

a year. It is needed to provide for the increase in business.

Getting All the Exchanges Interested.

"I know a number of men in the Chamber of Commerce who are willing to invest money in the office building I have suggested. It will certainly be erected, and it should be backed by the stock exchanges. This is one of the features that will be brought out by some of the speakers at the banquet.

"The time is past when Pittsburgh is dependent on one or two industries. If Carnegie interests should suddenly be wiped out, it wouldn't affect the city very much. There are other men who would take the place and introduce new industries in the buildings. What we need is a diversity of industries. Textile goods could be made here cheaper than in Eastern cities. Our manufacturers turn out nicely finished bars of steel, and they are sent away to be worked up in other places. If we have skill enough to prepare the raw material, why shouldn't the articles into which it enters be made in the city to avoid the cost of shipping them to the first mill in the Pittsburgh area to defray all competition in numerous lines of manufacture that make other cities famous. For example, Oliver & Roberts make all the iron and steel work, such as bridges, the buckles, etc., on the harness, yet the wagons are not made here. Towns in Indiana and Michigan claim to be the great wagon building centers of the country. They don't even make the hubs. If we were in the wheels. These come from other places, as the iron and steel from Pittsburgh, and these fellows are only joiners. In the same way the steel used in clocks and watches is produced here, but we don't make clocks or watches; that is left for somebody else. Look at the great quantities of galvanized iron Pittsburgh turns out, but none of it is made up in the city. Jones & Wagon makers are shafting for the cotton mills of the South, and they have gained a reputation in this line of business. We make plenty of machinery that is sent out of town to run industries that produce it here.

Interesting Into Manufacturers.

"I notice, by the way, considerable artistic taste being developed in the iron business. Our machinery was always substantial, but rough. Now, a very fine finish is being obtained. It is surprising how many chemists and mechanical engineers the iron firms employ here. These men are educated and they elevate the taste of the employees, teach them artistic ideas and introduce economic plans that make it hard for outsiders to compete with us. Why only recently, chemists joined the Engineering Society, and I will wager that we have more experts in analytical chemistry than any other city in the United States. It is true, some of our iron needs are coming in all the time, but not as fast as they should with the natural advantages we are able to offer. At present we are making 25 per cent of all the raw iron and steel in the country.

But Pittsburgh is different from every other city in the country. Its business is not visible to strangers, and they can't understand what we have to brag about. Why our market house doesn't begin to represent the business of the city is development in the Monongahela Valley. It is ahead of the country around, and the farmers can't begin to supply these new towns. We send up to them by boat corn, wheat, etc. Each has its own articles of food. James Parton said: There are only three cities in America that have characteristics different from the prevailing commercial cities; they are New Orleans, Pittsburgh and a City East of Interest.

"When you go to Pittsburgh take a trunk with you, and be prepared to stay for three weeks! That is very true. So much is to be seen here. The conformation of the land is such that only the heaviest business can be handled in the narrow triangle downtown. Show me another city where so many little business centers can be found. Take Allentown, the Southside, Bloomfield, Oakland, East Liberty, Sharpshurg, Allegheny, etc. Each has its own stores, doctors, blacksmith shops and what is required to make a separate town. Stranger seldom see these places in the great city, and that is what means I think our business is not visible to outsiders. You start with the suburbs, and you come up to the business center gradually.

"In the East are the mountains, which are a barrier. Our trade is with the producing communities in the West. We are nearest to them, and our position can't be beaten. Our merchants should cultivate these people, find out what they want and then supply them. Our business men should endeavor to entice travelers to advertise their wares and the city. Some of the firms, however, are wide awake, and they have a number of men on the road. Chicago is way ahead of us in this particular. It has a large number of Mississippi and Louisiana, it was surprised to find Chicago drummers in little cross-road towns. It pays, however, and I would like to see our business men realize this fact.

Effect of the Ship Canal.

"I must not forget the canal to Erie. THE DISPATCH is about the only paper in Pittsburgh that realizes its importance. It is certain to be built, and I am pleased with the interest our local representatives and Congressmen along the line take in the project. Suppose that canal should be ready to open to-morrow. What would prevent Pittsburgh from becoming a second Minneapolis in the flour business? The large quantities of grain taken across the lakes to Buffalo and Erie could be brought to Pittsburgh. We wouldn't be in a position to handle it at once, for elevators would have to be built. It could be taken up the river in the truck, McKeesport and other places, where the mills could be built. The grain men would see that this would be a good point to grind it up. The flour could then be distributed in the East, and that matter the local trade is not to be sneezed at. At least from 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 people in Ohio, West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania could be supplied. Think of our possibilities. The number of industries could be started here. Now these are some of the ideas that I expect to see brought out by the speakers at the banquet. This city must be developed."

BEATEN WITH A BRICK.

Mrs. W. C. Fleming, of 280 Wylie avenue, was probably fatally injured by her husband, the result of a domestic quarrel. The man under arrest.

Mrs. W. C. Fleming, of 280 Wylie avenue, is lying at her home in a very serious condition from wounds inflicted by her husband. Before 10 o'clock yesterday morning a 10-year-old girl rushed into the Eleventh ward station in a great state of agitation and said that she wanted an officer to go to her house as her father was killing her mother.

Officer Hugh Madison, of the patrol wagon, accompanied the girl to the house named and there found Mrs. Fleming lying on the floor with her face covered with blood. While in another room was the husband, who was at once placed under arrest and locked up in the Eleventh ward station.

The real leading to this scene was caused by a domestic difficulty. W. C. Fleming, the husband, it is alleged, spends the major portion of his time drinking liquor, while the wife has the reputation of being an industrious, hard-working woman. Yesterday morning the couple quarreled, not an unusual occurrence, and the husband, becoming excited, drew a knife and picked up a brick, returned to the house and began beating his wife over the head with it. It was then that the little daughter ran out and summoned police protection.

Dr. Aisbitt, who was called to attend Mrs. Fleming, found several cuts on her head of a very serious nature, which he at once dressed. Dr. Aisbitt said that he considered the woman's condition extremely serious, and advised that the husband should not be admitted to the block, which advice was followed.

SATISFIED THE LAW.

Patrick Fitzpatrick Pays the Penalty for the Murder of Samuel Early.

DIED IN THE SUNLIGHT.

He Walks Upon the Scaffold Unaided and With Not a Tremor.

DEATH WITHOUT A STRUGGLE.

Sweet-Faced Sisters of Mercy Solace His Last Evening Hours.

SCENES IN AND AROUND THE JAIL.

Patrick Fitzpatrick was hanged yesterday morning to appease the vengeance of justice. His crime was great, and justice cried for vengeance. By the hand of Patrick Fitzpatrick a soul went forth quickly and silently. There was only time for a muttered prayer for pardon for possible sins and the soul went out. By the hand of justice the soul of Patrick Fitzpatrick was started for the unseen shores after a long wait. A wait so torturous that the mind consumed the vitality of the body and absorbed its very life.

When hope for life was smothered in the breast of the man his religion, the innate belief of woman-born man dominated, and his last hours were by far more easy than had been the preceding ones when tumultuous thoughts surged and raged within him. The words of reverence he had learned in innocent childhood came back to him with ineffable paths. He communed with his mother. He thought of her. He bent his head while the priest of his religion stood beside him and told of divine hopes and taught him for a second time the sacred prayers for forgiveness. Crime had not stifled all that was good, and as the number of his days grew smaller he turned toward his God and spent his time before an altar in his cell with his head bowed in prayer.

Solaced by Priest and Sisters.

The sweet solace in the language of holiness from the lips of priest and gentle sisters fell upon his hearing with blissful intoxication. He listened to the God, and prayed continuously for divine forgiveness. The few hours of the last evening he spent in his cell, were with the two Sisters of Mercy whose womanly spiritual presence had the salutary effect upon his mind that scarcely anything else could bring. Fitzpatrick's prayers, together with the heartfelt ones of the sweet Sisters, welled up from the bosom of the gloomy jail in fervent and pathetic appeals to the great tribunal on high.

Yesterday morning the hour of 11 was one of vital interest. A large crowd, composed of newspaper men, jurors and jail officials, stood in the Warden's office. The roomed clock ticked away the seconds and the men, although strong in vigorous manhood, nervously walked back and forth over the solid floor and talked together with bated breath. Fingers tapped nervously against the chairs and newspapers, behind which some concealed their twitching countenances, trembled in the hands that held them. As the minute hand upon the clock crossed the square black spot at the midway point the voice of the Warden, sounding strangely subdued, directed the occupants of the room to the body of the jail.

Waiting for the Message of Death.

Over in the doomed man's cell there was a pathetic scene. The hollow tread of the corridors as they passed over the stone floor of the prison. He listened to the miller's prayer with an ominous, doleful sound. A perceptible tremor crossed Fitzpatrick's visage and he fervently kissed the little golden crucifix in the hand of his priest. His hands suddenly became cold and clammy. His eyes burned strangely, but the thin, bloodless lips moved mechanically as he prayed and listened with half stopped pulse to the tread of the feet. This sound passed away and the silence of the cell was only broken by the soft tones of the priests as they recited their prayers for leniency for the doomed man's soul. This forbidding silence continued for several almost interminable minutes. Then came the sound of the officer's tread. The man's heart nearly ceased its beating. The bolts shot back with a terrible suddenness.

Fitzpatrick was led forth to his death. Beneath the black domed roof, down the stone steps, along the cold corridors, past the gloomy white cells, the man was led with a priest upon either side, chanting Latin prayers. Then through the thick stone doorway he became cold and clammy. The rays bathed him with warmth and gave him the same delicious feeling of life the others enjoyed. His lips moved, but a long, deep inhalation showed in which direction his thoughts were directed.

Looking His Last on Life.

It was the mockery of life—freedom in bondage. He breathed free air at the foot of the scaffold. The old desire for life came back to the man with terrible force. He looked around him, saw faces with expressions of all kinds, and he felt that he was alone and his face was pale as though he himself were doomed; another seemed stern and unrelenting, while others showed no emotion beyond curiosity. The sound of voices came faintly over the towering parapet of the massive wall, and the man hastened slightly at the thought of the morbidly curious throng without, eager for the first sound of the creaking scaffolding fall and the fatal fall. He stepped upon the stairs of the scaffold with a firm tread, his lips still moving as he recited his prayers, but his thoughts bent upon some distant scene, passed through ere his mind came over him to kill. The spectators shivered. The man was upon the platform.

He turned and faced the crowd. He kissed the crucifix. Then he raised his eyes to the limitless heavens. The desire for life again dominated his being. The rattle of a wagon passing in the street recalled him to the awful present. An almost imperceptible tremor passed over him. He kissed the crucifix, then, while his lips moved and the priests prayed. He raised his head to kiss the crucifix. His eye was attracted by the brightness of the sky. He took another deep inhalation of the free air and bowed his head. A cloud passed away with terrible violence.

The Vengeance of Justice Approached.

Suddenly he felt the hand of the jailer. His face twitched and his eyes burned, but he arose, kissed the crucifix passionately, then stepped back upon the fatal trap. The thin rattle came over him to kill. He looked again to the heavens while his face grew bloodless as though the spirit had already flown. He saluted the crucifix and bowed his head in reverence.

The outburst from the lips of the prisoner and he kissed the sacred emblem for the last time. He looked hurriedly at the heavens, then at the crowd, and the white cap was drawn over his head. There was an instant of terrible silence. A cloud passed between the sun and the earth as Sheriff McCleary, with a quiet rick, pulled the rope. There was a quick, sharp cracking, and Patrick Fitzpatrick's body convulsively jerked and twisted as the fatal cord slowly strangled him.

The vengeance of justice was appeased. Without the jail a crowd, dense and tur-

RUINED BY HIS NAG.

Charles Klopfer, the Tailor, Wrecked Upon Financial Shoals.

THE ORIGIN OF HIS TROUBLES.

First Got Into the Courts and Then Got Into Difficulties.

TWENTY-SIX YEARS' LABOR UNDONE.

The beginning of an interesting legal case that promises some spirited developments was begun in court yesterday by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Henry filing two suits against Charles Klopfer to recover balances due on judgments. One suit was for \$90 65 and the second for \$3,004 40.

The defendant, Charles Klopfer, one of the most extensive tailors, merchants in Allegheny county, was seen by a DISPATCH man at his home on the lofty heights of Spring Hill, Allegheny, late last night. Mr. Klopfer's version of the case from its unfortunate beginning until she present is as pathetic as it is interesting. He recited his grievances in the darkness of the night and more than once was his voice choked with some suspicious emotion.

"It is hard to find the fruits of unremitting labor cast back after 26 years of hard struggling," he said slowly, as he watched the showers of sparks falling from the steel mills far in the distance.

The Cause of All His Troubles.

"Two years ago," he continued, suddenly breaking off his story, "I was in ill health. I was talking of purchasing another horse and was driving one I had taken on trial. The horse was sold to me as one of gentle temper and if not satisfactory I had the privilege of returning it. One afternoon I drove down to an express office on Federal street to deliver a package. I had just left the buggy and was upon the point of hitching the horse to the wagon, when a passing coachman flicked the animal with his whip. The horse was frightened and dashed away at a break-neck speed. I followed, but was unable to overtake him, and no one else had the daring to do so.

"The horse crossed the Fort Wayne tracks, and just beyond, ran into Mrs. J. B. Henry, who was crossing the street at the time. I did not see the accident, but subsequently learned that the horse struck her on the right hand, by the way, ran over her ankle. I heard nothing of the case for a fortnight, and did not know such a person was in existence. One morning a man in a tailor's shop, at No. 120 Ohio street, Allegheny, asked me if I had had a runaway. I told him I had, and that the man told me Mrs. Henry had been injured, and he, as her husband, demanded compensation. A few days later I was informed that a suit for \$35,000 had been instituted against me for damages done to the person of Mrs. J. B. Henry.

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JUMPED FROM A BRIDGE.

Mrs. Sarah A. Shaw Throws Herself into the Allegheny River From the Forty-Third Street Bridge—Her Mind Unbalanced—Rescued From a Watery Grave.

Mrs. Sarah A. Shaw, a professional nurse of Millvale, made a daring but unsuccessful attempt to suicide yesterday morning by jumping into the Allegheny river from the Forty-third street bridge.

About 9 o'clock Mrs. Shaw left her residence, corner of Sample and Evergreen streets, saying she was going to take a short walk.

"Goodby, and may God see you shortly home," said her sister, Miss J. W. Carpenter.