WASN'T A SURPRISE.

Eastern Sporting Men Expected That Big Purse to Be Offered.

REASONS FOR THE OFFER.

Hinkey, the Famous End of the Yale Football Team, Elected Captain.

GOOD RACING AT GUTTENBERG.

Big International Shooting Tourney to Take Place at Chicago.

GENERAL SPORTING NEWS OF THE DAY

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—No surprise is felt in sporting circles that the sum of $45,000 is offered as a purse to be contested for by Dick Burge, the light-weight champion of England, and Jack McAuliffe, America's premier light-weight. Almost everybody foresaw that when the Crescent City Club, of New Orleans, and the Coney Island people came together in competition for this match something gigantic would happen in the purse line.

It is gratifying to local sports to know that the Coney Island Club won in the heated race for the match, and that it was done in a bold raise of the Southerners' offer of $30,000 to $45,000. Fifty per cent advance in the auction of fights were too much for McAuliffe to withstand, and so he signed articles to fight before the Coney Island Club for the larger purse, stipulating, however, that the articles should be ratified by his backer, Dick Roche.

That stipulation may be accepted as having been granted, as Roche is already on record as saying he would prefer to see the contest held on Coney Island. It is a victory for the Northerners in their strife with the Crescent City, for it is not believed that even if the latter should bounce the figures up still higher the articles now signed by both principals would be nullified.

The date has not been selected, but the latter part of March is talked about as satisfactory to all hands. That will not allow McAuliffe any too much time, either, to get into proper form.

BIG SHOOTING TOURNEY.

Chicago Sporting Men Arranging an International Event for Next Season.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The initial step toward giving in Chicago the largest shooting tournament ever held was taken at a meeting of the Illinois State Sportsmen's Association. It was decided to hold the State shoot here next June and around it will be built a monster tournament open to the world.

A meeting of the sportsmen at large has been called for next Thursday night at the Sherman House, and everybody interested in the sport is expected to be present. It is projected to organize a stock company which will have power to hire professional managers for the shoot and will have entire charge of the affair. It is probable that $50,000 will be given in prizes and the shoot will last for a period of 30 days.

President Organ has been in correspondence with the crack shots of Europe, and many have announced that they will come if the affair is grand enough to tempt them.

Football at New Castle.

NEW CASTLE, Dec. 23.—[*Special.*]—The New Castle and McDonald football teams will play a game of football, association rules, here on Monday, the 26th inst. Should McDonald win this game they will then be able to claim the championship of the Western Football Association. But if, on the contrary, New Castle should win, they will then be a tie for that honor, and will have to meet again to decide the championship. A good game may be expected, as a strong rivalry exists between the two clubs. The teams will likely line up as follows:

New Castle.	Position.	McDonald.
R. Gray	Goal	H. Robertson
W. Connelly	Backs	J. McVicker
T. Cotterell		C. C. McVicker
G. Moore	Half Backs	W. Irvine
H. H. Mullen		W. Jamison
H. White		R. Lees
H. Landells	Forwards	T. McClymont
R. Withers		J. Grant
J. Woods		A. McClymont
A. White		C. H. McVicker
W. H. Jeffries		A. McVicker

Manhattan Club's Finances.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—[*Special.*]—President Carr of the Manhattan Athletic Club, makes a few timely remarks about that club and its affairs. He declares the association to be in a perfectly solvent condition, and if it were to disband to-day there would be, at the lowest calculation, a balance after all debts were paid of $100,000. He admits that there is a large indebtedness against the club, the principal part of which is not due until January, February, March and April.

President Carr figures that by the payment of the semi-annual dues of $25 each by 2,500 active members the treasury will be replenished by $62,500, and that he regards as sufficient to satisfy claims. Mr. Carr also admitted that altogether too much money had been expended by the club in athletics, and that it would be advisable to considerably curtail the outlay in that respect next year.

Two Allenport Players Signed.

ALLENPORT, PA., Dec. 23.—[*Special.*]—"Cyclone" Billy Phillips, of this city, signed a contract to-day to play with the Nashville team next year. W. H. Dinsmore, a young pitcher, also signed a Nashville contract. Billy thinks the young man good and the former was with the champion Chattanooga team last season. He assisted materially in handling that team in first place. On June 20 he shut the Memphis team out without a hit, only two men reaching first base. He also led the Southern League in fielding, having a percentage of 1.000. He is a gentleman in all respects and will be a credit to the club that has signed him.

The Australians Will Come.

Richard K. Fox has received a letter from Australia, which states that James Stansbury, the champion oarsman of the world; Thomas Sullivan, champion of New Zealand, and Peter Kemp will come to America in 1893 if there is to be an international single scull regatta at the World's Fair, Chicago, and the purses will guarantee them. Stansbury will not row for the championship of the world in an open regatta, but he will be prepared to row any man in America or England, for a suitable stake, for the championship.

The Skaters Are Busy.

ST. PAUL, MINN., Dec. 23.—The professional skating season opened here this afternoon with a race between Harold Hagen, of Christiana, Norway, and who is styled the champion of the world, and Hugh J. McCormick, the champion of the United States. The race between Hagen and Joe Donohue, the champion amateur, and on whom tens of thousands of dollars of New York money has been staked, will take place during the third week in January, and will attract here hundreds of professional and amateur skaters.

Myer Will Wait.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Billy Myer, the light-weight, says he will not close for a match with Austin Gibbons just now, as he wants to go to Mount Clemens for several weeks' rest. Alf Kennedy, his backer, states that it is pretty certain that Myer won't fight for the purse offered.

Yale's New Captain.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 23.—It was learned to-day that Frank A. Hinkey, '95, the great end, has been decided upon as captain of the Yale University football team. The selection is being kept quiet, awaiting the return of the team.

Records Will Stand.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—A telegram came yesterday from Secretary Morse, of the National Association, stating that records will be taken on the Stockton track had been accepted and recorded by that association.

RACING AT GUTTENBERG.

The Bookies and the Talent Split About Even on the Day.

GUTTENBERG, Dec. 23.—[*Special.*]—The bookmakers had a hard time of it to-day to split even with the backers but they about managed to do it. Clotho helped the bookies considerably. Summaries:

First race, purse $400, of which $50 to second, for 4-year-olds and upward, winner to be sold, five furlongs: Priscilla 109, Hueston, first; Harry Ireland 102, N. Hill, second; Extra 102, Stewart, third. Kenwood 112, Lady Ballard 94, Caracus 107, Kerry Gow 112, Menthol 110, Jewel H 104, Freedom 102, The Countess 94, and Gloriana 109, also ran. Time, 1:01. Betting: Priscilla, 4 to 1 and 8 to 5; Harry Ireland, 100 to 1 and 30 to 1; Extra, 30 to 1 and 10 to 1; Kenwood, 7 to 2 and 6 to 5; Lady Ballard, 50 to 1 and 20 to 1; Caracus, 20 to 1 and 8 to 1; Kerry Gow, 12 to 1 and 4 to 1; Menthol, 10 to 1 and 4 to 1; Jewel H, 3 to 2 and 4 to 5; Freedom, 100 to 1 and 20 to 1; The Countess, 100 to 1 and 30 to 1; Gloriana, 8 to 1 and 2 to 1.

Second race, purse $400, of which $50 to second, for 2-year olds, winner to be sold, six furlongs—Vespasian 110, H. Peters, first; Violet 8 105, McGlone, second; Lady Mary 105, Griffin, third. Don't Know 110, Postmaid 99 and Rightaway 110 also ran. Time, 1:19. Betting: Vespasian, 4 to 5 and out; Violet 8, 7 to 1 and 2 to 1; Lady Mary, 8 to 1 and 3 to 1; Don't Know, 10 to 1 and 3 to 1; Postmaid, 60 to 1 and 20 to 1; Rightaway, 8 to 2 and 3 to 5.

Third race, purse $400, of which $50 to second, winner to be sold, six and a half furlongs—Flattery 93, Stewart, first; Eclipse 118, Snedeker, second; Logan 112, Shields, third. Mabel Glenn 97, Uncertainty 105 and Riot also ran. Time, 1:22. Betting: Flattery, 3 to 1 and even; Eclipse, even and 2 to 5; Logan, 5 to 1 and 7 to 5; Mabel Glenn, 7 to 5 and 3 to 5; Uncertainty, 30 to 1 and 10 to 1; Riot, 40 to 1 and 12 to 1.

Fourth race, purse $400, of which $50 to second, winner to be sold, one mile—Thorndale 106, Griffin, first; Bainbriggan, 105, Howe, second; Merry Duke, 98, Nichill, third. Headlight, 102, Jamestown 93, and Little Jake 99 also ran. Time, 1:44¼. Betting: Thorndale, 8 to 5 and 2 to 5; Bainbriggan, 7 to 5 and 1 to 2; Merry Duke, 20 to 1 and 3 to 1; Headlight, 3 to 1 and 4 to 5; James own, 60 to 1 and 20 to 1; Little Jake, 30 to 1 and 10 to 1.

Fifth race, purse $400, of which $50 to second, winner to be sold, four and one-half furlongs—Clotho, 102, Metivermott, first; Kirkina, 102, Sherlitt, second; Mucilage, 111½, Coward, third. Fleurette 110, Magic 102, Van S. 105, Coldstream, 113, April Fool, 109, Bon Voyage 107, Miss Olive, 110, Red Elm 108, and Mamie B. R. 106, also ran. Time, :56¾. Betting: Clotho, 10 to 1 and 3 to 1; Kirkina, 6 to 1 and 2 to 1; Mucilage, 50 to 1 and 15 to 1; Fleurette, 11 to 5 and 4 to 5; Magic, 40 to 1 and 12 to 1; Van S., 16 to 5 and 6 to 5; Coldstream, 40 to 1 and 12 to 1; April Fool, 10 to 1 and 4 to 1; Bon Voyage, 20 to 1 and 8 to 1; Miss Olive, 30 to 1 and 10 to 1; Red Elm, 8 to 1 and 3 to 1; Mamie B. B., 80 to 1 and 20 to 1.

Sixth race, purse $400, of which $50 to second, winner to be sold, seven furlongs—King Mac 112, Martin, first; Running Bird 108, Hueston, second; Panhandle 102, Griffin, third. Lallah 95, Hamilton 112, Renie 101, Fair Play 94, High C 93 and Marmont 93 also ran. Time, 1:30¼. Betting: King Mac, 2 to 1 and 4 to 5; Running Bird, 5 to 1 and 8 to 5; Panhandle, 10 to 1 and 3 to 1; Lallah, 7 to 1 and 2 to 1; Hamilton, 3 to 2 and even; Renie, 25 to 1 and 8 to 1; Fairplay, 40 to 1 and 12 to 1; High C, 100 to 1 and 30 to 1; Marmont, 60 to 1 and 20 to 1.

To-Day's Guttenberg Card.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 23.—[*Special.*]—The following pools were sold here this evening on tomorrow's races at Guttenberg:

First race, three-fourths of a mile—Harlequin 118, $8; Bineblood 116, $2; Don't Know, 112, $2; Carmelite 112, $2; Leigh 112, $10; Freemason 110, $10; Happy Maid 109, $2; Lizzie T. 99, $; Spot 94, $2; Kingwood 105, $3.

Second race, one mile, selling—Prince Fortunatus 107, $; Shenandoah 107, $10; Brussells 107, Dago 101, $8; Hadlight 98, $8; Fancy Gold 98, Mollie Davis 95, Glendive 89, Excellenza filly 86, others, $2 each.

Third race, one-half mile, selling, yearlings—Alice C (late Sweetheart filly) 112, $10; Patroness filly 98, $10; Brier colt 105, Elite filly 104, Marilla filly 101, $8; Faust Rose 102, False 102, Jersey Lass filly 102, $3; others, $2 each.

Fourth race, three-fourths of a mile, handicap—Sumtergo 112, $3; Mabelle 111, $8; Little Fred 110, $5; Logan 98, $2; Panway 88, $2.

Fifth race, five-eighths of a mile, handicap—Sandowne 114, $15; Caledonia 114, $8; Play or Pay 104, $2; Fidget 100, $5.

Sixth race, one mile, selling—Allan Bane 113, $3; Persistence 107, $6; Greenwich 107, $10; Mohican 104, $10; Hazelhurst 101, $2; Anna Elizabeth 95, $2; Milo 92, $2; Alma T 88, $2.

General Sporting Notes.

FULFORD and Elliott will shoot at Williamsport to-day.

TEA TRAY has been sent to Lexington, where he will go into the stud.

THE betting on the Plimmer and McGrath battle is 8 to 5 on Plimmer.

HARRY STEVENS, the popular score card man, will spend Christmas at his home at Niles, O.

A PATRON—There is no published book containing the records of "all the prize fighters up to date."

PAUL HINES announces his attention of playing a farewell engagement in the Southern League next season.

CHARLES WARD, of Buffalo, and Henry Brownburn, of Youngstown, will wrestle a match at New Castle Monday evening.

MCCARTHY, who played in several positions with the Salem Baseball Club last season, has signed to go to Charleston, S. C.

THE Johns Hopkins University Baseball Club has already arranged games with Yale, the University of Virginia and the University of South Carolina.

MIKE NORTON and A. Lloyd, who were arrested at Cincinnati charged with prize fighting, have each been held in $1,000 to await the action of the grand jury.

JIMMY CARFOLL is reported to have engaged as Jim Hall's manager and trainer. With Griffen, Burge and Hall on his staff J. Fleming must be regarded as a hust er.

THE Louisville and Chicago Cycling Clubs are at loggerheads. The former's riders entered the latter's race meet, won $1,500 worth of prizes and then refused to pay the entrance fee.

THE proposed match at the Olympic Club, New Orleans, between Greggains and Young Mitchell, the California middleweights, is off, because the last named fighter asked a purse of $10,000, which is higher by several thousands than the Olympic was willing to go.

Joe Goddard did not create a very good impression in Chicago. One authority, the *Dispatch* man, says: "As a boxer he is anything but clever, and though big, strong and a terrific hitter he would apparently be at the mercy of a clever man as big and strong as himself."

MIDDLEWEIGHT JACK MAGEE, of East Boston, whose ankle was injured some days ago, has been obliged to give up all thought of meeting Billy Leedom at the Coney Island Athletic Club on the 26th. The club may secure Ed Binney or Maffitt Flaherty to go against Leedom for ten rounds.

A DISPATCH from Boston says: The Boston League Baseball Club held its annual meeting yesterday afternoon at President Soden's office on Water street. Messrs. Soden, Billings and Conant were re-elected to fill all of the offices, as before. It was decided to do nothing about players until after next month.

THOMAS DEWITT CUYLER, Yale, '74, has offered Yale three cups for inter-class contests in football, rowing and track athletics. When the cups have been won three times by any class they will become the property of that class. The cups are given in memory of Theodore DeWitt Cuyler, '82. The donor lives in Philadelphia.

IN the second week in January John McTiernan, the clever ex-amateur fighter who has a record of three decisions over Eddie Pierce, will fight to a finish with Jack Skelly before the Buffalo Athletic Club. A $1,000 purse has been offered for the contest, and while Skelly has not formally accepted the offer, it is believed that he will do so.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Youngstown — Plymouth Congregational Church damaged $7,000, parly insured.

Wolverton, Ind.—The Stevens Stove Company's establishment. Loss, $30,000; insurance, $50,000.

Bloomiston, Ind.—The Progress block and several adjoining buildings. Seven business firms were burned out, including the Progress Printing Company. Loss, $15,000; partly insured.

Magnolia, Del.—William Grace's general store and postoffice, Peter L. Grace's grocery store and the dwellings of Harry Wingate and Captain E. Burton. All mail matter was destroyed. Total loss, $12,000; partly insured.

Davis Street—An alarm from box 312 last night was caused by a small fire in a new house at 37 Davis street. The damage was trifling. Fire had been left in one of the rooms by some workmen and had caught the floor.

Erie County Has One Candidate.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 23.—Hon. A. W. Hayes, of Erie, a member of the House of Representatives in 1881 and 1883, has been indorsed for the position of Postmaster of the House during the coming session by the Erie county legislative delegation.

Photo Albums and Screens.

Seal, morocco and plush. Lowest prices. R. S. DAVIS & CO., Booksellers, 96 Fifth avenue.

MEN'S fine neckwear in all styles and patterns, elegantly made, 50c each. LITTELL'S, 253 Smithfield street.

Largest Assortment of HOLIDAY GOODS in the city. Good, Useful Presents at SPECIAL REDUCED PRICES. Store Open Until 11 o'clock To-night. Goods Delivered all Day on Monday. HOFFER BROS. & CO., 507 Wood street.

PURE AIR IN MINES

The Chief Subject Considered by the Mining Institute.

OPERATORS PULLING TOGETHER

To Secure Modifications of the Proposed Mining Law.

FIXING THE MINIMUM OF FRESH AIR

More interest has been excited in mining circles during the past two days than for years past. Operators from all the regions in Western Pennsylvania were in the city, and while not in consultation with the mine inspectors, bosses and miners, were in private caucus trying to fix up the new proposed mining law, so that it would not interfere so much with their interests. The law, as drafted by the committee, contained many inconsistencies and clauses that were not in harmony with the best interests of the bituminous coal regions.

The Mining Institute of Western Pennsylvania that closed a two days' session last evening was the most largely attended meeting that has ever been held. The line between the miners and operators was clearly drawn and they were constantly contending for some vantage point. At times the discussion was very heated. Every point was closely contended. The law as drafted contained so many ambiguous terms and meaningless sentences, that every section had to be closely scrutinized and amended. The work was very slowly performed and when the two days' work was done only about half of the law had been gone over and worded to the satisfaction of both sides.

The Operators Pulled Together.

The operators acted in unison and were much more successful in securing the concessions desired than the miners, who were divided on certain points raised and in others did not know exactly what they did want. In the uncertainty that prevailed, the operators generally pressed their point with vigor and carried the day. This result was the outcome of a perfect understanding. The operators were not members of the Mining Institute, but when they heard that the new mining law was to be considered about 50 of them came here to participate in the proceedings. Last Wednesday night they met at the Monongahela House and effected a temporary organization by electing Roger Hartley President and S. M. Taylor Secretary. The law was immediately taken up and carefully considered. Such points as did not suit them were amended and the plan outlined whereby the amendments should be brought before the institute when the law came up for consideration. The session was continued far into the night, and as much of the law gone over as it would be possible to be disposed of by the institute until they had time to arrange for their parts.

Another Meeting of Operators.

The operators met at the Monongahela House again at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, and went to the opening session of the Mining Institute in the Court House. They were cordially received, and allowed to take part in the discussion. They took an active interest in the day's proceedings. No point was allowed to pass by without receiving careful attention, and when the first day's work was done not as much of the law had been gone over as had been considered the night before in private caucus.

The operators again met in the evening, and after discussing the law until 10:30 o'clock, the matter was put into the hands of a committee that worked at the law until 1:30 o'clock Friday morning, and got over as much as could be disposed of by the institute at its regular sessions yesterday.

Discussing the Ventilation of Mines.

Almost the entire day was taken up in discussing the section relating to the ventilation of mines. The section required that the minimum amount of air in all mines shall be 150 cubic feet for each and every person employed therein. All of the operators and many of the mine bosses, superintendents, inspectors and miners opposed the adoption of the section as read, and argued that in many mines in mountainous regions 100 cubic feet of air for each person employed therein was all that was required, and that it would be unjust as well as unnecessary to compel operators of such mines to go to the expense of building ventilating apparatus to meet the requirements of the section. Those who favored the adoption of the section as read argued that in every mine the minimum amount of air should be 150 cubic feet per person employed therein, and sited the Hill Farm mine disaster of June 26, 1890, as an instance where the lives of 30 miners were lost on account of there not being sufficient amount of air in the mine at the time the explosion occurred.

A vote was taken on the amendment and it passed by a big majority. The section was then adopted as amended and reads as follows:

The Minimum Amount of Fresh Air.

The operator or superintendent of every bituminous coal mine where shaft, slope or drift is used shall provide and hereafter maintain for every such mine adequate means for ventilation, affording not less than 100 cubic feet of air per minute for mines in which no explosive gases abound, and not less than 150 cubic feet in mines generating poisonous or noxious explosive gases for each and every person employed therein, and as much more as two or more of the mine inspectors may deem requisite, which shall be circulated through and around the main entrance and the entries to an extent that will dilute, carry off and render harmless the noxious or dangerous gases therein.

It is the opinion of many of those present that the adoption of this section as amended means the passage of the law at the ensuing session of the Legislature.

Not more than one-third of the law had been considered, and it was almost time to adjourn. A resolution was then offered requiring the Chairman to appoint a committee of five to consider the other sections of the law and to prepare them for submission to the Legislature, and that their work be final. This motion was amended by a motion that a committee of five appointed by the operators meet jointly with the committee appointed by the Chairman, and after considerable discussion this was agreed to by an almost unanimous vote.

The Chairman of the committee appointed by the operators is A. Dempster, with W. P. DeArmitt, Secretary.

NEW COMPANIES CHARTERED.

Pittsburg Capital Being Centered in Many Industries.

The Ingleside Water Company, of Allegheny and Westmoreland counties, was chartered yesterday at Harrisburg with a capital of $5,000. The Minerva Land and Improvement Company, of California, got a charter; capital, $10,000. The Pittsburg Gauge Company, with a capital of $50,000, was also chartered with the following as directors: W. L. Rodgers, E. B. Alsop, R. H. Binns and J. R. McCreery. The Standard Coal Company, of Pittsburg, capital $300,000, was incorporated by Thomas H. Chapman, James Lippincott, Thomas Corde, J. L. Kirkpatrick and J. D. Lippincott.

ANOTHER MILL CLOSED DOWN.

Two Hundred Thrown Out of Employment in the Dead of Winter.

The Kittanning Iron Mill at Kittanning has been shut down, after a run of a couple of months. About 200 men are thrown out of employment. It is alleged that the mill has shut down indefinitely, and it is said that the suspension is only temporary for the purpose of making needed repairs and that the works will resume operations some time in January.

NO FLINT GLASS FOR TWO WEEKS.

American Manufacturers Anxious to Get in the Line of Tariff Reduction.

A dispatch from Alton, Ill., says this evening every flint glass factory in the United States will be closed for two weeks. William Elliott Smith, President of the Illinois Glass Company, was present at the Chicago meeting and opposed the resolution. He said he would agree not to make ware for future sale, but only to fill orders now on hand or received in the future.

The spirit of the manufacturers' meeting was that the tariff should at once be reduced at least 30 per cent, and thus allow a readjustment of prices on the line of tariff reduction.

Denies the Report.

Harry Haley, of Luceyville, denies that he called the miners convention at Monongahela City last Wednesday. He says his son was asked to write for the use of the hall, which he did. The names of those who did call the convention are not made public.

A MOTHER FINDS HER CHILD.

Her Detective Shadows Her Divorced Husband and Will Get $1,000.

ATCHISON, KAN., Dec. 23.—Charles T. Stroud and W. J. Archer, of Des Moines, Ia., accompanied by a 14-year-old girl giving her name as Maud Stroud, arrived here in a spring wagon last night. This morning Archer had Stroud arrested on the charge of having kidnaped the girl from her mother in Rockford, Ill., 12 years ago.

He says Stroud is the girl's father, but that the court, in a decree of divorce, gave her to the mother and Stroud stole her. The mother now offers a reward of $1,000 for her. Archer claims to be a detective, and has been with Stroud several weeks.

SNAP SHOTS AT LOCAL NEWS.

THE new Southside Market House caught fire yesterday morning, but the damage was slight.

THE Republicans of the Eleventh ward will hold a suggestion meeting in the schoolhouse next Tuesday evening.

THE Sixth ward Republicans will hold their suggestion meeting in the Forbes School on Tuesday evening next.

WALBURN, out the Pennsylvania Railroad, wants to become a borough. A meeting for this purpose was held Thursday night.

AT 2 o'clock this afternoon Mrs. John L. Agnew, Superintendent of the Munhall Chapel Sunday school, Homestead, will give a treat to her 165 scholars.

THE Republicans of the Seventh ward, Allegheny, will name candidates next Wednesday evening. The chances are a citizens' ticket will be nominated.

THE Republicans of the Seventh ward, Pittsburg, will hold a suggestion meeting in the Franklin school house Wednesday, December 8, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

THOMAS GALLAGHER, of Scott Haven, who had his left leg amputated at the Mercy Hospital Wednesday as the result of an accident, died at that institution yesterday morning.

THE Society for the Improvement of the Poor are receiving large contributions for distribution among the poor. The schools in the Lawrenceville district and one Second avenue sent in large contributions yesterday.

THE East Liberty cable of the Citizens' traction line broke about 7 o'clock last evening, and no cars were run over that branch all evening. Cars of the East Liberty line down town, however, were run over the Butler street branch.

PEOPLE COMING AND GOING.

W. L. Loeb, Superintendent of the Dueber Watch Works at Canton, and C. A. Egley, commercial agent of the Queen and Crescent road, at Cincinnati, put up at the Duquesne last night.

Judge Shannon, of North Dakota, who formerly lived in Sewickley, is in the city. He came back to spend the holidays with old friends. He is a United States Circuit Judge.

The Misses Lillie, Ella and Cora Schinniller have left for Washington, D. C., to visit their cousin, Mrs. Gustave Bessing, wife of the Chief of the Patent Office.

Leland T. Powers, the Boston lecturer, and D. L. Sherrick, of Everson, were among the guests at the Seventh Avenue Hotel yesterday.

W. S. Ravenscroft and wife, of Ridgway, and S. P. Boyd, of Uniontown, registered at the Monongahela House yesterday.

W. M. Beyer, of Altoona, F. H. King, of Marion, and A. Hardt, of Wellsboro, stopped at the Anderson yesterday.

Adjutant General W. W. Greenland passed through the city yesterday bound for his home in Clarion.

D. T. McCabe, of Columbus, General Manager of the Union Line, put up at the Anderson last evening.

William G. Heiner, of Kittanning, a brother of Congressman-elect Heiner, was in the city yesterday.

W. F. Fenn, of Washington, and J. H. Hayne, of Waynesburg, were at the Central Hotel yesterday.

W. W. Newcomer, of Scottdale, and Benton Boyd, of Connellsville, are at the Schlosser.

Representative J. B. Finley, of Monongahela City, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

H. C. Lord, of Erie, and M. Keating, of Oil City, are stopping at the Newell Hotel.

Major Swearingen and W. A. Magee were passengers for New York last night.

Pittsburgers in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—[*Special.*]—The following Pittsburgers are registered at New York hotels: H. C. Bair, G. F. McCombs, F. Murphy, Westminster; E. W. Egbert, T. Brubait, Metropolitan; B. B. Kerr, C. E. H. Schaeffer, R. D. Morston, Imperial; R. W. Kerr, Cosmopolitan; J. M. McLane, International; J. E. Rugg, Broadway Central; C. S. Ashton, Union Square; W. W. Lawrence, Holland; C. Nercader, Morton House.

SPECIAL display of Christmas novelties in puff, teck, ascot and four-in-hand scarfs at James H. Aiken & Co.'s, 100 Fifth avenue.

Late Xmas Shoppers,

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Come To-day or To-night (till 11).

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Silver for the boudoir.
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The Very Last Chance

To-day to buy your Christmas gifts—rings, pendants, watches, etc. You can buy them here until 11 o'clock this evening. HARDY & HAYES, Jewelers, 529 Smithfield street.

Toilet Sets! Manicure Sets!

Plush, silver and natural wood cases. R. S. DAVIS & CO., Booksellers, 96 Fifth avenue.

Holiday Furniture

At cost to close out. HENRY BERGER, 642 and 644 Liberty street.

EXPLANATION.

CLOUDLESS. PARTLY CLOUDY. CLOUDY. RAIN. SNOW.

Arrow flies with wind.

Float figures at station indicate temperature; next figures indicate change in temperature; and figures underneath, if any, indicate amount of rainfall or melted snow in hundreths of an inch during past 12 hours; T indicates trace of precipitation; isobars, or solid black lines, pass through points of equal pressure; isotherms, or dotted lines, equal temperature.

Storms generally move from West to East in atmospheric waves, of which the crests are marked "High" and the oval trough, or depression "Low." These waves move Eastward on an average of 600 miles per day.

High winds, rain or (if cold enough) snow, Southerly winds, and consequently high temperature, usually precede "Lows" across the country.

When the "Low" passes East of a place the wind changes to North, bringing lower temperature, clearing skies, and often cold waves and Northers.

The high area brings sunshine.

FOR WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA—Generally Fair; Northwest Winds.
FOR WEST VIRGINIA AND OHIO—Generally Fair; Northwest Winds; Slightly Colder in Northern Ohio.

WEATHER CONDITIONS—Snow has fallen in the Lake Regions and the Upper Ohio Valley, and light flurries of snow during the day on the Atlantic Coast and the Northwest. Light rains have fallen in the Lower Mississippi Valley. The temperature is 10° to 20° below the normal in the States bordering on the Northern frontier from Maine to Montana. The temperature has risen decidedly in the Southwest. The pressure has fallen rapidly east of the Alleghenies during the day, but is now rising.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 23.—The Local Forecast Official of the Weather Bureau furnishes the following:

BAROMETER—8 A. M., 30.16; 2 P. M., 30.02; 8 P. M., 30.08.
RELATIVE HUMIDITY—8 A. M., 90; 2 P. M. 86; 8 P. M., 71.
PRECIPITATION past 24 hours, from 8 P. M., T.
TEMPERATURE—8 A. M., 17; 12 M., 20; 2 P. M., 19; 5 P. M., 19; 8 P. M., 21. Highest, 22; lowest, 16; average, 19, which is 15° below the normal.

RIVER NEWS AND NOTES.

Louisville Items—The Stage of Water and the Movements of Boats.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAMS TO THE DISPATCH.]

LOUISVILLE, KY., Dec. 23.—Business good. Weather clear and cool. River falling, with 5 feet 8 inches on the falls, 8 feet in the canal, and 14 feet 1 inch below.

The Guiding Star passed down on her way to New Orleans. Departured—For Cincinnati, Big Sandy; for Carrollton, Big Kanawha; for Evansville, Tell City; for Kentucky river, Falls City.

What Upper Gauges Show.

ALLEGHENY JUNCTION—River 3 feet 6 inches and falling. Cloudy and cold.
WARREN—River 9.9 foot. Snowing.
MORGANTOWN—River 4 feet 6 inches and stationary. Cloudy. Thermometer, 25° at 4 P. M.
BROWNSVILLE—River 5 feet 3 inches and stationary. Cloudy. Thermometer, 22° at 5 P. M.

The News From Below.

WHEELING—River 5 feet 7 inches and falling. Departed—C. W. Batchelor, Pittsburg; Ben Hur, Parkersburg; Congo, Pittsburg. Clear and cold.
CINCINNATI—River 14 feet 7 inches and falling. Snowing. Departed—Andes, Pittsburg.
CAIRO—Arrived—Henry Debus, Cincinnati; Cherokee, Memphis. Departed—J. K. Speed, Cincinnati. River 19.4 feet and rising. Cloudy and cold.
ST. LOUIS—River falling. Cloudy and threatening snow.

Notes From the Wharf.

THE Sunshine is due from Parkersburg to-day.

THE new John W. Alles is again tied up at the wharf.

THE C. W. Batchelor leaves for Wheeling at noon to-day.

THE Elizabeth left at 2:30 P. M. for Elizabeth yesterday.

THE Elaine came down with a tow of coal from the pools yesterday.

THE Hunter No. 2 went up the river with six boat bottoms yesterday afternoon.

STAGES of water at Pittsburg and Davis Island dam 2.8 feet and 4.9 feet. River falling.

THE James G. Blaine got away for Morgantown at 4 P. M. yesterday. She made a good trip.

THE J. C. Risher and Dave Wood were reported aground with their tows at Rising Sun yesterday.

THE Josh Cook, Fred Wilson and B. D. Wood passed Bellaire yesterday on the way here with empty tows.

THE Zanesville packet Annie Laurie got in yesterday morning with a light trip. She leaves at 5 P. M. to-day.

THE Raymond Horner left Wheeling yesterday morning with an empty tow of 31 pieces, bound for Pittsburg.

THE Pittsburg and Cincinnati packet Iron Queen was somewhat late arriving and departing yesterday, owing to her heavy traffic.

THE steamers Smoky City and Tom Dodsworth are tied up with their empty tows at Freedom, being unable to proceed farther up on account of low water.

THE Crescent got aground at Merriman on Thursday night. The was stuck so fast that it took the aid of three boats, the new John W. Alles, the Leader and the Dauntless, to get her afloat again.

THE Twilight got aground with her tow at Merriman yesterday morning, but was soon afloat again. She was booked for the wharf last night, as was also the Rescue with an empty tow of three coal boats and one barge.

THE Bella McGowan, with seven empty barges and two boats, got up from Cincinnati yesterday. Owing to low water she got stuck for a short time at the Smithfield street bridge. She was helped off by the Little Dick and Little Fred.

THE Dick Fulton has had bad luck with two of her loaded barges. On Thursday one of them got stuck fast at Rising Sun and another sank a short distance below the point. The boat passed on to Louisville with the balance of the tow and started back. She expects to have the barges afloat to-day.

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A SUICIDE CLUBBER MISSING.

If He Can't Be Found It Will Be Bad for Building Associations.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 23.—[*Special.*]—Robert Kuehnert, member of City Council, ex-member of the Legislature, and prominent in political circles, cannot be found. He was attorney for half a dozen building associations. Investigation shows that they will lose over $60,000 in worthless mortgages given by Kuehnert. One woman loses a $2,000 piece of property she had placed in his care. In the recent Doolittle murder inquest Kuehnert's name figured. The victim on his deathbed declared that Kuehnert knew who killed him.

Just after the murder Kuehnert raised $10,000 from building associations. His system was to plaster a small piece of property with many mortgages, reporting in his official capacity that it was unencumbered and exaggerating its value. Vigorous search to-day shows that Kuehnert has not been seen since last night. He belonged to a local suicide club, and friends fear the worst.

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