Entered as second-class matter at the post-office at Tionesta.

No subscription received for a shorter

period than three months.

Correspondence solicited, but no notice will be taken of anonymous communica-

RATES OF ADVERTISING: One Square, one inch, one week ... \$ 1 00 One Square, one inch, one month.. 3 00 One Square, one inch, 3 months..... 5 00 One Square, one inch, one year ..... 10 60 Two Squares, one year ..... .... 15 00 Quarter Column, one year .......... 30 00 Half Column, one year ..... .... 50 00 One Column, one year ..... ..... 100 00 Legal advertisements ten cents per line

each insertion. We do fine Job Printing of every description at reasonable rates, but it's casb on delivery.

VOL. XLII. NO. 50.

BOROUGH OFFICERS.

tions. Always give your name.

Burgess.-J. D. W. Reck. Justices of the Peace-C. A. Randali, D. Councumen.-J. W. Landers, J. T. Dale G. B. Robinson, Wm. Smearbaugh, J. W. Jamieson, W. J. Campbell, A. B.

Constable—Charles Clark.
Collector—W. H. Hood.
School Directors—J. C. Scowden, R. M.
Herman, Q. Jamieson, J. J. Landers, J.
R. Clark, W. G. Wyman.

FOREST COUNTY OFFICERS.

Member of Congress—N. P. Wheeler. Member of Senate—J. K. P. Hall. Assembly—A. R. Mechling. President Judge—Wm. E. Rice. Associate Judges—P. C. Hill, Samuel Prothonotary, Register & Recorder, &c.

-J. C. Geist,
Sheriff-S. R. Maxwell,
Treasurer-Geo. W. Holeman,
Commissioners-Wm. H. Harrison, J.
M. Zuendel, H. H. McClellan. District Attorney—M. A. Carringer, Jury Commissioners—Ernest Sibble, Lewis Wagner.

Coroner—Dr. M. C Kerr.
County Auditors—George H. Warden,
L. C. Gregg and J. P. Kelly.
County Surveyor—D. W. Clark. County Superintendent-D. W. Morri-Regular Terms of Court.

Fourth Monday of February. Third Monday of May, Fourth Monday of September, Third Monday of November. Regular Meetings of County Commissioners 1st and 3d Tuesdays of month.

Church and Sabbath School. Presbyterian Sabbath School at 9:45 a. m.; M. E. Sabbath School at 10:00 a. m. Preaching in M. E. Church every Sab-bath evening by Rev. W. O. Calhoun. Preaching in the F. M. Church every Sabbath evening at the usual hour. Rev.

E. L. Monroe, Pastor.
Preaching in the Presbyterian church every Sabbath at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. H. A. Bailey, Pastor.
The regular meetings of the W. C. T.
U. are held at the headquarters on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each

### BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

TI NESTA LODGE, No. 369, I. O. O. F. Meets every Tuesday evening, in Odd Fellows' Hall, Partridge building. CAPT, GEORGE STOW POST, No. 274

in each month. CAPT. GEORGE STOW CORPS, No 137, W. R. C., meets first and third Wednesday evening of each month.

T. F. RITCHEY. ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,

M. A. CARRINGER,
Attorney and Counsellor-at-Law.
Office over Forest County National
Bank Building,
TIONESTA, PA. Bank Building,

CURTIS M. SHAWKEY,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
Warren, Pa. Practice in Forest Co.

C BROWN, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Office in Arner Building, Cor. Elm

FRANK S. HUNTER, D. D. S.
Rooms over Citizens Nat. Bank TIONESTA, PA.

DR. F. J. BOVARD,
Physician & Surgeon,
TIONESTA, PA. Eyes Tested and Glasses Fitted.

Physician and Surgeon, OIL CITY, PA.

HOTEL WEAVER, Proprietor. Modern and up to-date in all its ap-continuous. Every convenience and comfort provided for the traveling public.

CENTRAL HOUSE, GEROW Proprietor. Tionseta, Pa. This is the most centrally located hotel in the place, and has all the modern improvements. No pains will be spared to make it a pleasant stopping place for the traveling public. First class Livery in connection.

DHIL, EMERT

FANCY BOOT & SHOEMAKER. Shop over R. L. Hasiet's grocery store on Elm street. Is prepared to do all kinds of custom work from the finest to the coarsest and guarantees his work to give perfect satisfaction. Prompt attenion given to mending, and prices rea-





# Shoe Troubles

Are most exasperating, because unnecessary. Wear our shoes to find shoe comfort, shoe service, shoe satisfaction. There is never trouble on foot for the wearer of our shoes.

# LAMMERS

OIL CITY, PA.

In Account of S'r et Car Riots In Philadelphia.

Rapid Transit Company Sent All of Its Cars to the Barns Sunday Afternoon - Widespread Violence of Present Strike Unequaled by Anything Seen In the Strike of Nine Months Ago Which Was Settled by Compromise.

The hospitals in Philadelphia are padly overcrowded with persons who were shot or beaten in the car strike riots that spread viciously all over ulurban Philadelphia Sunday and unday night. At least 100 got in the way of bullets or bricks or payng stones, and half of these were aurt seriously.

The outlook was so alarming late n the afternoon, when the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company with drew every one of its cars from service and sent them to the barns, that | and waiting for a response. The com-Mayor Reyburn authorized Henry llay, the director of public safety, to ecruit 4,000 extra policemen if postible. The regular force of 3,300 was itterly unable to smother the trouble.

There is a distinct fear that Clay and Tim O'Leary even with 4,000 exra men may not be able to make the treets safe for citizens. There was ever a day in the strike of nine nonths ago when things looked as ngly as they did last night.

The widespread violence that broke ut in twenty places at once during the twenty-four hours has indicated to hose familiar with the attitude of the ompany and of the strikers that uness somebody with a strong hand teps in, Philadelphia is in for big rouble.

Briefly, the situation is just this: The former strike was settled by a empromise that pleased nobody. The rapid transit company and the strik rs were brought together by Jim Mc Nichols, the Republican boss, because in election was imminent and Philidelphia was disgusted with the attitude of the machine. The company knew that the fight was being delayed merely, and it went to work to fortify itself against the time when it could

refuse to compromise. In South Philadelphia alone twenty persons were so badly hurt that they had to be sent to the hospitals. Here, as elsewhere all over the rim of the ilty, many we hart whose names the police could not even attempt to get and whose injuries were treated in drug stores or at their own homes. ed by the police included only those who got bospital treatment.

## SMOOT'S AMENDMENT

To Postal Savings Bank Bill Objec-

tionable to President. Senator Smoot of Utah was invited to the White House and President Taft urged him to move for a reconsideration of the vote by which the senate adopted Mr. Smoot's amendment to the postal savings bank bill and to permit the amendment to be withdrawn

The Smoot amendment provides for the deposit in banks within the state where the postal funds are received by postmasters, and in the contingency that the banks should refuse to accept the deposits on the terms offered the funds on being sent to the United States treasury under the genwa! provisions of the bill are to be invested in government securities and other approved state, municipal and local securities.

President Taft told Senator Smoot that he feared that the proposed amendment if it remained in the bill. would make the law unconstitutional. Senator Smoot did not agree with the president but said frankly that he would not insist on his amendment if the president and his legal advisers were convinced that it might impair the constitutionality of the proposed legislation.

## 3,200 MILES BY TROLLEY

Sherman Inaugural Guzrds Plan Reunion and Trip From Utica to Duluth.

The citizens of Oneida and Herkimer counties who formed the committee representing the congressional district at the inauguration of President Taft and Vice President Sherman last March and acted as escort to the latter in the inaugural parade, in Washington, have laid plans for a reunion and long distance trolley trip from Utica to Duluth, Minn., next June.

It is expected that Vice President Sherman will accompany the party. The project was conceived by C. Loomis Allen, vice president of the Utica and Mohawk Valley and the Oneida Railway companies. It is proposed to take two of the large cars of the Oneida railway and fit them out in the fashion of Pullman cars and to make the all-electric trip in them. The itinerary will be so arranged that stops will be made at night in the principal cities, while the journeying

will be during the day. The trip will be from Utica to Buffalo, to Cleveland, to Columbus, to Fort Wayne, Ind., to Indianapolis, to Chicago, to Milwaukee, to St. Paul and to the Duluth end of the continuous electric car connection. It is expected that the trip will occupy about fourteen days. The distance is about 3,200 miles.

### 18.000,000 MAIL BOXES

Will Have to Be Made If Provision I Postoffice Bill Is Adopted.

There will be a good-sized commotion In this country when the most interest ing provision of the postoffice appro priation bill reported to the house by Representative Weeks (Mass.) chairman of the committee on postoffices and post roads, becomes generally known. The measure contains a provision prohibiting any letter carrier from delivering mail at any house unless there is a suitable mail box conveniently placed on the outside to receive it. This radical proposition will go into effect, if congress approves of it, on June 20, 1911.

This means that when the bill be romes effective the mail box manufacturers of the country must make about 18,000,000 mail boxes, which will cost the people of the country more than \$20,000,000. The committee expects there will be something of a howl raised but figure that the government will save \$4,000,000 a year by means of the boxes. After numerous experiments the committee deterthat the average postman mined spends between 15 and 30 seconds at each house ringing the doorbell mittee says that the provision will reduce the number of carriers or greatly increase their service and ef-

### DEALING IN GRAIN FUTURES

Prohibition Would Have Serious Con sequences, Committee Was Told.

If dealing in grain futures is prohibited there will be chaos in produce business circles, according to former President Fitch of the Chicago board of trade, who appeared before the house committee on agriculture.

"That would be just the result if this committee bill prohibiting dealings in futures became a law," said Fitch "We would have to do business on a large margin. Personally I would have to reconstruct every financial interest that I have in the West. The chaos would stretch all the way from the farmer to the exporter.

While talking about grains Mr. Fitch incidentally made the prediction that "unless congress wants the country to go hungry, it must remove the duty from wheat."

John Messmore of St. Louis told the committee the proposed legislation would have serious consequences. The witnesses who appeared before the committee included delegates from the grain exchanges in Chicago, St Louis, Kansas City, Omaha, Minne apolis, Duluth, Milwaukee, Toledo, Buffalo, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

## DEMAND FOR NEW ROAD

Attorneys For B., R. & E. Prepared to Show Road Can Be Built For \$85,000,000,

Attorneys for the proposed Buf falo, Rochester and Eastern railroad are now prepared to show that not only is the demand for the railroad general from one end of the state to the other, but that it can be built for the sum mentioned by them in their application - \$85,000,000. By the testimony of James C. Boyd, expert engineer connected with the firm of Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co., it is expected the commission will be convinced of the feasibility of the route of the proposed railroad from an engineering standpoint and of the fact that the railroad can be constructed for the amount stated by the promoters. The commission has expressed the belief that the railroad cannot be constructed for less than \$100,000,000.

Before the bearing is concluded the atterneys hope to have proved beyond a doubt that the company will have no difficulty in financing the construction and can obtain \$100,000,000 as easily as it can get \$85,000,000, the sum which it claims would be necessary to build the road and place it upon an operating basis.

## PRICE OF MEAT TO DECLINE

If Farmers Resort to Increased Production of Livestock, Says Ryan.

Michael Ryan, president of the Cincinnati Abbatoir company and one of the organizers of the American Meat Packers' association, was a witness before the federal grand jury at Chicago. After he left the grand jury room he spoke of the meat packing industry and declared that a shortage of crops and the raising of too few animals for slaughter were responsible for the present high prices of meat. Though he would not say 30, it was understood that in effect he told the grand jury the same thing. Mr. Ryan declared that the prices of meats would decline to a normal basis within one year if the coming season's crops were plentiful and if the farmers resorted to increased production of livestock in view of the present high prices. He said the anand sales of meats amount to about

Indication of Jeffries' Confidence.

\$1,200,000,000, of which amount 60 per

cent is sold by the independent deal-

ers, and further that the meat business

was so extensive that it was impos

sible for any one organization to con

New York, Feb. 22.-According to H. H. Frazee of Chicago, who managed the Jeffries-Gotch theatrical tour, the bollermaker is so confident of whipping Jack Johnson that he has already signed a contract to make a Mr. Vrecland himself said: "I am em tour of the world

# **VETOPOWEBUF LORDS**

FOREST REPUBLICAN.

Mr. Asquith Promises a Bill Dealing With It Will De Introduced.

Until a Division Hap Been Taken as to Question of House of Lords It Is Not the Intention of the Govern ment to Let the Budget Pass to the Upper Chamber-Redmond Protests Against Premier's Program.

London, Feb. 22 .- The point in the king's speech which instantly impressed his hearers by its momentous six hiffcance was that he failed to identify himself with the "opinion of my advisers" upon the proposed measures for limiting the powers of the house of lords. Heretofore, almost without exception. British sovereigns have followed the constitutional practice of enunciating declarations on the policy of the government in power as

Balfour Criticises King's Speech. After the usual humble address in reply to the speech from the throne had been moved and seconded, Righ Hon, Arthur J. Balfour, the Unionis leader, arose and said that whatever else might be said of the "gracious speech from the throne" there was very little in it. The only legislation foreshadowed, he declared, was some alteration in the relations of the house of lords and house of commons and possibly some alterations in the constitution of the house of lords. The terms of the speech, he said, were highly ambiguous.

Mr. Baltour went on to say: "When the budget receives the cold and chilly, but numerically adequate support of this house it doubtless will be come a law, I believe that the ma jority of the constituencies of Great Britain are prepared to support the budget, but It cannot be pretended that Ireland favors it. Ireland abstains from opposing the budget be cause it thinks the interests of bome rule override those of finance. If the budget were isolated from all other questions it would be rejected.

"If the premier's home rule speech just before the election had been taken seriously in England as it was in Ireland all other questions would have been dwarfed. I have had 149 campaign speeches delivered by members of the cabinet analyzed and in only one is there a voluntary refer ence to home rule

"Not only the lords themselves bu all parties in the commons desire that the upper house be reformed. The Labor party want to abolish it altogether The English and the Scotch want the reforms as an amendment to the con stitution under which we live, but the Nationalists wish it because they want to get out from under the con stitution altogether."

Budget and Veto Bill to Be Passed. Mr. Asquith speaking for the go ernment said that a resolution deal ing with the question of the vet power of the house of lords would be introduced and would be carried through before the Easter holidays Later these resolutions would be em bodied in a bill. To expedite legislation the government proposed that the house should adjourn at Easter for only three days. Business would then go on till the budget and the resolutions affecting the lords were dispose 1 of.

In reply to questions Mr. Asquith explained that it was not the intention of the government to let the budget pass from the control of the com mons. Until a division had been tak en as to the house of lords it was not the intention to let the budget pass to the upper chamber,

The premier than stated that the house would be asked to pass the budget before the Easter adjournment with no material changes therein ex cept the recessary one as to dates,

John Redmond protested strongly against the order of the government's program. The Nationalists, he said stood now as always apart as an independent body allied with no party They supported the government it the last election because of the pre mier's piedge of home rule.

"If the premier will give a reason able assurance that he will be able to carry the veto bill to a successful passage this year the Nationalists will vote for the budget, but we are not willing to pay that price for noth-

Prime Minister Victim of Assassin.

Cairo, Feb. 22. - Prime Ministe Botrous Pasha, who was shot by fanatic while leaving the ministry of foreign affairs Sunday, died at o'clock next morning. The assassin belongs to a society which aims to se cure the triumph of the nationalis cause by means of terrorizing people Wardini, the assassin, gives, among other things, as the reason for his act the fact that the late premier signed the bill for the special commission which was authorized to place sus pected Nationalists under surveillance

## Vreeland For State Chairman.

Washington, Feb. 22 .- According to views expressed by many members of the New York delegation in the house. Representative Edward E. Vreeland of Salamanca would be the ideal man to succeed Timothy L Woodruff as chairman of the Repub-Hean state committee of New York phatically not a candidate."

# AGAINST GUVERNUR'S PLAN

ingislative Commission Makes Report on Direct Nominations.

Albany, Feb. 22. - The legislative commission appointed last year to inture into the operation of direct nominations laws in other states reported to the legislature last night flatly against Governor Hughes' alleged direct nom'rections law, the essential feature of which abolishes the party

Schator George L. Mend of Rochester was chairman of this commis sion, and while they retain the time honored convention plan for nominating candidates in a bill introduced on behalf of the commission, radical changes in the existing method of holding primaries and selecting delegates to conventions are recom-

At the outset the commission de clared that even if direct nominations were advisable in this state that be fore such a scheme should be put into operation, the constitution should be emended so as to permit the use of the so-called short ballot. The commission's bill establishes a uniform primary day throughout the state about the middle of September.

An official primary ballot is provided at public expense and delegates to all conventions shall be named at the primary at the one time, while county, town and ward committeemen also must be elected by a direct vote at the primary.

### ALLDS TRIAL RESUMED

Allegations That Town Boards Were Fixed by Agents of Bridge Companies.

Albany, Feb. 22 .- Despite whatever efforts have been made to check the scandal growing out of the trial of Sepator Jotham P. Allds it looked to day as though nothing could avert a further investigation. Members of the legislature who represent some of the nearby country districts have been asked to get to the bottom of allegations made that town boards were "fixed" by agents of the bridge companles

James W. Osborne, counsel for Senator Conger, seid: "I don't care who they bring into it, as long as I show that we were not going outside of the specifications we made in this case to drag in dead or living legislators. It counsel on the other side can unearth any new scandals, why that's their own husiness'

Senator Alids will not be called to testify until after all his witnesses have been heard. It is understood that an effort will be made by the de fence to show that bridge companies in which the Congers were largely in terested have been in collusion for years; that by an agreement among these companies hids were raised and a rake off secured by the other companles from the one securing the con tract. Allds' lawyers will assert that the bridge companies for years made a specialty of bribing town boards and of other various methods,

# AVOID 'ROOSEVELT INCIDENT

Catholic Dignitaries, Mindful of Fair

banks, Confer on Visit. Rome, Feb. 22.-Mgr. Kennedy had a long interview with Cardinal Merry Del Val, the papal secretary of state on the Fairbanks incident and also on the prospect arising in connection with ex-President Roosevelt's visit Colonel Roosevelt also has promised to make an address before the Ameri can Methodist body here, and, al though the Vatican authorities are in tensely anxious to honor him, the pope must adhere to the precedent he has set in the Fairbanks case.

If Colonel Roosevelt's audience with the pope is arranged immediately upor his arrival in Rome he will be free to address the Methodist society after

The Vatican authorities are anxious to have it understood that their objection is not to any Protestant visi tor addressing his own co-religionists but that, owing to the methods of this particular community and its at titude to the Vatican, it is impossible for a none with any self-respect to receive anybody who identifies himself with these methods.

## PLANT SPECIES TO ORDER

Radium Rays Are Tried to Create New Varieties of Flora.

Columbia, Mo., Feb. 22,-Plants in the future may be made to order, according to Professor C. Stuart Gager of the College of Agriculture, who for the last two years has been exper imenting with radium in the agricultural laboratories of the University of Missouri.

An entirely new species of prim rose has been originated by the use of radium here, and it has held true to the new form through three gener ations of the plant. The color of the flower was changed, and the leaves changed from broad to narrow, h addition to creating new species it is possible either to accelerate or retard the growth of seeds and plants by exposing them to the action of the radium rays.

### Irish Nationalists Need Funds. Dublin, Feb. 22. - The Freeman'

Journal prints a manifesto of the United Irish parliamentary and Nationalist funds committee appealing for money to replete the empty war. chest. The trustees of the fund say the appeal is vitally urgent owing to the probability of the immediate dissolution of parliament.

Pithy Paragraphs that Chro the Week's Doings.

Long Dispatches From Various I of the World Shorn of Their Paand Only Facts Given In as . Words as Possible For the Bon of the Hurried Reader.

Speaker Carnon leaves the chair defend majority rule in the house of representatives

Live hogs sold yesterday at the Chi cago stockyards at the highest mark with one exerction, in 40 years,

Captala B. S. Osbon attacks Mr. Robert E. Peary as a "selfish egotist" and says his promotion to the grade of rear admiral would be a blot upon

For the first time in five years Eu ropean eggs are now being imported into this country. They are shipped by brokers from Hull, England, bu were gathered originally from Aus tria. France and Germany.

### Thursday.

Senator Tillman loses his fight fo the coutody of his two little grand daughters.

Havana celebrates anniversary o the destruction of the Maine with elaborate ecremonies. Senator Conger declares on stand

that the bridge companies raised corruption fund in 1902 and placed it in the bands of the Republican state chsfrman. Coveract Halley of Missouri chal-

lenging Serator Stone to authorize a

recount of ballots in the senatorship fight, offers to appoint Joseph W. Folk if Mr Stone will resign. Joseph Chamberlain put in an ap pearance in the house of commons for the first time since he was stricken

with paralysis. He was too weak to sign the membership roll. The announcement that the United States will grant its minimum tariff rates to Japan has been received by the commercial interests of the em pire with the liveliest satisfaction and has created an excellent impression

generally.

Friday. . Senator Conger declared that As semblyman Burnett received money in connection with legislation, and

brings Louis Pedell into the case, Governor Hughes orders a sweep Ing investigation of the forest, fish and game department, in an effort to bare alleged extensive land frauds. New York dealers in food products.

opposing an ordinance introduced by Alderman Dowling, assert that cold storage equalizes prices to the con-The Paris chamber of commerce and the French Minister of foreign af

fairs take steps to offset the reports of increased cost of living and epidem ie peril in the capital of France be cause of the recent flood.

Saturday. Sweeping changes have been made in the administration's railway bil and a substitute measure introduced

in the house. Senator Tilman's condition is alarm ing. He is unconscious and those close to the family have lost hope for his recovery, Eighty-eight survivors, left on the

bulk of the Lima, in the straits of Magellan have been rescued ten days after the wreck by the Ministro Zenteno, a Chillian cruiser. Mr. Roosevelt's party has reached

### Gondokoro, in the Soudan, having practically ended African jungle adventures, and the return to civilization will be by easy stages.

## Monday.

President Taft may be forced to make special efforts to save his congress program for two new battleship this year.

Man posing as James A. Currie, cap italist, is identified as "Red" Adams swindler of international reputation now in the Tombs.

Stormy so nes result in the reich

stag from an interpellation by the Socialists asking the imperial chancellor his position on universal suffrage. Eight' men convicted of counterfei ing in New York are sentenced to long periods of imprironment, a 30

year term being imposed on Ignazic

Lupo, "the Wolf," who is a fugitive from Justice in Italy, Governor Hughes is proposed for temporary chairman of the state convention, and Mr. Roosevelt for perm nneret chairman, by New York Repub licans in Washington, anxious to lessen the effect of the bribery scandal.

### Tuesday.

Several dis inct earthquake shocks were feit during a storm in Cheshire England.

Richard Watson Gilder's life is held up as an example of high ideals, at a memorial meeting in New York.

The Egyptian premier was shot three times by a student who belonged to a political party hostile to the gov ernment. An audience of 2,000 persons at me

morial services in Carnegle hall appeals to congress to raise the Mains and recover the bodies from the wrecked battleship in Havana harbor. Fire swept through the business sec tion of Hornell, causing a loss of more Phan \$125,000. The fire started to the Wooder-Macy company, a large dengitment store and entirely destreyed the block.

### CAR OVER EMBANKMENT

One Man Was Killed and Many Persons Injured at New Castle.

New Castle, Pa., Feb. 22.-One man was killed and the conductor was the only one of twenty other persons aboard who were not severely injured in the wreck of a Pittsburg, Harmony, Butler and New Castle street car Sunday night. The car was descending Taylor street hill when it left the rails and dashed down a 150-foot embankment, overturning when it struck two cars, loaded with limestone, on another railroad at the foot of the embankment.

J. R. Barnhart, 25 years old, believed to be a resident of this place, was killed. Ida Murphy, 14 years old, was perhaps fatally injured, and nineteen others have broken arms and legs sprained hips, lacerations and bruises. Mrs. Percy Simpson emerged from the wreck to find her baby missing. but her bysterics were suddenly turned into ecstacy when she found the infant safely lodged in another woman's arms.

# **CREAKING FLOOR** CLEARS COURTROOM

# Girls Accused of Fighting on Train Draw Big Crowd.

Irwin, Pa., Feb. 22.-The snapping of rafters and creaking of the floor at the courtroom of Justice J. C. Frederick precipitated a rush for safety among patrons in a barber shop below, while the crowd that packed the courtroom lost no time in getting out the door and the session was adjourned without formality.

The unusual throng was attracted by testimony expected in hearings growing out of alleged personal encounters among young women of this vicinity employed at the Westinghouse shops in East Pittsburg. Something like a feud is said to have existed during the past week, culminating Friday night, it is said, in a hand-tohand battle on the train bringing the girls home from work, and on the station platform at Larimer. Faces are reported to have been scratched, while wraps and millinery suffered.

Larimer girls swore out warrants before Justice Frederick charging two girls of Larimer, and another girl of Irwin, with assault and battery, Across the hall in Justice Thomas Miles' court another Larimer girl charged the same defendants with assault and battery and surety of the peace. While awaiting belated with nesses the floor started to give way, and the cases were continued until next Saturday, when spectators will be barred, according to the officials.

The trouble, it is alleged, started at a lunch time "kidding match" over

## TWENTY-FIVE HURT IN PANIC

Two Seriously Injured When Opera House Floor Collapsed.

Johnstown, Pa., Feb. 22.-Twentyfive persons were hurt when the floor of the Opera House at Patton, 20 miles north of here, collapsed while an audience of several hundred were leaving at the close of the performance. A panic ensued, women and children being bruised and trampled in the struggle to reach exits. A stove overturned, but men nearby succeeded in preventing any serious outbreak of flames, and little damage was done, excepting through a few persons com-

ing in contact with redhot coals. A young son of John Wilkinson sustained a fractured nose and arm in the scramble for the door, A. L. Kauffmann, a telephone lineman, was near the stove when it fell and he suffered painful burns. Others received minor injuries.

## LAD SEEKS MISSING FATHER

Ten-Year-Old Boy Has Called at Post-

office Vainly For Two Years. Olyphant, Pa., Feb. 22. - For two years, since Morgan Williams suddenly disappeared, leaving a wife and two children, Chester, then eight years old, and Valeda, aged six, the boy has called at the postoffice and inquired for a "letter from papa," which never came.

For a year both children met all trains stopping at the station and watched the crowds in hopes that their father might be among them. About a year ago the girl gave up the trips, but the boy's faith still lin gered and he makes his daily trips to the postoffice, no matter what the weather may be,

Only once has Williams been heard from and that was indirectly from Sayre, Pa., but he disappeared again before his family could reach him.

## Preacher Good Collector.

Butler, Pa., Feb. 22. - Following evangelistic meetings conducted here by Rev. Dr. W. W. Orr of Charlotte C., in which 300 were converted conscience money is being paid local merchants. Last evening a converpaid a grocer bill supposed to be be youd collection.

### Girl Is Drowned While Coasting. Irwin, Pa., Feb. 22.-Unable to stor

their sled. Oscar and Helen Deter aged 5 and 7 respectively, plunged into Brush creek while coasting. The Httle girl was drowned and her body has not been recovered. The boy was rescued.