TWO CENTS.

LEGISLATIVE **PROCEEDINGS**

Philadelphia Board of Revision of Taxes Bill Is Re-Reported to the House.

SHORT SENATE SESSION

Mr. Vaughan Presents a Bill to Amend Borough Act of 1851-Mr. Belford, of Philadelphia, Introduces Henry Senatorial Apportionment Bill-Mr. Coray, of Luzerne, Calls Up the Postponed Bill to Allow Relatives of Almhouse Patients to Claim Their Bodies in Case of Death-Bills That Were Passed Finally.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, April 9.-The senate held a short session tonight and cleared the calendar of bills on hest and second reading. These bills were introduced: Mr. Vaughan, of Lackawanna-Amending the borough act of 1851 so that the burgess of a borough, or the town council or twenty-five qualified electors can make application to the courts for a borough, previously incorported, to become subject to the restrictions and possess the powers and privileges conferred by the act of 1851, also a bill validating the indebtedness of municipalities incurred in the creetion and construction of water works: also a bill providing that the board of assessors, appointed under the new second class city charter, shall take for the basis of the assessment of 1901 the assessments made by their predecessors in office and the assessors so appointed shall proceed, use said assessment as a basis, to amend, classify, alter or change the same so as to conform with the provisions of said act and proceed to hear appeals thereon as

In the House.

regulated by law.

The Philadelphia board of revision of taxes bill was re-reported to the house today, with amendments inserted at a meeting last night of the muni- cipal corporations committee. The bill as amended provides for the election of the board at the November election instead of the February, and fixes the terms of the members at three years instead of four. It provides also "that the members of the board of revision of taxes shall be and they are hereby established as county officers." bill will be taken up tomorrow for

third reading and final passa \ Mr. Bedford, of Philadelph introduced the Henry senatorial apportionment bill.

The judicial apportionment bill was amended in committee on the whole, on motion of Mr. Paterson, of Blair, by fixing the number of judges in Ellair county at one instead of two, after which the bill passed third reading and was laid aside for printing.

The following bills passed finally: Amending the general corporation act of 1874 se as to authorize the formation of corporations for any invent purposes, not otherwise specifically provided for by act of assembly: repealing the act of April II, 1863, fixing the compensation of the directors and county commissioners of the poor

of Cambria county.

Mr. Coray, of Luzerne, called up the postponed bill to allow relatives or friends of persons who die in almshouses and prisons to claim their bodies for burial. He explained that the bill was introduced by the late Mr. Cotter, of McKean, whose funeral took place this morning, and suggested that it be passed as a matter of sentiment. The bill passed by a vote of to 32, after which the house adjourned out of respect to the memory of the deceased member.

Bills Passed Finally.

Authorizing state banks to loan money on the security of bonds and mortgages on real estate and to invest their tunds in such bonds and mortgages and in interest bearing bonds, etc.

Repealing the act of April 2, 1899, providing for the construction and maintenance of tontwalks in Charters, Soott, Union and Robinson townships, Alleghous county in so far as it is lates to or affects Chariters and Scott townships, Declaring a forestime of a charter union too. Declaring a forfeiture of a charter upon not payment of bonus within one year.

The bill to provide for safety-guards upon passenger and freight elevators was indefinitely postponed.

The bill increasing the marriage license fee from fifty cents to \$1 was defeated, after much debate.

The Ford compulsory education bill poied on motion of Mr. Harris hiladelphia, so as to provide shall not apply to children between 13 and 16 years who can read or write the English language intelligently and are regularly engaged in any useful employment or service. After reading the bill the third time, it was laid aside for printing.

The Chew bill, punishing by twenty years imprisonment for the crime of abducting persons or depriving them of their liberty with intent to extort money or other reward from such perosons, their relatives or friends, was amended so as to repeal all existing acts relating to kidnapping, and passed third reading.

The Evening Session.

At the evening session of the house the order of business was bills on second reading. The Mertens bill, relating to Presque island bay, was amend ed to give the city of Erie the right to sell or donate the land and water

front on the shores of the bay. The bill providing that the district attorneys in counties whose population does not exceed one hundred thousand shall be paid a salary in lieu of fees and that fees upon indictments shall remain as heretofore for the benefit of the proper county was amended to apply only to counes having a population of more than

The bill making it unlawful for first for

cousing to be loined in marriage and declaring all marriages hereafter contracted in violation of the act void was amended so as to provide that shall not become operative until Jan.

Mr. Coray, of Luzerne, called up his resolution asking for information from Attorney General Elkin and Secretary of Internal Affairs Latta relative to the granting of warrants to certain persons for state lands in the bed of the Monongahela river.
Mr. Beacom, of Westmoreland, said

was ridiculous to call up the officers of the state for anything that was of public record and was open to the inspection of everybody. Mr. Dixon, of Elk, urged the passage of the resolution. Mr. Hosack, of Allegheny, moved to amend the resolution by striking out the names of Albert D. Boyd and all persons mentioned as having sewarrants for land under and along the Monongahela river since Jan. 1. The amendment was adopted, after which the resolution was adopted. Among the bills which passed second reading was that providing for the removal of judges of the supreme, su-

perior, common pleas and orphans ourts permanently disqualified by eason of physical or mental disability o perform their judicial functions and duties with half pay for their unexpired terms and the filling by the governor of vacancies caused by such removal. My. Henderson, of Allegheny, intro-

fuced a bill levying a tax of five mills on every dollar of the actual value of the capital stock of artificial gas ompanies.

The house adjourned at 10 o'clock until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

CUBAN CONVENTION RECONSIDERS VOTE

Will Send Committee to General Wood to Discuss Method of Presenting Case at Washington.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Havana, April 9 .- The Cuban constitutional convention today formally reconsidered the vote against sending a ommission to Washington, the final vote standing 20 in favor of re-consideration to 8 against.

The programme is now that a commission of five who shall in the first instance wait upon Governor General Wood, discuss the situation with him and ask his advice regarding the procedure necessary in the present case at Washington.

MURDER OF ADAM RHODES.

A Well Known Citizen of Parsons the Victim of Brutal Thugs. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilkes-Barre, April 9. - Adam Rhoades, a well known citizen of Parsons, a small mining town three miles north of this city, was brutally murdered on the public highway at an early hour this morning. Rhoades. with a companion named Matthew Cooper, spent the evening in Wilkes Barre. Shortly after midnight they returned to Parsons. At the depot they parted company to go to their respective homes. Rhoades had not gone far up the street until Cooper heard He went to his assistance him cry. and when he came near the spot where he was lying he saw a man run away. Cooper picked up his friend and found him to be unconscious and the blood gushing from a wound in the neck. A doctor living nearby was summoned, but when he arrived the man was dead. He had been stabbed in the neck, ; wound six inches long being inflicted.

The tragedy is wrapped in more or less mystery. Cooper thinks the murdered man was held up a by a Slavonwho accounded his money, and, Rhoades, resisting, was stabbed. The dead man was 28 years of age and is survived by a wife and two children. Coroner McKee empanelled a jury and will make a thorough investigation.

ANNIVERSARY OF

Observed with an Elaborate Banquet

LEE'S SURRENDER.

at Chicago.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, Chicago, April 9 .-- The anniversary of the surrender of General Lee, at Appomattox, was celebrated by the Hamilton club this evening with an elaborste banquet, to which 3,500 invitations were issued and of which two-thirds were accepted. The dinner was attended by many of the alumni of the Michigan university and of the University of Chicago, as well as the mem-

bers of the club and invited guests. The chief speakers of the evening were Bishon Dudley, of Kentucky, and President Angell, of the University of Michigan. President Angell spoke of General Grant in the Orient." and Bishop Dudley delivered the principal address of the evening.

WELLS COLLEGE REUNION. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press

New York, April 9.-The annual reunion of the Eastern association of Wells college was held at Sherry's today. Miss Helena Zachos, the president of the association, occupied the chair, and at her table were Prof. William M. Sioane, of Columbia university, Mrs. Grover Cleveland, Miss Helen M. Gould, and others. Mrs. Cleveland presented the plans for celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversay of Dean Helen

Reprieve for Storti.

June 18, was discussed.

F. Smith's connection with the col-

ege, and "Wells Day" at Buffalo, on

by Exclusive Wire from The Associated Prest. Boston, April 9.-The executive council toda granted a reprieve of thirty days to Luigi Storti the murderer, who is said to be dying in the state prison at Charlestown, and who had been condemned to be put to death by electricity this week. The respite granted will expire at mid-night of May 12.

Sale of Stock Exchange Seat.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, New York, April 9 .- It was stated on the stock exchange today that a seat had been sold for \$58,000. The his Per price paid heretofore was obtained by George W. Fly We 1 220.

ATTORNEYS IN A SQUABBLE

The Lawyers Engaged on the Rice Murder Gase Indulge in Personalities.

MOORE OSBORNE

The Success of Mr. Osborne in Wringing Important Testimony from Witness Jones - Justice Jerome Overrules Objections-The Lawyers Continue the Dispute to the Door of the Court Room.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, New York, April 9 .-- A feature of the examination of Valet Jones in the day's session of the hearing concerning the death of William Marsh Rice, Texas millionaire, was a line of questioning which led to a heated scene at the noon recess between Attorney Moore, who represents Lawye Patrick, and Assistant District Attorney Osborne.

The cause of the dispute was Mr. Osborne's success in wringing from Valet Jones certain testimony against Frederick House is one of Patrick's lawyers. Previous to Jones' turning state's evidence, Mr. House represented the valet also. By a ruling of the court, Mr. Osborne was allowed to ask the witness what he and Patrick had told their lawyer at their first interview in the Tombs. Jones replied that it was a complete confession of murder, differing not at all from his story at the hearing.

During all the long cross examination of Jones, which ended only an hour before recess, Mr. Moore made it apparent that his sledge hammer questions were all directed at one point. He sought to show that Jones' story was concocted at the instigation of some of the men interested in disproving the second Rice will. He laid special stress on Jones' conversations with Captain Baker, executor of the first will. The cross examination was full of insinuations and recriminations against Jones, Mr. Osborne and Mr. Battle, the latter Jones' special

When at last Mr. Moore said: "We are through with the witness," Mr. Osborne, on the rebuttal, leaned back in his chair and asked quietly: "Jones, to whom did you first tell the story of your having chloroformed

Mr. Rice? I mean the same story you told here?" "To Mr. House," was the reply. The question apparently was a sur rise. Mr. House flushed and looked hard at the table. Patrick tugged at

his beard and Mr. Moore sprang to his "We object to that question," he shouted. "We have some rights in this court. Anything the witness said to his counsel involves the prisoner. It is a professional confidence which

must not be revealed." But Justice Jerome only said, "Objection overruled," and Jones then described at length his first interview with Mr. House in the Tombs' counsel room. On Patrick's advice, he had told the truth, he said.

Admitted Murder.

"I told Mr. House that I murdered

Mr. Rice," said Jones. "I told him that I gave him mercury pills, where I got the chloroform and

all about it." "Did you tell him about the exalic acid?"

"And what did Mr. House say?" "He told Patrick that it would not do for him to put all the blame on me; that he was as much in it as I was." Mr. Osborne brought out the fact that the talk with Mr. House occurred several days before the district attorney had the faintest idea that the prisoner would make a confession. dld Patrick say to Mr.

House?" Mr. Osborne asked. "Why, he explained that we had put Rice out of the way because the drafts were coming due from Texas," said

Jones. Court then adjourned until 2 o'clock, A few minutes later Justice Jerome went out, and the court room was cleared of every one save lawyers and reporters. Mr. Osborne arose from his side of the table and started for the Mr. Moore met him at a corner of the table. "Mr. Osborne," he began in a quiet voice, "I want to tell you that your conduct in making Jones tell about his conversation with Mr. House

was unprofessional. It was not right." The district attorney's face was crimson in a minute. "I only did it." he said, "because of your insinuations that we concected Jones' story. You have cast reflections upon Captain Baker. He is my friend. I guard his reputation as zealously as I do my own.

At the mention of his name Captain Baker stepped forward and stood at Mr. Osborne's elbow.

You have not strengthened your case." continued Mr. Moore. have only put Mr. House in a hole, tell you it wasn't fair."

"I don't give a d--- for the way you do things up the state," shouted Mr. Osborne, referring to Mr. Moore as being a recent arrival in this city. "You attend to your own side of the case. If you had a professional sense of honor you would not interfere with me in trying the case out of court."

Assistant District Attorney Garvan then stepped between the two men. Amid a running fire of accusations and recriminations Mr. Osborne went back to his office. Mr. Moore followed him as far as the ball.

Furnaces Resume.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Sharon, Pa., April 9.—The Ella blast furnaces, at West Middlesex, have resumed operations after an idleness of over one year. The Fannie and Sharpsville furnaces, the old stacks in the vicinity, will start May 18.

APOSTLE CANNON ILL.

His Death Is Hourly Expected. Sketch of His Life.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Monterey, Cal., April 9, 1.30 p. m.→ Apostle Cannon,of the Mormon church, is sinking rapidly and death is hourly

expected.

Salt Lake, Utah, April 9.-George Q. (nunon was born in Liverpool, Eng., Jan. 11, 1827. He came to America in 1844 and was ordained an elder of the Mormon church in 1845. In 1846 he joined the main body of the Mormons from Nauvoo, Ill., on the way to Utah and reached here in 1817. In 1849 he went to California on missionary work, and in 1850 went to the Hawaiian islands and remained there for four years. In 1855 he established the Western Standard in San Francisco. 1880 he was made a member of the quorum of the twelve apostles. was a delegate in congress from 1872 to 1880, and is one of the counselors to the president of the Mormon church He is prominently connected with many of the business enterprises of

CAPTURE OF A "NIHILIST"

Elias C. Katz Weeps When Confessing That He Wrote Threatening Letters to Penniman.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, April 9 .- Confessing that was he who wrote the letter to George H. Penniman threatening to blow up the latter's house, on Fifth avenue, unless \$500 were placed hiding place where he could find it, Elias C. Katz, 18 years old, is a prisoner at police headquarters, having been arrested by detectives, who shadowed him for more than twenty-

four hours. in his confession, the boy said he wrote the threatening letters because he wanted to raise money enough to go on the stage. Two letters were written to Mr. Penniman, the first demanding \$500 and the second \$700. One letter was written Friday and

he other since then. The letters were igned "Nihilist." Mr. Penniman and his son-in-law, Robert A. Lewis, went to police headquarters today and confronted Katz. The latter broke down and cried before them, saying that he regretted having

caused them so much trouble. After the last letter was received. Mr. Lewis reported the matter to Captain Titus, of the detective bureau. Under instructions, Mr. Lewis secured the money, as directed in the letter and left his house at 12 o'clock mldnight, walked up Fifth avenue, turned towards the Park, and deposited the money in the place designated. The officers had meanwhile taken up a position in the park, where they kept the money under watch and awaited de-

About a quarter of an hour after midnight they saw a young man appear and walk up and down in the neighborhood of the place where the money was, but for some reason he did not attempt to get it. Instead, he walked down Fifth avenue and entered a house on East Eighty-eighth street. The detectives shadowed the house all night, relieving each other at intervals. They watched it the greater part of the next day and finally saw Katz come out and post a letter. By arrangement with the postal authorities the detectives secured the letter Katz had posted and saw that it was addressed

o Mr. Penniman. The letter was duly delivered. The writer told Mr. Penniman that he, or, as he expressed it, "we" would not be caught with such chaft or in such a game as the detectives had planned. The letter contained other directions with reference to the deposit of the money and demanded \$700 instead of original \$500. The detectives saw that the handwriting was the same and at once took Katz into custody.

MORGAN WILL CORNER DEPARTMENT STORES.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, April 9 .- Official notice of he rumored combination of department stores was given today by J. Pierpont Morgan & Co., who solicit subscriptions to the stock of the Associated Merchants' company. The company is capitalized at \$20,000,000 and propose to acquire dry goods businesses or interests in this and other cities. The prospectus states that a one-balf in terest has been secured in both the II. B. Claffin company and the Adams Dry Goods company, and that the James McCreery & Company's Twenty-third street store has been bought outright.

CLAY COAL BEDS TO BE DEVELOPED.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Du Bois, Pa., April 9.-The immense coal and are clay beds owned by the Clinton Coal comriver are likely soon to be developed. The com-pany is composed of some eastern capitalists, who, it is stated, will commence operations the next sixty days. The towns of Westport, Lock Haven, Renovo and Shintown will greatly beneated if the operations are started. The sum of \$500,000 is involved.

Kruger Coming to America?

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Pross. Paris, April 10. Le Pajimel, which has al ready published several remarkable statements as to the plane of Mr. Kruger, displays the following dispatch from The Hague this morning; Mr. Kruger's departure for the United States has been fixed for May 51. He will lecture in Tanonany hall about June 8, as the guest of the Democratic party,"

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, April 9. Cleared: Southwark, Ant werp: Germanic, Liverpool; New York, South-ampton Antwerp—Arrived: Noordland, New York, Havre—Arrived: La Gascogne, New York, Southampton—Arrived; Kalser Wilhelm Der New York for Bremen. Liverpool-Ar Grosse, New York, Bremen-Arrived; rived: Etruria, New York, Bremen-Arrived; Koenigin Luise, New York, Cherbourg-Sailed; Vaderland, Southampton, New York, Prawle Point-Passed: Patricia, Hamburg for New

SITUATION ON THE CENTRAL

The Vote of the Organizations Is Awaited with Much Interest Everywhere.

CHIEF ARTHUR'S VERSION

He Says That Mr. Warren's Statement Is Misleading-Chiefs of the Railroad Organizations Were Unable to Get an Interview with Him After Waiting Five Days-Members of the Brotherhoods Are Reticent.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Cleveland, April 9.-Grand Chief P. M. Arthur, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, commenting on the statement of Vice President Warren, of the New Jersey Central, that the company was willing to treat with

the men, said: "To say the least, Mr. Warren's statement is misleading. The chiefs of the organizations remained in New York for five days trying to obtain a conference with him. When we were satisfied that Mr. Warren would not talk with us, we left. Grand Chlet Clark, of the Conductor's Brotherhood, remains on the ground as the representative of all organizations. f have not been officially advised that a vote is being taken today on the arike proposition, but the report is

probably correct." Mr. Arthur said he still had hope that the officials of the company would decide to settle the grievances of the nen without a strike

"I am satisfied that the existing differences could be settled within a very short time if the company would grant us a hearing," said Mr. Arthur, in conclusion.

Bethlehem, April 9.-Jersey Central employes in the Bethlehems refuse to discuss the strike situation. thing is very quiet in this vicinity and the men are all at work as usual. Easton, April 9 .- Jersey Central employes hereabouts are "saying nothing but sawing wood," as one of them

put it today. The men admit the road being polled by representatives of the brotherhood, but they won't admit that should the men vote to strike they will go out, for they are still looking for an amicable settlement of the trouble. Nothing is known here of the report that men are being hired and being sent along the lines to take the places of the employes should they quit, and no strangers are to be found about the hotels and districts where

railroaders live and congregate. At Wilkes-Barre.

Wilkes-Barre, April 9.-The result of the balloting among the employes of the Central Railroad of New Jersey on the strike question will not be known for several days. The vote of each division is first sent to C. W. Waite, general chairman of the grievance committee at Jersey City. The brotherhood men in this vicinity are reticent. but there seems to be no doubt that a majority of the men on the division between Mauch Chunk and Scranton have voted for a strike. The excentions were old engineers and some conductors.

The sub-grievance committees are much pleased with the latest statement issued by Vice President Warren. They say it is more conciliatory than the first statement and there is still strong hope among the employes of the road that a strike may be averted

The brotherhood employes of the Central Railroad of New Jersey held meeting at Ashley tonight. The gathering was for the purpose of learning some news from New York, but none came, and the meeting adjourned shortly after 10 o'clock. Another report is that the result of the voting on the strike question was made known at the meeting. No information was given out beyond the fact that the brotherhoods were almost unanimous for a strike.

What Sargent Says.

Peoria, III., April 9.-Frank P. Sargent, grand master of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, returned from New York today. Regarding the situation on the Jersey Central he said: "I do not care to discuss probabilities, especially in view of the fact that it will be definitely known in a short time what the action of the men is to Officers of the different brotherhoods were unable to obtain any satisactory answer from the railroad officlais, and so the committee prepared a circular which was submitted to the men, by whose action we shall be gov-

REPUBLICAN CLUB BANQUET.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Philadelphia. April 9.—The twentyfirst annual banquet of the Young Men's Republican club was held here Among the speakers were men of national importance. They in-cluded Governor Shaw, of Iowa: Governor Stone, of Pennsylvania; United States Senator Penrose and others. Governor Shaw was the orator of the occasion.

Suicide at Mt. Joy.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Lancaster, April 9 .- An unknown man, evidently traveling man, committed suicide this morning n the Pennsylvania station at Mt. Joy by shoot ing himself in ...e head with a pistol. There was nothing on his body to lead to his identity but a stub for a postal order issued by station No. 79, Philadelphia. He was five test cleven inches tall, weighed 100 pounds and was about forty years

Luzerne Postmasters.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, April 9 .- The following Luzerus county postmasters were appointed today Welfe, Register: W. H. Long, Westman

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Teday: PAIR: MORTHEAST WINDS

General-Central Railroad Strike Situation Work of the State Legislators Attorneys Wrangle in the Rice Case,

General-Carbondale Department. 1 Local-Criminal Court Proceedings. Trial List for Civil Court. Last Nights Bowling Scores.

Editorial.

Local-Estimates Committee Throws

"Chaser," Federal Court Hearings, Local-West Sevanton and Subuchan

General-Northeastern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial. Local-News in the World of Labor.

MAJOR BROWN

WILL ACCEPT No Trouble with Pittsburg's New

Recorder-His Position.

y Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pittsburg, April 9 .-- It was said today that Major A. M. Brown had practically decided to accept the recordership of Pittsburg. While this announcement was not made by the major himself, if comes from some of his closest friends, who are in a posttion to know, When asked today whether he was ready to announce his acceptance of the recordership,

Major Brown said: 'No. I will not make public decision today." "Nothing can be done toward as uming the new office until a Supreme court decision is handed down. I will not wait that long, however, before making my declaration known. I will

probably be ready to make a definite statement within three or four days. Major Brown, as an attorney, favors waiting for the Supreme court decision on the charter bill. He believes that if it is favorable he will have no trouble in taking his office. Mr. Brown has studied the charter carefully and believes that it is en-

tirely constitutional. "I believe that the charter and ripper will be sustained by the Supreme court," he said. "I believe that it is constitutional. The question whether the legislature has the right to pass the charter under the constitution is in contest. I believe the court will de cide that it is legal. I am not discussing the advisability of ripper legislation, but simply looking at it from a legal standpoint."

MR. JOHNSON WOULD INCREASE THE TAXES.

The New Mayor of Cleveland Prepares to Squeeze Corporations. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Cleveland, April 9 .- Mayor Johnson has decided that the corporations doing business in this city don't pay their just proportion of taxes and has taken steps to have their assessments increased. A force of clerks have been put to work preparing a list of all the big concerns together with blue prints

they pay. When full information has been obtained the mayor proposes to go before the city board of equalization and demand that the corporations be compelled to pay what he terms equitable

of their establishments and the taxes

The mayor, it is announced, will make a special effort to show that the steam and electric railways are as-

sessed far too low. CABINET MEETING.

New Attorney General Is Presented

to His Colleagues. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. meeting today lasted about an hour, interesting of the night sessions, Mr. Knox, the new attorney general was presented to his colleagues

Much of the time of the meeting was given up to a discussion of the indemnity which the powers are demand- An Intoxicated Man Is Driven to ing of China. Representations concerning the excessive demands of some I the powers have been made by the United States, but without effect. official confirmation has been received by the government of the reported repudiation of the Platt amendment by the Cuban constitutional convention. The matter was discussed by the cabinet and it was considered strange that General Wood had not communicated so important a fact, if it were true,

RETURN OF THE VOLUNTEERS.

Five Transports Bearing Troops on Their Way to San Francisco.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. San Francisco, April 9 .- The transport Garonne, bringing the Twenty-Volunteer Infantry regiment sixth from Manila, is due to arrive here to-The Thomas, sailing from Naday. gasaki on March 24, and the Rosencrans, sailing from that port on the 25th, will be due this week with the Twenty-eighth and Thirty-fifth regiments, and the Lawton, with part of the Twenty-ninth, is also expected to reach port before the week is ended. The Grant, with part of the Twentyeinth and Thirty-second regiments. Company F of the Twenty-sixth and

BASE BALL.

week.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

126 sick soldiers, is out ten days from

Nagasaki and will be due in about a

At Philadelphia - Philadelphia (National League), 5; Montreal 4. At Philadelphia - Philadelphia (American League), 23; Carteret A. A., 5, At Norfolk-Boston (National League), 5;

Norfolk, 0. At Georgetown - Georgetown, 1: Yale, 1 (ten At Chapel Hill, N. C.- Lehigh, 13; University

CONFERENCE **OPENS TODAY**

Preliminary Meeting Held Last Night in West Pittston M. E. Ghurch.

DR. OAKLEY'S ADDRESS

Spoke to the Members of the Grand Army of the Republic-The Conference Which Opens This Morning Is the Fiftieth and Will Be Presided Over by Bishop Fowler, Who Will Be the Guest of Rev. Dr. O. L. Severson, Pastor of the West Pittston Church-The Programme for Today.

Special from a Staff Correspondent. West Pittston, Pa., April 9,-The fiftieth session of the Wyoming conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will be in full blast tomorrow. The preliminary meeting of last night was, as usual, devoted to the Grand Army of the Republic. A most attractive edifice is the church in which the sessions will be held here. It is Gothic in architecture and fresh and dainty and tasteful as to its interior. The handsome organ was played tonight by Miss Lillian Benfield, a blind girl, whos

work was exceedingly well done. Rev. Dr. O. L. Severson, the pastor. has surpassed all expectations in his preparations for the entertainment and comfort of visitors to this beautiful town by the river. At his home many of the prominent guests will stay during the conference,

Among these are Bishop Fowler, Dr. Oakley and Dr. Mason. The bishop was not present tonight, as he arrived late from Wilkes-Barre, where he was the guest of Dr. C. E. Mogg. He will open the conference tomorrow morn-

The church was lavishly decorated. the entire platform being hidden by splendid flags. On the platform were Rev. E. M. Crydenwise, Rev. D. Parnes, Rev. P. R. Tower, Rev. M. D. Fuller. Rev. Dr. M. D. Fuller opened the anniversary service with prayer, after which Dr. Severson introduced the

speaker, Rev. Dr. J. G. Oakley, of the New York conference, paster of St. Paul's church, at Tarrytown. Dr. Oakley is said to bear a striking resemblance to Abraham Lincoln, at which he expressed himself as feeling some what afflicted, since he rather shrinks man in the work. He spoke on the subject, "From the Metropolis to the Golden Gate, Across the Continent with the G. A.

ence which crowded the building to the doors. A very large delegation of Grand Army men occupied the center of the church. Tomorrow morning the regular sessions of the conference will begin at f

R." and from beginning to end of his

lecture gave the wittlest, brightest,

cleverest possible description of that

memorable trip. He spoke to an audi-

o'clock, Bishop Fowler and his cabinet administering the sacrament. The programme is:

10 a. m.- Organization. Business session. 2 p. m. Statistical session m.-Committees' session.

4 p. m. Pentecostal service. Dr. Wilson, Prow idence, R. L. president. Toniorrow evening will be the anniversary exercises of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational clety, Rev. Dr. C. M. B. Mason mak-

ing the address. Dr. Mason is probably one of the very blackest men in the world, but he is also a man of marvelous intellect and great oratorical ability. His Washington, April 9.—The cabinet address will doubtless be the most

П. С. Р. CHASED BY A MOB.

Sulcide by a Curious Crowd.

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, April 9.-Albert Jensen, 1 mechanic, while suffering from overindulgence in liquor, wandered to Battery park today, where he spent many Toward evening his peculiaactions attracted the notice of a numher of boys who began teasing him. Jensen finally tried to escape by running away. The boys followed, and as Jensen ran up Broadway the crowd increased until as many as 500 people were following him.

He ran through Morris street to West street with the big crowd yelling at his heels. At last a well dressed young man attempted to stop him, but before he could get a good hold Jenser took a revolver from his pocket an fired two shots into his own head. He was taken to a hospital, where it was said there was no chance of recovery

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Memphis, Tenn., April 9.-Beh Long, or Chingo, defeated Bobby Doldes in the sixteenst

Long Defeats Dobbs.

DEATHS OF A DAY. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Columbus, O., April 9, Charles Benton Flags, supreme accretary of the Order of the United Commercial Travelers, died at his home here to

day from intenmenta-Philadelphia, April 9.—Rev. Wylie Fairies, 0.
D., the oldest alumnus of the University of Pennsylvania, died today at his home here, ages

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with educational matters in this city,

Washington, April 9.- Forecast casinen Pennsylvania: Fair Wednesday, Thursday partly clouds, probably rain by afternoon; tresh to brisk north to