WARDEN'S WIFE PLANNED ESCAPE.

BIDDLES BREAK JAIL.

Notorious Murderers Vanquish Three Guards and Were Guided to Freedom by Mrs. Soffel.

The infatuation of a woman—wife of Warden P. K. Soffel—led up to the escape from the Allegheny county jail at Pittsburg, Pa., Thursday morning, of Edward and John Biddle, convicted murderers of Thomas D. Kahney, slayers of Detective Patrick E. Fitzgerald and the perpetrators of a score of daring burglaries. Mrs. Soffel is missing. According to her husband she provided the men with the means of making their escape and screened them while they were sawing the bars of their cells, and after they had beaten, shot and overcome three prison guards, guided them in making their exit from the jail, and is supposed to have accompanied them in their flight. The escape of the men was not discovered until 6:20, when Deputy Warden James Marshal came on duty. Then it was soon apparent how carefully planned the whole affair had been. At 10 minutes at 4 o'clock Ed Biddle complained to Charles D. Reynolds that he was troubled with cramps in the stomach.. McGarey took some medicine and went to Edward Biddle's cell. Ed. grasped his hands through the bars and pulled him up close to the cell, when Jack Biddle pushed the bars aside which had been sawed off, jumped out and began pounding McGarey over the head with the butt of a revolver. McGarey broke away and jumped over a railing, falling a distance of 15 feet, fracturing his skull in falling on the stone floor. Guard Reynolds appearing, the brothers attacked him and in the scuffle one of the Biddles fired a shot from the revolver, the ball entering Reynolds' hip, who sank to the floor exclaiming, "You have done for me." Prison Guard Kosslow attracted by the sound of the shooting hurried to the scene. The Biddles held revolvers to his head, and forced him backwards to a dungeon, compelling him to enter, and locked him in. They then carried Reynolds and McGarey to an adjoining dungeon and locked them in and going to the prison wardrobe selecting such articles of wearing apparel as suited their fancy, includinng the overcoat of Warden Soffel. It is supposed they were joined by Mrs. Soffel, who had been a witness to the conflict with the guards who guided them from the jail to the street, and all three disappeared and up to Friday morning twenty-four hours from the time of their escape, not the slightest trace of them had been discovered. The County Commissioners have offered a reward of $5,000 reward for their capture, dead or alive.

The Biddle brothers accompanied by Mrs. Soffel were overtaken by officers 9 miles from Butler, Pa., Friday. They had stolen a farmers horse and sleigh and were driving across the country when sighted by the officers. The Biddle boys opened fire on the officers at sight. The officers returned the fire and both Jack and Ed Biddle fell from the sleigh on the snow, wounded. It is said Mrs Soffel pleaded with Ed Biddle to shoot her, he refused to do so. She then placed the muzzle of a revolver to her left breast and pulled the trigger, inflicting an ugly wound, but she may recover. All three of the wounded were removed to Butler, the Biddles were placed in jail and Mrs. Soffel sent to the hospital. Ed Biddle was shot through the breast and in the mouth. He cannot recover. Jack Biddle had six gun shot wounds in the stomach and five in the right arm, stray shots also hitting him in the face. The wounds of both the boys terminated fatally. John dying at 7:35 p. m. and Edward at 11 p. m., Saturday.

REPORTS BLACK DIPHTHERIA.

Plague Epidemic Assumes New Phase at Charleroi.

What is believed to be a genuine of black diphtheria was unearthed by Health Officer Gelder at Charleroi, Pa., Wednesday. An infant child of George Woheich was buried Tuesday, the attending physician reporting the case as one of ordinary diphtheria. Investigation, however, disclosed the fact that the child died from the most malignant form of the disease.

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITOL.

Justice Shiras, of the Supreme Court, may retire this year, having reached the age which entitles him to retire on full pay.

The Comptroller of the Currency Monday authorized the First National Bank of Salisbury, Pa., to begin business on $50,000 capital.

Mr. Jack introduced in the House bills to correct the military records of M. Z. Hays, of Kittanning, and W. Scott Kind, of New Kensington.

The Senate Committee on Finance authorized Senator Aldrich to report favorably his bill for the extension of National bank charters for 25 years.

Civil Governor W. H. Taft, of the Philippines began his statement of conditions obtaining in the archipelago before the Senate Committee Friday.

The first telegraph message that has reached Washington directly in one day from Fort Egbert, Alaska, came Friday to General Greely. It was a request from the signal officers stationed there for more dogs.

Miss Alice Roosevelt, daughter of the President, will attend the coronation of King Edward, of England. She will be a member of Whitelaw Reid's party.

Senator Hoar, from the Committee on Judiciary reported favorably the bill increasing the salaries of Federal Judges, it places the salary of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court at $13,000 and of the associate judges of that court at $12,500; of Circuit judges at $7,500, and of District judges at $6,250.

CONGRESSIONAL NOTES.

Department of Commerce.

In the Senate Tuesday Senator Spooner introduced a substitute for the Nicaragua canal bill. It is a practical authorization to the President to choose between the Panama and Nicaragua routes. The first provision looks to the acquisition of the franchises, right of way and other properties of the Panama Canal Company, including that company's control of the Panama Railroad. The President is authorized to pay $40,000,000 for these, provided a satisfactory title can be obtained. The bill carries an alternative provision authorizing the President to proceed with the construction of the Nicaragua canal in case he fails to secure concessions from Colombia or a satisfactory title from the Panama Canal Company. An immediate appropriation of $10,000,000 is made in either event. The limit of cost is fixed at $135,000,000 in case the Panama route is chosen, while $180,000,000 is allowed if the choice falls on the Nicaragua route. The bill creating a new Cabinet department was passed, with an amendment that it shall be named the Department of Commerce and Labor. The amendment that the Labor Bureau shall not be included in the department was rejected by a vote of 19 to 33, and the amendment including the interstate commerce commission in the department was withdrawn. The census bureau was, by a vote of 5 to 52, retained in the proposed department.

Press Censorship.

The Senate put in much of Wednesday in discussing whether there is a government censorship of press dispatches in the Philippines. In a speech at the opening of the session Mr. Cullom, Illinois, argued that that portion of the Dingley act authorizing reciprocity treaties is unconstitutional because it conflicts with that portion of the constitution which confers upon the President, with the consent of the Senate, the treaty-making power.

The House was in session Wednesday less than an hour. The anti-oleomargarine bill was favorably reported from committee and a motion was made to make it a special order for Monday, February 3, but objections prevented. The permanent census bill was reported. No other committees were ready to report.

Permanent Census.

The feature of Thursday's session of the Senate was a speech by Mr. Tillman nominally on the Phillippine tariff bill. It was devoted almost entirely to a discussion of the part his State took in the war for the independence of the colonies.

The House Thursday passed the bill for the creation of a permanent Census Bureau. By the terms of the bill the permanent organization July 1, 1902, and all employes on the rolls on the date of the passage of the act will become eligible for transfer to other department or retention in the permanent organization. The bill also provides for a manufacturing census in 1905 and for the collection of certain special statistics annually. A bill was passed for the protection of the lives of miners in the territories.

Salary Increase.

The Senate Friday adopted a resolution for an investigation by the Indian Affairs Committee into the leasing of Indian mineral lands and the connection of government officials with the leases. Another resolution was passed directing the Secretary of War to inform the Senate whether the sedition laws in the Philippines were promulgated by the United States Commission. Mr. Stewart, Nevada, giving notice of an amendment to increase the salaries of Senators and Representatives to $7,500 a year. The Senate adjourned to Monday.

In the House Friday, Mr. Dalzell, Pennsylvania, reported favorably from the Committee on Rules the resolution directing the Ways and Means Committee to investigate the question whether the President and Senate can negotiate reciprocity treaties affecting the revenues without the action of the House.

Paid Tribute.

In the House of Representatives Saturday Messrs. Graham, Cassell, Butler, Dalzell, Sibley, Palmer and Showalter paid tributes to the late Congressman Mariott A. Brosius. Mr. Graham spoke of Mr. Brosius's war record. As a member of the Ninety-seventh Pennsylvania Regiment, he was so badly wounded in a charge at Bermuda Hundred that he lost the use of his right hand.

SIXTY-THREE CHARGES FALL.

Knights of Pythias Endowment Rank Chief Proves His Innocence.

After 23 sessions a committee of five past chancellors of Inter-Domain Lodge, Knights of Pythias, at Chicago, unanimously acquitted John A. Hinsey, for 12 years head of the endowment rank, of the 63 charges of mismanagement and misappropriation of funds made against him. The defense proved that the $500,000 in question had been loaned on good security and since paid back to the treasury. The charge that Hinsey appropriated to his own use $1,726 of a Milwaukee Lodge in 1893 also was disproved.

Workman Blown to Atoms.

George Anderona, aged 40, met death at the Sharon Sheet Steel Company's new mill at South Sharon, Pa., Thursday. He was using dynamite in blasting for the foundations, and 10 sticks exploded, literally blowing the man to pieces.

Mad Dog Bites Two Children.

Bertha and Edgar Burrows, two young children of Harry Burrows, at Bellaire, O., were bitten by a mad dog Thursday.

WOMAN CONFESSES SHOPLIFTING

LAWYER IMPLICATED.

Thousands of Dollars Worth of Goods Stolen at Newark, O.—Charges Against Attorney.

Mrs. Laura Harris and Mrs. Rose White, both married women, residing in Newark, O., were arrested Friday, charged with shoplifting and grand larceny. Systematic shoplifting had been going on for some time and local merchants had lost thousands of dollars worth of goods. Mrs. Rose White, who was confined in jail Saturday, made a confession which she signed implicating Mrs. Frederick, and Mrs. Harris. She said that Mrs. Frederick and Prosecuting Attorney T. W. Phillips were trying to shift the responsibility on her shoulders. She said in her statement that the reason Mrs. Frederick has not been arrested before was on account of her influence with Prosecutor Phillips. A warrant was sworn out for the arrest of Mrs. Frederick Saturday. A complaint to remove Phillips from office was filed with County Clerk O. C. Larazon by Thomas H. Jones, of Granville township, charging him with incompetency, neglect of duty and habitual drunkenness. The case was set for hearing before Judge John David Jones. The attorneys for the complainant are the Hon. J. B. Jones, Judge J. M. Swartz and Flory & Lory. The order was served on Phillips by Sheriff Anderson.

FLAMES IN A WAGON.

Lamp Overturned in a Covered Vehicle at Hollidaysburg.

Three small children of one family were probably fatally burned in Hollidaysburg, Monday. They were Foster, Charley and Gussie Goss. They are the children of H. P. Goss, a restaurant keeper of Hollidaysburg, and the youngest victim is a mere infant. The little tots were playing in a closed wagon which had been fixed up to imitate the interior of a kitchen, with a lamp to represent a stove. The children were using the lamp for cooking when it was overturned, setting fire to the wagon. The little ones were imprisoned in the flaming wagon for some time before they could be extricated and their bodies were terribly burned. It was thought that none of the victims can recover.

SYNDICATE KNOTS CUT.

Committee Ready for Bids on Everett-Moore Properties.

The bankers' committee at Cleveland, O., has progressed so far with straightening out the Everett-Moore syndicate affairs that little more can be done until the experts report the condition of the properties. The committee stands ready to receive all bona-fide bids for certain of the properties. It is said that the traction interests are to be allowed to swing out for themselves, each one as a business proposition of its own standing. With the sale of the Federal Company, indications for which seem to be good, the whole situation will be cleared.

UNCLE SAM WON'T CONTEST.

Will Permit Sugar Trust to Collect Judgment by Default.

Action was begun in the United States Circuit Court at New York Friday, by the American Sugar Company for the return of $248,247 paid to government in duties on sugar imported. The suit is because of the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, that duties need not be paid on merchandise imported from insular possessions of the United States. Collector Bidwell is made defendant. The United States has withdrawn its demurrer and will permit judgment to be taken by default.

HISTORIC NAMES HONORED.

What Are We Here For Flannigan and Governor Kent's Son.

President Roosevelt has renominated Webster Flannigan as Collector of Internal Revenue of the Third Texas district. Webster Street, who was Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Arizona, will not serve another term. He will be succeeded by Edward Kent, now Assistant United States Attorney in Colorado. Mr. Kent is a son of the late ex-Goxernor Kent, of Maine.

NOT A STATE OFFICE.

Justice of Peace Must File Certificate With County Commissioners.

Judge Simonton, of Harrisburg, in the proceedings brought by James J. Stapleton, of McAdoo, against Secretary of the Commonwealth Griest to compel him to file Stapleton's certificate of nomination as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, decided Tuesday that it was not a State office, as contemplated by the ballot act of 1897, and that the commission must be filed with the County Commissioners.

SCARLET FEVER EPIDEMIC.

Prevents Sunday School and Closes the Public Schools.

A serious epidemic of scarlet fever is prevalent at Morgantown, W. Va. Thirty children are afflicted and physicians report many other cases not fully developed. By an order of the Board of Health of the city all the churches were closed Sunday for the Sunday school exercises, and the Board of Education on Monday closed the public schools.

Little Hope for Senator Fruit.

Former Senator James S. Fruit, of Sharon, who is at Hahnemann Hospital, Chicago, Ill., undergoing X-ray treatment for cancer, was no better Tuesday. The physicians say that the ravages of the disease have been such that there is little hope for the patient's recovery.

CARRIERS RECEIVE ORDERS

President Threatens Dismissal of Carriers for Importuning Congress Through Associations.

The man with the mail sack who forced the House of Representatives at Washington, D. C., to give him an increase of salary from $500 to $600 per annum Friday, caused the President to issue a drastic order on the subject of importuning Congress to raise salaries. The order says: "All officers and employes of the United States of every description, serving in or under the executive departments, and whether so serving in or out of Washington, are hereby forbidden either directly or indirectly, individually or through associations, to solicit an increase of pay or to influence or attempt to influence in their own interests any legislation whatever, either before Congress or its committees, or in any way save through the heads of the departments in or under which they serve, on penalty of dismissal from the government service." The city letter carriers, the railway mail clerks and the rural free delivery carriers are all organized, and have bills pending for reclassification and increase of salary. They support paid advocates of their cause. The order issued is the result of complaints by Congressmen and Postmaster General Payne.

WILL GET SCOTCH MONEY.

Ohio Heirs Share Millionaire Pawnbroker's Wealth.

Mayor O. U. Walker, of Alliance, O., has received word substantiating the claims of local heirs to the estate of Robert Miller, a wealthy pawnbroker, of Kilmarnock, Scotland. The original estate amounted to several millions of dollars. The Alliance heirs are children of Hugh Miller, a nephew, who died in 1887. At a preliminary division of the estate each of the following heirs will get $2,500. George E. Miller, Mrs. Salina Hoover, Mrs. Kate Oyster, all of Alliance; Mrs. Jane Oyster, Louisville; Mrs. Emily Oyster, East Liverpool and John Miller, Toronto.

LATEST NEWS NOTES.

Fire at Waterbury, Conn., destroyed $2,000,000 worth of property Sunday.

John D. Rockefeller conditionally offered to contribute $1,000,000 to Harvard College.

President Roosevelt sent a dispatch of congratulation to Emperor William on his birthday.

J. Santos Zolaya was inaugurated President of Nicaragua for his third term Saturday.

The Somerset Coal Company, with $4,000,000 capital, was organized in New York Friday.

A child at Springfield, O., admitted Friday she killed her mother by putting poison in her coffee.

John L. Burley, foreman of the Pennsylvania Railroad cabinet shop, was retired Friday at the age limit.

Mrs. Ann Maguire, 70 years old, was found starving and suffering from dropsy in Bloomfield, N. J., Saturday.

Governor Taft denies that there was any disagreement between himself and General Chaffee in the Philippines.

The Atlantic hotel, the Columbia office building and a block of stores were destroyed by fire Friday at Norfolk, Va.

John F. Dixon, of Pittsburg, Pa., was charged with the embezzlement of $2,000 from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company Saturday.

James A. Fruit, Collector of Internal Revenue for the Western Pennsylvania district, died in Hahnemann Hospital, Chicago, Friday.

It is reported that the President is indignant at the House Ways and Means Committee in seeking to defeat reciprocity with Cuba.

Farmers near New Castle, Pa., are alarmed by an epidemic of hydrophobia, which has broken out among their stock caused by a mad dog.

Sixteen persons, including five young women and six girls, were baptized in the river, at Rochester, Pa., by cutting a hole in the ice, Sunday.

The West Virginia coal field again becomes the stumbling block in the way to settlement between the operators and the mine workers.

Weston M. Keiper and Henry Rowe were hanged at Harrisburg, Tuesday, in the presence of 1,000 people for the murder of Cashier Ryan, of Halifax, Pa.

The Cambria Steel Company has decided to move its coke ovens from Connellsville to Johnstown and to make other large additions to their plant.

Howard K. Sloan, who pleaded guilty to robbing Mabel Kearns, alias Mabel Goodrich, at Philadelphia, was sentenced to seven years and six months and $500 fine.

Eighty-five miners were killed by a dust explosion in Mexico Saturday.

Seven indictments were found by the grand jury in investigating bribery charges in St. Louis.

The American Poultry Association at Charleston, S. C., Wednesday elected Dr. F. D. Kendall, of Columbia, S. C., president, and re-elected T. E. Orr, of Pittsburg, secretary and treasurer.

Governor Stone Tuesday re-appointed Winters D. Hamaker, of Meadville, Pa., to the medical examining board and appointed M. P. Dickinson, of Glen Riddle, in place of Allen H. Hulshizer, of Philadelphia.

A warrant was issued Wednesday for the arrest of Ellis Wainwright, millionaire St. Louis brewer, on the charge of bribing councilmen to pass traction ordinances; Wainwright is in Egypt.

The Kaiser's present which Prince Henry, of Germany, is to carry to Miss Roosevelt is a gold jewel box, embellished with a miniature of himself, in enamel, which is surmounted by the imperial crown and monogram in brilliants.

OFFICERS KILLED TWO BURGLARS.

THIRTY SHOTS FIRED.

Deputy Sheriff and Marshall Shot by Cracksmen who Planned to Rob Wealthy Widow.

The town of Gallipolis, O., was the scene of a most desperate pistol battle Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock, between burglars and the police. Two burglars, named Harvey Williams and Lysle, about 35 and 32 years old respectively, were shot to death and Deputy Sheriff Manring, of Gallipolis, and Marshal Frintzwald, of Athens, O., were desperately wounded. The intended burglary was tipped off to the police of Athens, O., who with the Gallipolis police, arranged a plan to catch the robbers, who intended robbing the home of Mrs. M. E. Priestly, a wealthy woman, said to be worth $100,000 or more. The burglars came from Athens, the marshall preceding them by about an hour. The police officers laid their plans well. The robbers upon reaching the Priestly home went directly to the front gate and went around to the side and rear doors. Prior to this the marshal, sheriff and deputies were placed in readiness at the house, two were hidden in the coal house, just outside the door, while the others were all stationed within. It seems the burglars became suspicious, for no sooner had they opened the rear door than they opened fire. The burglars evidently realized that a job had been set up on them and they shot to kill. When all became quiet it was seen that Harvey Williams had been riddled with bullets, as well as his pal, Lysle. Lysle was shot three times in the back, once near the heart and once in the pit of the stomach, while Williams was shot in the lung, once in the back and once over the left eye. Marshal Frintzwell was shot in the lobe of the left lung, while Deputy Sheriff Manring was shot in the right arm and in the right hip. The firing aroused the town and the excitement was intense. The bodies of the dead robbers were placed in charge of an undertaker. An effort will be made to locate their relatives.

AFRAID OF UNCLE SAM.

Mexican Newspaper Professes to Fear for Southern Republics.

El Popular, a Mexican daily, argues for Latin-American unity in order that the Southern nations of the world may present a strong and compact front to their great neighbor, the United States, which is more powerful if not more valliant than the Latin-American nations, and may yet under the pretext of bestowing the blessings of peace on these countries impose its rule by force and destory Latin-American liberties. The famous Monroe doctrine is claimed to be a means for preserving the equilibrium between the United States and Europe.

RAKES DIES WRETCHEDLY.

Man Who Murdered Wife Freezes to Death in Woods.

The dead body of George Rakes, the race horse man, was found in the woods 20 miles south of Huntington, W. Va., Wednesday. He had apparently been dead for a couple of days. Rakes split his wife's head open with a hatchet last Sunday, and escaped. He was on the mountainside, not far from his brother, in Wayne county, and the supposition is that he froze to death while sleeping in the woods to prevent capture. His body, when found was almost covered with snow.

PERISHING IN A WOOD.

Alleged Murderers Captured While Starving—Barely Missed Mob.

Half naked and nearly starved, Thomas Madalena and Bennie Poli, the Italians wanted for the murder of James Meekin at Shawmut on Saturday, January 25, were brought to bay and captured in a lonely wood near Grenshaw, two miles from Brookwayville, Pa., late Saturday night. The two Italians had been pursued since the night of their alleged crime. The Commissioners of Elk county and the Shawmut Mining Company had offered a reward of $1,000 of their capture.

GOV. NASH ON M'KINLEY.

Ohio Chief Executive Addressed Joint Session of Legislature.

The birthday of the late President McKinley was observed at Columbus, O., Wednesday, by the members of the Ohio Legislature, in joint session. All party differences were laid aside, and the time was devoted to loving remembrance. The joint session was presided over by Senator T. M. Hosea, of Cincinnati. He delivered a short but eloquent address. Governor Nash, who was a close personal, as well as political friend of the President, made a short address, in which he paid to him the highest tribute a Governor could give to a predecessor. General Charles H. Grosvenor was unable to be present at the meeting, but a tribute from his pen was read. Charles W. Bager, of Cincinnati, spoke on the political record of President McKinley. Senator W. C. Harding and J. C. Royer each delivered eloquent orations, as did Representatives Stage, of Cleveland; Thomas, of Norwalk, and Rev. C. W. Blodgett, of Cincinnati.

Continuous Wage Scale.

The Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers has entered into an agreement with the Republic Iron and Steel Company, and the American Steel Hoop Company to apply the continuous wage scale with a thorough non-interruptive clause.

Secretary Shaw in Office.

Ex-Governor Leslie M. Shaw, of Iowa, was on Saturday sworn in as Secretary of the Treasury by Associate Justice Shiras, of the Supreme Court.

THE LAW SUPREME.

Policeman at Chester, Pa., Prevented the Lynching of Negro Who Killed an Officer.

Policeman Mark Allen was shot and killed Saturday at Chester, Pa., at midnight, by Albert West, a negro whom he arrested for quarreling with a colored woman. The negro shot Allen in the leg, and as the latter fell to the sidewalk West fired two more shots into Allen's body. Death resulting shortly after. West escaped, but was captured Sunday in a stable at Darby, seven miles from Chester. The news preceded the arrival of the officers, and a crowd of 2,000 was in waiting. Cries of "Lynch him!" "Kill him" made the wretch crouch in the bottom of the carriage. When he was brought out there was a riot, and a number of persons struck him with umbrellas and canes, while an effort was made to get him away from the policemen. Chief Leary had a platoon of police blocking the way, and the officers with drawn revolvers quelled the crowd with a grim determination to prevent a lynching. The crowd sullenly retired, but a plot was soon made for a second onslaught, and it was necessary to place some of the leaders in custody temporarily to quiet the crowd. Mayor Jeffries mounted a chair on the sidewalk and assurred the angry men that justice would be done, and urged the hearers not to place anything in the way of an orderly procedure of law. The crowd still lingered, and nightfall found the streets packed with people. Extra guards were placed around City Hall.

SCHLEYS AT HERMITAGE.

Sermon in Honor of Jackson Preached by Confederate Colonel.

Admiral and Mrs. Schley braved the cold at Nashville, Tenn., Sunday, for a visit to the tomb of Andrew Jackson and the old brick church where Jackson worshiped. Services were conducted by the Rev. D. C. Kelly, a Methodist minister, who, with the rank of Colonel, commanded a brigade of Confederates under General Nathan R. Forrest. After the services the distinguished visitors were forced to hold something of a levee, the congregation filing by and shaking hands.

PENNSY MUST PAY.

Important Decision in Altoona Cases Involves Half a Million.

The petition of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for a writ of prohibition to restrain the Rogers' Collection Agency of Wheeling, W. Va., from attaching the wages of railroad employes of Altoona, Pa., which was argued in the Circuit Court, has been refused by Judge Thayer Melvin. The claims of Altoona merchants, bought up by the Rogers Agency, amount in the aggregate to half a million dollars, and the result of Judge Melvin's decision is to enable the agency to collect them from the Pennsylvania Company. The company was granted a stay of 30 days, and will carry the case to the State Supreme Court of Appeals.

Will Number Their Ballots.

Despite the point raised by two of Pittsburg's attorneys to the effect that under the recent amendment to the constitution ballots are not to be numbered, the Philadelphia County Commissioners will go ahead with the work of printing a diagonal folding line on each ballot and gumming the edge, as has been the custom heretofore.

CABLE FLASHES.

Mr. Resnciman, Liberal, was elected to Parliament from Dewsbury.

Queen Alexandra, of England, is again slightly indisposed owing to a cold. This has caused a postponement of King Edward's return to London.

The fleet in command of Rear Admiral Francis J. Higginson, commander-in-chief of the North Atlantic squadron, left Culebra, Porto Rico, day.

The Chamber of Deputies of France Tuesday adopted the waterways bill which comprises improvements in the existing canals, at a cost of 60,500,000 francs.

In the Colombian naval battle Wednesday the government fleet forced the insurgent squadron back to the protection of shore batteries and then retired.

United Mine Workers' convention at Indianapolis adjourned Wednesday after adopting a constitutional amendment providing for the election of national officers by popular vote.

King Alexander, Queen Draga and the Servian minister of foreign affairs deny that internal troubles exist and assert that stories of marital unhappiness are base calumnies.

Cable from England says the recent gales have been succeeded by heavy snow storms in western Europe and the shipping along the coast of Spain has suffered considerable damage.

Anthony Hope's comedy, "Pilkerton's Peerage," was produced at the Garrick Theater, Tuesday. It is a political satire on the intrigues of a self-made millionaire to obtain a title.

Icy rails on the East McKeesport and Wilmerding, Pa., line of the Pittsburg Railways Company resulted in an accident in which three persons were killed and 16 others injured, five of them seriously.

Forty-four Washington women prominent in society have joined in a petition to the President to secure an alteration in the customs regulation at New York in so far as baggage inspection is concerned.

The pre-eminence of General Yung Lu in the Councils of the Chinese Court has been officially proclaimed, Sunday, he made a tour of the foreign legations endeavoring to regain the favor of the ministers.

The carnival season of a fortnight was enthusiastically opened at San Juan, Porto Rico, Sunday.

THE MARKETS.

PITTSBURG.

Grain, Flour and Feed.

Wheat—No. 2 red	$ 79	77
Rye—No. 2	68	69
Corn—No. 2 yellow, car	69	70
No. 2 yellow, shelled	67	68
Mixed car	65	66
Oats—No. 2 white	50	50½
No. 3 white	48½	49
Flour—Winter patent	4 10	4 15
Fancy straight winters	3 60	3 75
Hay—No. 1 timothy	14 50	14 75
Clover No. 1	11 00	11 50
Feed—No. 1 white mid. ton	23 00	24 00
Brown middlings	22 50	23 50
Bran, bulk	23 50	24 00
Straw—Wheat	7 50	8 00
Oat	7 50	8 00

Dairy Products.

Butter—Elgin creamery	$ 27½	28
Ohio creamery	24½	25
Fancy country roll	16	17
Cheese—Ohio, new	11	12
New York, new	11½	12¼

Poultry, Etc.

Hens—per lb	$ 10	11
Chickens—dressed	14	15
Eggs—Pa. and Ohio, fresh	29	30

Fruits and Vegetables.

Green Beans—per bushel	$2 50	3 00
Potatoes—Fancy white per bus	95	99
Cabbage—per ton	9 00	12 00
Onions—per barrel	2 85	3 50

BALTIMORE.

Flour—Winter Patent	$3 90	4 15
Wheat—No. 2 red	80½	80¾
Corn—mixed	63¼	63⅜
Eggs	27	28
Butter—Ohio creamery	24	25

PHILADELPHIA.

Flour—Winter Patent	$3 50	4 00
Wheat—No. 2 red	83	83½
Corn—No. 2 mixed	63¼	64
Oats—No. 2 white	51	52
Butter—Creamery, extra	25¼	28
Eggs—Pennsylvania firsts	24	25

NEW YORK.

Flour—Patents	$3 40	4 50
Wheat—No. 2 red	88	89
Corn—No. 2	68	69
Oats—No. 2 White	50	51
Butter—Creamery	16	25
Eggs—Stateand Pennsylvania	28	29

LIVE STOCK.

Central Stock Yards, East Liberty, Pa.

Cattle.

Prime heavy, 1500 to 1600 lbs	$ 5 50	6 30
Prime, 1300 to 1400 lbs	5 75	6 00
Medium, 1200 to 1300 lbs	5 35	5 70
Fat heifers	5 00	5 35
Butcher, 9.0 to 1000 lbs	4 00	4 90
Common to fair	2 75	3 75
Oxen, common to fat	2 50	3 00
Common to good fat bulls and cows	2 00	4 25
Milch cows, each	18 00	50 00
Extra milch cows, each	37 50	53 00

Hogs.

Prime medium weights	$ 6 45	6 50
Best heavy yorkers and medium	6 25	6 35
Good to choice packers	5 60	6 75
Good pigs and light yorkers	6 00	6 20
Pigs, common to good	5 75	5 90
Prime heavy hogs	6 45	6 50
Common to fair	5 25	5 50
Roughs	5 00	6 00
Stags	4 25	5 00

Sheep.

Extra, medium weihers	$ 4 60	4 70
Good to choice	4 25	4 50
Medium	3 25	4 15
Common to fair	1 50	2 25

Lambs.

Lambs clipped	5 00	6 10
Lambs, good to choice, clipped	5 80	5 90
Lambs, common to fair, clipped	5 40	5 75
Spring Lambs	3 50	5 25

Calves.

Veal, extra	1 00	8 00
Veal, good to choice	4 00	5 50
Veal, common heavy	4 00	4 50
Veal, common to fair	2 50	4 00

A LARGE ADVANCE

Supply was Inadequate, Review of the Industrial Situation Points Out a New Record.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s review of trade says: Despite some drawbacks the business situation continues satisfactory with especially good news from manufacturing centers. Labor disputes are somewhat more numerous and low water stopped mills in parts of the northwest. Special lines were stimulated by seasonable weather, but the same influence affected others adversely. Although manufacturers of steel have stubbornly resisted inflation of prices, the urgency of consumers has attracted more importance. Distant deliveries are undertaken by domestic producers, but, where immediate shipment is required, it is often impossible to prevent foreign makers securing the business. Last year's official statement showed a considerable loss in exports of some finished products of iron and steel. As anticipated, the ore companies fixed Bessemer at the old rate of $4.25. The remarkable report of the Steel Corporation gives some idea of the volume of business transacted last year, while contracts already placed practically assure still greater activity for 1902. All lines have a share in the vigorous demand with railway and structural supplies leading, and preparation for spring work has removed the dullness from pipe and tube departments. Footwear shops in New England have large orders for spring goods and are still busy on seasonable lines, while weekly shipments continue to exceed those of last year. Hides have declined still further. Textile mills are well occupied. Foreign buying of wheat was not perceptibly stimulated by the lower prices, but there continued a steady outgo, aggregating 3,764,873 bushels for the week, flour included, compared with 3,324,758 a year ago. Consumption of wheat as fodder or holding back for higher prices prevents the big yield from swelling receipts, which for the week were 2,840,081 bushels, against 2,775,975 last year. The reduced yield of corn is reflected in interior arrivals of only 2,379,365 bushels, compared with 4,908,962 a year ago, while the high price is responsible for Atlantic exports of 331,880 bushels, against 2,418,031 last year. Liabilities of commercial failures during four weeks of January aggregated $12,902,007, of which $5,683,392 were in manufacturing, $6,435,984 in trading and $782,631 in other strictly commercial lines. Aside from a few exceptionally heavy defaults, the showing is very good as to manufacturing. Large decreases appear in liabilities as compared with last year's failures in iron, machinery, cotton, lumber and chemicals.

Blindness an Inheritance.

There are eleven of the present Herreshoffs and five of them are blind, but they know how to build boats. Blindness is an inheritance of the Herreshoffs, though all the afflicted are not born so. One of them walked to a window one day to read a letter, and, turning around, said: "My, I am blind!"