THE ONLY REPUBLICAN DAILY IN LACKAWANNA COUNTY.

Scranton Tribune.

EIGHT PAGES---56 COLUMNS. SCRANTON, PA., FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 21, 1896. TWO CENTS A COPY.

THE

Sale of The Season

The choicest housekeeping linens that the world's manufacturers produce at prices lower than the makers expected to get for them from the jobbers. It's a great opportunity for money saving, and a chance to secure Table Linens, Napkins and Towels of superb quality, at prices such as you usually pay for grades that are at best no better than fairly good. The list submitted here is too lengthy to admit of full descriptions, but we earnestly invite every housekeeper in the valley to call and look the stock over. It represents months of successful effort on our part to outdo our own best previous records in this annual sale, and the result is so satisfactory that we're both surprised and delighted with it.

CRISPLY TOLD FACTS.

No room for anything else with so much that is rich in value exquisite in design and quality before us.

Cream Linen Table Damasks.

All new. Higher prices represent the finest goods manufactured, with napkins to match. None are low grade.

50 in. wide	21c.
54 in. wide	25c.
56 in. wide	28c.
58 in. wide	35c.
64 in. wide	39c.
72 in. wide	37c.
72 in. wide	69c.
72 in. wide	75c.

Bleached Linen Damask.

46 in. wide	25c.
64 in. wide	39c.
58 in. wide	39c.
62 in. wide	42c.
68 in. wide	50c.
72 in. wide	87½c.
72 in. wide	95c.

Extra Double Damask Table Linen, 72 inches wide, $1.50 and $1.65.

Napkins in all sizes to match.

High Class Towels,

Lower qualities at reduced prices if you want them.

150 dozen Bleached Huck, fancy borders, 19c. a pair.

50 dozen Bleached Huck, Hemmed fancy, 25c. a pair.

95 dozen Damask Towels, White or Fancy Colored Borders, very extra, 25c. a pair.

50 dozen Bleached Damask Towels, red, blue or plain borders, knotted fringe, 29c. a pair.

50 dozen Heavy Damask Towels, blue, red or gold borders, 37½c. a pair.

40 dozen, Bleachel Damask Towels, knotted fringe, plain or fancy border, 37½c. a pair.

45 dozen extra large and heavy Damask Towels, Bleached, 45c. a pair.

35 dozen extra quality Bleached Huck Towels, Hem-Stiched, fancy, 45c. a pair.

25 dozen extra fine and large Damask Towels, knotted fringe, borders, assorted, 39c. each.

20 dozen very extra quality Bleached Huck Towels, Hem-Stitched, exquisite Damask borders, etc., 35c. each.

15 dozen very large size Birds Eye Bleached Linen Towels, Hem-Stitched, very fine, 75c. a pair.

10 dozen new idea Bleached Linen Damask Towels, two rows open work, knotted fringe, 50c. each.

10 dozen matchless Bleached Damask Towels, knotted fringe, broad diamond net work, border, 55c. each.

Great Table Napkin Sale.

All finer Damasks referred to above are exactly matched, but the sale includes besides these every make, size and quality in the trade. Lack of space alone prevents details being given here.

Scotch and Russian Crash

All qualities. Bleached and unbleached. Prices way down.

Bargains in White Bed Spreads.

Hemmed Crochet Quilts, Marseilles patterns	$ .69
Large Crochet Quilts, Marseilles patterns	.75
Hemmed Crochet Quilts, Marseilles pattern	.87
Hemmed Crochet Quilts, Marseilles pattern	1.10
Hemmed Crochet Quilts, Marseilles pattern	1.19
Marseilles Quilts, large and heavy	1.37½
Marseilles Quilts, large and heavy	1.55
Marseilles Quilts, large and heavy	1.69

The above represent the best-known makes, and the patterns are the very newest. In point of value we've never seen their equal.

Duree Satin Finished Quilts.

A new thing in America, but long known as the representative high-class Bedspread of Britain. Three extra large sizes at $2, $2.35 and $2.95.

These prices during sale only.

Muslin and Sheetings.

4-4 Unbleached (Uncle Remus)	3¾c.
4-4 Unbleached Atlanta P	4½c.
4-4 Unbleached "Atlantic H"	5½c.
4-4 Unbleached "Atlantic A"	5½c.
4-4 Bleached "Fearless"	6½c.
4-4 Bleached "Hill"	6½c.
4-4 Bleached "Lonesdale"	6½c.
4-4 Bleached "Fruit of the Loom"	6½c.
6-4 Unbleached "Lockwood"	8½c.
6-4 Unbleached "Lockwood"	10½c.
5-4 Bleached "Lockwood"	9½c.
50-inch Bleached "Lockwood"	10½c.
6-4 Bleached "Lockwood"	12c.
5-4 Bleached, Utica or N. Y. Mills	16½c.
6-4 Bleached, Utica or N. Y. Mills	13c.
8-4 Bleached, Utica or N. Y. Mills	17c.
9-4 Un-bleached, Utica or N. Y. Mills	18½c.
10-4 Unbleached, Utica or N. Y. Mills	21c.
9-4 Unbleached "Lockwood"	19c.
10-4 Bleached "Lockwood"	19c.

Notwithstanding this big array of figures and facts we've only told you half the good things that await you at this Greatest of our Great Sales.

Sale open Friday, Feb. 21, and continues ten days only.

GLOBE WAREHOUSE.

PLEAS FOR HELPLESS CUBA

Senators Full of Patriotism and Devotion to the Cause.

MR. CAMERON THE LEADER

He Offers a Resolution Asking That the President Act in Cuba's Behalf—A Mckinley Boom in the House. Seeds Recognized.

Washington, Feb. 20.—For three hours and a half today the senate was engaged in a debate on the resolution for the recognition of the belligerent rights of the Cuban insurgents, and the alternative resolution for the recognition of Cuban independence. There was a very full attendance of senators, and the galleries were filled by an interested and sometimes excited assemblage of men and women. The debate was opened by Senator Call (Dem., Fla.) and continued by Cameron (Rep., Pa.) who offered a substitute for the concurrent resolution in these words:

"That the president is hereby requested to interpose his friendly offices with the Spanish government for the recognition of the independence of Cuba."

In a written speech he declared that the question was no longer one of belligerency, but one of independence. He wanted the government to act. The policy which he advocated was, he asserted, the policy of the Republican party and of the American people.

He was followed by Senators Lodge (Rep., Mass.) and Morgan (Dem., Ala.)

Mr. Morgan was the author of the concurrent resolution and reported it from the committee on foreign relations. Each speech in succession seemed to outstrip the other in patriotic fervor and in devotion to the Cuban cause; and some of the speeches attracted applause from the galleries.

Mr. Morgan opened on a very conservative line, but as he progressed, and as he was drawn out by the inquiries of other senators, he seemed to give free scope to his real convictions and desires, and expressed himself in no doubtful or hesitating language, in favor of taking the most advanced position. He declared his belief that Spain would not release her hold upon the throat of Cuba and that she would rather lose the island as the result of war with the United States than yield it for a price, or lose it through the success of the insurrection. At one point in his speech he exclaimed passionately that in a certain event it was our "duty to draw the sword, lay it on the table and say to Spain, 'If you want to take it up, take it up.'" This exclamation, of course, drew down the applause of the galleries. Mr. Morgan was not able to finish his speech, but will continue it at the session of Monday next—the senate adjourning at 5.30 till Saturday, when the president pro tem (Mr. Frye, Rep., Me.) is to read Washington's farewell address.

A Boom for Mckinley.

The consideration of the Indian appropriation bill, the principal topic before the house today was marked by two incidents—one of interest, the other of importance. In the general debate on the measure, Mr. Wilson (Rep., Ohio) departing from the text before him, made a speech advocating the passage of a protective tariff bill, in the course of which he had read from the clerk's desk extracts from the speech of Major McKinley at the Marquette club dinner in Chicago, February 12. Efforts by the friends of other presidential candidates to head off this advertisement of the Ohio candidate on the floor of the house were unavailing.

When the committee of the whole reached the paragraph in the bill providing for the pay of the five Indian inspectors, a motion was made to reduce their salaries from $3,000 to $2,500. That had been done in the last two previous bills, and the action of the Indian committee in fixing them at the figure named in the statute establishing the office, met objection on both sides of the chamber. The motion to reduce the salaries was made by Mr. Dockery (Dem., Mo.) and supported by Messrs. Cannon (Rep., Ill.) and Hemenway (Rep., Ind.) members of the appropriations committee and by Mr. Dingley (Rep., Me.) chairman of the committee on ways and means. The latter gentleman earnestly appealed to the committee of the whole not to follow the Indian committee in its policy of raising salaries, and was answered by Mr. Crisp (Dem., Ga.) who said that the proposition to reduce the salaries of Indian inspectors was as unjustifiable as would be one to reduce the salary of the gentleman from Maine and compel him to accept the reduced salary in lieu of the one fixed by law. The Indian committee's position was supported by Mr. Hopkins (Rep., Ill.) and Mr. Sherman (Rep., N. Y.) chairman and the Dockery amendment was defeated 56 to 93.

The general pension appropriation bill was sent to conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses and the senate amendments to the diplomatic and consular bill were agreed to. This now goes to the president for his signature.

Mr. Willis (Rep., Del.) reported favorably from the committee on agriculture the senate joint resolution directing the secretary of agriculture to purchase and distribute seeds in 1896 as was done in former years, and ask immediate action. An objection by Mr. Erdwin (Dem., Pa.) sent it to the calendar.

DEAL IN MINE PROPERTY.

Over $1,100,000 Paid for a Third Interest in Dakota Land.

Deadwood, S. D., Feb. 20.—The biggest deal in mining property in the history of the Black Hills was concluded Monday. For several months past a New York syndicate has had a bond on a large block of producing mines, and, after paying Messrs. Hague and Daggett $20,000 to inspect it, were satisfied with the property, but could not raise the amount of the bond, which was $3,000,000.

A compromise was made Monday, whereby the New York parties paid over $1,100,000 for one-third of the capital stock of the company. No change in the management of the company's affairs will be made.

FROZEN WHILE DRUNK.

The Winnebago Indians Indulge in Their Last War Dance.

Pender, Neb., Feb. 20.—Three Indians residing in the vicinity of Big Horse farm, on the Winnebago reservation, near Cow creek, secured three gallons of whisky at Pender yesterday evening, and after comfortably filling themselves with the liquor proceeded to hold an old-time war dance, stripping to the skin for that purpose.

After thoroughly exhausting themselves, and being in a drunken stupor, they wandered out some distance on the reservation. They were found this morning by a party of white men frozen to death.

MURDEROUS LOVER.

Daniel Ressler Shoots His Cousin and Commits Suicide.

Johnstown, Pa., Feb. 20.—Daniel Ressler, of Cramer, Indiana county, aged 28 years, shot and fatally wounded his cousin, Ella Ressler, aged 18, and then killed himself, while walking along the highway between Cramer and Conemaugh Furnace this afternoon. Ressler died instantly, and the girl's death is momentarily expected.

The cause of the tragedy is supposed to have been the girl's continued rejection of Ressler's offers of marriage. He had made threats to take her life at different times and twice armed himself and lay in wait to kill her, but the weapon was taken away from him both times. Ressler, who was a miner, had a bad reputation and drank heavily at times.

SILVER WING WINS.

Indiana Democratic Convention to Be Held June 24.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 20.—The Democratic state committee met today to fix the date of the state convention. There had been an active contest between the "Silver and Sound Money" wings of the party, the former desiring to have the state gathering before the national convention in order that they might make a showing of strength there, and the latter desiring to have it after the national meeting, in order to avoid controversy over the state platform.

The influence of Senators Voorhees and Turpie was thrown with the silver wing and it won the fight easily, the date being fixed June 24, two weeks before the national convention.

VILLAINOUS CHINAMAN.

Enticed Little Girls Into His Den and Ruined Them—Only Escaped Lynching Through Vigilance of a Sheriff.

Helena, Mont., Feb. 20.—Several days ago a committee of Chinamen called upon Attorney Roscoe, at Marysvale, informing him that Ah Sam, a Chinaman, was in the habit of enticing young girls into his cabin and assaulting them. A watch was set last night, and two girls, aged 8 and 13, were seen entering. Constables Hendrix and Jobe, with their assistants, forced an entrance, catching the Chinaman in a compromising situation with Annie Blorer, the elder of the girls. Sam attempted to shoot, but was overpowered and taken to jail.

The news spread like wild-fire, and a mob numbering a hundred men, with ropes for lynching the Chinaman, collected and started for the jail. The authorities, fearing such action, had secured a team. As the mob entered the front door the prisoner went out the rear in charge of the sheriff and an assistant, who started for Helena, twenty-five miles away. The mob was furious at being deceived, but did not follow, not knowing which route was taken. The rig the sheriff was using broke down a few miles from Marysvale, and his assistant, going back for a new one, could not return to the sheriff that day, as the mob leaders watched him. Tonight he returned under cover of darkness, and the men are now en route to Helena.

During the day the sheriff and his prisoner were compelled to hide in the underbrush to keep from being discovered by a party of lynchers that started out when the sheriff's assistant returned for another wagon.

Investigation revealed the fact that the Chinaman had been in the habit of enticing little girls into his cabin by giving them first candy, then small sums of money. In this manner he had accomplished the ruin of about a dozen girls, the oldest not over 13. Other Chinamen were afraid to tell, fearing Sam, who has a bad reputation, he having killed several men. Finally, fearing the matter would come out anyway, and all would be driven out of town, a committee was appointed to tell Roscoe, all the Chinamen in town pledging not to tell on each other should Same escape.

FIGHT WITH ROBBERS.

One Deputy Killed and Six Wounded in a Raid Upon a Tough Saloon in Virginia.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Jackson City, Va., at the Virginia end of long bridge, leading across from Washington to the old dominion, a place that has for a long time been the resort of thieves, and the lower element that follows the race track was tonight the scene of a tragedy in which one man was killed and six wounded.

Six deputies of Alexandria county made a raid upon a saloon kept by John Nelson. They expected to find stolen property and a gambling paraphernalia. As the posse entered the house Nelson became aware of their intention and immediately began firing. Harry Candler, the bartender, followed his employer's example and a fusillade of bullets met the officers. About twenty or thirty people were in the saloon at the time but soon fled from danger.

The attack of Nelson and his bartender took the officers unawares and before they could draw their weapons Special Deputy Benjamin Hines (colored) was instantly killed. Special Deputy Johnson shot in the neck and Deputy Ed. Dueterman received a bullet in the chin which laid him prostrate. Charles O'Neill, known as Peg O'Neill, by reason of having a wooden leg and who was a hanger on at the saloon came to the assistance of the posse and received a bullet in the eye from the pistol of Nelson. Nelson and Candler fled and the wounded men were brought to the Emergency hospital at Washington where they received medical attendance. Deuterman seemed the worst injured but the physicians do not think he will die.

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

Republican Congressional Caucus Effects an Organization.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The Republican congressional caucus tonight adopted a resolution offered by Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, providing for the formation of a congressional campaign committee for the Fifty-fourth congress. The resolution provides that each state having representation in congress shall be entitled to a member of the campaign committee and authorizes the various state congressional delegations to nominate members therefor. These are to be named within ten days. The following were chosen tonight: Connecticut, Representative C. A. Russell; Idaho, Edgar Wilson; Illinois, J. D. Cannon; Indiana, Jesse Overstreet; Iowa, J. A. T. Hull; Kansas, C. I. Long; Kentucky, D. G. Colson; Massachusetts, L. D. Apsley; Montana, C. S. Hartman; New Hampshire, Senator Gallinger; New York, J. S. Sherman; North Dakota, M. N. Johnson; Ohio, J. H. Bromwell; Pennsylvania, J. E. Reyburn; South Dakota, Senator Pettigrew, Tennessee, H. R. Gibson; Utah, C. E. Allen; West Virginia, Warren Miller; Arizona, N. O. Murphy; New Mexico, T. B. Catron, and Oklahoma, D. L. Flynn.

North Carolina has decided upon Senator Pritchard, but his name was not presented tonight.

Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio, presided at the caucus and no business beyond formation of the congressional campaign committee had consideration.

The senate was represented by Messrs. Chandler, New Hampshire; Gallinger, New Hampshire, and Pettigrew, South Dakota.

BAREFOOTED IT THE SNOW.

Suffering of a Family Made Homeless by Fire.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Feb. 20.—James Connor's residence, near Shickshinny, was destroyed by fire this morning. The members of the family escaped in their night clothes and walked a half mile in their bare feet to a neighboring house.

The feet of the four children were badly frozen.

Banquet for the Judges.

Williamsport, Pa., Feb. 20.—The Lycoming County Bar association had as its guests at a banquet this evening the seven judges of the Superior court. The banquet was preceded by a reception.

JOHANNESBURG DISASTER

One Hundred Persons Believed to Have Been Killed.

THE TRAGEDY AT VIEDENDORP

Twenty Tons of Dynamite Explode at One Time—Houses Wrecked—Many Families Rendered Homeless. Recovering the Bodies.

Johannesburg, Feb. 20.—The details of the awful results following an explosion of dynamite at Viedendorp yesterday are being received. Many persons have been rendered homeless, about 100 persons are believed to have been killed, from 200 to 300 men, women and children were severely injured, and many others were more or less hurt.

Viedendorp, where the explosion took place, is a suburb of this city. There is a railroad depot used for the loading and unloading of freight cars conveying material to and from the mining points in the vicinity. Viedendorp is very thickly populated, principally by the poorer classes of the white inhabitants of the Rand, by Malays, Kaffirs, and Chinamen. Among the freight cars standing on the shunt lines there yesterday were eight trucks loaded with dynamite. The dynamite was in cases, with canvas coverings. No particular anxiety was felt on its account, the people of this part of the country being familiar with the use of dynamite in the mines.

The explosion took place late in the afternoon, when thousands of persons were at home or returning to their homes. The explosion was so awful in its intensity that the ground for miles around was shaken as if by an earthquake, houses rocked and fell, masses of iron, earth, stone and wood were hurled skyward, the windows of almost every house in Johannesburg were broken, and bodies of victims were hurled into the air.

The explosion tore a hole 200 feet long and 80 feet wide on the spot where the eight trucks of dynamite stood. The whole of that quarter of Johannesburg was literally blown to pieces. The effects of the explosion could be seen over a radius of more than a mile, and almost everything within a half mile of the spot was destroyed or injured. The bodies of victims, terribly mutilated, were literally heaped upon the ground. The persons who were killed were mostly Malays, Kaffirs, and Chinamen. Few whites lived in Viedendorp. A number of white persons, however, including six white girls, were killed.

Search for the Dead.

The bodies of forty persons were picked up at once and carried away from the scene, while the search of the ruins continued without intermission. More than 200 severely injured persons were also carried away. They are being cared for in Johannesburg, together with those whose homes were destroyed by the explosion.

In Johannesburg itself pieces of iron, stone, and bricks are scattered about and almost every building has felt the shock more or less. The headquarters of the Wanderers' club is being used as a morgue.

How the explosion occurred is not known, but it is thought that one of the Kaffirs may have attempted to open one of the cases during the night, not knowing what it contained.

A popular subscription has been opened for the relief of the injured and homeless. Already more than $300,000 has been raised, and the amount will probably reach $500,000 before night. Steps have already been taken also to clear away the debris from the razed ground. A portion of the money subscribed will be invested in building materials and the work of rebuilding the suburb will begin at once. The Boers and Uitlanders are co-operating harmoniously in the relief work. President Kruger has telegraphed his sympathy with the people of Johannesburg, and he is kept informed on all the details of the great calamity.

ANOTHER WAR VESSEL.

The Monitor Monadnock Is Added to Uncle Sam's Navy—Interesting History of the Boat.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Another harbor defense vessel, practically new, was added to the United States navy today when the monitor Monadnock was placed in commission at Mare Island, Cal. The Monadnock has an interesting history. She was one of the wartime monitors of the Ericsson type, and was the first of these vessels to make a long sea voyage. Despite predictions of disaster, the navy department decided to send her from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast, and Commander (now rear admiral) Bunce, successfully piloted her through the straits of Magellan and around to the Mare Island navy yard.

In Secretary Robeson's administration the Monadnock was ordered to be repaired, which meant, under a liberal construction of the law at that time, that she should be rebuilt. Material for her reconstruction was sent to the Pacific, but while the Monadnock was being conveyed to San Francisco by the vessels containing her news fittings, both sank in a storm. The Monadnock remained under water for a long time, but was finally raised, as was the material. Secretary Herbert decided that the vessel was worth converting into a monitor of the modern type, and now, after nearly twenty years have elapsed since this was first contemplated, she has become an up-to-date warship. The Monadnock is classed as a low-freeboard monitor. She is constructed of iron, has twin screws, an indicated horsepower of 3,060, a displacement of 3,990 tons. Her main battery consists of six guns.

STRUCK BY A CABOOSE.

Several Passengers in a Street Car Are Badly Injured.

Jersey City, N. J., Feb. 20.—While a Hoboken horse car was crossing the tracks of the Erie railroad at Grove street this afternoon a flying caboose struck it broadside and threw it from the track. There were thirteen people in the car and the following were hurt:

Mrs. M. Stuerwald, aged 23, Hoboken, cut about the head and body by flying glass; Abram Gross, aged 20, Jersey City, injured internally; Morris Fogelsen, aged 22, Hoboken, cut about head; Edward S. Voorhis, New York, bruised about head and body; Mrs. George Barnard, aged 35, Lyndhurst, N. J.; cut about the arms and head; Harry Barnard, aged 5½, Lyndhurst, N. J., injured internally.

ELVIN IS STRONGER.

His Attorney Files Reasons for a New Trial.

West Chester, Pa., Feb. 20.—Counsel for Thomas Elvin, the convicted murderer, today filed reasons in court for a new trial. They base their plea on the fact that a man whose name had not been drawn from the jury wheel had served on the jury that convicted Elvin. The name drawn from the wheel was William J. Pennypacker, of East Town, and the summons was served upon William H. Pennypacker, of the adjoining township of Schuylkill. The latter came to West Chester and served on several juries during the term of court without the mistake being noticed. He went on the Elvin jury without objection from either side and it was not until after the verdict had been rendered that the error was discovered.

District Attorney Baldwin will oppose the granting of a new trial.

Elvin is stronger physically than he was a week ago.

PARDONS GRANTED.

Governor Hastings Releases Several Men Who Have Been Convicted of Crime.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 20.—Pardons were signed today by Governor Hastings as follows:

Abe Perelstine, of Allegheny county, convicted of conspiracy and sentenced to one year's imprisonment; Daniel Stough, of Beaver county, convicted of larceny and receiving stolen goods and sentenced Dec. 17, 1894, to be imprisoned for three years and nine months; William C. Miller, of Somerset county, convicted of murder in the second degree on June 15, 1892, and sentenced to imprisonment in the Western penitentiary for ten years; and Jacob S. Hurst, of Cumberland county, convicted of aggravated assault and sentenced to eleven months' imprisonment in the county jail.

OFF FOR BATTLE GROUNDS.

Maher, Fitzsimmons and Eight Car Loads of Anxious Sports Depart from El Paso. Destination Unknown.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 20.—Shortly after 9 o'clock tonight the crowd of intending participants began to line up again at headquarters.

There were perhaps 250 sports from outside the city, while the local fraternity was represented by about a fifth of that number. As each man received his paste board, the rendezvous for the departure was given in an undertone.

Maher drove by at 9.30 with a big crowd of enthusiastic friends in his rear. He was given a cheer as he passed the office and poking a face wreathed with smiles out of the window, he waved his hand in response. Maher will have in his corner tomorrow, Jim Hall, Buck Connelly, Peter Lowry, Jack Quinn and Peter Byrnes, while Parson Davies will act as his timekeeper. Fitzsimmons will have behind him Martin Julian, Jack Everhardt, Jack Stelzener and Jack McCoy, while Hugh Kane will probably act as a timekeeper. Bat Masterson will officiate as master of ceremonies and chief sergeant-at-arms. George Siler as referee and Lou Houseman, as official timekeeper.

Governor Thornton, of New Mexico, arrived in the city this afternoon and was closeted for an hour with one of his representatives who has been under cover in town for ten days. Subsequently, however, the governor said to the United Press representative that his visit had no relation to the fight. The latest tips afloat were taken across the river to the Mexican authorities by mounted couriers.

Just before train time, Fitzsimmons and Julian were brought to Dan Stuart's office in a carriage. Julian, on behalf of Fitzsimmons, demanded that the purse be converted into money to be paid at the ringside. He insisted that no checks would be fought for or accepted by Fitzsimmons. To this Stuart agreed. Stakeholder O'Rourke was hunted up and produced the checks. The carriage was sent out for the cashiers of the banks and when they appeared at their respective institutions, the vaults were opened and $10,000 in new one hundred dollar bills counted, $6,000 from the State bank and $4,000 from the First National. The entire pile was turned over to Referee George Siler, who wrote a note to Julian, stating that he would produce it at the ringside. Later Julian said he would demand to see it before the train pulled out. "I don't mistrust any of these people," said he, "but we have been turned down once and we propose to be on the safe side this time."

Departure Is Made.

The departure was made over the Southern Pacific road shortly after 10 o'clock. There were not a dozen men in the entire eight coach loads, however, who knew just where they were going to bring up. Every other man had a different tip, and each was positive that his was the only simon pure article. There was surface indications, however, that the first destination was Del Rio, a point in the Sanderson branch of the Southern Pacific railway. Del Rio is 453 miles distant from this city. Across the Rio Grande, Del Norte, the Mexican town is in the state of Coahuila and outside of the jurisdiction of Governor Ahumada. The nearest military post is that of Porfirero Diaz, and is seventy-five miles distant. For scores of miles around the country is wild and mountainous, while the hills contain a score of level plateaus that would make an ideal spot for the encounter.

Those closest to the promoters believe that this is the destination, but there are others who claim to have authentic information that the intention is to run to Del Rio or Langtry, a station forty miles this side, and then double back to Fort Hancock, fifty-three miles from here, where the Mexican frontier is reached in a walk of a mile and a quarter. Color is given to this theory by a remark of one of the managers, to the effect that while it would take seven to twelve hours to reach the battleground, the return might be made in two hours if the engineer was so disposed. The wires tomorrow will take up the thread of the story, whether the strands be floating in old Mexico or New Mexico, in Texas or in Arizona.

Both men claim to be in fine physical condition, and each expresses himself confident of winning.

The United Press learned tonight that the Mexican authorities were advised several days ago that the ring was in process of erection near Del Rio and that the kinetoscope apparatus was on the ground. The mountainous nature of the country however, makes the battle ground inaccessible to Mexican troops unless they cross the American side at Eagle Pass, and to do this, it would be necessary to obtain a permit from the war department.

SUPERIOR COURT OPINIONS.

Decisions Rendered at the Sessions Held at Williamsport.

Williamsport, Pa., Feb. 20.—The following opinions were handed down today by the Superior court:

By Rice, president judge—Sumers vs. Howey; appeal from Lackawanna county; judgment affirmed.

By Willard—Heane vs. People's Railway company, Luzerne; judgment affirmed. Burst vs. Weisenborn; appeal C. P., Luzerne county; judgment affirmed.

By Beaver—Jones vs. Susquehanna Coal company; appeal from C. P., Luzerne county; judgment affirmed. Mongomery & Co. vs. Keystone Fibre company, appellants; appeal from C. P., Monroe county; decree confirming the auditors' report is reversed and the record remitted to the court below that distinction be made to the lien of the East Stroudsburg Lumber company, limited, debt, $5886.09, with interest to the date of sale; cost of this appeal to be paid by appellee. Jones vs. Wand, et al.; appeal from C. P., Luzerne county; judgment affirmed.

By Smith—Farley vs. Newton; appeal from C. P. Luzerne county; judgment affirmed. Common to use of Dora Snyder and George R. and Samuel Snyder; appeal from C. P., Luzerne county; judgment affirmed.

The court adjourned to convene at Harrisburg Tuesday, March 10.

"Bill Nye" Is Dying.

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 20.—Edgar W. Nye, the humorist, is no better today and the end may come at any time. He lies unconscious, but restless, as if in pain. All his children are now with him and a brother from Minneapolis is expected Saturday.

MURDERER'S AWFUL DEATH

James Fitzgerald Tortured on the Gallows.

THE PRISONER HANGED TWICE

Rope Breaks and Allows the Condemned Man to Fall to the Ground Alive. He Waits on the Brink of Eternity for Another Halter.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 20.—Mismanagement, incompetency and torture officiated at the hanging of James Fitzgerald in the Four courts jail yards this morning. Two reprieves had lengthened the misery of the condemned. At 12 o'clock midnight Governor Stone telegraphed from Jefferson City that the hanging should not take place before 10 a. m. This gave every one but Fitzgerald hope of commutation, as the parents of the murdered girl had wired strong pleas to the governor for the condemned.

The two hundred spectators in the jail yard were far more impressed than he as they counted the minutes of life still remaining to him. When the tower clock struck ten Sheriff Troll still hesitated. At this moment the sheriff received the following telegram:

Feb. 20, 9.45 a. m.

Henry Troll, Sheriff.

I decline to further interfere in the case of James Fitzgerald. You can, therefore, only discharge your duty.

(Signed) W. J. Stone, Governor.

Then the solemn procession from the condemned man's cell began. Father McErlane, reading the prayers for the dying supported Fitzgerald to the foot of the scaffold. Sheriff Troll led him to the trap and adjusted the rope and hood and to the concealed hangman said: "All right." At exactly 10.17 o'clock the trap was sprung. Fitzgerald's body shot downward. Instead of stopping when the rope's end was reached, there was a sharp snap, a wail from the unfortunate wretch and Fitzgerald's body lay writhing on the ground. The rope had broken.

Alive and Conscious.

Officers at once rushed to the spot and found that Fitzgerald was still alive and conscious. "My God, my God, my throat" he groaned. Before the horror stricken watchers could touch him, he arose. Standing up with the black cap over the face and the broken instrument of death dangling from his neck, he walked into the morgue where he was given stimulants. He was more anxious than his executioners for death and begged that the end come quickly.

When a second rope was called for, none was to be had, and Fitzgerald lay moaning on a slab in the morgue, while a messenger was sent a distance of nine squares for a new rope. Father McErlane bent over the body of Fitzgerald and recited prayers. Once Fitzgerald raised his hand pulled the head of the priest to his face and whispered earnestly for half a minute. What that communication was will never be known, but the face of the priest, then ashy pale, turned scarlet and tears fell from his eyes.

At 10.45 the messenger arrived with a new rope, which was quickly adjusted and Fitzgerald was carried to the scaffold. It was necessary for two deputy sheriffs to hold him up while the noose was placed. Fitzgerald's only words were pleas for haste.

At 11.02 the trap was again sprung and at 11.15 the attending physicians pronounced life extinct and the corpse was given to relatives.

To say that the community is indignant at the sheriff and his assistants is putting it mildly. Sheriff Troll says all the usual tests were applied to the death apparatus before the hanging, and that the horrible scene at the first attempt was wholly due to some defect in the rope that could not be foreseen.

MR. PENCE'S SCHEME.

He Demonstrates How the Silver Influence Can Be Made Powerful in the Coming Presidential Election.

New Rochelle, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Ex-Congressman Pence, of Colorado, spoke here this evening at the town hall before a large assemblage on "The Great West, Its People, Resources and Future."

After speaking to his subject for some time, Mr. Pence touched upon the silver question and gave his opinion as to how it would affect the presidential election.

"There is a strong probability," said he, "that the substantial and decisive power of the west in political matters will be called to the attention of the country and the world in an effective manner this year. If the Republican party nominates a gold standard candidate upon a gold standard platform, as seems probable, and the Democratic party nominate an equivocal candidate upon an equivocal platform, as seems probable, the free coinage question will be presented as the paramount issue by the union of the free coinage forces of all parties and a campaign will follow that will "fire the woods" in the west and south. The chances of its success will rest in the possibility of keeping the Republican candidate from receiving a majority in the electoral college. That accomplished the election of president will fall to the present house of representatives on a roll call of the states, each state casting one vote.

On such a roll call the congressmen from ten western states can make the president and the free coinage candidate may win. The center of population in our country is now west of Ohio. The center of political power in 1896 may be found west of the Mississippi."

HE GOT A BAD KNOCK.

Drunken Man Found Wounded and Semi-Conscious at Midnight.

Two street car men on their way home at midnight discovered a man lying on the ground about twenty feet north of the farther end of Roaring Brook bridge, semi-conscious and covered with blood. Patrolman Gescheidle was summoned and the man was conveyed to the South Side station house and later to the Lackawanna hospital. He had an ugly gash on the right side of his forehead which was probably inflicted by falling against a sharp pointed rock.

He gave his name as Charles Markquitt, of 1518 Crown avenue, but could not tell how he came by his wound. He was very drunk even after reaching the hospital and made no end of trouble for the doctor and attendants by his contrariness. The hospital authorities expressed the opinion that the wound was a rather severe one to result from a fall and that it had more the appearance of having been inflicted by a weapon. There were, however, no evidences of robbery.

The Gold Reserve.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The treasury gold reserve at the close of business today stood at $92,418,987. The withdrawals for the day aggregated $1,069,987. It is expected that tomorrow the gold reserve will exceed $100,0

FINLEY'S

New Dress Goods

Large and Magnificent Stock of

Foreign and Domestic Novelties

Unique and exclusive designs.

Our Stock as usual comprises the Latest Paris Novelties, and being our own importation, the designs are exclusive, and in addition our stock of

Staple Goods

Plaids, Etc

Is very complete and we cordially invite an early inspection while the lines are complete. Elegant Stock of Latest Trimmings.

510 and 512 LACKAWANNA AVENUE

Our 50c School Shoes

Are Trade Builders.

Our Winter Shoes must go. You need the Shoes; we need the room.

LEWIS, REILLY & DAVIES

114 AND 116 WYOMING AVE.

WEICHEL THE JEWELER

WISHES EVERYBODY

A Happy New Year.

Great reductions in prices before taking inventory in . . . .

Watches, Diamonds and Silverware.

408 Spruce St. Near Dime Bank.

WEATHER REPORT.

For eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, continued fair and cold weather; westerly winds.

New York, Feb. 21.—Herald's weather forecast: In the Middle states and New England today clear weather will prevail with brisk to fresh westerly and northwesterly winds and slightly lower, followed in this section by nearly stationary and slightly higher temperature. On Saturday in both of these sections fair warmer weather will prevail with fresh westerly and southwesterly winds.