Topeka, March 13 .- "The main purpose of this paper will be to influence s readers to seek first the kingdom

The Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, who esterday assumed editorial and busiss control of The Daily Capital, which he will retain for one week, nakes this announcement in his ediorial leader outlining his policy this norning. The Capital during this ime will be a "newspaper," the word "news" being defined by Mr. Sheldon s anything in the way of current vents that the public ought to know or its moral and spiritual develop-The paper will be absolutely on-partisan, and partisan political ws will be given scant notice.

All editorial and important local natter will be signed by the writers. here will be no Sunday paper, but istead a Saturday evening paper suitible for Sunday reading.
"May God bless the use of this pa-

er to the glory of his kingdom on arth," says Rev. Mr. Sheldon in conluding his leader. The first item on the first page today

s a prayer written by Bishop John A. Vincent, of the Methodist Episcopal Editor Sheldon went to the office at

3:30 o'clock yesterday morning and was on duty until the paper went to press at 3 o'clock this morning. At 1 o'clock yesterday forenoon he met the local force of the paper and gave out the assignments for the day. A page is devoted to local news, and

the leading features for today are reports of a temperance revival and an



REV. CHARLES M. SHELDON. anti-cigarette meeting. Mr. Sheldon instructed the pouce reporter that in case of a murder or other crime to write a bare statement of the facts. During the conference the sporting

ditor remarked that there would be a bowling contest at the Y. M. C. A. rooms last night.

"I think," said Mr. Sheldon, "that that is good clean sport. You may The dramatic editor asked instructions about theaters.

We shall not want anything of that kind," Mr. Sheldon said.

One page is reserved for telegraph news, which ordinarily occupied about three times the space. The war news is the feature of the page, Mr. Sheldon considering the prospects of peace the best possible news.

A five hundred word story on the religious outlook in Kansas City, scheduled by a Kansas City correspondent, was promptly accepted by telegraph. The market reports are cut from

four columns to one. All quotations on stocks and bonds, giving options and other matter involving the transactions in futures were consigned to the waste basket, and only the actual cash prices of grain, produce, etc., are quoted A notable feature of the paper is the

nethod of handling advertisements. They are banished from the news and editorial pages and bunched in places reserved for them. The censorship here is even more rigorous than in the news columns, and a large quantity of this class of matter has already been cut out, including all relating to patent medicines. The familiar corset advertisements of the magazines, accompanied by cuts, have sought in vain for space. No retail advertisements from Kansas City or other out of town tradesmen will be accepted, Mr. Sheldon holding that this would be an injustice to home merchants. The \$20 suit of clothes for \$14.75 advertisement is also barred.

The Capital appears with a radical change in style and make-up. Practically the only feature familiar to its regular readers is the headline. The first page, for instance, ordinarily devoted exclusively to telegraphic news, has not a line of the current news of the day. Instead, the page is given up to discussions on what Mr. Sheldon considers the most important questions low before the world. There are four leading articles on this page, the first being devoted to the famine in India, with articles on the subject from Lord Curzon and Rev. J. S. Abbott, of the Bombay mission. "Militarism" is discussed in an article by Dr. Richard Thomas, of Baltimore, who urges religion as the only cure for war. The next "leader" is an article on Kansas prohibitory law and the fourth a letter from the Y. M. C. A. of Colorado urging the establishment of a home

for consumptives at Denver. The editorial matter is switched from the fourth to the second page. Following the title and the usual business ouncement appears a list of the employes of the paper, from editor down to galley boy, which will be kept stand-ing throughout the week.

There is a cartoon on the editorial

KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS.

Organization of the Democratic Militia Temporarily Postponed. Frankfort, Ky., March 13.-General arrived here yesterday and spent several hours in conference with the make no decisive move toward reorganizing the state guard till after the court of appeals passes on the contests now pending in that tribunal. Democratic leaders say that military companies are being raised by the Democrats in various counties, Sut none of these will be mustered into service for some time yet, unless a crisis is reached, which they do not anticipate. Cas-

tleman urges conservatism. The legislature adjourned sine die today. No bills had been passed up to the assassination of Goebel and as a result of the crisis following no measures passed ever reached Republican Governor Taylor's table. Eleven bills have since passed and have either been approved by Beckham or are now

pending before him. Things looked rather warlike in Frankfort last Saturday, when attempts were made to enter the state house and arrest Republican State Secretary Powers and Captain John W. Davis, charged with being accessories to the Goebel muruer. Finally they escaped from Frankfort in disguise, but were arrested in Lexington, and are now in Louisville jail, although they have "pardons" from Republican Governor Taylor.

GERMANY SNUBS BOERS.

Will Not Attempt Mediation in the

War With England. London, March 13.-Lord Roberts is making a very rapid advance, and he is again misleading the Boers by continuing the advance southward instead of through the flat country due east of Aasvogel Kop. He will probably seize the railway south of Bloemfontein, and although another battle is possible, it is more likely that the Boers are only endeavoring to delay his advance until all the rolling stock of the railway and the stores and troops from the Orange river district can be gotten away north.

It is officially announced that the Transvaal having appealed to Germany for mediation or intervention in the war, Germany has replied that she declines to interfere, as she is in no way concerned in the conflict. Except in the case of Germany the replies of the powers to the Boer appeals for intervention are not yet known publicly here, but it si quite certain that Austria. Hungary and Italy will decline to interfere.

According to good authority President Kruger and President Steyn have not made a formal proposition of peace, but have asked the British government, through the United States, the conditions it would accept for the opening negotiations on the basis of the independence of the republics. The United States government, in transmitting this communication, took care to declare that it did not assume the responsibility

The British reported casualties up to this date are as follows: Killed, 2,618; wounded, 8,747; died of disease, 1,029; missing, 3,483; total, 15,677.

Cheap Voters in Philadelphia. Philadelphia, March 13.-David Fleet, a city employe, and John Mackey and William Jennings, election officers in the Fifth division of the Fifth ward, were arrested yesterday charged with violating the election laws. The men were given a hearing, and held in ed without question the book value for trial. According to the testimony brought out at the hearing Fleet induced several other men to vote in the Fifth division more than once. The price paid was 25 cents and a drink of balance of his holdings. whisky. In some instances the repeaters were given only the whisky. One man testified to having voted six times, stating that he was intoxicated at the time. Fleet was held in \$1,000 bail and the others in \$600.

American Credulity Exemplified.

Boston, March 10 .- Henry Parker, of this city, who is wanted by the United States authorities on a charge of using the mails in a scheme to defraud in selling mysterious boxes, said to have wonderful good luck qualities, has not been found. An official, who was on duty at Parker's place of business, was kept busy answering calls from customers who desired to purchase boxes. and Postmaster Hibbard said that 20,-000 letters addressed to Parker had accumulated at the post office during the past two days. As the price of the box is \$1 each it appears that a considerable amount of money is involved in the

Uncle Sam's Postal Receipts. Washington, March 13.-A statement prepared by the postoffice department shows that the receipts at 50 of the largest postoffices during the month of February were \$3,562,547, an increase of \$279,409, or 81/2 per cent over the corresponding month of the previous The receipts at some of the principal offices were as follows: York, \$735,837; Chicago, \$520,748; Phildelphia, \$270,809; Boston, \$239,256; St. Louis, \$147,857; Cincinnati, \$101,-513: Brooklyn, \$115,443: Baltimore, \$90,641; San Francisco, \$85,300; Pitts-

Chicago's Industrial Stagnation Chicago, March 13,-Another serious complication in the great building strike came yesterday when the sash, door and blind manufacturers of Chicago and vicinity voted to close their mills until the labor troubles are adjusted. By this action 4,000 men are added to the 50,000 now idle, and business interests are further crippled.

Rev. Thomas K. Beecher Stricken. Elmira, N. Y., March 13.-Rev. Thomas K. Beecher, brother of Henry Ward Beecher, and pastor of Park church, was stricken with paralysis Sunday night on his return home from evening service, and his recovery is

considered doubtful.

Nicaragua Trenty Amended. Washington, March 10.-The senate committee on foreign relations yesterday reported the Hay-Pauncefote Nicaragua canal treaty to the senate with an amendment reserving to this country the right to defend the canal in

John B. Castleman, adjutant general The Iron King's Answer to His In a Conflagration in the Metropo-Former Partner and Friend.

"The Plaintiff Has No Reason to Complain of the Operation of a Contract Which Gives Him Nearly \$6,000,000 Without Investment."

Pittsburg, March 13.-Late yesterday afternoon the answer of the Carnegie Steel company, limited, defendant in the equity suit of H. C. Frick, to determine the value of his holdings in said company, was filed in common pleas court No. 1. The answers filed are for the Carnegie Steel company, limited, and 30 individual defendants.

The answer meets every one of Mr. Frick's allegations, declaring that Mr. Frick himself led in the reorganization of the company. The averments of plaintiff with reference to change of business are denied, as in the amended certificate the same language was employed as in the original, and in fact there has not been any change in the character of business. The name of the association was phanged, and for the convenience of the business the principal offices were removed from Bessemer to Pittsburg. The business was enlarged subsequent to the change of name, but this in no wise changed the legal status of the association.

The answer then sets forth the history of Mr. Frick's membership in the association. To begin with his interests were acquired in the same manner as other young partners. He was not required to pay for same, provision being made, as in all cases of newly admitted members, for payment out of the future profits. Mr. Frick's interest was acquired about Jan. 14, 1887, under the terms of what is known as the "ironclad agreement," and amounted to \$100,000 of the capital stock. In May, 1899, an option was given to Mr. Frick to acquire on Jan. 1, 1894, an additional interest of 3 per cent. This option was abrogated in November, 1890, with Mr. Frick's consent, but as compensation he was credited in his account with the association with the sum of \$138,146.68, representing the increment in the book value of the interest covered by his eption from the time it was given until abrogated. Subsequently he acquired an additional 1 per cent and then 8 per cent. In February, 1895, Mr. Frick was the owner of 11 per cent of the capital, upon which he owed Andrew Carnegie \$1,809,191 balance of purchase price. He was not, however, under his agreement with Mr. Carnegie personally liable, the interest acquired being the only security which Mr. Car-

negie held. The answer then tells of Mr. Frick going to Mr. Carnegie, at the time of business depression, and asking to be refleved of a portion of his holdings. Mr. Carnegie paid him the book value, which was greatly in excess of the price paid by Mr. Frick. After this transfer Mr. Frick held only 6 per cent of the whole, and the balance due on that percentage due from Mr. Frick, the purchase price was finally adjusted and paid to Carnegie, the payment consisting of \$129,000 in bonds of the H. C. Frick Coke company at par and \$191.83 in cash. This is all Mr. Frick has paid for his interest in the Carnegie Steel company. With the credits from his stock earnings the amount paid was only \$300,000 all told for an interest worth \$5,000,000. He acceptof his ! when he was scared and feared the stock would depreciate, but now refuses to accept book valuation for the

It is denied that Mr. Carnegie controlled or sought to control the action of his associate partners, although owning at all times over 50 per co of the capital, but by reason of Ma Carnegie's age and business experience many or all of the partners were willing to hear with deference views on matters pertaining to th business at all times. Mr. Carrer it is asserted, has held an interest it excess of 50 per cent rather from the necessity of taking the shares of timid deceased or retiring members than from any desire or intention on his part to hold a controlling interest.

Touching upon the profits of the company it is said that Mr. Carnegie's estimate of the probable profits in 1900 was made in jest. It is admitted that the profits in 1899 were substantially as averred by Frick. tI is denied that the association has assets which it could transfer worth \$250,000,000, and it is asserted that on Dec. 11, 1899, the books showed that the net value of the assets of the association was \$75,610,-104.06.

Mr. Frick, it is claimed, has upheld and enforced the so-called "ironclad agreement" at all times, opposing an attempt on the part of Mr. Henry Phipps to make a change in the original. Under this agreement Mr. Frick's holdings have been transferred to the association, and full value, approximately \$4,900,000, will be tendered him.

The defendants say that the plaintiff has no reason to complain of the operation of a contract which gives to him nearly \$5,000,000 for an interest which involved no investment of capital by him, and which has already paid him, in cash, profits of almost \$1,000,000.

The defendants ask that the bill be dismissed with costs placed upon the plaintiff.

Miners' Royalty to Indians.

Washington, March 13.-The secre tary of the interior has decided that after March 15 next operators of coal mines in the territory of the Choctav and Chickasaw nations shall pay for the benefit of the Indians a royalty of eight cents on each ton of coal taken from the mines, regardless of quality. Heretofore ten cents a ton has been paid for screened coal.

Senators to Visit Cuba.

Washington, March 13. - Senators Platt (Conn.), Aldrich (R. I.) and Teller (Colo.) have been appointed a sub-committee on behalf of the committee on Cuban relations to visit Cuba. They will leave Washington tomorrow, and expect to be absent for ten days or

lis of New Jersey.

Fire Started While the Occupants of a Crowded Italian Tenement House Were Asleep-Flames Cut Off Escape by the Only Stairway.

Newark N. J. March 13.-Fourteen persons lost their lives, two persons were seriously injured and many others slightly burned in a fire here yesterday morning. The firemen, after the flames had been subdued, took 13 bodies from the ruins, and while they were thus engaged another victim of the fire died in the City hospital. One family was wiped out completely, and of another only the father lives, and he is in the City hospital, where it is Heved he will die. He is Uggennio

The dead are: Mrs. Boldi, 45 years old, and 7-year-old daughter; Mrs. Casillo, 25 years old, and four children, aged 1 to 9 years; Antonio Palm'sano, years old, his wife and two little daughters; Angelo Resso, died at hospital from fractured skell; unidentified child, about 4 years old,

The building in which the fire broke out was a veritable fire trap. It was old, of frame construction and extended two stories above the ground floor. Until three or four years ago the structure had been used as a church, but it was converted into a tenement. The lower floor, fronting on 50, 52 and 54 Fourteenth avenue, was occurred by three stores, and the upper portion of the building was divided into 20 living rooms. As nearly as can be learned the structure was occupied by ten families, all Italians. Two of the occupants, Vito Credanza and one other family, kept boarders, and though the total population of the rookery could not be definitely ascertained during the excitement attending the fire, there are said to have been 40 or 50 persons of both sexes and all ages in the building when the fire started.

The police are confident that the fire was of incendiary origin and they have arrested Vito Credanz con suspicion. There was a disorderly card game in one of the rooms that lasted well into the morning. Credanza was a participant, and is said to have made violent threats against the players.

A few minutes before 5 o'clock every one in the building was awakened by the flames. They found the fire burning at the foot of the stairs leading from the first to the second stories. The hallway and the stairs were burning flercely, cutting off the only egress from the upper floor, on which six families lived. It also cut off the es cape by the door for those who lived in the rear part of the first floor. Those who could do so made for the windows. Some of these leaped or dropped. From the burning building came agon izing screams and calls for help. From the basement and ground floor the inmates of the building poured out naked, or almost so. From the upper story men and women leaped to the sidewalk. By the time the firemen reached the scene the building was wrapped in flames, and those who had not escaped were dead or doomed. They must have died within a few minutes, for the fire rushed through a presidential candidate. every room in the frail building with-

Another Democrat Unsented.

Washington, March 13.—Yesterday, for the second time within a week, a Democrat was unseated by the house and a Republican seated in his place R. A. Wise was given the seat hitherto occupied by S. A. Young, from the Second Virgina district. Previous to taking the vote John S. Wise, of New York, who was formerly a member of the house from Virginia, and who is a brother of R. A. Wise, and his attorney the case, was excluded from the hall by Speaker Henderson on the protest of the Democrats that he was abusing the privilege of the floor, to which he was entitled by the rules, by interfering with the debate upon the case. The votes were exceedingly close.

A Heresy Trial After All.

New York, March 13.-Contrary to the expectations of many of the members of the New York Presbytery, who have been following the threatened heresy case, Rev. Dr. Arthur C. Mc-Giffert, who was charged with heresy by Stated Clerk Birch at the last meeting, charges being dismissed by the Presbytery, did not withdraw rom the ministry of the Presbyterian church at the monthly meeting of the Presbytery vesterday. It was learned that Dr. McGiffert had reversed his decision and would not withdraw, he having determined to prosecute the case before the general assembly.

American Sabbath at Exposition. Washington, March 13.-The president has sent instructions to United States Commissioner General Peck, at the Paris exposition, to see that the Sabbath is observed as far as possible in the American section during the progress of the exposition. Whether these instructions contemplate the closing of the American section on Sundays has not been disclosed, but it is believed that the determination of that question will be deferred by Mr. Peck until after he has consulted with the exposition authorities.

Starvation in Barbados Kingston, Jamaica, March 13.-The condition of the laboring population in Barbados is so bad that arrangements are on foot to send 20,000 people to St. Lucia. Starvation is driving the black population of the island to desperation, and the troops who under the cheme of imperial defense should have left Barbadoes for St. Lucia have been ordered to remain in Barbados. incendiarism continues rampant there.

Wholesale Murderer Convicted.

Williamsport, Pa., March 13 .- The jury in the case of William H. Hummel, the rag peddler, charged with the murder of his wife and her three children, came in late yesterday afternoon with a verdict of guilty in the first degree. Hummel asked if he could not be sent to the penitentiary, saying he would rather go there than be hung.

Wednesday, March 7. The cost of the Philippines war from

May 1 to Nov. 1 last was \$48,928,060. "father of the house," died in Philadelphia, aged 75.

Democratic officials. It is understood that Beekham and Castleman will PRIOK'S INTEREST A GIFT TO HIM. POLICE CHARGE INCENDIARISM. Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassador, will remain at Washington CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA MINERS. until further notice.

Commander-in-Chief Shaw, of the Grand Army, is being cordially greeted by Confederates on his southern tour. R. R. Hitt was renominated for congress by acclamation at the Republican

ton testimonial fund \$58,432.07, was turned over to the widow of the brave general.

congressional convention at Freeport,

After a hearing Harlen White 'was held for trial on a charge of an dering. William Goebel, Democr. governor, at Frankfort, Ky.

Thursday, March S. Smallpox in Hinds county, Liber.

makes the death rate 75 per cent. A Providence (R. I.) dispatch and nounces the loss of the schooner Wall

James and Amos Pierce were in and Amos Pierce were luned at Media, Pa., for the number of George B. Eyre. They will be tried in June. The ceremonies attending the pur-

riage of the Japanese prince imperial will entail an expenditure of nearly 500,000 yen.

Fire destroyed Shoneman's hig department store in Philadelphia and spread to adjoining buildings. The lass buckson and Gregory, after a is nearly \$1,000,000.

Friday, March 9.

David W. Reeves, the well known bandmaster, died in Providence yesterday, aged 52. General Lawton's fortune at the time

of his death was accumulated rumy pay due amounting to about \$1,000, The will of Charles L. Davis (Alvin Joslin), the actor-manager, filed for probate in Pittsburg, disposes of \$150,-

The famous Theater Francais, in Paris, was destroyed by fire. Mile. Henriot, a beautiful young actress, per-

ished. Fire yesterday at Lead, S. D., destroyed 40 wooden buildings and caused

\$500,000 loss. Stone and brick will replace the burned buildings. Saturday, March 10. Sixteen miners were killed by a mine

explosion at Besseges, France. Hon. E. J. Phelps, ex-minister to England, died in New Haven yes erda Puddlers at Youngstown, O., are t

wages paid since 1880. The Social Democrats' convention at Indianapolis nominated Eugene V Debs for president and Job Harriman

get an advance to \$6 a ton, the higher-

for vice president. Oliver Payson Hubbard, L.L. D., late professor of chemistry and geology at Dartmouth college, died at his home

in New York yesterday. The journeymen plumbers of Newport News, Va., have won the strike inaugurated Wednesday, the employers conceding them a nine hour workday

at \$3 a day. Monday, March 12.

Captain Joseph W. Gelway, U. S. A. retired, died in New York yesterday, aged 63 years.

In a speech in New York Governor Roosevelt declared he would never be

For aiding a Pekin syndicate to ge Chinese railway concession, Wu-Shih-Chiu goes to prison for life. An explosion in the Red Ash mine

at Fire Creek, W. Va., Tuesday of last week, resulted in the death of 50 men. Senator Allen calls attention to the fact that there are now 300 employes of the senate, drawing aggregate salaries

Ex-Congressman John Davis, of the Fifth Kansas district, one of the founders of the Populist party, has become totally blind.

It is proposed to impose a heavy discriminating tax upon the shipping of any country that unjustly discriminates against American products, Inhalation of illuminating gas killed William L. Cochrane, 24 years old, in New York. He was a son of ex-Judge Cochrane, of the Virginia supreme

Six weeks in New York's Tenderloin made Robert J. Graham, of Toronto Canada, surrender himself to the metrolitan police and confess to the embezzlement of \$2,000 from L. Coffee & Co., grain dealers in Toronto.

Tuesday, March 13.

The will of the late Archbishop Hennessy, of Dubuque, Ia., disposes of \$1,-

A Maryland legislative committee will investigate charges of bribery by Mayor Hayes, of Baltimore. The rising of Illinois rivers is de-

stroying much property and driving many people from their homes. In Scott county, Ark., jealous 60year-old Zeb Leonard killed his 27-

year-old wife and their 4-year-old son and then killed himself. Miss Edith Morton, eldest daughter of ex-Vice President Levi P. Morton, is to marry William C. Eustis, son of

the late chief justice of Louisiana. Mrs. Samuel Hunsberger, aged 50.

and Mrs. Frank Savage, 27, were run over and killed while driving across the railroad track at Pottstown, Pa.

Philadelphia, March 12,-Flour quiet;

winter superfine, \$2.30@2.50; Pennsylvania

GENERAL MARKETS.

roller, clear, \$3.15@3.25; city mills, extra, \$2.50@2.70. Rye flour quiet at \$3.15@3.40 per barrel. Wheat strong; No. 2 red. spot, in elevator, 71146724c. Corn firm; No. mixed, spot, in elevator, 40% fivile.; No. 2 yellow, for local trade, 414-6142c. quiet and steady; No. 2 white, clipped, 316314c.: lower grades, 28630c. quiet; choice timothy, \$17 for large bales Beef steady; beef hams, \$21@21.50. Pork firm; mess. \$11@11.50; family, \$14@14.50. Lard firm; western steamed, \$6.30. Butter firm; western creamery, 20@25c.; do. factory, 17@20c.; June creamery, 18@231/2c. imitation creamery, 18@23c.; New York dairy, 20@24c.; do. creamery, 20@25c.; fancy Pennsylvania prints jobbing at 280 3lc. Live poultry quoted at 1lc. for choice western fowls, 14@16c. for chickens and 12c. for ducks. Dressed poultry (fresh killed), choice western fowls, 1100 114c.; old roosters, 8c.; nearby chickens, 11@13c.; nearby turkeys, fancy, 12@13c.; western turkeys, choice young hens, 12c.

CARNEGIE AND FRICK. FOURTEEN LIVES LOST A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED KEYSTONE HAPPENINGS

Congressman Alfred C. Harmer, News Items of Interest From All Parts of the State.

Assembled at Altoona For Their Aunual Convention and to Confer-With Operators-Postoffice Robber

Altoona, Pa., March 13.-The 100 Yesterday, at Washington, the Law- delegates to the miners' convention tobe held here today, tomorrow and Thursday have arrived. They represent some 40,000 miners in Contral Pennsylvania, known as bitutalnous district No. 2. Today the delegates will elect officers and trans et such other business as may come up President Wilson will likely be reelected, but there are a number of candates for the places of Vice President Barney Rice, of Dubois, and Se relary-Treasurer Richard Gilbert, of Kouth Fork. Tomorrow a joint conference with representatives of the 8,000 Maryland miners will be held, and on Thursday the conference of desegates and operators will be held.

> Postoffice Robbers Run Down Altoons, Pa., March 12.-- A lend of eight posteffice robbers have in a large run to earth by Postoffice Importura-George A. Lea, Edward Kelley and John Powler are in July Lore, while the others are confined in a trirobberies are observed against times, among them Pronsbaro, Spanster and Hastings, Cambria county, Natrona, Allegheny county, and Colifornia, Washington county. The reducties were noted for boldness, and the thieves secured in all not less than \$5,000.

A Self Confessed Embezzler.

Altoona, Pa., March 12,-James Da McNamara, a trusted pay clock in the offices of the Pennsylvania railroad here, was brought back from Chicago late last night a confessed empezzler. Last Friday he took checks amount ag to \$2.516, converted them into cash, and skipped out. He was arrested on his arrival in Chicago, broke down and confessed and left for home at once in the custody of an officer. The amount of cash recovered is \$2.087. The balance had been spent by Mc-Namara. He had been spending his in riotous living lately, and his friends believe his mind is unbalanced.

Prisley's Check to Show Good Faith. Pitti furg, March 13,-Samuel T. Pairley, former superintendent of the bureou of highways and sewers, who is under investigation for alleged padding of payrolls and other irregularities, tendered the finance committee of councils a certified check for \$4,200. The letter accompanying the check dedenies emphatically any wrong doing, and stipulates that the money be re-funded should his responsibility be not proven. The check is given as an evidence of good faith and to show that he stands ready to make good any possible irregularities in his office,

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Mirnenious Escapes From Explosion Johnstown, Pa., March 12 .- A hole in the ground is about all that is left of Jonathan Grawell's planing mill at Rockwood, Somerset county, as the result of the boiler exploding yesterday. Mr. Grawall, who was working on the floor above the boiler, was against the roof and badly hurt. Frank Grawall, his son, who was standing beside the boiler, was blown through two partitions and is not expected to re-

Enston's Alleged Election Crooks. Easton, Pa., March 13.-Thirteen ad-

cover. The loss is placed at \$200.

ditional complaints for alleged violation of the election law at the election in February last were lodged with Alderman Stocker last evening. rants for the arrests are being served and some of the accused parties have entered bail for trial at court. Two of the accused men, Andrew Schissler and William Breen, have disappeared.

Two Men Asphyxinted.

Philadelphia, March 12 .- John Vickerman, aged 58 years, and John Kennedy, 41 years old, were asphyxiated by gas early yesterday morning in a lodging house at 2726 Kensington avenue. The men were under the influence of liquor when they retired, and are supposed to have either blown out the light of the gas jet, or after turning off the gas turned it on again.

Dubois' Shot Proved Fatal.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 13.-Eugene-Smith, the young man who was shot by Henry Dubois early Sunday morning while in the act of robbing Dubols' chicken coop, died in the City hospital yesterday. He refused to disclose the names of his two companions who were with him when the shooting took place. Dubois has been released on \$1,000 bail.

PENNSYLVANIA NEWS BREVITIES.

Media, which was incorporated as a borough 50 years ago, has never allowed a saloon.

Governor Stone has issued a proclamation designating April 6 and 20 as Arbor days. Prespects are good for an unusually

large peach crop in the central part of the state. The Pennsylvania canal, which has

been a waterway for over 60 years, will be permanently abandoned in April. A fire brick making plant, to cost \$40,-

000 and employ 100 men, is likely to be established in Philipsburg, Centre county. John Vickerman, aged 58, and John Kennedy, 41, went to bed drunk in Phila-delphia. The gas was left turned on, probably by accident, and both were

asphyxiated. Seven-year-old Johnny Eisenhuth, of Dorrance, while playing with his 3-year-sld brother, seized a hatchet, and, placing the child's arm on a chopping block. cut his hand off at the wrist.

Thieves walked boldly into John Balosky's boarding house at Shenandoah and carried off a trunk containing \$80 ins cash and \$75 in valuables. They were followed and fled, leaving the trunk un-