Belgium and France the people are turning from the railroads to the canals.

Steam as the Motive Power

troduction of steam as the motive power on canals. Our old waterways were constructed

years ago, and were adequate to the needs of the country at the time. Because the

growth of business outstripped them and the people got the railroad craze is no reason

why large canals carrying steam vessels would not be a great step in advance to-day

instead of backward, as the railroad people claim. The railroads are very selfish of

their interes is, and yet every man knows they are not equal to the traffic of the

country. Witness the excessive rates

have to contend with in shipping goods. The only quest on about the Eric canal is its feasibility. Uncle Sam should build

its feasibility. Uncle Sam should build these internal a aterways for the benefit of

the people. The time is coming when the Government will take hold of these

great projects in earnest. It won't be long before the national debt will be wiped out,

before the national debt will be wiped out, and then Uncle Sam will be in a position to develop the interior. I admire the way in which the Southern people by pulling together have secured millions from the Government to sink in mud holes. While the North has been frittering away its time

and opportunities the South has been get-ting appropriations, and I regret to state

that most of the money for mud hole im-

provements was so much thrown away.

The United States has grown to such an ex-tent that nothing small will do for our peo-

ple in the future. Our eyes have been spened, and I am in favor of any great pro-

ect like the Erie Canal, because it will help

Cincinnati Enthusiastic for the Canal.

man, said the Cincinnati people were en-thusiastic for the canal. He had canvassed

the river Congressmen, and they will vote for the canal bill this winter. "You need not waste your time," he continued, "inter-

viewing the rivermen. They are all in line and as anxious for the construction of

the canal as the coal operators and packet navigators in Pittsburg."

W. H. Field, Vice President of the American Cotton Seed Oil Company, won-

American Cotton Seed Off Company, won-dered if the Lord was not against the enter-prise. Still, he was not opposed to the project if it was feasible. He had heard of the canal in a general way, but had no idea of the details. "I am a railroad man," be said, "for several reasons. In the old days

we shipped our oil on the rivers. It was handled carelessly and thrown into the mudat the

wharves, where it laid often for a long time.

It was disagreeable to move it, so we com-

menced shipping on the railways. Now

we have tracks running to our warehouses and we load directly on the cars without

extra handling. But I can see where if the Eric Cauai was built it would help our

business. Our supply of caustic soda and coal comes from the East, and could be

shipped at a low rate by water. The same

Lack of Enterprise Deprecated.

would aid to the value of the Ohio 100 fold.

Railway Smashups Too Frequent.

and was done easier than putting them on

cars. It would take a very long train to

vote for the indorsement of the Erie Canal.

the two cities are common and identical.

of the enterprise. He hoped the day was

roming when the Ohio, the Mississippi, the

great lakes and the ocean would be con-nected by a series of waterways.

C. G. Kingsbury is also a member of the delegation to the Board of Trade. He is

the manager of the American Express Com-

onsiness man in the city is a member of the

Chamber of Commerce. The men at the

head of the transportation companies take an active interest. In the case of the

American Express Company, the corpora-tion pays the annual dues for its agent, and

is gind to be represented in the trade organi-

state that they are not given a chance to

Money Couldn't Be Better Spent.

Mr. Kingsbury in discussing the canal

said: "I don't know anything about the de-tails of the project, but I believe it will be

a good thing for the country and money well spent. I am not worried about the

feasibility of the scheme. That is a question

for the engineers. I am in favor of any

its Pittsburg office by using the river to Wheeling and the Wheeling and Lake Erie

and from that point, but finally owing to

the roundabout route the plan was abau-

dened. This bit of sucient history is cited to show how competition is stifled in Pitts-

anyumble river to Cincinnati both cities

of Trade delegate, sprained his ankle some time ago, and has been unable to walk since without crutches. Mr. Brookfield believes waterways should be built and the rivers

improved to hold down the railroads. "I

haven't looked into the Erie canal scheme,

he said, "but I have heard considerable about its object and it is good. Of course

utilized, and the work should be done

facilities are concerned.

ound be better off so far as transportation

With a canal to the lakes and a

Brookfield, also a National Board

will be remembered that some time

aprovement that will help business."

work with other business people in the

In Cincinnati pretty nearly every

In Pittsburg the express agents

principally bridge piers.

Captain Wise, another prominent river-

the country.

Witness the excessive rates

"For years the Colonel advocated the in-

excellent crayon portrait of himself, framed and hung up in his house to surprise him. The clerks in the City Assessor's office all received silk umbrellas from a Smithfield street firm.

FIGHTING JACK FROST

Storekeepers Busy Scraping Frost From

Their Windows. Among the amusing scenes along the streets last evening were the vigorous attempts of shopkeepers to rub the frost off their show windows. The weather was so extremely cold that all the vapor in the stores was soon transformed into fantastic shapes on the glass, and it was impossible to get even a squint at the array of dolls and books and other pretty things displayed inside. Colored men were busy with hot water and cloths keep-ing away the ice which formed as rapidly as

it was removed. In some cases it was noticed that the proprietors in their anxiety to get rid of holiday goods took a hand at the job themselves, but they did not have any more suc-cess than their employes. People stood outside and laughed at the men scraping frost from the glass. They seemed to be more interested in watching the fleeting shadows inside than buying Christmas

At the Union Depot last evening an extra force of policemen and ushers was put on to handle the crowd. The most desirable place in the station was over a fire grate, and half-frozen men and women hovered around it trying to keep warm.

600D THINGS ALL SOLD.

The Market Was Swept of All Its Stores Yesterday. The market was flooded with people all day yesterday and until late last night.

Extra help was needed to take care of the ucreased patronage,
After 11 o'clock last night the stalls looked empty, and their keepers were a sat-isfied look. Even at that late hour the big houses were well-filled, but there was little choice. Long rows of game that had been displayed early in the evening were gone.

The fish markets were bought out and even the ordinary meats were pretty well sold.

The little stands which fringe the building did a big business yesterday. Nearly everybody stopped at some one of them and laid in a supply of nuts, candies or fruits. The Christmas tree merchants disposed of most of their stock, and the holly worder was keep been reading out bundless. vender was kept busy handing out bundles of this holiday trimming.

THIS IS COLD WEATHER.

Nothing Warmer Is Promised by the Signal Service Man To-Day. ·Those who believe in the modern doctrine

that the earth is approaching the sun gradually and that the winters are growing warmer and the summer hotter had their faith in the theory rudely shaken yesterday. The weather was cold enough to suit anybody. The keen and nipping air made well-clad people shiver. The fcy zephyrs congealed the blood in the ears and chated the hands until more than one cried out with pain. The lowest temperature was 10 degrees above zero and the average 13, which is 21 degrees below the normal. The weather promises to be just as cold to-day. This will be pleasant news to the lovers of skat-ing and the boys who like coasting, but the tamilies shy on natural gas, and they are numerous, will be sorry to hear it.

AN UNKNOWN DONOR.

A Woman Who Every Year Gives Present to the Poor. Together with a large package of children's books and toys, Chief Elliot of the Department of Charities yesterday received

Every Christmas for the past five years, this mysterious donor has sent something for the children. Chief Elliot knows who the person is, but at his or her request re-

fuses to give the name. The children at the City Poor Farm were not forgotten. Last night Santa Claus visited the Farm and left a gift and some candy for each poor little soul. To-day the inmates will gather around a table loaded with a toothsome Xmas dinner. There will be 1,000 pounds of turkey to start with and all the pleasant trimmings will go with

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS,

Chief Elliot Will Make It So for at Least

One Family. Chief Elliot, of the Department of Charlties, will make one little home happy today. During the week Mrs. Mary Canning, of the East End, called at the department for aid. She and her children were starving and freezing. The case was investigated and found to be a needy one. Mr. Elliot sent them the necessities needed. He was interested in the case, and, as he so often does, went into his own pocket and bought the children Christmas gifts. To-day he will see that the family has a better dinner than it has had for years.

AMUSED THE CROWD.

One Person's Novel Idea of Transporting a Big Christmas Tree, Quite a novel Christmas sight was wit-

nessed on Fifth avenue yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock on a Fifth avenue cable car bound for the suburbs. Somebody had evidently found a new method of transorting his Christmas tree home. A gigantic Christmas tree was lashed upright to the dashboard of the rear platform and towered majestically over the roof of the car. It seemed to amuse the holiday crowd immensely.

TOO CLOSE TO SUNDAY.

Yesterday Was Not as Good a Day for Marriage Licenses as Usual, The number of marriage licenses issued vesterday is unusually small as compared with those formerly issued on the day be-

fore Christmas. Last year there were 61 licenses issued on December 24. Yesterday the number only reached 40. This is accounted for by reason of Christmas falling on Sunday.

A Christmas Gift for Firemen. The members of the Columbia Engine Company, Allegheny, received a handsome Christmas present last evening. It was in the shape of twenty beautifully bound volumes comprising the works of Charles Dickens, Alexander Dumas and Victor Hugo. The donors were Miss Eugene and John R. Carroff, of Sandusky street, Allegheny.

Christmas at a Hospital, Christmas was appropriately celebrated by the patients and occupants of the Ho-

a Big Parade, meopathic Hospital last night. Every patient and employe received a present from a Christmas tree. Rev. A. W. Arundel made a short address and music enlivened A Detective in Trouble.

appointed: William Herbert, R. H. Lore, Samuel Lindsey, Robert McNeil, H. C. Mc-Kee and Robert Gordon. The committee

MAYOR GOURLEY VERY ILL.

He Contracted a Cold Which Has Developed Into Pneumonia.

very sick.

Mayor Gourley is a very sick man. Yesterday acute pneumonia developed and his condition became so serious that Dr. J. R. Nelan, his attending physician, called in Dr. W. H. McKelvy for consultation on the case. At midnight a telephone message from Mrs. Gourley stated the Mayor's

While on his way home from the funeral

of his niece at Burlington, Iowa, last Monday, the Mayor contracted a severe cold on the train. When he reached home he paid little attention to it and continued at his office until Thursday evening. On Thursvery feeble for some time, but during the past week he has been sinking rapidly and grave fears are entertained for his life.

day afternoon he had a severe cough and his face was flushed with fever. Before starting for home he told some friends who were calling on him that he intended going home and staying there for a few days unti thought to be responsible to a he had recovered, remarking he self the great extent for the rapid chauge for the worse. The doctors say that on account of his advanced are death may come any time. his advanced age death may come any time but it had taken such a hold that ordinary or he may linger for quite a while. He has remedies would not stay it. His condition shown great vitality in the past, and the doctors base their hopes of his living for some time on this fact alone.

Father Henrici is thought to have suffered a partial paralytic stroke of the throat and young apartial paralytic stroke of the throat the would require careful treatment to bring him round.

BROTHERS FIGHT.

Last night John and Joe Spucofski started

An Officer Is Badly Cut While Trying to

s brawl at Twenty-eighth street, blows were struck, and suddenly Joe drew a knife out of his pocket and slashed John across the face. Officer Wilkofsky saw the act and ran to the place. Joe turned his wrath on the officer and made a furious lunge at him with the knife. Wilkofsky warded off the blow with his arm, but was cut or the hand, and his sleeve was slit. He then drew his mace and struck Spucofski a blow over the head that felled him to the ground over the head that felled him to the ground like an ox and shivered the mace. At this strack John took the part of his fallen brother and made a furious attack on the officer. Roundsman Unterbaum went to Wilkofsky's assistance, and soon both men were overpowered and removed to the Twelfth ward police station. Dr. Moyer was summoned, and dressed the cut ow Spunchill head and all and the state of the cut of ofski's head and also attended to the wound on the officer's hand.

MEXICANS ARE PEACEFUL

compared to what they were formerly. At their most prosperous period, which was Mr. Bivins Says American Outlaws Caus about 60 years ago, there were fully 800 persons who acknowledged allegiance to the Trouble on the Border. beliefs held by this society. Trouble came in 1832 and about one-third of their mem-

B. F. Bivins, of the Pittsburg Michoscar terday. He had been in the East promoting a yard. the interests of another company. He is associated with W. E. Griffiths, of this city, who is president of the company, and C. R. Dailas and R. W. Carroll. Mr. Bivins Collection of novelties says the reports of lawlesaness in the country are exaggerated, and all the deviltry exists along the border and originates on the American side. He said he was glad that President Disz intended to collect damages from the United States for outrages com-mitted by Yankee outlaws. He added that the President was a just man and will insist on his rights. Mr. Bivins says the people are peaceful, and it is a great country for young men.

Yule Club Banquet. The Yule Log Club, composed of a number of East End young men, had a teast at the Duquesne last evening. Covers were laid for 15, and music was furnished by a

MARSHELL,

THE . CASH . GROCER, WILL SAVE YOU MONEY.

When we were buying our candy for the holiday trade we were determined that if any youngster in Westise some serious results for the society ern Pennsylvania did not have his unless they are checked. Some of the meet-

ings held within the past two weeks have been very stormy, and a good deal of feeling is being stirred up. Father Henrici's counsel in the past has kept out dissension list we took the region of the meeting in the past has kept out dissension. When we got out our Candy price list we took the regular retail prices of other stores and cut them in twothat made OUR prices. At such prices we expected to sell candy, and we think we have. Our sales foot up the enormous quantity of

100 TONS OF CANDY

.. or... Two Hundred Thousand (200,000) Pounds

10 CARLOADS.

To Make It Still Plainer

IT IS EQUAL TO ALMOST THREE-FOURTHS OF A POUND OF CANDY FOR EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD IN PITTS-BURG AND ALLE-GHENY.

This will seem almost incredible to persons who do not understand our methods of doing business.

Those who know nothing of our enormous mail trade, covering a radius of 200 miles. And our resident agents in sur-

rounding towns-McKeesport, Braddocks, Connellsville, Scottdale, Altoona, etc.

But we make it our invariable rule to confine ourselves to cold facts in Squares. our advertisements and we make no exception in this case.

We are right here with an \$100.00 | Odds benefactor and one of their mainstays when the venerable Jacob Henrici goes from its ranks, as now seems probable in a short time. It will mark a decisive point in its history, and is being watched with inwould be pleased to have them try to Blankets

knock it off. Our success in selling groceries has been just as phenomenal as our suc- | Comforts. cess in selling candy-for the same reason. The people find "we save

If you have never seen our large

weekly price list send and get one. councils of the Jr. O. U. A. M., two of the We will save you 20 per cent all

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. ORIENTAL AND.

FUR RUGS

condition was somewhat improved as compared with the afternoon, but he was still New Year's Presents.

Make the Finest

Our stock of these goods is the largest ever shown west of New York City. We will begin to take stock on the first of the new year and will give you bargains throughout the store prior to that

COME THIS WEEK

.. FORA. FUR. OR.

ORIENTAL RUG.

EDWARD GROETZINGER,

627 AND 629 PENN AVE.

HUGUS & HACKE

LAST WEEK OF OUR STOCK-TAKING AND HOLIDAY SALE. EXTRAORDINARY REDUCTIONS IN SILK DEPARTMENT.

BLACK SILKS.

We offer a choice in the following weaves: Faille Francaise, Peau de Soie, Rhadames, Armures and Surahs of our usual \$1.25 and Mining and Milling Company of Mexico, registered at the Monougabela House yes \$1.50 qualities at \$1.00

A very attractive in Black Grounds with Colored Floral Designs at 25 per cent less than regular values.

Black Taffeta Silk with colored stripes for

skirt linings, etc., \$1.25 grade, at 85c a yard. Startling bargains on our 50c silk counter to close odd lines.

COR. FIFTH AVE. AND MARKET ST.

mined that if any youngster in Western Pennsylvania did not have his BIBER & EASTON,

FOR THE BENEFIT

LATE BUYERS

WEEK OF BARGAINS.

Goo!s Slightly Dozens.

chiefs in Silk and Linen from low to finest grades. Many of these are broken assortments, some slightly soiled. All are marked at prices to tempt you to buy them this week.

SLIGHTLY

Hundreds of Handker-

Towels, Napkins. Table Sets. Fine Damisks, Art

SOILED IN WINDOW AND ON LINES. SOME FINE BARGAINS THIS WEEK IN OUR LINEN DEPARTMENT

Attend this week's sale And

of Country Blankets, Cotton and Eider Down Comforts. Some excellent bargains are to be had in lines slightly soiled.

BIBER & EASTON,

WEDDING INVITATIONS,

CALLING CARDS, FINE STATIONERY, W. V. DERMITT & CO.,

Engravers, Printers, Stationers, Law Blank Publishers, 740 Grant street and39 Sixth avonne.

trouble in this country is that too much money is wasted on useless improvements. But one thing is evident, the railroads can't

handle the business, and navigation cheap-ens freight rates. For these reasons I am in favor of any feasible waterway that will benefit the cities of the interior. Time for the North to Come In. Mr. Stone, a prominent broker, as he studied intently a map of the Eric canal, said: "I am tired of seeing the South get all the money from the Government for waterway improvements while the North is practically out off with nothing. Our peo-ple miss it by not uniting and pulling to-gether. It is not jealousy but apathy that

ONE YEAR OF PROSPERITY

And Pittsburg Dutifully Celebrates With Heavy Purchases.

MANY POCKET LADEN SHOPPERS.

cinnati people spoke favorably of the project. Captain Holloway wanted to know whether Lake Eric is higher than the Ohio river. He seemed to think if the Postoffices, | xpress offices and Karriage | day force have been during double turn all Licenses Booming. lake was lower that the canal could not be constructed. A number of people have the same idea, and it is a mistake. Well, the lake at Conneaut Harbor is lower than the

MIDNIGHT SERVICES AT TRINITY

Sweetness long drawn out might be the youth's description of Christmas this year, is by Col. T. P. Roberts. The pool height at lettsburg is 699.3 feet, and the elevation of the summit level 10.16 feet. The difference or 316.7 feet, is the distance to the summit on the river side. The elevation of Lake Erie at Conas it is rather elongated. It really began with dusk last night and will not end until daylight Tuesday morning. There is something so epidemic in either joy or sorrow that they spread like wildfire through human sympathy. Joy and happiness reign just now, when all the world is giving and all the world receiving, and, judging from the throngs of well dressed, package-laden than the river at the points named. The total lockage to overcome is 759 feet, and Colonel Roberts is authority for the statehurrying people, Pittsburg has nothing to

The real season of pleasure with the children began last night, when many churches and Sunday schools threw open their doors to welcome both their scholars and passing

between the Ohio and the lakes can make such a showing. In all of them the lockage is more and the distance to the lakes longer. In addition the water supply on the summit is not as extensive as along the route mapped out through Western Penn-The Water Supply Insufficient. Marietta is the only point along the Ohio where the river and the lake are on the same level, but the summit to overcome is higher than in the Pittsburg project, and the water supply is not sufficient. According to the Government reports on proposed canals across the State of Ohio, the Pitts-burg route is the shortest, being 103 miles long, and almost a straight line from the mouth of the Beaver rivers, and is by far the most feasible and cheapest to build. Furthermore, such a canal would have the

nates daily in the metropolis of Western Pennsylvania at the head of the Ohio. It is strange how, if you want to hear the is true of iron. What I want to see is a better water supply for Cincinnati. If this canal will benefit the city, I am in favor of news about your own locality, you can get it away from home. I heard in Cipcinnati of serious division that occurred at one stage in the Pennsylvania Commission about the lake terminus of the cannl. Secretary Eben Brewer, being an Erie man, naturally Captain Alexander Montgomery, another wealthy owner of a line of boats that ply between Pittsburg and St. Louis, comwanted the canal to run to his town, and among river people. He said the public at large had no idea of the importance of the Ohio river. "I am a great believer in navithe people in the city were anxious that Erie should not be ignored. But Colonel Roberts and Mr. Goodwin found it was easier to steer straight for " he said, "and it is a pity that the Conneaut across the Western Reserve. The subject was hotly discussed on both sides, and finally the Erie people were convinced that owing to the formation of the ground streams of the interior are neglected. The Ohio should not only be made navigable all the year around, but it should be connected with the lakes. The commerce of the Ohio Conneant was the most acceptable harbor. Colonel Roberts argued that the canal is no small matter, and ought to be in-creased and protected. It wouldn't take a vast deal of money to confine the water and would be accessible to Erie anyhow, as the distance by lake from the city to Conneaut make the river deep enough to float vessels at all times. The traffic is more than suffiis 22 miles. The truth is that the route to Erie by way of Conneaut is not much, if any, longer than if the canal were built cient to warrant the expenditure in imdirect to the city from Pittsburg.

JAMES ISRAEL. Then the construction of the Eric Canal

benefit of the great lake traffic that origi-

is responsible. I have heard in a general way of the Erie canal project and that is all I know about it, but if it is a worthy enterprise the people should band together and insist that Uncle Sam build it. We are en-

tirely too modest. We need cauals or some-

thing else to keep the railroads in line. They are too arrogant and independent."

Captain Holloway, Commodore David Gibson, Captain Johnston and other Cin-

neaut harbor is 572.9 feet above the ocean,

or the lake is 443.1 feet below the summit.

That is, the lake is about 127 feet lower

ment that no other canal scheme projected

the grain and iron ore would come this way through Pittsburg, and there wouldn't be FIRE IN A GREENHOUSE.

ing the winter season. I need not say that the river and canal offer the safest means of Plames Do Much Damage to the Conservatory in the Allegheny Park. transportation in the world. When a man ships by river he can go to bed at night The office of the greenhouse of the Allegheny Parks caught fire shortly before 5 to appreciate a Christmas tree, a popgun or reasonably sure that sooner his freight will reach its o'clock yesterday afternoon, and was dam destination all right. The wrecks on the river are few and far between, and are aged to the extent of nearly \$1,200. The fire originated in the telephone closet, and mainly caused by railroad impediments, was caused by the crossing of two electric light wires. The flames had gained consid-

erable headway before they were discov-"But how numerous are the smashupe on the railways! Every day large quanti-Water damaged the furnishings, which are costly, to a great extent. The damage | diamond or sealskin. digits on the country is considerable. It is surprising what an ordinary river boat can to woodwork, windows and furnishings will amount to at least \$500, and two valove in one cargo. For example, one of uable paintings, one painted by Miss Olive my boats, the Frisbee, will leave Pittsburg Turney, a landscape, and one by John Cincinnati to-day with about 6,000 tons Hammer, a life-size portrait of a bootfreight on board. In the cargo are black, both of which were ruined by the fire, will amount to about \$700. The plants ck, pails and steel rails from the Edgar Thomson mill. The rails were tomied from the river bank at Braddock, in the greenhouse were not damaged any,

There was no insurance.

WILL START & NEW PLANT, A Pittsburg Glass Company Secures Control

carry the Frisbee's shipment. I feel con-ident the Eric Canal will be built." W. B. Carpenter is one of the delegates to the National Board of Trade, and will of a House at Beaver Falls. It is reported that a representative of He attended the last waterway convention the United States Glass Company has comat Evansville and is a leading member of the Cincinnati Freight Bureau. Mr. Carpleted negotiations whereby this company will secure control of the idle glass house at enter is a stationer, so that he can't be scused of having an ax to grind in urging Beaver Falls. . The arrangements are that the construction of the canal, save that of interest in the growth of his city. He said that any improvement or extension of navigation that would benefit Pittsburg the United States Glass Company rig up the plant, make the necessary repairs and start up the bouse at once. Three hundred men will be employed and druggists' goods will be made a specialty. This company's houses in this city has been devoted almost exclusively to the manufacture of table-ware, and it is thought the plant at Beaver seriminations, and he had seen enough to know that the complaints were just. He Falls is intended to supply the deficiency the concern has heretefore experienced in added that he was glad of the opportunity to work with Pittsburgers for the success this particular class of flint glass manufac-

TRAINS BADLY DELAYED. Impossible to Make Schedule Time on Ac-

count of the Weather. Once more the through frains on the Pennsylvania road were knocked topsyturvy last evening. The Columbian express is due in Pittsburg at 9 o'clock, but at this hour the express had not yet reached Altoona, and the dispatchers did not know what was the matter. The train was marked annulled on the builetin boards. The limited and tast line also were several hours late. The grumbling of passengers resembled the rumbling of an earth-quake, but the public must expect belated trains when the travel is heavy and the All the Eastern trains were crowded last

## evening. Three sections of the fast line were run to accommodate the people.

A FEMALE PICKPOCKET. She Secures a Purse With \$30 in It at th ago the Wells, Fargo Express Company was forced out of Patisburg. It leased the rapress privileges from the Pittsburg and Western road, but when it was purchased by the Baltimore and Ohio, the United States Company got possession. For a time the Wells, Fargo Company intended to maintain the Database and the piper to

Market House. Mary Eaby, of Lawrenceville, was an rested last evening on a charge of having taken a pocketbook. The complaint was made by Mary Turney, of Wightman's Row, Carson street, Southside. She alleges while at the market house she caught Mra. Eaby in the act of taking her pocketbook. She called an officer who arrested the woman and took her to Central station.
The pocketbook which contained \$30 was on her. She afterwards furnished

Steel Company's Election. The stockholders of the Columbia Iron

bail for her appearance at the hearing.

and Steel Company was held at Uniontown yesterday. The officers elected were: Robert Hogsett, President; James A. Searight, Vice President; W. N. Kratzer, Secretary; M. H. Bowman, Treasurer; John K. Ewing, C. Yeager, H. C. Rush, E. M. Butz and Nathaniel Ewing, directors.

Dr. B. M. Hanna. Eye, enr. nese and throat diseases exclusively. Office 720 Penn street, Pittsburg, Pa.

everything depends on its feasibility. I believe all our large rivers should be Dr. John Cooper, Jr. Ear, nose, throatend chest diseases. Office Westinghouse building, Pitteburg, Pa. Hours 11 A. M. to 4 R. M. by competent Government engineers. The

river at Pittaburg, but the difference can easily be overcome by locks. The water supply on the summit was guaranteed by such engineers as the late Mr. Goodwin and

want that prosperity cannot give. little strangers to a gorgeous Christmas



A Novel Sight. tree with candies, books and presents for ail. With the elders it began in the way of quiet little entertainments, receptions and friendly gatherings, where old friends meet and have a word to say of the olden

Glving, Not Receiving. They are not in the receiving business now, are these elders, unless it be a nice little packet of eigars, or slippers, or something more valuable, while the elderly lady will be quite content with her bonnet, un-

less, of course, the giver should insist on a They are giving now, are these elders, and giving freely, if the word of the storekeepers, jewelers and all business men can be taken as fact, and this will be proven by the little ones this morning, when all these

mysterious packages will be opened and

The Last Chance. spread forth to their surprise and delight. The blizzard has no terrors for Pittsburgers judging from the crowds in the streets and stores on Christmas Eve. Everybody was on one errand bent, and that was shopping. Every store was wide open and crowded to suffocation. The jewelry, candy stores and the express offices did an especi-

ally heavy business. For the Inner Man. The markets did a big business in articles for the inner man, such as turkeys and game of all kinds, the noble American bird pre-dominating. Many a filled basket lestined to grace the festive Christmas board to-day passed through the markets last evening. There was also a brisk demand for holly, mistletoe, Christmas trees and other decor ations. The fruit men were not forgotten, and they secured their share of the spoils. The toy man must have entirely sold out, as every boy met on the street was armed with a rocking horse, wagon or drum. The express drivers could not have slept a mo-

ment last night if they delivered even half the goods in their offices and on the side-There were many pleasing sights to be seen on the streets. Young couples were seen, often accompanied by an evergreen brush, with their faces shining with the joy within them, enough to make the crustiest old bachelor envious. The husband was there, carrying a market basket out of which peeped a big turkey flanked with celery and such things. There were happy families, a father and several of his young-est, all laden down with toy wagons, drums,

etc., making a bee line for home. The Street Cars Were Crowded. The street cars were crowded and did a rushing business, and it was quite a feat for some of the people to get on, isden as they were, and when inside to save their precious packages from destruction.
At the different depots there was stand-

A CITY CHRISTMAS, ing room only. Many were going long distances to eat their Christmas dinner with friends and relatives whom, perhaps, they had not seen for years. Many of the railroads did not give any reduction in fares, but the crowd seemed as big as in former years. Small boys were wrestling with Christmas trees and velocipedes as big as themselves, but they struggled bravely, and finally successfully. The employes of the stores will sing a pean of joy, and so will many other people, when the testive season is over, judging from their fatigued looks last night.

## MANY POSTED PACKETS.

The City Postoffices Simply Loaded Down With Mall Matter-The Largest Business Ever Done Here-Some Very Novel Requests to Mail Bulky Matter.

"We have done the biggest business this Christmas in the history of the Pittsburg ostoffice," Mr. McKean said yesterday af-"The special delivery has also been the biggest for years. The night and the week and every sub has been called into requisition. Notwithstanding the avalanche of business, not a single mail has been missed, not even on fourth-class mat-

The business vesterday reached the climax, when it overflowed to the corridors, both in Pittsburg and Allegheny. Some half dozen tables were placed in the corhalf dozen tables were placed in the cor-ridors of the Pittsburg office, and fitted out with all the necessary paraphernalia and weighing machines. There was an attend-ant kept very busy at each table, and several attendants kept singing out, "Pack ages weighed right here at these tables." There were enough police around to keep a look out for the light fingered gentry. There were packages of all sizes and shapes, and the one chief concern of the senders was that they should arrive by Christmas

The clerks had to answer everybody in dividually. One little boy came in with a rocking horse and was deeply chagrined when the postoffice couldn't take it. He was advised to try the express offices. Another wanted to usil a turkey. As one of the clerks remarked, "the next thing they will ask me to mail will be a Christmas tree." At 3 P. M., it was almost impossible to wade through the corridors. In the interior of the postoffice there was a mountain of packages being sorted by the employes. The new stamping machine came in very opportunely. It can stamp 35,000 letters in an hour even if run by an inexperienced hand. The dettest stamper in the office can only stamp 9,000 an hour, and an average man only 6,000. There was also a very big business done in registered packages, and judging by the pile in that department there are lots of people in Pittsburg with lots of spare cash for friends

in this country and abroad. There was a special delivery last night between 7 and 10 in all the resident parts of the city, and to-day the special delivery window will be open between 7 A. M and

A MIDNIGHT SERVICE.

Large Attendance at the Trinity Protestan Episcopal Church. A midnight service of holy communion was held in the Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church last night. A large congregation was present. This was the first mldnight service held in this city for many years, and is one of the many innovations introduced by Dr. Arundel since he became rector of Trinity parish. Dr. Arundel delivered an address on the Holy Season. The services were short, only the usual music being given, enabling people to get home at a reasonable hour. The church superbly decorated with evergreens

Although midnight service is an innova tion in Pittsburg in many Catholic coun-tries it has been the custom for genera-tions. The principal Catholic churches in Paris, especially St. Eustache, St. Sulpice and Notre Dame, hold magnificent services on Christmas Eve. Some of the days, when they, too, were young enough best singers in Paris, even from the Grand Opera, sing at these services. An admission fee is charged and the congregation in-

and exotics.

In addition to the midnight service there will be held services at 7:30 and 10 this morning and 7:30 P. M. The choir has specially prepared a number of Christmas

CHRISTMAS DINNER TO-DAY.

Hotels Promise a Feast That Will Lack Nothing of the Season. Most of the hotels will observe Christmas to-day. At least the Anderson, Monongahels House, St. Charles and Seventh Avenue will have a special dinner, with plum pudding and all the game of the season on the bill of fare, to say nothing of the delicacies and dainty bits that only first-class

chefs know how to make.

printed as mementos of the occasion. The hotels are keeping them dark until the dinner hour arrives. The man who can't get a square meal in Pittsburg to-day must have a very capricious appetite, and not even the cooks in heaven could satisfy him.

The Central people think that Monday is
the proper day to observe, and will furnish an extra dinner to-morrow, Mr. Witherow, of the Duquesne, smiles when asked what kind of a noon layout he will have in the barroom. On Thanksgiving the lunch served was unique and equal to an excellent dinner. As for John Schlosser, he has been buying all the colors to be had in the city to make his bar attract-

Some very pretty menu cards have been

ive, and promises a display of good things that will make people glad they are living. The public is expectant.

TURKEYS HIGH-PRICED. People Had to Make Up Yesterday for the

Low Rates at Thanksgiving. Turkeys were at a premium last evening Several days ago the commission men paid 17 cents a pound for them at wholesale and they had no difficulty in getting 20 cents. Chickens jumped up to 16 and 17 cents. The plethora of poultry around Thanks-giving had disappeared. At that time dealers were glad to get 10 cents per pound

for turkeys.

Tons of turkey were shipped to Pittsburg at Thanksgiving, and the cold storage men gobbled them up at a low rate and sold them yesterday. The Christmas diner who was unfortunate enough to get one of them will find the fowl tough eating to-day. They were badly frozen and the skin had turned black. All the juices had dried out, but the claim was made that the meat was not trinted. If your turkey is not satis-factory you will know from this item that it was killed a month ago.

Farmers never like to keep poultry after

New Year's Day. Even rabbits were highpriced yesterday, and brought 50 cents per pair. As a rule they sell for 25 and 35 cents. PRESENTS AT CITY HALL

the cold weather sets in, and they kill off

the fewls at the first opportunity to make a sale. The granger who held his turkeys this year will get a better profit for them on

Plenty of Kind Remembrances and Good Cheer in the Municipal Building. City Hall officials observed their usual custom of giving their subordinates Christmas presents, and nearly every man in the building received something. Chief Bige-low presented each of his office force with handsome presents and the clerks in his department each received a silk umbrella. City Treasurer Denniston gave his clerks each a big turkey. Delinquent Tax Col-lector Ford remembered all his elerks, but to his chief clerk, Joseph Lewis, he gave a

handsome gold watch.

The police officials and front office men all received more turkeys, umbrellas and presents of various kinds than they knew presents of various kinds than they knew what to do with.

The employes of Assistant Superintendent of Highways Palsley presented him with an addisturbance, Officer Holly arrested him.

Kee and Robert Gordon. The committee will hold another meeting at the same place on Saturday evening, January 7, when all it is alleged he drew a revolver, and raised it is alleged he drew a revolver, and raised arrangements for the parade will be completed.

the celebration. G. D. Hammond was placed in the Allegheny lockup last night on a charge of disorderly conduct. Hammond claims to be an officer of the Merchants' Detective

ON HIS DEATHBED.

Father Henrici, Leader of the Econo-

mites, Believed to Be

RAPIDLY APPROACHING HIS END. Suffering From Paralysis and Partially Unconscious.

THE CONSEQUENCES OF HIS DEATH

The condition of the venerable Jacob Henrici, head of the Harmony Society of Economy, is giving the members of that organization much anxiety. He has been The severe weather of this week is

in speaking and breathing. This is aggravated by his apoplectic disposition. He is suffering from great debility and lies in a the Valley Railroad three years ago he had partial comatose condition much of the time in his life.

Has Lost Interest in Life. He manifests no interest in what is going on around him, and it is with some difficulty that he recognizes his closest friends. He is in his 89th year and in his enfeebled condition the doctors have little hopes of

his living for any length of time. What is occupying the attention of the Economites at present is who will be his successor. This society has had many ex-citing periods in its history, and it was only through the sugacious foresight of its has so endeared himself to his people as to be looked upon as a father, who is to be honored and respected at all times, and whose counsel is ever to be heeded. He has been wonderfully successful in securing the acquiescences of his followers in his decisions and obtaining their support in all his moves, so that during his long term of office there have been no serious dissensions or splits in the ranks of the Economites. On account of the peculiar religious be-liets of this society, which keeps them from marrying, its members have gradually decreased, until they are a mere handful as

bers left the original society and formed a new organization of their own. This split was the result of their beliefs on marriage, and as to the amount of work to be done by the different members. Father Henrici's Life Work. Father Henrici has devoted almost his ntire life to the work of the Economites, though he was not an original member of the society founded by Mr. Rapp. He was born in Bavaria, and after receiving an education, accidentally came across an account of this society. Believing in their views he came to this country with the full intention of easting his lot with it. Mr. Bapp welcomed him as sent by Providence to be one of their leaders. He began his career as their school teacher, but remained at this occupation for only a short time, when he

was appointed their general business manager and assistant to the leader. the following letter:

R. C. Elliot:

Draw Six-Find herewith a few little things, which please deliver to some of your little folk, which I trust will please and make them hamp. Paracratically and please and with the Harmony Society as he had a with the Harmony Society as the leader. very life for years. What will be the effect of his death remains a matter of conjecture, many believing that his place cannot be filled, as it is believed there is no one in their ranks that possesses the ability to take up the leadership and conduct the af-iairs of his people where he will leave them. It is acknowledged by all that he can no longer prosecute his labors with vigor. His real power is more in name than

in reality. Aspiring to the Leadership. There is already evidences of a desire on the part of some to take up the reins of power in view of his early demise. What this will amount to cannot at this time be judged. There are certain signs that prom-

and the society in good condition. Many are led to believe the outlook for its success would be greatly endangered by his death, though others strongly maintain that the society will go on as usual, and with little change in its affairs. What leads many of its most devoted members to have fears for the society's fu-ture is its small membership. Its numbers are becoming less each year and there are only a few who make formal application for membership. The society owns and controls about 2,500 acres of ground in a high state of cultivation. Besides this, numerous other industries are operated by it, as there are factories and facilities for

supplying all their needs. They can exist

almost independently of outside influences, as it has been their aim to be a communistic community, and they have succeeded in the Afraid of the Influence of Outsiders In order to operate all their various in dustries it has been necessary to employ a larger force of workmen each year. This force has increased in proportion as the members have decreased, and has always been a subject for apprehension among the members. These employes are paid wages, while the members receive nothing for their labor, as they have all things in common and share equally the profits of the different departments of their varied industries.

The large amount of money necessary to run the society's interests and which goes into outside channels is proving a serious question with the society. Dr. Teed and his followers have been constantly opposed by the society, and while they have made application for admission, have been refused. Of late this question has been causing the society considerable trouble, and it is by no means settled, as it is only recently that much feeling has been stirred up over the question of admitting Dr. Teed to membership. The Harmony Society will lose a great

PREPARING FOR FEBRUARY 22D. Committees Are Appointed to Arrange for

The Allegheny division of the Washingtion's Birthday Parade Committee met in them money." Common Council Chamber last night to appoint committees and make arrangements for the parade. Delegates representing 20 Sr. Order, five lodges of the L. O. L., two around on your groceries. of the K. G. E. and one council of the D. of L. were present.
The following Executive Committee was