

of Foul Play.

# DUG UP AT MIDNIGHT

Evidences of Powerful Drugs Found in the Dead Man's Body.

HIS DISEASE BAFFLED DOCTORS.

Racked by Paroxysm After Paroxysm of the Most Intense Suffering.

A Remarkable Murder Mystery-Prominent Municipal Official Slowly Poisoned to Death - Valuable Jewels Stolen From the Corpse-Suspicions Aroused by the Rapid Failure of a Man of Vigorous Constitution-A Quiet Investigation Begun-The Grave Opened and the Stomach Taken Out-Result of a Partial Analysis-Significant Signs of Deadly Drugs-Following Up Clews That Are Expected to Lead to the **Discovery** of the Perpetrators of the Mysterious Deed.

## Gamble Weir was murdered.

The old saying, "Murder Will Out," has once more been forcibly verified, and, four months after his death, it is now known that the late popular Superintendent of the Pittsburg Police Department was the victim of a foul and fatal plot.

The question is, Who was his murderer? It is known beyond a question of doubt that he was poisoned, and that the poison was administered in a careful, cold-blooded way that could have had no other probable intent than murder.

But who administered it?

The suspicion that his death was not the result of an ordinary illness forced itself upon those who were close to him at the time of his sickness and during his last moments in various ways.

The Attending Physicians Puzzled. The attending physicians could not fathom the disease that seemed to be rapidly dragging him to death, yet they applied themselves to their science as they probably never had done before.

One day he would seem to be growing better of the supposed disease. The remedies administered seemer finally to be having some effect, and the puzzled physicians ered the true nature of the complaint. But the next day their patient would be found to be in a worse state than before, and their skill was again baffled. For two weeks prior to his death this had been the fluctuating condition of the suffering man, and when at last, shortly after midnight of January 13, he drew his last breath, the physicians were as deeply mystified as ever.

began to reappear. The physicians were hastily summoned, as they had been so often before, but their efforts were as useless as they had been in the past.

The Odds Were Too Great. Poor Gamble seemed to feel that he was fighting his last battle, and his eyes wandered beseechingly to the friends about his

bedside, but they could do nothing against the unknown, insidious destroyer that was working within him. Several tearful attacks of pain convulsed his frame, and he was racked with excruciating efforts to expel the black nauseous vomit which his stomach threw off, but finally the physicians watching saw him collapse as one of these spasms seized him, and before it had more than half passed over

Gamble Weir was dead. The circumstances connected with the interment of the dead Superintendent are still fresh in the public mind. Thousands of friends attested their love and admiration in many ways, and the funeral cortege which followed the remains to the grave was one like few men have been honored

with in this city. A Brother's Suspicions Aroused. County Commissioner James G. Weir, s brother of the deceased, a few days after the funeral, conferred with one of the attending physicians to ascertain if possible the cause of his brother's death. Mr. Weir had watched by the sick man's bedside for days and nights and felt satisfied that it was no ordinary disease that had caused his death. There was to his mind substantial evidence of poisoning, but it seemed strange that if such was the case

the physicians nad failed to observe it. The conference only strengthened the With certain features of belief. case pointed out to him the the physician finally agreed that it was more than probable that poison had been administered, but it was decided that for the time being it would be best to give the matter no publicity and nothing was said about it except to a few interested friends.

# The Case Shrouded in Mystery. The work of ferreting out the person

who committed the crime was one of diffi-Whoever had given the faculty. tal dose must have covered their tracks well, for after several weeks of quiet investigation those engaged in the work were compelled to cease. They had followed up every clew that could be suggested, but every effort proved a failure. In order to satisfy the friends beyond a doubt that suspicions were well grounded, the body in Greenwood Cemetery was uncovered, the stomach and spleen were removed from the decaying corpse and submitted to an analytical chemist for examination. His work is not finished,

enough poison had been taken to kill several men. The Stomach Eaten Up With Polson The stomach had been literally eaten up. with a violent poison of one kind, and there are evidences that another kind had been used. One poison was corrosive sublimate and the other is thought to be arsenie. The chemist was not even informed whose stomach it was that had been submitted to him, and every effort was made to keep the circumstance secret until some day the author of the crime might be discovered, but lately the matter has become pretty freely circulated, and it looks now as if the guilty person may go unpunished.

but it has been found that

does not even know from what body the body the stomach was taken. His tests have proved the presence of artenic." "As the body was embaimed could not the

presence of arsenic be accounted for in that way?" was asked. "No," replied Mr. Pfell: "the arsenic would "No," replied Mr. Fiell, "the arsenic would not be in the shape in which it was discov-ered, nor in that quantity. I am satisfied Gamble Weir was poisoned and that the per-petrators may yet be arrested."

DIED FROM STOMACH TROUBLE. inflammation of the Bowels Developed

History of His Active Life-He Was Born in Ireland, and Came to Pittsburg When a Boy. In the account of Gamble Weir's death,

which appeared in THE DISPATCH of January 14, it states that his demise was unexpected. He had been in delicate health for month, and for two weeks had been confined to his bed with stomach trouble.

His friends were hopeful, however, of his recovery. Later inflammation of the bowels developed, and this was the immediate cause of his death. About a month before he died he contracted a severe cold while directing his men at a Libert: street fire. He was then confined to his bed or a week, but he got up and tried to work. At the carnest solicitation of his physicians, Drs. McDonald, Wiley and J. Guy McCand-

ess, he returned to his cot from which he ever arose. Gamble Weir was born in Belfast, Ireland on August 12, 1849, of Scotch-Irish parents He came to Pittsburg when a boy and learned the blacksmith trade. For a time he engaged in the wagon business with his brother, James G. Weir. He took an active Interest in politics, and espoused the cause

of McCallin for Mayor. When he was elected he appointed Mr. Weir Chief of Detectives, and under the new charter he was made Superintendent of Pollee by Chief Brown. When Inspector McAleese retired from the First district, Mr. Weir's duties were enlarged and broken health followed. Before joining the police force he represented the Fourth ward for three consecutive terms in Common Councils. He was also deputy sheriff under Sheriffs McCallin and Gray. At the time of his death he was 43 years old.

# PROF. HUGO BLANCK'S STATEMENT.

He Did Not Know That It Was Gamble Wier's Stomach. In reply to a question last night Professor Hugo Blanck, the chemist, said: "The stomachs of deceased people are often brought to me for analysis. That is my business. I neither enquire nor care who they belong to I do not know Gamble Weir, nor never did. "Have you found arsenic or any other

poisonous drug in any stomach you have analyzed during the last few months?" "I refuse to answer that. It does not in rest the public at all." "Yes, but it does. The people want to know if there has been anything behind the illness of Mr. Weir that caused his untimely death.

"It is none of the public's business wha stomachs 1 analyze. I am employed to analyze stomachs, and it would ruin my business to give the results except to inter

sented parties. You can say that I have not seen the stomach of Gamble Weir, so far as I know."

ADVANCE SHEET OF A VOTE.

The Cleveland-Pattison People Expect to Get 336 Out of 463.

QUAT'S BIG VICTORY IN MERCER.

Where the Junior Senator Beats Dalzell to the Tune of 8 to 1.

# OTHER COUNTY CONVENTION RESULTS

ISPECIAL TELEGRAN TO THE DISPATCH.1 PHILADELPHIA, April 11.-Prior to his In the beginning of March mutual friends brought together at the Aldine Hotel, Phila-delphia, Messrs. Hensel, Harrity and John R. Reed on one side, and Messrs. Mutchler, Guffey and myself on the other. The avowed object of the meeting was to endeavor to reach a basis of harmony, so that no contest will occur at the State Convention, if it were possible. It was then suggested by myself that harmonious action might be obtained by uniting on Governor Fattison as the can-didate of the State for President. This proposition was antagonized by the gentledeparture for Harrisburg this afternoon, Secretary of State William F. Harrity prepared a statement of the probable vote by counties of the delegates to the Democratic State Convention. The table is made up, in the first instance, with Philadelphia and Allegheny counties omitted; and Mr. Harrity's statement shows that the State administration, or Cleveland-Pattison element proposition was antagonized by the gentle-men we met, who thought the State was for Mr. Cleveland. No other suggestions were made as to a basis, and nothing came of that of the party, will have a clear majority of the whole convention, even if the entire vote of Philadelphia and Allegheny counties should be cast with the opposition. The latter event is not likely to happen, how-

ever, under any circumstances. In commenting upon the table Mr. Harrity said: "The suggestions made by disappointed, disgruntled and defeated factionists of the party that the Philadelphia and Allegheny county delegates may dominate the convention are absurd, and have been made solely for the purpose of exciting jealousy. However, the Democrats from the interior cannot be so easily misled

Figures That Are to Be Verified.

"The truth is that it is with them that Governor Pattison's administration is particularly strong, and they are the people who will give it loval and earnest support.

who will give it loyal and earnest support. The figures I give you are entirely reliable, having been obtained from trustworthy sources, and they are likely to be verified when the convention meets. "The convention will contain 463 dele-gates," continued Mr. Harrity, "and 232 will be sufficient to nominate and elect. The Cleveland-Pattison people will have at least 350 of the 463 delegates, not less than 325 of them having already volunteered or prom-ised their support. Of this number 533, or more than a majority of the entire conven-tion, are from the interior counties, thus showing that more that is necessary to con-trol the convention, regardless of the attl-tude of Philadelphia and Allegheny coun-ties, will be with the State administration. It is highly probable that many of those who are now considered doubtul will also be found in line."

As to the Credentials Committee. "What about the Committee on Creden-

"From all I can learn," he replied, "it will

not be possible for the opposition to secure 15 out of the 50 members of that committee.

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HARRISON AND M'DOWELL

### ndorsed by the Republican Convention in Venango County Yesterday.

Harrison and recommending Major Alex

WALLACE ON HARMONY.

The Ex-Senator Sweeps Away the Cloud of

Secrecy-How He Attempted to Unite

the Factions That He Feared Were

Splitting Up His Party-Now Undecided.

HARRISBURG, April 11.-Ex-Senator

Wallace, who will probably appear as sub-

stitute delegate to the Democratic Sta 2

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FRANKLIN, PA., April 11.-[Special]-The enaugo Rep here to-day. Strong resolutions were adopted indorsing the administration of President

primaries

Wisdom of Again Honoring Bim by Placing Him at the Head of the Ticket. CHATTANOOGA, TENN., April 11.-The following letter from Grover Cleveland was received to-day by a prominent Democrat A Practically Solid Set of Men Against the Doughty Doctor in this city: LAREWOOD, N. Y., April 8. James H. Bible, Chattanooga: FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. MY DEAR SIE-I desire to thank you for the report of the meeting at Chattanooga, which you so kindly sent me, and for the friendly words you spoke of me on that occasion. I Eurprise Sprung by the Opposition and am exceedingly anxious to have our party do exactly the right thing at the Chicago convention, and I hope the delegates will be ruided by judgment and actuated by true CHARGES OF WIREPULLING FLY THICK

Convention, made a statement to-night w reference to various publications that b appeared concerning the "harmony mc64/100 Jo " principle. appeared concerning the "harmony mc64/100 Jo " be frank if I did not say to ing" recently held in Philadelphia. The statement is as follows: In the beginning of March mutual friends brought together at the Aldine Hotel, Phila-delphia, Messrs. Hensel, Harrity and John R. Reed on one side, and Messrs. Mutchler, Guffey and myself on the other. The avowed object of the meeting was to endeavor to reach a basis of harmony, so that no contest any event, there will be no disappointment for me in the result. Yours very truly, GROVER CLEVELAND.

PATTI'S NEPHEW IN TROUBLE.

ued for \$50,000 for Allenating a Wife's Affections and Disinherited,

men we met, who thought the State was for Mr. Cleveland. No other suggestions were made as to a basis, and nothing came of that meeting.
A point the last of March I was asked by a friend to meet Governor Pattison, and I capteressed my fear that its and it appeasant talk over the state was being aroused we would be much hurt as a party, and the results would be disastrous to his administration. I said the disastrous to his administration, i said the disastrous to his administration. I said the could be made the basis of harmony, and the saked what detail I had to suggest as a basis. I said, divide the delegates at high equally between the two factions; let Mr. flarrity withdraw from the National Committee in favor of Mr. Guffy, or, if he declines to do this, leave the selection of a national committee man to the national delegation, and thus remove this bone of contention; then settle the Philadelphia troubles by seating the context delegates and giving those contexting each one-half a vote, and appoint a mathem be resoluted be made absent he desired to consult hem, and asked me to call again. Thensel were both absent he desired to context them, and asked me to call again. The soft has the mathem and other guestion of division representation appeared possible. The other proposition speared possible. The other proposition sho the e KANSAS CITY, April 11 .- Dr. M. F. Horine of Chicago, filed suit in the United States Circuit Court to-day against Alfred O. Barrili, of this city, for alienating the affections of the doctor's wife. Dr. Horine asks for \$50,000 as a balm for his wounded feelings. Signor Barrill, who is a nephew of Adelina Patti, came here from Augusta, Ga., six months ago. While he was living in Augus-ta, Mrs. Horine was visiting there.

months ago. While he was itying in Augus-ta, Mrs. Horine was visiting there. The petition in Dr. Morine's suit, filed to-day, states that one day while his wife was visiting at Augusta he received a letter from his wife in which she openly contessed that she had fallen in love with Alfred O. Barrill, a distant relative of Pattl. She stated that she no longer loved her husband, and begged him to apply for a divorce. Patti was deeply affected when told of her nephew's escapade and denounced him in the strongest terms. She had made her will bequeathing to him half her fortune, she said, but now she would ont him off without a penny. She telegraphed Signor Barrili to come to her at once. He went, and being unable to clear himself of Dr. Horine's charges, his divine aunt kept her word and disinherited him.

# PARKHURST NOT SUSTAINED.

# Resolutions in His Favor Withdrawn in

a Methodist Conference. NEW YORK, April 11.-[Special.]-At the meeting to-day of the Methodist preachers of the New York Conference, Dr. Atkinson, of Newark, introduced a resolution which ommended the recent work of Rev. Dr. Parkhurst, President of the Society for the Prevention of Crime. the Society for the Prevention of Crime. The resolutions praised the Doctor pulpit utterances and his efforts to secure evidences against the law breakers as brave, fearless and righteons. Dr. Atkinson made a brief address. Rev. S. L. Beiler, who was presiding, looked a bit uneasy, and one or two ministers approachee Dr. Atkinson and whispered earnestly with him. Some one seconded the passage of the resolutions and the President put the ques-tion. Dr. Atkinson arose and walked to the front of the platform. "Brethren," he said.

found that the other side was industriously circulating type-written ballots containing an opposition ticket already made up. The ministers whose names appeared on the ticket were Bliss, Lampe, Shearer, W. D. treket were Bliss, Lampe, Shearer, W. D. Buchanan, Ramsay, Sample and Sproull. The elders were Logan C. Murray, John C. Tucker, J. J. McCook, F. Blume, J. J. Stev-enson, W. R. Worrall and James Bayles. As the tellers were collecting the ballots, Dr. Spinney said: "Is there any law by which a type-written ticket, concocted out-side, can be received here? It ought to be cast out." THE BLAINE LETTERS BURIED. side, can be received here: It ought to be cast out." Dr. Atterbury wanted to have all the ballots thrown out that were not written in pencil or ink. Dr. John R. Paxton, who had been wan-dering up and down the room, got up in 'a state of considerable excitement. "I saw one of the tickets," he said, with a wave of his hand. "If the red school party agree on a ticket there is no way of stopping them.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. NEW YORK, April 11 .- The New York Presbytery, which voted in December last to dismiss the charges against Prof. Charles A. Briggs, elected to-day a practically solid anti-Briggs delegation to represent the Presbytery in the General Assembly, which meets next month in Portland, Oregon. Charges were freely made that the result had been brought about by wirepulling, and it was discovered that a ticket bearing the names of the anti-Briggs men had been distributed among the members before the

Worked Nicely.

roting. It was a very full meeting of Presbytery. Dr. Briggs' friends were there in force, President Hastings, Dr. Philip Schaff, Prof. Marvin R. Vincent and Rev. C. R. Gillett, of the Union Seminary faculty, were present, and even Dr. Parkhurst found time to attend and cast a vote for Dr. Briggs.

The electioneering began almost as soon as the Presbytery had convened, at 10 o'clock. Seven ministers and seven ruling elders were to be chosen delegates, but nominations were made in the morning and posted up around the room, and both the friends and opponents of Dr. Briggs worked industriously to carry the day.

## Briggs as an Electioneering Man

The ticket which the Briggs men favored for the ministerial delegation bore the names of Thompson, Hoadley, Rossiter, Smith, Brown, Spining and Elsing. Dr. Briggs imself talked with one and another of the ministers as the routine business of the day was transacted. His friends worked hard to obtain votes among ministers and elders, both. Dr. G. W. F. Birch, Chairman of the

both Dr. G. W. F. Birch, Chairman of the Committee on Prosecution, led the forces on the other side, and had confidential talks with the members every few minutes. In the atternoon the members gathered around the bulletins to copy off the names they proposed to vote, and this gave an opportunity for more electioneering on both sides. Before the voting, which began at 3 r M. Dr. Robinson got up to insist that the stated clerk should bring up the cases of the three members who wanted their dismissals to other Presbyteries. With these three men ont, the Presbytery would have been entitled to only six ministerial delegates in-stead of seven. "I must protest against such action," said Dr. Brizgs. "One of the great evils of our system is that the power of the Church is in the hands of the smaller Presbyteries. This great Presbytery does not have its proper representation now, and to still further re-duce it would increase the unfairness." The Doctor Sex aned on One Point.

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The Presbytery sided with ". Briggs on this point. Considerable excitement was among the Briggs men when it was

Size-Up of the Delegation,

The Moderator and Dr. Ramsay are gener-

ally looked upon as conservative, with anti-

Briggs leanings, but Drs. Sample and Lampe

Prosocution. Buchanan and Sheares are

Prosecution. Buchanan and Sheares are uncompromising opponents of Dr. Briggs, having voted last November against the dismissal of the charges against Dr. Briggs. All six names were on the type-written ticket. Elsing and Hoadley were tied for seventh place, with 68 votes each, and after several ballots Elsing was elected. Dr. Hoad-ley retiring in his favor. Dr. Elsing is the only Briggs delegate among the members. The result was a complete surprise to Dr. Briggs' friends, who were confident of elect-ing their men. Dr. Buchanan polled the representative anti-Briggs vote. 80, while Prof. Brown, the personal friend of Dr. Briggs.could obtain but 55 votes. Dr. Paxton was heard from again after the vote was announced. "I move that the

Dr. Paxton was heard from again after the vote was announced. "I move that the alternates on the printed ballots be elected," he said. "We might just as well carry the whole thing through now. This is the strangest Presbytery I ever saw. It votes to dismiss the charges against Dr. Briggs in November, and it sends a solid delegation to hang him in April."

The Opposition Without a Hitch.

seven whose names appeared on the type-

the highest number of votes, but on the first hallot only five got a majority. The other two went through on the later bal-

other two went through on the harden lots. In the morning session Dr. Charles T. Thompson had something to say on the re-vision of the Contession. He proposed an overture to the General Assembly, asking that the raport of the General Assembly's committee, is now prepared, be sent back, in the hope of a report which would meets with more general approval, and that pend-ing this the Presbyteries be asked whether they favor a new creed which shall contain the substance of the doctrinal system of the church.

the substance of the doctrinal system of suc-church. Dr. R. R. Booth, a member of the General Assembly's committee, said that Dr. Thomp-son's motion would imperil the entire re-vision movement. He had signed the ro-port, with the exception of the clause on preterition, which he did not think should have a place in the Confession. A new creed was an fgnis fatuas, and there was just enough harm in the proposition to thwart the revision movement. The discussion of Dr. Thompson's overtures was postponed until the May meeting.

SPICE IN OLD AGE.

A West Virginia Couple on the Edge of

the Grave Seek Divorce,

WHEELING, W. VA., April 11.-Mrs. Sarah

Ann Shoemaker, aged 75, is suing for a

divorce from her husband, who is 80 and a

9 divorce from her huseand, who is 80 and a prominent minister of Ronney. She charges for the said that another woman has infatuated her husband.
10 Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker have lived together info 50 years sod are great-grandparents,

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are both members of the Committee on

# The Drug Worked for Weeks,

For a month prior to his death he had been ailing. To his friends he complained of stomach trouble. He could not eat, and when, at times, he would by sheer determination force food down his throat, it would not lie on his stomach. Just before Christmas his condition became such that he was unable to continue at his business. Notwithstadning his desire to fulfill the duties which had recently been placed upon him as Superintendent of the Police De partment, and his loathing to drop for a moment the lines which he had so firmly taken hold of, he was at last compelled to remain in bed for nearly a week.

The rest seemed to improve him some what, though not nearly so much as he had expected, and when he returned to his office a couple of days before Christmas he looked a wreck of his former self.

### A Man of Vigorous Constitution,

Gamble Weir had been a remarkably strong, vigorous man, and his rapid decline surprised all who knew him. His haggard appearance was remarked by his friends who called numerously on Christmas day and in the week tollowing to exchange the compliments of the joyful season, but his jovial good nature was just the same as it had ever been, and his cheery answer to all inquiries as to his health invariably indicated his belief that his illness was only a trifle and that he would soon be himself again.

Two weeks before his death Gamble Weir went home to his boarding house for the last time. He left his office at noon one day saying he felt so badly that he could not stand it for the balance of the day, but thought that after a rest he would be all right in the morning.

### A Night of Fearful Suffering.

That night his condition became very alarming. His physician, Dr. Frank Mo-Donald, was sent for and spent the most of the night with him. It was not until daylight, after a night of terrible suffering and pain, that there seemed to be any relief. When it finally came, the patient was completely worn out with constant vomiting and retching and fell into a heavy slumber from which he did not wake until evening. That night he took a little nourishment and seemed better, and it was expected that a day or two of nursing would make him a well man. He continued to improve until the next night and talked of returning to his office next morning, but suddenly without any warning whatever he was that night again seized with fearful paroxysms of pain, The symptoms of his previous attacks returned with aggravated violence, Dr, McDonald and Dr. J. G. McCandless were hastily summoned, but their labor seemed in vain, and it was feared that Gamble Weir would not live to see another day.

## A Brave Man's Battle for Life,

Ilis wonderful constitution stood him in good stead, however, and he battled for life as only a strong, brave man could. The

AND A DECK

**CONFIRMED BY PFELL** 

He Says Gamb'e Weir Was Murdered and Expects to Capture the Poisoners-How They Opened the Grave at Midnight-Cuff Buttons Missing.

As Harry Pfell, Mercantile Appraiser, was formerly a secretary in Gamble Weir's office and one of the people interested in the case, he was visited for a confirmation of the story. When his home, on Sheridan avenue, East End, was first visited he was not there, but, later, when the reporter called, Mr. Pfell came to the door

and the reporter was taken into the parlor. After a short talk on general matters the reporter mentioned that the object of his visit was to get the story of Gamble Weir's murder.

"What!" exclaimed Mr. Pfell, and that instant he turned white and sank back into the chair. "What do you know about Gamble Weir's death?"

"Simply that he was poisoned, and that you, with Dr. Dickson and County Commis sioner James G. Weir, dug up the body and found he had been killed by arsenic," answered the reporter. "You seem to have it straight. Some one has leaked, and if the cause of justice is

stayed the blame is not with me." Then he suddenly turned and asked: "What all do you know about the case any how?"

## Pfell Admits the Truth of the Story.

The reporter then briefly related the story of Gamble Weir's sickness and of his sudden death, the suspicion of foul play and the subsequent digging up of the body by the people named above. Then the stomach was given to Prof. Hugo Blanck who an alvzed it and found enough arsenic to kill

several people. At this point Mr. Pfell simply nodded his head.

"Who could have given this out?" inter-rupted Mr. Pfell. "Your story is straight. no denying that, but I am sur prised at it having been given publicity." The reporter continued and told how a sum of money that was in Gamble Weir's clothes was missing after he died. A pair o cuff buttons that he was supposed to have worn when buried were missing when the body was exhumed in the early hours be

"You have the details of the story cor rectly, but we have still to locate those col lar buttons. There is no use denying the story. At the time Gamble Weir died I suspected he was murdered. He was a man of iron and there was no reason for his death. I know of none of my triends who were more hardy than he.

Brown Approved of the Search.

"I suspected poison and told Chief Brown ions, and what I contemp of my suspici He thought it wise to make such an investi gation. There were only a faw of us in the secret. One night about five weeks age we decided to dig up the body. The only par son I told was my wife, I said I was going

to be out all night, and when she asked what for, I told her I was going body-match-ing, but when I explained the case she was satisfied I was right. There is no

use to talk of people not being afraid, and I confess 1 was nervous when we entered Greenwood Cometery, in Ö'llars township,

HE COULD NOT BE FOUND. Dr. Dickson Did Not Show Up at His Home Last Night.

Dr. James W. Dickson, of 209 Rebecca street, Allegheny, is connec-ted with the affair. Shortly after 11 1 o'clock last night a reporter risited his house. He mas told that Dr. Dickson had not been there all evening, and his whereabouts were unknown. Up

1 o'clock this morning he had not come

**ROBBED AND DESERTED.** Sufferings of a Prominent West Virginia Farmer-Sick and Four Days Exposed

to the Weather-No Shelter but a Straw Stack. PARKERSBURG, W.VA., April 11.-Last evening the gale on the Ohio river blew house-boat to shore near this city, by which a most remarkable case of exposure, suffering and desertion was discovered. As the boat reached the discovered. As the boat reached the shore, some one was seen slowly crawl-ing toward the river, and it proved to be Thomas Berry, brother of the Sheriff of Braxton county, and a member of one of the most prominent families in the central part of the State. Mr. Berry says he came from Huntington a week ago with a man named Fleming, of Marietta. It was late at night, and they wandered about, finally starting for Mari-etta. When they got a mile above town he was taken sick, and, seeing a straw stack in a field, he went to it, giving Fleming all the money he had, and told him to get him some food an medicine. Fleming robbed him of

unints. nckawann food and medicine. Fleming robbed him of all his clothes but his shirt and trousers, and never returned. Mr. Berry was then taken so sick that he ehigh Mr. Berry was then taken so sick that he could not move or make a noise, and for four days and nights he kay without food. drink or shelter. Early yesterday morning he was nearly crazed, but managed to crawl on his hands and knees to the river bank. Mr. Berry owns a farm of 200 acres, but, desiring to stop farming, he took to the river. uzerne lcKean ifflin

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MURDERED FOR A MEAL.

A Negro Killed His Wife Because She Didn't Snyder.. Have Dinner Beady. JACKSON, MISS., April 11 .- Saturday evening in Franklin county, five miles from this city, Sim Scott (colored) reported that his wife had fallen into the fire and burned to death. The neighbors assembled, and when preparing the remains for burial found her head besten to a puln, one eve goured out head beaten to a pulp, one eye gouged out and the breast and body mutilated.

During the progress of the Coroner's in-restigation Scott broke down and acknowl-edged that he had killed his wife because the failed to have dinner ready on time and edged that he had killed his wife because she failed to have dinner ready on time, and that he threw the body into the fire to cover the crime. He cut her throat with a dull case-knife and stopped up the gaping wound with ashes. Scott is in jall at Brandon, and the negroes threaten to lynch him.

# POOL SELLERS PULLED IN.

Fifty of Them Caught in a Raid by Buffalo Police.

BUFFALO, April 11 .- As the result of the third race at Guttenburg was being an-nounced in five turf exchanges this after. noon, policemen in citizens' clothes ar noon, policemen in clickets clothes ap-peared in each place with the establishments-about 50 in all. The prisoners were taken to court and released in \$1,000 ball for each of the principals and \$500 each for the subordi-

The cases had been presented to the grand jury by the District Attorney early in the morning, and indictments found against all the offenders on seven counts.

A Fittsburg Firm's Name Forged. NEW HAVEN, CONN., April 11-Anothor forgory by Frederick E. Thompson, who lies in jail swaising trial on several similar charges, has just turped up. The victim this time is Frederick Howshield, a carriago manufacturer of this airs, who discounted a \$1,000 note bearing the signature of a well-known firm of Plesspurg, Pa. This piece of work brings Thompson's forgeties up to about \$7,00 He is to be tried on Saturday.

Philadelphia of their seats, and to seat those who have filed fictitous contests. But their industry and enterprise will not avail them, and they will be surely disappointed. I have no doubt whatever that those who have been so active in their efforts to keep McDowell for Congressman-at-large and passed unanimously. Following is the Saturday: Assembly, F. H. James, Franklin; Saturday: Assembly, F. H. James, Franklin; John L. Mattox, Oil City; delegates to the National Convention, T. B. Simpson, Venan-go county, and W. W. Brown, McKean coun-ty; delegates to the State convention, J. W. Rowland and General J. A. Wiley. In point of numbers and enthusiasm the convention was the greatest that was held for years. The Oney element is strong here have been so active in their end to keep up a factious opposition, and whose chief stock in trade has been the personal abuse of those who do not agree with them, will find themselves quite lonesome in the Com-mittee on Credentials, as they will in the convention itself."

Secretary Harrity's Prediction. The following is Secretary Harrity's table and great harmony prevails. of estimates, referred to above:

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AN INTERESTING GATHERING

Will the State Convention Surely Be-Nu-

tion, at Any Rate-The Factions.

merous Candidates Already on the

Ground-Sure to Be a Cleveland Conven-

HARRISBURG, April 11.-All signs point

to a very interesting gathering of repre-

sentative Pennsylvania Democrats at the

State Convention, which meets here

Wednesday. The convention will elect

vention, and will choose two candidates

eight delegates at large to the National

for Congressman at large and a candidate

for Judge of the Supreme Court. Interest centers altogether on the eight

lelegates at large, and there are numer-us candidates already on the round. Many of the delega-

ous candidates already on the ground. Many of the delega-tions arrived this afternoon and evening, and the corridors of the hotels are filled with men quietly laying wires for the elec-tion of their navorite candidates. It is rath-er early to attempt to indicate who the su-ceasful candidness will be, but the selection of W. M. Singerly and State Senator George Ross as delegates at large from the Eastern part of the Sate is generally conceded. Ex-Senator Robinson, of Scranton, arrived to ongit. With him came on a special train a delegation from the counties of Sullivan, Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Wayne, Brad-

State Opposi- Doubt-OUAY'S FRIENDS SURPRISED

ticket declared nominated at the

# At the Way He Did Up Dalzell in Mercen

by 8 to 1. MERCER, April 11 .-- [Special.]-The primary elections held in this place to-night were almost equal to an election in number of votes cast. Mercer fell in line with the other counties of the Western tier. The friends of Senator Quay had thoroughly canvassed of Senator Quay had thoroughly canvassed the borough, and the result was a Quay landslide. In the South ward he polled 36 votes and Dalzell 7, and in the North ward Quay had 67 and Dalzell 19, placing the junior Senator's majority at 144, or 8 to 1. This passed beyond the fondest hopes of the most sanguine Quayites. In East Lacka-wannock Quay had 32: Dalzell 3. Fairview, Quay, 88; Dalzell, 1. Koonce, for Congress, had 36 and Caldwell 147.

# Quay Makes a Sweep of Mercer.

SHARON, April 11.-[Special.]-The indica-tions from latest reports of the Republican primaries in Mercer county, to-night, are that Quay has swept the county by a big majority. Six wards in Sharon, on Senatormajority. Six wards in Sharon, on senator-ial choice, give Quay 423, Dalzell 30. Shen-ango township gives Quay 70, Dalzell 1. The same proportion will prevail in all parts of the county. Dr. Caldwell has carried Sharon over S. C. Koonce for Congress. The Sena-torial, Legislative and county tickets will be nonvinted by the delegate convention at be nominated by the delegate convention at Mercer to-morrow.

### Harrison and Quay Indorsed.

BUTLER, April 11.-[Special.]-The Republi-can County Convention which met here at lo'clock this atternoon was an interesting gathering. There was a large attendan genering. There was a large attendance of Republicans, and deep interest was mani-fested in the proceedings. The lengthy resolutions indorse Harrison and Quay, and also Phillips for Congress. The official vote of the convention was declared to be: Quay, 9,257; Dailell, 253. For National delegate Dr. S. Bell received 1,555 votes to E. E. Abrams, 1,148.

### Quay's Walkover in Warren.

WABREN, April 11.-[Special.]-The Repub-lican County Convention met this afternoon. Delegates to National Conventio Emery and T. B. Simpson carried the county, Emery and T.B. Simpson carried the county, Emery having 1,188; Simpson, 963; Brown, 21. C. C. Thompson was nominated for Assembly. The convention passed resolu-tions indorsing the Quay delegates to the State Convention, George W. Peck and George H. Higgins.

### Harrison Indorsed in the Seventh.

NOBRISTOWN, April 11.-[Special.]-The Repub-lican Seventh Congressional District Committee to-day elected as delegates to the National Convention, Jacob Strassburger, of Montgomery county, and E. Wesley Keeler, of Bucks county. As alternates F. Howard Atkinson and Daniel A. Shefferd were elected. The administration of President Harrison was warmly indorsed.

# PROPOSED CHURCH CHANGES.

Columbus Methodist Ministers Have Sever Requests to the General Conference.

er's meeting to-day adopted a memorial to the General Conference to enact such legis-

front of the platform. "Brethren," he said, "with your permission I will withdraw my resolutions. I do not like to force them be resolutions. I do not like to force them be-fore this body, for reasons which you all probably understand. In fact, it might cause a discussion which I, for one, do not desire." A minister moved that permission be granted Dr. Atkinson to withdraw his resolution, and this was unanimously voted.

for years. The Quay element 1s strong here, Young Jimmy's Love Effusions Not to Be Given to the World.

> learned on good authority that a friend of Secretary Blaine had recently visited an inluential friend of Mrs. Nevins-Blaine, in New York, and arranged that the letters

public would never be given out. Whether this action is due to any influence exerted by Secretary Blaine, or whether Mrs. Blaine had, after due deliberation, voluntarily changed her mind, they are unable to say.

# IMMIGRANTS BY CONTRACT. OTTAWA, ONT., April 11 .- To-day Premier

deputation of the Manitoba and North-west members who were accompanied by F. Brydges, of the Manitoba and Northwestern Railway, and Mr. Sleemans, a German capitialist, who laid before the Ministers a propo-sition made by Mr. Sicemans to contract with the Government to bring a large num-ber of settlers into Manitoba and the North-

# RELIEVED. BUT NOT CURED.

Laughter greeted Dr. Paxton's sally, but Olive Oil and Water Not a Panaces for All his motion was not put. When it can the election of elders the opposition ticket Human Ills. went through with hardly a hitch. The

to be treated.

Topic. Harrity Figures and Wallace Talks...... Anti-Briggs Triumph in New York......

A Candidate Who Never Sive Die.

Youngstown, April 11. - [Special] -Al-hough Judge King has secured 45 and possibly 50 of the 56 delegates, Mahouing story of our the so deregates, manoning county will be entitled to in the Congres-sional convention, Judge Johnston refuses to withdraw and said to-day: "I am a little disfigured but still in the race. No, I shall not withdraw at least at present."

# Interesting National Politics...... The Baseball Season's Opening...... The Business Budget .....

COLUMBUS, April 11.-The Methodist preach

NEW YORK, April 11.-[Special.]-In a dis-patch from Washington, published this morning, it was stated that it had been his hand. "If the red school party agree on a ticket there is no way of stopping them. If they get up earlier than we do why that's our fault. I had one of the tickets, and I can say that it was as blue as Scotland." Further debate was cut off by the an-nonneement of the vote for the seven min-isterial delegates. The total number of votes cast was 143, and Moderator John C. Bliss received the largest vote, 102. The others elected on the ballot were J. D. Ramsey, R. F. Sample, I. J. Lamke, R. D. Buchanan and George L. Shearer. Size-Up of the Delegation.

New York, and arranged that the letters written to her by James G. Blaine, Jr., dur-ing the early period of their married life, had never been given to the public. Secre-tary Elkins, it was said, was supposed to have made the arrangement. Mrs. Blaine, whose health has greatly im-proved, decided to be seen in regard to the matter, to-day. It was said at the New York hotel, where she is, that there was every reason to believe that the statement which Mrs. Blaine had intended to give to the public would never be given out. Whether this action is due to any influence exerted

A German Capitalist's Scheme to Coloniza Manitoba and the Northwest.

Abbott, accompanied by the Hon. Mr. Dewdeny and Hon. Mr. Carling, received a

west. Premier Abbott promised to consider the matter. Mr. Sleemans has already achieved great success in immigration work, having settled 500,000 immigrants in Brazil.

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., April 11.-The base-nent of the temple of the Re-organized Church of Latter Day Saints looked like a

hospital to-day. The Elders in attendance had advertised that they would heal the sick by the laying on of hands, and many persons suffering with various aliments were taken to the temple, some on stretchers, some on cots and some in chairs

The manner of treatment was very simple and consisted of pouring a few drops of olive oil which had been previously blessed by prophet Josoph upon the head of the patient and the laying on of the Eider's hand. No cures were effected although several professed to experience some relief.

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