

Our Easter Display of Millinery Wednesday, Thursday And Friday This week, when we trust you will honor us with your presence. Since last season our show rooms have been completely remodeled and enlarged. The additional space adds much to the comfort and convenience of visitors, while it affords us room to do justice to a display the like of which has never been seen in this city.

QUAY MEN BOLT CONVENTION Object to High-Handed Proceedings of the Magee Crowd. FORM ANOTHER CONVENTION Organizations Controlled by Pittsburghers Adopt Resolutions Denouncing Hon Cameron's Silver Views. Trouble in Allegheny City. PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 31.—The Republicans of Allegheny county held their annual convention in Pittsburgh today for the purpose of nominating delegates to the state and national conventions. C. L. Magee and Senator Flynn were nominated delegates to the national convention from the Pittsburgh districts and Congressman Stone and Robert McAfee from Allegheny. The fight being favorable to Senator Quay, the former to Major McKinley. The fight in the legislative districts for delegates to the state convention was between the Quay and Magee factions. The Magee crowd carried all districts except the First, Second, Seventh and Eighth, and the only fight of consequence was in the last named district. There were several contests in this convention and as the temporary organization was controlled by Magee the Quay delegates were unseated at the meeting of the committee on contested seats, where the evidence of contest was presented.

OPENING OF CONFERENCE Biaghanton the Scene of the Gathering of the Methodist Hosts. THE PRELIMINARY SESSIONS They Were Held Yesterday Afternoon and Last Night—Arrangements for the Funeral of Presiding Elder Woodruff This Morning at 11 O'Clock. Special to the Scranton Tribune. Biaghanton, March 31.—Everything is ready for the annual session of the Wyoming conference, which convenes here at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. The visiting clergymen and lay delegates arrived today, and as fast as they came to the meeting place, the Centenary church, they were escorted to their boarding places. Bishop John Vincent arrived at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and was met by Dr. A. H. Leonard, corresponding secretary of the Missionary Society; Dr. J. F. Berry, editor of the Epworth Herald; Rev. R. W. Rogers, secretary of the theological seminary; Rev. M. S. Hurd, Rev. C. H. Mason, Dr. J. M. Buckley, editor of the Christian Advocate; Dr. J. E. C. Sawyer, editor of the Northern Christian Advocate; Chancellor C. W. Synnott, of Wesleyan university, are also in the city and expect to remain throughout the entire session. Methodism has full sway. Every house, no matter what denomination the occupant is identified, has been thrown wide open for the visiting delegates and Biaghanton people are excitedly endeavoring to make their services within the gates feel that he is welcome and that his visit is appreciated. There is only one thing to mar the evening of the usual experience on such occasions, and that is the death of Presiding Elder Woodruff. On all sides expressions of sorrow are heard as well as words of sympathy for the bereaved family. The death has cast a gloom over the gathering that can not be dispersed, and will preclude every meeting and gathering during the session.

WHITE HAVEN DAM BURSTS. Town Is in a State of Darkness by Stopping of Light Plant. Wilkes-Barre, March 31.—The town of White Haven, situated along the Lehigh Valley railroad, twenty-five miles from here, was thrown into a state of excitement tonight when it became known that dam No. 1, located opposite the place, burst. Hundreds of people flocked to the banks of the river to see the high water as it carried the mangled logs down the stream. The Lehigh river raised about seven feet within a few hours and for a time it was thought that the massive bridge crossing the stream would be swept away, but, excepting some slight damage done to the piers, the town, which is illuminated by the use of water power, is in darkness tonight. The Wallace foundry, which employs many workmen, also run by water power, is idle and will remain so for many days. It will cost at least \$6,000 to rebuild the dam. STEEL POOL. The Combination an Important Step in the Direction of Bringing the Industries Together. Philadelphia, March 31.—The formation of the steel billet pool, which has just been announced in regard to the trade as an important step in the direction of gradually bringing all the various branches of the steel industry in this country into a combination for the purpose of controlling and regulating the market, is being actively organized. The plan as outlined by a gentleman in this city, largely interested in the manufacture of steel and steel products, is not to bring all of the various branches of the steel industry into one combination, but to have each branch organized by itself, and then to combine the various branches as all more or less independent, it is claimed that it will be comparatively easy to keep the members of the various branches in line. Any infringement of the rules or regulations of the pool with which a member is connected, or any cutting of prices, will result in prompt action being taken against him. He comes to purchase such materials as he may need from other branches of the industry. In this manner it is also expected to control those who enter the pool formed in their branch. The advance in the price of coke and ore during the past several weeks is said to have been the cause of the formation of the pool. The price of the billet pool being formed. These advances forced the price of billets from \$17 to \$19.75 per ton, and with the formation of the pool the price of the billets per ton was added, bringing the cost of billets up to \$20 per ton.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING. Weather indications Today: Cloudy; Probably Rain; East Winds. 1 Quay Men Bolt a Convention. Methodist Conference Opens at Biaghanton. Spanish Army Meets Another Defeat. Reich Murder Inquest. 2 Congressional Proceedings. Prof. Coles' Weather Predictions for Industrial Topics. Market and Stock Reports. 3 (Local)—Obsequies of Rev. Gerald F. McMurray. Brief Sketches of Our City Fathers. The Day in Lackawanna County. 4 Editorial. General Political Gossip. 5 (Local)—Farewell to Rev. Dr. W. H. Pease. Sessions of the Wesley League. Controller Notiz in a Sew. Drowned in the Lackawanna. Tried to Hang Himself. 6 Why Women Are Suckled. Half-Hour with Famous Musicians. Magic Without Any Spirits. Theological Seminary. Theatrical Gossip. 7 Happenings in Our Busy Suburbs. W. W. Baylor Endorsed by Third District Democrats. Lackawanna Hospital Sued. 8 (Sports)—Comparative Strength of Eastern League Clubs. Review of the Week. Carbondale May Sell. Dick Croker's Horses. Base Ball. Amateurs and General Sporting Miscellany. 9 Why He Left the Democratic Party. Colonel Alexander K. McClure. Superstitions of Theatrical Folk. Census Marriage and Divorce Laws. Massachusetts's New Governor. 10 (Story)—"Nor King Nor Country." Incidents in the Careers of Famous Statesmen. 11 The World of Womankind. Three-Scare Years Old. Military Review. Ex-Premier Francesco Crispi. 12 News Up and Down the Valley. Rev. W. L. Thorpe. The body will be accompanied by the family and by a delegation of clergymen. ANNE RECH INQUEST. The Woman's Husband Is Held for Murder by the Coroner's Jury—Damaging Letter Read in Court Room. Atlantic City, N. J., March 31.—The coroner's request in the murder of Mrs. Annie Rech, the woman whose remains were found and buried at Estabrook on Friday last, resulted in a verdict being rendered this afternoon holding the husband, John Rech, responsible for the death of his wife, by strangulation. The examining physician brought to light many sensational facts, among which was a letter written by Rech to his attorney Carroll Williams, of Philadelphia, in which he acknowledged his guilt. The reading of the letter in the court room was in the nature of a surprise, it being generally understood that Prosecutor Perry would withhold it from the jury. The letter was mailed in Philadelphia, bearing the postmark of that city, received at "Station V." Its contents were in German, and translated as follows: Mr. Williams: "On Sunday morning I heard something in the lower part of my house and there was a bedstead ready to go away. That made me so mad that I struck her, and she fell. I did not know what I should do, and then I buried her in the field. The little one is a Catholic and she was a very miserable. His bond is paid for two weeks. You attend to him." LANGDON'S CASE. Corner Ashbridge and the Police Have Made No Specific Charge. Philadelphia, March 31.—Counsel for Samuel P. Langdon today arrived at the conclusion that if Coroner Ashbridge or the police authorities have any charge to make against the prisoner they should do so at once, in order that the accused can frame his defense. Lawyer Shields was prepared this afternoon to make the first legal fight for Langdon by applying for a writ of habeas corpus. It was expected that this step would be taken, but as Coroner Ashbridge announced that he would not proceed for the inquest upon the body of Annie J. McGrath, and as Dr. Loffman has set tomorrow as the time for completing his analysis of the victim's viscera, the legal steps were postponed. NATIONAL BANK FUNDS. Enormous Resources Are Shown in Report of Comptroller Eckels. Washington, March 31.—The enormous resources of the National banks of the United States are shown in the last abstract of their condition, compiled today, as of February 28, and made public by Comptroller Eckels. The \$999,999,999 in gold, capital to the extent of \$65,994,915, surplus fund of \$47,178,183, undivided profits of \$7,041,526, unpaid dividends of \$1,233,515, individual deposits of \$1,648,022,868, and bills payable of \$26,194,667. FUNERAL OF DR. WOODRUFF. The funeral services of the late Rev. Dr. James O. Woodruff will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock from the late residence and at 11:30 o'clock from the Centenary church. The services will be attended by upwards of two hundred ministers and by lay delegates from each of the local churches. The funeral will be a prominent one, not only because of the large number of ministers who will attend, but because of the fact that Bishop Vincent will have charge of the services. He will be assisted by Rev. Austin C. Griffin, financial agent for the Preachers' Aid society; Rev. Levi L. Sprague, of Wyoming seminary, and George S. Bennett, of Wilkes-Barre. The body will be taken to Perty, Pa., for burial. The body will be escorted to the depot by a procession made up in the following order: Laymen, members of the conference, members of the district, honorary pall bearers, Wyoming quartette, hearse, officiating clergymen and carriages containing the family. The pall bearers will be Rev. T. F. Hall, Rev. E. B. Olmstead, Rev. Charles H. Newing, Rev. H. H. Wilber, Rev. J. W. Nicholson, Rev. J. H. Faulkner and Rev. W. J. Hill. The honorary pall bearers will be the remaining presiding elders, Rev. J. G. Eckman, Rev. H. M. Crydenvis, Rev. A. J. Van Clift, Rev. George Forgyth

DEFEAT OF THE SPANIARDS Compelled to Retreat Before Insurgents After a Hot Fight. FIVE NEGROES GARROTTED Insurgents Blow Up the Cable Station at Cienfuegos—Another Expedition from Philadelphia Will Soon Sail for Cuba. Havana, March 31.—Intelligence has reached here of a bad defeat of government troops on March 24 by an insurgent force of nearly 2,000 men in the province of Pinar Del Rio. The battalion was conveying a train of army supplies on the road when the troops were compelled to retreat. They lost many killed and wounded. The greater part of the convey fell into the hands of the rebels. The official report says, of course, that the troops were shot and that the rebels lost thirty killed. The same battalion had an engagement with a rebel force at Lazo Fajardo on March 14, in which the rebels are said to have lost twenty killed and wounded. No information has been made public concerning the movements of Marco, who is still in the province of Pinar Del Rio. General Barges reports that he has captured a rebel camp near Guantanamo, province of Santiago De Cuba. In the fighting the rebels lost six killed and four wounded. Twenty-five prisoners were taken, twenty-one of whom were women and four men. The men were being sent as nurses. The troops destroyed all the equipments, medicines and effects found in the camp. Insurgents are said to have blown up the cable station near Cienfuegos with dynamite. It is stated tonight that Walter Grant Dygart, the young American who was arrested some time ago on the charge that he had been a member of a notorious bandit, will be treated as a prisoner of war. The authorities appear to believe that they have a complete chain of evidence showing that if Dygart is not "legitimate" he is a rebel. He is now in the jail at Cienfuegos. Five negroes were garroted here today. They were not rebels, but have been sentenced to death for crimes committed prior to the breaking out of the insurrection. It is again reported that Gomez, the rebel commander-in-chief, is dead. Proof of the truthfulness of the report is lacking. ANOTHER EXPEDITION. Philadelphia, March 31.—It is reported that another large expedition will soon sail for Cuba. The port of departure is in doubt, although it is said that the vessel may get away within the next forty-eight hours. The vessel which will take out the expedition is reported to be a large cargo steamer, recently purchased by the Cuban Junta in this country. It is further said that the steamer will be strongly manned and that she will mount several heavy rifled guns, with which she could carry on a hot argument with any of the Spanish cruisers patrolling Cuban waters. Besides small arms and ammunition the vessel will carry out for the insurgents rapid fire and machine guns. The expedition is the most formidable one that has yet been fitted out. NEEDLE IN HIS BODY. Convict Released of an Unwelcome Passenger Carried Since 1854. Columbus, Ohio, March 31.—Dr. Tharp, the state prison physician, today removed from the body of James Morris, a federal prisoner from Newark, Ohio, a needle which he carried for twenty-two years ago, when he was 11 years old. Morris says the needle has pained him at different times and in different parts of his body since his life. At one time it was in his right knee. He has made several applications to the prison surgeons to have it taken out, but they regarded it as one of the many curses of prisoners to get out of work. Today he sent word to the hospital that he could feel the point of the needle protruding just below the heart. He was taken to the hospital and in a short time the needle was easily taken out. It was badly corroded, but the point was still sharp and the eye perfect. Dr. Tharp says he has known a number of cases like this, but none where the needle stayed in the body so long. MAD DOG SCARE. Another Rabid Animal Despatched at Plymouth. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., March 31.—There was considerable excitement in the town of Plymouth today when a mad dog running at large in a rabid condition, causing panic wherever it went. The animal finally ran into an open door at the residence of David Kline, where the inmates became terrified, but Mr. Kline, who was in another room, went to a nearby closet where he had a long gun, and a moment later he killed the dog. This is the fifth mad dog despatched in this town within the past three weeks. A FIEND JAILED. James Patterson Is Accused of an Attempt at Assassination. Altoona, Pa., March 31.—James Patterson, colored, was arrested today charged with felonious assault, the charges being made by Mrs. Mary Brown, of the Eighth ward, who alleges that Patterson entered her home and after attempting to assault her, cruelly beat her, and then threatened to cut her throat. The news was sent to jail in default of \$1,000 bail by Alderman Doyle. PREDICTS GREAT CALAMITY. St. Louis Preacher Foresees the Overthrow of the Government. St. Louis, March 31.—Rev. Dr. Brooks, for over thirty years pastor of one of the leading churches of this city, and never sensational, in his sermons Sunday said the most momentous industrial strike in the world's history will soon be inaugurated, which will disrupt and overthrow the American government within the next six months. Annie's Wounds Are Slightly Better. Reading, Pa., March 31.—The coroner's jury in the case of Daniel Ruppert, who killed himself near Kutztown last night after attempting the life of his sweetheart, Annie E. Oswald, returned a verdict of suicide by shooting at his own hands. The young girl is not as seriously injured as at first reported, the wounds in her face and hand being slight. Will Investigate the Grand. Harrisburg, Pa., March 31.—The war department at Washington wants some information regarding the actual strength of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, and Lieutenant Passon, of the United States army, has been detailed to investigate the condition of arms and equipment with reference to actual field service.

FINLEY'S Shirt Waist Sale We are now showing a magnificent line of Shirt Waists. THE DERBY WAIST In Linen Batiste, Indian Dimities, Galateas, Percales, Etc. THE CELEBRATED KING WAIST FOR LADIES Also the KING and MOTHER'S FRIEND for Boys. The most satisfactory Waist in the market. CHILDREN'S GINGHAM DRESSES Boys' Kilt Suits and Infants' Long and Short Dresses. 510 AND 512 LACKAWANNA AVENUE Spring of '96. Tread easy in a pair of our EASTER SHOES. Every department is complete; every Shoe is selected with care. LEWIS, REILLY & DAVIES 114 AND 116 WYOMING AVE Wholesale and Retail. Easter Eggs. Easter Eggs. We have secured one of the prettiest, inexpensive, Decorated Easter Egg. Something entirely new. Look in our show window as you pass by. W. J. Weichel 408 Spruce St. Date of Adornment. Washington, March 31.—Representative Dingley, of Maine, chairman of the committee on ways and means, stated today that from present appearances congress could adjourn by May 15. He was not prepared to say that an adjournment would be reached at that early date owing to possible contingencies, but he saw no reason why adjournment should be delayed after June 1. Herald's Weather Report. New York, April 1.—Herald's weather forecast for the middle states, fair to partly cloudy, with slight temperature changes, northeasterly to southeasterly winds, followed by rain and fog. On Thursday cloudy, slightly cooler with rain or snow, southerly and easterly winds becoming dangerous on the coast.