WANT TO COME HERE.

McCusker and Haggerty Offer to Swim in Pittsburg

FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

A Local Offer to Put Up $20,000 for Corbett Against Mitchell.

RESULTS OF GUTTENBERG RACES.

Daly Defeats McCarthy in 28 Hot and Very Lively Rounds.

GENERAL SPORTING NEWS OF THE DAY

There was quite a surprise caused in local sporting circles yesterday afternoon by the receipt of a letter by Manager Goodwyn, of the Natatorium, from James L. McCusker, champion short-distance swimmer of the United States. The letter was dated Everett, Mass., December 24.

It stated that McCusker and John Haggerty, champion short-distance swimmer of England, had been matched to swim for $1,000 a side the following series of races: One hundred yards; one-eighth of a mile; one-quarter of a mile; one-half mile, and one mile. Mr. McCusker proposes that the series of five races take place in the Pittsburg Natatorium, providing the Natatorium will give the contestants $500 and expenses to swim here.

Manager Goodwyn was seen last evening and talked to regarding the proposal of Mr. McCusker. Mr. Goodwyn said: "Why the proposition is absurd. Their match is doubtless a square one, as Haggerty cannot afford to be beaten in three of the five races. But they cannot expect to be guaranteed $500 and expenses to swim at any place. We will do as much as anybody, and if they want to swim their races here I will give them a chance to reap the benefit of their reputations. I will give them each one-third of the gate receipts, and I will in behalf of the building take the other third and do all the advertising, etc. They cannot expect more than this. I have written McCusker to this effect to-day. He tells me he has written the Manhattan and other clubs for terms. I think we offer the very fairest."

It would be a treat to have McCusker and Haggerty swim a contest here. Doubtless the latter is a phenomenal man, and has convinced good judges of this fact. He came to this country purposely to tackle a short distance swimmer, and probably the only available man is McCusker. The latter has contested in this city before, and thinks well of it.

Among the Swimmers.

The swimming contests last evening at the Natatorium were exceedingly exciting. The audience to witness the contests was large. Bert Price won the handicap contest. He had two seconds start. J. T. Taylor was second. Profs. Fox and McEwan gave entertaining exhibitions of natatorial skill. The polo game was won by J. T. Taylor's team—1 to 0. Nearly 100 ladies were present. It was one of the best entertainments ever seen in the city.

WILL BACK CORBETT.

Mr. Hoyt Willing to Put Up $20,000 for James to Fight Mitchell.

One of the most enthusiastic of sporting men in this country, that is among men who take an interest in athletic contests, is Charles H. Hoyt, author of "A Texas Steer," and almost all the other popular farce comedies now before the American public. Yesterday afternoon Mr. Hoyt said to the writer:

"I suppose that Corbett can get all the backing he wants to fight anybody, but I want to be quoted as saying that I will back James J. Corbett for $10,000, $15,000 or $20,000 to fight Charles Mitchell. I don't want to say how Mitchell has insulted gentlemen, but I do say that Corbett can defeat Mitchell, and it would be $10,000 worth of pleasure to me to say to Mitchell after he had met Corbett: 'Now, you tough, you've got licked.' I have reasons for saying this, and I mean it."

Mr. Hoyt went on to say that he met Dick Burge recently in Boston, and after sizing the Englishman up, he (Mr. Hoyt) cannot see how Burge can defeat McAuliffe. Mr. Hoyt, who is now entirely recovered from his late sickness, will leave for Boston to-morrow. He says: "For sporting pointers read THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH."

MAY BE A SCHEME.

McCaffrey and Donovan Are Now Talking About a Large Purse.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—There are indications that the three-round sparring exhibition between Dominick McCaffrey and Mike Donovan held at the Madison Square Garden, December 17, will result in a meeting between those two well-known boxing instructors.

Regarding the matter McCaffrey says: "With the consent of the Manhattan Athletic Club, I should like very much to meet Donovan in the ring and settle the question of superiority. I will box him 1, 50 or any number of rounds for the largest purse that any club will offer, the winner to take all."

Donovan says he has no objections to a meeting with McCaffrey, but that it will depend upon the attitude of the New York Athletic Club, by which he is employed. An encounter between McCaffrey and Donovan would unquestionably draw one of the largest crowds ever seen at a boxing club in this vicinity.

SMITH'S REPLY.

The Denver Man Meets a Friend in Choynski and Not a Foe.

The following communication was received at this office last evening:

I am informed that some person, who hasn't the nerve to make his name public, wants to match Choynski to fight me. I never challenged Choynski. I challenged Goddard through THE DISPATCH. The people who put forward the challenge regarding Choynski fighting me don't know what they are talking about. We cannot fight for $5,000 a side outside of a club. There is no legal protection. The party presumingly speaking for Choynski does not know what he is talking about, and evidently has a personal spite somewhere. Now, to test these amateurs in challenges I will state and leave with THE DISPATCH $500 as a deposit that I will meet Goddard according to challenge. I want no baby talk from behind the bush. I take the popular medium of sporting news in Pennsylvania, or the United States for that matter, to make my intentions known.

Mr. Choynski will be here to-day. I will box him. If a club will offer a suitable purse to both of us I will fight him. In short, the people who talk about Choynski and myself fighting don't know their business.

ED SMITH.

M'AULIFFE'S ULTIMATUM.

He Won't Give an Ounce of Weight to Burge or Any Foreigner.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—[*Special.*]—During a conversation last evening Jack McAuliffe said:

"I won't give an ounce to Burge or any other foreign fighter. Jack Dempsey gave me a wholesome lesson about giving away weight. I don't want to sign articles to fight a fellow that stands head and shoulders above me and feeds on dumbbells and short sprints. If I fight out of my class I will have a crack at Corbett or Peter Jackson. It would be just as wise on my part. No; I will fight no man that is bigger than myself."

A bystander said that ever since McAuliffe had heard that Burge was a professional sprinter as well as fighter he was afraid of him.

WHAT BURGE SAYS.

He Is Willing to Get to Any Weight and Fight McAuliffe.

BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 29.—English pugilist Dick Burge, who lost the handsome purse of $45,000 offered by the Coney Island Athletic Club through the mistaken efforts of his manager, called upon Captain A. W. Cooke to-day and inquired if there was any chance of the Crescent Athletic Club, of New Orleans, giving a purse for a fight with McAuliffe. An answer was received from President Noel to-day to the effect that the matter would be considered and that McAuliffe had been telegraphed to but that the club would not give $45,000.

In regard to the matter of weight in the McAuliffe-Burge controversy and the claim that the latter cannot train to the required 133 pounds, Burge says he can easily get down to the lightweight scale, and is anxious to have the fight take place. Burge is now anxious to fight McAuliffe and will guarantee $10,000 forfeit or more if necessary.

A NEW ARENA.

Mr. Coogan Interested Now in Getting a Model Boxing Club Established.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Arthur T. Lumley is responsible for the information that an athletic club will soon be organized in this city with a capital of $3,000,000 for the purpose of promoting athletics and especially boxing. Purses will be offered for contests between the best men in their classes.

James J. Coogan, who ran for Mayor of this city on the labor ticket and was defeated in 1888, is the promoter of the new club and Arthur Lumley has been selected to manage the boxing contests. Mr. Lumley said that many of New York's business men are connected with the new club. It is the intention of the members to build a spacious clubhouse with an arena that is expected to seat 8,000 people. A site for the clubhouse has been selected in the neighborhood of One Hundred and Fiftieth street and Eighth avenue, this city.

DALY THE WINNER.

Corbett's Old Partner Defeats McCarthy After 28 Lively Rounds.

BUFFALO, Dec. 29.—[*Special.*]—Jim Daly, of Philadelphia, and Tom McCarthy, of Dubois, Pa., met before the Buffalo Athletic Club to-night for a purse of $2,000. It was a rattling fight of 28 rounds, when McCarthy, who had been growing weak since the fourteenth round, was rushed to the ropes by Daly, who landed many blows in quick succession on the face and head. McCarthy finally dropped senseless and was counted out.

McCarthy made a game fight, but was outgeneraled by Daly, who proved his superior lasting powers. Daly weighed in at 163½ and McCarthy at 166.

Changed the Date.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—It is announced that the date of the Fitzsimmons-Hall battle, which occurs before the Crescent City Athletic Club of New Orleans, has been changed. The reason of this was on account of the Southern elections, which take place about April 5, the original date on which the fight was scheduled to take place. The club has, therefore, in fear of having a slim attendance at the contest, changed the date on which the meeting is to occur to March 8.

The Match Not Likely.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Dec. 29.—It is unlikely that Joe Donahue will be able to get on a match with any of the skaters here. To-day the *Tribune* received a telegram from Gus Walton, Donahue's backer, withdrawing his forfeit December 31, unless covered in the meantime. Walton complains of the unsportsmanlike actions of the Normania Skating Club.

AN AWFUL DAY.

Outsiders Paralyze the Backers Down at the Guttenberg Race Track.

GUTTENBERG, Dec. 29.—[*Special.*]—This was an awful day for the talent. Outsiders won almost every race and the bookies filled their satchels with bills. The racing was good. Summaries:

First race, purse $400, for beaten horses, winner to be sold, six furlongs—Brussels 112, Snedeker, first; Mayor B 114, Flynn, second; Bob Arthur 112, H. Penny, third. Annie W 106, Adalgisa colt 107, Caraccus 112, Alarmer 112, Paradise 114, and Quibbler 115, also ran. Time, 1:18. Betting: Brussels, 6 to 5 and 2 to 5; Mayor B, 5 to 1 and 8 to 5; Bob Arthur, 8 to 5 and 3 to 5; Annie W, 50 to 1 and 15 to 1; Adalgisa, 15 to 1 and 5 to 1; Caraccus, 25 to 1 and 8 to 1; Alarmer, 20 to 1 and 7 to 1; Paradise, 40 to 1 and 12 to 1; Quibbler, 40 to 1 and 10 to 1.

Second race, purse, $400, for yearlings, penalties and allowances, three furlongs—Simplicity colt 110, Vankeuren, first; Blue and White 97, Leigh, second; Fleika colt 115, Griffin, third. Anna Belle 107, Miss Annie 97, Fagan 110, Elite filly 97, Tody Smith 101, Lettie filly 107 and Alice L 107 also ran. Time, :36. Betting: Simplicity colt, 10 to 1 and 4 to 1; Blue and White, 15 to 1 and 6 to 1; Fleika colt, 4 to 5 and 1 to 3; Anna Belle, 5 to 1 and 2 to 1; Miss Annie, 9 to 2 and 8 to 5; Fagan, 100 to 1 and 30 to 1; Elite filly, 100 to 1 and 30 to 1; Tody Smith, 8 to 1 and 3 to 1; Lettie filly, 100 to 1 and 30 to 1; Alice L, 20 to 1 and 8 to 1.

Third race, purse $400, winner to be sold, one mile—Sir Walter Raleigh 104, T. Flynn, first; Experience 109, Martin, second; Allan Bane 109, H. Penny, third. Mollie Davis 85, Harry Alonzo 112, Airplant 107, St. James 112, Laurestan 115 and Slabtown 110 also ran. Time, 1:43. Betting: Sir Walter Raleigh, 8 to 1 and 5 to 2; Experience, 5 to 2 and 4 to 5; Allan Bane, 5 to 2 and 4 to 5; Mollie Davis, 6 to 1 and 2 to 1; Harry Alonzo, 7 to 2 and 6 to 5; Airplant, 20 to 1 and 8 to 1; St. James, 25 to 1 and 8 to 1; Laurestan, 100 to 1 and 30 to 1; Slabtown, 60 to 1 and 20 to 1.

Fourth race, purse $400, winner to be sold, four and one-half furlongs—Duke John 110, Stewart first; Benjamin 122, H. Penny, second; Bon Voyage 109, Verplanck, third. Fleurette 98, Mucilage 110, Red Elm 105, May D 111 and Elmstone 104, also ran. Time, .56. Betting: Duke John, 8 to 1 and 5 to 2; Benjamin, 2 to 1 and 4 to 5; Bon Voyage, 30 to 1 and 8 to 1; Fleurette, 4 to 5 and out; Mucilage, 12 to 1 and 3 to 1; Red Elm, 7 to 1 and 2 to 1; May D, 30 to 1 and 8 to 1; Elmstone, 50 to 1 and 20 to 1.

Fifth race, purse $400, for 2-year-olds, winner to be sold, six and one-half furlongs—Coeur de Leon 110, H. Penny, first; Leigh 108, Snedeker, second; Carnalite 108, J. Barrett, third. Culpepper 97, Eugenie 99, Pessimist 106, Kindness filly 99, Postmaid 95, Lillie R gelding 108, Forget-Me-Not 99, and Irian colt 105, also ran. Time, 1:23¾. Betting: Coeur de Leon, 7 to 1 and 2 to 1; Leigh, 6 to 5 and 1 to 2; Carnalite, 7 to 1 and 5 to 2; Culpepper, 30 to 1 and 10 to 1; Eugenie, 6 to 1 and 5 to 2; Pessimist, 8 to 1 and 3 to 1; Kindness filly, 10 to 1 and 4 to 1; Postmaid, 25 to 1 and 8 to 1; Lillie R gelding, 100 to 1 and 30 to 1; Forget-Me-Not, 10 to 1 and 4 to 1; Irian colt, 100 to 1 and 30 to 1.

Sixth race, purse $400, winner to be sold, seven furlongs—Dew Drop gelding 116, H. Penny, first; Bess McDuff 113, Martin, second; Sir George 115, Leigh, third. Hazelhurst 114, Character 115 and Johnny O'Connor 110, also ran. Time, 1:31. Betting: Dew Drop gelding, 4 to 1 and even; Bess McDuff, 2 to 5 and out; Sir George, 15 to 1 and 7 to 1; Hazelhurst, 4 to 1 and even; Character, 40 to 1 and 12 to 1; Johnny O'Connor, 100 to 1 and 30 to 1.

To-Day's Guttenberg Card.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 29.—[*Special.*]—The following pools were sold here last evening on to-morrow's races at Guttenberg:

First race, four and one-half furlongs—Glaucus 115, Trophy 112, Prunty 110, $8; Oliver Twist 110, Naboolish 105, $10; Annie W 99, $15; Kitty N 99, Frisco 95, Zarilla filly 94, Avella 92, $5; Lady Ballard 92, $10; others $2 each.

Second race, four and one-half furlongs, maidens—Vexation gelding 112, Rose Dance 104, $10; Lasotta 102, Masholn 102, Maggie C gelding 100, Nattie Hamilton filly 99, $10; Ethel Pool 99, Laurenska 97, $10; Elizabeth filly 97; Carnous 95, $5; others $3 each.

Third race, five-eighths of a mile, selling—Bob Sutherland 125, Mamie B. B. 118, Miss Olive 113, $3; I.O. U. 108, Clotho 108, $10; Annie Elizabeth 101, $10; Coldstream 97, Panhandle 94, $5; Bob Arthur 98, $5; Belle D. 88, others $2 each.

Fourth race, mile, selling—Greenwich 118,

$3; Mabelle 112, $15; Kirkover 112, $10; Mohican 105, $8; Panway 100, $8; Sandowne 90, $3.

Fifth race, one mile, beaten horses—Elect 107, $1; Riot 107, Illspent 107, Shotover 107, Inferno 107, $10; Gold Dollar 107, $3; Prince Howard 107, $6; Maggie K 104, others, $2 each.

Sixth race, six and a half furlongs, selling—Centaur 117, $5; Sweetbread 114, $3; Lucy Clark 109, Brussels 108, $10; Dr. Helmuth 108, Relief 100, Rightaway 90, Julia L 89, $5; Deceitful 77, others, $2 each.

Another Athletic Club.

CONEY ISLAND, Dec. 29.—It is reported on good authority that a wealthy syndicate of sporting men are about to start an athletic club in the immediate vicinity of New York which will be a formidable rival of the Coney Island, Crescent and Olympic Athletic Clubs and is organized for the purpose of fostering and encouraging legitimate sports, especially pugilism. It is also stated that the club will endeavor to get the McAuliffe-Burge match and will pay a high price for it. From what can be learned the club will offer a purse for the contest to-morrow.

REED WINS THE TOURNAMENT.

The Detailed Results of the Matches Played With Webster at Erie.

ERIE, Dec. 29.—[*Special.*]—The checker contest between James B. Reed, of Pittsburg, ex-champion of the world, and William Webster, of Erie, ended to-night with the 20th game. The score stood as follows: First, double corner, drawn; 2d, switcher, drawn; 3d, Bristol, won by Reed; 4th, switcher, Reed; 5th, Bristol, drawn; 6th, Laird and Lady, drawn; 7th, single corner, Reed; 8th, double corner, drawn; 9th, Dyke, drawn; 10th, Kelso exchange, drawn; 11th, Dyke, Reed; 12th, Bristol, Reed; 13th, single corner, drawn; 14th, Bristol, Reed; 15th, single corner, Reed; 16th, Dyke, Reed; 17th, double corner, Reed; 18th, Ayershire Lassie, drawn; 19th, Kelso exchange, Reed; 20th, Ayershire Lassie, Reed.

The games averaged an hour apiece at actual play and attracted much attention. The stakes were paid over to Reed to-night.

Looks Like Chicago.

It looks now as if the '93 regatta of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen would be held at Chicago, which city is favored by most of the clubs in the association. Commodore DeWitt C. Cregier, Jr., of the Iroquois Boat Club, has $5,000 pledged by prominent citizens in Chicago to defray the expenses of the regatta. A meeting of the Citizens' Committee and the rowing men is to be held January 8 to form plans to secure the regatta. Detroit and Baltimore have also made bids for the regatta, while Saratoga has a generous standing offer.

Beaver Falls Shoot.

BEAVER FALLS, Dec. 29.—The Beaver Falls Gun Club will hold a shooting tournament on their grounds at Geneva Park next Monday. An unique feature of the affair will be the birds used. The matches will be sweepstakes, and the traps will spring English sparrows and blue rocks. Several of the crack shots from Pittsburg and a number from Eastern Ohio have entered for the series of events.

A Big Challenge.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Champion Billiardist Frank Ives has sent out an announcement that he is ready to play any body in the world for any part of $10,000 at balk line, the game not to be less than 4,000 points, 800 a night, and the match to take place in May, 1893.

General Sporting Notes.

SWIMMING is having a little boom in this city.

JOE CHOYNSKI and Bob Fitzsimmons will be in this city this week.

JIMMY REED is having quite an easy time of it in his checker contest at Erie.

LAST evening at Chicago Choynski stopped Bob Ferguson and Mike Boden in short order.

IF it gets a little warmer there will be some interesting football games here during the next few days.

QUARTERBACK BOOKWALTER, of the Annapolis foot ball team, was presented with a sword for the best all-round playing this season.

YALE students doubt the truth of the reported choice of Hinkey, "the Silent Man," as captain for '93. Frank Butterworth may yet be the man.

JOHN S. BARNES, the old baseball manager, has organized the Phœnix Athletic Club at St. Paul. There are over 500 members already enrolled.

W. C. LAWSON, the baseballist, charged with deserting an American ball team in England, has bobbed up in New South Wales with a hard-luck story.

ROGER CONNER has written to Harry Wright that if the pitcher is put back he will be in the game so much that the Phillies' right field wall will have to be moved back.

THE special eight-round bout between Walter Cambell, of Philadelphia, and Billy Ernst at New York on January 16 promises to be a corker. Both are clever, but Ernst is the harder hitter of the two.

SANDY GRISWOLD observes with delightful sarcasm: "Just as I said all the time, Jack Crooks has refused the presidency of the Northern Pacific Railroad, and will stick to the Browns next season for his board and beer money."

CAPTAIN PHIL KING, intervied at Washington, said: "I will not accept the captaincy at Princeton another year. I think that an undergraduate should be promoted to the position. Vincent, '94, and Trenton and Wheeler, '95, are the most available candidates." In speaking of the games next year King said: "Princeton is in favor of a tri-league between Harvard, Yale and Princeton. The pace has been too hot for Wesleyan. A game between the University of Pennsylvania and Princeton will be played if the tri-league is organized."

THE FIRE RECORD.

Thirteenth and Etna—The carpenter and pattern shop of Zug's mill yesterday afternoon; loss, $1,500. Incendiarism is suspected.

Quebec—Reed & Craig's paper warehouse and A. B. Dupin's wholesale biscuit and confectionery establishment. Loss estimated at $100,000.

Allentown—Two frame houses at midnight Wednesday, one occupied by Ed Sheffner; loss, $2,000. Incendiarism suspected and the police are investigating.

Marshalltown, Ia.—The High School building. Loss, $50,000; insurance, $20,000. It was supposed the fire was caused by an explosion in the chemical laboratory.

New York—Palmer's Theater damaged $500. The watchman discovered a fire under the stage at 2:15 o'clock yesterday morning. Just as he rushed from the theater to give the alarm a man was seen to leave the office of Thomas & Eckerson, real estate agents, who have an office under the theater on Thirtieth street, and throw a blazing book into the street. He then returned to the office and locked himself in. A cabman informed the police, who arrested the man. On the floor of the office was found a heap of burned papers, which seemed to show that a fire had been kindled by some one in the office.

CAUGHT IN THE POLICE NET.

SADIE ANDERSON has been sued before Alderman Cahill for disorderly conduct by Mrs. M. Boyd. She was discharged yesterday on her own recognizance for a hearing to-morrow.

GEORGE ANTOL was committed to jail by 'Squire Holtzman, of Braddock, yesterday, to await a trial on a charge of aggravated assault. The plaintiff is Micheal Kochserhay, a Pole, employed at the Edgar Thomson Steel Works.

GENAN MURTRANGO, an Italian, sued by John Roe, before Alderman Richards, for larceny, was held for the March term of court yesterday, in default of $300 bail. Mustrango, it is alleged, got a watch from Roe and refused to pay for it.

JACOB DAUM was arrested yesterday by Inspector McLaughlin at his home in Oakland. He is charged before Judge Hyndman, on oath of J. H. O'Donnell, with aggravated assault and battery. Daum will be given a hearing to-morrow.

MRS. MARY WALLS, who was charged yesterday before Magistrate Succop with stealing toys from the store of John Clinkey, No. 2508 Carson street, was arrested last night and was the only prisoner in the Twenty-eighth ward station house at 11 o'clock.

CYCLING THE WORLD.

The Interesting Performance of Two American Wheelmen Who

HAVE REACHED SAN FRANCISCO.

They Astonish Natives by Scaling Mount Ararat, and Also by

TRAVERSING ALL CHINA UNHARMED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—W. L. Sachtleben, of Alton, Ill., and Thomas G. Allen, of Ferguson, Mo., have arrived here from Vancouver, B. C., after making a tour of the world on bicycles. On June 30, 1890, they finished their course of study at Washington University, St. Louis, and then started out to make the trip. They visited Washington, and on June 23 sailed from New York, landing in Liverpool July 4. There bicycles were purchased, and a tour made of the British Isles, thence to France.

Their route took them through Rouen, Paris, Chartiers, Peritoirs, Bordeaux and Marseilles. The Riviera route along the shores of the Mediterranean was followed, and Genoa, Rome and Milan, in Italy, were visited. At Athens the first long halt was made. To Constantinople was the next jaunt, and there preparations for the invasion of Asia were begun.

They Scaled Mount Ararat.

"Our first exploit, of which we are a little proud," said Sachtleben to-day, "was the scaling of Mount Ararat. We are the first Americans that reached the top, and the natives could hardly believe we had succeeded. We started July 2 and reached the summit July 4. There we celebrated the American holiday by waving the American flag and firing shots from our revolvers. On our return the Governor of Bayazid gave a dinner in our honor. Through Turkey in Asia we rode, and then through Persia, visiting Teheran on our way. Our journeying was along camel paths, there being no other roads.

"At Tashkand, the capital of Turkestan, we remained from November, 1891, to May 7, 1892, and spent a good deal of the time studying the Russian language. We often had occasion to notice the eager attitude of Russian sentiment regarding the advance upon British Afghanistan. The Russians are very friendly to Americans, and on this account we received many courtesies. Our last stopping place in Russian territory was at Vernoe, and here the people tried to dissuade us from making the attempt to go to China; but, relying on a special passport which had been given us by the Chinese Minister in London, we determined on trying to get through. After leaving Kuldja the route taken was by way of Urmpse to the border of the Gobi desert at Hami, and we were agreeably surprised at the character of the roads. In some places the desert has a hard bed, and this enabled the machines to make moderately good progress during the 12 days it took us to cross.

Through China Unmolested.

"Pushing on to Suchchau, the western end of the great wall was reached, leading on to Lanchow. Then we proceeded to Singan, Pingyan, Tayuan and Poting-Fu, arriving at the latter place on October 20, whence we rode to Peking. The fact that we had actually traversed China without personal inconvenience astonished all the diplomatic representatives there. After resting there we went to Shanghai, where the machines were repaired. Afterward we intended to go to Japan, but received letters asking us to return home, so we left at once, touching at Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama, whence we sailed December 9 last."

Sachtleben stated that while the trip in many respects had been a hard one, they enjoyed it greatly. They met with no annoyances from the natives in any of the countries passed through, excepting China. When asked if they would proceed to St. Louis direct, he responded. "That depends on circumstances. We are awaiting letters, and if there is no immediate hurry we would like to complete our circuit by wheeling home through Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico and the Southern route generally."

A New West Virginia Railroad.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., Dec. 29—[*Special.*]—The Secretary of State has granted a charter to the Point Pleasant, Buckhannon and Ligeres Railroad Company. The railroad will commence at Bellington, Barbour county, and run through Barbour and Upshur counties to Buckhannon; thence through Lewis, Braxton, Gilmer, Calhoun, Roan and Jackson counties to Point Pleasant.

A Railroad in the Street Car Business.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—A syndicate composed of Eastern stockholders of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad have purchased the street car lines of Alton. One object is to use the roads as feeders for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad in the St. Louis-Alton traffic.

A Smallpox Scare at Akron.

AKRON, Dec. 29.—[*Special.*]—A special meeting of the Health Board was held to-night to prevent the spread of smallpox, which has broken out in town. Two cases were sent to the pest house to-day. Both are millmen, and it is feared they have spread the contagion.

For Better Roads in Indiana.

EVANSVILLE, IND., Dec. 29.—The road congress of the First district of Indiana is in session here. The object is to secure legislation for better roads.

SNAP SHOTS AT LOCAL NEWS.

WORK on the Citizens' electric branch to Wilkinsburg is proceeding slowly on account of the cold weather.

ALDERMAN LESLIE, of the Seventeenth ward, will hold his eleventh annual reception at his office next Monday.

THE T. J. Morley Republican Club will give a reception and concert at their rooms, No. 124 South Nineteenth street, next Friday evening.

THE Hebrew Democratic Association of Pittsburg has opened headquarters in the Duquesne College building, corner of Diamond and Ross streets.

MRS. LEE, of Richmond, Va., has written to the authorities of this city asking that a lookout be kept for her daughter, Mary Ann, aged 18, who has eloped with E. Talbert, a married man of 41.

MARGARET HILSDON, who was badly burned by the explosion of a lamp at her house in Plummer alley Monday night, was removed to the West Penn Hospital yesterday. Mrs. Hildon is in a serious condition.

A DELIGHTFUL hour or two was spent at the A. M. E. Church, Hazelwood, last evening by the friends of the Ladies' Sewing Society of the church. An oyster supper was served, the proceeds of which went to the church fund.

THE Pittsburg Commandery Knights Templar No. 1 will tender a reception and tournoi to their Sir Knights, Masonic friends and ladies of division No. 2 at the Monongahela House on Tuesday evening, January 19, 1893.

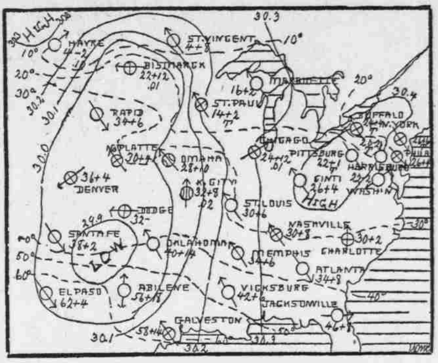
RICHARD DIEBOLD, employed at the Westinghouse airbrake works on Liberty avenue, near Twenty-fifth street, had his leg badly managed in the machinery yesterday afternoon. He was removed to the West Penn Hospital. Diebold is married and lives on Brereton avenue.

Ocean Steamship Arrivals.

Steamer.	From.	To.
Moravia	Hamburg	New York.
Vega	Lisbon	Brooklyn.
Runic	Liverpool	New York.
Germanic	New York	Brow Head.
Russia	New York	Hamburg.
Naronic	New York	Fastnet.
Enchantress	New York	Buenos Ayre
Elbe	New York	Lizard.
Kaiser Wilhelm II.	New York	Genoa.
Norseman	Liverpool	Boston.
Gothia	New York	Stettin.

OUR DAILY WEATHER MAP

FROM OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 P.M.



EXPLANATION.

◌ CLOUDLESS. ⊖ PARTLY CLOUDY. ⊕ CLOUDY. ⊗ RAIN. ⊜ SNOW.

Arrow flies with wind.

First figures at station indicate temperature; next figures indicate change in temperature; and figures 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—Generally Fair; South Winds; Rising Temperature.

WEATHER CONDITIONS—Light snows or snow flurries have occurred in the Lake regions, the Northern and Central Plateau regions and in the Central Rocky Mountain regions. Fair weather has prevailed during the day in the remaining districts. Low temperatures continue in the Middle and South Atlantic States, but it is growing gradually warmer in these sections. The barometric depression which was central in Eastern Montana has developed into a trough of low pressure extending from North Dakota into Western Texas, with lowest pressure in Southern Colorado.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 29.—The Local Forecast Official of the Weather Bureau furnishes the following:

BAROMETER—8 A. M., 30.39; 2 P. M., 30.36; 8 P.M., 30.44.

RELATIVE HUMIDITY—8 A. M., 71; 2 P. M. 61; 8 P. M., 65.

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

TEMPERATURE—8 A. M., 21; 12 M., 22; 2 P. M., 24; 5 P. M., 23; 8 P. M., 22. Highest, 25; lowest, 16; average, 20, which is 14° below the normal.

TRI-STATE BREVITIES.

WASHINGTON, PA.—Seven alleged murderers will be tried in January.

YOUNGSTOWN—Nicholas Chekary, wholesale fruit dealer, has assigned.

GREENSBURG—A $100,000 company has been formed to manufacture fuel gas.

ELLWOOD—Editor Fulkman, of the *Eagle*, is still in prison, but his wife is editing the paper.

WEST MIDDLESEX—The Wheeler Furnace Company has received a standing order for pig iron which will take every pound of metal in their yards at this place.

SPRINGFIELD, O.—Mrs. James Buford, wife of a prominent politician, dropped dead yesterday morning from the shock of discovering in a room the dead body of a relative who had died suddenly.

WHITE HAVEN, PA.—The landlord of the Mansion House intimated to Samuel Evans, a boarder, that his room rent was due. Evans had been out of work some weeks, and Thursday night blew out his brains.

UNIONTOWN—The long opposition to the old bridge company owning the bridge connecting Connellsville and New Haven has taken definite shape in an application for a charter for a new bridge across the Yough river.

YOUNGSTOWN—William Patterson, a young grocer of Pittsburg, who came to his former home here on a visit, was arrested yesterday, charged with embezzling $20 collected for a funeral wreath, which he failed to turn over. Patterson claims to be innocent.

WASHINGTON, PA.—A new theory in regard to the McCready poisoning has been brought out. The three members of the family who were ill have been steadily improving until Wednesday, when both Mrs. McCready and her son fainted. An investigation was again made, and it was discovered that the air under the house, where the furnace that heats the residence is placed, was very impure, and when the gas was turned the combustion was imperfect, sending the poisonous fumes into the room above.

NEW CASTLE—Landlord Kramer, of the Red Lion Hotel, of Pittsburg, was in the city Wednesday. He called on Alderman Leslie and stated that members of the Henry E. Dixey Company had stopped at the hotel while the company was in Pittsburg, and that they had contracted an indebtedness of $166. This, he says, they could not pay and claims that they agreed to leave their trunks and contents as security for the money. The landlord says that after they had gone he discovered the trunks left behind were empty. He went to Beaver Falls and got two orders, one for $83 on the receipts of the house here last night and one for a similar amount on the receipts at Youngstown tonight. Mr. Kramer stated that if the order was not accepted he would have the people arrested.

PEOPLE COMING AND GOING.

M. C. Acheson, of Washington, Pa., administrator of the estate of the late John McKeown, was in Pittsburg yesterday.

Joseph McSweeney, a young Democratic attorney of Oil City, was in Pittsburg yesterday.

Dick Quay and his sister, of Beaver, Pa. were at the Hotel Duquesne yesterday.

Captain R. M. Jacobs, of Brownsville, was at the Hotel Anderson yesterday.

T. F. Birch, a lawyer of Washington, Pa., is at the Monongahela House.

John Walton, of Lawrenceville, is absent in Bradford visiting friends.

C. L. Magee and Recorder Von Bonnhorst went East last night.

D. G. Clark, of New Castle, is at the Monongahela House.

J. F. Critchfield, of Louisville, is at Newell's Hotel.

P. J. Loftus and P. Lowe, of Youngstown, are in the city.

Pittsburgers in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—[*Special.*]—The following Pittsburgers are registered at New York hotels: W. F. Barr, Hoffman House; H. M. Bennett, Marlborough; S. Bierman, C. Thornton, Metropolitan; W. H. Cooper, H. Walker, Windsor; W. Flacons, A. J. Nellis, Astor House; E. F. Jackman, Imperial; J. S. Mahan, Westminster; A. Maraux, Earles Hotel; F. S. Merrick, Continental; J. C. Palch, Cosmopolitan; E. P. Young, St. Denis; R. H. Herron, Fifth Avenue.

RIVER NEWS AND NOTES.

The Ohio Fast Being Locked Up by the Prolonged Cold Snap.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAMS TO THE DISPATCH.]

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., Dec. 29.—The prolonged frosts have strengthened the locking up of the river, and some of the best-informed boatmen say the Ohio will probably not be open again for weeks. The owners of the Andes, Ben Hur and 11 other boats tied up here have given it up for the time being, and sent their crews home by rail. Stillwater ice is four inches thick here to-night, and the harvest for next season's use has begun.

The Little Kanawha is frozen solidly from bank to bank, but the ice is so light that the local boats are breaking their way through for the usual trips to the Springs. River men say to-night that there will have to be a heavy rise in the Ohio to open the stream again, as the ice will hold on so long as the water is low as at present.

Louisville Items.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 29.—Business dull. Weather clear and colder. River falling, with 3 feet 3 inches on the falls, 5 feet 7 inches in the canal and 8 feet 3 inches below. Departure—For Cincinnati, Big Sandy.

What Upper Gauges Show.

WARREN—River 0.5 foot. Cloudy and cold.

MORGANTOWN—River frozen. Cloudy. Thermometer, 20° at 4 P. M.

BROWNSVILLE—River 4 feet 9 inches and stationary; clear. Thermometer, 24° at 5 P. M.

The News From Below.

WHEELING—River 3 feet 11 inches and stationary. Thermometer, 20°.

ST. LOUIS—No traffic. River 2 feet 8 inches. Cool and clear.

CAIRO—No arrivals or departures. River 12.9 feet and falling. Cloudy and cool.

CINCINNATI—River 8 feet 9 inches and falling. Clear and cold.

Notes From the Wharf.

THE Delta is stuck with her empty tow at Duff's riffle.

STAGE of water at Davis Island dam, 3.2 feet. River rising.

CAPTAIN JOHN KERN had his master's license renewed yesterday.

THERE were four inches of ice in the river at the first pool yesterday.

THE Twilight was breaking ice in the channel at the third pool yesterday.

JAMES G. LONGWELL had his chief engineer's license renewed yesterday.

ALVA VOEGTLEY, chief clerk on the Iron Queen, was in the city from Cincinnati yesterday.

THE Coal City, which has been athwart a boulder at Cables Eddy since last Monday, yesterday broke apart in the middle. She is probably a total wreck.

THE Cincinnati, Stony Hill and Greenfield mines and Brown & Sons' two mines in the third pool are now running with a full supply of men, at the reduced rate.

THE packet Congo arrived at Cincinnati on Wednesday morning and left for Huntington in the evening. She will probably tie up on her return to Cincinnati.

CAPTAIN JACOB CASTLE, formerly commander of the Rainbow, which went up in smoke near Cincinnati two years ago, was in the city yesterday from Chicago, where he now resides.

THE Keystone State is tied up at Steubenville on account of an ice gorge at Brown's Island. The Andes and Lizzie Bay are tied up at Parkersburg, the Batchelor at Bellaire and the Hudson at Gallipolis.

STRAIGHT STAGE TIPS.

ONE of the most amusing comedies seen here last season returns to the Alvin next week. The company is nearly the same as that which was seen here last year, and as far as laughter goes the Alvin's patrons should find it perfectly satisfactory. The plot of "Mr. Wilkinson's Widows" involves in a most amusing way a couple of widows and the struggle a married man makes to conceal a rather wild past from his wife. The company bears the name of Mr. Charles Frohman and is pretty sure to be up to the mark. There will be the usual extra matinee on New Year's Day.

A NEW edition of "A Parlor Match," or "Series 9," is promised by Messrs. Evans and Hoey, who will appear at the Duquesne Theater, New Year's week, opening with a matinee. It has been re-written and revised up to date. Besides various old features, that will no doubt prove fetching to the old and new friends of the play, and the favorite stars, new features have been introduced. They include songs, dances and other specialties that were unearthed by Evans and Hoey during a summer trip in Europe. Mr. Hoey will sing for the first time "The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo," the idea of which was suggested by his experience at that famous resort, and Mr. Evans will manipulate a new and amusing spiritualistic trick and introduce a new quadrille burlesque, in which he will be assisted by Mr. Hoey, Miss Minnie French and Helen Douglas.

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