TO MEET BETHUNE.

George Smith Makes a Few Interesting Statements.

LOCAL BICYCLE CLUB SUED.

Lottie Stanley Leads the Female Wheelers in Eastern Contest.

Shooters Form a New Society---Gossip About the Ball Players and the Clubs.

GENERAL SPORTING NEWS OF THE DAY

George Smith, the local sprinter, was in a talkative mood yesterday afternoon, and when that is the case George can say many interesting things. Probably he is one of the most conscientious and intelligent first-class professional sprinters in the country. He has had a very interesting experience during the last ten or twelve months, and certainly his statements yesterday were of a kind that not only afford interest, but considerable information. During a conversation with the writer, he said:

"Well, I have not left the cinder path yet by any means, although I am sticking to my South-side business very closely. Of course, I'm not going to express an opinion about the moral status of sprinting in this country at present, but I want to mention one thing, viz., a recent remark made or written by H. M. Johnson. He is quoted as saying that the late crooked sprint races had nothing to do with the Professional Sprinters' Protective Association, simply because that body did not appoint the pistol firer.

ABOUT THE CROOKED MEN.

"What I want to know is, do members of that affair arrange crooked races among themselves? If they don't, we certainly need some explanation regarding the late races in which Johnson, Davis and others have taken part.

"I am still disposed to to run another race or two," continued Smith. "I see that there is some talk of a race between Wharton and Bethune. If these two men run I think the English colored man will win. He is a big and clumsy looking fellow, but he is speedy. He is not fast, however, as many people think. He is barely four yards better than even time, and I think that is too fast for Bethune. Wharton is not the runner that Harry Hutchens was; in fact, I don't think that he can run as fast as Harry Ghent. Really, I am somewhat inclined to run Bethune myself. I don't say that I tackle him in a 100-yard race, although at that I might not take much the worst of it; but I think I'm ready to go him 150 yards for a good, honest stake. I don't make this remark in a boasting spirit, but I make it because I want Bethune and others to know that I'm still in the ring and ready for business if the money is put up."

Smith was asked about one or two features regarding the late Sheffield handicap in which he was beaten. He said: "Well, there were several things connected with that handicap which I have never explained. I am confident that I could have beaten Rawson had I started in the final heat, and I now state my reasons.

HOW SMITH WAS TESTED.

"The gentleman who was working my commission among the bookmakers was on friendly terms with the party of Pico Walker. My commissioner met the Walker people and said he had a man who would beat Walker, and it was mutually agreed for both parties to back the letter runner between Walker and myself. Accordingly we ran a trial on the quiet and I was so much better than Walker that the handicap was deemed a certainty for me. All the Walker money was, therefore, put on me, and the betting was 5 to 4 on me against the field just before the handicap started. I was put out, of course by Wheeler, although I beat him. Ranson only beat Walker in the final by a few inches, and this proves conclusively that I could have beaten Ranson. Wheeler being last in the final heat does not prove anything because he was not trying. He was not backed to win, and all that he got, except a few dollars for fourth prize, was $100 for beating me. The bookmakers gave him this, I suppose. But Walker could have won that handicap had he had the side of the track on which Ranson ran. Most assuredly had their paths been reversed Walker would have won."

George went on to say that he does not intend to try for any more handicaps in England. He also said a few words about the erroneous notions some people have about the time of sprinters. Said he: "A few days ago I read a letter written by Ed Crane, the ball player. Crane had seen Samuels, the Australian sprinter, run, and wrote home to the effect that Samuels could run 100 yards, 6 yards better than 10 seconds, without any training. Now such talk as this is ridiculous, and it would be just as sensible on my part to say that I know a man who can carry several hundred weight of lead and jump over a four-story house. People who talk so wildly, at least glibly, about this man and other men running several yards better than even time, know nothing about foot running. Samuels can get a race either in this country or England."

STANLEY STILL LEADS.

The Pittsburger in Front Among the Female Bicyclists.

NEW YORK, February 12.—The women bicyclists contending at Madison Square Garden for the championship of the world started on their second day's efforts at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Miss Armaindo, who was taken seriously ill last night, made her appearance, looking badly, but she set herself to the task with a will, and was the first to complete a mile, doing it in 4 minutes and 2¾ seconds. She left the track at 4:15, however, and remained off for the remainder of the afternoon. Miss Stanley, the leader, looks remarkably fresh and is doing fine wheeling, and Miss Von Blumen promises to be a winner. An exciting race among the leaders occurred just before the hour for intermission arrived. The 9 o'clock score was:

Stanley, 155 miles; Baldwin, 149; Von Blumen, 145; Woods, 139; Aramaindo, 109; Suallor, 129; Lewis, 129; Hart, 114; McShane, 99; Oakes, 108; Brown, 103.

THINKS WELL OF DENVER.

John Loomis Returns and Resolves to Sell Pools Out West.

John Loomis returned from Denver, Col., yesterday, where he had been looking after the prospects of opening poolrooms there. The outlook is so encouraging that he has resolved to start business there on April 1. He will sell pools on running and trotting races and also on baseball games. He will also open a book on the runners. He says that Denver is one of the most enterprising places he has seen.

While Mr. Loomis was in Denver, he met Bethune and Johnson, the sprinters. It is understood that they are out there to join a hose team that will be entered for the great $20,000 contest arranged for next August.

Firenzi Declared Out.

NEW YORK, February 12.—The admirers of Haggin's famous mare Firenzi will not have the chance this year of seeing her make as grand an effort for the Suburban handicap as she did last year, when she finished third, she having not only been declared out of the Suburban, but also out of the Sheepshead Bay and Bay Ridge handicaps. It is understood that Matt Byrne thinks the weights at which Firenzi was handicapped were too much, viz: 128 pounds each, and that he was sustained in that opinion by Haggin.

W. H. Ottsman's Donnybrook has also been declared out of the Suburban, Sheepshead Bay and Bay Ridge handicaps.

New Orleans Races.

NEW ORLEANS, February 12.—The weather was fine, the attendance good and the track heavy.

First race, one-half mile—Lord Grosvenor won in 58 seconds, Breakdown second, Meeks third.

Second race, four and one-half furlongs—Top o' Morning won in 1:55½, Florine second, Stuart third.

Third race, five-eighths mile—Electricity won in 1:17¾, Jim D second, Lord Grosvenor third.

Fourth race, three-fourths mile—Red Leaf won in 1:25, McMurtry second, Castilian third.

La Blanche and Smith.

DENVER, COL., February 12.—George La Blanche, "The Marine," arrived here this morning with his trainer, Charlie Gleason. La Blanche was driven out to Sloan's Lake, where he met Ed Smith, with whom he is engaged for a mill near this city on February 22 for $1,000 a side.

Smith has been in training at the lake for two weeks, and La Blanche will go into immediate training at Joe Lowe's place, a short distance out of the city.

SHOOTERS ORGANIZE.

A New Association Formed for Trap and Target Shooting.

NEW YORK, February 12.—The American Shooting Association has been organized here by the election of C. W. Dimick, Boston, President; J. A. H. Dressel, Vice President; Elliot Smith, Secretary, and Solomon Turck, Treasurer. These, with the addition of the following, were elected directors: P. G. Sanford, G. T. Haring, W. T. Harvey, Charles Latham, L. C. Smith, Major J. M. Taylor, General Manager, with the following Advisory Board: S. A. Tucken, Delefan, Ill.; Ed Taylor, Cincinnati; H. M. Murchy, Syracuse; George E. Albee, New Haven; C. E. Willard, Chicago; W. F. Quimby, New York; E. O. Mills, Washington, D. C.; S. J. Kellogg, San Francisco; W. A. DuBray, Walla Walla; Dr. W. C. Cross, Tuscaloosa, Ala. The Advisory Board met to frame trap rules for live bird and target shooting and arranged to meet at Cincinnati, O., Monday next, the 18th inst. The principal office will be in the Stewart building, New York City.

AN INTERESTING CASE.

Contractors Enter Suit Against the Pittsburg Cyclers' Association.

It seems as if the Pittsburg Athletic and Cycling Association has entirely collapsed. Yesterday Messrs. Watson & Sproat, through their attorney, John D. Watson, entered suit against the association for $500. Messrs. Watson & Sproat are contractors, and they erected the grand stand and fences of the association's grounds. It is claimed that the work has not been paid for.

Attorney Watson has secured a full list of the association's membership, and it is intended to sue them all. This will make matters exceedingly interesting, as there are some prominent young citizens in the association. The membership does not exceed 100, and no one will acknowledge any part of the debt.

Female Race at Warren.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

WARREN, O., February 12.—A three days' go-as-you-please female walking match takes place at the rink here, beginning the 21st and closing Saturday night, the 23d. The race is managed by Harry Poff, a local pedestrian. Several Pittsburg ladies are expected to enter, and, so far, three local walkers are in training. The success of the recent three days' walk, won by Nolan, induces the trial of a female match.

Hoy Signs With Washington.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

FINDLAY, O., February 12.—Will Hoy, the deaf mute ball player, whose home is in this city, but who for the past few years has been a star member of the Washington League club to-day signed and forwarded his contract to the manager to play with the Washington club the coming season. Hoy's salary will be $2,225, and he will report for practice March 4.

Some Pretty Pictures.

John W. Hague, the Secretary of the United Hunting and Fishing Club, has had a large number of pictures taken illustrative of his excursion among the western lakes last summer. The scenes are exceedingly pretty. Mr. Hague says that the territory along the Soo Line will be a popular resort for hunters and fishers during the next few years.

Going to the Fight.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., February 12.—At 8:15 a special train of three coaches, bound for the McAuliffe-Myers fight left Kankakee, going east on the Indiana, Illinois and Iowa road.

Sporting Notes.

DAMON—Your communication will appear.

AL BANDLE has put up a forfeit to shoot Dr. Carver a match at 100 live pigeons.

MANAGER SWARTWOOD states that he has signed a first baseman and does not need Fry.

JOCKEY BERGEN had a business conversation with Captain Brown yesterday afternoon and left for Mobile last evening.

MANAGER MUTRIE says that he has 12 new ball grounds to select from should the Polo grounds not be available this year.

H. C. (1) A man can pass if it is mutually agreed upon before the game starts. (2) He must discard before the cards are dealt the second time.

BEN HYAM, of England, says if four of the five following pugilists, Sullivan, Kilrain, Mitchell, Smith and Jackson, will each put up £200 he will add £2,000 for them to fight for with gloves, four rounds each.

MANAGER PHILLIPS received a letter from the manager of the Columbus club yesterday stating that suitable dates couldn't be arranged for spring exhibition games between the Columbus and Pittsburg clubs.

MANAGER WATKINS, of the Kansas Citys, offered Pitcher McCarthy and Catcher Gunson to Baltimore in exchange for Pitcher Kilroy. Barnie replied in a sarcastic manner that the offer was too liberal, and he could not think of accepting it.

THE noted stallion Ravenswood, 13 years, by Blackwood, Jr., dam by Norman, Jr., died on Saturday at Hamilton, Mo. He was the property of W. H. Wilson, Abdallah Park, Cynthiana, Ky., and was valued at $5,000. He had a record of 2:26.

JACK MCAULIFFE, before he left for the West, gave instructions to little Joe Donaghue, a messenger boy in the Eastern District, to deliver the telegram to be sent by him to his mother immediately after his fight with Myers. Jack is very fond of his mother and sister, and never fails to notify them immediately after all his fights that he has been the victor. The betting in the Eastern district is all in favor of McAuliffe, and a number of telegraph offices will be crowded by men and boys anxiously awaiting the returns of the fight.

MR. ROBERT STEEL'S new purchase, the California trotting stallion Antevolo, arrived yesterday morning from Chicago and was at once shipped to Germantown. From there he was walked over to his future home at Cedar Park Stud Farm. He had stood the journey well, and with only a rest of two days at Chicago, to which place he was brought through from San Francisco without stopping. There was not a scratch nor puff on Antevolo, and the few horsemen who saw him during the short time he was at the Broad street station were unanimous in their opinion that he is one of the grandest-looking horses they have seen. —*Philadelphia Press.*

LOCAL ITEMS, LIMITED.

Incidents of a Day in Two Cities Condensed for Ready Reading.

OF 80 deaths occurring in the city during last week, 17 were cases of pneumonia.

WILLIAM C. RILEY, of the Giffet Furniture Company is visiting friends in the city.

JAMES MCCREA, General Manager and Fourth Vice President of the Pennsylvania Company, returned from Cleveland last night.

TWENTY new life members subscribed $100 each to the Exposition Socity yesterday.

S. D. CULBERTSON, commercial agent of the 'Frico line in this city, will leave this morning for St. Louis on business connected with the company.

THE Knights of Pythias' Grand Keeper of the Records and Seals, George Hawkins, will visit Fort Duquesne Lodge No. 280 next Saturday night. All knights are invited.

AT the Second ward suggestion meeting last evening the following candidates were chosen: Select Council, Gus Marx; Constable, C. Pfeister; Ward Assessor, Thomas McAuliffe.

AT the Nineteenth ward Republican suggestion meeting last night, Mr. Stevenson's name was proposed for Select Council, and Messrs. Peabody and Geddis for school directors.

DELEGATES from the Catholic literary societies met last night in the rooms of St. Mary's Society, 136 Third avenue, and elected John S. Schaffer, of St. Augustine's Society, Marshal of the literary society division of the Catholic parade.

CLERK WHITE, of Allegheny Councils, while looking over the records yesterday discovered a resolution presented in Councils on January 29, 1841, authorizing the appointment of a committee to entertain President-elect Wm. H. Harrison, who arrived in the city shortly before his inauguration.

LAST night at 10:30 a carriage owned by Burns & John, driven by Barney Keating, was caught between two cars at the traction line loop at the foot of Fifth avenue. The horse was thrown down and the driver pitched from his seat into the street. He was bruised a little, but not to any serious extent. The carriage was broken and the headlight on one of the cars smashed.

"THE WIFE," which had a run of nearly 250 consecutive nights at the Lyceum Theater, will be the attraction next week at the Grand Opera House. The cast is said to be excellent, scenery and novel stage setting rare and beautiful. Every attention will be paid to detail, and this production promises to be a great treat for the amusement public who appreciate the highest standard of comedy.

BARGAINS in towels, table linen, napkins, tidies, sideboard covers, etc., this week. HUGUS & HACKE.
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Visit and examine our wondrously large and fine stock of embroideries; fine goods, little prices. BOGGS & BUHL.

BISMARCK RATTLED

By Prolonged Pain and the Plots of His Political Enemies.

EVEN THE EMPEROR SNUBS HIM.

A War Scare Causes a Slight Panic on the Berlin Bourse.

DE LESSEPS CRUSHED BY THE CANAL.

Boulanger the Boss Blowhard of This Marvelous Nineteenth Century.

Bismarck is sick and mad. Neuralgia preys upon his body and his active enemies disturb his mind. It is even stated that the young Emperor has snubbed him, but speedily apologized. DeLesseps is a sad, old man. The failure of the Panama Canal has completely crushed him. The latest war cloud has settled over the Afghanistan boundary, and affects Russia. Boulanger is talking with a bravado that is quite refreshing, while Floquet is struggling hard to avert a crash that may give the man on horseback the power he covets.

BERLIN, February 12.—Prince Bismarck's attack of neuralgia is complicated with rheumatism, want of appetite and insomnia. He continues to work against the advice of his doctors. His visits to the Chancellerie are marked with frequent outbursts of passion and other evidences of extreme irritability. Apart from his morbid physical conditions, party intrigues aiming to sap his influence with the Emperor, worry the Chancellor more than ever. Count von Waldersee, whom the ultra-Conservatives hope to see succeed Bismarck at no distant day, scored against the Chancellor by getting the Emperor to assent to the stopping of the action against the *Kreuz Zeitung.*

A court report says that when Bismarck went to the Schloss to protest that the action must proceed, he was kept waiting a quarter of an hour in an ante-chamber; that in a fit of violent rage he told Chamberlain Mirbach that the delay was an intentional insult arranged by the cabal against him, and that the Emperor, hearing the broil, left his room hurriedly, apologized to the Chancellor, succeeded in calming him and obtained his assent to the abandonment of the prosecution. Bismarck, if in sound health, would probably care little for the enmity of the Ultra Conservatives. He can afford to despise the Waldersee clique, but he fears losing his hold over the leaders of the Government groups.

A significant inspired article in the Hamburg *Nachrichten*, and quoted in the *North German Gazette*, is cause of excited discussion in political circles. The article attacks the National Liberals for taking a neutral position in the Geffcken debate and for increasing apathy in their support of the Government. The article proceeds to ask whether the National Liberals are speculating on the speedy disappearance of the Chancellor and warns them that anyhow it would be wrong to count on a change favorable to them in either the internal or the external policy of the Government, as Count Herbert Bismarck, although not becoming the leading man of the State with the full power of his father, would still hold the reins of foreign affairs, while some man with the programme of Waldersee or some other hostile to the National Liberals might pick up a part of the powers left by the Chancellor.

If the leading motive of the article is to rally the Government supporters in the Reichstag around the Chancellor to assist in the struggle against the court cabal it has already met with a warm response. Privately the Chancellor is receiving assurances of undiminished confidence coupled with enthusiastic expressions of personal regard, all the more fervent because allowance is made for his physical troubles.

MIGHT NOT ALWAYS RIGHT.

The Pope Says Arms and Military Science Cannot Insure Peace.

ROME, February 12.—The Pope in his allocution, after declaring that the negotiations between Russia and the Vatican are progressing satisfactorily and will soon be concluded, deals at length with the position of the Church in the modern world. He says that it is now more than ever necessary for the powers to make common cause with the Church by reason of the perils by which they are threatened, proof of which was afforded by the recent unfortunate disturbances in Rome. Arms alone, the progress of military science and the perfecting of weapons of destruction are insufficient. Moreover, even though it is permitted to employ arms in self-defense, nature does not tolerate might being held sufficient surety for right. Peace must be preserved by rendering to each what belongs to him and strictly adhering to the dictates of justice.

The Pope declares that he does not intend to encourage the Nationalist aspirations among the Poles. This decision will make smooth the negotiations between Russia and the Vatican.

A WAR SCARE.

The Ameer Said to be Encroaching Upon the Czar's Frontier—Alarming Rumors.

BERLIN, February 12.—The Bourse was rather scared by to-day's news from Central Asia, and sold foreign stocks largely, especially Russians, which dropped ¾ per cent. Roubles declined from 217 to 215. Reports based on Moscow advices were circulated to the effect that Russian troops had been ordered on a hurried march from Chardjui upon Kerki and from Merv to Penjdeh, to reinforce the frontier posts.

The St. Petersburg telegrams concur in stating that the Government's purpose is to retaliate upon the Ameer, who is executing by the wholesale partisans of Ishak Khan, forbidding commercial intercourse with the Russians, strengthening the frontier posts and warning the clans of the approach of war with the Czar. Inquiry sent by messages to London elicited reassuring responses, to the effect that the Ameer is pledged not to attack Russia without British assent, and that he is probably exciting an anti-Russian feeling in order to divert the Afghans from internal conspiracies. General Komaroff has been dispatched to the frontier to check Afghan encroachments.

PLACATING SOCIALISTS.

Bismarck May Modify the Law—Leibknecht to Assail the Chancellor.

BERLIN, February 12.—The *Tageblatt* says that the Government has submitted to the Bundesrath a proposal to modify the Socialist law, and that, if the Bundesrath approves the proposal a bill will be submitted to the Reichstag abating the repressive measures. In the meantime the application of the article permitting the expulsion of sentenced Socialists from the districts under the law is practically suspended. The authorities everywhere report that expulsion tends to spread instead of decreasing Socialism.

Herr Liebknecht will introduce in the Reichstag a resolution condemning the mutilation in the postoffice of the number of the *Contemporary Review* containing the article on "The Bismarck Dynasty." He will insist that as the article had not been interdicted, the action of the authorities in excising it was illegal. He intends to make the incident the pivot for a debate on Bismarckian despotism.

DE LESSEPS CRUSHED.

The Panama Canal Fizzle Has Driven the Old Man Close to the Grave.

PARIS, February 12.—M. de Lesseps is ill. He has hitherto defied his years, but old age has suddenly fallen upon him with the collapse of the Panama canal scheme. His daily levees have ceased, and the family will not allow visitors to refer to the Panama canal. It is reported that he is going to end his days at his villa at Ismaila.

On the Bourse to-day Panama Canal shares closed nominally at 56. There were no buyers. The last hopes of supporters of the undertaking rest upon the Credit Foncier scheme to create a company after bearing the report of an engineer commission on the state of the works and the capital necessary to complete the canal. At any rate the active career of M. de Lesseps is over. If a new company is ever formed M. Christophle, the Governor of the Credit Foncier, will be President.

From Hayti via Paris.

PARIS, February 12.—The French Consul at Port-au-Prince sent a cable dispatch on Sunday saying that the condition of affairs in Hayti was improving, and that the rebels were expected immediately to submit to Legitime.

FLOQUET MAY FALL

Before the Parisians Commence to Revel in the Delights of the Exhibition.

PARIS, February 12.—The committee, which the Senate has appointed to consider the Scrutin d'Arrondissement bill consists entirely of members in favor of that system of election. The issue of next Thursday's debate in the Chamber of Deputies on the proposed revision of the Constitution is the sole topic of conversation in parliamentary circles. The Ministerialists do not conceal their fears of a defeat unless M. Floquet assents to a system of revision satisfactory to the Radicals, who will not vote for revision except by a constituent assembly, while M. Floquet persists that the revision must be partial and effected by a congress of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies.

The Conservatives side with the Radicals in demanding that the subject be referred to a constituent assembly, believing that the assembly would have a large Boulangist or Conservative majority. Whether M. Floquet's proposal or the proposal of the Conservatives and Radicals is carried the Senate is expected to reject revision in any form as inopportune. The Chamber of Deputies will then begin the debate on the budget, on which subject it will continue talking until the opening of the exhibition, when it will adjourn until the elections in October. The defeat of M. Floquet may cause a Cabinet crisis, but the Ministerialists are confident that there will be no dissolution until autumn.

The *North German Gazette*, commenting on the passage of the Scrutin d'Arrondissement bill in the French Chamber of Deputies, says: "It seems self-evident that M. Floquet will not play into the hands of the Boulangerists. But the chief question is whether he will succeed in keeping yesterday's majority for the debate on the revision of the Constitution."

BOULANGER IS TOO MODEST.

He Talks of the Great Things He Thinks He Can Perform.

PARIS, February 12.—In an interview General Boulanger said he would probably make an address in the Chamber of Deputies on Thursday, but that he would not demand a dissolution of Parliament. He stated that he had no intention of contesting the seat for the Department of Haute-Vienne. He thought M. De Freycinet was perfectly justified in censuring Colonel Senart, who had no right to make such references in a public address to a regiment. Personally, however, he approved Colonel Senart's action. General Boulanger then said that if he came into power he believed he could induce England to evacuate Egypt and thus remove the only difficulty between England and France. He appeared to believe that his triumph would come after the exhibition.

JAPAN'S NEW DEPARTURE.

Main Features of the New Constitution—Western Ways of Ruling.

TOKIO, February 12.—The new Constitution was promulgated from the Throne by the Mikado on Monday. The Constitution establishes a House of Peers, the members of which are to be partly hereditary, partly elective, and partly nominated by the Mikado, and a House of Commons of 300 members. The right of suffrage is given to all men of the age of 25 years and over who pay taxes to the amount of $25 yearly. Liberty of religion, freedom of speech and the right of public meeting are established. Parliament shall possess legislative functions and the control of the finance under limitations. Judges cannot be removed except by special legislation.

Old Enough to Know Better.

NICE, February 12.—The Correctional Tribunal has decided that Dr. Sellon, who recently eloped with Miss Wilcox, of New York, cannot be arraigned under French law, as Miss Wilcox is over 16 years of age, and she ran away of her own free will. Dr. Sellon will be liberated.

Irish Stock Going Up.

LONDON, February 13.—The *Chronicle's* Rome correspondent says: "The Duke of Norfolk has decided not to visit the Vatican again. The Vatican is much displeased at Lord Salisbury for refusing diplomatic relations. It is asserted that Irish influence is gaining."

German Losses at Apia.

BERLIN, February 12.—The *Reichsanzieger* publishes a list of the losses among the crews of the German men-of-war Olga and Eber in the battle at Apia on December 18. There were 10 killed, 30 seriously wounded and 9 slightly wounded.

Dhuleep's Latest Scheme.

LONDON, February 12.—Dhuleep Singh has sent to India a proclamation inviting the people to subscribe the sum of £4,000,000 with the object of throwing off the English yoke.

COLMAN WILL BE CONFIRMED.

The Senate Committee Reports his Nomination Favorably in Short Order.

WASHINGTON, February 12.—In executive session of the Senate this afternoon, Senator Plumb, from the Committee on Agriculture, favorably reported the nomination of Norman J. Colman, of Missouri, to be Secretary of Agriculture. Objection was made by a Republican Senator to consideration at this time, and a Democratic Senator then objected to discussion of the nomination, and under the rule it went over until the next executive session. It is understood that the nomination will be confirmed, however, when it again comes before the Senate.

The nominations of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Thompson, to be Civil Service Commissioner in place of Edgerton, removed, and of First Assistant Postmaster General Stevenson, to be Judge of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, wili be subject to the general rule adopted by the majority of the Senate respecting political nominations. The objection to Mr. Stevenson is said to lie in the fact that his nomination is in violation of the Republican platform concerning Territorial offices, that they shall be filled by residents. The appointee in this case is not considered as coming within the meaning of the word. If the Republicans continue to hold this position, it means the appointment of a Washington lawyer to the bench. Mr. Thompson is objected to on the score of extreme offensive partisanship in South Carolina elections.

A PECULIAR ACCIDENT

Stops Business at a Coke Plant and Throws 400 Men Out of Work.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

UNIONTOWN, February 12.—A peculiar accident, one like it having never been known to occur in the coke regions, caused a stoppage of all departments of the Youngstown coke works to-day, and will keep the works from running until next week. Repairs were being made to the track on the slope, over a mile long, where the coal is hoisted from the mines, when the huge cable with some loaded cars caught in the track and caused a wreck blocking the slope with cars, the cable getting tangled and becoming immovable, the engineer knowing nothing of the trouble. The sudden strain on the hoisting engine was so great that it first bent the large steel shaft into a circle and then snapped it in two, but the cable, owing to its great length and flexibility, never broke. The company is crowded with orders, and the accident throws 400 men out of work.

The State Temperance Convention.

HUNTINGDON, PA., February 12.—No hour and place of meeting having been designated for the Constitutional temperance amendment convention in Harrisburg, on the 19th inst., General F. H. Lane, Chairman of the Executive Committee, has fixed the hour at 10 A. M., and the Opera House as the place of meeting on that day.

Barkis is Willin'.

Chief Bigelow says the Mayor's message was even milder than he expected. He says his department has shown increased expenditures, but it has also shown increased work, and he is willing to accept the public verdict.

Sons of Veterans Honor Lincoln.

Colonel A. B. Hays Camp No. 4, Sons of Veterans, celebrated Lincoln's birthday last night in their hall on Carson street, by giving a very interesting musical and literary entertainment.

STEWART WILL WIN.

Gen. McCreary's Friends Are Hustling for the Commandership,

BUT HE IS HARDLY IN THE RACE.

The Weather is Cold at Erie, but the Contests Are the Reverse.

EVEN THE LADIES ARE IN A TANGLE.

The Orphan School Matter is Responsible for Much Contention.

Cold weather has interfered somewhat with the proceedings of the State G. A. R. Encampment at Erie. Warm contests are in progress over the Soldiers Orphans' Schools and the various officers. Colonel Stewart will be elected Commander. The Women's Relief Corps and the other ladies are indulging in a little rivalry.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

ERIE, February 12.—The session of the annual encampment of the Pennsylvania Department, G. A. R., opened with the usual committee meetings. The Northwestern Association, comprising the northwestern counties in Pennsylvania, held a meeting this morning and decided to push the claims of this section of the State for recognition by the election of General D. B. McCreary for Department Commander. The Stewart men had been unusually busy during the night, and to-day the McCreary men were very much disheartened to learn that Weidersheim would not be presented in the convention. This left the fight between the Philadelphia and Erie candidates, and as the day wore away it became evident that when the ballot was cast it would hardly rise to the dignity of a fight, although about 300 of the delegates will stand by McCreary.

The snow storm lasted all day and the parade was postponed. The weather has settled down and to-night it is delightful, and a large number of the delegates are out in sleigh riding parties. Many are at the Opera House attending the camp fire.

WARMLY WELCOMED.

The attendance was augmented this morning by the arrival of several hundred delegates and other G. A. R. men.

The address of welcome was by Judge Galbraith and was responded to by Colonel Harper, of Pittsburg.

Commander Magee then opened the annual encampment, and the reading of the reports followed. At this juncture of the proceedings one of the Erie Grand Army men presented the Commander with a gold-bound gavel, and Colonel Magee made a suitable response.

The Legislation Committee's report on Soldiers Orphans' Schools roused a long drawn out debate on a technical point. Mr. Brummell wanted to amend the committee's report so as to extend the time for running the schools indefinitely. Other delegates, led by General Gobin, argued that the report should go to the Committee on Resolutions, and that view of the question prevailed. There will be some hair pulling tomorrow over the committee's report, no matter which way the thing goes. Wright's men are here working to save the syndicate from humiliation by an adverse committee report, and General Gobin and Judge White are determined that the department shall suggest legislation which will remove the orphan school stench from the nostrils of the State.

A DECIDED DIFFERENCE.

There is a strong sentiment in favor of extending the time of leasing the schools beyond 1895. The Wright men will contend to keep the present system in vogue, while the Wagner, Gobin and White combination is here to force the system under the control of a commission. The committee is holding a protracted session to-night over the soldiers' orphans matter and Wright's friends are making a terrific effort to keep the committee from making a report that will reflect upon the syndicate.

When the nominations opened this afternoon General Gobin presented the name of Colonel T. J. Stewart for Department Commander, and Thomas Sample, of Pittsburg, seconded the nomination. Judge White, of Indiana, and Dr. Flood, of Meadville, presented the name of General D. B. McCreary, of Erie. The nominations for Senior Vice Commander are A. A. Wasson, of York, and J. V. Miller, of Lewisburg. The latter is selling favorite to-night. The contest for Junior Vice is anybody's fight. William T. Gourle, of Reading; Colonel J. B. Story, late of Butler, and now of Harrisburg; G. Gresser, of Allentown, and Frank Saville are nominated.

A THREE-CORNERED FIGHT.

Dr. J. A. E. Reed, who was surgeon to the One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers, of Pittsburg, Dr. P. J. Burchfield and G. B. Hatchkin, of Duncansville, have a three-cornered fight for Medical Director. Rev. J. W. Sayers had no opposition for Chaplain, and was re-elected. The nominees for Counsel of Administration were Wm. Emsley, of 51; B. L. Meyers, of 46; M. L. Wagonseller, of 148; E. G. Sellers, of 8; J. F. Hunter, of 3; B. Bluestein, of 196; L. W. Shongel, of 94; G. Aronson, of 160, and Wm. Druyer, of 167. There are 140 nominees for the 42 National Encampment delegation.

Balloting will commence at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. The delegates were counting on leaving for Philadelphia and Pittsburg to-morrow night at 11 o'clock, but the election and Soldiers' Orphan School contest will be likely to hold them until the next day.

There is a great deal of rivalry between ladies of the Grand Army and the Woman's Relief Corps, both of which are holding their annual meetings here. The ladies of the Grand Army, who commenced to agitate the scheme of establishing a widow's Home two years ago, will present their report in the Grand Army Encampment to-morrow, and will ask a committee of leading G. A. R. men to unite with them as a commission.

ANOTHER CONTEST.

The Woman's Relief Corps are also in the field with a resolution to support a home for soldiers' widows and orphans, and for indigent soldiers and their wives, and have headed a committee with Colonel R. E. Beath, General Williams, Colonel A. P. Burchfield, Major Isaac Brown, John Moreland, Mrs. Wittenmeyer, Mrs. Judge Morrison, of Smithport, and Mrs. Sies, of Pittsburg, to carry out the scheme.

The ladies of the Grand Army reported an increase of 13 circles, making 54, with a membership of 2,316, an increase of 830. They expended for relief $2,064 and turned over to the G. A. R. $1,097. The Woman's Relief Corps, which is represented here by over 200 delegates, reports the number of corps 131 and members in good standing 4,037. The amount expended by them for relief during the year was $1,968 65, and turned over to G. A. R. posts $530. The gain in corps was 37, with a gain of 875 members.

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Home Commission reorganized to-night with the old officers, the Governor being President ex-officio. The campfire to-night in the opera house was addressed by Chill Hazzard and others.

A Large Percentage for Violence.

There were 364 deaths recorded in the monthly report of Superintendent McKelvey, of the Bureau of Health, of which 59 were attributable to violent causes.

B. & B.

French satines and Scotch zephyrs are located in rear and center of dress goods room. See the present large offering of these choice goods. BOGGS & BUHL.

MANY novelty designs in French sateens just opened. HUGUS & HACKE.
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LINCOLN'S MEMORY HONORED.

Banquets Are Given in a Number of the Large Cities.

NEW YORK, February 12.—Lincoln's birthday was commemorated in this city, Jersey City and Newark by banquets. The Republican club of this city made it the occasion of their third annual dinner, and among those present were: Hon. Benjamin Butterworth, of Ohio; Hon. C. A. Boutelle, of Maine; General Horace Porter, Colonel J. C. New, of Indiana; Hon. Mahlon Chance and Stephen B. Elkins. Letters of regret had been received from Senators Hiscock and Sherman, James G. Blaine and General Harrison.

At Chicago Robert L. Lincoln and Hannibal Hamlin arm in arm marched to the places of honor at the banquet of the La Salle Club, a local political and social organization. Stephen A. Douglas was there too in the person of his son. Hon. John A. Kassin, of Iowa, and Hon. Geo. R. Boutwell were among the other notables present. The burden of all the speeches was the idea that Lincoln's birthday should be made a notable holiday.

At Columbus there were over 300 guests present, and the decorations and menu were admirable. Among those present and responding to toasts on the programme was General Russell A. Alger, of Michigan.

PLUMBERS AND BUILDERS.

The National Association Are in Session at Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, February 12.—The third annual convention of the National Association of Builders opened here this morning, with over 150 delegates present, representing 36 cities in which there are organizations of master builders known under various titles. These associations combined for the National Association, which is composed of delegates from the local associations distributed in the proportion of 1 delegate for each 50 members.

The Executive Committee of the National Association of Master Plumbers met in this city to consider the affairs of the organization and to confer with the master builders on matters of mutual interest. Reports of State Vice Presidents were read, and the details of the next annual convention to be held in Pittsburg June 26, 27 and 28 were arranged. Nothing of special importance will be brought before the committee at this meeting, although they will remain in session three days, in harmony with the builders' convention.

THEIR HONEYMOON SPOILED.

An Indignant Husband Runs Down the Destroyers of His Happiness.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

GREENSBURG, February 12.—About two months ago Alexander Wark and Mrs. David McVicker, of Manor station, eloped and nothing was heard of them until a few days ago, when Mr. McVicker, who had been hunting the runaway couple, located them at Hollidaysburg. He went to the place yesterday and found them living happily together. He went before a Justice of the Peace and swore out a warrant for their arrest. They were arrested and committed to the Blair county jail. Mrs. McVicker was a Miss Brown, and had only been married to McVicker since last March. Wark was a married man, having married a sister of McVicker's in October last. He only lived with her a few weeks. The arrest of the parties, who are well-known, has caused considerable of a sensation.

DR. ORR'S DEMAND.

He Asks Superintendent Brown to Dismiss Officers—An Open Letter.

The following is a copy of an open letter which has been sent by messenger by Dr. H. B. Orr to J. O. Brown, and which that gentleman will get immediately on his appearance at his office this morning:

PITTSBURG, February 13, 1889.

Mr. J. O. Brown, Chief of Bureau of Public Safety, Pittsburg, Pa.:

DEAR SIR—In view of the fact that Roger O'Mara, Assistant Superintendent of Police, and John McAleese, Inspector of Police, of this city, have both been convicted of disorderly conduct in entering my house on the evening of January 31st last, cursing, swearing and making threats in the hearing of my mother and wife, conduct such (as in the judgment of all fair-minded people) should call for their removal from their positions of public trust, I therefore respectfully ask for their immediate dismissal. Yours truly,

H. B. ORR, M. D.

THE JEANNETTE MURDERER

To be Placed on Trial in the Greensburg Criminal Court To-day.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

GREENSBURG, February 12. — James Smith, the Pittsburg colored man who shot and killed Joseph Green, at Jeannette, on the 15th of December, will be put on trial in the Criminal Court here to-morrow. Green and Smith got into a dispute at one of the shanties in Jeannette when Smith shot him. Both were originally from West Virginia, but had lived in Pittsburg for two or three years previous to their going to the new glass town. Henry Hall, the principal witness, whose home is in Pittsburg, and who ran away after the killing, was arrested the other day, and is now in jail here.

A Lottery in Nevada.

VIRGINIA CITY, NEV., February 12.—The people of this State voted yesterday on a Constitutional amendment giving the Legislature power to establish lotteries in the State. Those favoring the lottery scheme claim they have carried the day by a large majority.

Bakers Want to be Chartered.

A committee was appointed at the meeting of the Bakers' Protective Association, last evening, to make the necessary arrangements to have the organization chartered. The meeting was held in the Grocers' Exchange.

Lincoln's Birthday Celebrated.

The Lincoln Republican Club, of Lawrenceville, celebrated Lincoln's birthday last night in a fitting manner. President