

THE NAIL ASSOCIATION MEETING

At Pittsburgh Yesterday—One Month's Stoppage  
Decided Upon—Cause of the Vacation.

Trouble Among St. Louis Iron workers.  
A Strong Denial from President Jarrett.

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Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

Pittsburgh, December 29.—The meeting of the Nail Association to-day was presided over by J. N. Vance, of Wheeling. Telegrams were read in answer to the requests sent the day before. The general

stoppage of work for a time, in order to raise the stiffen prices. Every district in the country was heard from and promises of hearty co-operation in any action taken were given. It was then decided to shut down all the nail mills in the western district on January 15th, they to remain closed until February 10th. The stoppage is not caused so much on account of an overplus of stock on

account of a seeming determination upon the part of dealers to force down prices. It is argued by them that with the price of iron at 2½ cents nails should not be kept at \$1 40, the present card rate. The nail manufacturers are determined to main-

The Pittsburgh *Telegraph* prints the following yesterday evening: "A Pittsburgh member of the Nail Association said: 'The business of nail-making is not so

the buyers of autos have taken the ground that the present card (\$3,40) is not justified by the selling price of iron (2,25), and they are holding off everywhere to force us down. We hope to take such action as will show consumers that we can not only control production, but can do so unan-

After the meeting a member of a prominent iron firm was met and was asked:

"I'm not in the business. By-the-way I was in Wheeling the other day and did have a talk with a nail man. He said things were booming, and he was actually begging his customers to hold off with orders for a while until his nails came."

**A Denial From Jarrett.**  
PITTSBURGH, December 29.—President Jarrett, of the Amalgamated Association of

ron and Steel Workers, denies the report telegraphed from St. Louis this morning that the workmen of the South St. Louis steel works had agreed to accept a reduction of 33 per cent. He characterizes the action of the Nucor Company as unfair.

and unjust in proposing such a reduction at this late day. The Western steel manufacturers, as a body, have proposed a reduction of 20 per cent, which the men have generally agreed to accept, the only point of difference now existing being a question

How long the reduction shall be in force, the men proposing on May the first and the manufacturers desiring to have it continue one year. He is of the opinion the men will strike rather than accept a 33 per cent reduction.

**THE UNIONTOWN TRAGEDY.**  
Jukes Released Under \$12,000 Bail—  
Trial Fixed for March Term of Court.  
UNIONTOWN, PA., December 29.—A hear-  
ing was had before Judge Wilson this

morning, on the application of N. J. Dukes to be released on bail. The evidence was confined exclusively to testimony concerning the occurrence on the fatal Sunday morning and the affray in Dukes' room, by which Captain Nutt lost

is life. No new points were submitted except a story concerning Captain Butt's troubles. His nephew, Clark Treckenridge, testified that the Captain kept bitterly when confiding to him the story of his daughter's ruin. He asked himself "Can it be true?" and then another

moment and then said Dukes had written infamous letters. Capt. Nutt alone told Breckenridge that his wife complained about his constant absence from her, and the Captain wept about that also, declaring at the same time that he believed

After all the evidence had been taken, Judge Wilson said the only point on which he was to decide was whether this case came under the constitutional clause in regard to bail of prisoner. His honor said the evidence was not sufficient to establish the guilt of the prisoner.

...nor said the evidence clearly showed was not a case of willful, premeditated murder, and the prisoner should be released on \$12,000 bail to appear at the March term of Court. Asbury Struble, Lukes' step-father, went on the bond.

**Business Failures for the Week.**  
New York, December 20.—The business failures for the past seven days reported to G. Dun & Co.'s mercantile agency number 193, against 197 last week. Eastern

ies 20, Western 63, Southern 46, middle  
Pacific States and Territories 14, Canada  
, and New York City 9. In the country  
the principal stoppages were E. H. Samp-  
son & Son, paper, Boston, and James  
Mythe, manufacturer of cotton goods,  
Philadelphia. In New York City there

ment of a receiver for the Co-operative Press Association is about the only item of importance, other business troubles being insignificant.

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**AN OLD TIMER'S STORY.**

There resides in this vicinity a number of residents all of whom can tell a more or less interesting episode in connection with their lives. The industrious reporters often neglect these old fellows and

...always can be induced to talk freely many interesting story is stored away in the portorial head for future use or reference. The writer recently ran into one of these characters and as he is not willing that his name should be used in connection with the story for convenience, who

by the Colonel's remarking "That article in a recent number of the INTELLIGENCER entitled 'The Criticism on an Unheeded Performance of Ole Bull' recalls an incident to my mind that I think would do to tell, as it carries with it the same character."

Having thus introduced the subject, cigars were lighted and the old gentleman lived away. "Previous to the completion of the Baltimore & Ohio, when all merchandise from the East reached us by wagon over the national road, it was the custom of the

and hauling between Baltimore and the West, sometimes going as far as Columbus. On one of these trips, which ended at Zanesville, I purchased a horse and hiring a driver for my horseback, started home by myself on horseback. On the way I caught up with a companion also mounted and dressed for

point. A mile or so the other side of Nor-  
stown we came in sight of a pedestrian who  
with his long stride and springy step led us  
for such a length of time that our attention  
was attracted to the fact and finally induced  
us to overtake him. When we came near  
enough to get a good view of the fellow he

"In those days I was as good a judge of men as I was of horses, and while to-day such a declaration as I made would almost certainly

low and quarrelsome then men were rated by you know more by their physical ability than by any other. Friendly contests to prove one's superiority were very common and champions traveled from fifty to one hundred miles for no other purpose than to pit themselves against others, of whom they had

I rode up and saluted him, and after a few words about the weather and roads remarked: "You must be a good runner. As

"You are so good a walker?" "So I do not know that I am," answered the stranger. "You are a good jumper, ain't you?" "Not that I know of" was the answer. "Well you'er a good fighter then?" "Not that I know of," was the repeated answer. "D—n it man, you are good for something."

At this point my companion calling me by name, interfered, and tried to persuade me to let the man alone, but to no purpose, as I was roused and replied, "I tell you a man put up like that man, is good at something, and can be used."

"At this the stranger spoke up and said: "Mr. K, as I understand that is your name, when you asked me if I was not a good fighter, I told you I was not, but I now tell you I can fight a little, and if you get off your horse I will show you how much I can fight." "He spoke in the words

"I was off my horse, and was marching up to him, buttoning up my coat, as I went when the fellow said to me: 'Perhaps you had better take that off as you