, of Indianapolis, who is President of the Cincinnati Club, and always goes very early to League meetings, sat in his room at the Hoffman House yesterday gazing into the dancing flames of a grate fire. "The baseball sky looks very bright; I cannot discern a cloud," he said, with poetic fervor.

"What about Richardson?"

This query brought Mr. Brush out of his pleasant reverie and added several wrinkles to his brow.

"I have no reason to believe," he said in cold, chilling tones, "that the assignments of the Committee on Players will be disturbed. There seems to be no good ground why the question should be reopened," and the Hoosier-Buckeye magnate shut his teeth as though the matter were settled for all time.

"But what about the option clause in Richardson's contract?"

"That amounts to nothing. So far as options and agreements are concerned, Cincinnati had a valid agreement with Jack Boyle, but we do not seem to have that player."

That remark of Mr. Brush's let the cat out of the bag. Boyle, whom Cincinnati tried to get, came to New York. Hence Mr. Brush is not over anxious to see New York get Richardson. When his attention was called to the fact that Chicago now holds Pfeffer on the option clause in this contract, Mr. Brush snuffled incredulously. In fact, Mr. Brush, of Indianapolis, and President Brush, of Cincinnati, does not feel kindly disposed toward New York.

THE SPECIAL WEST.

A Meeting Held but a Little Misunderstanding Spoils It.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 29.—A meeting of the Special Western Association Committee appointed to award the Minneapolis baseball franchise was held here this morning, but the question was not disposed of when the meeting adjourned. There were present R. W. Maguire, of Chicago, who held the proxy of L. C. Krauthoff, of Kansas City; Thomas H. Gill, of Chicago, representing Mr. Evans, the Columbus member of the committee, and J. C. Iverson, of Milwaukee, the third member of the committee. What was done in the secret session of the committee was not stated further than that a decision would be made some time next week.

However, Baron Hach has the best of it so far, and the committee's decision is likely to be in his favor. The committee heard the claims of Sam Morton for the Flour City franchise, as presented by Frank A. Larrabee, a Minneapolis attorney. Louis Harrison, a Minneapolis commissionman, and a backer in the proposed enterprise, made statements to the committee which probably impressed the gentlemen who are to decide between Hach and Morton more than any other argument that could have been made. If Hach is to get the franchise Harrison will probably give a substantial guarantee that Minneapolis will play the season out.

Guttenburg Winners.

GUTTENBURG, N. J., Feb. 29.—The track was in good condition to-day and the attendance was large.

First race, six furlongs—Two Lips first, Benefit second, Himlex third. Time, 1:08¾.

Second race, three furlongs—Uezeray first, Dillon J second, Elk Knight third. Time, :36¼.

Third race, six furlongs—Little Fred first, Asrael second, Vandyke third. Time, 1:18¼.

Fourth race, one mile and a furlong—Sir Rae first, Virgie second, Xenophon third. Time, 1:59¾.

Fifth race, six furlongs—Drizzle first, Woodcutter second, Prince Howard third. Time, 1:16¾.

Sixth race, seven furlongs—Fire Fly first, Justice second, Van third. Time, 1:33.

General Sporting Notes.

MANAGER BUCKENBERGER left for New York last evening.

THERE is money here to back Fitzsimmons against Maher at evens.

H. D.—Mitchell and Sullivan fought at catch weight, therefore their weight is not on record.

CONNIE MACK informed the local club yesterday that he will report here and settle all differences when he comes.

JACK BATES wants to fight Jack Crowley under any rules or any style he, Crowley, wants. This must end all these challenges except forfeits are put up.

JOE MCAULIFFE, the Mission boy, made a bad bargain when he agreed to fight Joe Goddard. He stands about as much chance of defeating Goddard as he did of defeating Slavin. In athletic clubs nowadays, there is always second money, and this will be a solace for McAuliffe if Goddard defeats him.

WALT WHITMAN NOT SO WELL.

His Physician Says the End Is Liable to Come at Any Time Now.

CAMDEN, N. J., Feb. 29.—Walt Whitman's condition is reported to-night much worse than for several days past, the aged poet not resting as easily as he has been doing.

He was greatly pleased to-day at having read to him a sympathetic letter from Alfred Tennyson, which was received today. The physician does not express himself as looking for immediate dissolution, but says it may come at any time.

TYPHUS IN WILKESBARRE.

An Immigrant Passenger From the Massilia Sickens With the Malady.

WILKESBARRE, Feb. 29.—George Marsrinski, a Russian immigrant who recently arrived in Plymouth, was stricken with a fever Friday, which is now pronounced typhus fever by the physicians.

He proves to have been a passenger of the same steamer which brought over the persons affected with the same disease in New York. A rigid quarantine has been instituted.

Striking Against Monthly Pay.

MAHANOY CITY, PA., Feb. 29.—The miners employed at the Springdale or Park No. 1 colliery, operated by Lentz, Lilly & Co., struck to-day against the monthly pay system, which they were notified would go into effect at once.

THE FIRE RECORD.

NEAR Topeka, the cotton mill building. Loss, $30,000; uninsured.

NEAR Massillon, O., all the machinery and buildings of the Pecock mine. Loss, $3,000; insured.

NEAR Churchtown, Cumberland county, George Ringwalt's dwelling. Loss about $1,000. Origin incendiary.

INFORMATION is received that a fire at Hillsville, the county seat of Carroll county, Va., destroyed half the town.

AT Wellsboro, Pa., the glass factory of the United Glass Company. Loss from $20,000 to $30,000; insured for about $18,000. The factory employed 125 men.

AT Detroit, Luther Beecher's storage warehouse, occupied by the Bagley Tobacco Company. Damage, $20,000; insurance, $35,000. Also, the Lambie elevator. Loss, $25,000; partly insured.

AT Hot Springs, Ark., 15 business houses in the southern part of the city, including the new syndicate stone block, in which the postoffice was located. Total loss, $75,000; insurance, $20,000.

AN alarm from box 65, at 9:45 o'clock last night, was caused by a slight blaze in the oil room at the Black Diamond Steel Works. The fire originated from a spark dropping in some waste. The loss was trifling.

AT Rockville, Ind., several small buildings. Loss over $20,000. Among those destroyed was the building occupied by the Rockville Light Artillery, and a gatling gun and all equipments were destroyed. There was considerable consternation when 2,000 cartridges exploded, but luckily no one was injured.

Ocean Steamship Arrivals.

Steamer.	Where From.	Destination.
Kansas	Liverpool	Boston.
Servia	New York	London.
Aurania	Liverpool	New York.
Normandie	Liverpool	New York.
La Champagne	Havre	New York.

REED AND M'KINLEY

Sustained by the Supreme Court on Both Quorum and Tariff.

SPIRITUAL ADVISERS MAY COME,

As They Are Not Included in the Spirit of the Contract Labor Act.

ANARCHISTS MUST LINGER LONGER

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—The Supreme Court reconvened to-day for the spring session. A long list of unusually important and interesting cases were disposed of, and the attendance of attorneys was large, among them being Attorney General Miller, B. F. Butler, ex-Secretary Boutwell, Senators Davis and Kenna, Solicitor General Taft and ex-Representative Payson.

The right of the Speaker of the House to count a quorum as was done in the Fifty-first Congress, was unanimously affirmed by the court in an opinion delivered by Justice Brewer, in the case of the United States against Ballin, Joseph & Co., appealed from the New York Circuit Court. This case involved the validity of the law passed May 9, 1891, and known as the worsted classification act. When it was before the House for action, 138 votes were recorded for the passage of the bill, whereupon the Speaker proceeded to make a quorum by counting several Representatives present, but not voting, pursuant to a rule adopted by the House for such cases. "This rule was valid," said Justice Brewer; "it is within the competency of the Legislature to enact any law not forbidden by the Constitution or against natural justice to secure the presence of a quorum, and when that quorum is present it is there for the purpose of doing business."

Why the Act Is Upheld.

As to the meaning of the act, Justice Brewer said it was a general instruction to the Secretary of the Treasury to classify as worsted goods all imported woolen goods, and that he was not required in every particular case of importation to make the change by special order. The conclusion of the court is that the act was legal and that by its own terms, and irrespective of any action by the Secretary of the Treasury the duties on worsted cloths were to be such as were placed by the act of 1883 on woolen cloth. The judgment was reversed and the case remanded.

The decision of the Supreme Court in the well-known case of Trinity Church, of New York City, against the United States, was announced by Justice Brewer. This case arose under the alien contract labor law. The vestry of Trinity Church contracted with the Rev. Mr. Warren, of England, to serve as rector, for which the vestrymen and rector were indicted for violating the law. They were fined $1,000 by the Circuit Court of New York and appealed. Justice Brewer said that while the services to be rendered by the rector to the church might come within the letter of the law, they certainly did not come within its spirit, and the judgment of the lower court was therefore reversed.

Objections to the McKinley Bill.

The decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Marshall, Field & Co., of Chicago, R. M. Boyd et al and Charles Sternback et al, of New York, versus the United States, involving the validity of the McKinley tariff bill, was delivered by Justice Harlan. Duties were assessed on various articles imported by the appellants under the McKinley bill, and they protested against paying them on the ground that the act was not the law of the United States for the reason that section 30 of the act, as it passed both Houses and was agreed to in conference, was omitted from the enrolled bill signed by the presiding officers of the two Houses, and by the President, and that therefore, it did not comply with the requirements of the Constitution. This was the first time the question was presented to the Court and Justice Harlan said it received the consideration it deserved. After referring to the constitutional requirements respecting the passage of the bill and the proceedings of Congress, the Court says:

Signatures Guarantee Accuracy.

The signing by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the President of the Senate, in open session, of an enrolled bill is an official attestation by the two Houses of such a bill as one that has passed Congress. And when a bill thus attested receives his (the President's) approval and is deposited in the public archives, its authentication as a bill that has passed Congress should be deemed complete and unimpeachable. It is conclusive that an enrolled act thus authenticated is sufficient evidence of itself—nothing to the contrary appearing upon its face—that it passed Congress. But the contention is that it cannot be regarded as a law of the United States if the journal of either House fails to show that it passed in the precise form in which it was signed by the presiding officers of the two Houses and approved by the President. It is said that under any other view it becomes possible for the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate to impose upon the people as a law a bill that was never passed by Congress.

Not a Serious Consideration.

But this possibility is too remote to be seriously considered in the present inquiry. It suggests a deliberate conspiracy, to which the presiding officers, the Committee on Enrolled Bills and the clerks of the two Houses must necessarily be parties, all acting with a common purpose to defeat an expression of the popular will in the mode described by the Constitution. Judicial action, based upon such a suggestion, is forbidden by the respect due to a co-ordinate branch of the Government. The evils that may result from the recognition of the principle that an enrolled act in the custody of the Secretary of State, attested by the signatures of the presiding officers of the two Houses of Congress and the approval of the President, is conclusive evidence that it was passed by Congress according to the forms of the Constitution would be far less than those that would certainly result from a rule making the validity of Congressional enactments depend upon the manner in which the journals of the respective houses are kept by the subordinate officers charged with the duty of keeping them.

In support of this view numerous decisions are quoted. The judgments of the courts below sustaining the validity of the act were affirmed.

Anarchists Must Remain in Jail.

The Supreme Court extinguished the last hope of the two imprisoned Anarchists by affirming the decision of the Supreme Court of Illinois and the Circuit Court of the United States for the Northern District of Illinois in the cases of Samuel Fielden and Michael Schwab versus the Warden of Joliet Penitentiary. These two men were sentenced to be hanged with Spies and the other Anarchists for complicity in the famous Haymarket riot in Chicago, but their sentences were commuted to life imprisonment bd the Governor. In the application for writs of habeas corpus which the court to-day denied counsel cfor the two men alleged that their sentence was in violation of the Constitution because the men were not in court in person when the Illinois Supreme Court rendered judgment sustaining the decision of the trial court and re-sentenced them, and that their right to say why sentence should not be passed upon them had been denied. It was also contended that while the Governor of Illinois had power to commute the sentence no warrant was given by law for the execution of that commutation. Certain other minor points were also brought in question.

Justice Harlan's Opinion.

Justice Harlan, who delivered the opinion of the court, first took up the ground that the prisoners had been denied due process because not present when the Illinois Supreme Court passed sentence. The opinion says the Supreme Court of Illinois was not one of original jurisdiction. The whole argument in the trial of the prisoners, it says, proceeds upon the assumption that the Supreme Court of Illinois pronounced the sentence of death, and such is not the fact. That sentence was pronounced by the court of Cook county, and the Supreme Court of Illinois merely refixed the day in conformity with the criminal code of Illinois. The court holds that no constitutional right of the prisoners was denied by the Supreme Court refusing to enter on its record the fact that Schwab and Fielden were not present when judgment was pronounced. In reading the opinion the Justice made no mention of the point that the Governor could commute the sentence but could not provide for its execution. General Butler, the counsel for the Anarchists, was present when the announcement was made. The decision was unanimous.

THE WEATHER.

For Western Pennsylvania and Ohio: Cooler, North Winds and Generally Fair Tuesday, Except Cloudiness and Light Snows Along the Lake Shore; Colder and Fair Wednesday.

For West Virginia: Becoming Fair Tuesday, Colder North Winds; Colder and Fair Wednesday.

TEMPERATURE AND RAINFALL.

8 A. M.	32	Maximum temp.	37
12 M.	32	Minimum temp.	30
2 P. M.	34	Mean temp	33.5
5 P. M.	35	Range	.7
8 P. M.	36	Prec.	.18

RIVER NEWS AND NOTES.

Louisville Items—The Stage of Water and the Movements of Boats.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAMS TO THE DISPATCH.]

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 29.—Business fair. Weather clearing and cooler. The river is falling slowly, with 8 feet 3 inches on the falls, 10 feet 7 inches in the canal and 24 feet 3 inches below. The Grake Morris left this morning for the lower coast. The Ohio and New South are both due from Memphis to Cincinnati. The Joe B. Williams and tow left for New Orleans. The Seven Sons got in with her tow of coal this morning and passed down this afternoon.

Captain W. W. O'Neil, of Pittsburg, is in the city. Departures—Fleetwood, for Cincinnati; Tell City, for Evansville, and Big Kanawha, for Carrollton.

What Upper Gauges Show.

ALLEGHENY JUNCTION—River 9 feet 10 inches and falling. Cloudy and cold.

MORGANTOWN—River 7 feet 3 inches and rising. Cloudy. Thermometer 42° at 4 P. M.

BROWNSVILLE—River 5 feet 6 inches and rising. Thermometer, 36° at 5 P. M.

WARREN—River 4 feet. Heavy snow; mild.

The News From Below.

EVANSVILLE—River 22 feet 3 inches and falling. Light rain.

PARKERSBURG—Ohio 14 feet and rising. Little Kanawha rising rapidly. Heavy rains for 24 hours, and all tributaries rising fast. Courier up for Pittsburg. Raining.

WHEELING—River 12 feet and falling slowly. Departed—Ben Hur, Parkersburg; Andes, Pittsburg. Raining.

CINCINNATI—River 24 feet 6 inches and falling. Raining. Departed—Scotia, to Pittsburg.

CAIRO—No arrivals or departures. River 29 feet and falling. Cloudy and cool.

MEMPHIS—Arrived—John K. Speed, Cincinnati. Departed—State of Missouri, for Cincinnati; City of Monroe, for Natchez; Chreokee, for St. Louis; Kate Adams, for Arkansas City. River 23 feet 6 inches and falling. Cloudy and cold.

ST. LOUIS—Arrived—City of Savannah, Tennessee river; City of Cairo, Natchez. Departed—None. Cloudy and cold. River rising; gauge 14.5 feet.

NEW ORLEANS—Cloudy and cool. Departed—Oakland and tow.

CRISP LOCAL NOTES.

THE Germania Singing Society gave a concert last night in their new hall on the Southside.

DUQUESNE is again alarmed over the attempt of an incendiary to burn the American Mechanics' Hall.

THERE were two new cases of scarlatina and one new case of diphtheria reported to the Bureau of Health yesterday.

THE report of the money order department of the Pittsburg postoffice for February shows a total business of $193,773 68.

A DELEGATION of about 60 Turners from the Southside went to McKeesport yesterday to attend the dedication of a new Turner Hall.

THE Allegheny tracks, where the road runs into the Pennsylvania at Twenty-eighth street, will be lowered, and in this way a bad curve will be avoided.

GENERAL MANAGER WATT, of the Pennsylv