BORROWED A WIFE.

R. W. Oldham Betrayed the Trust Placed in Him by a Friend and

MARRIED MRS. MARY KOCH.

The Husband Receives a Surprise on His Return From Boston.

A LOVING COUPLE SENT TO JAIL.

They Embrace Each Other Until Placed Behind the Bars.

THE WOMAN CHARGED WITH BIGAMY

"I never knew what love was until I met you, Richard," said Mrs. Mary Koch as she and R. W. Oldham were bidding each other goodby before they were locked up at the county jail last night. Both were charged with serious offenses, but seemed happy in their trouble.

Up until last April, Mary Koch lived with her husband, Joseph Koch, at 377 Dithridge street. He was a motorman on the Duquesne line. At that time he was offered a better situation in Boston. He concluded to accept it. R. W. Oldham was a conductor on the West End road, and a mutual friend of the Kochs. When Mr. Koch decided to go to Boston he thought it would be nice if Oldham would come and live at the house until Mrs. Koch would join him in the East. His wife was consulted, and she seemed pleased with the proposition. Oldham was installed as the guardian of Mrs. Koch and her little son, and Koch went to Boston.

His Letter Never Answered.

A month or so went by and Koch thought he would like to have his wife with him and he wrote her to join him. The letter brought no reply as did a dozen others during the summer and fall months. Several days ago Koch came to Pittsburg. Going to his home, he met with cold treatment from his wife. She said she did not care for him any longer and did not wish to go back to Boston.

This was a surprise to Koch. He instituted an investigation and found his love had been supplanted by another. It was soon discovered that Oldham had procured a marriage license and he Mrs. Koch had married. When this was brought to light proceedings were at once instituted against the wife and her new husband. In the meantime the couple went to spend the holidays with Oldham's parents in the West End. When Constable James Jack called at the Dithridge street home last night the house was empty. The officer went to the West End and found the woman.

Love Showed Itself.

On the way back be saw Oldham on his car. Just to save the road from inconvenience he and his prisoner got on and rode back to the car sheds. There a touching incident happened, the little woman showing her love for Oldham by kissing him several times. Jack brought his prisoner to jail. When at Fifth avenue and Grant street the lovers kissed again.

They were finally taken into jail, and as Deputy Warden Soffel was searching them, the couple grew very affectionate. Mrs. Koch seemed happy, but Oldham was depressed. Once the tears gathered in his eyes and he seemed ready to give way to grief. Mrs. Koch saw this and she sprang to his side saying, "Don't worry, Richard, I am satisfied to be here with you." They embraced and kissed goodby, she going to one department and he to another of the jail.

Mr. Koch got possession of his child last night and will keep the boy. When the little fellow was told last night his mother was in jail he did not seem worried. "I don't care," said he, "I can stay with papa; mamma whipped me."

BUT ONE CRUST LEFT.

The First Application for Aid From the Family of a Striking Miner.

Mrs. James Campbell, wife of a striking miner at Elizabeth, went to McKeesport yesterday with a pitiful story of her own and her neighbors' sufferings for food, fuel and clothing in this severe winter weather. She talked intelligently of the situation, saying all their troubles arose from the strike, and that want in its most dreadful shape is being felt in many homes. She said the people involved in this strike had been on the verge of absolute suffering for weeks, but while the weather was not so cold they were able to conceal their condition from the outside world, in the fear that if their straits were known the operators would hold out to compel their men to go to work at the reduced rates.

This is the first application for aid that has been made to the poor authorities at McKeesport. The woman said she had one piece of a loaf of bread left in the house for her hungry ones, and not another morsel of anything to eat.

KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THEM.

Ex-President William Weihe Denies All Knowledge of the Poison Cases.

William Weihe, ex-President of the Amalgamated Association, returned home from Philadelphia yesterday. He had been at the convention of the American Federation of Labor, and after its adjournment spent some time visiting Eastern mills. He was pleased with his trip. When asked about the Homestead poison charges, he said: "These charges were made after I left the city. All I know about them is what I read in Eastern papers. I can't say whether they will amount to anything, as I know nothing about them."

Through Trains Delayed.

Owing to the heavy travel and the cold weather the through trains on the Pennsylvania road are badly demoralized. All the trains from the East were late last evening. The Columbian express was two hours behind, the way and mail trains were several hours slower than the schedule, and the fast line was annulled and came in as a section of the Chicago limited. Ever since the time of the Columbia was changed to benefit Pittsburgers, this express has been late, and soon will be regarded as a Jonah.

WEST VIRGINIA development as it will affect Pittsburg, its natural metropolis, a feature of THE DISPATCH to-morrow.

Highway Robbery in Pittsburg.

Thomas Kinney, of Westmoreland county, was Thursday night knocked down and robbed of $40 by Mike Montague. The robber was caught and the money secured. The assault occurred at Penn avenue and Fifth street.

His Charges Too High.

John W. Van Natta, of Erie, was lodged in jail last night by Deputy United States Marshal Garber on a warrant charging him with receiving and retaining excessive compensation for prosecuting pension claims.

MR. CARNEGIE'S CHOICE.

He Orders Two Handsome Life-Size Marble Statues, One for Allegheny and the Other for Pittsburg—His Opinion of Copies of the Antiques.

At the meeting of the Art Society directors it was determined to give the first reception of the new year in honor of Mr. Ethelbert Nevin, who has just returned from a two years' residence in Paris and Berlin. The reception will be held in the Pittsburg Club Theater early in January.

The board was made acquainted at this meeting with the contents of another letter from Mr. Andrew Carnegie. It was a personal note to the Secretary, intended to accompany the formal letter published a few days ago, acknowledging the Art Society resolutions with reference to the Pittsburg libraries, music hall and art gallery, etc. Among other things Mr. Carnegie says:

Please tell the members of the Art Society that while in Florence we took the first step in giving Pittsburg some of the antique masterpieces. Ordered two life-sized copies in pure Carrara marble, one for Allegheny City gallery, "Diana with Stag;" the other for Pittsburg, "Apollo Belvidere." The latter your society please take and place wherever thought best. I hope the society has room for it in its own rooms.

Mrs. Carnegie and I think nothing can be put in your galleries which will be so beneficial as some marble statues—copies of the best antiques. Frelli, of Florence, has all the gold medals from exhibitions, including Philadelphia, which elected him a honorary member of its Academy. His firm is furnishing the copies sent you, and from what we saw of his work we believe the statues will really stand the criticism of the most severe critic in your society.

Mr. Carnegie states further that the statues, with a pedestal for each, will be shipped direct to Pittsburg early in the year. The Art Society directors at once passed a resolution accepting with thanks the custody of the Apollo Belvidere, which will be set up in the society's permanent exhibition as soon as it arrives.

The board also elected the following new members, bringing the number of additions since November 1 up to a total of 81: Life member, D. Herbert Hostetter; active members, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Boyce, Mr. and Mrs. John Moorhead, Jr., Mrs. Elizabeth L. Bailey, Mrs. S. L. Fleishman, Mrs. S. B. Goldsmit, Mrs. Henry J. Ford, Mrs. George W. Hailman, Miss Alice C. Luty, Miss Jane W. Magee, Miss Mary B. Maloney, Mrs. Alexander McClure, Miss Helen E. Pelletreau, Mrs. Mary D. Pettit, Miss Mary P. Semple, Mrs. Charles P. Smith, Mrs. William P. Wooldridge, William L. Abbott, David L. Brown, Frank G. Bryce, Martyn K. Coster, Dr. Davis A. Dean, Samuel Hamilton, J. Howard Logan, Joseph W. Marsh, Dr. Frank H. Murdoch, Dr. James H. McClelland, John R. McGinley, Dr. John W. Robson, Isaac E. Wade.

AN UNWILLING WARRIOR.

A Private in the English Army Wants His Release—He Was Naturalized in Pittsburg, and Asks the Intervention of the United States Government.

Prothonotary Bradley yesterday received a letter from a soldier in the English army who wants the United States Government to get him out of the army. The envelope was addressed to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Allegheny county, city of Pittsburg, America. It was delivered at the Prothonotary's office. The letter it contained read as follows:

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Address Second Leinster Regiment, South Camp, Aldershot, England.

DEAR SIR—I am going to send you these lines. I am in the English army and I can't get away. If I am a citizen of the United States of America I want claimed by the Americans. Send for me as soon as you can. Yours truly, JOHN CAFFREY.

Chief Clerk McQuitty, on the receipt of the letter, made a search of the records, and discovered that a man named John Caffrey was naturalized here in 1891. The signatures on the papers and the letter corresponded. The new citizen had come into this country under age, and received his full citizenship papers. Copies of them were made yesterday and sent to him with directions to make any claim he may have to the United States Consul or Minister.

BUSY DAYS FOR UNCLE SAM.

Holiday Presents Keep the Postoffice Employes on the Go.

Yesterday was one of the busiest days in the history of the Pittsburg Postoffice. Up until yesterday the work had been increased but little, but yesterday the rush commenced. In the earlier part of the day the matter received was principally for points outside of Pittsburg, but toward evening the local mail grew heavy. At the central office and all the stations all the subs and extra employes were put at work and kept going at double turn. Today it is thought the work will be heavier. The new cancelling machine that has been received was started for the first time, and was of great assistance. It will cancel 35,000 letters and postal cards an hour, doing the work of six men, and the labor thus saved was utilized in sorting and distributing mail.

To-night there will be an extra delivery by carriers from 7 to 10 o'clock. The distribution will be from the main office and also the stations, but only to the residences. Everything that looks like a Christmas gift will be rushed to its destination. On Sunday the carriers' and box windows will be open from 7 A. M. to 5 P. M. The general delivery will be open all day and night as usual.

The Woman Identified.

The woman found in the hallway of 125 Fourth avenue yesterday morning by Letter Carrier Linderman, was last night identified as Mary Cecilia Wallace, about 55 years old, who recently was hired as janitress of the building. She lived with Mrs. Etta Beven, of 196½ Rebecca street, Allegheny. The deceased was the widow of an old soldier. An inquest will be held to-day.

A Professional Lifter.

The Allegheny police learned yesterday that the woman who was arrested for stealing goods from Boggs & Buhl on Thursday is a professional shoplifter, and that her real name is Mrs. Louisa Logan, instead of Louisa Rusler. Her room was searched and many articles that she had stolen were found. She will probably be given a hearing this morning.

Sixth Ward Suggestions.

At a meeting of the Democratic Committee of the Sixth ward, Pittsburg, last night, it was decided to hold the suggestion meeting at the Forbes school house Friday evening, December 30, at 7:30 o'clock. The candidates to be nominated are Assessor, Constable, two School Directors and the election officer of each district.

Thomas C. Martin Killed.

Thomas C. Martin, formerly well known in the baking business in this city, was killed yesterday afternoon at McDonald station by being run down on the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad. He was about 30 years of age and leaves a wife and four children living in Allegheny.

Stopped Work in the Mill.

The large steel hammer at Oliver's Fifteenth street mill got out of order yesterday and could not be got into working order during the entire day. The entire plant was practically brought to a stand, as the workmen could not continue their work while this part of the mill was suspended.

The Guards Will Be There.

Attorney General Greenland was in town yesterday. He said the State Guard would attend President Cleveland's inauguration.

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THE SONGS OF YALE.

Students Render the Glees and Catches of Their College and

CAPTURE A LARGE AUDIENCE.

Carnegie Hall Crowded With the Best People of the Two Cities.

AUDITORS GREEDY FOR MORE MUSIC

If The audience which filled Carnegie Hall last night had had its way the Yale boys would still be singing to the tune of the light guitar. As it was the concert wound up at 10:30 after an average of two glees had been sung for every one upon the programme, and the Banjo Club had responded to as many encores. That is the sort of impression the Yale Glee and Banjo Club made.

It takes a battalion of college boys to wake up the sort of audience that made Carnegie Hall last night look like a flower garden. Kid gloves must have been split by the dozen. The audience was something like the sky over Pittsburg yesterday; it was cloudy with black dress coats; for snow, there were expanses of shirt bosom; here and there the sun broke through in the eyes of beauty, and there were enough dresses of blue, as there were cerulean patches in yesterday's winter sky, to please any Yale man. It was a very pretty sight, especially from the galleries, which were also well filled.

In every row almost a distinguished citizen could be picked out; the bar was particularly well represented, and not a few lights of the church, including the Bishop, who is as popular in Pittsburg as he once was at Yale. A great many of the ladies were in ball costume, but of these a majority kept on their wraps, though the hall was uncomfortably hot. It is a fact that Carnegie Hall is not ventilated at all. But when they open the windows stiff necks and colds can be had without asking.

The concert began a few minutes late, owing to the wicked perversity of a mandolin, which had mislaid itself, but as the audience was fashionably tardy also it was rather fortunate than otherwise. The Banjo Club had the honor of going to the bat first, and led by J. J. Brooks, Jr., their president, and a Pittsburg musician of whom this city may well be proud, they scored immediately with a potpourri from "Wang." When that comic opera was heard here it seemed to contain very little beside the gigantic DeWolf Hopper and the Dainty Della Fox; it was left to the banjoists of Yale to show that Woolson Morse wrote some pretty music in it. The audience liked it so well that they called for more, and for an encore obtained the still sweeter melodies of De Koven's "Robin Hood."

The Glee Club Took an Inning.

The glee club then sailed in with that exquisite Yale ditty "'Neath the Elms" which has something of a pathetic touch in the lines:

"Friendship lasts when youth must fail
'Neath the elms of dear old Yale."

A quaint little piece by Shepard, "The Queen of the Wrens," in which the soft, sweet, birdlike whistle of Mr. Solley was the feature, led to another encore in response to which came the merry measure with a whistling obligato, "The Tune of the Light Guitar." These two numbers brought down the house, and put everyone in good humor to appreciate the solemn mockery of the college song, "George Washington." When the boys chanted the "Amen" at the end of this tribute to the "father of his country" there came a hush upon the audience and the Rt. Rev. Bishop Whitehead, who was in the gallery had to wipe his spectacles and look about him before he could be sure he was not in church. When the applause, which broke out all the louder for the pause before it, had died away Weidt's "When Birds Will Steal" was rendered with great delicacy and skill.

The Boys Caught the Audience.

The second part began with a patrol and dance of Rosenfeld's by the Banjo Club, and was succeeded by a waltz song of Vogel's, which was encored, and "A Song for Brave Old Yale" was sung in response. Then Mr. Solley and the club sang that delicious ballad from "Robin Hood," "The Legend of the Chimes," and sang it so admirably that they had to do something else in the same line, before they were allowed to proceed to the characteristic comicalities of "Tarpaulin Jacket" and "Bohunkus." Another number in which the excellent training of the club was manifest was the familiar "Water-mill."

By the time Part 3 was reached the audience was in a greedy mood, and the Banjo Club had to respond to three encores after playing Gunne's "La Czarina" before they were allowed to retire for the evening. In these final numbers the orchestral effect was excellent, and the bass especially enriched by the singular instrument resembling a bass viol in tone, which put in a solid background for the higher strings. Mr. Brooks has the club in perfect control.

"The Phantom Band," with its humorous and sonorous chorus of "Bom! Bom! Bom!" the legend of the man who tried to get bread with one fish-ball; the more sober "Integer Vitæ" and "Ba—a—Ba," well known Yale songs, led up to a novelty in the shape of "Down by the Riverside," sung by Mr. Swayne, a bass, with a chorus.

The Comedian of Yale.

Mr. Swayne, who has a comedian's face which is preternaturally solemn in repose, gently flipped co-education at Yale, which led to girls having "real long-haired grinds," and told how he had been

Persuaded by words of our Chauncey,
To put all my money on Ben,

and consequently had had a surplus of bad debts. Mr. Swayne's manner was so funny and the song so absurd that there were loud cries for more, and he had to tell in song what he would do if he were President of Yale. Some of the things were that he would exchange Latin and Greek for Dutch and Spanish, set up a barrel of punch on the campus and go in for riotous merriment generally. This did not satisfy the audience and Mr. Swayne gathering the club close about him, with a couple of guitars as accompanists, told the touching tale of how an Irish villain "stole me Sunday suit of clothes." This served to show that Mr. Swayne has a brogue which an Irish comedian would sell his soul to possess. Even this song was re-demanded, and so the last verse was done over in whispered pantomime. The last number was the regulation finale, "Bright College Years," with its stirring patriotic sentiment: "For God, for Country and for Yale."

After the concert most of the audience and their entertainers went across the river to the ball at the Pittsburg Club.

YALE COLLEGE GLEE AND BANJO CLUBS.

HAS NOT SOLD OUT.

It Is Denied That the Westinghouse Company Has Left Its Contract.

The report that the Westinghouse Company had sold out their rights to the contract for lighting the World's Fair to the Edison Electric Light Company is denied by that company as containing not a vestige of truth. In this connection George Westinghouse, Jr., was seen yesterday. He said the story was without foundation.

"These reports," said Mr. Westinghouse, "are evidently put out in the interests of the General Company to prevent a large number of customers from transferring their business to the Westinghouse Company." S. D. Greene, Assistant General Manager of the Edison General Electric Company, said that he had not heard from Chicago concerning the alleged deal, and therefore could give no information on the subject.

NO CHANCE TO EXPLAIN.

Members of the Amalgamated Association State Their Position.

The members of Honor Lodge of the Amalgamated Association at New Castle, who went to Beaver Falls, having been suspended by the association for so doing, have stated their position in a letter which says: "We were informed by one of the rollers at Beaver Falls that the surrender of the strike was only a question of a few hours. Then we ascertained from one of the rollers that the strike had been declared off, and we went to Beaver Falls because there was a chance to secure higher wages. We went on such short notice that we did not have time to consult the officers of Honor Lodge, had we so desired. But we were violating no rule or law of the Amalgamated Association, and there was no necessity of consulting any of the officers of any lodge. We are not now filling the positions of union men who would otherwise have been taken back, as many of these men have secured places elsewhere. In conclusion we want to say that we went to the meeting of Honor Lodge last Saturday night to explain our positions in this matter, but we were denied admission, and no opportunity has ever been afforded us to show that we in no way violated any rule or law of the Association."

WANT $10 FIRST.

Allegheny Second Ward Candidates Must Pay for the Primaries.

Over 200 Republicans of the Second ward, Allegheny, met in the Irwin Avenue Schoolhouse last night to suggest candidates for the different ward offices to be voted for at the primaries Saturday, January 7. Henry C. Lowe was elected Permanent Chairman, and Lewis K. White, Secretary.

A resolution was adopted that no candidate's name would be put on the ticket until he had put up his pro rata share of $10 to pay the expense of holding the primaries, and that he would abide by the result.

The following named candidates were then suggested: For Select Council, Frank J. Torrence and Simon Drum; Common Council, W. C. Burrey, Frank Curry, Thomas A. Parke, William A. Cruikshank, David Winters, John White, Hugh Morrison, S. A. Sampson, James P. Gregg, Jr., Walter Hay, H. H. Buente, W. C. Galbraith, John S. Bothwell, W. K. McGinnis and Major George N. Lacock; School Director, Rev. B. F. Woodburn, George W. Eisenbeis (present incumbents), D. M. Alston and Charles W. Crider.

Texas Rates to Be Restored.

For several months the freight rates to Texas common points have been in a state of topsy-turvy. Indeed, this is their normal condition. Occasionally the railroad companies meet and bury the hatchet, but it isn't long before somebody digs it up. The wire nail rate from Pittsburg has been cut from 84 cents to 43. Now the railroads serve notice that they will meet January 1 and restore rates on a new basis. A grand shaking up is promised.

A NEW YEAR'S MENU by Ellice Serena a feature of THE DISPATCH to-morrow.

A Cinder Fire at Millvale.

The people of Millvale are greatly alarmed over a fire in a cinder bank which is 800 feet long and 300 feet wide and nearly 80 feet deep. The fire started about a month ago, and has been gradually increasing since. Trenches will likely be dug around the pile and the fire flooded, as it is a menace to the surrounding property to remain as it now is.

Prizes Won by Many.

The Lotus Club, of the Southside, held the first of a series of social entertainments for the members last night. There were contests in various games and the following were each awarded a turkey: Anton Hennigan, Harry Hamilton, Robert Getty, W. S. Jones, S. W. Church, Fred Benz, E. Ernwein, R. K. Shanley, L. Rohrhashs, Henry Olnhaudeir, H. Rectanus and A. Ernwein.

Union Temperance Meeting.

The Union temperance meeting will be held in the rooms of the Keeley League to-morrow evening, beginning 7:30. Francis Murphy and Prof. Weeden are in Rhode Island and can't be present as expected. Speeches will be made by the old-timers.

CAUGHT IN THE POLICE NET.

AUGUST BLUME, of Dunbar, is in jail for selling liquor without paying a Government tax.

JAMES GILLIGHAN cut Edward Kane on the forehead and wrist with a knife in a fight in Masters alley last evening.

THOMAS WHITTAKER, of the *Gatling Gun*, charged with criminal libel, was released from jail yesterday on $1,000 bail.

RICHARD JONES was arrested at Carnegie's Thirty-third Street mills last night as a suspicious character. He had on a coat like those worn at the workhouse, and he told the men in the mill he had escaped from Claremont.

TWO CENTS A MILE.

Pennsylvania Railroad Officials Discussing a Uniform Rate.

ABOLISHING CHEAP EXCURSIONS.

Other Companies Making Concessions During the Holidays.

THE EFFECT OF A RUSH TO THE FAIR

The holiday excursion rates will go into effect to-day, and be good to return until January 3. Tickets will be sold on the 24th, 25th and 26th, and for several days about January 1. The Baltimore and Ohio road is the only Eastern trunk line out of Pittsburg that offers a reduction in fare.

The Pennsylvania Railroad and the Pennsylvania Company decided some time ago not to grant the usual holiday inducement to travel. The subject was introduced at the passenger agents' meeting of the Trunk Line Association in New York. A resolution abolishing holiday excursion rates was offered, and the Baltimore and Ohio through General Passenger Agent C. O. Scull was the only line to protest. The result is that the Baltimore and Ohio will have a monopoly of the excursion business out of Pittsburg to Eastern points. The indications are that the travel will be heavy to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington. The reason given by the Pennsylvania officials for not granting holiday rates was that the abuse of the privilege more than counteracted the benefits to the people.

Scalpers Seized the Opportunity.

So many of the tickets fall into the hands of scalpers that the middlemen, and not the public or the railroads, are the ones helped. The railroads in the Central Traffic Association offer the usual one-third off. Going West Pittsburgers will be all right, for they have reduced rates on the Lake Erie, Baltimore and Ohio and Pittsburg and Western. The decision of the Pennsylvania road has caused a good deal of grumbling. It is possible that the officials of the trunk line have something better in store for the future.

In this connection it was reported in railroad circles yesterday that the Pennsylvania road intended shortly, or about the first of the year to make a uniform rate of 2 cents per mile for long and short hauls on the entire system, and to abolish all mileage books and excursion rates. An attempt was made to see Colonel Thomas M. Watt, the district passenger agent, but he was not in the city. The clerks in the office stated they had not been notified, but the subject of mileage books and rates in general has been under discussion for some time by the Trunk Line Association. The local Pennsylvania people were a little incredulous, but they thought it would be a wise and popular move to make.

Simplifying the Railroad Business.

Many of the agents would like to see a uniform fare adopted as it would greatly simplify the business and knock out the scalpers. The present system of mileage books at 2 cents per mile and limited and unlimited tickets is very much abused. As a rule, if a man travels a great deal, or makes a single trip of any distance he buys a 1,000-mile book for $20, uses what he needs of it, and then sells it at a discount to some broker who gets rid of it later at a profit. The passenger is out so is the railroad, and the scalper is the only one in. As railroads are supposed to be conducted for the public, a uniform rate of 2 cents per mile for any distance to all points and for all occasions would be appreciated by the people and would stop abuses.

The New York Central is compelled by the laws of New York to adopt a 2-cent rate, and it is uniform the year around. No holiday or excursion rates are granted. Pennsylvania has no such statutes, and rival railroad men do not think that the great trunk line will make the radical reduction of its own accord.

A Rush May Keep Up Rates.

It is argued that the rate will be made for the World's Fair business, but General Passenger Agent E. A. Ford said a few days ago that the Fair travel promises to be so heavy that he doubted if any reduction in fare would be made on the fast express trains. He added that the Ft. Wayne did not have the equipment to carry all the people, and his line of reasoning was that it would be foolish to reduce rates when the trains would be crowded at the regular fare.

However, it is safe to say that the Pennsylvania road will not be arbitrary about the 2-cent rate. It wouldn't pay. The company is associated with other trunk lines, and a straight cut without the matter being presented to them might result in a disastrous rate war. The plan is to submit a proposition for a uniform fare of 2 cents to the Trunk Line Association with the hope that it will be adopted by all. Pennsylvania people here are not posted, but the report was so general yesterday that the chances are there is much truth in it.

FALL of the Alexander of Africa, now first told with accuracy, is a feature of THE DISPATCH to-morrow.

A Telegraph Operator Under Suspicion.

M. S. Gates, who claims to be a telegraph operator from Steubenville, O., was arrested at Kaufmanns' store yesterday afternoon as a suspicious character. On the prisoner's person was found some papers belonging to a Mrs. Horton, of Wylie avenue, which are supposed to have been stolen.

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SPECIAL display of Christmas novelties in silk umbrellas and canes at James H. Aiken & Co.'s, 100 Fifth avenue.

CLOSING out all our ladies' silk handkerchiefs less than cost to-day. LITTELL'S, 203 Smithfield street.

SLATE REPORTED FIXED.

Who the Lucky Ones Are Is as Great a Mystery as Ever—A Lively Conversation in Which Controller Morrow Comes Out About Even.

A pleasing calm may now settle over the political situation in the city, as it is stated positively that the slate has been fixed. Just who fixed it, or how it was fixed, is a secret until the time comes when it is deemed best to let the story slip.

The Republican primaries take place just one week from to-day, and some lively hustling will be indulged in by several candidates for the Mayoralty who haven't yet heard of the slate lately decided upon. Even those who have heard are doing just as much guessing as they did before, as nothing definite is known of even a single name on the ticket. Of course the usual surmises are indulged in, the result being that every name heretofore mentioned is again run in, so that none are left out in the general surmises as to the people and positions on the ticket.

"You can say," said a well-known politician and Court House official, "that the slate has been decided upon, and, though there may be a skirmish in the convention, it will go through." What the all-important names were the gentlemen would not say.

Controller Morrow is having what he says is a pleasant holiday time in answering queries regarding his candidacy. Late yesterday afternoon a city employe entered Mr. Morrow's office with this bold statement:

"I hear you are going to be Controller again?"

"No, sir," responded Mr. Morrow. "I have been Controller again a few times, and this time I am out of it."

"But the Democrats are going to indorse you?"

"I will positively decline."

"But the Republicans are going to indorse you also?"

"I will write a letter to both conventions positively declining to allow them to use my name," said the Controller.

"But they won't pay any attention to you?"

"Then, sir, I'll appeal to the public. I'll write a letter to the people telling them how I stand and that I will not accept the nomination."

"Write to the people, bosh. When you write to the people you write to everybody, and of course nobody pays any attention to you."

"Then, sir, I'll—I'll—" but the Controller never said what he would do, so the object of his wrath escaped.

CAUGHT AN OLD JAILBIRD.

A Pickpocket Who Has Spent the Last Five Christmas Days Behind Bars.

Police Inspector McKelvey yesterday afternoon arrested Jack McCurdy. He was caught at the corner of Fifth avenue and Smithfield street with his hand in a woman's pocket. The prisoner was recognized as an old offender, who has served, according to the Inspector, more or less time in the penitentiary. When arrested, McCurdy plead for his liberty, saying that it would be the first Christmas he spent outside the penitentiary in five years.

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We have a number of second-hand organs in good condition which we will sell from $20 up. Good chance for cash buyer, and those desiring payments will have easy terms offered.

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The important Christmas items—Christmas shoppers will find full and complete assortments to-day and to-night. Diamonds in finger rings, pendants, charms and bracelets; solitaire, cluster or with other stones.

Watches in silver and gold, plain or elaborate, but all good. E. P. ROBERTS & SONS,
Fifth and Market.

Open this evening until 11 o'clock.

Hamilton's Holiday Sales

On our second floor. We have over fifty pianos and organs. We want them all sold—"every one"—by the 25th of December. They range at following prices: Pianos, from $75 to $300; organs, $25 to $125. More than half of these instruments are perfectly new. Come in and see and hear them. We will give to you on easy payments. They will make a beautiful Christmas gift.

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Second-Hand "Uprights" for $135 and Up.
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Several excellent "uprights" for sale, only slightly used. Will be sold for $135 and up. Cash or payment. See these pianos. Open Saturday evenings.

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Have You Forgotten Anything?

If you have, we shall be open until 11 o'clock this evening. Come in and see us.

HARDY & HAYES, Jewelers,
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B. & B.

Large lot gents' navy blue white polka dot silk mufflers on sale this morning. Scarce and in great demand.

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Miller Bros., 182 Federal street, Allegheny, sell only the finest and purest of groceries and food products. Their prices are always reasonable. Goods delivered everywhere. Send for price list.

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At cost to close out. HENRY BERGER,
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TROUBLE IN THE FAMILY.

A Husband Charges His Mother-in-Law With Assaulting Him—A Lively Scene in a Business Office—Talking of Divorce Proceedings.

There will be a very interesting assault and battery case before Alderman Reilly this afternoon. A husband of eight months is pitted against his mother-in-law. The parties are Charles Anderson, the coal operator, and Mrs. Margaret Henderson, wife of A. C. Henderson, the Seventh avenue wholesale druggist.

Mr. Anderson married Miss Henderson last May, and ever since his mother-in-law and he have not been getting along too smoothly. "Soon after we were married," said Mr. Anderson yesterday, "she called at my office. Her husband was with her, and she said she wanted an explanation of some of my actions. Mrs. Henderson accused me of doing things unbecoming a husband. I denied the charges, but she insisted there was plenty of proof. It turned out later that it was another man. These little fights kept up, and finally the Hendersons made my wife go back to their home. They said I had treated her brutally. She says not.

"Several days ago I got a letter from Thomas Marshall telling me my wife intended to apply for a divorce. I do not see on what grounds she can get it. Wednesday Mrs. Henderson came to see me. She took a seat close beside me and asked me what I intended to do. I told her there was nothing to be done, as they had applied for a divorce. I added that if my wife did not secure one I would. This seemed to make her mad. She caught up a heavy ruler lying on the desk and struck me across the nose." Mr. Anderson here displayed a much bruised member. "She then jumped up and started toward the door," continued Mr. Anderson. "As she went she grabbed a paperweight from my desk and threw it at my head. My brother George tried to quiet her and she knocked him down. Finally after hurling an ink bottle at me she left the office.

"I had grown tired of these calls and her treatment and thought it would be better to enter suit against her."

NERVOUS headaches promptly cured by Bromo-Seltzer—10c a bottle.

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Small Furs, Fur Sets, Fur Capes, Fur Muffs, Fur Trimmings.	Black and White Coney, Black and Silver Hare, Opossum, Lynx, Monkey, Astrachan, Persian Lamb, Beaver, Fox, Angora, Seal, etc.
Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Hosiery at Reduced Prices.	HANDKERCHIEFS in Silk, Linen, Cambric; Hemstitched, Embroidered, Crepe, etc. See our extra values at 12½c, 15c, 18c, 20c, 22c, 25c. HOSIERY for Men, Women and Children in low, medium and finest grades Silk, Merino, Lisle Thread, Cotton.
Leather Goods, Bags, Satchels, Pocketbooks, Purses, Etc.	In fine Leather Goods see what choice things we offer at 25c, 50c, $1 and up. All the latest ideas in Shopping Bags, Satchels, Purses, Pocketbooks, etc., at low, medium and fine grades.

Our Cloak and Suit Department has now been placed on a STOCK-TAKING BASIS as to prices.

Fine Fur-trimmed Garments.
Rich Imported Wraps.
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We have the only complete line West of New York City in our new department, opened a few weeks since. Every weave made, and all latest colorings. Prices from cheapest to finest made.

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This department is so well known to our customers that it is only necessary to say all grades can be found.

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All stocks in all departments replenished—store in full operation until 9 o'clock to-night.

Special Holiday prices on fine Furs, helped by the cold weather, have made a wonderful increase in the business of this department. You can buy to-day and to-night Fur Sets, Fur Muffs and Fur Capes; finest Alaska Seal Skin Muffs, Capes, Jackets and Coats, and elegant fur-lined and fur-trimmed Jackets, Capes, Mantles and Ulsters at lower prices than ever before. So near Christmas now—just bring the favored one in and have the garment tried on so she can have it to wear to-morrow.

One important fact about our

Handkerchief

Stock of interest to those who have a few more people on their list—our stock is never allowed to run down. People who came weeks ago had no better styles or a bigger variety to select from than you have now. But you have the advantage of a great many special bargain prices that have come along just at the end of the season.

A 50-dozen lot of Ladies' fine pure Linen Handkerchiefs, embroidered and scalloped and embroidered and hemstitched, that are the regular 50c quality, you can buy to-day and to-night at 35c each or 3 for $1.

More than a hundred dozens and over 50 different styles of extra quality new Handkerchiefs at 50c each.

Christmas Linens for the Christmas dinner table. If you don't happen to have somebody to give one to perhaps you would like to take a nice set home with you to-night to make your own feast all the happier. The Linens are here in such variety and excellence as can be seen nowhere else. Prices for plainer, but good sets, from as little as $2.75 up to $25. Handsome Hemstitched Sets from $5 to $50 each.

Good, Warm Winter Bedding would get a good, warm welcome some place you know of.

None but good Blankets, soft, fleecy and weighty, honest value, from the small cost to the finest—$2.75 a pair to $42 a pair.

Nice, clean and soft Cotton Comforts $1 to $6 each.

Pure Down Comforts, covered with Sateen, Silk and Satin, from $4 to $75 each.

In the Men's Goods Department to-day and to-night:

Fancy English Cloth Smoking Jackets AT $5, were $6.50 to $8; AT $8, were $9 to $11; AT $9, were $11 and $12; AT $10, were $12.50 and $15.

Men's Plain Cloth Smoking Jackets, with quilted silk collars, cuffs and pockets, reduced from $25 to $15.

Men's fine Silk neckwear at half price:

$1 NECKWEAR AT 50c.
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