Plimmer Defeats McGrath After an Extremely Brutal Battle.

IT LASTED EIGHT ROUNDS

Leedom and Boyle Are the Other Two Defeated Contestants.

GASTRIGHT SIGNS HIS CONTRACT.

Interesting local Ewimming Contests This Evening for Amateurs.

RESULTS OF THE GUTTENBERG RACES

CONEY ISLAND, N. Y., Dec. 28.-A large and enthusiastic crowd of sportingmen assembled here to-night to witness the boxing entertainment given under the auspices of the Coney Island Athletic Club. The event of the evening was a finish fight between Billy Plimmer, champion bantamweight of the world, and Joe McGrath, champion 110-pound man of Ireland. Prior to this, however, there were two preliminary bouts, one of ten rounds between Hughey Boyle, of Elizabeth, N. J., and Connie Sullivan, of New York, and the other of eight rounds between Billy Leedom, of Philadelphia, and Moffat Flaherty, of Boston.

Boyle and Sullivan fought ten rounds for a \$500 purse. The contest was tame, and the referee, P. J. Donohue, awarded the victory to Sullivan. The loser got \$100.

McAuliffe Makes a Statement. 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 any man in the world at 133 pounds. The Coney Island Club indorsed all he said.

The second bout of the evening, that be-tween Leedom and Flaherty, was then called. The men weighed 154 pounds each. This was a fight from start to finish. Flaberty had his opponent groggy and down in the first round, but Leedom was sufficiently recovered in ten seconds to do some good stiff punching. In the third Flaherty dropped his man sgain with a straight left, and then came near losing the fight by making three fouls. From then until the eighth and last round it was give and take, with Flaherty's work a shade to the good. Each man waited for a chance to use his right, but it came not. They punished each other severely, Flaherty, however, getting in more telling blows, and the referee awarded him the contest. They,

too, fought for a purse of \$500. The Big Battle Starts.

The fight of the night then took place. The referes was Johnny Eckhardt; club timer, Bob Stoll, of New York. The contestants were Billy Plimmer, of England, champion bantam of the world, and Joe McGrath, champion 110-pound man of Ireland. They fought for a purse of \$2,500, the winner to take \$2,000 and the loser \$500. Plimmer was seconded by Charley Norton, of Newark, Bennie Murphy and Harry Evans, of Birmingham, England.
Joe Connelly, of Newark, was his bottle
holder and Alf Jewett, of Philadelphia,
held time for him. McGrath was looked siter by Martin Murphy, of San Francisco, Peter Maher, of Dublin, Ireland, and Jimmy Carroll, of Brooklyn. His bottle holder was John Brady, of New York, and his timer Jack Sheehan, of race track tame. Plinmer was a strong favorite among the betting men, as most of them had seen him fight on one or two other occasions and knew well what he could do, while no one had the least idea of McGrath's ability. The fight commenced about 10:30 P. M.

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 kent away. Plimmer played for the stomach and McGrath for the head. Each not in a few light taps and were shy in the

Second round-Pilmmer forced matters and punched McGrath whenever he pleased. Billy continued to punch McGrath, leading with a light left and forcing his right on Mc-Grath's eyes. McGrath looked to be a very

Third round-McGrath has a reputation for taking punishment and he ably sustainer

for taking punishmentand he ably sustained his record. Plimmer kept labbing his left into McGrath's mouth and soon had that opening full of blood. McGrath began to improve, however, and landed two or three hard blows, which made Billy wince.

Round four—Plimmer forced the fighting and landed just when and where he saw fit, in swinging his right Plimmer missed his mark and slipped and fell. McGrath also went partly down, but neither man struck a blow Plimmer was up quickly and from this out he had everything his own way, chopping the Irish lad's face into a jelly and knocking him down twice. The Irish lad was game and stood his punishment manually. Plimmer was cool and landed everybow good and solid.

Round five—McGrath's face was covered with blood and Plinmer forced him to his knees. McGrath deliberately butted Billy in the stomach, but Plinmer did not want the fight that way. He brought McGrath to the floor with a right swing on the juw, but the had was game as a pebble, and although repeatedly knocked down, he got up and took his punishment. Plinmer landed his right and left and had McGrath Streaming with blood, and the gameness of the boy was something marvelous. McGrath staggered to his corner when the bell rang.

Sixth round—This round was almost sick-ening to behold. It was extremely brutal, McGrath was pounded until he was so grougy that he could scarcely stand on his feet. He was knocked down four times, but gamely got up each time before he could be accounted out. ud five-McGrath's face was covered

gamely got up each time before he could be counted out. Had Peter Maher half his gameness, he could now be one of the cha pions of the world. It was only the gon that saved him the last time he was knocke seventh round-This round was anothe

seventh round—This round was another exhibition of gaueness, and although forced to the floor repeatedly, McGrath kept at his work, although fighting without the slightest shadwo or a chance of winning. He was repeatedly knocked down and each time seemed to be the last, but taking advantage of ten seconds, he arose just before being counted out. Cries or "take him off," etc., were heard. Accepting his punishment, he kept pegging away, but he had no strength left and was bound to be defeated for the first time in his life.

Round eight—Plimmer tried to bring the fight to a hasty finish, and went at his man

fight to a hasty finish, and went at his man with right and lest, and showered blow after blow upon his battered and bruised face, but even then he could not put hi face, but even then he could not but him out. McGrath was knocked down repeat-edly, but bobbed up each time before he was counted out. It was so extremely brutai that the erowd yelled, "Take him off," and out of pure charity Jimmy Carroll threw up

Peter Maber distinguished himself by running away from McGrath's corner in the sixth round. McGrath got mad at his seconds for throwing up the sponge.

Rowan Won.

WHEELING, Dec. 28 .- An 11-round, fiveounce glove contest between the lightweights 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 \$500, and was the prettiest contest ever witnessed here. The men weighed at 119

Won't Make Another Offer.

A special telegram from New Orleans last evening stated that the Crescent Club in reply to inquiries from Benton, Burge's manager, is not disposed to take up the matter of a fight between Burge and Melanife. President Noel, of the club, says more, making 13 in all, three of which are

IT WAS DESPERATE,

RYAN AND DAWSON.

The Chicago Boxer Agrees to the Australian's Very Exacting Terms.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28 .- [Special.] - Tom Rvan, 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 the Crescent City over 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 OBLEANS, Dec. 27.—Dawson won't con-test unless at 148 pounds, weigh in at noon, and wants articles signed that way sent him immediately, or he will sign to meet Billy Smitts in 'Frisco, Wire us to remore the one pound in the articles. When does Ryan leave? C. Dickson, President.

Ryan's folks were seen, and; after a configan's tolks were seen, and, after a consultation, the following response was sent:
CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—To C. Dickson, President Olympic Club, New Orleans, La.: You have authority to make the weight as indicated, 140, weigh in at noon. Byan started on Hitnois Central limited at 2 this afternoon and will reach New Orleans at 8 to morrow evening. Have forwarded amended articles in compliance with Dawson's wishes.

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 traternity of this city to the effect that the match between Jack McAuliffe and Dick Burge, for which the Coney Island AthleticClub 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 sound facts and figures.

The supposition that the contest was to be a prearranged affair is strengthened by the fact that Judge Newton, matchmaker of the club, has intimated to some persons that Burge, he heard, was to "lay down" to the American champion, and for these reasons he refused to have anything to do with the man. Newton, when interviewed this evening by a reporter, refused to either confirm or deny the rumor. He, however, spoke as though he had suspected that something was suspicious about Burge's actions, and for these reasons alone he had withdrawn the purse to save the reputation of the club, and the public from being imposed upon.

After the Fighters.

St. Louis, Dec. 28.-The Daly-Fitzgerald glove c ontest which came off last Monday night at Florrisant promises some interesting developments. Prosecuting attorney of St. Louis county, R. Lee Mudd, announces that he has plenty of evidence to proceed against the sports, has created a great sensation among gentlemen of sporting proclivities in this city, as some high rollers were present. Several of the officials of Florrisant are themselves liable. They were present and cheered on the combatants.

RACING AT GUITENBERG.

ome 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. Summaries:

First mos, purse \$400 for beaten horses First ince, purse \$400 for beaten norses, five furlongs-Krikina 109, Kuchen, first; Prince Howard 102, Mac Auley, second: Saun-terer 120, Griffin, third. Trinity 107, Sir George 112, Kerry Gow 97, Elect 102, and Dr. Helmuth 102, also ran. Time, 1:0234. Betting: Krikina, 4 to 1 and even: Prince Howard. 8 to Arising, 4 to 1 and even: Frince Howard. 8 to 1 and 2 to 1; Saunterer, even and 1 to 3; Trinity, 9 to 2 and 6 to 5; Sir George, 12 to 1 and 4 to 1; Kerry Gow, 45 to 1 and 15 to 1; Elect. 69 to 1 and 20 to 1: br. Helmuth, 100 to 1 and 40 to 1.

Second race, purse \$400, for 2-year-olds, winner to be sold, six furlongs—Skadi 100, Griffin, first: Mohammed 113, Flynn, second;

Griffin, first: Mohammed 113, Flynn, second; Harlequin \$7, Sweeney, third. Miss Fisher 100, Rightaway \$7, False Ahrens 107, Julia L. 109, Lismore 108 and Ada 8, \$5also ran. Time, 11734. Betting: Skadf 2 to 5 and out; Mohammed, 20 to 1 and 6 to 1; Harlequin, 100 to 1 and 30 to 1; Miss Fisher, 40 to 1 and 7 to 1; Rightaway, 50 to 1 and 20 to 1; False Ahrens, 10 to 1 and 2 to 1; Julia L., 80 to 1 and 4 to 1; Lismore, 100 to 1 and 30 to 1; Ada B., 100 to 1 and 30 to 1.

Third race, handican, purse of \$700 feet.

and 30 to 1.

Third race, handicap, purse of \$500, four and one-half furlongs—Fixtery 103, Kuchen, first: Little Fred 112, Griffin, second; Fidget 84, H. Harris, third. Uncertainty 88, Belbemonio 119, and Sandowne 87 also ran Time, 55. Betting: Flattery, 5 to 2 and 4 to 5. Little Fred. 4 to land 6 to 5; Fidget, 15 to 1 and 5 to 1; Uncertainty, 50 to 1 and 20 to 1; Bel Demonio, 8 to 5 and 3 to 5; Sandowne, 5 to 1 and 90 to 1.

to I and 9 to a. Fourth race, handicap, purse \$500, one mile—Logan 101, Shields, first; Eclipse 114, Flynn, second; Mabelle 411, Martin, third. Blitzer 115 also ran. Time, 1:43. Betting: Logan, 4 to 1 and 6 to 5; Eclipse, 4 to I and o 15; Mabelle, 7 to 10 and out; Blitzen, 6 to 1

to 10; Madeile, i to land dut; Blizen, 6 to 1 and 8 to 5.

Fifth race, purse \$400, winner to be sold, one mile and an eighth—Prince Fortunatus 110, Martin, first; Jack Rose 118 J. Barrett, second; J. O. Courtney 110, Snedeker, third. headlight 94, Groenwich 102, Signature 83. Hyacinthe 91 and Thorndale 106 also ran. Time, 1:564. Betting: Prince Fortunatus, 11 to 5 and 4 to 1; Jack Rose, 4 to 1 and 8 to 5; J. O. Courtney, 30 to 1 and 10 to 1; Headlight, 20 to 1 and 8 to 1; Greenwich, 7 to 2 and 8 to 5; Signature, 100 to 1 and 30 to 1; Thorndale, 3 to 1 and even.

even.
Sixth race, purse \$400, winner to be sold, six furlongs and a half—Running Bird 108, J. Barrett, first: Belwood 114, Flynn, second: Lizzio McDuff 20, F. Leigh, third, Macel Gienn 110, Panhandie 100, and Alma T 30, also ran. Time, 1:23%. Betting: Running Bird, 8 to 5 and 3 to 5; belwood, 5 to 1 and 2 to 1; Lizzie McDuff, 25 to 1 and 6 to 1; Mabel Glenn 7 to 5 and 2 to 5; Panhandie, 10 to 1 and 2 to 1; Aima T, 20 to 1 and 4 to 1.

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, turee-quarters of a mile, sellng-Bob Arthur 112, \$5; Quibbler 112, Alarmer 112, Paradise 112, Dr. Helmuth 112, \$10; Carracus 112, Mayor B 112, \$6; Brussels 112, \$10; Adalgisa colt 197, \$3; Annie W 104, others, \$2

Second race, three-eighths of a mile, ver lings-Fleika colt 115, \$10; Fagan 110, \$5; Herminie colt 110, Simplicity colt 110 83; Alice R 197, Lettie filly 107, Miss Annie 97, \$10; Tody Smith 97, \$5, Elite filly 97, Blue and White 97, Annie Relle 107 others 82 and

Smith 97, 85. Eitte filly 97. Blue and White 97, Annie Belle 107, others 83 each.

Third race, mile, selling—Laurenstan 118, St James 112, Harry Alonzo 112, 25; Experience 109, \$10; Allan Bane 109, \$10; Airplant 107, Sir Walter Raleigh 104, \$5; Slabtown 106, Mollie Davi-85, \$5; others, \$3 each.

Fourth race, iour and a hair furlongs, selling—Benjamin 122, \$10; May D 111, Duke John 110, \$5; Bon Voyage 109, \$8; Vanwart 105, Elmstone 102, Red Elm 102, \$5; Mucliage 110, \$3; Fleurette 28, \$10, others, \$2 each.

Fifth race, six and a hair furlongs, selling—Hi Ban Lady 109, Leich 108, \$10; Carmallie 108, \$2; Cœur de Leon 107, Pesstinist 106, Liline 108, \$2; Cœur de Leon 107, Pesstinist 106, Liline 108, \$10; Carmallie 108, \$10; Depon 97, \$2; Post Maid 93, others \$2 each.

Sixth race, seven-eighths of a mile, soll-

Sixth race, seven-eighths of a mile, selling—Dewdrop gelding 116, Character 115, Sir George 115, Sir Joe Courtney 116, Sir Hazelhurst 114, Sir Bess McDuff 118, Sie; Johnny O'Convon 118, there Si each O'Connor He, others \$2 each.

Gastright's Contract Here.

President Buckenberger yesterday re ceived the signed contract of Pitcher Gastright. The local official was glad to receive the document and said: "Gastright is one of the sensible players who knows when it is useless to make any kick. I have hopes that he will be in good form next season, and if he is we will have a

Secured More Dates PIQUA, O., Dec. 28 -- A. C. Buckenberger, President of the Pittsburg Baseball Club, telegraphed Mr. Charles H. Genslinger, President of the New Orleans Ball

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

BYAN AND DAWSON.

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

Barnie for the Colonels. LOUISVILLE, Dec. 28 .- [Special.]-For several weeks negotiations have been pending between the Louisville club and Billy Barnie, the veteran manager. It is said that negotiations have progressed so far that he will soon sign a contract to manage

THE SWIMMERS TO-NIGHT.

Splendid Programme of Contests and Nata-

torial Feats by Experts. The entertainment at the Natatorium tonight 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 Profs. Joseph Mo-Ewan and James Fox. These two men are probably the best swimmers in Pennsylvania. McEwan will show the famous Monte Cristo act, which consists of his being tied in a bag and dropped into water, and will have to extricate himself unaided.

James Fox will perform several feats under the water, and do a dive of 35 feet into five feet of water. The entertainment into five feet of water. The entertainment is free, and ladies are especially invited. The officials are: S. V. Kronthen, master of ceremonies; Joseph McEwan. starter; Fred Goodwyn, referee; James Taylor, Sr., and L. C. McCormick, timekeepers; W. Wissel and W. Bierman, judges. R. B. Montgomery will referee the polo game, which will end the performance.

New Athletic Association.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 28 .- At a meeting held at Exchange Hotel here, to-day, 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, St. Johns and Wakeforest. Breckinridge Robinson, of the University of Virginia, was chair-man. A constitution and by-laws were adopted.

Wants to Run Long.

James J. Jones, of Homestead, writes this paper as follows: "Knowing that John Long, of McKeesport, is talking considerablp 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 up. I will meet him at any time or place to put up a forfeit and sign articles. The sooner up a torfeit and sign articles.

Schaeffer Wins This Time, PARIS, Dec. 28 .- In the third billiard match, this time of 400 points single cushion carroms, for 5,000 francs, Schaeffer defeated Vignaux, the score being 400 to 345 points in a game of 104 innings. There was a good attendance, and the betting opened in favor of the Frenchman, but closed at 6 to 4 on

General Sporting Notes. THERE is a letter at this office for William Meighens.

VAN HEEST and Sol Smith at San Francisco

JIMIE FARRELL, of Chicago, wants a go with Walter Johnson.

Thomas Collins—He has never backed Sullivan during the latter's career.

There is likely to be another three-round glove contest between McCaffrey and Dono-

JOE CHOYNERI MAY be selected as boxing instructor by the Chicago Athietic Association.

Errorrs are being made to have the Yale and Harvard football teams play in San The proposed trotting race between the local horses, Ins and Harry N., did not take place vesterday.

It is rumored that Colonel Clark will soon retire from the judges' stand at Roby and that his place will be filled by Judge Chest-

Ir was stated last evening that the police stopped the intended trotting race yester-day on Centre avenue between Ina and

UNDAUNTED by the recent burning of its club house, the Chicago Athletic Club will at once begin to rebuild. The insurance companies paid \$201,600. FRANK Howson, who was whipped by Tommy Ryan near Aurora, Ill., a year ago, is matched to fight Joe Wilson, at Sheffleld, England, February 27, for \$590.

THE new Executive Committee of the Wash Ington Jockey Club is: Samuel Ross, President; William Miller, Vice-President; O. G. Staples, Treasurer, and Thomas M. Draney,

GEORGE PALMER, one of the peds at St. Louis, went crazy on the track and ran out of the natatorium and down the street yelling madly. He was filled with opiates and was laid away to recover.

C. H. PETTICORD received a letter from Frank Lenz, the local wheelman, yesterday. Lenz, at the time of writing his letter, was half way through Japan on his journey around the world. He is getting along all

Even thus early the Bacing Board of the L. A. W. is booming things for an international race in the fail of '93, and in a circular issued by Chairman H. E. Raymond it is stipulated that all applications should be in by February 15, 1893.

Gronge Surroy, late of New York, and Joseph Capron have arranged to play to billiard matches for \$500 a side on Janua 20 and 27 at Toronto. The first will be a inch balk line same of 500 points, and t second a straight-rail game of 700 points.

Dan Creeden, the Australian middle-weight, has arrived at Frisco. He is under contract to meet Jim Williams, of Sait Lake, before the Pacific Athletic Club. Creeden has lought a draw with Jim Hall, and he whipped Martin Costello over in Kangaroo-

JOHN FINNEGAN, a jockey who had been Sam Bryant's employ since his youth, died of consumption in Louisvillea few days ago. Finnegan had ridden Proctor Knott, Cometo-Taw, Uncle Bob and other switt horses of the Bryant & Scroggan stables. He was only

OARSMAN COURTNEY has a new hobby. It is to have a light freshman crew at Cornell, its members averaging about 145 or 150 pounds. He thinks that such a set of light, strong men can send the new-fangled aluminum shell through water at "the pace that kills."

pace that kins."

It is likely that a powerful baseball team will be gathered together to represent Gotham in next year's pennant race. John B. Day's successor will try to bring the team back to its former prominence in the baseball world. The directors have realized that winning ball is the only kind that pays. PRESIDENT BURDETTE, of the A. L. W., has

seued a call for a Constitutional Conven-ion to be held at Philadelphia, February 20. It is also probable that the meeting of the National Assembly will be held in that city during the same week. There is no strife for all indications, be re-elected without oppos

PEOPLE COMING AND GOING.

Captain J. R. 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 holders.

Dr. Stephen H. Emmens, of Youngwood, and John E. Ellsler, formerly manager of the Grand Opera House, put up at the Mon-ongahela House yesterday. Bishop John H. Vincent and his wife, of Buffalo, were at the Anderson for a short time yesterday. The Bishop lectured at Washington last evening.

W. J. Burns and George W. Schmidt, of Washington, are stopping at the St. Charles. Mr. J. Bricker, of Jamestown, N. Y., is in the city on business and pleasure.

DIED.

MURPHY—At his home at Crafton, at 5:39 r. M., December 28, N. Graffan Murphy, in his 79th year. Notice of funeral hereafter.

NEWMAN IS CLEARED.

The Jury Out but 10 Minutes in the Homestead Shooting Case.

HE AND COYNE HAD A SCUFFLE.

Before Firing the Fatal Fullet He Shot Into the Ceiling.

PEARED 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. Marshail and R. B. Scandrett appeared for the defense. Mr. Burleigh argued that the shooting was entirely unwarranted. It appeared that Newman, who is about

25 years of age, was working in the mill, and on the night of the shooting retired to his room about 9 o'clock. About midnight he was awakened by Coype, who was in the room. Newman ordered him to leave, and when he refused the two men got into a fight. Newman, fearing he was going to be killed, shot the intruder. Dr. Weible was the first witness called. He is a physician at Homestead, and has

been there since July. He was called a few minutes after Coyne was shot, and described the course of the bullet, which passed through the brain. Dr. McCandless made the post mortem examination, and corroborated Dr. Weible.

First Shot Into the Ceiling. 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 Coyne in the face and he fell. Before the shooting the witness heard Newman warning Coyne to get away and threatening to get a policeman if he did not go. At the afternoon session Coal and Iron Policeman Kellerer identified the revolver taken from Newman, and said the defendant taken from Newman, and said the defendant had told him he shot through the ceiling and then shot again, but he did not know Cowne had been shot until he fell.

Mr. Marshall then opened for the de-ense. He claimed the shooting was done in self defense. He described the scuffle in the room and contended that as Newman feared great bodily harm, he had a perfect right to shoot. Mr. Marshall denounced the sets of the union men on the outside who had made threats against the men in the mill, and he said it was by reason of these threats that the defendant thought his life was in danger.

Newman in His Own Behalf. The defendant was the only witness ex-amined in his own behalf. He told his story in a straightforward, convincing manner. He said he went to bed about 9 o'clock and

about 12 o'clock he was awakened by a blow on the head. He jumped out of bed and called out: "Who are you? What do you want?" Coyne ran around the foot of the bed and went toward Newman. The latter told him to stop. Coyne kept on moving toward Newman and he shot into the ceiling. The defendant then said: "Coyne made a rush at me, and I fell back against the

wall. I was badly scared and I hardly knew
what I was doing when I fired. I thought
it was an attack from the strikers."
This finished the testimony and it was
agreed to submit the case under the charge
of the court. Judge Slagle charged the jury very briefly, explaining the val degrees of murder and citing the law. referred to the evidence and intimated that the verdict should either be one of second

degree or acquital. The jury retired at 2:45 and in 10 min-

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT.

A Couple Assault and Battery Cases, With One of Flim-Flam-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.

Andrew Strak was sent to the workhous for three months for "flim-flamming" Joseph McCracken at Boston, Pa., a few weeks ago. George Penrod was found guilty of the

arceny of an overcoat from Frank Wolferd at Braddock. William Connelly was arrested for aggravated assault and battery on Fred Kauf-mauk, of Shaler township. He was ac-quitted and the costs divided.

Dr. Pollock is on trial for talse pretenses. He was an agent and insured a minor child in the Philadelphia Mutual Life Insurance Company for \$2,000. The child died, and as was against the rules of the company to insure a child for so large an amount, they refused to pay the policy. The mother of the child, Mary McMenamin, then sued the agent for false pretenses.

IN MEMORY OF W. S. PIER.

The Bar Association Meets and Passes Ap propriate Resolutions. The members of the Allegheny County Bar met vesterday afternoon in the rooms

of the Bar Association to take action on the death of the late Wm. S. Pier, Esq. Judge McClung presided and the vice presidents were Judges Stowe, Ewing, Kennedy, Porter, Hawkins and Buffington and Messra L. M. Plumer, M. A. Woodward and W. L. Chaltant. Addresses in memory of Mr. Pier, and referring to his ability and sterling qualities, were made by D. F. Pat-terson, J. S. Ferguson, T. M. Marshall, W. C. Moreland, Judge Porter and A. V. D. Watterson. Messrs. D. T. Watson, W. R. Blair, W. C. Moreland, W. F. McCook and C. C. Dickey were appointed a committee on resolutions. They reported an appropriate resolution referring to the life and excellent qualities of Mr. Pier, and it

was unanimously adopted. Mr. Pier was born in July, 1846, in James town, N. Y. He came to Pittsburg in 1863, and was first a clerk in a bank and then in business with his tather. In 1878 he entered the office of George Shiras, Jr., now of the United States Supreme Bench, and in July 10 1880, he was admitted to the bar.

LOST HIS SITUATION.

James McDade Asks Damages From the Citizens' Traction Company.

James McDade, Jr., yesterday entered suit against the Citizens' Traction Company for \$500 damages. He alleges that on November 16, when he was a passenger on a car, the conductor maliciously and without car, the conductor maticiously and without cause, stopped the car and had him arrested. He was locked up in the station, but at the hearing was discharged by the Magistrate. From the publicity the affair was given lost his situation and he now wants

damages. To-Day's Trial List.

Criminal Court-Commonwealth vs George Reifer, John Newmeyer, Mrs. K. Jones, Charles Arnold, Robert Baxter, George Launce, Joseph W. Knoth, C. C. May, John W. Anderson, Mike Jordon, Mary A. Ford, Louis Lorstein, Sarah Dorstein, J. G. Eb-bert, Clara Lautz, Mary Mamel, John Penn, Mike Dunabar, G. F. Radisili, W. J. Back-house, Anton Kasopski, Harry Gripp.

HANDLED IT CARRLESSLY.

8. Dunseath in Trouble Over a Bogus Half Dollar He Passed.

Samuel Dunseath was given a hearing be fore United States Commissioner Gamble yesterday on a charge of passing counterfeit money. He had been arrested by the police on complaint that he had passed a counterfeit half-dollar in a store on Grant street. At the hearing yesterday his de-fense was that he did not know what he was doing.

He did not deny, however, having passed

the coin, and he was committed to jail for court in default of \$500 bail. Mr. Dunseath said he never noticed what sort of a coin he had in his hand or he would never have touched it. He does not know how the coin came into his possession.

TO IMPROVE MERINOS

Is the Object of the New Standard Spanish Sheep Breeders' Association

STEUBENVILLE, Dec. 28 .- [Special.]-The Standard Delaine Spanish Merino Sheep Breeders' Association met here today, This association is one of the leading sheep breeders' organizations in the United States, although it has been organized only since 1890. It is a distinct institution from the National Delaine Sheep Breeders' Association, and its membership covers the States of Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Missouri and Michigan. This association differs from the National Delaine Association in having 100 points to which the sheep are graded to, and the animals must reach 72 points before they can be registered. The National Delaine Association registers all sheep which are the progeny of the Merinos and Black Tops, with-out regard to the demonstrated standard of

excellence in each case.

At to-day's meeting a number of flocks were offered for admission that will have to be scaled. Officers were elected as follows: President, W. P. Thompson, New Rumley, O.; First Vice President, John Kugler, O.; First Vice President, John Kugler, Stanbury, Mo.; Second Vice President, S. B. Williams, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Secretary, S. M. Cleaver, East Bethlehem, Pa.; Assistant Secretary, W. H. Cleaver, East Bethlehem, Pa.; Treasurer, D. B. Mulholland, Independence, Pa.; Committee on Pedigrees—W. H. Buchanan, West Middleton, Pa.; John Brandt, Kilgore, O.; L. E. Shattuck, Stansbury, Mo.; Nathan Longe, Pantuck, Mo.; Nathan Longe, Pantuck, Mo.; Nathan Lon tuck, Stansbury, Mo.; Nathan Jones, Penn,

MANY ILLUSTRIOUS VICTIMS

Of a Fine Looking Englishman Who Cut a Swath on Two Hemispheres.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.-Arthur Gwynn Bigge, 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 to-day. The charge was brought by Algernon Blackwood, a son of Sir Arthur Blackwood, the Secretary of the London postoffice. Bigge pleaded guilty. John K. Plauw, an English actor, and Lynnewood Palmer, the artist, were also in Lyanewood Palmer, the artist, were also in court to press charges of forgery and theft against Bigge, but upon his admission of his guilt they decided to press one charge only. E. H. Sothern, the actor, is another victim of Bigge's wiles, and he is also said to have abused the confidence of August Belmont and Richard Harding Davis, Bigge, who is a fine looking fellow with an excellent tenor voice has been outling a excellent tenor voice, has been cutting a wide swath in this country for the last eight years. Until this summer he confined his operations to the West.

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, which was built out of the flood relief fund. The building is a large one, and now utes returned a verdict of not guilty and placing the costs on the county. The defendant was then called up and discharged. been too much for one man. On Monday night the overworked fireman went to sleep and the fires in the heating appliances went

The result was that all of the patients caught-cold, some of them being seriously affected. In a few cases it has been reporte that the lives of patients are in danger, and several others who would otherwise been out of the hospital by this time will have to remain undefinitely. Among the number who were longer confined this account was Manager Johnson, of the

Postal Telegraph Company.

BANK ROBBER DUNLAP TO GO FREE. The Last of Several Efforts for His Pardon

Will Probably Succeed. BOSTON, Dec. 28.-The Executive Council to-day unanimously voted to pardon James Dunlap, the notorious bank robber now in the State Prison. This action awaits Governor Russell's approval. The impression at the State House is that Dunlap will

secure his liberty.

The Dunlap case is the most notable par on case that has ever been before the Executive Council in recent years. Several efforts have been made to secure his release. This is the first time that the Council bas een unanimous in favor of his liberation. The prisoner has but a year to serve, and the members of the Council feel that same recognition should be made of his behavior a restoring to the bank, after his apprehension, practically all the funds stolen At the time that he made restitution he was given to understand by the officers of the Government that such action on his part would operate in his favor.

HE BROKE THROUGH THE ICE.

An Aged McKeesporter Pulled Out of th

River, but Will Probably Die. McKeesport, Dec. 28 .- [Special,]-John McLaughlin, 60 years old, ventured on the ice here to-day 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 came to the surface in the right place and got his head out of the water far enough to cry for help. The ice kept breaking under his struggles to crawl out of the icy water and he was repeatedly submerged.

The rescue by two men who saw him

when he went in was attended with danger and difficulty. He was finally dragged out in a helpless condition and was found to be badly bruised in addition to the shock and chill, from which his recovery is very

STOCK BEGINNING TO SUFFER.

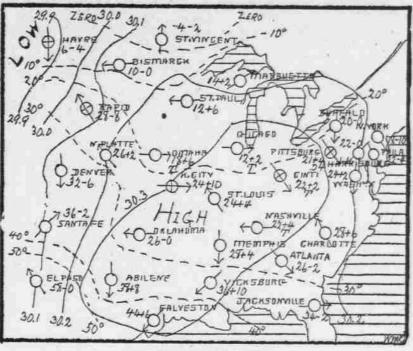
Because All the Small Streams Are Locked Up by Jack Frost.

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.

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.

Ex-Senator Ingalls' Father Dying. ATCHISON, KAN., Dec. 28.-Ex-Senator John J. Ingalls received a telegram to-day announcing the fatal illness of his father at Haverhill, Mass. He will leave for that place to-night.





EXPLANATION.

CPARTLY CLOUDY. OCLOUDY,

ORAIN.

The high area brings sunshine.

market "High" and the oval trough, or depres-sion "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" scross 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.

FOR WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA, WEST VIRGINIA AND OHIO-Generally 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 150 to 200 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 Official of the Weather Bureau furnishes the

ollowing: BARO METER-S A. M., 30.27; 2 P. M., 30.26; S P.M., 30.33. RELATIVE HUMIDITY-S A. M., 91; 2 P. M. 84; 8 P. M., 57.

PRECIPITATION past 24 hours, from 8 P. M., .04. TEMPERATURE-8 A. M., 9: 12 M., 13: 2 P. M., 19; 5 P. M., 22; 8 P. M., 21. Highest, 24: lowest, average, 13, which is 210 below the normal.

Arrow files with wind.
First figures at station indicate temperature;

next figures indicate change in temperature; and figures underneath, if any, indicate amount of rain-iall or melted snow in hundreths of an inch during

past 12 hours: T indicates trace of precipitation; leobars, or solid black lines, pass through points of equal pressure; isotherms, or dotted lines, equal temperature.

Storms generally move from West to Fast in amospheric waves, of which the crests are

JOHN COSGROVE was fined \$10 and costs for taking an article from a market house stand, and knocking little John McGervey down when he protested.

SHORT STORIES OF CITY LIFS.

John Wicklin slipped and fell while

CLOUDLESS.

attempting to board a West End car yesterday and was budly injured. He was taken to his home on Duquesne Heights. The firemen of the city were well remembered during Christmas, receiving money and valuable presents from many citizens whose property they had protected.

early yesterday morning by three men between Sixth and Seventh streets, on Da-quesne way. Boyle now carries a gun. A MAN named Carney was brought to the Mercy Hospital yesterday from Johnstown suffering from a fracture of his left leg. The cause of the injury could not be learned.

LETTER CARRIER JOHN BOYLE was attacked

An alarm of fire last evening was caused by the burning of some clothes in a house on Liberty avenue, near Twenty-eighth street, occupied by a family named Watson. The damage was slight. Robert Warson, whose head was cut open with a poker handled by John Irwin, was

taken from the Nineteenth ward station house to the Mercy Hospital. His condition was pronounced serious yesterday. The chiefs of the several city departments are busy making up their financial statements for the past year. Their requests for appropriations next year will be based on these reports, which will be handed in on or before December 3L.

MINOR POLICE.

AGNES LOBBE will be given a hearing before Alderman Donovan next Tuesday on a charge of beating the 5-year-old daughter of Edward Lutz.

JOHN STOCK is in the Twenty-eighth ward

station house charged with abusing his wife. He was arrested last night at his home at 64 South Fifteenth street. A would be thief broke into a room in the law building No. 157 Fourth avenue, last evening. He didn't get anything, but met the janitoress, who almost captured him. MRS, MARY EABY charged by Mary Tunney with picking her pocket of \$30 at the Market

House, on Saturday, had a hearing last night, and was hold under \$500 ball for court. CHARLES HECK, a barkeeper at the Hamilton Hotel, was arrested vesterday on a warrant sworn out before Alderman Donovan by Peter Reidlinger, charging him with assault and battery.

JOHN McGune and Harry Williams,

enarged with attempting to rob S. Stern, the

eweler, on Boggs avenue, Thirty-second ward, had a hearing before Judge Succop ast night. They were held for court.

STAGE WHISPERS. Mr. CHARLES HANFORD and Miss Annie Winter will appear to-night in "Ingomar at the Orand Opera House. Both have met with great success in their respective parts in this play all during the season.

COMMENCING with the matines next Mor day Thomas E. Shee will be seen at Harris' Theater supported by a capable company Mr. Shen is one of the best exponents of heroic character roles on the stage, and his present tour has been a highly successfu one. "Escaped from Sing Sing" will be giver for the first three days of the engagement, to be followed by the Irish play, "Barred Out."

EFFIE ELISLER'S new drama, "A Woman's Power," which will be presented the last two evenings of next week and for the Saturday matinee at the Grand Opera House is described as being a play of intense dramatic force. As the Lady Alicia, Miss Edster appears in a character very different fron ficult Kirke and it is said to be well cal culated to display the high order of dra matic talent she is so well known to possess. The earlier evenings of the week the actres appears in two of her best known imperson attons. Hosel Kirke and Event Alling.

Ocean Steamship Arrivals. Steamer. Rotterdam .

RIVER NEWS AND NOTES.

Louisville Items-The Stage of Water and the Movements of Bouts. (SPECIAL TELEGRAMS TO THE DISPATCH.)

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 28.—Business dull. Weather cloudy and warmer. Biver failing, with 3 feet 9 inch on the fails, 6 feet 1 inch in the canal and 5 test 7 tests below. inch on the fails, 6 feet linch in the canal and 5 feet 7 inches below.

The City of Owensboro, Tell City. E. G. Ragon and Robert Carson are detained by the heavy floating ice. The Big Kanawin and calls City are raid up in the Kenneky River. The Henry Debos and John C. Fisher are due up with tows. It is likely they are detained by the ice. The Harry Brown arrived from Memphis last uight with the largest low of curviles ever b ought up stream by one boat. Departure—For Cincinnati, Ficetwood.

What Upper Gauges Show,

ALLEGHENY JUNCTION-River frozen. Cles

and cold.

WARREN-River 0.6 foot. Clear and cold.

MORDATOWN-River frozen solid. Clondy.

Thermometer, 15° at 4 t. M.

BROWNSVILLE-River 4 feet 9 inches and staionary; clear. Thermometer, 15° at 5 f. M.

The News From Below. WHEELING-River 2 feet 6 inches and rising, Twelve inches of a rise was caused by a gorge be-low the city, and the water is backing up. Ther-mometer, 200 mometer, 20°.

CINCINNATI-River 9 feet 5 inches and stationary. No boats. Fair and cool.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Geneva, N. Y.—The Linden Ope a House, Loss, \$60,060. Muncie, Ind.—The Delaware County Court, Loss, \$300,000.

Omnha.-The S. Orchard block. Loss, \$500, 100; insurance, \$245,000. Wabash, Ind.—The Second ward school house, Loss, \$20,000; insurance, \$11,000. Origin, a mystery. Grafton, N. D.—The Oriental Hotel. Land-lord Sheppard was probably fatally wounded by leaping from an upper window.

seluding the Carolina Hotel and business block, the Armory, etc. Origin incendiary, New Hartford, N. Y .- The plant of Armstrong, Baker & Co., manufacturers of knit goods. Loss, \$50,000; insurance, \$35,000. The works will be rebuilt. Morrelville, Pa.-Three buildings occupied by six families, and also a furniture store. Loss, \$25,000. Lack of a nearby fire plug in-

sured the destruction of the property

Statesville, N. C .- Buildings worth \$75,000

one having a key, the Mayor seized a sledge hammer and broke in the door and the seven inmates were dragged out half suffo-Massilion-The Waverly Hotel. Insurance of \$5,000, carried by J. H. Grapewine, owner of the building, and \$3,000 carried by the lessee and landlord, J. W. Ewing, nearly covers the loss.

Clester, Ill .- The large Menard Manufac-

Bonham, Tex .- The city fail, on fire. No

C.ester, III.—The large Menard Manufac-turing Company's foundry in the Chester prison yards. All their stock in process of manufacture, tools, patterns and machinery were destroyed. The machinery was valued at over \$50,000. Origin thought to be incen-diary. Allentown-What might have resulted in Allentown—What might have resulted in a very serious fire occurred in Allentown at 11 o'clock last night, by a blaze in the paint shop of Harry Kalkoff, at 72 Washington avenue. Kalkoff occupies the basement. The fire spread all over the paint shop in a little while, owing to the large quantity of paints in the place. The flames were conlined to the one building. The loss may not excess \$800 or \$8.0.

excest \$600 or \$8 x).

TRI-STATE BREVITIES. SPRINGFIELD, O .- Duss, the new leader of the Economites, was a former Ohio school teacher, and was well known in this vi-

TIPPIN-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. SPRINGFIELD, O .- At Tompkinson school, Harmony township, Tuesday night Frank Skillings, playing the part of Santa Ciaus, met with a frightful accident. The cotton caught fire from the candles on the tree, and

in a minute he was aflame from head to foot.

Several men rushed forward and finally put the fire out. Skillings' burns, while very langerous, are not necessarily latal. Gazzasauro - Yesterday morning a terrific explosion occurred on the Hempfield Branch Railroad, on the Tinsman Jarm, in Sewickley township, in which one Italian was blown to atoms and a lozen or more badly injured. They were blasting a huge rock and had put in a heavy charge of dyna-mite and it not going off as soon as they thought it should they went back to exam-line it, when an explosion suddenly lol-

Highest of all in Leavening Power.-Latest U. S. Gov't Report.



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