A MAN FOR GODDARD

Denver Smith Arrives in Town and Issues a Challenge

TO MAHER'S VANQUISHER.

Paddy Smith Also Here and Defies Burge and McAuliffe.

OUTSIDERS WIN AT GUTTENBERG.

A Chance for Local Football Teams to Meet the Pittsburgs.

GENERAL SPORTING NEWS OF THE DAY

Edward, better known as "Denver," Smith, the well-known pugilist, accompanied by his brother, Paddy Smith, arrived in the city yesterday morning. They are on a search for opponents, and are after the very highest of game. "Denver" is looking well. He is extremely anxious to meet Goddard, and his brother is "after any 133-pound man in the world."

Paddy Smith is a remarkably well built young fellow, and has the appearance of being a very dangerous opponent for any man his weight. He is an exceedingly jovial young man, and has quite a flattering record.

During a conversation the heavy-weight, Smith said: "We have come from the West to try and get on a contest with Goddard. I am not making any bluff or blow when I say that I am willing to fight Goddard to a finish for a stake or bet of $2,000 a side and the largest purse we can get. I have nothing to say against Goddard except I don't think he can defeat me. At any rate I am willing to try, and I can find backing in Pittsburg. My mission to Pittsburg is to see a party who is willing to back me. We will put up a forfeit and issue a challenge and Goddard cannot consistently decline to accept it, because he has already condemned Corbett for ignoring his, Goddard's, challenge. To show that I don't want to make money except by winning, I am willing to let the winner take every cent there is in it.

"My brother is ready to fight any 133-pound man in this or any other country to finish for a bet of $1,000 or more and a purse. I feel confident he can defeat any man of his weight. Nothing would please him better than to get a try at Burge or McAuliffe. Now I am not talking for talking's sake, but I mean everything I say."

It is stated that John J. Quinn, of this city, is one of Smith's principal backers and is quite ready to put up the money for the matches mentioned by Smith. The latter and his brother will commence to train here. "Denver" may leave for Chicago to-day to try and have a conference with Goddard relative to a contest.

WON'T BE CALLED JOHNNY.

John L. Sullivan Points Out One Thing He Will Not Tolerate.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—John L. Sullivan sat at a table in the barroom of the Vanderbilt Hotel, and gathered about him were a number of friends. He had just finished the afternoon performance at the Windsor Theater and was enjoying a breathing spell previous to the evening performance. The ex-champion's inhalations were frequently accompanied by draughts of brownish fluid, as a result of which his voice was thick and his eyelids showed the pressing need of props. There was also a confusion of ideas and his conversation was of a rambling character. Sullivan was scheduled to take a carriage at 6:15 and drive to the Windsor Theater, and his actions at the table were interesting to some persons connected with the play. When the ex-champion was asked if he had charged one of his backers with dosing him previous to the fight with Corbett, he said:

"I have no charges to make against any man. I was licked on the level, and any man who squeals after a whipping is no good. I was champion for 12 years and that was enough. I am out of it now. I'm too heavy to fight again."

Somebody suggested that if he were to rest awhile and then go to Hot Springs he would get into shape and again win the world's championship. This seemed to stir up the former gladiator's fighting spirit, and he said: "If I wanted to fight again I could get backing for a big amount from well-known sports."

"You bet you could, Johnny," remarked a young man who sat near Sullivan.

"Who called me Johnny?" asked Sullivan, with a mighty roar as he glared at the offender. "Did you call me Johnny?" he cried, lurching over toward the young fellow, who was white and trembling. "Who are you, any way?" continued Sullivan. "Get out of here, or I'll smash your nose. There is one thing I won't stand, and that is to have a man call me Johnny," and Sullivan's ponderous fist came down on the table with a jar that knocked all the beer glasses on the floor. Having laid down the law regarding the manner in which he should be addressed, Sullivan resumed his narrative:

"We hear a great deal about this man Goddard. Say, I'll give that duck $500 if he'll come and spar me. I could fix him in very short time. He would not bluff me a minute. You bet when I was champion, and anybody came asking for a fight, I gave it to them pretty quick. I didn't keep 'em waiting. It is different, now."

THE PART OF A TOUGH.

Jack McAuliffe Brutally Assaults One of His Former Backers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—B. F. Benton, sporting editor of the Boston *Globe* and a former backer of Jack McAuliffe, arrived in this city last Saturday from England. Last evening he had an altercation with Jack McAuliffe, during which the latter knocked him down. A policeman separated the men. Benton refused to enter a complaint and the officer could do nothing but take McAuliffe away. Benton was pretty badly used up. His left arm was badly cut, both his eyes discolored and his forehead swollen.

When seen he said he did not expect the onslaught and McAuliffe's act was the act of a coward. McAuliffe, he said, was sore because he had refused to back him, and he (Benton) knew all his weak points in the ring. McAuliffe, it is said, was under the influence of liquor.

Our Dom After Donovan.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—[*Special.*]—Dom McCaffrey is anxious to fight Donovan for a stake and purse if the Manhattan Athletic Club will consent. Donovan is willing if the New York Club is.

Hall Knocked Out.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Jack Hall, the Australian lightweight, was knocked out in the eighth round at the Palo Alto Club last night by Charles Johnston, of St. Paul.

Drexler Will Be Dumped.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 27.—[*Special.*]—The directors of the Louisville Club will have a meeting on January 14, at which President Drexler will be deposed and a new president elected. President Drexler has not displayed enough energy in getting a team together, and the directors have determined upon a change. His successor is not known, but some man with a little more push will be put at the head of the club. A manager will not be signed until after the directors' meeting.

THE BIG FIGHT OFF.

Coney Islanders Withdraw the Purse Offered McAuliffe and Burge.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The $45,000 fight between Jack McAuliffe and Dick Burge for the lightweight championship of the world is off. Judge Newton, President of the Coney Island Athletic Club, officially withdrew the princely offer of the club tonight. In making the announcement, Judge Newton gave as his reason that he did not believe McAuliffe and Burge would ever come to an agreement. Their constant quibbling over the minor terms of the agreement had forced this action upon him.

The McAuliffe-Burge fight was to have been for the lighweight championship of the world. Burge was the lightweight champion of England, and McAuliffe of the New World. A short time ago McAuliffe signed with the Coney Island Club to fight Burge for $45,000. Burge came to America with his backers. Then began the quibbling over the terms of agreement. Benton, acting for Burge, at once telegraphed to the President of the Crescent City Club, at New Orleans, asking how large a purse the club would offer Burge to fight any man at 135 pounds.

SURPRISES AT GUTTENBERG.

Outsiders Have the Best of It and the Bookies Fare Very Well.

GUTTENBERG, Dec. 27.—[*Special.*]—There were many surprises here to-day. The backers were knocked badly out, as the favorites were knocked out in almost every race. Summaries:

First race, purse $400, winner to be sold, five furlongs—High C 99, N. Hill, first; Rose Dance 99, Stewart, second; Nettie Hamilton filly 99, Ballard, third. Laurenska 104, Kenwood 116, Relief 102, Walter Keim 102, Lady Ballard 104, Tammany Hall 104, Shotover 107, Oliver Twist 107, Johnny O'Connor 102 and and Jack Pot 102 also ran. Time, 1:02¾. Betting: High C, 15 to 1 and 6 to 1; Ro-e Dance, 3 to 1 and even; Nettie Hamilton, 40 to 1 and 15 to 1; Laurenska, 6 to 1 and 2 to 1; Kenwood, 6 to 1 and 2 to 1; Relief, 60 to 1 and 20 to 1; Walter Keim, 50 to 1 and 20 to 1; Lady Ballard, 50 to 1 and 20 to 1; Tammany Hall, 2 to 1 and 4 to 5; Shotover, 50 to 1 and 15 to 1; Oliver Twist, 100 to 1 and 30 to 1; Johnny O'Connor, 10 to 1 and 4 to 1; Jack Pot, 100 to 1 and 30 to 1.

Second race, purse $400, winner to be sold, six and one-half furlongs—Hamilton 111, H. Penny, first; Inferno 111, Martin, second; Jamestown 98, Cunningham, third. Centaur 110, also ran. Time, 1:28¼. Betting: Hamilton 3 to 1 and out; Inferno, 3 to 10 and out; Jamestown, 60 to 1; Centaur 70 to 1 and 10 to 1.

Third race, purse $400 for three-year-olds, penalties and allowances, five and one-half furlongs—Carnalite 90, Coldier, first; Helen 107, Sweeney, second; Don't Know 90, Hankins, third; Saragassa 110, Free Mason 90, Wheeler 120, Postmaid 97 and Blue Blood 109, also ran. Time, 1:09¾. Betting: Carnalite, 15 to 1 and 4 to 1; Helen, 10 to 1 and 3 to 1; Don't Know, 100 to 1 and 30 to 1; Saragassa, 7 to 1 and 1 to 3; Free Mason, 5 to 2 and 4 to 5; Wheeler, 5 to 1 and 9 to 5; Postmaid, 20 to 1 and 8 to 1; Blue Blood, 50 to 1 and 20 to 1.

Fourth race, purse $500, winner to be sold, one mile—King Mac 102, Martin, first; Balbriggan 108, Trainer, second; Headlight 98, Neary, third. Azrael 72, Harry Alonzo 104. Hazelhurst 101, Bullinch 116, also ran. Time, 1:44¼. Betting: King Mac, 2 to 5 and out; Balbriggan, 20 to 1 and 5 to 1; Headlight, 50 to 1 and 15 to 1; Azrael, 20 to 1 and 3 to 5; Harry Alonzo, 10 to 1 and 3 to 1; Hazelhurst, 20 to 1 and 3 to 1; Bullinch, 100 to 1 and 40 to 1.

Fifth race, purse $400, winner to be sold, five furlongs—Clotho 102, N. Hill, first; Anne Elizabeth 95, F. Leigh, second; Fleurette 108, Martin, third. Tom Karl 104, Bon Voyage 104, May D. 104, Duke John 110, Marmont, 93, Tillie 102, also ran. Time, 1:02¾. Betting: Clotho, 5 to 2 and 4 to 5; Anne Elizabeth, 12 to 1 and 4 to 1; Fleurette, 5 to 1 and 8 to 5; Tom Karl, even and 1 to 2; Bon Voyage, 15 to 1 and 5 to 1; May D., 12 to 1 and 3 to 1; Duke John, 8 to 1 and 2 to 1; Marmont, 40 to 1 and 12 to 1; Tillie, 40 to 1 and 15 to 1.

Sixth race, $400, winner to be sold, six furlongs—My Gyps 98, Larrissey, first; Kirsch 92, Stewart, second; Fagot 100, H. Penny, third. Panhandle 92, Mayor B 83, Thanks 92, Magic 83, Fassett 92 and Excellenza 83, also ran. Time, 1:15. Betting: My Gyps, 4 to 1 and 6 to 5; Kirsch, 8 to 5 and 3 to 5; Fagot, 2 to 1 and 4 to 5; Panhandle, 10 to 1 and 4 to 1; Mayor B, 10 to 1 and 3 to 1; Thanks, 20 to 1 and 8 to 1; Magic, 10 to 1 and 3 to 1; Fassett, 30 to 1 and 10 to 1; Excellenza, 15 to 1 and 6 to 1.

To-Day's Guttenberg Card.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 27.—[*Special.*]—The following pools were sold here last evening on the Guttenberg races to-morrow:

First race, five-eighth of a mile—Sir George 112, $5; Harry Ireland 112, Jamestown 112, $5; Shotover 112, Krikina 109, $10; Trinity 107, $5; Quibbler 102, Elmstone 102, Dr. Helmuth 102, Prince Howard 102, $10; Elect 102, Saunterer 102, $10; Kerry Gow 97, others, $2 each.

Second race, three-quarters of a mile, selling—Mohammed 113, $5; Julia L 109, $5; False Ahrens 107, $8; Lisanore 106, miss Fisher 100, $5; Skadi 102, $10; Harlequin 97, $3; Rightaway 97; Ada B, 97, others; $2 each.

Third race, four and a half furlongs, handicap—Beldemonia 119, $15; Little Fred 112, $5; Lester 107, $8; Flattery 103, 3; Uncertainty 88, $2; Sandstone 87, $3; Fidget 84, $2.

Fourth race, one mile, handicap—Blitzen 115, $10; Eclipse 114, $15; Ma Belle 111, $3; Logan 96, $5.

Fifth race, one and one-eighth miles, selling—Jack Rose 118, $5; Joe Courtney 110, Prince Fortunatus 110, $5; Thorndale 106, $10; Greenwich 102, $6; Signature 98, Shenandoah 97, $3; Hyacinthe 97, Headlight 94, others, $2 each.

Sixth race, six and one-half furlongs, selling—Belwood 114, $5; Mabel Glenn 110, $10; Running Bird 108, $8; Hazelhurst 101, $2; Lizzie McDuff 90, $3; Alma T 90, $2; Panhandle 90, $3.

STILL AFTER CORRIGAN.

The President of the Roby Track Sues Him for $150,000 Damages.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—[*Special.*]—The case against Ed Corrigan and the officials of the Hawthorne track for running a gambling house was continued to-day by Justice Bradwell. Attorney Hynes was retained to defend the track officials, but was busy trying a drainage case and asked that the Corrigan case should be continued. It was set for hearing December 30.

On Saturday Alderman Ernest Hummel, as President of the Roby track, began suit for $150,000 damages against Corrigan and the *Evening Journal* for libel. In a printed interview Corrigan had said that no member of the Indiana association had ever earned an honest dollar. Hummel is Alderman from the Thirty-fourth ward and is also President of the South Chicago Brewing Company. In running up against him Corrigan has finally struck an opponent that will push a case against him to the end. Special efforts will be made to have this libel case brought to trial as speedily as possible, and as the big crowd of Corrigan's enemies are enlisted in the cause against him the big bully of the turf will probably meet a small portion of his just deserts at last.

A HORSE RACE TO-DAY.

Two Local Trotters Matched to Trot for $100 a Side.

A match was made last evening for what promises to be an interesting horse race this afternoon on the road. Mr. Getty's bay mare, Ina, 2:25, was matched to trot the best in three heats against Harry N, 2:33¼, on Center avenue for $100 a side. James Jones is to be the judge of the race.

There is a great amount of interest in the contest as there was considerable money bet on it last evening. Each party put up a forfeit. The race will start at 2 o'clock and the distance of each heat will be about a half a mile. Of course each horse will be hitched to a sleigh.

Pat Garvey will drive Ina and James Kerr, of Sewickley, will be behind Harry N.

Ex-Champion Reed Is Ahead.

ERIE, Dec. 27.—[*Special.*]—James P. Reed, of Pittsburg, ex-champion checker player of the world, is here playing a series of games with Andrew Webster for a tournament stake of $100 a side and $5 a game for the whole series. The first game played was a double corner and draw; the second a switcher and draw; the third, a "Bristol," was won by Reed, and the fourth was a switcher and draw.

A COLLEGE GIANT.

Young Harry Robinson, of Tufts, an Extraordinarily Built Athlete.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—A comparison of the recent physical examinations of the students at Tufts and Harvard reveals the somewhat extraordinary fact that Tufts' strongest man surpasses Harvard's by some 200 pounds. The system of examination is the same in both institutions, Tufts having adopted Dr. Sargent's method. Harry O. Robinson is the young Goliath of Tufts. The test that he was subjected to consisted of machines which measure the strength of the grip, the lifting power of the legs, the strength of the back, the strength of the lungs, dipping on parallel bars, and pulling up on a horizontal bar. The following is his record: Grip, 126 pounds; expiration, 45.7 pounds; back lift, 825 pounds; leg lift, 924 pounds; dips, 18, and pulls, 12.

It will be seen that his development is very symmetrical, and each part of the body is far above the average in strength. Robinson comes from Bangor and is taking an engineer's course. He is 21 years old, stands 5 feet 11 inches tall, and weighs only 168 pounds. To those who see him only in the ordinary costume he does not appear to be abnormally strong, but in gymnasium tights his sturdy frame and highly-developed muscles impress one with his immense strength. The only training he has received was on the 'Varsity football team, where he played guard this fall despite his lack of avoirdupois.

ANOTHER FOOTBALL GAME.

The Pittsburgs and the Wilmerdings to Play Here Next Saturday.

An Association football game will be played at Exposition Park next Saturday between the Wilmerding team and the team of the Pittsburg Club. The Secretary of the former is of opinion that the Wilmerdings can more than hold their own against the Pittsburgs and is anxious for the contest. The game will start at 3 o'clock. It is sure to be an interesting contest.

Secretary Matthews, of the Pittsburg Club, states that the club's team are ready to make dates with any of the teams in and about Pittsburg. The contests, he says, will only be of a friendly kind, the great object being to develop an interest in football. This will give any or all the teams in Western Pennsylvania a chance to tackle the Pittsburgers. Games will only be played on Saturdays.

A Challenge to Bennett.

Charles Patterson, who has been out West several months, has returned to the city, and left the following challenge at this office last evening: "I will run Bennett, of Homestead, 100 yards and give him a yard start for $100 a side. An answer through THE DISPATCH will receive attention."

The Case Continued.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—[*Special.*]—The hearing of the cases looking to the suppression of the Hawthorne race track was to have taken place to-day. Owing to the absence of one of the attorneys for the defense a continuance was granted till next week.

General Sporting Notes.

MONROE SALISBURY thinks Directum, 2:11¼, will lead all the stallions next year.

PLIMMER and McGrath to-night. There is money at this office to bet 2 to 1 on Plimmer.

FORTY-TWO trotters have won $3,000 and over on the turf this past season, and of that number 20 are 4-year-olds.

RUFUS, 2:11, and Regal Wilkes, 2:11¾, both sons of Guy Wilkes, will be sold at auction in New York next month.

ED GEERS and Billy McDonald are working about 80 horses at the Buffalo, N.Y., covered track, preparing them for next year's campaign.

BIG MIKE SULLIVAN, the Reds' pitcher, is studying law in Boston University Law School. Sullivan has taken the pledge for six months.

THERE is considerable talk of reducing the weight in cocker spaniel classes, some of the reformers advocating a lighter dog by some 10 or 12 pounds.

THE New England Kennel Club intends to introduce many new and novel ideas in their April menu and present indications point toward a 1,000 dog entry.

THE baseball season ran too long in California, and there is no great interest in the games between Los Angeles and San Jose to determine the championship.

HITE PECKHAM was knocked out in one round at the Manhattan Athletic Club's boxing show. Billy Vernon, the Haverstraw brickmaker, did the business.

THE football game between the Crimson and Black and Bank Clerks' teams Monday was stopped because of the cold. The score was 6 to 0 in favor of the B. C's when the game was stopped.

ANDY BOWEN has resumed training at Mississippi City. He was disappointed over the change of date of his meeting with Fielden, for he expected to fill himself with nuts and Christmas turkey off the purse.

THE question of a 'Varsity crew at Columbia this year is still under consideration, but the prospects for it are not very bright. The basement under the president's house is being fixed up as a gymnasium for the crew to train in.

IN a letter to a friend in New York, Mr. James Wylie, the champion checker player of the world, announces that he will revisit this country after he completes his Scotch engagements, and make New York his headquarters.

THE rowing department of the Staten Island Athletic Club was more largely patronized than any other branch of athletics during the past season. It is expected that Wallace Ross will again be the trainer for the club next year.

THE owner of Sir Bedivere, Princess Florence and other fine St. Bernards is now in Europe and may import another good one when he returns. Mr. Reich can show the strongest rough St. Bernard kennel in the world to-day, and will make a specialty of stud dogs.

ROAD racing has received a setback in Scotland owing to some of the contestants in the Pearce cup race being arrested for furious driving and blocking the highway. The case could not be proven and was dismissed, but wheelmen around that place are very chary of road racing just now.

HARVARD will have a new launch next season from which her crews will be coached. Seaman & Binney will make the design. The boilers and machinery of the old launch will be used in the new one. The new launch will be about 45 feet on the water line, and will be designed with a view to speed.

THE Coney Island Jockey Club has issued in book form the list and particulars of its stake events for 1893. The guaranteed values of the principal stakes are the Suburban, $25,000; the Realization, $35,000; the Great Tidal, $25,000; the Volunteer, the Double Event, and the Sea and Sound, $10,000 each; the Tidal, $7,500.

PRESIDENT BURDETT has received partial returns from the census, just taken, of the Connecticut wheelmen. It is estimated that there are 15,000 riders in the State, 8,000 having been counted, with three counties yet to be heard from. In Hartford there are 3,200, and out of that number only 810 are members of the League. New Haven has 2,300 riders. In the entire State only 2,667 enjoy the Brotherhood benefits.

SNAPSHOTS AT LOCAL NEWS.

HENRY FINKELPEARL, a druggist, claims Alberta Davis took some money from his till. She was locked up.

MRS. W. H. MILLER had her husband locked up yesterday. She claims he threatened to kill her while drunk. They live on the Morningside road.

GENAN MUSTANGO was committed to jail yesterday by Alderman Richards. He is charged by John Ray with larceny by bailee and was held in default of $500 bail for a hearing to-morrow. Ray alleges that Mustango secured a lot of merchandise from him and then refused to pay for it.

Fusionists Win North Dakota.

BISMARCK, N. D., Dec. 27.—Judge Rose has decided the famous Selse precinct case against the canvassers who refused to canvass the returns. It is held that the board has no judicial authority, and must simply canvass all the returns regular on their faces. This gives the Fusionists all three electors from North Dakota.

THE ICE BICYCLE

At Last Made to Work, and to Be Soon Given a Public Test.

A BROOKLYN BOY DOES THE ACT.

He Goes So Fast That He Will Break All Records for Speed.

CAN'T KEEP UP WITH THE PEDALS

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The latest thing in cycling is the bicycle skate, which has just been invented by a clever young Brooklyn mechanic, Mike Murphy. The invention consists simply of the application of a long-bladed skate to the front wheel of a safety bicycle, the motive power being furnished by the hind wheel, while the front wheel remains immovable and glides along the surface of the ice.

As yet the young inventor has had little or no opportunity of testing his invention. In the few trials he has made with the machine on the Steamer Pond, a small sheet of water near the Willink entrance to Prospect Park, he has attained astonishing speed. In fact, he has gone so fast that he has found it impossible to round the sharp corners of the pond, owing to the slipping of the hind wheel.

Good judges who have watched some of his trials say that with smooth ice and a straightaway course young Murphy could knock all records for a mile into smithereens. They say that Nancy Hanks would be a quarter of a mile behind in a mile race, and that Windle's or Johnson's performance would seem slow in comparison to Murphy's meteor-like flight over the ice under favorable conditions.

The invention is very simple. The shoe is fastened to the front wheel by three clamps, which can be screwed on or off in a few moments. Then comes the blade or skate, which in turn rests on the ice. The rear wheel is the driving wheel, while the front wheel, which is used to steer with, glides over the surface of the ice without loss of power. There is very little lost by friction, and Murphy says the principal difficulty he encounters is that he finds it almost impossible to keep up with the pedals.

Murphy says that the report that he rode a mile in 1:33 is all nonsense. "The pond was not measured and no one timed me," said he.

It has been suggested that a mile course be staked off on the Shrewbury river or on Orange Lake, near Newburg, and a thorough test made of the new machine. So far, however, nothing has been done. It is probable that Murphy will make a public trial of his invention within the next 10 days, and the public will have a chance to judge its utility. Heretofore inventors of ice bicycles have gone on an entirely different principle, using spikes to prevent slipping. This, of course, retarded their speed, and ice bicycles have never met with much favor.

WON WITH HANDS DOWN.

Theodore Hallam Successful in a Peculiar Law Suit at Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 27.—[*Special.*]—Theodore Hallam, the brilliant attorney of Covington, has just won a case under probably unprecedented circumstances in the United States Court before Judge Taft. He represented a man named Howard, who had sued the Charles Jacobs Cordage Company for damages.

The trial was called, but neither Hallam's client nor his witnesses appeared. He insisted on going ahead and called Jacobs to the stand. He questioned the defendant so adroitly that he learned the names of all his witnesses. These Hallam called and examined so shrewdly that the jury gave his client the damages asked.

A STEUBENVILLE STOWAWAY.

The Little One Takes Refuge on the Congo From a Drunken Stepfather.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., Dec. 27.—[*Special.*]—Tommy Malone, a wee bit of humanity 7 years old, was put off the steamer Congo here last night and was picked up later by the police, apparently frozen to death. He was restored to consciousness and subsequently was able to tell his story.

He said he came from Steubenville as a stowaway, having run away from his home there to escape the beatings by a drunken stepfather. The child had no notion of where he was going, except that he wanted to get away. He was taken good care of and the authorities at Steubenville have been notified.

HUNS IN A CHRISTMAS RIOT.

A Man Fatally Stabbed and a Female Peacemaker Badly Cut.

SCRANTON, Dec. 27.—A deadly Christmas riot occurred among Hungarians at the Northwest colliery near here yesterday. The men had been celebrating the holiday with liberal potations, when a general quarrel broke out.

Frank Oganta was stabbed in the back, the dagger thrust piercing his right lung and inflicting a fatal wound. A woman who tried to separate the belligerents was also badly cut. Three of Oganta's countrymen, who were the principals in the battle and who are accused of doing the cutting, have escaped.

TRI-STATE BREVITIES.

STEUBENVILLE—The Royal Gas Company has ordered gas cut of the Acme Glass Works and other works, and will reserve gas for private consumers. This was because of the private patrons kicking because of the meager supply.

CANTON—George Offenberger bought his little son a gun for a Christmas gift. The little fellow and his sister Rosa, aged 5, had a tussle for possession of the gun, when it was discharged. The ball struck her in the eye. Physicians removed the eye ball.

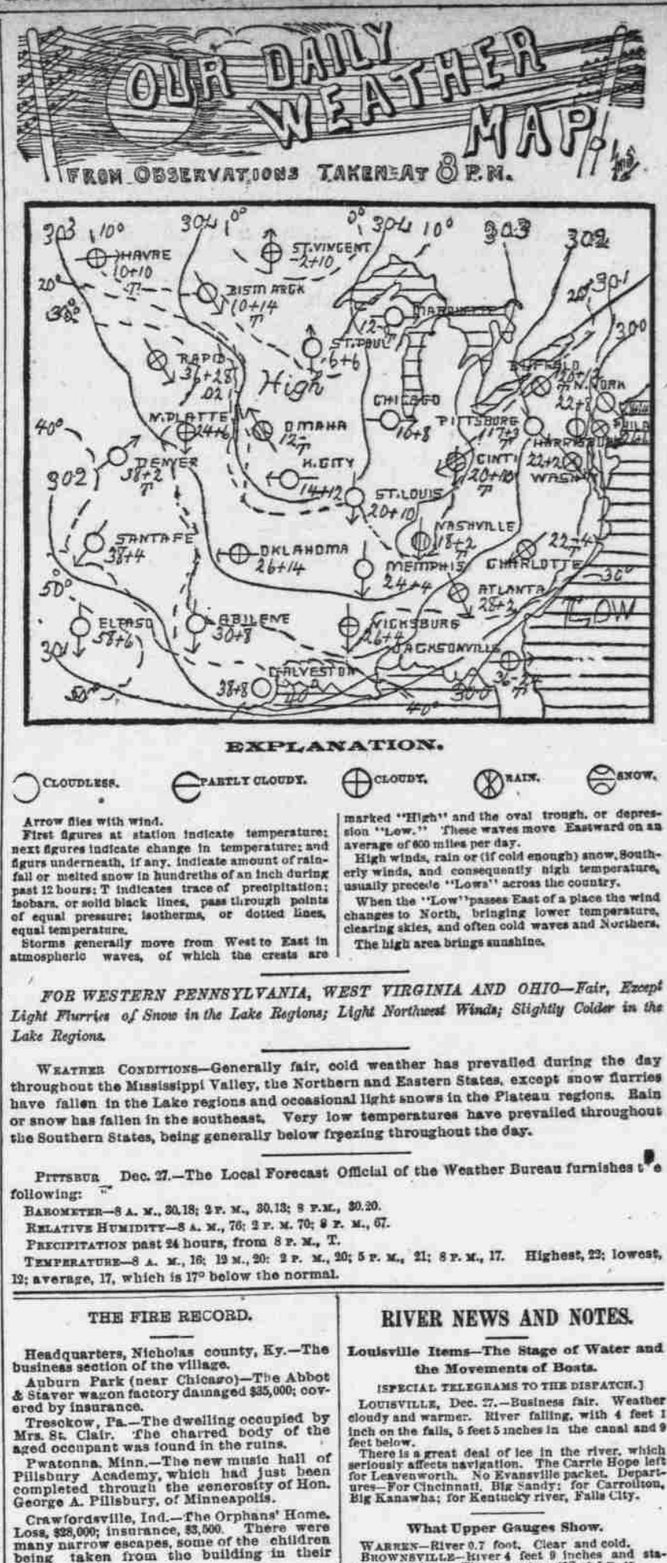
MONONGAHELA CITY—Frank Gance, mate of the steamer J. G. Blaine and a resident of New Geneva, on Saturday evening met with a terrible fall from the hurricane roof to the deck, 20 feet below, fracturing his skull and causing concussion of the brain.

YOUNGSTOWN—The deal for the purchase of all the mills and furnaces here, by a syndicate of New York capitalists, has not yet been concluded. John A. Logan, Jr., who is engineering the scheme for the Eastern parties, has been in New York the past two weeks. The price agreed upon is $7,000,000. With the exception of a small amount, the entire purchase money will be reinvested here in industrial plants, increasing the city to a population of 100,000 within the next two years.

PARKERSBURG—Two dastardly murders have occurred in Kanawha county within the past two days. One was committed by Frank Hopkins, from Cincinnati, his victim being John Moles, a young man but 18 years old. Moles and a companion were quarreling over a game of cards, in which Hopkins was not interested. With scarcely a word of warning Hopkins started toward Moles, and, drawing a knife, stabbed him to the heart. Moles died in a few minutes. Hopkins resisted arrest, but was placed behind the bars. The second murder was on the highway. For a long time an old grudge has existed between the Gunoe and Eggleston families. On Saturday night Thomas Eggleston, aged 25, was walking along a lonely road, when Burrell Gunoe, several years younger, met him, and, after a little parley, stabbed him to death. Gunoe has not been arrested.

Ocean Steamship Arrivals.

Steamer.	From.	To.
Nordland	New York	Queenstown
Ohio	Philadelphia	Brow Head.
Kaiser Wilhelm III.	New York	Gibraltar.
Russia	New York	Lizard.



Arrow flies with wind.

First figures at station indicate temperature; next figures indicate change in temperature; and figurs 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, WEST VIRGINIA AND OHIO—Fair, Except Light Flurries of Snow in the Lake Regions; Light Northwest Winds; Slightly Colder in the Lake Regions.

WEATHER CONDITIONS—Generally fair, cold weather has prevailed during the day throughout the Mississippi Valley, the Northern and Eastern States, except snow flurries have fallen in the Lake regions and occasional light snows in the Plateau regions. Rain or snow has fallen in the southeast. Very low temperatures have prevailed throughout the Southern States, being generally below freezing throughout the day.

PITTSBURG Dec. 27.—The Local Forecast Official of the Weather Bureau furnishes the following:

BAROMETER—8 A. M., 30.18; 2 P. M., 30.13; 8 P.M., 30.20.

RELATIVE HUMIDITY—8 A. M., 76; 2 P. M. 70; 8 P. M., 67.

PRECIPITATION past 24 hours, from 8 P. M., T.

TEMPERATURE—8 A. M., 16; 12 M., 20; 2 P. M., 20; 5 P. M., 21; 8 P. M., 17. Highest, 22; lowest, 12; average, 17, which is 17° below the normal.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Headquarters, Nicholas county, Ky.—The business section of the village.

Auburn Park (near Chicago)—The Abbot & Staver wagon factory damaged $35,000; covered by insurance.

Treskow, Pa.—The dwelling occupied by Mrs. St. Clair. The charred body of the aged occupant was found in the ruins.

Pwatonna, Minn.—The new music hall of Pillsbury Academy, which had just been completed through the generosity of Hon. George A. Pillsbury, of Minneapolis.

Crawfordsville, Ind.—The Orphans' Home. Loss, $28,000; insurance, $3,500. There were many narrow escapes, some of the children being taken from the building in their night clothes.

New Brighton, Pa.—The building occupied by Sylvester Belles as a harness shop on Harris' corner. Loss on stock, about $1,100; insurance, $300. O. Harris also suffered a loss of $300, fully insured.

Carlisle—The barn, outbuildings, three head of sheep, two horses, several head of cows, farming implements, crops, etc., belonging to John Sowers. Loss estimated at $3,000; insured. Origin incendiary.

Snowhill, Ala.—Every business house in town except one. The losers are Hobdy & Son, J. H. Patton & Co., Patterson Brothers, W. C. W. Allbrilton, J. S. Pattison and E. R. McElroy. Total loss, $25,000; insurance about half.

Camden, S. C.—Five stories and a bank building. Origin, lamp explosion in H. C. Elliott & Co.'s grocery store. Loss, $50,000, exceeding insurance, which was mainly carried by the London and Globe, and Knoxville and Pennsylvania companies. A snow storm probably saved a large part of the town.

Lewistown, Pa.—The Coleman House, a large three-story brick building, with all its contents. The fire originated in the restaurant in the basement. Loss, $15,000; insurance, $8,000. The guests were compelled to rush out into the freezing atmosphere clad only in what clothing they could hastily pick up.

Galveston, Tex.—The sugar mills, warehouses and 1,800 barrels of refined sugar on the plantation in Fort Bend county, owned by Mrs. Narcissa Willis, of this city. Loss, $250,000. The machinery was of the most modern, operating on the diffusion process. Fires had been banked early Christmas Day to enable the hands to enjoy the old-fashioned holiday, but a fierce blizzard swept down at night scattering the fires and causing the loss. The Chinn plantation, owned by T. Brown, of Houston, suffered a similar disaster. Loss, over $100,000; partly insured.

Milwaukee—One of the wooden additions of the tannery of the Becker Leather Company and all of Conrad Bros.' tannery, adjoining. The main building of the Becker plant was saved. A pipeman named Thomas Sullivan was killed by a falling wall, and George Rickmann, of the fire patrol service, was suffocated in the Conrad tannery. Julius Huebner, a fireman, had his back broken and other firemen were slightly hurt. Loss, $225,000, of which $100,000 is on the Becker tannery and $25,000 on that of Conrad Bros.'; all well insured.

SHORT STORIES OF CITY LIFE.

PASSENGERS on the West End electric cars are clamoring for heat.

HARRY KRUTT while skating yesterday fell and broke his arm. He lives on Fortieth street.

THE Democrats of the Tenth ward will hold a suggestion meeting in the Ralston school house to-night.

THE motor on one of the Birmingham cars played out last night, and travel was delayed for a short time.

THE Twenty-eighth ward Republicans nominated ward candidates last evening. James Blaney and David E. Carle will run for school directors.

AN application was filed yesterday for a transfer of the retail liquor license for No. 1 Union street, First ward, from George Frey to Charles H. Kirner.

HARRY J. DERBERING, the 15-year-old boy who was run over by a P., A. & M. electric car on Ohio street, Allegheny, on Monday night, died last night.

A LARGE number of contributions of food, clothing and money have been received at the rooms of the Pittsburg Association for the Improvement of the Poor within the past few days.

AN explosion of gas at Jones & Laughlin's mill, on Second avenue, about 9:30 o'clock last night, caused an alarm to be sent in from box 94. The loss was about $50, and no one was injured.

RIVER NEWS AND NOTES.

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

[SPECIAL TELEGRAMS TO THE DISPATCH.]

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 27.—Business fair. Weather cloudy and warmer. River falling, with 4 feet 1 inch on the falls, 5 feet 5 inches in the canal and 9 feet below.

There is a great deal of ice in the river, which seriously affects navigation. The Carrie Hope left for Leavenworth. No Evansville packet. Departures—For Cincinnati, Big Sandy; for Carrollton, Big Kanawha; for Kentucky river, Falls City.

What Upper Gauges Show.

WARREN—River 0.7 foot. Clear and cold.

BROWNSVILLE—River 4 feet 9 inches and stationary; clear. Thermometer, 11° at 5 P. M.

MORGANTOWN—River frozen up. Cloudy. Thermometer, 12° at 4 P. M.

The News From Below.

WHEELING—River 2 feet 7 inches stationary and closed at the head of Wheeling island. Thermometer, 18°.

CAIRO—River 16 feet and falling. Clear and cold.

ST. LOUIS—River solid with ice; gauge, 9 inches; lowest since 1856. Slightly warmer.

News From the River.

STAGE of water at Davis Island dam, 3 feet.

ONE of Jutte's empty coal boats is sunk below Lock No. 1.

JOHN H. JONES, of Monongahela City, was in town yesterday.

CAPTAIN HUGHEY GALLAGHER, of the Pacific, was in the city yesterday.

THE Advance towed the Pacific up to Brownsville Saturday to take care of an empty fleet.

THE Joseph B. Williams is hard aground at the wharf. She will have to be lightened before she can get off.

THE packets remain tied up. The Andes is laid up at Parkersburg, and the Keystone State at Steubenville, O.

THE Crescent is tied up at the Manchester docks; the John W. Allen at California, and the Dauntless at Snowy Rock.

WALTER JOHNSTON, formerly chief engineer on the Annie Roberts, is now acting in that capacity on the George Shiras. Her retiring engineer is Thomas Donovan.

THE Coal City, which got stuck at Cable's eddy on Sunday, is reported to be in such bad shape that two 6-inch syphons have to be kept working constantly to prevent her sinking.

CHARLES DUNBERGER is acting temporarily as chief engineer on the Advance in place of Peter Cooper, who has been absent for some time owing to the serious illness of his wife.

A STEAMBOAT and three pumping boats were working at Jutte's landing yesterday pumping out barges and coalboats. Three of the coalboats cannot be pumped out and will have to be unloaded.

THE steamer Rescue, owned by Jutte & Co., which struck the old aqueduct near the Sixth street bridge on Monday afternoon, cutting a hole in her side 85 feet long, is now in readiness to go on the docks to be overhauled. All day yesterday ship carpenters and pumping boats were hard at work putting her in shape.

PEOPLE COMING AND GOING.

John L. Scott, a Frankfort lawyer, who is in the city taking depositions in an important law suit, Joseph McSweeney, of Oil City and George B. Carr, of Titusville, put up at Newell's last evening.

Joseph Gittings and Homer Moore left last night for Reading, Pa., to attend the meeting of the State Musical Teachers' Association at that place.

Homer Moore, Prof. Gittings and Delinquent Tax Collector Sam Greer were among the passengers for New York last evening.

John M. Buchanan and wife, of Beaver, and Miss Ida Burbick, of Wellsville, were guests at the Anderson yesterday.

R. H. Lindsey, of Uniontown, and A. C. Brown of Connellsville, are registered at the Monongahela House.

W. V. Campbell, of St. Clairsville, and T. T. Andrews, of Titusville, are stopping at the Schlosser.

T. W. H. Davis, of Charlerol, and F. M. Spidel, of Bedford, are registered at the St. Charles.

Ed. Jackman left for Baltimore last evening to pay a visit to his little niece.

John McLeod, of Washington, and O. K. Kennett, of Latrobe, are at the Central.

K. Solomon is in Chicago on a business trip. He will return in about a week.

Pittsburgers in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—[*Special.*]—The following Pittsburgers are registered at hotels here: C. Byrnes, E. E. Cotton, Bro