Contributions for this department should reach THE DISPATCH office by noon Saturday. These columns are open to all secret organizations, but news, and news only, will be printed. Space is too valuable to be given up to the discipline of delinquent members, notice of meetings, praise of individual lodges, advertisement of orders or mere personal puffs.

RIVALS THE STAR AND GARTER.

Details of the Ceremony of Conferring the Degree of Chivalry.

The conferring of the Degree of Chivalry upon the Daughters of Rebekah and Chevaliers of the Patriarchs Militant on the occasion of the celebration of the seventy-third anniversary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at the Auditorium on Tuesday evening, April 26, is said by many to be the rival of the ceremony of the famed Star and Garter, conferred upon the nobility of England. The characters are the Commander of Patriarchs Militant and staff, three cantons, with three officers (captain, lieutenant and ensign), and 24 file each, a sentinel, a guard, two standard bearers, a color sergeant, a bauneret, four maidens and a little girl, trumpeters, drummers and band.

The obligation of the degree is taken by the candidates kneeling and placing the left hand upon an open Bible laid upon a drum, uplifting the right hand and repeating the oath, which is administered by the Commander.

The following named ladies, Daughters of Rebekah, will assist General James B. Nicholson in conferring the degree: Miss Lulu A. Butler and Miss Laura A. Gerst, of Laura Vane Lodge No. 188; Miss Amanda Johnson, of Alice Carey Lodge No. 139; Miss Sadie A. Snowden, of Adelaide Nicholson Lodge No. 186, and Miss Millie Nathaniel, of Ida May Lodge No. 14. Little Miss Ethel B. Means, daughter of Captain Charles E. Means, of Canton Allegheny No. 32, will place the decorations upon the candidates. The total money value of the jewels of the Decoration of Chivalry to be bestowed upon the candidates amounts to over $1,000.

General James B. Nicholson is recognized in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and in the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the World (of which he is a Past Grand Sire), as the ablest authority on the work in the order, and his presence on this occasion is a surety that it will be done correctly. His staff will be composed of Brigadier General F. V. Van Artsdalen, Past Grand Master; Brigadier General William A. Witherup, Grand Master elect; Colonel and Aid-de-Camp Muller, of Philadelphia, and Colonel W. Ed Marsh, of Derry, Pa., the present Grand Master of the State Grand Lodge. They will have their headquarters at the Hotel Duquesne. The following cantons will take part in the affair: Canton Pittsburg No. 18; Canton Altoona No. 24; Canton Allegheny No. 32, and Canton Fancy No. 56, of Toronto, O. Canton Altoona No. 24 will arrive Tuesday morning and will have its headquarters at the Hotel Boyer. Canton Fancy No. 56, of Toronto, O., will arrive in the afternoon. They will be accompanied by many chevaliers of Canton Doty, of Steubenville, O., and Canton Royal, of Youngstown.

There will be a short parade of the cantons about 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and a dress parade and inspection by General James B. Nicholson just before the conferring of the degree at the Auditorium. The Grand Master, W. Ed Marsh, and wife will be the guests of Colonel S. W. Jefferis, of Lake street, East End.

I. O. O. F.

The new Hazelwood Lodge is progressing nicely, and will be instituted very shortly.

J. B. Nicholson Lodge 555 will confer the third degree on two brothers next Thursday.

The Bloomfield Lodge is making good headway and it is expected to be instituted early in May.

Next Monday night Montiflore Lodge, No. 791, will hold its second anniversary at the hall, 102 Fourth avenue.

Next Saturday night Gomer Lodge, No. 64, will initiate 25 candidates for the new lodge about to be instituted at Hazelwood.

Charles D. Freeman Lodge 1036 will confer the first degree on 188 brothers and the initiatory degree on about 100 candidates Thursday evening, April 28.

Last Friday night the degree staff of Pittsburg Lodge, No. 336, conferred the second degree on four candidates, with several propositions for next month. Next Friday the third degree will be conferred.

Schenley Park Lodge, No. 1057, I. O. O. F., was instituted last Friday at Sallow's Hall, Oakland, with 344 members and the following complete list of officers: N. G., Heber McDowell; V. G., J. L. S. Kellner; Sec., J. W. Cupps; Ass. Sec., W. B. Cawley; Treas., W. A. Eaton; P. G., P. Olin Huffman; Rep., J. W. Cupps; N. G. R. S., P. J. Laughey; N. G. R. S. R. A. Campbell; V. G. R. S., J. A. Hull; V. G. L. S., George W. Eiford; W., H. C. Reese; C., C. F. Gauge; I. G., Thomas J. Funk; O. G., E. Wagner; Trustees, C. C. Emmons, J. A. Hull, J. G. Steinhauser.

Friday evening, the 22d instant, D. D. G. M. Murphy, of Coral Lodge, assisted by staff, installed the new officers of Advance Lodge No. 697, Shire Oaks, Pa., as follows: N. G., Albert Maple; V. G., B. C. French; Secretary, William Simpson; Assistant Secretary, T. M. Smith; Treasurer, Thomas Parry; R. S. to N. G., Richard Mitchell; L. S. to N. G., James Carrick; W., John Gordon; C., William Brawdy, Jr.; R. S. S., R. W. Smith; O. G., Adam Forsyth; I. G., William Stark; R. S. to V. G., William Mitchell; L. S. to V. G., John Paxon; Rep. to G. L., Richard Mitchell; Trustees, Richard Mitchell, Ben Bartram, B. C. French.

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Pittsburg Assembly No. 234 will pay a fraternal visit to McKees Rocks Assembly No. 237 at Schintehite Hall at McKee's Rocks, Friday evening, April 29.

Pittsburg Assembly No. 234, about the middle of June, institute Dawson Assembly at Dawson, Fayette county, with a charter list of 40 members. A special train will be arranged for.

It is to be hoped the members of this society will endeavor to increase the membership of their respective assemblies, and organize and institute new assemblies where the order does not exist, and thus secure a Grand Assembly in this State. The officers of the Supreme Assembly state that they will institute the same as soon as the requisite number of members are secured.

Friday evening, April 15, D. S. D. James W. Swoger instituted McKee's Rocks Assembly No. 267, at Enterprise Hall, McKee's Rocks, assisted by the officers and members of Pittsburg Assembly No. 234, Penn Assembly No. 95 and Allegheny Assembly No. 103, with the following officers in the chairs: Ruler, John T. Keith; Instructor, Charles M. Grace; Councilor, L. N. Eicher; Past Ruler, James H. Crawford; Secretary, P. W. Sibert; Financial Secretary, Henry W. Evans; Treasurer, George J. Gilroy; Director, J. S. Eitemiller; Prelate, N. K. Hoffman; Guard, James A. Dalzell, and Sentry, J. G. Delaney. After the initiatory work the ollowing officers were elected and installed by D. S. D. John B. Craig, assisted by S. D. L. N. Eicher: Ruler, John J. Fleming; Instructor, William B. Skeen; Councilor, Harry D. Grayble; Past Ruler, George D. Long; Secretary, Charles L. Sariver; Financial Secretary, William W. Kelli; Treasurer, Harry S. Neel; Prelate, Charles T. Crawford; Director, Thomas O'Hara; Guard, William Poultney; Sentry, I. W. Hoover; Trustees, Charles Stonick, John A. Barr and E. L. Cummings. There were present many prominent members of the order, and a very pleasant time as well as a very successful institution was the result. This assembly starts out with a charter list of 53 members, and its success and prosperity is assured.

Improved Order Heptasophs.

Pittsburg Conclave No. 89 initiated 11 new members last Friday night.

State Treasurer Hon. John W. Morrison is a member of Pittsburg Conclave.

Deputy J. H. McRoberts will pay an official visit to Industry Conclave to-morrow night.

J. Purcell Baker, Past Grand Dictator Knights of Honor of New Jersey, is now organizing for the I. O. H.

Supreme Provost M. G. Cohen, will visit Irwin Conclave, Monday, April 25. A large attendance is expected.

Organizer S. I. Osmond reports that the examinations for Mt. Oliver Conclave will be completed this week.

Eden Conclave, No. 60, of Baltimore, Md., will give an entertainment at the Academy of Music, Baltimore, Friday, April 29.

Hon. A. F. Thompson, of Lykens, Pa., President of the Soldiers and Widows' Home at Brookville, Pa., is Past Archon of Lykens Conclave.

Deputy Supreme Archon O. G. Jones and Supreme Provost M. G. Cohen, will visit Mifflin Conclave, No. 194, at Duquesne, Pa., Thursday, April 28.

Brother O. D. Hartzell, Secretary of Pittsburg Conclave, who has joined the ranks of the benedicts, was presented by the members of his conclave with an elegant silver service.

Order Sons of St. George.

At a meeting of the D. G. L. of the First district of Allegheny county, it was decided to hold a picnic at Ross Grove June 6, Whit Monday. All lodges will participate under the auspices of the district picnic. Englishmen know how the day is celebrated in England and can look forward to Whitsuntide as the coming event. Athletic sports will be the order of the day and $230 will be given away in prizes. There are about 1,000 members in the district, and it is safe to say that two-thirds of that number will be there with their families, the weather being favorable.

Central Lodge 42 S. S. G. meets every alternate Monday. Its next meeting will be May 3, top floor of Lafayette Hall, when the Order of the Garter will be conferred on some of its members. England's patron saint was made Knight of the Order of the Garter in 1330 by Edward III. This chivalric order, one of the oldest known, was conferred on Saint George's day, and thus the feast of England's tutelary saint and the Order of the Garter became synonymous. It was at a banquet in honor of this knightly saint that the King gave expression to the words that have been the motto of the order for ages, "Honi soit qui mal y pense."

Royal Arcanum Headquarters.

The Royal Arcanum Association, a chartered institution, which is the outgrowth of the Past Regents' Association of Pennsylvania, has leased No. 25 Sixth avenue, adjoining the Duquesne Club, and is fitting it up for the use of the members of the Royal Arcanum. The second floor front contains two large rooms to be used as reception and smoking rooms, with all the conveniences for business men. The third floor above this has been handsomely furnished for lodge purposes, and is a beauty. Every night it will be occupied except the first and third Thursdays, and Saturdays and Sundays. The second and third floors in the wing have been arranged for a cafe. They contain five large dining rooms, one of which is reserved as a private dining room for ladies. Every floor is nicely carpeted with brussels and the windows draped with lace curtains. This department will be under the care of a prominent chef, and will be run on first-class principles. The kitchen is situated on the first floor, in the rear, and is supplied with all the modern appliances for cooking. The entire house is heated with natural gas and lighted by electricity.

Good Templars.

West Manchester initiated two at the last meeting and has five more propositions.

A party from West Manchester Lodge attended the institution of the new lodge at Wilkinsburg.

Brother Stevenson, of Anchor Lodge, is out for District Chief. He is the right man in the right place, and should be elected.

West Manchester Lodge visited Moreland Lodge in a body Saturday evening a week ago, and gave a dialogue for the amusement of the members.

A new lodge was instituted at Wilkinsburg Friday night. The charter was given to Brother W. N. Baker, who has worked very hard to get the new lodge started.

General Lodge Notes.

Bessemer Tent No. 92, Knights of the Maccabees of Braddock, gave a reception Tuesday evening in Stokes' Hall.

The British-American Association will give a Shakespearean entertainment at Moorhead Hall Tuesday evening, April 26, at 8 P. M.

Lorena Division No. 35, U. R. K. of P., gave a musical entertainment at its armory, 23 Federal street, Allegheny, Friday night, for the benefit of its relief fund.

General Meade Legion No. 19, Select Knights of America, will give a musical entertainment and pound social next Friday evening at K. of P. Hall, 21 Federal street, Allegheny.

A juvenile temple in connection with Anchor Lodge No. 39, I. O. G. T., has been organized with 34 members. The mission society holds its meetings at 926 Fifth avenue. There are good speakers for to-day.

The lady members of Braddock Lodge Sovereigns of Industry, completed arrangements at their special meeting last Wednesday for the reception to be given the officers of the Grand Lodge on their visit to Braddock, May 4.

The fourth annual tea and reception of the Lady Gladstone Lodge No. 20, Order Daughters of St. George, will be given Thursday, May 5, at New Turner Hall, Thirteenth street, Southside. Sister lodges are respectfully invited to attend.

Acme Castle No. 352, K. G. E., recently held a school of instruction on three candidates, presided over by D. G. C. Louis Smith, Jr., and assisted by several Past Chiefs of the Southside. The three degrees were gone through in a manner which evoked much admiration. Reunion talk is apropos now.

Fidelity Council No. 19, Daughters of Liberty, will hold its fourth annual reception in new Turner Hall, Thirteenth street, Pittsburg, Southside, Thursday evening, April 28. A cordial invitation is extended to the members of all sister councils, to the members of the O. U. A. M., Jr. O. U. A. M. and all others who are in sympathy with the objects of the order.

National Secretary of the D. of L., W. O. Staples, of New Haven, will visit a number of the Pittsburg councils the two weeks beginning May 3. From here he will go on West to visit councils there. His local visits will be managed by a committee from the Union Association, the members of which will accompany him on a visit to East Liverpool Saturday, May 7.

Tuesday evening, Braddock's Field Lodge No. 510, Free and Accepted Masons, tendered a surprise party to the Rev. Thomas N. Boyle, D. D., of the First M. E. Church, on the benefit of its relief fund.

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TRADE OF THE WEEK.

Undoubted Evidence of the Gradual Expansion of Business.

BANK STATEMENTS QUITE ROSY.

Movements in Real Estate and Development of Building Projects.

SPECIAL FEATURES BROUGHT OUT

Bank clearings last week indicated a very large volume of local business. They are the largest of any week this year, and nearly $2,000,000 in excess of the corresponding period in 1891. This is certainly a gratifying exhibit, and must afford encouragement to all but the unreasonable. There was no urgency in the demand for money, but a broadening tendency was discernable and the outlook was brighter. There was no material change in the conditions and movements of general trade, but such as occurred was favorable. Stocks were dull and generally steady and real estate strong but lacking in special features.

Brokers Miss Good Commissions.

Four large transactions in East End real estate were consummated last week without the intervention of agents. They were those of O'Leary, Buffum, Sixth U. P. Church and McFarland, and aggregated about $80,000. The value of agents in bringing sellers and buyers together is so generally appreciated, that it is seldom anything important is attempted without their advice and assistance. In the instances mentioned special reasons intervened to render their services unnecessary. It is safe to say that but for agents there would be a very flat market. They constitute a strong conservative force to modify the inflated views of owners and to keep buyers in touch with the progress of the city and the legitimate enhancement of values.

Fresh Building Notes.

William Biggie, the Oakland contractor, will next week begin the erection of three high-priced modern dwellings on Irwin avenue, near the entrance to the park. William Schuette has had plans prepared for a three-story brick dwelling, stone trimmings, on Sidney street, Southside. The Stewart houses on Murray Hill avenue, Shadyside, are about completed. They rank with the best in that district. It is understood that three of them are practically sold to business and professional people. Three East End builders have 50 houses under contract, to be finished during the summer. A large business house has just been completed on Pitt street, Wilkinsburg. Major A. J. Pentecost has about concluded arrangements to build eight frame houses on Marshall avenue, Tenth ward, Allegheny. The houses will be neat, attractive and convenient, and are to cost from $2,000 to $2,500 each.

A New Bridge in Sight.

Plans for the Baltimore and Ohio and Junction Railroad iron bridge over Greenfield avenue, at its intersection with Second, are about completed, and it is expected that the work of construction will begin this week. It will be about 200 feet long. It will replace a very unsightly structure and improve the appearance of the entire district, thus adding to its attractions for homeseekers. It will, in addition, give the Greenfield avenue electric road a better approach from Second avenue. It was stated yesterday that cars will be running on Greenfield avenue within a week.

Two Farms Picked Up.

Farms are not altogether back numbers. Dead stock must be looked for in other directions. Sloane & Co., who handle considerable of this description of property, report a good demand for the season, and values rather firmer than a year or two ago. This improvement is attributed to good crops last year, and to the favorable outlook for the coming harvest. This firm sold during the week a farm in Indiana county for H. F. Logan to R. A. Smith for $6,300, and one in Westmoreland county, for T. F. Stewart to S. D. Morrow for $3,500. They have several on their books, which they expect to dispose of in a short time. Customers represent all classes of people, but retired merchants are probably in the majority.

A Business House on Paper.

McFarland Bros., the East End drygoods men, are figuring on the erection during the summer of a brick three-story business house on Penn avenue, between Sheridan and Highland. According to the preliminary plan, it will front 30 feet on Penn by a depth of 145 to Kirkwood street. Several other improvements are contemplated in this locality, but may be deferred until next year. The Market and Opera House schemes have been abandoned for the present.

The Week's Building Permits.

Last week broke the year's record in building operations. The force in the Building Inspector's office was kept busy issuing permits. The number granted was 73, representing 102 improvements, all estimated to cost $250,673. The largest was taken out by Ruben & Solomon for their business block on Smithfield street, to cost $90,000. The permits covered an unusual number of fine dwellings.

Special Features of Trade.

Local bank clearings last week denoted a large volume of business. The cry of dull times has nothing substantial to rest upon.

A petition is being prepared for Councils praying for the improvement of Greenfield avenue.

James W. Drape & Co. sold a block of Pittsburg Driving Park Association bonds at $500 each.

The Schenley Park Land Company has a force of men at work grading streets in their plan in the Twenty-third ward.

Baxter, Thompson & Co.'s new quarters are among the handsomest in the city—in fact, second to none.

Mr. J. C. Dick has closed out his Enterprise plan of 104 lots in the Twenty-first ward. It was put on the market a little less than a year ago. Between 25 and 30 houses are in course of erection on this property.

Sloane & Co. will take out an excursion party next Tuesday to attend a sale of lots at Norfolk, Va. Two former excursions were entirely successful.

John Stewart, of Oakland, yesterday secured the contract for grading and paving Irwin avenue from Forbes to Whitman street. He will begin the work to-morrow.

The prospect of an electric road to Laurel station is stimulating real estate in that quarter.

It is said that $13,000 has already been subscribed for stock for the proposed national bank at Mansfield, Pa.

On the Exchange yesterday 112 was bid for First National Bank of Sewickley, the highest quotation yet made. Chautauqua Lake Ice was offered at 110.

Another block of $25,000 Pittsburg and Western 4s sold in New York at 83¾, an advance.

Additional Points in Realty.

Reed B. Coyle & Co. sold during the week 20 lots in the Marion Place plan, Hazelwood district, at prices ranging from $300 to $700. These sales close out this plan, containing upward of 200 lots.

S. J. Fleming sold two lots, 40x120, Berlin plan, Nineteenth ward, on Frankstown avenue, to R. F. Blalas, the Penn avenue feed dealer, for $9,000; also sold for R. F. Blalas to John C. Schaefler, a brick house and three lots on St. Clair street, for $11,000; also sold to Alderman John Gripp a property 225x155 feet in Shadyside, with a frame cottage, for $10,600; also sold lot 25x145 feet on Penn avenue, near St. Clair street, for the Cappell heirs, for $5,000.

W. C. Stewart sold for Mr. George McCallam to an insurance man the residence known as 118 Center avenue for $6,750. The lot is 20x94.6.

Baxter, Thompson & Co. sold to Joseph S. Brown, the well-known insurance agent, a residence lot in the Nineteenth ward, fronting 61 feet on Rippey street by 166 feet, for $5,500 cash.

J. H. Coleman & Co. sold for Charles Bunette a lot on Negley avenue, near Margaretta street, 57x105 feet, for $5,150.

The Burrell Improvement Company report the following sale of lots at Kensington: Wilhelm Ballhorst, Pittsburg, lot 99, block 4, for $825; Paul Trader and John Szaplewski, Pittsburg, lot 9, block 12, for $895; Christian Szukala, Kirkland P. O., Westmoreland county, Pa., east half lot 17, block 12, for $925; Mrs. Caroline Keitz, Kensington, Pa., lot 32, block 5, for $1,600; Frank E. Armor, Butler, Pa., lot 7, block 13, for $595; Peter J. Strathen, Sharpsburg, Pa., lot 15, block 13, for $637; C. H. Shadle, Kittanning, Pa., lots 12 and 13, block 11, for $1,145; William Yunkles, McKee's Rocks, Pa., east half lot 21, block 12, for $325; Sil Sroemes, Pittsburg, west half lot 18, block 12, for $325; Adam Auzustaitis, Kensington, Pa., lot 100, block 2, for $488 75; Peter J. Strathen, Sharpsburg, Pa., lot 15, block 13, for $637 50; Frank E. Armor, Butler, Pa., lot 77, block 13, for $595; Mrs. Henrietta Risser, Parnassus, Pa., lot 31, block 5, for $1,450; Samuel E. Bishoff, Berrysburg, Pa., lot 11, block 5, for $1,600 cash; Slaugenhoupt Bros., Marionville, Pa., lot 110, block 6, for $825 cash.

Reed B. Coyle & Co. sold a property on Rural avenue, near Negley, Nineteenth ward, consisting of a frame dwelling of eight rooms and modern conveniences, with lot 23x100 feet, for $4,500.

Thomas McCaffrey sold for F. G. Kellerman to Michael Gannon the property No. 189 Forty-fourth street, lot 24x120, with a brick dwelling on the front and a frame on the rear, for $6,150; also for William Duckham to P. McKenna property 3423 Butler street, lot 23x100 feet, with a large three-story brick business house and dwelling, for $8,325; also for Mrs. Martha Hobson to M. O'Connor, property 249 and 251 Forty-fourth street, lot 30x110 feet, with two brick dwellings, for $6,000.

Peter Shields sold house No. 3 in William Flinn's Greenfield avenue plan to S. S. Ingram for $3,700; also lots Nos. 153 and 154 in Schenley Park Land Company's plan for $400 each.

John K. Ewing & Co. sold to Henry S. Richards a lot 50x150 feet on Sycamore street, in the Watson subdivision, East Bellevue, Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne and Chicago Railroad, for $1,000.

W. M. Pollock sold through A. M. Tressell & Co. to J. H. Watt lot No. 24, 40x120 feet, in the Laurel Land Company's plan, Laurel station, Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne and Chicago Railroad. The purchaser will improve within 90 days with a handsome residence.

A. Z. Byers & Co., sold for Charles S. Frisbee, Esq., the property No. 28 Grantham Fourth ward, Allegheny City, consisting of a brick house of five rooms, with lot 18x56, for $2,350.

It was ascertained late yesterday after noon that W. A. Herron & Sons were successful in disposing of the residence property No. 28 Sherman avenue, fronting the parks, Allegheny, at auction at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for $12,800, but the news came too late to be verified by them. The property consists of a two-story brick residence, in fair order, and the lot was 20x110 feet.

James Somers on Saturday closed the sale of a fine piece of East End vacant ground, comprising a frontage of 192 feet on Negley avenue by a depth of 165 feet. The consideration was $19,000, and Mr. L. H. Voigt, the pioneer Liberty street commission merchant, was the purchaser. Mr. Voigt is no longer a young man, but he is brimful of youthful energy and enterprise, and proposes not only to establish on this newly acquired tract a home that will shine unrivaled, but to live to enjoy its comforts and bask in the shade of trees just about to be planted.

HOME SECURITIES.

A QUIET WEEK, WITH NO GREAT FLURRIES IN VALUES.

Holders Unwilling to Come Down to the Level of Buyers—Goods Offered Sparingly—A Few Price Changes, but None of Much Significance.

The week on 'Change was for the most part spiritless and uninteresting. There were a few boomlets, notably in Philadelphia Gas and Birmingham Traction, but they led to no important results, and at the finish yesterday prices, except in one or two instances, were practically the same as a week ago.

Stocks showing gains for the week are Switch and Signal, Pipegas, Philadelphia Gas, Central Traction, Citizens' Traction, Birmingham Traction and Luster. Those making concessions are Airbrake and Underground Cable. Losses were insignificant, due to lack of active support, and not to anything wrong with the properties. Stocks in most request were conspicuously scarce. The undertone was firm.

Sales yesterday were $1,000 Electric scrip at 85, 75 old Electric at 18, 5 Luster at 9¼, 10 at 9¾, 20 Manchester Traction at 39⅝, 50 Central Traction at 28⅝, 115 Birmingham Traction at 27, 100 Philadelphia Gas at 19, 50 Duquesne Traction at 26¼, 200 Switch and Signal at 16⅞, 80 Citizens' Traction at 62. Sales for the week were 2,280 shares and $5,000 bonds. Philadelphia Gas led with 580 shares, followed by Birmingham Traction with 275.

At the close of the week the unlisted stocks stood: Birmingham, 27 bid, no offers; Manchester, 39¾ bid, offered at 40. Duquesne was passed. Bids and offers are appended.

BANK STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Allegheny National Bank	....	60
Bank of Pittsburg	....	100
Fourth National Bank	125	127
Freehold	....	92½
Liberty National Bank	105¾	....
Metropolitan National Bank	120	....
Monongahela National Bank	110	....
People's National Bank	180	....
Enterprise Savings, Allegheny	62½	....
First National Bank, Allegheny	180	....
Real Estate Loan and Trust Co.	88	....
Second National Bank, Allegheny	195	....
INSURANCE STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Citizens	28	....
NATURAL GAS STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Bridgewater	35	....
Chartiers Valley Gas Co.	12¼	13
People's Nat. Gas and P. Co.	11¾	12
Philadelphia Co.	18¾	19½
Wheeling Gas Co.	20½	21¼
PASSENGER RAILWAY STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Central Traction	25½	26½
Citizens' Traction	61½	62½
Pleasant Valley	25	35½
Second Avenue	49	51
RAILROAD STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Pittsburg, Youngstown and Ashtabula	38	41
Pittsburg Junction R. R. Co.	20½	....
Pitts., McK. & Yough. R. R. Co.	80	....
Pittsburg and Western R. R. Co. pref.	19	....
Pitts., Wheeling & Ky.	50	61½
COAL STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
N. Y. & C. Gas Coal Co.	80	....
BRIDGE STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Ewalt (Forty-third street)	62	....
Pittsburg and Birmingham	....	75
Point	....	10
MINING STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
La Noria Mining Co.	25	30
Luster Mining Co.	....	9¾
Red Cloud Mining Co.	....	2½
Enterprise Mining Co.	....	6
ELECTRIC LIGHT STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Westinghouse	....	19
MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Monongahela Navigation Co.	69	....
Union Switch and Signal Co. pref.	....	27
Westinghouse Airbrake Co.	109¾	111
Standard Underground Cable Co.	75¾	76½

BEARS VERY IMPARTIAL.

EVEN STOCK ATTACKED, AND THEY ALL SUFFER ALIKE.

Coal Stocks Inclined to Advance, but They, Too, Are Pulled Down by the General List—Even the Good Bank Statement Fail's Fint.

NEW YORK, April 23.—The stock market today was moderately active, but being under the hammer for most of the session was weak almost throughout; and while the limited nature of the speculation prevented any heavy declines or wide fluctuations, the losses were material in all of the leading shares.

The Coal stocks were inclined to advance during the early part of the day. The purchases for Philadelphia account were marked, though as that center was so lately a seller, it is probable that the demand was to cover shorts exclusively. The effect, however, was to advance the stocks 1 per cent, and to some extent the general list felt the influence. The room, however, was still bearishly inclined, and the published utterances of the representative of one of the largest foreign banking houses, that the movement of gold outward would probably continue for some time, but supplemented by a further advance in exchange rates, encouraged the traders to attack the list, which they did with vigor and unusual impartiality, and under the pressure everything yielded.

Reading, St. Paul, Northern Pacific preferred, Atchison and New England were the active stocks, but they moved with the rest of the list, and the losses were remarkably uniform. The usual rally toward the close failed to come, notwithstanding the favorable nature of the bank statement, which showed a large gain in cash and an increase in the surplus reserve of over $3,000,000. There were no special features, and the Coal stocks gave way with the rest in the late dealings, the market finally closing active and weak at the lowest prices of the day. The final changes are all losses, and they extend to 1 per cent in Jersey Central, Lake Shore and Northern Pacific preferred.

The total sales of stocks to-day were 158,046 shares, including Atchison, 14,470; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 2,300; Erie, 7,150; Louisville and Nashville, 5,850; Northern Pacific, 14,730; New England, 5,550; Reading, 40,083; St. Paul, 12,410; Union Pacific, 3,000; Western Union, 2,045.

Railroad bonds were fairly active during the session, but while there was a firm temper on the whole, few changes of note occurred, and the activity and weakness in the Atchison incomes gave a rather ragged appearance to the dealings. This was the only feature of importance, and while the total transactions reached $969,000, $248,000 were in the Atchison incomes. Big Sandy sixes rose 4¼ to 92.

The Finish in Stocks.

The following table shows the price of active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday. Corrected daily for THE DISPATCH by WHITNEY & STEPHENSON, oldest Pittsburg members of the New York Stock Exchange, 57 Fourth avenue.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing bid.
Am. Cotton Oil	39¾	39¾	39¾	39¾
Am. Cotton Oil, pfd	77¾	77½	76¾	76¾
Am. Sugar Refining Co.	95½	95⅞	95	95
Am. Sugar Refining Co. pfd	97¾	....	....	....
Atch., Top. & S. F.	35⅞	35½	35	35
Canadian Pacific	89¾	....	....	88½
Canada Southern	60¾	60¾	60¼	60¾
Central of New Jersey	138⅞	138⅞	138	138
Central Pacific	....	....	....	21
Chesapeake & Ohio	23½	23½	23¼	23¼
C. & O., 1st pfd	....	....	....	61
C. & O., 2d pfd	....	....	....	42
Chicago Gas Trust	76½	77	76½	76¾
C., Bur. & Quincy	108½	108½	108½	108
C., Mil. & St. Paul	78½	78¾	77¾	77¾
C., Mil. & St. Paul, pfd	122¾	122¾	122½	122½
C., Rock I. & P.	86¼	86¼	85¾	85¾
C., St. P., M. & O.	47¾	47¾	47¾	47¾
C., St. P. M. & O., pfd	115½	115½	115½	115½
C. & Northwestern	120⅞	120⅞	120	120
C., C., C. & I.	70	70