GOING OUT OF BLAST.

Furnacemen in the Shenango Valley at Last Realize That

OVERPRODUCTION IS AN ENEMY.

Immense Stocks of Iron Piled Up Waiting for a Bidder.

NO CONCERTED ACTION CAUSING DELAY

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. SHARPSVILLE, March 13.-There are undoubtedly many pig iron producing districts of the country where present appearsinces would indicate comparatively fewer signs of general activity than are apparent n this industry in the Shenango Valley. Diligent inquiry, however, reveals the fact that the universal paralyzation of the iron rade vitally affects this district. Nowhere else does the contemplated action of the furnacemen assume a darker gloom. The district embraces the thriving towns of Sharon, West Middlesex and Sharpsville, all eminently iron producing places. Their deantageous location midway between the centers of supplies of coke and ore, and proximity to the limestone beds, coupled with their central location between the great iron consuming points of Cleveland and Pittsburg, Buffalo and Wheeling, insure capability of producing pig iron as economically as any other district in the North, and marketing their products to greater advantage than any other district outside of the unequaled Pittsburg district. For these reasons this spot is prosperous even during periods of ere than ordinary depression in the iron de. Therefore, when evidence of great depression are apparent hereabouts and signs of possible total stoppage visible, the trade is writhing from the severest shing it has ever received from over-The general inactivity of the ats and the enormous stocks of iron on

and fully confirms this. Ella and Fannie furnaces of the Wheeler Furnace Company, the property of Pickunds, Mather & Co., the Cleveland ore erators, one stack is idle and the firm te banking the remaining stack a short time. It has probably 30,000 to 00 tons of pig iron on hand, and when Wheeler, the general manager, was ked his opinion of the condition of trade, trankly stated that the present state of ings was most deplorable, and the immele believes that all furnaces in this district ill shut down, because it is the only way He expressed himself as being pleased the announcement that some plants already carried this invigorating pol-nto practice, as it is the only way to re-e the seat of the trouble.

A Shurdown Is Their Salvation At the Stewart Iron Company's plant in haron one stack is idle and a member of he firm positively stated that they intended anking the other also. The operation of tack now running, but the duliness in definished products warrants the ing down of the blast furnace plant. It own of the blast furnace plant. It is a day or probably not for a month is action will be carried into effect. Staron Iron Company's plant one ostacks is idle and it was learned authority that the other plant will in aperation in order to supply the ecessary is ruse in their adjoining till. The Keel Ridge stack of Kimol has been idle since the last shuttenent, and will not again resume its inability to make iron as it can be bought for at present. This individuals of the Sharon Steel with officials of the Sharon Steel Company, Sharon Chain Works and

singly dull condition of trade, with ok nather dubious.

In an and Middlesex there is a total nack, but three of which are in peration, with the probability of ese three shutting down soon. This come stack, with a capacity of abour autually, in active operation, and the total annual capacity of about is idle. This tills capacity of about This idle capacity reprethe rate of production.
find the condition is even worse iere I find the con than at Sharon or Middlesex, because than at Sharon or Middlesex, because this district has a greater total production and its control is not in the hands of so few concerns—a host which greatly tends to stimulate local competition. Further, the district is saidly a producing one, not a pound of the pag from being consumed here. There are in this locality nine turnace stacks under the control of six different companies, and their condition is as ollows. Of the two stacks of the Spearman Iron Company, one is in blast and one late. I learned from the firm that they contemplate banking the now idle further they contemplate banking the now idle furthere is about 2,000 tons of unsold iron in the

Yards Full of Foundry Iron. At the Mabel Furnaces of Perkins & Co. one slack is working and one idle. I was inmed by the manager that they also conplate shulting down altogether, and, in an order to this effect was issued on day week by the owners, Messrs, Hanni Cleveland, but immediately counbeing piled in the yards until at about 10 000 tons of a high grade of esent about 10 000 tons of a living rade of undry from are plied up about the plant. The two stacks of Pierce, Kelly & Co., own as the Douglass Farnaces, are idle as cosult of the financial emb. trassment of is concern, made known some two weeks oby the tragte death of Mr. Kelly. There is a meeting of creditors on Thursday, lich was attended by Mr. Frank Pierce, of e from Banking Company: Geo. W. John of New Castle: R. McCurdy, of Youngswin, John Scott, of New York: John Tod, Cleveland, and other creditors, thing which it was agreed by a ludding which it was agreed by a ludding to two years. Mr. Frank Pierce was pointed trustee with full control. The last will not resume until some improvewill not resume until some improve is observable in the trade. The condisobservable in the trade. The condi-if the firm's affairs are such that it require about 50 per cent of the pro-of the sale of the plant and the total ble assets to liquidate their indebted. There is probably \$10,000 worth of hand, a pertion of which will be sold the the two weeks wages due em-

at the Sharpsville furnace probably 5,000 one of iron are on hand and unsold, and it was generally agreed by the members of the on that activity in the pig iron industry as prominent by its absence. It was stated Mr. Pierce that there was no money in Mr. Pierce that there was no money in seemer from at present, and for this rea-they refused to sell their product. Un-sprices improve shortly, and their inten-ue not to sell remain firm, it is only a estion of how seen they will shut down. They Are All of One Opinion.

At the Wheeler Furnace Company's plant view of the fact that this concern has closed it is thought will soon be opened to settle one of their Miudlesex stacks and intend senking the other it is reasonable to sunthat when the same conditions prevail the same line of action is very likely: the same has a stated at the office. The refurence will also shut down, as they about 7,000 to 8,000 tons of from on hand the outlook to them is not sufficiently straging even to continue running a

live, with an annual capacity of out 135 600 tons, while the number of inacave stacks is four, with a total annual appetity of about 110,000 tons. I can posi-ively state, from direct admissions made, ely state, from direct admissions made, at every blast furnace in this district will out of blast in a very short time.

I is estimated that the amount of unsold at the hands of producers in the Succession of 100,000 as. Producers now believe that this survey stock has paralyzed the market will hold it down for some time. Every son spoken to expressed the belief that outly any out of the difficulty is the appare of production. But while this fusual is universal, it is impossible to bring out concerted action to checkmate the life of the production of the concerted action to checkmate the life of the concerted action to checkmate the late of the concerted action to check make the late of th will. There is no individual or association of whose actions blame can be attached for the present state of things, so there is nothing to war against, except the decree of fate. Every producer understands the situation. The recognition of the necessity to bring about good is mutual, but concerted action a lacking and will continue to be lacking. Each wants to be the last to close, finances, permitting, and it is this policy of hoping against hope that prolongs the struggle.

J. C. K.

CONGESTION of the throat is at once relieved by Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. Price,

SCOOPED BY THE B. & O.

The Richmond Terminal Rumor Repeated in a More Emphatic Form-The Grea Southern System Bas Been Absorbed Little by Little-Reading In It.

ATLANTA, March 13.-It is said here of ndoubted authority that a deal has been perfected by which the Richmond Terminal property passes under control of the Baltimore and Ohio. John Inman is said to have engineered the matter, and Mr. Oakman, tormerly Vice President of the Rich-mond and Danville, R. R., has been agreed

mpon to succeed Inman as President.

This is stated to mean the wrenching from the hands of Colonel Brice, General Thomas and their associates the control of the Richmond and West Point Terminal the Richmond and West Point Terminal, the Richmond and Danville system with its leased lines, and the East Tennessee system. The Baltimore and Ohio has long had a covetous eye on this big Southern system, and has long been buying Terminal stock, the Terminal controlling these systems. The last purchase was made yesterday, that being the block held by the Inman party, and its purchase places in the hands of the Baltimore and Ohio the Richmond and Danville system, the Georgia Pacific system, the East Tennessee and Queen and Crescent system.

East Tennessee and Queen and Crescent system.

The Central Railroad, of Georgia, which was leased to the Georgia Pacific and which is just now cutting such a figure in the courts, is to be dropped and left to shift for itself. The Jersey Central and the Reading are included in this deal being scooped by the Baitimore and Ohio, making a mammoth consolidation. It seems while the Brice and Thomas people have been fighting the Inman and Calhoun people, this other and new element has been quietly at work making the purchases that have put it in control.

FREE TO NICARAGUA.

Another Market Opened Up for Our Mant

facturers by Reciprocity. WASHINGTON, March, 13 .- The President to-day made a public proclamation of the reciprocity with Nicaragus, which Republic agrees to admit free, among other things these: Animal, alive; cornment; fruits, fresh or dried; cotton seed oil and all other products of said seed; tar, rosin and turpentin coal mineral or animal; wood and lamber in the rough, or prepared for building pur poses: houses of wood or from tools and imelements for agricultural or horticultural purposes; wagons, carts and handcarts; from

purposes; wagons, carts and handcarts; fron and steel, in rails for railroads and other similar uses and structural fron and steel for bridges and building purposes.

Also wire for fences, with or without barbs, clamps, posts, clips and other accessories of wire not less than three lines in diameter; machinery of all kinds for agricultural purposes and parts of such machinery; motors of steam or animal power; forges, water pumps of metal, pump hose, sledge hammers, drills for mining purposes, fron phing with its keys and fancets, crucisledge hammers, drills for mining purposes, iron piping with its keys and fancets, crucibles for melting metals; iron water tanks and lightning rods; roofs of galvanized iron, gutters, ridging, clamps and screws for the same; books, pamphlets and other printed matter; vessels and boats of all kinds, fitted together or in parts; gold and silver in bullion, bars or coin.

It is understood that the packages of coverings in which the articles named in the foregoing schedule are imported shall be free of duty if they are usual and proper for the purposes.

SPRINGER TO SPEAK LAST.

Just as the Tariff Debats Cores He Wil Shoot His Wad. WASHINGTON, March 18 .- Representative

Springer continues to improve rapidly, and expects to be on his feet again in a few days For the first time since the serious stages of his illness he was able to-night to receive representative of the Associated Press in his room while cating his supper. "I am getting along splendidly, now," said he, "and am eating as heartily, three time a day, as I ever did in my life. As soon as I am able to walk around and to take care of myself well I will go to Fortress Monroe for a couple of weeks, so that I will make no attempt to

weeks, so that I will make no attempt to resume my Congressional duties for three or four weeks yet."

It is expected that the tariff discussion in the House will continue for three or four weeks more, with interruptions now and then for the consideration of appropriation and other pressing bills. It is now understood that Mr. Springer will make the closing apeech in the tariff debute. He has a great deal of material collected which he expected to use in an argument at the opening of the debate, so that no great labor will be involved in preparing for the closing argument in favor of his bills.

JAY GOULD DEFENDED

By a Preacher Who Thinks It Wrong to

Question One's Motives. New York, March 13.- [Special.] -Rev. William Lloyd preached to-night in the Central Congregational Church on "Men with beams in their own eyes looking The Champion Dogs Begin to Arrive for for splinters in their neighbors' eyes. The text was taken from Christ's Sermon on the Mount. The speaker said that his sub-ject had been suggested by the discussion in the newspapers of the propriety of an im-mensely wealthy man giving his money to the church. Among other things he said: the church. Among other things he said:

There are those who, because the rich man has been induced to give some of his money, for disseminating Christianity, question his motives and those of the institutions that are benefited by his generosity. This is all wrong. Better far to think that the spirit of that man was so changed, and his heart so softened, that he did this for the love of God and the church. It is uncharitable, I say, not to do so, and Christ had to suffer from the same spirit of uncharitableness. When He walked with the publican the pharisses pointed at Him the finger of scorn, and when He changed water into wine at the wedding feast they called Him a winebibber.

CHILDREN CLANDESTINELY WED.

The Bride's Guardian Objects, but the Groom's Mother is Willing.

Newark, N. J., March 13 .- A sensation was created to-day in the lower part of this city on the discovery of a secret marriage of two minors. The groom was Joseph Carey and the bride was Annie Frolin, aged 16 years. The bride is an orphan, her father having died six weeks ago, leaving her by his will a fortune of \$10,000. The groom is the son of

fortune of \$10,000. The groom is the son of a poor widow.

The pair went to Mr. Harris, a colored Justice of the Peace, who performed the ceremony February 29, the boy representing himself to be 19 years of age and the girl 17. They returned to their respective homes. Father Cody, pastor of the St. James Church, declares that the marriage is lilegal, and has appointed Owen Kane the girl's guardian. Mr. Kane will send her to a boarding school, and will shortly begin proceedings for the annulment of the marriage. The boy's mother will insist on the validity of the marriage.

BESIEGING NEW FARM LANDS.

Large Numbers of Boomers Waiting for the

Opening of Reservations. GUTHERE, O. T., March 13.-Many boomer are passing through here bound for the Cheyenne and Arapoe Indian lands, which ment. Others who were unsuccessful in obtaining homes during the recent rush for the lands, and who have been camping about the city, are leaving for the new lands.

lands.
It is estimated that 500 people are now gathered around Cheyenne lands waiting for the proclamation opening them to general settlement. Prominent among the "boomers" are a large number of negroes.

Fataliy Gored by a Bull.

WASHINGTON, PA., March 13,-1 Special. 1 John Porter, a well-known and rich dairyman who lives near this place, was probably fatally gored by a bull this afternoon. Por ter entered the stable and untied the bull The animal turned on him, threw him down and plunged its horns into his abdomen, tearing it so that his entrails protruded. Another thrust tore his face horribly and put out one eye, Physicians give little hopes of his recovery.

TRYING TO DOWN DAY

New York Club's Troubles Said to Be Greater Than Admitted.

PITTSBURG IS WELL THOUGHT OF.

Champion Dogs of All Kinds Begin to Arrive for the Local Show.

GENERAL SPORTING NEWS OF THE DAY

PECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE NEW YORK, March 13.-To say the least of it things are not going smoothly along among the magnates and players of the New York club. Relationships are considerably strained and it is useless for Manager Powers or any other official of the club to deny the fact. The Spalding and Day matter is more far reaching in its nature than is generally believed. Indeed, so serious has the aspect of the situation grown of late that patrons of the game need not be much surprised if Mr. Day's resigna

tion is demanded at any time. The withdrawal of this genial official from the club would be a serious blow, for he is universally liked by player and patron and can do more work with the men of the team than probably any other man in the League. The popular feeling is with Mr. Day, but the directors are considerably divided among themselves. If Mr. Day is forced to resign it will also be a loss to the National League. But his friends say that he will stay where he is.

The Disturbing Element For months there has been a disturbing element in the club, and its wrangles have been hidden from the public as much as possible. When a phase of the situation was published it was denied by the faction upon whom it reflected, but the facts that have come to light through the loss of Daniel Richardson by the Giants indicate clearly that trouble has been brewing for a long time. President Day was accused of being the cause of allowing Richardson to go to Washington by withdrawing from the Indianapolis meeting before the plans of the consolidation of the League and the American Association were consummated. He defended himself by showing that Mr. Walter Spalding was left to represent the club, and subsequently fought so earnestly for the retention of that player that he has convinced patrons of the game that the blame should not be thrown on his shoul-

Mr. Spalding in town comes out with letter and washes his hands of the responsi-bility. Wherever the blame lies, it is cerbility. Wherever the blame lies, it is certainly no longer an idle tale that these two men are not friendilly disposed to each other. Mr. Spalding has undertaken, whenever opportunities have offered, to dictate the management of the club, and John B. Day, while President of the organization, has been compelled to submit to many interferences. This is due largely to the fact that he lost most of his money in maintaining his club in the League-Brotherhood, fight, whereas he might have done otherwise if he would have withdrawn from the former.

Some General Observations. The trouble among the officials is having The trouble among the officials is having its effect among the players, and as a result there is already a jealousy among them that bears an ill omen. If Bassett comes here there is sure to be trouble between he and Buck Ewing. If he does not come matters may go along all right.

Much is expected of King here, the ex-Pittsburg pitcher. The success of the team, it is generally thought, depends on his pitching and that of Rusie's. Both are receiving good salaries and if they do not do good work the patrons of the club will be much disappointed.

New Fork basebail cranks are beginning to indulge in speculation as to what the va-

New York baseball cranks are beginning to indulge in speculation as to what the various clubs will and will not do this season. There are few who expect New York to be on top, but everybody expects the team to be well up at least. Pittsburg's team are better thought of than many people think, and it is acknowledged that they have one of the best infields in the League. It Denny is signed and does well the team will be a strong one, as Farrell can be used in the out-

Your correspondent met a gentleman the other day who saw Woodcock not very long ago and he says the young twirler is an extremely good man in the box. He has great speed, and the gentleman added that Pittsburg is very likely to secure a good prize in Woodcock. It is a fact that almost all the Eastern clubs would like to have him.

COMING TO THE SHOW.

the Local Exhibition. Dogs, dog trainers and attendants began to arrive in the city yesterday for the big show which commences in the Auditorium to-morrow. Among the first arrivals was the well-known trainer, Ben Lewis. He came from Washington, D. C., and had no less than 54 dogs with him that will be on exhibition here this week. Ben is a great exhibition here this week. Ben is a great man among dog fanciers and he always has with him some of the best dogs in the country. Among his lot this trip he has three splendid pointers, Duke of Kent, Lass O'Bow and Inspiration. They are all handsome dogs. He has also Duke Elcho and Exile II., the famous Irish setters. Besides these classes he has Gordon Setters, English setters, pugs, Skye terriers, French poodles and beagles.

The consignment of Skye terriers from the Anglo-American kennels at Salem, Mass., also arrived, and also the dogs of E. H. Morris, of Baltimore. A number of prominent dog fanciers, including Mr. Herman and Colonel Murphy, arrived from Washington, and all are of opinion that this will be a great show, certainly the best ever held in Pittsburg. The benches will all be arranged to-day.

to-day.

WHOLESALE KNOCKING OUT.

The New System Condemned by a Prominent Writer on Sporting Matters. Relative to the recent feats of Corbett and others, knocking two or three men out in one evening, a writer in the London Referee

has the following to say:
"As to the knocking-out trick, now played
by big guns on minor artillerists and novices, I look upon it as the very lowest possi-ble form of miscalled sport. It seems to me to be pure and simple brutality, this setting up inserior boxers to be battered about by up interior boxers to be battered about by men against whom they presumably have no show. Where is the sport in it—the element of excitement and uncertainty necessary to sport? Of course now and then you may find a so-called swell catch a tartar, but that is not the intention of the arrangement at all. The noble British sportsman's hankering for blood and freely xpressed wish for "houting" is bad enough when that latter may occur as an incident in a regular set-to in what may pnas as a fair match; but it is in what may pass as a fair match; but it is poor work indeed to stick up dummies for the strong to pitch into and "hout." I should think admirers of the performance might get more satisfaction for their money out of a ter hours in a long between

BLAMES LOUISVILLE MAGNATES.

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President Bart Still Maintains That Chicago

Cou'd Have Joined the Colonels. CHICAGO, March 18 .- "The latest offer of the Louisville club," said President James Hart of the Chicagos, yesterday, "only goes to show that they do not want to engage Pieffer. Now that Wilmot has reported for duty and is apparently satisfied to play here the Louisvilles think they will satisfy their constituents by offering to trade Tom Brown for Fred Pfeffer. Of course they know that we will reject the proposition, as we would have no use for Brown as long as Wilmot is

Baseball Notes. SOME cruel folk have titled St. Louis' aggrega-on "The Shoulder Bounds." BALDWIN, Hanlon and Beckley will have the leveland team for company this week.

Manager Powers is quoted as saying that he prefers Reddy Mack to Bassett. He talked differ-ently in Pittsburg. ently in Pittsburg.

JIMMY WOLF says he has not signed a Wester
League contract, as his terms were not accepted
He may go to the Pacific coast.

A PESSIMISTIC critic believes that the enemy of buseball in the Keutucky Legislature is fighting the game because it keeps people from drinking. CAPTAIN LAWRENCE YOUNG, of the 'Varsity nine, has appointed Rufus Choate, '95, of San Diego, Cal., captain of the Freshmen nine at Princeton. PROVIDENCE and New Haven got frozen out of the Eastern League, and their places in the circuit go to vastly interior cities. The Eastern League will realize this to its cost before the season is

A New York business man entered the office of Director Talcott, of the New York club, last Thursday and astonished that official by ordering a dozen season books. He said now that the baseball magnates had settled all their differences, his interest in the game had returned, and he looked for a very prosperous season.

General Sporting Notes, MANAGER POWERS has signed Reddy Mack.

ABOUT 150 men are employed at the Palo All HALF-BACK JOHNNY POR returns to Princeto GEORGE SMITH, the local sprinter, has gone New York to Join Barnum's circus.

IVES is pleasing his friends in his practice wor for his billiard match with Schaeffer. A. H.—Russell was handlcapped at 105 pour br last year's Brooklyn, but carried 106% poun It is reported that M. M. Morse, Secretary of the National Trotting Association, will retire in Ma RIDGEWAY, the pacing stallion, was fatally poisoned by some miscreant at Liberty, Ind. Howas varued at \$5,000.

Some Boston capitalists are canvassing a plan to construct and equip a first-class race track within reach of Boston. Frank Ives made a run of 192 in one of his late practice games and scored 500 in nine innings, averaging 55 5-9. Thatcher made 32 points in the same time. HERE is the way they have fixed the admission price in Louisville: The bleachers will be 25 cents the old 35-cent stand will be 50 cents; that part of the grand stand formerly used by men will be 6 cents, and the ladles' part of the grand stand will be 75 cents.

be 75 cents.

A FIRST-CLASS mile track is in course of construction at Decatur, Ill. The Central Illinois Circuit has been formed with the following members and dates: Decatur, August 20 to September 2 Danville. September 5 to 9: Bloomington, September 13 to 16, and Kankakee, September 2: to 25. AT a meeting of the Directors of the Maine Mile Frack Association in Portland, February 27, it was seeded to build a regulation track. It is the intention of the management to place its construction entirely in the hands of Seth Griffin, and hold lim to his promise to build the fastest track in the world.

THE entries for the Italian trotting Derby closed December 31 with 46 subscriptions, 13 of them by the Breds Association and eight by Mr. Magnan. Most of the colts entered have American autecedents. Tweive of them are by Amber, eight by Hambleton, six by Elwood Medium, three by Atlantic, and as many by Grandmont. Three more are by Russian trotting sires, and three out of thoroughbreds.

of thorougnoreds.

The Gentlemen's Driving Association of Millersburg, O., has been organized, and its success is assured by a strong membership and financial backing. The association proposes to hold a meeting June 15 and 16, and purses amounting to \$1,500 will be offered. It is a well-known fact that Millersburg has one of the best half-mile tracks in the resourg has one of the best half-mile tracks in the ltate, which will assure good racing under the uspices of the new association

A LOOTED LODGE TREASURY.

The Worst Phases of O'Brien's Defale Not Made Public.

PHILADELPHIA, March 13.—Members of th Catholic Knights of America resident in this city talked freely concerning the efforts being made to settle the heavy defalcation to believe that the worst phases of the defai-cation have not yet been made public, and it will be from here that certain information will go out throwing light upon the manner in which it became possible for a great deal of the empezzlement to have been accom-

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pished.

While there have been a deluge of appeals
to the Supreme President from Pennsylvania and other States for an extra session
of the Supreme Council, which met on May
1, that official has made no announcement.
One of the members of this city to-day said
that from present appearances it would not
be surprising if the order lost \$30,000. The
question, he said, uppermost in the minds of
all at this time is, had the Senior Supreme
officers been blameless?

MR. ELKINS IS INTERESTED

In the Bureau of Military Intelligence of His Department.

WASHINGTON, March 18 .- Secretary Elkins s much interested in the matter of military intelligence, and is examining the subject with great care, with the idea of extending the functions of the Bureau of Military Intelligence in the War Department, and lo cating it, with a view to its expansion and permanency. This question has had his carnest attention since the first days of his earnest attention since the first days of his administration, but the importance of the subject has made him very cautious in reaching any conclusion. He has now made himself familiar with the question involved, and will undoubtedly act at an early day.

The Secretary has found upon inquiry that important matters arising in connection with army administration will be greatly assisted and their solution expedited by having available information on similar subjects with reference to foreign service.

INOCULATED BY SUCKING A WOUND.

A Mother and Son Afflicted With Rables the Pasteur Institute. New York, March 13 .- Mrs. Buhl, of Tus

cumbia, Ala., a sister of Congressman H. R Herbert, Chairman of the Committee or Naval Affairs, is a patient at the Pasteur Institute, this city, with her son Berbert, who was recently bitten by a mad dog.

Mrs. Buhl became inoculated with the rables poison through sucking the virus from her son's wounds, she, having an abrasion of the lip at the time. The patients are reported to be doing well.

California Shuking Again. NAPA. CAL., March 13 .- This morning at 8:35 o'clock, quite a severe shock of earthquake was experienced here. The vibrations were from north to south, continuing about 12 seconds.

THE FIRE RECORD.

A Lor of rags caught fire in James G. Neil's foundry on Smallman street yesterday. No damage was done as the flames were soo extinguished.

At New York the seven-story first-class Janet apartment house was damaged \$8,000 The cries of a child warned the sleeping occupants and prevented loss of life. An alarm was sent in from Box 36 last evening. A small fire in William Jameson's cigar shop, on Fitth avenue, near Ross street was the cause. The damage was trifling. NEAR Huron, S. D., a prairie fire has destroyed the farm houses of William Mills and William Eye, with household goods and clothing. Several sheds containing a large amount of hay, grain and farm machinery were burned. A large section was burned

In Oklahoma Territory a terrible prairi fire has been raging for several days in the eastern part of Payne country, doing many thousand dollars' damage. Several settlers had their farms swept clear of everything and are left penniless. John Querry was fatally burned while attempting to save his

AT Bedford, Ind., eleven business house comprising half of the south side of the public square and three dwellings adjoining Only three of the buildings were insured we will reject the proposition, as we would have no use for Brown as long as Wilmot is Boccaccio Too Bad for Beston.

Boston, March 12.—Boccaccio's "Decameron" met a hard fate this morning when officers of the Inspector's office, all armed with search warrants, arrested Burnett Lewis on a charge of selling obscene literature. A search warrant was also served and 70 volumes of the book were found on the premises.

Con'do't Resist the Impulse to Jump.

Philadelfria, March 13.—Barton Warboy, a blacksmith, 34 years old, jumped from the ferry boat Pennsylvania while on his way home from Atlantic City this atternoon. He was assisted out by a boathook and taken to police headquarters, where over \$850 was found on him. He declared the attempt was the result of a sudden insane impulse.

We will reject the proposition, as we would have no use for Brown as long as Wilmot is with us.

Dr. Stuckey and his associates do not like the died of paying Pieffer such a large fred Pieffer does not play in the team, and the only thing they are confident that their bank account will be just as large if Fred Pieffer does not play in the team, and the only thing they are trying to do now it to make the volumes of the book were found on the premises.

Con'do't Resist the Impulse to Jump.

Offers to Ball Tossers.

McKessport, Pa., March 13.—[Special]—Henry Jones, the local baseball pitcher, whose record is well-known in the county, says he will probably accept the offer of the city records were completely destroyed. The losses are: does not play in the team, and the only the first originated in a chicken house and three dwellings adjoining. Attorney Zaring and the city records were completely destroyed. The losses are: does not play in the team, and the only and the amounts on those were small. The first originated in a chicken house and was probably incendiary. The library of City Attorney Zaring and the city records were completely destroyed. The losses are: Mewer, 1000; S. F. Buchanan, grocer, \$2,000; S. F. Buchanan, grocer, \$2,000; Mo THE WEATHER



For Western Pennsyl nia, West Virginia and Ohio: Fair Weather, Ezcept Light Local Snors at Lake Stations; North Winds; Colder in Western Pennsylvania and in Eastern and Southrn Portions

TEMPERATURE AND RAINFALL.

RIVER NEWS AND NOTES.

misville Items-The Stage of Water and

the Movements of Boats. (SPECIAL TELEGRAMS TO THE DISPATCH.) LOUISVILLE, March 13.—Weather clear and pleasant. River rising, with 9 feet 6 inches on the falls, 11 feet 10 inches in the canal and 27 feet 6 inches below.

The Ironsides, with a tow of steel ralls, passed down from l'litsburg to Cairo. The John Barrett, from Cinelnatil, went down to Cloverport for a tow of staves. The Tell City got in from Evanswille with a good trip. The Buckeve State and Fleetwood are due down to-night. The Big Sandy lett this afternoon for Cinelnatil.

What Upper Gnages Show. MORGANTOWN-River 6 feet and stationary. Cloudy. Thermometer 35° at 4 P. M. BROWNSVILLE-River 7 feet 11 inches and fall-ing. Cloudy. i hermometer 28° at 4 P. M. WARKEN-River 2.3 f.et. Fair and cold.

The News From Below. MEMPHIS—The John F. Walton passed down and e John Gilmore up. The City of St. Louis had a arrived at 8 P. M. River it feet and rising. the John Gilmore up. The City of St. Louis had not arrived at 8 F. M. River if feet and rising. Clear and pleasant. NEW ORLEANS—Clear and pleasant. Arrived—My Choice and tow, St. Louis. Arrived and departed—John A. Wood and tow, Diamond and tow, Louisville. Departed—Hoxie and tow, St. Louis, CINCINNATI—River 31 feet 3 inches and falling. Clear and cold.

Ocean Steamship Arrivals. Where From. Destina Trave New York... City of Berlin....Liverpool....

BLAST HOLES TOO HOT.

The Result Is an Explosion Which Kills Two Men and Wounds Others.

OURAY, Col., March 18 .- A terrible explo sion took place in the Revenue tunnel, Mt. Sneffels, last night, by which two men were instantly killed and the third man severely wounded, caused by a premature or acci-dental blast. Four men were in the tunnel, dental blast. Four men were in the tunnel, but the fourth man was only alightly injured. The explosion was one of the most terrific ever known in this district. The survivors do not understand how it occurred, unless the holes were too hot when the powder was put into them.

The men were working in the heart of the tunnel and had bored some 12 or 15 holes when the explosion occurred. Grant Robinson, of Howard, Mo., was torn to pieces by the shock, bis head being blown off. The name of the other man killed is not known, the third man's name was Burns. The drills were operated by compressed air at a high rate of speed. The 15 holes in the head of the tunnel contained more than 50 pounds

INFERMENTED GRAPE JUICE. ROBBED HIS BRIDE OF \$800.

Hard Luck of a French Girl Who Answere a Matrimonial Advertisement,

New York, March 13 .- James Taylor, ranchman from Taylorville, Cal., was at rested in this city charged with the larceny rested in this city charged with the larceny of \$800 from his wife. Taylor claims to be wealthy. His first wife died. He inserted an advertisement in a newspaper, and Henrictta Costa, of Foliaville, France, answered it. She came on to this city, met Taylor and they were married.

The couple started for Taylor's ranch, but got no further than Niagara Falls, where it is charged Taylor robbed his bride and deserted her. Taylor was held for examination.

CINCINNATI SPORTS MOURN.

ley Shops in Kentucky Suburbs Clo CINCINNATI, March 13.-Covington and Newport, Ky., have bristled with policy gambling shops, and their customers in Cin-cinnati have been numbered by thousands. Last night the Covington and Newport con-cerns sent circulars to their customers that they would close Monday.

This is on account of the Goebleo lottery This is on account of the Goebleo lottery bill that became a law in Kentucky last Thursday. The constitutionarity of the law will be tested in the courts. If it bears the test of the court and appeals, the lottery business in Kentucky has had its day.

IDENTIFIED THE CRANK

The Assailant of Dr. Meudes, the New York Rabbi, Surely Caught.

PHILADELPHIA, March 13.—Detective Jacobs of New York, accompanied by Abe Hirschburg, a young Hebrew who has lived for some time with Mizrochi, the assailant of Rev. Dr. Mendes, arrived in this city to-day and visited Mizrochi in his cell.

Hirschburg positively identified the prisoner as the assailant of the New York rabbi. The nrisoner admitted his acquaintance with Hirschburg, who had been a member of the synagogue to which he had belonged. He characterized Hirschburg as "a loafer."

Judge Woods' Case Coming Up. WASHINGTON, March 13.—It is confidently expected that the Committee on the Judiciary will report the long pending judicial nomination to the Senate, during the course of this week, in which case a lively contest will doubtless occur in executive session over the nomination of Judge Woods, of Indiana.

Fred Douglass Catches On. WASHINGTON, March 13,-Hon. Fred Donglass has accepted the position offered him by the Government of Hayti as its repre-sentative at the World's Columbian Expo-sition. The Government of Hayti has appropriated \$25,000 to be spent on its exhibit.

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