A LARGELY ATTENDED MEETING.

The River Operators Thinking of a New Hove in the Strike.

LABOR NEWS FROM THE LOCAL FIELD

The annual meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Mining Institute was held in the Court House yesterday. The attendance was unusually large, as there is a widespread interest in the proposed law to govern the miner in the bituminous fields. Those present included about 70 operators, 20 mining engineers, 50 mine bosses, 20 mine superintendents, 7 mine inspectors and 60 miners. President Thomas K. Adams called the meeting to order.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Thomas K. Adams, Mercer; First Vice President, Daniel Boden, Mansfield; Second Vice President, William Barker, Elizabeth; Secretary, William Seddon, Brownsville; Assistant Secretary, J. C. Kyte, Imperial; Tressurer, Hugh McMurray, Pittsburg; Trustees, August Stinner, Wifkinsburg; Thomas De Armit, Turtle Creek; Roger Hartley Pittsburg.

Discussed the Law by Sections

The proposed mine law for the bituminous regions of Pennsylvania was taken up and thoroughly discussed. It was prepared last June by a committee appointed by the Western Pennsylvania Mining Institute at its last meeting. It will be presented to the next session of the Legislature, practically as it leaves the hands of the institute. That it might be the more carefully considered it was taken up by sections.

The discussion of the sections of article I., which relate to surveys, maps and plans of the mines, occupied the attention of the Institute until the noon recess, but the only important change made was that of the scale of maps from 100 feet to 200 feet to

The sections of article II. which relate to the openings, escapements, traveling ways, etc., were taken up at the afternoon

The Mine Operators Objected. The provisions of the first section of this act which compels operators not to employ more than 20 men in 24 hours, during the opening of a dangerous passage, brought fourth a heated discussion, in which a number of operators opposed the adoption of section. It was finally amended to read

that "but 20 men may be employed at any The portion of the act which relates to the lining of shafts with non-combustible materials was the cause of much discus-Thomas Lynch, manager of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, said that it would entail an enormous expense upon his company if it were compelled to comply with the provision, but agreed that all new shafts built after the passage of the act should be so constructed, and the section

The question that all mines operated bereafter should have double entries was discussed at considerable length, and the section relating to that matter was referred to a committee appointed to prepare a sub-stitute which will be presented to the Inatitute at this morning's session. There are 23 articles in the proposed law and it is doubtful if more than one or two articles will be considered during this meeting.

OPERATORS TO MOVE AGAIN.

All Miners Now Getting the 3 1-2-Cent Rate to Be Stopped-Three Cents to Be the Buling Price in the River Mines.

The river operators were somewhat sur-The river operators were somewhat sur-prised at the unanimity with which the then faint feeling at the stomach, and when miners at the Monongahela City Convention yesterday decided to continue the strike. They had been looking anxiously forward to this as a decisive point in the struggle, and one that would show in some way which side was getting the best of the armed and I expectation.

one report yesterday was that 65 new men bad returned to work in the mines of Dixon, Forsythe and Briggs & Flint in the fourth pool. The operators have been working assiduously for sometime to get enough men at the reduced rate to supply the local trade, the coal for which has been mined at the 3½-cent rate. About 300 working assiduously for sometime to get enough men at the reduced rate to supply the local trade, the conle for which has been mined at the 3½-cent rate. About 300 men have been working at this rate, but the operators have decided to call a halt and ask them to work hereafter on the 3-cent basis or quit. The 300 men now work-ing for 3 cents will be entirely employed in the supplying the local trade, and thus sacrifice the loading of barges for the Southern markets.

GLASSHOUSES TO SHUT DOWN,

The Agreement of the Chicago Meeting t Be Strictly Lived Up To.

The flint glass bottle houses in the Pittsburg district will be closed down to-morrow in accordance with the schedule adopted at the Chicago meeting last week. Work will be discontinued for two weeks. The agreement adopted at Chicago will be strictly lived up to as it is the intention to curtail the production and clear all the houses of the stock.

There will be about 1,200 men thrown out of employment, but they look upon it merely as a vacation. Prices may be advanced at the next meeting of the manu-

Pittsburg Companies Chartered. The McKee Brothers Glass Manufacturing Company was chartered at Harrisburg

yesterday with a capital stock of \$5,000. The Nation's Mower and Reaper Company was chartered at the same time, with a cap-tal of \$500,000. The directors are Martin A. Cutter, Alexander Hamilton, Henry L. Gourley, Edward H. Myers, Samuel Jarvis, Wm. C. Shaw, Edward D. Wingenroth, of Pittsburg, and Wm. J. Langfitt, David M. Biggs, Robert W. McAiee and Frederick Gwinner, Allegheny.

Pittsburg Capital Interested.

Pittsburg capitalists are interested in a contract let yesterday to the Detroit Bridge and Iron Works for an immense wheel to be built for the World's Fair at a cost of \$300,000. It will be 250 feet in diameter and will rest on two towers, each 125 feet high. The wheel will be operated by electricity, and will give 2,150 persons a ride at

New Lodges Established.

The Amalgamated Association has esrablished a new lodge of 65 members at the Belleville, Ill., iron works. President Garland reports that he is highly pleased with his trip, and finds the organization in a prosperous condition.

Our Prices on Guitars Are a source of delight to our customers. Think of it! Fine guitars, fully warranted, from \$6.50 up. ALEX ROSS Music House, 143 Federal street, Allegheny, Pa,

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The Tramp Steamer Montgerrat to Trans port the Gilbert Islanders to the Unhealthy Plantations of Guatemala-A Little Insular Kingdom to Be Depopu-

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.-The tramp steamer Montzerrat, which recently carried a cargo of Gilbert Islanders to the Guatemala coffee plantations, has now been bought by the slave dealers, and will be used so transport by wholesale these poor South Sea Islanders to the unhealthy coffee plantations of Central America. The Montzerrat left here December 4 for Guatemala. She had on board Captain W. H. Ferguson, the man who brought over 500 Gilbert Islanders on the brig Tahiti, whom sickness forced to stay here. He thus escaped the fate of all on board the brig, which foundered off the Mexican coast.

The new owners of the Montzerrat are the men who recently brought a load of

Islanders to Guatemala and made a large profit on the cargo. Ferguson's presence on board is accounted for by a member of the former expedition, who has been approached within ten days with a proposi-tion to ship for another trip when the steamer gets back here and fits out for the raid. Ferguson's errand is to secure the aid of some of the interpreters and natives who went to the South Coast plantations as whippers-in for another big lot of slaves.

The last cargo was not picked up without much difficulty, and the natives Ferguson intends to take back are to be used to spread glowing reports of the life of the natives in the new land. The cruise will take in the Samoan and Caroline groups before the Gilberts are touched, but little is expected from the former islands, because the nativer are not a laboring class. The four-masted schooner Alexander, now idle in Oakland creek, is also reported to be under charter to the slave dealers. The King of the Gil-bert Islanders is always hard up, and the slave dealers pay them handsomely for his influence in getting laborers. Unless England, which lately assumed a protectorate over the Gilberts, steps in and forbids this black-birding, the islands will practically be depopulated. The islanders are promised good wages, but two out of every three fall victims to deadly fevers and change of

BOUND TO HAVE THE CANAL.

The Republic of Columbia Ready to Contract With a New Panama Company. PANAMA, Dec. 22 - While Panama scandals are being unearthed in Paris, the Congress of Columbia, anticipating a speedy return to work on the enterprise, has gone into an extra session for the purpose, among other things, of placing in the hands of the executive the powers necessary to extend the power to contract with a new company without further ref

At latest advices, the bill embodying such authorization had passed the second reading, and may now be regarded as an

To Give the Poor People A chance to buy those \$3, \$4 and \$5 men's pants for \$1.39 we will continue the sale of them all day Friday. See these pants in our show windows—price new \$1.39. P. C. C. C., corner Grant and Diamond streets.

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For Ladies' and Gents' "Dueber" gold filled case, American Watches, fitted with solid gold joints, hinges and thumb pieces. Warranted 20 years. Sold elsewhere at \$15.00 to \$20.00.

\$2.95

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Pink, Blue and Red Bordersfor less money than you ever got them. The price on one

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Eider Down Comforts, \$9.00.

Something extra in Comforts, Filled with finest pure white cotton, covered with handsome Printed Silks on one side and on the other with fine plain Satines, \$5-a silk comfort.

Good Comforts, 75c to \$3.75.

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Large lot of large size

With fluted ruffles, printed pongee coverings,

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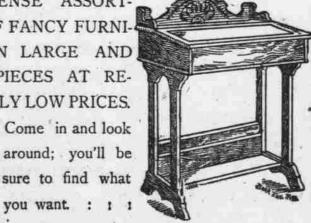
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coats; were marked \$16;

Extra good quality Melton and Chinchilla Overcoats; were marked \$20; will go

Very fine Kersey, Melton and Beaver Overcoats; were

marked \$24; will go

Men's Suits Marked Down in Same Manner. Boys' Suits Marked Down in Same Manner. Boys' Overc'ts Marked Down in Same Manner.

To avoid any misunderstanding, remember the price marked on the ticket represents just half the value of the garment; consequently there will be no further reduction from the plain figures.

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