PUZZLE FOR GROVER.

He Must Settle the Question of the County Democracy's Fight

AGAINST TAMMANY HALL.

The Wet Feet Insist Upon Nominating a Full Ticket.

QUAY IS WILLING TO HELP OUT

His Brethren on the Republican National Campaign Committee.

NEWS FROM ALL THE POLITICAL CAMPS

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—Mr. Cleveland is expected at the Victoria Hotel to-morrow morning, he having left Gray Gables last evening for this city. His own house at 12 West Fifty-first street will not be ready before next week, and by that time his family will be here. Meanwhile the reception rooms of the hotel are more suitable for the purposes of Mr. Cleveland's visit. All the members of the National Campaign Committee, except Senator Ransom, Congressman Cable and E. C. Wall, are in town waiting to confer with him.

The absorbing interest in Mr. Cleveland's visit is to learn what influence it will have on Mr. Grace and his following of "Wet Feet." Mr. Grace has said all along that he was quite willing to be guided by the wishes of the National Campaign Committee. If they opposed a second Democratic candidate for Mayor he, personally, was ready to accept their view of the dilemma.

Opposition to the Third Ticket.

Mr. Harrity, Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Quincy and Mr. Smalley have not entered their opinion. They are emphatically, absolutely and utterly opposed to any Democratic opposition to Tammany in the coming municipal fight. Mr. Whitney is noncommittal. As the personal confidant of Mr. Cleveland, he is not prepared to record his views on the subject. He is only willing to be quoted as saying that there are good arguments in favor of the policy of putting a third Mayoralty candidate in the field, and there are others equally strong against such a programme. He will confer with Mr. Cleveland on the subject to-morrow. So will his brethren of the Campaign Committee.

The problem is considered the toughest one thus far in the campaign. There was no difficulty in settling the matter which brought Mr. Cleveland to town three weeks ago. He met Mr. Murphy, Mr. Sheehan and Mr. Croker at dinner at the Victoria. The threats of the "Wet Feet" to disembowel the State, Tammany and Brooklyn machines were gone over, and Mr. Cleveland quickly announced that in the event of his election he would not lend aid in the shape of Federal patronage to the scheme. Since then the "Wet Feet" have been irritable, and most of them sulkily declare that had it not been for their efforts Mr. Cleveland would have lost the nomination at Chicago. They are still bristling. The warriors of Tammany and of the State Committee mock at their antics and refer to them as stragglers and camp followers and political sutlers.

Possibilities of a Lot of Tickets.

Present indications point to the running of five and possibly more city and county tickets at the coming election. The County Democracy, reorganized for 1892, held its first county committee meeting in Cooper Union this evening, and proceeded to business just as though it proposed to elect all of the officers for this city and county without opposition. More than 500 answered to their names. Charles A. Jackson, temporary chairman, made a speech. He talked of the "serious fight" before the County Democracy and emphasized the word "fight" with several exclamation points. He spoke of the Democracy's candidate for the Presidency as the County Democracy's candidate, and declared that he had been "delivered, bound, hand and foot to his enemies," but that the County Democracy will cut his bonds and free him.

Secretary Charles H. Delmes, of the Democratic State Campaign Committee, made the following announcement: "It is reported to the Democratic State Committee that two men who gave their names as J. H. McFaddon and J. H. Matthews, of New York City, are traveling through the State talking with as many people as they can meet at hotels and public resorts, and saying they are Hill Democrats who are going to vote for Harrison, whereas, in fact, as is believed on good grounds, they are Republican emissaries, making false statements in order to create the impression of Democratic dissension and Republican gains."

Boxes for All Except Hill.

It is announced that at the convention of National Democratic Clubs in the Academy of Music, Tuesday next, proscenium boxes have been assigned to Grover Cleveland and Adlai E. Stevenson, Governor Roswell P. Flower, Chairman Harrity, Chairman Dickinson, William C. Whitney and other managers of the national campaign; ex-Lieutenant Governor Black, President of the National Association of Democratic Clubs; Lieutenant Governor Sheehan and Chairman Edward Murphy, Jr., of the Democratic State Committee; Mayor Grant and Richard Crocker, Hugh McLaughlin and friends, and Mayor Boody, of Brooklyn. There is no box assigned to Senator Hill.

Senator Quay has been heard from. At the National Republican headquarters they expect him over from Pennsylvania within a week or ten days, to be treated for vertigo. The Senator is willing to come over if Mr. Carter and his brethren desire his presence, and when this condition was made known all threw up their arms, simulating the ecstatic embraces that await the famous Republican Chairman of 1888. Senator Quay's coming has been preceded by an announcement of his views on the situation in New York. He believes Harrison is all right, but he warns the national and State campaigners in this city to look out for colonization in the new and growing wards of New York City.

Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, has had a long conference with Secretary of the Treasury Foster, at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, and later with Chairman Carter. He says: "New Hampshire is a close State, Governor Tuttle's majority in 1890 over Charles H. Amsden being only 90 in a vote of 90,000, but I think Harrison will get the electoral vote of the State."

THE FIGURES IN ADVANCE.

How New York Is Going According to a Hopeful Democrat.

MEMPHIS, Sept. 29.—Colonel C. B. Howey, Mississippi member of the Democratic National Executive Committee, has returned from a visit of several weeks to the Democratic headquarters in New York, and to an Associated Press representative to-night said:

"The Democrats are confident of carrying New York by a handsome majority. The very best estimates obtainable at headquarters are to the effect that Mr. Harrison will step on one end of Harlem bridge with a majority of 65,000 and Mr. Cleveland will step on the other end with a majority of 100,000. Mr. Whitney and other leaders place the figures higher than this, but what I give you is a conservative and reliable estimate."

ONE WAY TO MAKE A CONGRESSMAN.

Peculiar Outcome of a Protracted Struggle in Senator Carlisle's District.

COVINGTON, KY., Sept. 29.—One of the most unusual contests for Congressional nomination has just terminated at Warsaw by the nomination of Hon. Albert S. Berry, of Newport, by the Democratic Convention of the Sixth district—Senator Carlisle's district. It was a three days' struggle and 372 ballots were taken. The leading candidates at the beginning were Mr. Berry and Theodore F. Hallam, of Covington. At first these ran even, with three other candidates getting a few votes each. The first day's balloting revealed nothing but stubborness. On the second day a vote was adopted to drop the lowest candidate, but this had no effect, as delegates continued to vote for dropped candidates. Then consultations were tried and Berry's name was dropped for many ballots and Baker and McCoine came in. Several times Hallam and Baker had enough votes to nominate, but were defeated by changes before the vote was announced.

On the three hundred and seventy-second ballot Baker had seven votes more than enough to nominate, when a wholesale change gave McCoine 63. Then a consultation was asked and changes were again made, so that when the vote was declared it stood Berry 42, Baker 31. Mr. Berry is a graduate of Miami University, was in the Confederate service, and will be among the tallest members of the next Congress, being six feet in height.

WEAVER GOES UNMOLESTED.

Allowed to Make Addresses Without Eggs as an Accompaniment.

RALEIGH, N. C., Sept. 29.—General Weaver, the People's party candidate for President, and Mrs. Lease arrived here from Greensboro this morning. The Third party managers had arranged to make the meeting here a grand demonstration. People came in wagons 20 miles to attend. The procession formed at the foot of a Fayetteville street and marched to the Capitol, thence to Brookside Park. There were about 350 men on horseback and in vehicles and 1,000 others in the procession and about 2,000 not in line. General Weaver delivered a speech without disturbance. Mrs. Lease also spoke. After the speaking was over three cheers were proposed and given for Weaver, Field, Mrs. Lease and the Third party.

THE APPORTIONMENT LEGAL.

A Supreme Court Opinion Sustaining Judge Bartlett's Decision as to New York.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—The general term of the Supreme Court handed down its decision this morning in the appeal from Judge Bartlett's decision refusing to grant a mandamus to compel the Board of Supervisors to convene and reapportion the Assembly districts according to the Constitution.

The general term affirms the decision of Judge Bartlett in the special term, which practically holds that the apportionment, as made by the Kings county Board of Supervisors, is legal and constitutional.

The Plurality in Maine Is 12,512.

AUGUSTA, ME., Sept. 29.—The official figures of the gubernatorial vote of the last election, every city, town and plantation included, give Cleaves 67,585; Johnson, 55,073; Massey, Prohibition, 3,781; Knowlton, Labor, 1,860; Bateman, People's, 3,005; scattering, 17; total vote, 129,629; Cleaves' plurality, 12,512.

Minor Political Notes.

GUS WILSON was nominated for Congress by the Republicans of the Fifth Kentucky district last night.

HENRY TERRELL, Assistant United States District Attorney, and brother of Edwin Terrell, Minister to Belgium, has been nominated by the Republicans as candidate for Congress for the Twelfth district against T. M. Paschal, Democratic nominee.

AN OFFER TO CORBETT.

Thomas J. McCaffrey Puts Up $500 to Bet $5,000 That the Champion Cannot Knock Dominick McCaffrey Out in Four Rounds According to His Boast—The Pittsburger Means Business.

James J. Corbett, the champion pugilist of the United States, is now called upon in very plain terms to make good his offer to knock Dominick McCaffrey out in four rounds. Thomas McCaffrey, the prominent real estate agent of this city, a brother to Dominick, put up a forfeit of $500 at this office last evening and left the following challenge:

"To the Sporting Editor of The Dispatch:

"SIR—As James J. Corbett, the champion pugilist, will be in the city to-day, and as he has declared that he can knock my brother out in four rounds, I, in behalf of my brother, now put up $500 as a forfeit with the sporting editor of THE DISPATCH toward a bet of $5,000 that he, Corbett, cannot stop my brother in four rounds, under Queensberry rules. The contest can take place at the Manhattan Club, the Coney Island Athletic Club or in Madison Square Garden.

"This is no bluff talk, and if Mr. Corbett will call at THE DISPATCH office and cover the forfeit a match can be made. Mr. Corbett has talked very loudly about my brother, and now he has a chance to make good his bluffs. Mr. Corbett is champion; he has defeated John L. Sullivan; is three years younger; much taller and 20 pounds heavier than my brother, and still there is $5,000 to say that he cannot knock my brother out in four rounds. I trust that Mr. Corbett will either go into the contest or declare that he was wrong in making any such extravagant boast.

"The contest can take place six weeks after signing articles.

"I am yours,
"THOMAS J. MCCAFFREY,
"Pittsburg."

The above is certainly a plain and business-like statement to Mr. Corbett. He cannot well avoid noticing it, particularly when he, as Mr. Thomas McCaffrey states, made a boast that he could stop McCaffrey in four rounds.

NO USE FOR PAGO PAGO.

British Authorities Deny That They Seek a Coaling Station There.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 29.—Advices by steamer from Samoa say that Lieutenant Coffin, U. S. A., who returns to San Francisco, has completed a survey for an iron wharf at Pago Pago for the United States Government. H. M. S. Curacoa went to Pago Pago some time ago with British Land Commissioner Haggard on board, and it was stated that the British Government had taken a piece of land there for a coaling station. It was subsequently ascertained, however, that the commander of the Curacoa and Commissioner Haggard had made inquiries about a piece of land on the opposite side of the harbor from Swimming Point, but that nothing had been done in the matter.

The United States Vice Consul states that he was officially notified that the British Government had no intention of locating a coaling station there, and Commissioner Haggard states that his mission to Pago Pago was with reference to some land claims. The British Government is annexing all the islands in the Pacific that have not already been appropriated. Some time ago they hoisted their flags at Union Group and now the Royalist has done the same at Gilbert Island.

Death of Mrs. Elizabeth Friday.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Elizabeth Friday died at the residence of her son-in-law, John Scheline, 107 Fremont street, Allegheny. She was 81 years of age, and the mother of William J. Friday.

A New Main Being Laid.

The workmen will begin work on laying the 30-inch reinforcing main from the east basin to the Howard street pumping station in Allegheny to-day.

MYSTERY MITKIEWICZ

Says He Is Willing to Meet the New Charges Brought Against Him.

HE CALLS IT ALL A CONSPIRACY,

A Part of a Plan to Get Some Valuable Chinese Concessions.

BLAIR AND SHEPARD IN THE MATTER

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—"Count" Mitkiewicz professes to be entirely willing to answer Lawyer Burke's charges at any time, and says that extradition papers are entirely unnecessary, as he will go to New York to answer a summons, if necessary. Lawyer Charles R. Burke has not yet arrived here with a warrant for the arrest of "Count" Eugene de Mitkiewicz on a charge of fraudently obtaining the sum of $1,750 from A. L. Tomes, of Brooklyn, but he is expected to arrive to-morrow. The Count has retained Lawyer Robert Christy as his counsel, and any further steps in the controversy will be taken upon the lawyer's advice.

Count Mitkiewicz said to-day that Mr. Burke was merely carrying out a threat which he had made against the Chinese Minister to obtain money. He said the whole thing was a conspiracy and was a part of an international fight for control of valuable concessions in China. He said he was ready at any time to meet any charges made by Mr. Burke, and that he would go to New York if sent for.

The Explanation of the Count.

The money Burke charges him with having obtained from Tomes to send to Millard Jones, an agent in China, the Count says was sent by Tomes to Jones direct, and was never in his (the Count's) hands. He said that Burke wanted to get him over to New York under arrest, in hopes of getting from him information concerning persons interested in the concessions. He denied that he had made the reference to Elliot F. Shepard, which Tomes is quoted as saying he did, and also denied that he even showed Tomes a letter from Shepard offering $1,000,000 for Chinese concessions.

Among public men in Washington the opinion is quite general that Colonel Shepard has been the Count's financial backer for some time, and that it was for the purpose of securing powerful official indorsement for the Chinese concessions scheme that Shepard urged the appointment of Blair as Minister, and also urged that he be forced upon the Chinese Government after its protests.

To the people of Washington, where "Count" Mitkiewicz has lived for several years, he is a complete mystery. He is poor one day and rich the next, and certainly has some kind of standing with the Chinese Minister. He is frequently seen at the legation, and is always received there in public and private, apparently on the most friendly terms.

Mitkiewicz at Colonel Shepard's House.

Last spring, during the progress of the schemes to force Blair upon the Chinese Government as Minister, Mitkiewicz was one of the guests at a dinner given by Colonel Shepard at his New York residence in honor of ex-Senator Blair and the Chinese Minister at Washington.

Secretary of State Foster evidently does not think that a quarrel between the United States and China will follow the receipt of the letter of Mitkiewicz charging Lawyer Burke with an attempt to blackmail the Minister. The Secretary has not yet officially considered the letter, but intimates that unless some complaint comes in an official way no action will be taken. In making these statements, however, our Secretary is not speaking lightly of the proofs of the Minister's wrongdoing against American citizens, as they have not yet been filed with the Department, being still locked up in the safe of the Hotel Normandie.

It is evident, however, from the tone of the Secretary's remarks upon the case that he doesn't anticipate that the proof of Lawyer Burke will be very convincing as to the Minister's guilt.

Shepard the Count's Trump Card.

A special from New York says: From one way of looking at it, Elliot F. Shepard may thrill with pride because of the remarkable success Eugene de Mitkiewicz has had in his untiring efforts to obtain other people's money. In every instance which has thus far come to light in his latest series of operations, Mitkiewicz has played Shepard as his trump card, and it has been that card which has taken the tricks. Mitkiewicz was always liberally supplied with letters purporting to come from Shepard's house, and letters from his office. It was Mitkiewicz, who brought the Chinese Minister from Washington on the occasion of the famous "promoting" dinner given by Elliot F. Shepard at his residence, and exclusively reported as the time in the *Mail and Express*. It was with Mitkiewicz that Shepard went to Washington to call on the Chinese Minister.

With his letters, his dinner invitations, clippings from the *Mail and Express* reporting Shepard's and Mitkiewicz's goings and comings, the "Count" was able to impress a stranger with his intimacy with Shepard. The dinner given by Shepard to Tsui Kwo Yin and the "Count" was worked for much more than the dinner cost, almost before the Shepard butler could have finished carefully counting the spoons and forks used at the dinner.

The Colonel's Secretary for a Night.

On the same night, in fact, after seeing the Minister and suite to their hotel, Mitkiewicz met two men at Delmonico's from who he obtained money, and to whom he introduced a fourth person as Mr. Shepard's Secretary. They afterward learned that the man was not a Secretary, but a typewriter in Shepard's office. At the time, however, the intimacy of the supposed Secretary and the fact that the Count had just left the Shepard mahogany had its intended effect in supporting the assertions of Mitkiewicz that he was backed by the "Colonel."

Another heavy sufferer through the Count is William P. Burr, a lawyer of 206 Broadway. "I was introduced to Mitkiewicz," Mr. Burr said, to-day, "by a Mr. Payne, who was connected with the Wharton Barker deal in connection with Chinese concessions. The Count showed me papers which convinced me that Elliot F. Shepard had agreed to back him. That was a favorable fact, and the one which probably had most to do in inducing me to invest to the tune of $26,000."

A COMEDIAN BECOMES PUGILISTIC.

He Is Now in Jail Awaiting a Trial at Court.

John A. Callan was given a hearing before Alderman Gripp yesterday on a charge of assault and battery preferred by Isaac Jope, night clerk at the First Avenue Hotel. Callan was a comedian in the "Telephonia" company, which played at the Opera House a few weeks ago and stopped at the First Avenue Hotel. He got intoxicated the night the troupe left the city and came to the hotel and assaulted Jope.

A warrant was issued for his arrest and Constable Murphy followed him to Altoona and placed him under arrest. He was held for court, and being unable to furnish $500 bail was committed to jail.

Dropped Dead at Du Bois.

Seth J. Mead, a popular hotel keeper of Dubois, and prominently known to many Pittsburgers, dropped dead in his hotel at Du Bois, at noon on Wednesday. He was known as a public spirited man and a genial companion.

Still Gathering Them In.

William Strouthers, John Schultz and Kate Marks, in default of $1,000 bail each, were committed to jail by Alderman Gripp yesterday. There are two charges against each of them preferred by County Detective Beltzhoover, selling liquor on Sunday and selling liquor without a license. They will be given a hearing October 5.

MORE FUNDS FOR IRELAND.

The Federation at Dublin Makes Another Draft on Their Countrymen in America and Australia—Victory in Sight, Notwithstanding the House of Lords' Opposition.

DUBLIN, Sept. 29.—A meeting of the National Federation was held to-day, at which Justin McCarthy presided. The Federation approved the issue of a manifesto addressed to Irishmen in America and Australia. The manifesto says:

"We address you on the National cause at an auspicious time and from an auspicious position. Our demand for justice has been advanced by the power of the people to another that is decisive and all but final."

The manifesto says, in part:

We are convinced of the sincerity of the Liberal leaders, not only because of the course pursued by the Liberals since Mr. Gladstone adopted home rule, but also because their interests demand such a permanent settlement as Ireland can cordially accept. Legislative industry applied to other proposals would be simply labor lost.

We do not forget the declaration of Mr. Balfour that no matter what the bill may be the House of Lords will reject it. We also bear in mind Mr. Gladstone's warning that if the House of Lords rejected a measure deliberately adopted by the country they would do so at the peril of the Chamber. To suppose that the House of Lords, existing by popular suffrance, would venture too far in obstinate resistance to the will of the people, would be to imagine something contrary to invariable experience in the history of Parliament, besides being opposed to common sense. If the House of Lords, in contempt of experience, so obstructs the home rule bill as to delay the passage of other measures imperatively required by the British people, they can be effectively dealt with in such a manner as not only to enforce the passage of the home rule bill, but to end all hereditary obstruction. Far from hearing with disquiet of what the House of Lords will do, we feel perfect confidence that the Irish cause will win the day.

In the meantime, we need the help of the people to maintain the movement with vigor. The strain is increasing, and will increase as the final stage of the struggle approaches. We need help urgently to save the evicted tenants until the Paris fund is available or the Government commission leads to Parliamentary intervention. The course of events justify the prediction that when Ireland next addresses her sons beyond the ocean, the voice of her Parliament will be heard celebrating her victory.

WHY HERON TOOK MORPHIA.

Existence Not Worth Having if His Promised Bride Committed Suicide.

LONDON, Sept. 29.—The Coroner's inquest in the case of Dr. Heron, the army surgeon who was found dead in a room in a hotel in the Strand Sunday, was concluded to-day by the jury returning a verdict that he had killed himself while insane. The Coroner to-day read a letter he received from Dr. Heron which had been written Saturday night. In this letter Dr. Heron said:

There was no intention of a separation between me and Miss Russell; therefore, I will join her as quickly as possible. I have no doubt that her death was not due to natural causes. Existence to me would not be worth having, if through myself my promised bride committed suicide. I, therefore, take an overdose of morphia.

Tartars' Horrible Human Sacrifice.

LONDON, Sept. 29.—A St. Petersburg correspondent describes the horrors of the annual sacrifice to the god of their tribe by the Tartars of the Malmuick district. A peasant was hanged up by his feet to a toll-gate, and his head half severed from his body. The breast was then opened and the heart plucked out, with which the face of the god was besmeared as he danced around the while.

Suez Canal Tolls Cut Down.

PARIS, Sept. 29.—The Board of Directors of the Suez Canal Company have decided to reduce the tolls January 1, 1893, by half a franc.

The Nile Does Its Duty Nobly.

CAIRO, Sept. 29.—The annual rise of the Nile is progressing favorably, and Egypt's crop prospects are good.

THE PRINCIPALS SETTLE.

A Lawrenceville Striker Saves Himself From a Court Trial.

Peter Kress, one of the strikers at Carnegie's Thirty-third street mill, was given a hearing before Alderman McMasters yesterday afternoon on a charge of assault and battery, preferred by Frank Dumbroski, one of the non-union men employed in the mill. Last Saturday evening the men got into a quarrel in August Ruh's saloon on Penn avenue, and Dumbroski alleged that Kress struck him in the face twice with his fist. Kress alleged that Dumbroski started the fight by calling him names, and went before Alderman Kerr and entered suit against him. Dumbroski was given a hearing Wednesday evening and fined $10 and costs.

At the hearing yesterday Captain E. Y. Breck represented the plaintiff and Attorney John Marron was retained for the defense. Alderman McMasters decided to hold Kress for court, when Kress entered into a settlement with the other side and the suit was withdrawn upon the payment of costs.

A VOICE FOR SUNDAY OPENING.

Pere Hyacinthe's Wife Talks at Chicago on the World's Fair Question.

CHICAGO, Sept. 29.—Mme. Loysen, the wife of the famous Pere Hyacinthe Loysen, of Paris, in an address at the First Methodist Church to-day, boldly advocated the opening of the World's Fair on Sunday. Her utterances were greeted with hearty applause from a good-sized gathering. She said:

Whenever in this country I have heard people speak of the opening of the World's Fair on Sunday, I have said: "How I wish I could speak on that subject in Chicago. I would tell them they must throw their gates wide open every Sunday." Now, I want to tell you that you are going to have great temptations around you next year, and something must be done to counteract them. You have that something in the World's Fair. Every Sunday you can have there Sunday schools, sacred concerts, preaching in every place and every tongue, but no commerce, no buying and selling. Then you will have there not only a silent voice of God, but a city of God on the Lord's day.

The People Who Can't Get Up.

A talking clock has just been invented by an ingenious Swiss watchmaker. It is fitted with a phonographic apparatus, which can be set to give verbal instructions at any required time. This would seem to be an extremely striking contrivance of practically unlimited uses. For arousing the tardy slumberer from his couch, it will be simply invaluable; all that has to be done is to set it overnight to say: "Time to get up" in increasingly vehement tones at intervals of half an hour, say from half-past seven to nine.

The Telegraphers' Strike in Court.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA., Sept. 29.—The first sensational development in the operators' strike occurred at midnight last night, when the company caused the arrest of three operators on a charge of tampering with wires. This morning the men appeared in court, but the prosecution failed to appear, and the operators were dismissed.

THE few that did not attend our opening Wednesday or Thursday expected to-day.
E. S. GILES,
92, 94 and 96 Federal street, Allegheny.

TABLE d'hote dinner, 6 to 8 P. M., Hotel Duquesne. Daintiest meal in the city for 75 cents.

DE WITT'S Little Early Risers. Best pill for biliousness, sick headache, malaria.

IN ONLY FIVE YEARS

Allegheny and McKeesport Will Be Included in Pittsburg.

A PROPHECY OF CHIEF BIGELOW.

It Is the Best Solution of the County's Pure Water Problem.

INTERESTING POINTS BY THE MAYOR

Since the proposition was made a week ago by a private company to supply the three cities and larger towns in this county with a water supply from the mountains the question has become one of general discussion among the prominent men of the two cities. Almost invariably those who talk about it see in the project the necessity for the extension of the city's boundaries to include all those places to which the water supply must be extended. Chief Bigelow, in a conference of prominent officials yesterday afternoon, said:

"Inside of five years the cities of McKeesport and Allegheny and many of the larger boroughs in this county will be a part of Pittsburg in fact. It is the only solution of many of the difficulties now confronting all these places."

Mr. Bigelow's prophecy caused quite a sensation among those present and there were doubting glances cast in his direction, but he maintained his position and repeated the declaration positively. When asked later on what he based his statement the Chief said:

Pure Water Badly Needed.

"THE DISPATCH never did a better thing than when it gave a synopsis of the proposition made by this water company. I don't know whether anything will ever be done with that particular scheme, but in years to come a supply of purer water for this city and for Allegheny, McKeesport and the big boroughs in the county will be an imperative necessity. Every thinking man realizes this, and that is why nearly everybody is discussing the project. As natural as anything can be reflection on this point brings up the question of consolidation. Whatever is done in the way of a general water supply for domestic purposes must include all the population centers in the county. Pittsburg could not take all the available water shed on Indian creek for her own supply. All the other towns get their supply from the rivers now, and when it is necessary for her to change the same conditions will apply to them.

The Cities Must Be Consolidated.

"But we could not go into a scheme with them for a general supply while the various towns each have a separate government. If a private corporation should build the proposed Indian creek system, it would never do for each city and town to pay an annual rental to the company for its supply. It would be too expensive and would leave us at the mercy of the company, which could increase rates at will. If we would collectively propose to buy the company's plant, it would be next to impossible to fairly divide up the responsibility for payment among the various cities and towns. The only way out of it would be to consolidate all under one government. Make it, as James B. Scott said in to-day's DISPATCH, a county and city, such as New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and other cities have done. Then taxes will be lighter, property will become more valuable, there will be good streets and roads, police and fire protection and water supply. The added importance to Pittsburg will result in her taking the place she is entitled to in the front rank of the cities of the world and every man in it will be benefited by the improvement.

Allegheny Not Ready to Unite.

"As I said before, such a condition will come soon. It could be encompassed within two years, but will certainly come inside of five. If a popular vote in Allegheny and McKeesport were taken to-morrow they would both declare for such a consolidation. But Allegheny is not ready for it yet. The move they are making now to improve their streets and sewers is a move in the right direction. After they expend a couple of million bringing the town up nearer to our level in the way of improvements our people will feel more like a consolidation. At present Pittsburg taxpayers would oppose consolidation, because there would be demand for improvements over there which we would have to help pay for. Our expenses in that line are heavy enough on this side of the river.

"In the matter of improvements McKeesport is in good shape. Her streets are fairly well paved, her water works are in good shape to run until the big water scheme is put into operation, and the city at large would not suffer much by taking her in. The same might be said of Braddock, Sharpsburg, Mansfield, Sewickley, Knoxville and Millvale. There are other places, such as Duquesne, Homestead, Etna, Chartiers and other boroughs which have made comparatively little progress in the way of improvements, but when the consolidation is made these would have to be taken in, too. There are many questions to be considered in such a matter as this, but the water scheme has started the ball rolling, and you will see interest growing from now until it is accomplished."

The Mayor's Line of Argument.

Mayor Gourley soon got down to the same line of argument when the water question was broached to him. "I can't say that I fully understand the proposition of this Western water company," he said, "but from what I know of it I am inclined to believe the city should build the system herself rather than to allow a private company to build it and then buy out the plant at an enormous figure. There would be a big profit for the company or they would not undertake the work. This might as well be saved to the taxpayers. I am satisfied it will only be a few years until our rivers will be turned into big sewers and the water unfit for use. Then we must have a new source of supply. This company, I understand, only controls a small section of lands on Indian creek. If the city goes into the scheme she should buy 50,000 to 80,000 acres of the land which drains into Indian creek to insure it for all time against pollution by population. The land is cheap, but would cost more than one city could afford to pay. It would be extremely difficult to arrange such a purchase by several separate cities. The best way to get over such a difficulty would be to consolidate all the towns which would use the water supply into one big city."

A Cold Wave Coming.

But we cannot wait for it any longer. We have no room to place the heavy winter goods, have therefore concluded to start the biggest sacrifice on all heavy winter clothing the people of this country ever heard of, and at the same time will begin this sale on to-day, Friday, our poor man's day, so as to give the poor people the first chance for this great bargain sale. Read the bulletin of prices:

350 dozen men's heavy natural wool underwear (shirts or drawers) at.... 27c
600 men's heavy blue chinchilla or fur beaver double-breasted coats (called pea jackets), with a heavy all-wool red flannel lining, at.....$2 55
800 men's blue or black fur beaver overcoats, with a wide velvet collar, well made and trimmed, all sizes from 33 to 44, at.....$3 98
750 men's dark blue heavy chinchilla double-breasted extra long ulsters, with a fine cassimere lining, made with a deep collar, and good enough for anybody to wear, a first-class garment for stormy weather.....$5 60

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