Republican Leaders Have Not Decided on the Party Nominee for Mayor.

M'KEAN AGAIN TALKED OF.

No Decision Arrived at on the Controllership Nomination.

KILGORE OUT FOR TREASURER.

Lafferty Indorsed for Speaker by the Allegheny Delegation.

THE NORTH SIDE MAYORALTY CONTEST

Although only a few days remain until the Republican city primaries, no one appears to know who will be the party's nominces on the municipal ticket. Such a thing was never before heard of in this city. All the talk about who the party nominees will be has been unauthorized so far as the men who usually name candidates is conperped. They have stendfastly refused to indorse anybody's candidacy. For over a month, since it became apparent that Dr. Alex McCandless was not likely to receive the nomination, they have declared that not until the convention should complete its work would anyone be able to name the

party's ticket. Within the past week, however, a strong sentiment has developed in favor of Postmaster McKean, notwithstanding his declaration against it, and it looks now as if he will be the nominee. There is some apposition to him, but it is inspired by ambition. All the leading men of the party speak well of him and when pressed admit that he is one of the most promising men in the party, strong among business men, strong among Democrats and as likely to win as any man who could be named. Mr. McKean has been talked of outside of

No One Named for Controller,

The controllership is apparently no nearer a solution than a week ago. Within a day or two the Republicans have revived the talk of re-nominating Controller Morrow despite his emphatic refusal to accept. Yesterday this talk was general. The Controller himself still declares he don't want the office again under any circumstances, but the hope is strong among the leaders that he will listen to other counsel before the convention adjourns.

It was authoritatively stated yesterday that Magistrate McKenna had notified the leaders of his party that Mayor Gourley must be nominated on the Democratic ticket for Controller. This is accepted as settling that point, as McKenna is in position to win the Democratic Mayoralty nomination against any opposition. One of his friends said yesterday that the only thing in politics to prevent the nomination of the Mayor by the Democrats would be for the Republicans to nominate him There has been considerable talk of this having declared it would be good politics but the opposition is so strong that the chances

A New Candidate-for Treasurer. new Republican candidate for Treasurer came out yesterday. Colonel Samuel Kilgore is in the hands of his friends and wants term. Mayor Gourley and Treasurer Denniston were clerks for him when he was City Treasurer before. Colonel Kilgore was at one time a strong man in polities and his friends assert he is still strong

enough to win if nominated.

Considerale talk was created yesterday by a report that Judges Kennedy and Magee Mayor Gourley, Captain Kerr and a number of other prominent men had met on Friday and selected a full citizens' ticket. An elaborate declaration of principles went with the story. Judges Kennedy and Ma-gee and Captain Kerr positively denied it, and Mayor Gourley was sick in bed all day Friday. As far as Captain Kerr's candi dacy is concerned, an intimate friend of his said last night the Captain would accept such a nomination, but was not interested

A LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS.

All but One of Allegheny County Members Gather-They Indorse Lafferty for Speaker and Vorhees for Clerk-A Dalzell Resolution Does Not Get the Full

The Republican members of the Allecused at the Young Men's Republican Tariff Club yesterday afternoon. The entire delegation was present except Mr. Wilson, of the Sixth Assembly district, whose wife died yesterday morning

The delegation organized by electing & M. Lafferty chairman and William M. Cuibertson secretary. A resolution was offered indorsing Mr. Lafferty for Speaker of the House. Mr. Stewart announced he could not vote for the resolution as he was a candidate for that position himself. The resolution was adopted. Mr. Stewart did

not vote. Charles Vorhees was indorsed for Chief Clerk of the House. Messrs. Weaver, Marshall and Nesbitt were named as the State Committee for this county and will fix up the list of applicants for positions at

Senator Flinn offered the following reso-

WHEREAS, The Hon. John Dalzell, of this WHEREAS, The Hon. John Daizell, of this county, has by his faithful, able and distinguished services in the National House of Representatives proved himself a worthy and effective exponent of the best interests of the Republican party, as well as of the State and mation, and as a Congressman thereof his name has been prominently mentioned as a candidate for the United States Senate; therefore be it

Resolved, That we will present his name to the Republican caucus for nomination to that high office, and hereby piedge such candidate our support, and that the candidate nominated by said Republican caucus is hereby piedgeu our support.

Before any action could be taken on the

Before any action could be taken on the resolution, Messrs. Muhlbronner and West-heimer, of the First district, Marshall and McDonald, of the Second, Nesbitt, of the Sixth, Wallace, of the Seventh and Senator Neeb, got up and walked out by a prear-Neeb, got up and walked out by a prear-ranged plan to avoid a probably, disagree-able discussion. The remaining members all signed the paper, making a total of 12 votes Mr. Dalzell will have, including Mr. Wilson, who was not present. The delega-tion will meet again in Harrisburg at 4 P.

TO DECLARE KENNEDY OUL 48

Friends of Tyler Say They Have a New Opinion on the Mayor's Eligibility. The political situation in Allegheny was -gravated by a story circulated yesterday at Major Tyler's friends had secured a cong opinion from prominent attorneys that Mayor Kennedy was not eligible for re-election and that it would be sprung in a few days. The Major tective Synnott, who was passing at the would have nothing to say about it time, was killed.

last night, but he did not deny it. His friends assert the action of John R. Hen-ricks in coming out for Common Council in the Eleventh ward means that Tyler has virtually won the nomination. They say Henricks would not otherwise have declared himself out of the Mayoralty fight as his desire is to defeat Mayor Kennedy. Now that he has withdrawn, all his friends will

go to Tyler's support.

The triends of the Mayor continue to confidently claim his renomination in spite of all the stories the Tyler people are cir-culating for effect. As to the Mayor's cligibility, they say no man can guess nearer to it than the big attorneys who declared in favor of the Mayor until the question is decided by the Supreme Court. The Kennedy people promise some interesting news within a few days.

SUGGESTION MEETINGS CALLED.

Democrats and Republicans Preparing for

the Coming Primaries. The Republicans of the Tenth ward, Allegheny, will suggest candidates at the Charles street school house next Wednesday even-

A meeting to suggest and nominate candidates for ward officers and school directors n the Second district, Twenty-second ward, vill be held in the Sterrett school, Homewood avenue, Wednesday evening. Sixth ward Democrats will suggest ward

candidates at the Forbes street school on Friday night. The Republicans of the same ward at the same place on Tuesday The Republicans of the Fifteenth ward will meet at the Lawrence school house on

Wednesday evening to suggest ward candi-The Twenty-first ward Democrats will suggest ward candidates at the rooms of the East End Democratic Association, Franks-town and Park avenues, on Tuesday even-

THE NAMES WITHHELD.

accessful Candidates for Admission to the High School Known by Numbers This Year-Nearly All of the 686 Par ticlpants Pass the Examination.

The preliminary examination for admision to the High School was finished last nighh by a compilation showing the successful candidates. This examination was in reading, writing, geography and drawing. A new system was used, the outcome of the fighting that has been in progress in the Central Board of Education for a year. Instead of the the politicians and all speak favorably of pupils reporting at the High School for examination, they were grouped in classes of two and three wards in one of the subdistrict schools where an examination was conducted by a member of the High School faculty. The papers were then taken to the High School and examined and marked by committees from the faculty. The plan of reporting the percentages of pupils and the achools from which they came was specifically for-bidden, and the Principal, C. B. Wood, of the High School, ordered to report to the Chairman of the High School Committee only the card numbers of the successful candidates. This report was forwarded last night. It reads as follows:

The preliminary examination for admission to the High School was held, as directed by your board, on December 21 and 22. Sixhundred and eighty-six pupils were examined. The holders of the following card numbers have pursed.

numbers have passed.
All from 1 to 228 inclusive.
All from 230 to 458 inclusive.

All from 461 to 731 Inclusive.
All from 233 to 773 inclusive.
All from 233 to 773 inclusive.
With the exception of the following who
are to be re-examined in xeography: Nos.
5, 827, 505, 507, 509, 516, 582, 385 and 688.

On the face of this report it appears that while only 686 candidates were examined, 760 passed. This may be explained by the being done for some time, Senator Flinn fact that there may have been some blank numbers on account of more members being assigned to a district than the total of the

pupils presented for admission.

This is the first time in 15 years the names of the successful candidates were not published. The same thing was tried in the final examination last June, but there was such a protest from the parents of the gore is in the hands of his friends and wants the nomination. He has already held the were being robbed of hard-won credit, and office and was County Treasurer for one term. Mayor Gourley and Treasurer what the various schools were doing, that the board bowed before the storm, and the nameswere printed.

FIRE IN A HOTEL.

A \$10,000 Blaze on Boggs Avenue, Mt. Washington.

The Central Hotel on Boggs avenue, Mt. Washington, was almost completely destroyed by fire shortly before midnight last night. The fire started in the third story, but the origin is unknown. The loss was about \$10,000. The building, which is owned by William Miller, Sr., was valued at \$7,-000, with only \$3,000 insurance. The occupant, Fred Fuhs, sustains a loss of nearly \$3,000, with \$1,200 insurance.

There was a heavy wind and a lack of water, which contributed to the destructiveness of the flames, and in a short period from the time the fire started the whole building was enveloped. Two alarms were sent in, to which companies Nos. 2 and 11 and 17 responded.
Shortly after the fire broke out some one

entered the saloon part of the hotel and stole a large number of bottles of whisky sheny county legislative delegation can- and wine. Mr. Fuhs had \$600 and his insurance policies in his private room on the third story when the fire started and had considerable trouble getting the valuables

The building contained 14 rooms, and was full of boarders, all of whom lost all they

HAITI COMING TO TIME.

The Van Bokkelen Claim Is Being Paid \$5,000 Every Month.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.-[Special.]-Justice Andrews, of the Supreme Court, has confirmed a report of Referee. Wilbur Larremore, concerning an award made by the Government of Haiti to Carles Adrian Van Bokkelen. In 1884 Van Bokkelen, who had lived in Brooklyn, was engaged in trade in Port au Prince. He was charged with being connected with the revolution in Haiti and was thrown into prison, where he remained several months, and until the United States sent a prince. United States sent a protest against his in-

Van Bokkelen's claim for damages was sent, on consent of representives of both Governments, to Alexander Porter Morse, as arbitrator. Van Bokkelen died on Nov-ember 1, 1885, before a decision was made. He left no estate and had assigned the claim in trust to the lawyer, Nathaniel Niles On December 4, 1888, Mr. Morse fixed the damages at \$50,000, and in June, 1890, Haiti agreed to pay \$5,000 of it every six

FOUR FOUND DEAD.

Inmates of a Negro Asylum Asphyxlated With Signs of a Struggle. BALTIMORE, Dec. 24.-Four negroes were found dead in their rooms this morning at the Negro Home of the Aged. Two old women, Fannie Ward and Maria Jones, were asphyxiated by coal gas.
Fannie Ward's nude condition and tor clothing indicated a struggle for life. Both the women had been slaves and had been inmates of the Home for a number of years.

Two colored children were also found dead. IRISH DETECTIVES DYNAMITED,

An Explosion Outside Their Headquarter Kills One Officer. DUBLIN, Dec. 24.-An explosion oc curred at 11 o'clock to-night outside of the detective office in Exchange Court. De-

MET AT THE MORGUE

Frank Montague and Mrs. Mary Wallace Lying Side by Side

BOTH HAVE THEIR NECKS BROKEN. The One an Old Soldier and the Other the Wife of a Veteran.

HAPPY AND SAD LIVES SEEN BY BOTH The remains of two people, whose lives

n many respects have run in similar channels, will be laid to rest in the Allegheny Cemetery to-day. Theirs will be quiet funerals, and but few mourners will follow the biers to the grave.

One is an old soldier, the other the wife of a veteran. The former, Frank Montague, was a familiar personage to all the older men of the town. Pittsburg had been his life-long home. He came of good parenta. Early in life he started to work and none was more industrious than he. When the Neptune Volunteer Fire Company was organized Frank Montague was among the first to offer his services. There with Alderman McKenna he served, only severing his connection when the Neptune was merged into No. 3 Engine Company, and the men

amenced to receive pay for their services. When the war broke out, Montague went to the front as a member of Company D, Sixty-third Pennsylvania Volunteers. He served until the end of the Rebellion, Superintendant Robert McAdams, of the Pittsburg Market, was his commander, and John Harvey, the market house constable, was his captain. They have taken charge of the old man's remains. Mr. McAdams

Montague a Brave Soldier.

"Montague was not a tissue paper soldier, but fought like the true and the brave." Montague would never apply for a pension, though for several years past he had often seen the day when he did not know where he would lay his head. He was a married man, but his wife has been dead for several years. The family is seat. dead for several years. The lamily is seat, tered, no one knows where. The only relation about this part of the country, is James, a brother. He lives at Homestead and was a loser in the recent strike. Funeral services will be held at the morgue chapel this afternoon. They will be conducted by Grand Army of the Republic

How Montague lost his life has been stated before. Thursday morning he was walking on the Panhandle treatle over the Baltimore and Ohio tracks. He made a misstep, falling to the ground, breaking his

Mrs. Mary C. Wallace is the other unfortunate, who will to-day be laid beside her husband. In many respects her life has run along the same channels as Montague's. A fall Friday morning broke her neck. She like Montague, lay at the morgue nearly the whole day before she was identified.

Lives That Were Similar, Her husband was Joseph Wallace, who passed through the bitter struggles of the late war. He came home with broken health, but a record for bravery won on the battlefield. He soon died and since then but few roses had been strewn along the pathway of Mary Wallace's life.

A week ago she was employed to care for a suite of offices on Fourth avenue. Friday morning she finished her work and tested downstain to the street. He foot

started downstairs to the street. Her foot slipped and she fell head first, breaking her slipped and she lell head hrst, breaking her neck. Her remains Friday evening were identified by her brother, W. H. Barn-dollar, of Allegheny. She was taken there yesterday. In the morgue her body and Montague's laid side by side, and many people dropped in to see the two who had become friends in death,

Her Neck Not Broker

Coroner McDowell yesterday investigated the case of Mrs. Lizzie Foster, of Allegheny, who was reported to have fallen and broken her neck yesterday morning. It was learned she had not fallen, but had bursted a blood vessel and died suddenly at the house of her daughter, 609 Preble avenue. She was 48 years of age. An inquest was decided unnecessary.

SUFFERED IN LIFE AND LIMB.

FRIDAY afternoon Bartley Sander fell from house at Murtland and Susquehanna streets, East End, and broke his leg. The bone protruded through the skin. C. C. MARTIN, of McDonald, died yesterday from the effects of his injuries received Thursday. That day he was crossing the railroad and was struck by a train.

John Reynolds, of Tom's Run, was struck by a train on the Pan Handle Railroad at 7 o'clock last evening and instantly killed. The Coroner was notified, but no details were given. FRED Jourson, propertyman of the Boy

Tramp Company, was brought to the West Penn Hospital yesterday. He was badly in-jured by a fall while getting the scenery ready at Newark, O., Thursday. JAMES EARLY, an inmate of the City Farm escaped from the institution yesterday morning. While walking on the Pittsburg, Virginia and Charleston tracks he was hit by a train and seriously injured,

William Marshall, aged 70 years, em-ployed at McConway & Torley's foundry on Forty-eighth street, dropped dead yesterday afternoon. Marshall had been working hard and death was probably due to heart disease and over exertion. He was married and lived on Fifty-second street.

MR. WANAMAKER IS FIRM.

He Continues to Protest Against Government Telegraph Rates.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Postmaster General has issued the annual circular prescribing the telegraph rates to be paid for the transmission of Government messages during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1893. The rates are the same as those promulgated in the circular issued by the Postmaster General three years ago and which the Western Union Company objected to. The claims of that company for telegraph service rendered during the past three years have not been settled

Belknap Obtains a Hearing. LANSING, MICH., Dec. 24.-In the application for a mandamus by Congressman Belknap to compel a recount in Ionia county, order to show cause was to-day granted, returnable the first day of the Jan-

PEOPLE COMING AND GOING.

R. E. Johnston, manager of the Ovide Musin Company, is at the Duquesne. Musin and some of the vocalists of the company will attend a reception given at the Press Club this evening. Sam English, the Philadelphis book-maker and associate of Frank Herdick and T. R. Davis, of New York, put up at Newell's Hotel yesterday.

W. B. Stracker, of the ticket receiver's office, Union depot, has returned from Philadelphia, where he attended the funeral of his father.

his father.

W. L. Spaulding, one of the special agents of the census, was in the city yesterday. He returned to Washington last evening.

F. J. Searight, of East Liverpool, and Representative S. B. Cochrane, of Rittanning, are registered at the Anderson.

Congressman W. A. Stone, with his son and daughter, returned to Washington last evening. Duncan R. Harrison, a former backer of John L. Sullivan, was in the city yesterday.

J. T. McNaul and J. H. Fisher, of Jean-nette, are stopping at the Anderson.

Merry Christmas. Delinquent purchasers, come and see us. We may have something to please you.

P. C. SCHOLINGER & SOR,

711 Liberty, head of Wood street,
Happy New Year.

ROUGHING IT ON THE BORDER.

An Army Officer Says They Have to Hust for Everything There.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 .- An army officer stationed in Texas has written a letter to a friend in this city, in which he pictures the situation on the Rio Grande as follows: "Entorgio Ramon, who was in the fight at the Retanal, December 21, 1891, and who personally murdered Corporal Charles H. Eastman, crossed the Rio Grande December 10, 28 miles south of Laredo, Tex., with a force of 150 men, attacked a small Mexican picket, surrounded a captain, a lieutenant and four men in a woodshed, and burned them alive. They then killed four others with bullets and wounded seven, besides taking a number of prisoners and 50 horses with saddles, carbines and ammunition, and escaped back to Texas in broad daylight. This is the official report of General Ber-This is the ometal repair to the February election. In part incident that our experiences during the incident that our experiences during the present winter are not exuberantly pleasant. The Interior Department, however, did nothing for us. We had no guides, no interpreters, no pack train (until a late date), no canned meats which could be

used without cooking-nothing.
"We have had to take things as we found "We have had to take things as we found them. No blankets but our saddle blank-ets, and everything else the same way. But we busted them up in fine shape, and had not the petty officials along the Rio Grande been in full affiliation (in most cases) with Garza, we should have Ameri-canized the Rio Grande."

RESCUED FOR CHRISTMAS.

An Ice-Bound Ship's Crew Saved by a Tug's Timely Arrival.

VINEYARD HAVEN, MASS., Dec. 24 .-The steam tug Triton arrived here to-day with Captain F. R. Pendleton and the crew of the schooner Charlotte Fish, of Isleboro, Me., from Perth Amboy for Portsmouth with a cargo of coal. The Fish left this with a cargo of coal. The Fish left this port Tuesday morning, but when off Cape Gogden encountered a heavy northwest gale, compelling her to put back. While endeavoring to reach an anchorage at Hyannia, the schooner's sails were blown away, and she was obliged to anchor on Nantucket shoals. There the vessel sprung a leak, commenced dragging and iced up badly.

On Thursday the cale increased, with a

On Thursday the gale increased, with a heavy sea and intense cold. Last night the wind blew a hurricane from the Northwest, the leak increased and the water gained in the vessel's hold with both pumps con-stantly working. Distress signals were burned all night, but were unanswered, and this morning the crew were all but exhausted. The vessel was fast filling with water and those on board expected to be lost. About 7 o'clock the tug Trifon sighted the schooner and went to her as-

MR. CLEVELAND'S REGRETS

To the Residents at His Birthplace, Whom He Cannot Visit Now.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 24.-For some time past the citizens of Caldwell have been auxiously looking forward for the expected visit of President-elect Creveland to Caldwell, that village being his birthplace. it was expected that Mr. Cleveland would be able to make the visit before his inauguration in March. The citizens of Caldwell are somewhat disappointed at the following letter, which the President-elect has written

ictier, which the Fresident-elect has written to C. M. Harrison, of Caldwell: Your very kind letter of the 20th has just come to hand. I assure you that few invita-tions are more alluring than that which you extend. The privilege of spending a few hours in the town of my birth, and where so many pleasant associations in connection with the life and work of my father always with the life and work of my father always cluster, is certainly one which I should much enjoy, and were it not for the extreme pressure upon my time and attention, which a proper anticipation of the duties of the Presidency enforces, I should make an effort to be with you. As it is, however, I shall have to ask you to allow me to decline your invitation for the present. Some time I hope to visit Caldwell and meet the good people of whom you speak, and look over the scenes that will recall so much that is of interest.

NO NEWS IN WASHINGTON

Of the Canal Projected Between the Lakes and New York.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. -Officials at the State Department have no information regarding the application of the International Navigation Company to the Canadian Parliament for a charter authorizing the company to connect Lake Eric with Montreal and New York by a system of canals, the Hudson river, and the St. Lawrence and Richillen rivers and Lake Champlain. The telegram from Ottawa, making the announcement that an applica-tion had been filed was not definite enough to afford them a clear idea of the scope of

the proposed improvements.
One of the officials said that if by this scheme it was expected to secure the navi-gation of the Hudson river by Canadian vessels, the promoters would doubtless be isappointed. That stream would no more be free to vessels from the north, reaching it through canals, than it is at present to vessels from the West, via the Eric canal. Foreign vessels will be stopped at the end of the canal route then, as now.

HOT AGAINST CHILE.

Argentine People Mob the Ambassa and Call Loudly for War.

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 24.-The mounted olice were called upon to-day to break up in anti-Chilean demonstration of the populace. The mob was dispersed without serious injury to anyone. A guard is stationed at the Chilean Legation to protect the Chilean Minister and his aids from

The Chilean Minister, M. Guerrero, held s conference to-day with Foreign Minister Anchorens. Congress immediately after-ward held a secret session relating to Chile. Minister Guerrero is preparing a reply to the charge that he tried to bribe Argentine officials. Feeling runs very high, and the hot-headed enemies of Chile call loudly for war. The Chilean Minister has promised to give the Argentine Government a satisfactory reply.

TRINKETS ALL ALONG THE TRACK.

A Mail Clerk's Carelessness Scatters Chris mas Presents to the Winds. ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 24.-When a mail train from the East was passing Fairport this morning, three pouches filled

with Christmas presents for that village were thrown off, but failed to catch on the patent catcher and were hurled under the wheels of the train. wheels of the train.

The leather bags were crushed to pieces, and pretty Christmas remembrances were scattered along the tracks from Fairport to Brighton. Some costly jewelry was among the articles. Many of the trinkets were taken to the local postoffice, and others will be searched for from this city.

beautiful gold-and-Mexican-onyx-headed silk umbrelia. E. W. Connelly made the presentation speech, and Mr. Starr's re-sponse is said to have been utterly unre-SHERIFF MARTIN DYING.

The Beaver County Officer Fatally Injured

by a Freight Train, BEAVER FALLS, Dec. 24 .- [Special]-Word was received here late to-night from Darlington, stating that Sheriff Martin had been struck by a train and fatally injured.

The particulars of the accident cannot be learned, but later a telegram was received that Mr. Martin was rapidly sinking.

Another Historic Fiction Exploded. CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 24.-Senor Batres, the armheologist, says he has discovered evidence proving that the story is untrue that Cortes, the conqueror of Mexico, after being driven out of Tenochtitlan, now the City of Mexico, bewalled his ill-fortune under the tree knewn as "the Arbeit Cortes and upwards. Frank Bacon & Co., 201 Smithfield st.

ON ALLEGHENY'S PLAN

The Pittsburg Reformers Mean to Audit the City's Accounts

AFTER FEBRUARY'S ELECTIONS.

An Address Will Pe Issued on the Objects of the Movement.

ENLISTING BUSINESS MEN QUIETLY

The citizens who are intent upon obtaining an audit of Pittsburg's civic accounts, as Councilman O'Donnell stated was probable, have definitely decided to await the ley elected Controller, and a thoroughly sympathetic atmosphere created in that office, and in part because there are important city officers to be elected and it would be bad polities to raise too many issues at the same time. Nevertheless there have been several informal conferences between the most active of the business men interested in this movement since THE DISPATCH published Mr. O'Donnell's outline of their plans, and a quiet canvass of the most substantial taxpayers of the city and new recruits are coming in rapidly.

The movement is modeled upon the very similar undertaking of the Reform Association in Allegheny, and until the organization is completed a certain amount of secrecy will be maintained. When the business men of Allegheny planned their ttack on City Hall the same tactics were adopted, and the decision to procure the audit of the books, which had such important consequences, was reached in the seclusion of Mayor Kennedy's parlors, where the committee which inaugurated a revolu-

Won't Give Away Their Plans. The Pittsburg business men feel that nothing is to be gained just now by publication of their names, and some of them, including several manufacturers, believe that they would render themselves liable to considerable annoyance if they were known to be taking part in this movement. Mr. O'Donnell is ready and willing to con-Mr. O'Donnell is ready and willing to convince any citizen, whose aid is considered desirable, that the object of the movement is in the interest of good government and nothing else, and that the men behind it are men having large interests in the city.

It is realized, however, by several of the gentlemen who are determined that an undit of Ditthuse's accounts shall be made.

gentemen who are determined that an audit of Pittsburg's accounts shall be made, that however good the intentions of the Controller, and no matter who he may be, his powers are limited. They say that they do not expect Mr. Gourley to carry out the far-reaching investigation they desire, nor do they wish at all to reflect upon Mr. Mår. do they wish at all to reflect upon Mr. Morrow for not inaugurating it. The Control-ler has not the force of clerks at his command to undertake such a tremendous task. The same difficulty confronted the reformers in Allegheny and they accordingly planned an independent audit by skilled accountants, with what success is known. That is why the Pittsburg reformers do not flatter themselves that Mr. Gourley or any other man in sympathy with them, can do more than assist them in the undertaking.

They Will Assist the Controller, The real work will be entrusted to ac-countants hired for the purpose. Hence the need for a fund, which by the way is in

sight at this moment. The plan now crystallizing is that as soon as the city elections are over a meeting of all interested in the movement will be called. It will be a semi-public meeting. perhaps, although the degree of publicity desirable cannot be known until the time for the meeting arrives. An address to the public will be drawn up and issued through the newspapers, and probably the courts an audit of the city's books, including all the departments,

In every step to be taken the Pittsburg reformers expect the advice of their allies in Allegheny, as the latter's experience is of course of great practical value. It will be discovered before very long that many of the Allegheny reformers are involved in the campaign on this side of the rivec.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Belpre, O.-The residence of Dr. Bellard. Loss, \$2,500; fully insured. Bridgeton, N. J .- The big saw mills of Smith & Conovera. Loss, \$20,000 Brooklyn-The residence of J. N. Rogers. His mother, aged 88, burned to death. Kansas City-The building occupied by the Atlas Carriage Company, with contents. Loss, \$30,000, insured.

Brooklyn—Bader's hotel, a well-known stopping place for road men and bicyclists. Loss, \$30,000; no insurance. Shamrock, Pa.—Thieves robbed the store and residence of Levi Davis and then fired both buildings, everything being consumed.

Loss, \$6,000. Chicago—The plant of the Chicago Refining and Off Company. Loss, \$50,600; covered by insurance. The concern refined tallow for the export trade.

Fifth avenue—A small fire, caused by a defective flue, broke out in John Coniff's candy store at 33 Fifth avenue last evening. It was extinguished with a loss of about \$25. London—The office of the Globe, the oldest afternoon paper in London. The first edition of the paper, which is issued at lo'clock, was being prepared when the flames were first discovered. Of course it was impossible to get the paper out at the usual hour, but the later editions were issued as usual. Brooklyn-The five-story drygoods and notion house at the corner of Myrtle avenue and Broadway. At the time the flames burst forth there were 300 men, women and girls in the building and a panic ensued. Those on the upper floors rushed down a narrow stairway, trampling over each other. Although many were bruised, all escaped. Loss \$40.00

LOSS, \$40,000. Duluth—The Ferguson block. The building belonged to the Massachusetts Real Estate Company and was valued at \$125,000; insurance, \$70,000. Chapin & Wells, hardware, loss, \$20,000; insurance, \$44,000. Schiller, Hubbard & Co., tobacco, loss, \$20,000; insurance, \$17,000. The Duluth, Mesaba and Northern hailroad offices were also destroyed and several law libraries. Total loss, \$250,000.

SHORT STORIES OF LOCAL LIFE.

JOSEPH SNYDER, of Etna, is in St. Francis lospital undergoing treatment for insanity. THE Princeton College Glee Club now touring the country will appear in this city on ALEXANDER Y. LEE will give a chalk talk

to-morrow morning at 9:30 in the Sixth Pres-byterian Church and that afternoon at 3 in the Fourth avenue Baptist Church. HENRY HOLTZMAN & Sons, No. 111 Market street, treated their employes to an elegant Christmas dinner yesterday. One hundred covers were laid, and it was most pleasantly enjoyed by all present. THE attaches of the Harris Theater last

evening presented Manager Starr with a

COLLIDED WITH THE STATUTES.

HARRY YUNKINS and son Samuel, of Apollo,

were arrested at the Ft. Wayne depot yes-terday afternoon by Depot Officer Brown for acting disorderly. MES. MARGARET HENDERSON, who is charged by her son-in-law, C. F. Anderson, with as-sault and battery, yesterday waived a hear-ing before Anderman Reilly and gave ball for Court.

JAMES GILLIGAN and John McRoberts fought in Masters alley Friday night and McRoberts was severely slashed across the face with a penknite. Yesterday Gilligan was arrested for felonious cutting and landed in jail for a hearing Monday. RIVER NEWS AND NOTES.

Louisville Items-The Stage of Water and the Movements of Boats. PEPECIAL TELEGRAMS TO THE DISPATCH. LOUISVILLE, KY., Dec. 24.—Business fair. Weather clear and cold. Hiver stationary, with feet 4 inches on the falls, 7 feet 5 inches in the canal, and 15 feet below.

The Jim Wood passed up. The Ohlo is due down to-morrow. The H. Frisble is expected with a tow to-morrow. The John C. Fisher passed down. Departures—For Cincinnati, Fleetwood; for Carrollton, Big Kanawha; for Evansville, City of Owenshore.

What Upper Gauges Show. ALLEGHENY JUNCTION-River 3 feet 3 inches and falling, hiver closed, Cloudy and cold.

The News From Below. WHEELING-River 4 feet 9 inchs and falling, Departed-Sunshine, Pittsburg; Iron Queen, Clu-cilmati. Clear and cold. CINCINNATI-River 13 feet 3 inches and rising, Departed-Hurison, Pittsburg, Cold and cloudy, ST. Louis-River 1 foot 1 luch and failing. Clear and cool.

THE Elizabeth left for Elizabeth yesterday at 2:30 THE Yough is reported to be nearly frozen over at head-waters.

Picked Up on the Dock.

THE new John W. Atles went into the pools with three flats yesterday. THE Annie Laurie left for Zanesville at 2 o'clock yesterd ay with a light trip. THE Little Bill comes down from the fourth pool with ten loaded flats to-day. THE Hustler brought a tow of coal down from the fourth pool in flats last night.

CAPTAIN FRED P. LYNCH took out his first issue of a pilot's license vesterday. CAPTAIN ANDY BUNTON has gone to St. Louis to size up the coal business there. THE Adam Jacobs left on time for Morgantown yesterday, with a good trip, at 3 P. M. STAGES of water at Pittsburg and Davis Island dam, 1.2 feet and 4 feet. River falling.

Most of the packets left ahead of time yesterday owing to the low water and ice in the river. THE Wheeling packet, C. W. Butchelor, de-parted at noon yesterday with a good trip. She makes three trips a week. THE Congo was 12 hours late getting in from Cinciunally esterday morning, owing to the con-dition of the river. She went out on time, how-ever, with a big trip, leaving at 4 P. M. THE R. M. Biackburn will lay up at Helmont with her empty tow of three barges and two boats until there is more water. The Enterprise and Coal City are also tied up at that point with their tows.

THE lowboat Mariner, owned by O'Nell & Co., ran aground on Rising Sun bar near Madison, Ill., Friday night and sunk one coalboat and hadly damaged several others. The Sam Wood, owned by John S. Wood, is aground at the same place. THE Charley Hook and Acorn came within a hairsbreadth of colliding underneath the Smith-field street bridge resterday morning. Both the boats were going into the pools with empties, the former with a tow of boat bottoms. They became wedged in between the piers of the bridge, and a catastrophe was averten by the Charley Hook backing out in time with her tow, which had split.

CLAIMED BY TWO WOMEN.

One Wants the Estate of an Indiana Man and the Other Poses as His Widow. INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Dec. 24 .- There are two vomen at Covington, Ind., one of them laying claim to the estate of the late John Cox and each claiming to be the widow. The do ceased was a familiar figure all over that part of the country. He owned rich farms in Fountain county and also in Ohio. Alto gether he must have been worth \$50,000. Four years ago he made his home near Covington. Two small children were with

Covington. Two small children were with him who called him father and there was also a young Frenchwoman, who was understood to be the nurse of the children. In 1889 he removed to Ohio, and a short time ago he died. The Frenchwoman now appears upon the scene, laying claim to one-third of the estate as the widow of Cox. Scarcely had she entered proceedings in the Circuit Court before Mrs. Louisenberg, of Chicago, appeared and made a similar claim. The last named claims to have remarried after Cox's death. Long and costly litigation is anticipated. UNIVERSAL JOY AT HOMESTEAD. Little Fortune Distributed in Clothi ng

Candy and Books,

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Homestead, Dec. 24.—The Relief Committee at this place finished up its business this evening. Since 8 o'clock this morning they have been at work distributing the Christmas treat which the great firm of Kaufmanus' had sent up from Pittsburg for the children of the locked-out men.

Early this morning the wivesand children of each family were on land. The fact that Kaufmanus' had a Christmas gift for every child was not long kept scores, and the little building on Fifth avenue, known as the "Commissary," and from which all supplies for the Homestead families are given out, was crowded all day long. The heads of families were not generally represented; their wives and children usually appearing and obtaining whatever was needed.

The most touching sight of all to-day was the appearance of a little fellow from the hills above Munhail station. His brothers had been out of work since the memorable strike of last suring and his ampearance. the appearance of a little fellow from the bills above Munhail station. His brothers had been out of work since the memorable strike of last spring, and his appearance was extremely ludierous; his cloths hung in tatters and his hair stuck straight up through the top of his very ragged cap; wishout hesitation, however, he marched along manfully by his mother's side, and, after receiving a package of candy and a fine picture book, was taken back and provided with a complete new suit of clothes and a warm plush cap, all of which were from the original consignments of Kanfinanns'. The last seen of this unique specimen was a flash of black flying up Fifth avenue toward the Homestead depot and cheering for Kaufmanns' with all his might and main.

The amount of candy and books distributed to-day was remarkable. It took two men going as busy as bees from 8 o'clock this morning until 7 to-night to supply the steady influx which greeted this generous Christmas greeting of Kaufmanns'; and it is a sure thing that to-night every boy among the Homestead strikers is busy blessing the enterprising firm who have caused such gladness and rejoicing.

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It was a sight to move the most indifferent to compassion—the sight of little children, 7, 8 and 9 years of age, almost turned skeptics in regard to Santa Claus, whese wonderful presence they never expected to hear of, and then, at the last moment, when he bobbed up serenely, at the instigation of Kaufmanns', there was joy unconfined.

Taking into consideration the cloaks, wraps and shoes which Kaufmanns's sent up hast week, and which amounted to at least \$60, it will be seen that with the candy and hooks distributed to-day, this great Pittsburg house has given at the very smallest calculation \$2,000 worth of goods.

The above contributions have excited general comment, and is to-night the talk of eral comment, and is to-night the talk of Homestead. P. C. Wagner, Assistant Secre-

Homestead. P. C. Wagner, Assistant Secretary of the Relief Committee, in speaking of the matter to day said: "It is wonderful the amount of good that has been done by these contributions; particularly the Kaufmann donations, which, coming at the most opportune moment, have reached the most needy cases and have thus been the source of special commendation."

Secretary Hattleid, who distributed the supplies personally, and who knows more about the inside of the situation than any man in Homestead, said this atternoen:
"This candy and these books have been the cause of more genuine rejoicing than anycause of more genuine rejoicing than any-thing we have handed out to-day. It was the right thing at the right time, and many a Homestead fireside will be happy to-night, which but for the generosity of Laufmanns' would have been the abode of gloom and desclating."

lesolation."

While walking along the streets of Home While walking along the streets of Homestead the writer encountered several parties
of women and children, each weighted
down with packages and bundles of books
and candy. They seemed much brightened
up and talked very hopefully of the future.
"Thanks be to Kaufmanns' we are enabled
to give our children a happy time on
Christmas," said one. "My poor little boys
have had no candy for many a long day and
they never expected it, so this treat comes
as a Godsend to them."

It will thus be observed that Christmas
Day in Homestead will not be such a mock
ceremony as it would have been if liberal
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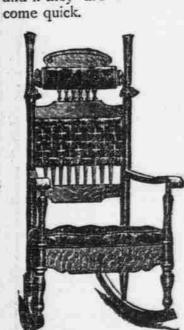
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