

WHAT IS SCROFULA. It is that impurity in the blood, which, accumulating in the glands of the neck, produces unsightly tumors or swellings; which causes painful running sores on the arms, legs, or feet; which develops ulcers in the eyes, ears, or nose, often causing blindness or deafness; which is the origin of pimples, eruptions usually ascribed to "humors," which, festering upon the lungs, causes consumption and death. Being the most ancient, it is the most general of all diseases or affections, for very few persons are entirely free from it.

HOW CAN SCROFULA BE CURED. By taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, which, by its remarkable cures it has accomplished, often when other remedies have failed, has proven itself to be a potent and peculiar medicine for this disease. Some of these cures are really wonderful. If you suffer from scrofula, be sure to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. "My daughter Mary was afflicted with scrofula, and was sick from the time she was 22 months old till she became six years of age. Lumps formed in her neck, and one of them after growing to the size of a pigeon's egg, became a running sore for over three years. We gave her Hood's Sarsaparilla, when the lump and all indications of scrofula entirely disappeared, and now she seems to be a healthy child." J. S. CARLISLE, Naughton, N. J.

Hood's Sarsaparilla. Sold by all druggists. Price 50 cents per bottle. Prepared only by C. H. HOOD & CO., Apocrite, Lowell, Mass. 100 Doses One Dollar.

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ARE AS FOLLOWS: 12 Pieces 6-4 Cashmere Finish Broadcloth, \$1.00 a yard. 20 Pieces 4-1 Habit Cloth, 50c a yard. 20 Pieces 40-Inch Flax Shiraz Cloth, 44c a yard. 100 Pieces 4-1 Ticut, 25c a yard. 50 Pieces 4-1 Cloth Suiting, 25c a yd. 40 Pieces 40-Inch Henrietta, 57c a yd. 25 Pieces 40-Inch Henrietta, 90c a yd. 25 Pieces 40-Inch French Serge, 45c a yard.

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A WORD WITH YOU ABOUT UNDERWEAR. Ladies of fastidious taste and commendable judgment will buy cleverly made up Underwear, ill-fitting and poorly put together. No matter how cutting the price may be, there is no economy. There is only one factory in the country that turns out Underwear sewed entirely on a Lock-Stitch Machine, and we have the sale of their goods exclusively for Wheeling. We are not in our new stock yesterday, but have it on sale today—it consists mainly of Corset Covers, Drawers, Night Dresses and Skirts. We are making a Special Sale of them—at special prices—all marked in plain figures. We invite you to call on us here, hear our prices, look at our styles, and give them a critical examination. A. L. RICE & CO.

HOSIERY. We have added 50 dozen New Fancy Striped Ladies' Hosiery to our Hosiery stock, at 39 cents a pair, which we guarantee to be the greatest value ever seen anywhere. 50 Dozen New Aprons at 25 cents and 50 cents. A lot of Hem-stitched Linen Handkerchiefs, drawn work, at 10 cents. New 25 cent Handkerchiefs, and a large inventory of French Embroideries in magnificent patterns. A. L. RICE & CO.

SPECIAL BARGAINS. To make room for incoming spring stock we shall offer special bargains in heavy weight Suitings, Overcoats and Pantaloonings. All will be made up first-class and fit guaranteed. C. HESS & SONS, Merchant Tailors and Gents' Furnishers, 1231 & 1233 Market Street.

Thermometer at Schnepf's drug store, Opera House corner, yesterday, registered as follows: 7 a. m. 30; 8 a. m. 32; 9 a. m. 34; 10 a. m. 36; 11 a. m. 38; 12 m. 40; 1 p. m. 42; 2 p. m. 44; 3 p. m. 46; 4 p. m. 48; 5 p. m. 50; 6 p. m. 52; 7 p. m. 54; 8 p. m. 56; 9 p. m. 58; 10 p. m. 60; 11 p. m. 62; 12 m. 64.

LOCAL BRIEFS. Matters of Minor Moment in and About the City. OPERA HOUSE this evening—"Jim, the Pennan."

THE GRAND this evening—"Peck's Bad Boy." One deed of trust was admitted to record yesterday. SPECIAL Washington's Birthday matinee at the Grand this afternoon.

GO-A-YOU-PLASE walking match at the Capitol ring this afternoon and evening. In Germania Lodge K. K. of V. will give a grand ball in Beethoven hall this evening.

The furnace is the only department at the Benwood running this week. The factory will resume next Monday. This dog poisoner is busy in North Wheeling, and some valuable animals have lost their lives at his hands.

The second annual ball is to be given by the Shamrock base ball club at Turner's hall to-day. A handsome prize will be given to the best lady waiter. The Board of Education has allowed the school children a half holiday in which to celebrate the fact that the Father of his Country had a birthday.

There is very general complaint of the condition of outlying streets, which have not been paved. Scarcely a ward is without a grievance of this character. Mr. W. F. Humann made the closing speech in the case of the Top Mill against the Natural Gas Company of West Virginia before Judge Paul yesterday. The decision was reserved.

TAYLOR SPOVE, working for the Baltimore & Ohio Company at the Main street bridge, was yesterday made blind and deaf by a lead bullet which struck him in the head by a heavy stone falling on him. The photograph display at the Wheeling Natural Gas Company's office closed at noon yesterday. Mr. Al Rheinstraen secured the Bell graphophones which was on exhibition, and will use it as an aid to his stenographic work.

Mrs. L. M. SMITH, of Bridgeport, whose death at Fredericktown, Ohio, on Wednesday, was announced yesterday, will be buried Saturday at 2 o'clock p. m., from her residence in Kirkwood. She was in her seventeenth year, and died of pneumonia. The interment will be in Scott's Cemetery.

The Board of Public Works and Committee on Streets, Alleys and Grades will go in a body at 2 p. m. to-day to inspect Caldwell's run. The Council Committee on Cemeteries, Coal Banks, Elections, Equalization and Appeals and Relations and Remonstrances are all called to meet this evening. A young couple of Wheeling people were joined in wedlock yesterday at Squire Arkle's office. Rev. E. H. Dornblaser, of the English Lutheran church, officiating. The pair had been betrothed a good while, and yesterday made public by the Rev. Mr. Myers on a State warrant, charged with threatening to kill Clara Moss, and Squire Caldwell committed him to jail in default of bond for a preliminary examination to-day.

THE here before the Police Court yesterday, four drunks and two disorderlies. Out of the six cases, five went to the jail in default of fines. Mike Drannon paid a fine for striking a man on the South side, and Henry Sheldon, colored, was put in the County Jail yesterday. A man, drunk arrested by McNichol, on the Island, bit a citizen with the officer tared him over. He got \$20 and costs.

ABOUT PEOPLE. Strangers in the City and Wheeling People Abroad. Miss Clara Derwinkle, of the Island, is visiting relatives in the city.

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The proposed new school house on the Island and some important and timely suggestions offered by Superintendent Anderson were the subject of considerable discussion. The absentees were Messrs. Acker, Davis, Dickey, McCoy and Whally. Immediately after the reading of the minutes, the new City Collector, Mr. Myles, appeared and presented his bond for the faithful collection of school taxes. It is in the sum of \$20,000, with Henry Schulbach and John G. Hoffmann, Jr., as sureties. It was approved and the business then taken up and considered as follows:

The Committee on Accounts presented bills aggregating \$278.95, which were ordered paid. The Committee on Public Library presented bills amounting to \$125 and these were also ordered paid. This committee recommended the purchase of a complete second-hand set of Harper's Magazine, at a cost of \$150, for use in the library as books of reference, to take the place of the old set which is about worn out. This recommendation was considered favorably, and the additional set ordered purchased.

The Committee on Finance reported that it had found upon an examination of receipts, that L. Sonneborn was entitled to \$17 and T. E. Owen to \$25. Refunds of taxes paid by them on erroneous assessments. These amounts were ordered paid to the parties named. THE NEW ISLAND SCHOOL HOUSE. The Committee on Buildings and Grounds reported that acting under the instructions of the Board, they had visited the school houses in Madison and Union districts, and submitted the following as the result of their investigation: In Madison the need of an additional school on the Island is pressing, for not only is the school building proper crowded to its utmost capacity, but in addition three buildings, containing six school rooms, are now used for school purposes. It is suggested, therefore, that the Board, in view of this condition of affairs, the committee recommended that an additional building containing twelve rooms, be erected on the Island property belonging to the Board.

DIFFERENCE OF OPINION AS TO THE SIZE. This portion of the report raised several interesting questions that caused considerable discussion, in which nearly all the members took part. It was questioned whether a twelve-school room building was necessary; the present school building proper contains eight rooms, and to put up a building containing twelve rooms would give the Island twenty available school rooms. It was suggested that the Board should have the largest enrollment. It was argued that in case it was the intention to abandon the present building after the new one was completed, then twelve rooms would be sufficient to meet the rapidly growing needs of the Island; but in case the new building was to be used merely as an annex, then twelve rooms were more than would at any time be necessary. Messrs. Black and White, who had been consulted by the Board, in their report, stated that the Island district, disclaimed that it was the idea or intention to abandon the old building on the completion of the new one, but argued that if the interests of the district were to be looked after for any considerable time, then twelve rooms were by no means too many.

This part of the question was finally referred back to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, with instructions to investigate into the matter thoroughly and report as to the needs of the district, and also to procure preliminary plans and estimates for both an eight-room and twelve-room school house. THE POINTS WERE THEN RAISED THAT ARCHITECTS WOULD NOT, in the first place, prepare plans unless they were assured that their work would be accepted or unless prizes were offered for first and second best plans, and second, that they would demand a retainer of \$1,000. The Board would be willing to expend in the erection of a building. This last point was disposed of by instructing the committee to secure preliminary plans for an eight-room school, containing not less than \$15,000, and for a twelve-room building not to exceed \$25,000. It was also suggested to the committee that it was not the desire of the Board to build any more "palaces" for school houses such as now ornaments the First

Mr. Bloch adhered to his point that architects would demand something definite in the line of recompense before they would devote the time necessary to drawing and perfecting plans; he moved that \$100 be offered as a prize to the one whose plans were adopted, but a majority of the Board thought that the architect's chance in having to take a gambler's chance in being made a participant of the work and receiving as such, 5 per cent of the contract price of the building as compensation. Mr. Bloch's motion was accordingly voted down, and the committee was left to do the best it can with only the limit of prices to be paid for the building, as data to work on. It remains to be seen what the architects will do in this way of drawing plans and running the risk of having them adopted.

NOT ENOUGH MONEY FOR UNION SCHOOL. In the matter of repairs needed on the Union district building, the Committee on Buildings and Grounds reported that many advantageous changes and improvements could be made in the arrangement of the school here, by moving the building to the site of the three-story building, but the committee decried it inadvisable to recommend the making of any changes in view of the financial condition of the Board. President Miller read that portion of the report very sadly and sighed when the Board did nothing more than to cheerfully receive and file.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds in a further report informed the Board of the holding of a jury before the Circuit Court held on the 20th inst., the question of compensation due James A. Henry for the west one-quarter of lot No. 41 on the Island. Originally Mr. Henry demanded \$1,700 for this property. The Board resorted to condemnation proceedings and the award was \$1,400; it demanded that the question of compensation be tried before a jury, which returned a verdict of \$450. The committee recommended that the clerk be authorized to issue orders for this sum and the costs; also \$100 for attorney's services. These recommendations were adopted.

SUPERINTENDENT ANDERSON'S REPORT. Superintendent Anderson's regular monthly report was next taken up. The

condition of the schools for the month of January is shown by the following:

Schools.	Enrollment for month.	Attendance for month.	Average daily attendance.	Number of pupils in school.	Number of teachers.	Amount paid for month.
Washington	650	620	95.5	147	15	608
Madison	600	580	96.7	136	14	580
Union	540	520	96.3	124	13	520
Central	480	460	95.8	112	12	460
West	420	400	95.2	100	11	400
Highland	360	340	94.4	88	9	340
Lincoln	300	280	93.3	72	7	280
Total	3,750	3,580	95.5	823	86	3,288

This report compared with that for the month of January, 1889, shows an increase in enrollment of 228, and in attendance of 200. The Department of the enrollment for the month was 380, divided as follows: Washington, 45; Madison, 22; Clay, 76; Union, 42; Centre, 50; Webster, 71; Ritchie, 54. Of this enrollment 225 are of German parentage, and 157 of other than German parentage. Forty classes, five in each district, except in Clay, where there are ten, were maintained. Four teachers were employed at a salary of \$300 each. The number of scholars enrolled since September 1st has been 382.

Superintendent Anderson in his report, offered the following suggestions: THE SUBJECT OF INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION, or manual training, has been for some years much discussed in this country, and in the present time, in educational journals, and educational meetings. I would respectfully suggest that this Board give the subject some attention and consider what, if anything, should be done in the matter. "Two years ago a law was passed by the Legislature of West Virginia requiring that physiology and hygiene, with special reference to the effects of narcotics and alcoholic stimulants upon the human system, be taught in the schools of this State. Superintendent Morgan reports that this law has received the general approbation of teachers and patrons throughout the State.

My attention has recently been frequently called to this matter. It is thought by some that sufficient prominence is not given to such instruction in our schools. To this matter also I invite your attention. One of my former reports I recommended the use of good sets of apparatus for experiments in physics and chemistry to be provided, for the use of all the schools. This matter was referred to the Committee on Text Books. I would recommend that the Board, in view of the ability of such a purchase be inquired into by this body."

There was some debate over the disposition of these suggestions. Some favoring referring the first, that in relation to the purchase of apparatus, to a committee of three or five, for a thorough investigation and report, while others thought the Committee on Teachers and Schools competent to handle this important subject, and it was finally referred to that committee. Mr. Hines gave notice that he should oppose any plan looking to the introduction of that class of instruction on the ground that the city is not far enough advanced in a number of ways to provide such education. Concerning the purchase of apparatus, that of Librarian Wilson for the month of January. There were 6,321 volumes taken out of the library during that period, an average of 243 volumes per day. In the reading room the circulation reached 18,000. That part referring to apparatus was referred to the Committee on Text Books. The balance of the report was received and filed.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS. The amount received from fines, etc., was \$14. This report was ordered filed. A few days since a reporter from Mr. Conrad Selbert, who for a long number of years past, has been engaged in harvesting and selling ice hereabouts, and asked him what he thought of the ice plant scheme. He said that he thought it was a good one—one that any money could be easily made, but he thought the plan could be made a much more feasible and paying one if it had been combined with facilities for harvesting and selling ice. He thought that if large ice houses could be erected on the river front for the storage of natural ice and the artificial plant built alongside, there would be no question but what the company controlling the plant would be able to supply the market with ice, and that the company so equipped could not lose money in any year, and in some years would make big money. He said further that parties owning large quantities of ice, and who could well afford to take half stock in an artificial ice plant, in payment.

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The Preservation of the Sabbath. Mr. Wilbur F. Crafts, the Field Secretary of the American Association for the Preservation of the Sabbath, spoke in the Fourth Street Church yesterday evening on the importance of the object of this organization. He is a pleasing speaker, very much in earnest in his mission, and his remarks were feeling and impressive. It is desired to stir up interest in the cause of Sabbath preservation in Wheeling and organize a branch of the association here, where it is perhaps needed as badly as in any city of equal population.

Shot Himself Through the Leg. Yesterday afternoon a boy named Jackson, employed at Little's plumbing shop, on Market street, was fooling with a cheap revolver of twenty-two caliber, when it accidentally discharged while the muzzle was pointing downward, and it slightly toward him. The ball entered the inner side of the fleshy portion of his left leg, and pierced through nearly to the surface on the outer side, lodging just beneath the skin. The boy was taken to his home and Dr. Taylor summoned. He cut out the bullet. The wound is not dangerous, but is exceedingly painful and will keep the young man in the house for some time.

Slight Mishap on the B. & O. A slight mishap occurred last evening about 8 o'clock on the Baltimore & Ohio road, at the Moundsville Camp Ground Junction. Five cars and the tender of the second section of freight number 100 left the track. No person was injured. The wreck crew cleared the track in a few hours. The vestibule train was transferred at Moundsville to the Ohio River road, and arrived in this city several hours late.

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THE FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY. His Birthday to be Properly Celebrated in Wheeling for the First Time. To-day is February 22, the birthday of that famous man, General George Washington, he who was "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

All the indications point to a more general celebration of the day than the Father of his Country has been honored with here in Wheeling for many years past. The credit for the fact which is the cause of this patriotic and patriotic membership in the Junior Order of United American Mechanics has in this community. This afternoon they are to have a parade that promises to be quite imposing affair, in which they will be assisted by other orders, old soldiers and others.

Mayor Seabright has issued a timely proclamation, and desires that citizens, particularly business men, be urged to observe the day as he recommends. The Board of Education has granted the children in the public schools a half holiday, the banks will be closed, also the Government, county and municipal offices, and the police force will observe Sunday hours. The Baltimore and Ohio and the Pennsylvania depot will be closed this afternoon, and there will really be very little excuse for business houses keeping open.

This morning there will be exercises in all the public schools appropriate to the day that will be very interesting. The parade this afternoon will, however, be the principal feature of the day. Marshal Joseph L. Degant and his chief of staff, Mr. John D. Hall, last night estimated, after receiving their latest reports, that there will be not less than 1,500 men in line. Dr. J. W. Warfield, Theodore Berkman, Garfield Lodge of the same place, 25 men, and the J. O. A. M. band. The New Martinsville Juniors will come up in a special car. Bellare Lodge intends to appear on the streets of Wheeling, Pa., 50 men. Delegations will also be present from New Cumberland and other points.

All local organizations that expect to take part in the parade are requested to meet at their respective halls at 12:30 o'clock sharp. The Reception Committee, which is composed of the following named gentlemen, will meet at No. 2247 Market street at 9 o'clock this morning: Messrs. John D. Hall, A. R. McManis, J. W. Warfield, Theodore Berkman, Herbert Nannis and John West. It is requested by the Chief Marshal that the staff report promptly at headquarters at 1 p. m.

To-night there will be a big ball at the Grand Hotel, the music of the American Band will be in charge. A feature will be an exhibition drill by the Wheeling Light Guards. The Juniors are very much in hopes that the people will hang out flags and decorate in other ways.

AN OLD ICE MAN Approves the Ice Plant Scheme and Makes Some Suggestions. It was recently published in this paper that a project was on foot, backed by several leading capitalists of this place, to establish here a large artificial ice plant. That was at a time when it seemed as though this section of the country was to be denied any freezing weather this season, and the project was considered a very timely one; since then the cold snap so long looked for has arrived, and talk about the ice manufactory has nearly subsided among the outsiders. A few days since a reporter from Mr. Conrad Selbert, who for a long number of years past, has been engaged in harvesting and selling ice hereabouts, and asked him what he thought of the ice plant scheme. He said that he thought it was a good one—one that any money could be easily made, but he thought the plan could be made a much more feasible and paying one if it had been combined with facilities for harvesting and selling ice.

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ABOUT CHEWING GUM. Growth of a Habit from a Small Start to a National Fad. THE COMPOSITION OF GUM. And how it is Prepared for Market. The Money that the Custom Costs the People Every Year—is it Beneficial or not?

The chewing and smoking of tobacco is, in origin, a peculiarly American institution. It was not long until these habits had spread over the known world. Now when civilization achieves a new conquest, the first sign of entire subjugation is the introduction of "the weed."

Not satisfied with this record, the Americans have devised another habit, which bids fair to become as general, and in much less time. A man does not have to be middle-aged to remember when the chewing gum business was in its infancy. A quarter of a century ago the hearts and shields and stars of what was most generally known as "chewing wax," were a novelty in the little candy stores. To-day no first-class confectionery or grocery is complete without samples of a half-dozen different brands of the perfected chewing gums which are a staple in the market. The opposition on the part of parents and the damaging stories told by the press of objectionable practices in the manufacture of wax, could not stem the tide, and what was originally a tabooed indulgence of children has grown to be so common a luxury as to be almost a necessity. Improved material and improved processes have contributed something to the change, but the inexorable increase of the demand has, in its turn, helped to improve the process, and made necessary a discovery of new component parts.

Recently an INTELLIGENCER reporter who was in a fashionable confectioner's shop, saw a young man, who was a leading lawyer, enter, throw down a nickel on the showcase, pick up a package of gum and depart. "Why," said the reporter, "I did not know he had any small children." "No," said the lawyer, "I have none. You are behind the times. He chews that himself." A little inquiry elicited the information that scores of men, including a few physicians, habitually chewed gum. Not only the reporter, but many of the physicians the candy dealer had named, and solicited an expression of his views on the chewing of gum. The doctor said that he had decided from theory and his own experience, that the practice was beneficial and ought to be encouraged.

"If the gum is pure—and there are plenty of pure gums on the market"—said he—"its ingredients are a base of gum which does not dissolve in chewing, from sugar, which is in large quantities, and harmless drugs. Chewing it simply increases the amount of saliva taken into the stomach, and everybody knows that saliva is one of Nature's most important digestive agents. Chewing of gum, therefore, is a very good means of indigestion. If not practiced to excess, and the gum is pure, it will not hurt anybody." This conversation was recalled the other day when the reporter met, at the Hotel Windsor, Mr. J. H. Warvel, of Dayton, Ohio, who is here introducing a new brand of chewing gum. "Interested in chewing gum?" More people are every day," said Mr. Warvel, in response to an observation by the reporter. "I have never seen a man who does not chew gum, and I have never seen a man who has anything to complain of. The base of all good gum is a Mexican natural product called 'chicki'—I suppose that is the way the Mexicans spell it—which oozes from a certain kind of tree in the country and forms in little chunks on the surface of the bark, just as peach tree gum does. This is gathered by the natives and melted and kneaded into big knots or chunks of forty and sometimes as high as eighty pounds, and shipped to this country. The gum has to be melted by steam, as too much heat would scorch and spoil it. The gum is screened to get out hard little particles of bark or earth which adhere to it, and on the thoroughness of this screening is largely dependent the superiority of one manufacturer over another. After that it is simply worked up with any desired flavor, sometimes with paraffine, linseed, chocolate, sugar, mint, alcohol, wintergreen, and many other things. It is called, calling his preparation medicated gum, and putting it on the market as a remedy for coughs and colds. The familiar 'Yucatan' gum, made by W. J. White, of Cleveland, is made of chicki, sandal and ginger, and is called 'Yucatan' because it is so smooth a gum as ours, the 'Sweet Wheat,' made by the Royal Remedy and Extract Company, of Dayton. We have been in the business six months, and now we are shipping our boxes of the thing growing. The 'California Fruit' gum is made at Elkhart, Ind. The Adamses, of New York, were the original makers of chicki gum, and made their fortune in it. It is now, however, condemned by physicians, but their later gums are all right.

"An inferior gum is made from beech-wax and paraffine, and even baster mixtures are used, but these gums can't be compared with ours, even at low prices. Ours is pure spruce gum is sometimes chewed, but it is rare in the market. I have met druggists who kept it. Really the purest and best gum to chew is the natural chicki, without any foreign ingredients. It is sometimes prescribed by physicians to be chewed after meals by persons of weak digestive powers."

"You give me any idea of the volume of our business as a whole?" "Well, last year there were \$1,500,000 worth of gum sold, and the trade increased at an incredible rate. A year or so ago raw chicki was quoted at sixteen to eighteen cents a pound; now the market price is thirty cents."

The reporter contemptively munched his gum, as he said "Thank you," and departed.

Points About the River. The river continued to fall rapidly at this point all day yesterday. The levee marks at dusk last evening showed a depth in the channel of 10 feet, indicating a fall of five feet in the preceding twenty-four hours. The steamers Time and Jim Wood, of the Pittsburgh coal fleet, passed down at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon with good sized loads of coal. The Louis A. Shirley is due to-day from Cincinnati, for which point she will leave on her return trip to-morrow afternoon. The Shirley is an admirable packet in every particular, and under the able command of Capt. Tom Hunter and Clerk Charlie Reeves, has achieved an enviable popularity all along the river. The Hudson, enroute from Pittsburgh to Cincinnati, passed down at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The Ben Hur got in from Parkersburg at 9 o'clock last night, having made an unusually quick run, and will be this morning's packet for that port.

"Are you going to the races?" "Yes, and bet on the winning horse." "No, the handsome Abdullah, he is lame. Didn't you know?" "If I whisper in your ear, he'll win. They're using Salvation Oil!"

Excursion Tickets to Pittsburgh. On February 22, the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railroad will sell excursion tickets to Pittsburgh at one fare for the round trip, good returning until February 25.

A LIVERY STABLE BURNED. At Bridgeport Last Night—The Horses and Vehicles Saved. The livery stable of John W. Hill in Bridgeport was destroyed by fire about 11 o'clock last night. A call was sent to the Wheeling fire department for aid when the blaze seemed to be getting beyond control, and the Island hose reel and the Niagara engine responded. The horses and everything of value except the feed were saved.

The cause of the fire is unknown. It is thought that it accidentally caught from some person smoking a cigar or pipe. Other houses were in danger, and it was thought at one time that the telephone exchange building would be destroyed, but the firemen fought the flames back.

The loss on the building and contents will amount to about \$2,500, which is fully covered by insurance in several Wheeling companies. MARTIN'S FERRY. The Interest in Our Politics—Personal Gossip—Sons of Veterans, etc. James Beck, of Blaine, is visiting John Nichols.

Capt. Hiram Smith returned from Pittsburgh yesterday. Mr. Clayton Hogue, of Mt. Pleasant, was in the city yesterday. Dr. and Mrs. R. O. Williams will entertain the Social Club to-night. Mrs. J. S. Naylor, of the Island, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wetherald. For Sale—The Alex Cochran property, corner of Fifth street. Apply to J. T. Hames.

The three drunks arrested on Wednesday are doing good work on the stone pile. John Hobstack, an apprentice in Spencer's machine shop, had a finger mangled yesterday. Mrs. O. R. Wood left yesterday for Terra Haute, Ind., to spend several weeks with her parents. The old folks' church to-night has been held at the U. P. Church to-night, has been postponed one week. Last Evening Ed Exley, an INTELLIGENCER carrier, drove the lamp raised by the Carpenters' Union.

Miss Jesse F. Norton, of St. Clairsville, will arrive to-day to spend several days with Miss Nellie Sedgwick. Mr. and Mrs. John G. Smith, of Mt. Pleasant, passed through town yesterday on their return from an extended Western trip. Michael Dobbins and Miss Cassie Otto were married yesterday morning in St. Martin's Church by Rev. Father S. S. Mattingly.

Six couples of young people drove out to Colerain on Wednesday evening, where they were entertained in great style by Mr. and Mrs. Henry White. "Miss Low," "Barriers Burned Away" and "An Original Belle," by E. F. Roe, in manuscript, every young man in the Postoffice News Stand. By mail, postpaid, thirty-five cents. Supply limited.

Prof. Mertz, Superintendent of the Steubenville Schools, will lecture on Washington at the High school room this evening. Every young man and woman over 16 years of age, will be admitted on Sunday afternoon. Messrs. Will Cattell and George W. Reese, who attended the Young Men's Christian Association convention at Toledo, this week, will make a full report of the meeting at the Hotel Maywood on Sunday afternoon.

Martin's Ferry Democrats are greatly gratified over Kanna's election. He was their first choice and God their second. Republicans are not so well pleased, and expect to see Gull take the Governor's chair. Mr. Kanna's election has taken great interest in the circus. Extensive preparations are being made for the Sons of Veterans' entertainment March 8. Nearly fifty persons will take part. The committee of arrangements consists of Edwin E. Sparks, R. C. Montgomery, G. A. Sedgwick, Lewis Rothmond and John W. Crooks.

BELLAIRES. All Sorts of Local News and Gossip from the Glass City. The lantern globe packers were idle yesterday. Jonathan Huffman leaves to-day for Dunkirk, Ind. Several Bellairites will take in the festivities at Wheeling to-day. H. B. Eberline and wife will visit Pittsburgh friends to-morrow. Beer's "Lost in London" will be the next attraction at the Elysian. Col. J. F. Charlesworth, of St. Clairsville, was here yesterday on business. There are being shipped from here now an immense quantity of fruit jars. Yard Master Romick, of the Cleveland & Pittsburgh railroad, is on the sick list. H. Ream, a prominent butcher of Wheeling, was down yesterday on business.

Wanted. The Benwood ferry boat on this side sank Wednesday night and was raised yesterday. Mr. Sonneborn shipped the remaining stock from his store here to Peoria, Ill., yesterday. Several "White Cap" notices have been presented to the papers here for publication. A full train of potters' clay left here this week for the different potteries at East Liverpool. Superintendent Bradley, of the Western Union Telegraph Company, was here yesterday on business. A prominent man formerly of this city, but recently a traveling man, with a family living in this State, has become engaged recently to an estimable young lady of a town west of here, on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. There is trouble brewing. Rev. Mr. Bowers will leave shortly for Los Angeles, California, to make that country his future home. Calvin Able's funeral was largely attended yesterday. Rev. N. S. Hoge conducted the services at the house, and the Masons at the grave. There is a big break in the water main on Thirty-seventh street. This is a bad time for such breaks, the water freezing as fast as it runs out. The Lewis "Monte Cristo" company passed through here yesterday from Zanesville to Wellsville, O., and Cleveland, via the Cleveland and Pittsburgh. O. Cummins was severely burned on the head by explosion of natural gas at his home above town yesterday morning. He was not aware that the stove was full of gas. The members of the School Board were arrested on warrants for violation of the time ordinance and were before the Mayor, but were released on their own recognizance, the trial being set for Thursday, the 28th. "Jim, the Pennan," to-night. The man who loads an open life of virtue, and at the same time a hidden life of crime, is often disclosed in fact and fiction. He reappears dramatically in Sir Charles Young's play, "Jim, the Pennan," to be given at the Open House this evening. In his false pretension a benevolent and beloved English country gentleman, in his real life he is the leader of a gang of forgers. His audacious deceit is highly proper in the opening of the drama; but there comes into the scene a man from whom, years before, by means of his singular skill in penmanship, he has taken a sweetener to wed, and later, through an admitted forgery, a large fortune. The robbery, however, is a tricked wife become suspicious and a disguised detective does clever work. The end is exposure and a most dramatic death. The brief statement of the theme suggests a coarse, hackneyed plot, but the play is a most successful entertainment for refined, intellectual and fashionable people. Much of this good effect is because, along with the interest in the three older characters runs a love affair of a young couple. "Peck's Bad Boy." Plays, or alleged plays, of the same name as this, have frequently been given here, but never until last night was there enough in the comedy to justify anybody in sitting it out. The Atkinson Comedy Company, which opened at the Grand last evening, gives an entertainment full of amusing and enjoyable features. The bad boy is a very like one, and his claim equally true to nature. Both are really boys, boys of Fleming and Kaveney. The rest of the company is capable, and especially deserving of praise is Miss Marie Heath, the bad boy's girl. The piece abounds in wit, and his claim equally true to nature. Few musical farce-comedies ever seen here are as deserving of patronage and commendation. People who think they have seen this play are mistaken