

IT WAS DEPERATE. Plimmer Defeats McGrath After an Extremely Brutal Battle. IT LASTED EIGHT ROUNDS.

Leedom and Boyle are the other Two Defeated Contestants. GASTRICH SIGNS HIS CONTRACT. Interesting Local Swimming Contests This Evening for Amateurs. RESULTS OF THE GUTTENBERG RACES

that the club offered \$30,000 for the men to fight for. That offer was refused, and no more offers will be made.

RYAN AND DAWSON. The Chicago Boxer Agrees to the Australian's Very Exciting Terms. CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—[Special.]—Tom Ryan, America's welter-weight champion, left this city yesterday afternoon for New Orleans, where he will at once begin active work for the international championship contest he is booked to take part in with George Dawson, of Australia. He will reach Crescent City early in the Illinois Central at 8 o'clock to-night and will at once be taken to Bay St. Louis, where he is to go into training at Prof. Robertson's quarters. Last night after Ryan's departure the following telegram was sent to the Olympic Club's Chicago agent: NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—Dawson won't contest unless at 148 pounds, weight in at noon, and will be in the ring at 7:30, and will be in the ring at 7:30, and will be in the ring at 7:30.

A SENSATIONAL RUMOR. Allegations That Burge and McAuliffe Were Going to Fight a Fake. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—There is a sensational rumor going the rounds of the sporting fraternity of this city to the effect that the match between Jack McAuliffe and Dick Burge, for which the Coney Island Athletic Club recently offered a \$45,000 purse and subsequently withdrew it, was to be a gigantic fake. The story has created no end of gossip here, and is apparently based on some fact.

After this bout McAuliffe stated that it was not his fault that the proposed battle between himself and Burge had fallen through. He had agreed to everything, and now stood ready to fight with the man who was to be his opponent. The Coney Island Club indorsed all he said.

Some More Good Contests and the Public Do Very Well. GUTTENBERG, Dec. 28.—[Special.]—The races here to-day were again very good. The winners were all well backed and the bookies lost money. Summary: First race, purse \$400 for beaten horses, five furlongs—Kirkina 100, Kueben, first; Prince Howard 102, MacVuley, second; Saunderson 101, R. J. Kelly, third.

Very Easy for Plimmer. First Round.—The referee called the boys into the center of the ring and they got at it. Plimmer led with his left, which was short. McGrath knew the game he was up against and kept away. Plimmer played for the stomach and McGrath for the head. Each got in a few light taps and were shy in the opening.

Second round—Plimmer forced matters and punched McGrath whenever he pleased. Plimmer fought with a light left and forcing his right on McGrath's eyes. McGrath looked to be a very much intimidated man.

Fourth round—Plimmer landed the heavy blows and the fight was a very close one. McGrath's face was covered with blood and his eyes were streaming with tears. Plimmer landed a heavy blow on McGrath's face, and the referee stopped the fight.

To-day's Guttenberg Card. LOUISVILLE, Dec. 28.—[Special.]—The following pools were sold here last evening on to-morrow's races at Guttenberg: First race, three-quarters of a mile, selling—Bob Chick 112, Quilbler 114, Almarin 112, Parades 112, Helge 112, B. C. Carey 112, Mayor B 112, Bussell 112, A. G. Adalgais 112, 107; 81; 116; 104; others, \$2 each.

Rowan Won. WHEELING, Dec. 28.—An 11-round, even-ounce glove contest between the lightweight Jimmy Rowan, of Steubenville, O., and Billy Smith, of Parkersburg, W. Va., was fought here this morning and resulted in a victory for the former. Smith was knocked out. The fight was for a purse of \$200, and was the prettiest contest ever witnessed here. The men weighed at 119 pounds.

Sundays. Mr. Genslinger says this will be their first visit to New Orleans, and will not play to 30,000 people as they had expected because the weather will not permit. The Hall-Pittsburger contest will take place during their visit, and as the arena is only two squares from the ball park, no doubt most of the strangers who spend most of their spare time at the games. Pittsburg has also made arrangements to play in Mobile March 30 and 31.

THE SWIMMERS TO-NIGHT. Splendid Programme of Contests and Natural Feats by Experts. The entertainment at the Natorium to-night by the Pittsburg Amateur Swimming Association will be a novel affair. The club handicap will be the first on the programme. After the handicap several of the members will give exhibitions in the water, and will be assisted in this by Prof. Joseph McEwan and James Fox. These two men are probably the best swimmers in Pennsylvania. McEwan will show the famous Monte Cristo suit, which consists of a being tied in a bag and placed in ice water, and will have to extricate himself unaided.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 28.—At a meeting held at Exchange Hotel here, today, for the purpose of forming an inter-collegiate athletic association for the promotion among Southern institutions of learning of baseball, football and other sports, there were present representatives from the Universities of Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Alabama, John Hopkins University, Sewanee University, Johns and Wakeforest, Breckinridge, Robinson, and the University of Virginia, was chairman. A constitution and by-laws were adopted.

James J. Jones, of Homestead, writes this paper as follows: "Knowing that John Long, of McKeesport, is talking considerably about running me, I will run him a race and allow him two yards' start in 100 yards for any amount from \$200 a side. I will meet him at the depot at 12 o'clock for a forfeit and sign articles. The sooner the better."

General Sporting Notes. THERE is a letter at this office for William McEwan, of McKeesport, Pa. VAN HENR and Sol Smith at San Francisco this evening. JIMMIE BARRELL, of Chicago, wants a go with Walter Johnson. THOMAS COLLINS—has never backed Sullivan during his career. THERE is likely to be another three-round glove contest between McCarty and Donovan.

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT. A Couple Assault and Battery Cases, With One of Film-Film—Sued for Insuring the Life of a Little Child for \$2,000. In the Criminal Court yesterday, Bridget Burke was tried for aggravated assault and battery on Patrick Duffy, on Bismarck way. She was acquitted and the costs divided. David and Henry Helfer, who assaulted Colonel G. W. Dawson, a police officer in the West End several weeks ago, are on trial before Judge Slagle. Dawson had two ribs broken in the fight and was confined to his bed for three weeks.

MINOR POLICE. A woman was arrested for disturbing the peace at the corner of Broadway and Duquesne streets. A man was arrested for disturbing the peace at the corner of Broadway and Duquesne streets. A man was arrested for disturbing the peace at the corner of Broadway and Duquesne streets.

PEOPLE COMING AND GOING. Captain J. E. Richardson and wife, formerly of Pittsburg and now of Mansfield, O., are the guests of Captain Robert Gracey and family, No. 72 Fremont street, Allegheny, for the holidays. Dr. Stephen H. Emmens, of Youngwood, and John E. Eisler, formerly manager of the Grand Opera House, put up at the Monongahela House yesterday.

TO-day's Trial List. CRIMINAL COURT.—Commonwealth vs George Reifer, John Newmyer, Mrs. K. Jones, Charles Arnold, Robert Baxter, George Lannon, Joseph W. Knott, C. C. May, John

NEWMAN IS CLEARED. The Jury Out but 10 Minutes in the Homestead Shooting Case. HE AND COYNE HAD A SCUFFLE. Before Firing the Fatal Bullet He Shot Into the Ceiling. FEARED AN ATTACK FROM STRIKERS.

After a brief but interesting trial, Max Newman was acquitted yesterday of the charge of murdering Thomas Coyne in a boarding house in the Carnegie mills at Homestead on the night of November 14. He was also acquitted of the charge of involuntary manslaughter. The jury was out but ten minutes on the case. District Attorney Burleigh represented the Commonwealth and opened the case, and Thomas M. Marshall and R. B. Scandrett appeared for the defense. Mr. Burleigh argued that the shooting was entirely unwarranted.

Earnest Pusey, one of Newman's roommates, described the arrangements of the room where the shooting occurred. After Newman had shot into the ceiling the witness saw Coyne run toward the defendant, and after they scuffled for a little while Newman shot the fatal bullet into the ceiling. Mr. Marshall called for Newman's revolver and testified that he saw it fired.

NEWMAN IN HIS OWN BEHALF. The defendant was the only witness examined during the trial here, and ran out in a straightforward, convincing manner. He said he went to bed about 9 o'clock and at 12 o'clock he was awakened by a blow on the head. He jumped out of bed and placed the defendant in the room and asked him to get up and defend himself.

THE BAR ASSOCIATION MEETS AND PASSES Appropriate Resolutions. The members of the Allegheny County Bar met yesterday afternoon in the rooms of the Bar Association to take action on the death of the late Wm. S. Pier, Esq.

AN AGED MECKESPORTER FELL OUT OF THE RIVER, but Will Probably Die. McKeesport, Dec. 28.—[Special.]—John McLaughlin, 60 years old, ventured on the ice here today in an attempt to cross the river. Crossing a weak place he fell through, and a number of men who were watching him supposed he would drown by coming up under the ice, but the old man got to the surface in the right place and for help. The ice kept breaking away under his struggles to crawl out of the icy water and he was repeatedly submerged.

STOCK BEGINNING TO SUFFER. Because All the Small Streams Are Looked Up by Jack Frost. WASHINGTON, Pa., Dec. 28.—[Special.]—From most of the country districts in this section come complaints of the hardships of farmers and the downright suffering to stock and farm animals on account of the severe cold locking up the low water in all the smaller streams.

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TO IMPROVE MERINOS. Is the Object of the New Standard Spanish Sheep Breeders' Association. STEUBENVILLE, Dec. 28.—[Special.]—The Standard Deline Spanish Merino Sheep Breeders' Association met here today. This association is one of the leading sheep breeders' organizations in the United States, and although it has been organized since 1890, it is a distinct institution from the National Deline Sheep Breeders' Association, and its membership covers the States of Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Missouri and Michigan.

MARY ILLUSTRIOUS VICTIMS. Of a Fine Looking Englishman Who Cut a Swath on Two Hemispheres. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Arthur Gwyn Biggs, a young Englishman, a cousin of Lord Wolverton and the son of a Lieutenant Colonel in the English army, was held in \$1,000 bail on a charge of theft in the Tombs police court today. The charge was brought by Algerian Blackwood, a son of Sir Arthur Blackwood, the Secretary of the London Postoffice. Biggs pleaded guilty.

HOSPITAL FIRES GO OUT. The Overworked Fireman Falls Asleep, and All the Patients Catch Cold. JOHNSTOWN, Dec. 28.—[Special.]—Owing to some peculiar arrangement in the management of the institution, only one fireman is employed in the Memorial Hospital building.

BANK ROBBER DUNLAP GO FREE. The Last of Several Efforts for His Pardon Will Probably Succeed. BOSTON, Dec. 28.—The Executive Council today unanimously voted to pardon James Dunlap, the notorious bank robber now in the State Prison. This action avails Governor Russell's approval. The impression at the State House is that Dunlap will secure his liberty.

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STAGE WHISPERS. MR. CHARLES HANFORD and Miss Annie Winter will appear tonight in "Innocent" at the Grand Opera House. Both have met with great success in their respective parts in this play all during the season.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS. Steamship From To. Bunk... Genoa... New York. Genoa... New York. Genoa... New York.

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EXPLANATION. CLOUDBLESS, PARTLY CLOUDY, CLOUDY, RAIN, SNOW. Arrow flies with wind. First figures at station indicate temperature; next figure indicates change in temperature and figures underneath, if any, indicate amount of rainfall or melted snow in hundredths of an inch during past 24 hours; T indicates trace of precipitation; bold, or solid black, lines, pass through points of equal pressure; isotherms, or dotted lines, equal temperature.

FOR WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA, WEST VIRGINIA AND OHIO—General Fair; Variable Winds; Slightly Warmer. WEATHER CONDITIONS—Generally warmer weather has prevailed during the day in all districts, except the North Pacific coast region, where heavy rains have fallen. The temperature continues 10° to 20° below the normal in the Southern States, but is gradually rising. The pressure has fallen rapidly during the afternoon in the extreme Northwest.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 28.—The Local Forecast Office of the Weather Bureau furnishes the following: BAROMETER—8 A. M., 30.27; 2 P. M., 30.26; 5 P. M., 30.31. RELATIVE HUMIDITY—8 A. M., 91; 2 P. M., 84; 5 P. M., 87. PRECIPITATION last 24 hours, from 8 P. M., 0.4.

SHORT STORIES OF CITY LIFE. JOHN COSGROVE was fined \$10 and costs for taking an article from the market house stand, and knocking little John McGeerdy down when he protested.

ALLEGHENY JUNCTION—River frozen. Clear and cold. MORROWTONS—River frozen solid. Cloudy. Thermometer, 12° at 4 P. M.; 9° at 8 P. M.; 10° at 11 P. M.; clear. Thermometer, 19° at 8 P. M. THE NEWS FROM BELOW. WHEELING—River 3 feet 6 inches and rising. Twelve inches of rain was caused by a gale from the northwest, which was blowing in tonight.

THE FIRE RECORD. Geneva, N. Y.—The Linden Ope a House, Loss, \$20,000. Muncie, Ind.—The Delaware County Court, Loss, \$300,000. Onhara, Pa.—The Orchard block, Loss, \$500,000, insured by J. J. Gray, and was well known in this vicinity.

TRISTATE BRIEVITIES. SPRINGFIELD, O.—Dues, the new leader of the Economites, was a former Ohio school teacher, and was well known in this vicinity. Tiffin—Tuesday night W. C. Sutton, a prominent merchant tailor, was found dead in bed at his home in this city. He had taken chloral to induce sleep after a three weeks' drunken spree.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report. After the first 48 hours of the present freeze, it was necessary to haul water long distances in many localities, and a long continuance of the cold weather will involve losses of stock that will aggregate heavily. There was a scarcity of water when the freeze set in.

Advertisement for baking powder. It features a large illustration of a woman in a kitchen, and text promoting 'Graham's Baking Powder' as the highest quality available. The text says 'Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.'