IRON TRADE REVIEW.

Everything Pointing Toward a Revival After New Year's Day.

PRICES ARE TENDING UPWARD.

Bessemer and Gray Forge Firmly Held Here at a Fair Advance.

SOME PREDICTIONS ALREADY VERIFIED

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, FRIDAY, Dec. 25.

RAW IRON AND STEEL.—The iron and steel trade may thus be briefly summarized—an enormous production of pig iron and a reasonably firm market with demand increasing for most descriptions, a general tendency toward improvement. So the pig iron branch seems to be in pretty safe condition for the present. In spite of the increasing output of pig the market retains its strength in a remarkable degree, with a steady improvement in some cases. Of course current business is lighter than during the first days of the month, as orders then placed covered the wants of consumers for some weeks in advance. One reason for slackness just now is that those who can wait for iron are holding their orders until after the beginning of the year. The new business being placed is made up chiefly of small orders for immediate delivery. In regard to the price of raw iron all parties agree that bottom prices were reached some ten days since. While there are yet unbelievers a large majority are firmly of the opinion that the new year will witness a large increase in the demand and that better prices will rule.

A Further Decline Improbable.

A well-informed iron dealer has this to say: "In view of continued heavy purchases for some weeks past it is evident that large consumers regard the chances of a decline as not favorable. The conditions are so different in many respects from any that have been heretofore experienced that it is exceedingly hazardous to make predictions. We have the fact of an output averaging over 800,000 tons per month, to absorb which we have the probability of the largest consumption on record.

"Since our last report prices of steel billets and slabs have stiffened very materially, an advance being demanded on both descriptions. Certain makers have refused to sell at prices that ruled for some time past. Bessemer is also held at an advance for spot and future delivery. Gray forge—There are no sellers at prices that were current a short time ago. A furnaceman remarked: "My furnace is out of blast and will so remain until a further advance is established." Bessemer iron remains quiet. From the number of large buildings projected for next year the demand will certainly be large. Old iron and steel rails scarce; holders firm in their views. Scrap material quiet, prices weak. New steel rails—Market steady at unchanged prices.

Some Predictions Verified.

THE LATEST—The parties who have read the iron reports of this paper will be fully prepared for what is to follow. During the past two weeks, from actual observation, we became fully satisfied that iron and steel had reached a point at which makers would not accept lower figures, and several have refused to sell at prices then current. Of course there was a wide difference of opinion in regard to the future of the market. We stated in our last that the "outlook was decidedly better; that Bessemer was advancing; that most descriptions were firm and tending upward." Last week Bessemer sold as low as $15. This week $15 50@15 75 is demanded for January, February and March delivery, 1892, and, what is more, sellers are not anxious and are making no efforts for new business at present prices. Gray forge is firm with sales of 1,500 tons at $13 65—the highest figure for a long time. Blooms and billets are on the upgrade, with sales at 50 cents per ton advance in some instances. Pittsburg parties closed a contract with St. Louis that will require a large amount of raw iron. Steel rails are firm and active, previous prices being steadily maintained.

PIG IRON, SMELTED LAKE AND NATIVE ORES.

1,000 tons gray forge, 1st 3 months, 1892	$13 70	cash
2,000 tons Bessemer	15 25	cash
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5,000 tons Bessemer	15 50	cash
1,500 tons gray forge	13 55	cash
1,000 tons Bessemer	15 35	cash
1,000 tons gray forge	13 50	cash
1,000 tons Bessemer	15 65	cash
1,000 tons Bessemer	15 50	cash
1,000 tons gray forge	13 50	cash
1,000 tons Bessemer	15 50	cash
1,000 tons gray forge	13 50	cash
500 tons gray forge	13 50	cash
500 tons off Bessemer	14 50	cash
500 tons No. 2 foundry	15 25	cash
250 tons No. 1 foundry	16 00	cash
200 tons gray forge	13 50	cash

CHARCOAL.

100 tons warm blast	19 50	cash
100 tons No. 2 foundry	20 50	cash
50 tons warm blast	19 50	cash
50 tons cold blast	26 50	cash
50 tons No. 2 foundry	20 50	cash

STEEL SLABS AND BILLETS.

2,000 tons steel billets, January, February	$24 25	cash
1,000 tons steel billets and slabs, February, March	24 50	cash
1,000 tons steel billets at maker's works	24 75	cash
1,000 tons steel billets at mill	24 50	cash
1,000 tons steel billets at mill	24 50	cash
400 tons steel billets	24 50	cash

MUCK BAR.

1,000 tons neutral, January, February, March	$26 00	cash
750 tons neutral, January, February	26 00	cash
500 tons neutral, January, February	26 00	cash

SKELP IRON.

600 tons wide grooved	$1 62½	4 m
500 tons narrow grooved	1 60	4 m
200 tons sheared iron	1 85	4 m

STEEL WIRE RODS.

850 tons American fires delivered	$34 50	cash

FERRO MANGANESE.

150 tons 80 per cent delivered	$82 00	cash

BLOOM SHEARS, RAIL AND CROP ENDS.

1,200 tons bloom and billet ends	$17 50	cash
1,000 tons bloom and billet ends	17 75	cash

OLD IRON AND STEEL RAILS.

1,000 tons old iron rails, Cleveland delivery	$23 50	cash
500 tons short steel rails	17 50	cash
500 tons old iron rails, Youngstown delivery	23 50	cash
800 tons old iron rails, Pittsburg	23 00	cash
350 tons short steel rails	17 50	cash

SCRAP MATERIAL.

500 tons No. 1 R. R. W. scrap at Valley Mill, net	$20 25	cash
200 tons No. 1 R. R. W. scrap, net	19 50	cash
200 tons leaf steel, gross	20 50	cash
300 tons cut pipe, net	14 00	cash
300 tons old iron axles, net	25 00	cash

No Change at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25.—[*Special.*]—Rogers, Brown & Meacham say: "We do not notice any change in the condition of the iron market during the past week. There has been the usual inquiry for carload lots, and a few good lots have been placed at low figures. Indications point for improvement in sales and prices soon after the 1st of January."

SPECULATION TAKES A REST.

Turkey Is King in the Local Wall Street Just at Present.

Fourth avenue presented a lonesome aspect yesterday. Like Tara's hall, it was deserted. Financial institutions were closed, and the merry voice of the broker was still. Bull and bear were at peace. Turkey was king, and the entire speculative fraternity paid him homage. What little talk there was had a bullish flavor. A further rise in Luster was predicted, but upon what ground was not stated. It was said the first month of the new year would witness some important movements in the tractions. Philadelphia Gas found considerable support. An important event to-day will be the sale, on account of whom it may concern, of a big block of East End Electric Light stock.

Investment Notes.

Two brokers seen yesterday were bullish on Luster and Philadelphia Gas.

James W. Drape sold on Thursday 70 acres near Bristow for $4,000, and a block of Pittsburg Bank for Savings at $237 50.

A correspondent enters a protest against the destruction of Lafayette Hall. He had better consult the Tradesmen's Bank directors.

The West is generally bearish on Distillers and Cattle Feeders' Trust. Insiders are said to be selling.

An oil broker said yesterday he could see no prospect of an early improvement. The market has no outside support.

There is a better inquiry for bonds. This is the precursor of a larger interest in stocks.

The city banks will occupy a strong position at the end of the year.

The city of Denver offers for sale January 8 public improvement bonds to the amount of $320,000, interest 4 per cent, principal due in 15 years from date of bonds.

Earnings of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad have averaged $600,000 a month for the last year.

Fine rains are reported in the wheat belt. The country is bullish for 1892.

There seems to be no doubt that the Pleasant Valley will declare a dividend in January.

A GOOD FIFTH SANDER.

THE FOREST OIL COMPANY'S NO. 1 M'CLELLAND SHOWING BIG.

Other Wells That Tapped the Sand on Christmas Day—Wells Which Are Now on Top of the Pay—The Production Dropping Off.

There was very little in the southwestern oil fields yesterday to attract the average operator. The output was not large, and the parties who expected big wells were necessarily disappointed. The facts are that most of the operators and drillers were in Pittsburg yesterday. They were anxious to make as much out of the wells in which they have invested money as the men who have put their all into undeveloped ventures.

The only well of any importance that was brought in yesterday was the Forest Oil Company's No. 1, on the McClelland farm, which reached the pay streak in the sand and started off at 40 barrels an hour. This well, together with the venture on Agnes Kemp is in territory which was at first looked upon as not good. It is not over one mile northeast of Oakdale, but it is so situated as to be perfectly located for men who are willing to venture their all on wells which may turn out no good at the last moment. The Woodland Oil Company's No. 4 on the Gamble farm back of Oakdale was doing 32 barrels an hour last evening. At Noblestown the Little Oil Company's No. 1 on the Little lot was about 14 feet in the Gordon sand and showing for 60 or 75 barrel well. Brown & Co., on the McMurray farm, are in the 50-foot sand and it is showing for a fair well. The well of Mercer & Co., on the Reed farm, will be in the sand to-day or to-morrow and is expected to be a fair well in that sand.

The hourly gauges for the larger wells yesterday were as follows:

Mathews No. 1, Guffey, Jennings & Co., 50; Mathews No. 3, Guffey, Jennings & Co., 70; Herron No. 1, Guffey, Jennings & Co., 20; Herron Nos. 2 and 4, Guffey, Jennings & Co., 150; Baldwin No. 1 and 2, Oakdale Oil Co., 65; Mathews heirs' No. 1, Guffey, Jennings & Co., 95; Bell No. 2, Guffey, Jennings & Co., 25; Wallace Nos. 1 and 2, Oakdale Oil Co., 105; Wallace No. 3, Oakdale Oil Co., 20; Morgan heirs' No. 2, Oakdale Oil Co., 60; Morgan heirs' No. 3, Oakdale Oil Co., 25; Morgan heirs' No. 4, Oakdale Oil Co., 60; S. Sturgeon No. 2, Guffey, Murphy & Galley, 35; Etta Glenn, No. 1, Forest Oil Co., 25; J. M. Glenn, No. 1, Forest Oil Co., 35; Shaffer, No. 11, Forest Oil Co., 25; Mevey No. 1, Greenlee & Forst, 35; Mevey No. 4, Greenlee & Frost, 35; Kelso No. 2, Patterson & Jones, 50; Kelso No. 3, Patterson & Jones, 25; Herron No. 4, Forest Oil Co., 50; Gamble No. 1, Greenlee & Forst, 30; Boyce Nos. 1 and 2, Devonian Oil Co., 80; M. Robb No. 2, Royal Gas Co., 40; Devonian Oil Co. No. 1, Elliott, 25.

Estimated daily production based on the foregoing and smaller wells not reported, 45,000 barrels; stock in the field, 101,000 barrels.

WEALTHY women are as busy as the rest of the p, according to Bessie Bramble's letter for THE DISPATCH to-morrow.

TYRONE DEPOSITORS FURIOUS.

The Principal Stockholder of the Defunct Bank Transfers His Property.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, Dec. 25.—[*Special.*]—Sensations are of hourly occurrence in the Tyrone Bank failure. Early yesterday morning A. B. Hoover, the principal stockholder in the bank, placed a deed on record conveying his valuable Woodbury township farm to James C. Roller, of Philadelphia. When the action became known there was a perfect storm of indignation, and seven suits aggregating $30,000 were instituted by heavy depositors against Caleb Guyer, A. B. Hoover, Claude Jones and Patrick Flynn, the partners who traded and received deposits as the Tyrone Bank. The assignments of some of the stockholders are anticipated as the result of these suits.

An effort will probably be made soon to have the court annul the Hoover transfer as illegal. Meanwhile liabilities are mounting up, almost every train bringing in some outside depositor or some one claiming money due from either the bank or one of the stockholders.

TWO FIENDS AT SOMERSET.

They Express No Regret for a Frightful Crime and Refuse Explanations.

SOMERSET, Dec. 25.—[*Special.*]—J. M. Bittner, the man who was assaulted and had his mouth cruelly cut open clear back to his ears by two fellow-workmen, is still alive and will probably recover, though he will be terribly disfigured. James Turner and David Solman, the young men who committed the assault, expressed no regret when interviewed in the jail to-day. One of them was sorry Bittner did not die.

When Turner and Solman returned from the commission of their crime yesterday they burned their shirts and vests, which were stained with blood. They also succeeded in hiding the knife from the officers. Both men refuse to give any reason for the deed, though it is stated the man Bittner owed them money.

A Besieged Officer Takes Human Life.

GETTYSBURG, Dec. 25.—[*Special.*]—Officer Krouse, of Littlestown, last night shot and killed Joseph Shadle and wounded his brother, Frank Shadle. Shadle had raised a disturbance and Krouse tried to arrest Joseph, who resisted. A crowd of their drunken friends assaulted the officer, who was struck at with a club, and was finally compelled to shoot to save himself. The coroner's jury found that Krouse had acted in self-defense. His bail was fixed at $5,000.

A BIG COLLAPSE

In the Price of Men's Suits.

Three special bargains in our men's suit department for to-day's special sale. The biggest cut yet—1,500 suits to be sold and they go at prices as follows:

	Each.
500 men's sack suits, sizes 34 to 42, breast measure, only	$ 5 00
500 men's sack or cutaway suits, neat and stylish patterns, only	7 00
500 men's fine worsted diagonal, cheviot and cassimere suits, reduced from $18 for to-day's special sale to	10 00

P. C. C. C., Pittsburg Combination Clothing Company, corner Grant and Diamond streets, opposite the Court House. Open to-night until 10 o'clock.

If you have a cough don't delay. It is dangerous. Piso's Cure for Consumption will cure you. Guaranteed. All druggists. 25 cents. TUS

COL. MULBERRY SELLERS

Has returned to the world of literature again in a new novel

BY MARK TWAIN,

Which will be published in the Sunday issue of THE DISPATCH, beginning

Sunday, January 3.

The title of the great humorist's first story for the press is

The American Claimant,

And in it Colonel Sellers lays claim to an English estate. It has a wonderful plot, abounds in the most amusing situations and will add another laurel to the crown of the world-famous author.

MARK TWAIN'S GREAT NOVEL

BEGINS SUNDAY, JAN. 3.

PASTOR AND PEOPLE.

The Gospel Proclaimed by the Angels to the Shepherds,

GOOD WILL TO ALL MANKIND.

The Highest Happiness From Giving, Not From Receiving.

GLEANINGS FROM CHURCH FIELDS

The Christian world realizes more and more as the years roll on that the advent of the Messiah inaugurated an era of good will to men.

Probably never before did this idea take a stronger hold on churches and pastors than this Christmas time. That it is more blessed to give than receive multitudes have learned of late by experience, though they have long known it as a truth taught by the greatest teachers. Many are glad over the kindly tokens of good will and affection received this Christmastide. But richer are the joys of those who did not fail to smooth the invalid's pillow, or send some offering to the poor in these times of good cheer.

The gospel proclaimed at Bethlehem to the shepherds was a gospel of "Peace on earth and good will to men."

Sunday Services in Pittsburg Churches.

LIBERTY STREET M. E.—Preaching morning at 10:30, and also in the evening at 7:30 by the pastor Rev. W. W. Roup.

HIGHLAND AVENUE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN—At 11 A. M and 7:45 P. M.; services conducted by the pastor, Rev. O. B. Milligan.

FREE WILL BAPTIST, Rev. N. E. Johnson, pastor—Services morning and evening. Morning subject, "What Think Ye of Christ?"

SEVENTH PRESBYTERIAN, Herron avenue, Rev. C. S. McClelland, pastor—11:30 A. M., "What Is Your Life?" 7:30 P. M., "Quench Not the Spirit."

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN, Shady avenue, Rev. J. W. McKay, pastor—11 A. M., "Mary;" 7:30 P. M., "Good Bye, Old Year, but Bless Us Ere You Go."

CENTENARY M. E., Wylie avenue and Kirkpatrick street; George S. Holmes, pastor—Morning, "Dream Ministry;" evening, "From the Old to the New."

MT. WASHINGTON PRESBYTERIAN, Grandview avenue, Rev. E. S. Farrand, pastor—10:30 A. M., "Not Profession, but Practice;" 7:30 P. M., "Reflection."

FIRST U. P., Seventh avenue, William J. Reid, D. D., pastor—Services at 10:30 A. M., "Christian Confidence," and at 7:30 P. M., "The Glorious Name."

SERVICE in the Seventh U. P., Forty-fourth street, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. D. Sands—Morning: "Vacant Souls Repossessed;" evening, "Finis."

PICTORIAL MISSION ASSOCIATION, Rev. James Walker, Frankstown avenue and Station street, East End—Illustrated exercises 7:30 P. M. Seats free.

GRACE REFORMED, corner Grant and Webster avenue, Rev. John H. Prugh, pastor—Morning: "The Days of Our Years." Evening: "Not False but True."

THIRD U. P., Diamond street, J. T. McCrory, pastor—Subjects, 10:30 A. M., "Sermon for the End of the Year;" 7:30, Angels and their Relation to Men in this Life.

FIRST UNIVERSALIST, Curry University Hall—Preaching by Rev. A. Getty. Morning subject, "God's Eternal Purpose; evening subject, "The Spiritual Resurrection."

FIRST REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN, Grant street, Rev. Nevin Woodside, pastor—At 10:30 A. M. and 3 P. M. Morning, "Thanksgiving;" evening, "Christian Confidence."

EMORY M. E., East Liberty, Rev. C. V. Wilson, pastor—Morning, "Christmas Echoes." Rev. B. F. Beazelle, D.D., of St. Paul M. E. Church, will occupy pulpit in the evening.

FIFTH U. P., Webster avenue, Rev. J. W. Harsha, pastor—Preaching at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M., morning, "A Retrospect of the Past Year;" evening, "Learning by Experience."

ST. MARK'S MEMORIAL REFORMED, North Highland avenue, Rev. F. F. Kennedy—11:00 A. M. subject, "The Sermon on Carmel;" 7:45 P. M. subject, "The Prodigal's Return."

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN, Pride and Colwell, Robert A. Cutler, pastor—Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Ira W. Kimmel, of Bethany College will preach morning and evening.

OAKLAND BAPTIST, Bates and Atwood streets, W. W. West, pastor—Morning 10:45, "Man's Life or Lessons from the Dying Year;" evening 7:30, "A Rule for the New Year."

HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN, corner McCully and St. Clair streets—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. by J. M. Waddell, of Princeton Theological Seminary, New Jersey.

THIRTY-SEVENTH STREET BAPTIST, Rev. H. C. Hall, pastor—Morning, 10:30: "Past, Present and Future," a New Year's sermon. Evening, 7:30: "Despondency Divinely Dispelled."

EIGHTH STREET REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN, Rev. D. McAllister, pastor—At 10:30, "The Savior King and His Kingdom;" at 3, "The Risen Savior and the Men Who Went a-Fishing."

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHRIST M. E., Rev. G. W. Izer, D. D., pastor—Preaching in the Duquesne Theatre, by the Rev. C. W. Smith, D. D., editor of the Pittsburg *Christian Advocate*.

DENNY M. E.—10:30 A. M., J. W. Miles, D. D., will preach and administer the sacrament. At 7:30 P. M. the pastor, J. E. Williams, "God Alone Can Pronounce Absolution to the Penitent Soul."

SMITHFIELD STREET METHODIST EPISCOPAL, corner Seventh avenue, Rev. Charles Edward Locke, pastor—Morning subject, "The Go in the Gospel;" evening subject, "Last Things."

THIRD PRESBYTERIAN, Sixth avenue, Rev. E. P. Cowan, D. D. rector—Services 10:45 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Special Christmas music morning and evening. Evening subject: "Joseph in Jail."

EIGHTH U. P., Locust and Van Braam streets, J. M. Wallace, pastor—Morning, tenth anniversary sermon; evening, Rev. Teofilo Gay, D. D., of Rome, will preach; subject, "The Waldensian Church."

FIRST UNITARIAN, Ross and Diamond streets, old University building, Rev. Chas. E. St. John, pastor—Services at 10:45 A. M. and — P. M. Subject, morning, "Self-Sacrifice;" evening, "What is Christianity?"

WALTON M. E., Sarah and Twenty-fourth streets, Southside—9 A. M., quarterly love feast; 10:30 A. M., preaching and sacramental service, Rev. Joseph Horner, D. D., officiating; 7:30 P. M., sermon by the pastor, Rev. S. W. Davis.

SHADY AVENUE BAPTIST, W. A. Stanton, D. D., pastor—Morning subject, "The Nature and Necessity of Conversion;" evening subject, "The Baptism of Jesus and Its Symbolism." A baptismal service will follow the evening sermon.

SIXTH UNITED PRESBYTERIAN, Collins avenue, East End, Rev. R. M. Russell, pastor—Services 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Morning sermon: "Obeying the Vision; a Nineteenth Century View of Bible Miracles;" evening, "The Unspeakable Gift."

REORGANIZED CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, hall 67 Fourth avenue—Preaching at 10:30 A. M., by Elder M. H. Bond, subject, "After Death What?" Also at 7:30 P. M., at Goedtell Hall, corner Collins and Penn avenues, East End; subject, "Prove All Things."

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN, Penn avenue and Seventh street, Rev. J. R. Sutherland, D. D., pastor—Subject in the morning: "Human Brotherhood," from the story of the Good Samaritan; in the evening: "Getting the Quails and With Them Leanness of Soul."

ST. JAMES' P. E.—On Sunday evening, December 27, the Sunday school of this church will give a festival service of song, "The Child Jesus," chorus of 150 voices; solos by R. T. Knox, tenor, and T. Pugh, bass; double quartet, sopranos, Mary smith, Lilly Letters; altos, Maggie Martin, Maggie Smith; tenors, R. T. Knox, Fred Gamble; bass, T. Pugh, F. C. Rommel; orchestra, violins, J. C. Sweitzer, T. Gillespie, F. Lloyd, F. T. Kirk, Jr.; cello, J. McGill; clarionet, W. Imhoff; flute, G. Batchelor; trombone, F. Batchelor; cornet, Frank Steytler. Programmes of the service will be furnished by the ushers. Processional promptly at 7:30. Mr. W. Howard Falkner, Superintendent; Mrs. M. M. Ayres, organist; Mr. Fred. Gamble, Director of Music. This church has been handsomely decorated for Christmas season.

Allegheny Churches.

SANDUSKY STREET BAPTIST, B. F. Woodburn, pastor—10:30 A. M., "A Retrospect;" 7:30 P. M., "From Death to Life."

EIGHTH PRESBYTERIAN, Rev. E. R. Donehoo, pastor—10:45 A. M., "The Christ Child;" 7:15 P. M., "Looking Back."

ARCH STREET METHODIST EPISCOPAL, C. A. Holmes, pastor—Morning, "All Aboard," evening, a praise service.

SECOND U. P., Rev. W. H. McMillan, D.D., pastor—10:30 A. M., "The Gifts of Christ;" 7:30 P. M., "The Third Temptation of Jesus."

"THE Church or the Saloon, Which?" will be the subject for discussion at 27 Federal street, Allegheny, on Sunday evening, commencing at 7:30.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN, Carnegie Hall—Rev. David S. Kennedy, pastor—10:30 A. M., "The First Commandment;" 7:45, "Shining as Lights in the World."

GREEN STREET BAPTIST, Scott and Robinson streets, R. S. Laws, D.D., pastor—Preaching at 10:30 A. M. Subject, "The Travel of the Wise Men."

SERVICES in Central R. P. Church by the pastor, J. W. Sproull—Subject, 10:30 A. M., "The Old Year, What to Remember;" 7:30 P. M., "The Old Year, What to Forget."

FOURTH U. P. CHURCH, Montgomery avenue—Rev. Joseph Kyle, pastor—Morning, "Convincing the World of Righteousness;" evening, "The Old Paths, Where is the Good Way?"

FIRST CHRISTIAN, W. F. Richardson, pastor—Morning sermon, "They Shall Call His Name Immanuel;" evening sermon, "The Old Year's Crown." Christmas music at both services.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN, Anderson and Lacock streets, Rev. S. B. McCormick, pastor—Subject, 10:45 A. M., "The Celestial Doxology;" 7:30 P. M., "The Great Purpose of Christ's Coming." Christmas music both services.

NIXON STREET BAPTIST, J. S. Hutson, pastor—Morning 10:30, "The Prince of Peace," a Christmas sermon. Children especially invited. Evening, 7:30, praise service conducted by the Y. P. S. C. E. The pastor will preach at Woods' Run Mission.

BUENA VISTA STREET M. E., Rev. J. H. Miller, pastor—At 10:30, A. M., sermon by Rev. A. H. Norcross, D. D., followed by the Holy Communion; a class of probationers will be received also. Watch night services will be held Thursday, beginning at 10:30 P. M.

THE new Providence Presbyterian Church, corner Madison avenue and Liberty street, Allegheny, will be dedicated January 3, 1892. The dedicatory sermon will be preached by Rev. J. D. Moffatt, D. D., President Washington and Jefferson College, at 10:30 A. M. Rev. H. T. McClelland, D. D., will preach at 7:45 P. M. Sabbath school will hold a special session at 2:30 P. M.

Miscellaneous.

DR. SAMUEL H. KELLOGG, now of Toronto, but formerly of the Western Theological Seminary at Allegheny, Pa., will be the next L. P. Stone lecturer at Princeton Theological Seminary. His general theme will be "Modern Theories on the Origin and Development of Religion," a subject which his former residence in India as a missionary, and his intimate acquaintance with Oriental life and literature, well qualify him to discuss.

THE Pittsburg *Christian Advocate* makes the following appeal in behalf of hospitals: Sunday next, the 27th inst., is Hospital Sunday, the day set apart by common consent for the taking of collections in the churches for the benefit of the hospitals. Our local churches are somewhat perplexed as to their duty in the matter. We have denominational hospitals at Brooklyn and Philadelphia which have presented their claims and asked that collections be taken in their behalf on Hospital Sunday, and some of the congregations have sent their contributions in that direction. Our local hospitals, the West Penn, Homeopathic and Allegheny General, have made the same appeal. The collections taken for this local cause are divided equally between these three institutions.

NEW YEAR menu from Ellice Serena in THE DISPATCH to-morrow.

A FORAKER MANAGER TALKS.

Thinks Sherman Has Held Office Long Enough, and Is Sure of His Defeat.

STEUBENVILLE, Dec. 25.—[*Special.*]—The Foraker-Sherman Senatorial contest is occupying the attention of this county at present. In speaking of the contest to-day, Thomas S. Wood, an old friend and law partner of Foraker, and who has been selected as Foraker's manager in this district, said: "When I saw Foraker a few days ago he ran over the list of Representatives and Senators and told me he would have 61 votes in the caucus. It is not true that three of the Hamilton county delegates have bolted to Sherman. Dick is a nephew of Butterworth, who is working tooth and toe-nail to induce him to vote for Sherman, but he is pledged to Foraker.

"In 1852 General Samuel Stokely, Chairman in the Ohio delegation to the Whig convention, nominated John Sherman to the first office he ever held—that of Secretary of the convention. Sherman was then a young lawyer in a Democratic district. General Stokely was my grandfather, and that affair occured long before I was born, but Sherman is holding office from Ohio yet, with his friends still in high places, put there by him. There is no doubt of Foraker's election, as the powerful younger element is enthusiastic for him. One of the necessary qualifications for office in this county is the confession of faith, 'I am for Sherman.' This has been the open sesame. Petitions will be circulated throughout the county next week in the Foraker interest."

MURDER IN A NEW YORK DIVE.

The Nephew of Tom Gould, the Notorious Proprietor, Shot by a Sport.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Tom Gould's basement dive, on the corner of Sixth avenue and Twenty-third street, was the scene of a Christmas morning tragedy.

John J. Wogan, Gould's nephew and manager of the dive, was shot and almost instantly killed by Joseph Selling, a sporting man. Selling says that he shot in self-defence; that Wogan and others had assaulted him, and that Wogan had threatened to kill him.

A NEW DECORATION SCANDAL.

The Bauble Papers Secured by Means of Forged Persian Firmans.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—Count Courcy Pagny has been sentenced to two years imprisonment for selling Persian decorations, secured by means of forged firmans.

It is alleged that firmans were procured in blank for the Count by a former minister of Venezuela, who was accredited to the Persian court.

A Hollidaysburg Bandit Caught.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, Dec. 25.—[*Special.*]—James Connors, charged with being a member of the organization of burglars that has terrorized this city for the past year, was arrested and lodged in jail this evening. Connors was implicated in the murder of John Cunkle, a McKee's Rocks storekeeper, a few years ago.

A Fatal Collision on the B. and O.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 25.—In a rear-end freight collision on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, near Plymouth, last night, Brakeman W. H. Bullison, of Newark, was burned to death and Fireman S. S. Switzer was fatally injured. The wreck took fire and the loss to the company will be $10,000.

Mrs. Ex-Governor Curtin Very Ill.

BELLEFONTE, Dec. 25.—[*Special.*]—The news of Mrs. ex-Governor Curtin's very serious illness in Philadelphia is creating a great deal of sympathy for the family in this city. The ex-Governor left for Philadelphia this morning.

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THE PRESS CLUB CONVENTION.

President Keenan Now Has the Arrangements Practically Completed.

T. J. Keenan, Jr., President of the International Press Clubs and Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements for the convention at San Francisco, has received a letter from C. P. Huntingdon, of the Santa Fe road, and a telegram from Vice President Springer, of the A., T. & S. F. R. R., closing the arrangements for the transportation. Almost all the details have been completed and the attending delegations will be large and representative ones. The Pittsburg Press Club has hitherto been the only large club in Pennsylvania, but Philadelphia organized a large one last week and it will be represented in San Francisco to help Pittsburg hold up the Pennsylvania end. Four of the five clubs of New York have elected a strong delegation.

Mr. Keenan has almost completed the itenerry and it will be published in a day or two. A special train, with a dining car attached, will leave New York City by the Pennsylvania Railroad on Wednesday, January 6, at 9 A. M., and arrive in Philadelphia at 11:30 and depart half an hour later. The train will stop at Pittsburg from 10 until 10:30 o'clock on the evening of the 6th, and reach Chicago on the morning of the 7th at about 10 o'clock. Assistant General Passenger Agent Boyd will likely go with the train to Chicago. The delegates will remain an entire day in Chicago visiting the sight of the World's Columbian Exposition during the forenoon at the invitation of Major M. P. Handy, Chief of the Bureau of Promotion. Other brief stops will be made at the chief points of interest between Chicago and San Francisco, and the reception at the latter city promises to be most hearty.

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