

SOMEBODY
Will Always Knock
Against a Rising and
Successful Man,
Said Gen. Dick, In Defense
of Col. Roosevelt.
President McKinley Will be
Renominated.
Akron Congressman Home For the
Holidays.

Gen. Chas. F. Dick returned home from Washington, D. C., at noon Thursday. In the afternoon he went to Canton and Ravenna, and again returned to Akron Thursday evening. He will remain in Akron until January 2, when he will return to Washington to be present at the re-opening of Congress, January 3. "I will enjoy the holiday season with my family," said he to a reporter for the DEMOCRAT, "and procure as much rest as possible."
Briefly reviewing the political field, Gen. Dick said: "There's no doubt of McKinley's renomination for president. He will be unanimously nominated by acclamation at the National convention to be held at Philadelphia June 19, 1900."
"Men already spoken of as candidates for vice president are C. N. Bliss, of New York, ex-member of the cabinet; Governor Theodore Roosevelt, of New York, and Timothy Woodruff, lieutenant-governor of the same state; Illinois Root, Secretary of War, and John D. Long, Secretary of the Navy. I am not prepared to say which one of these men will make the strongest fight."
Regarding the talk relative to Governor Roosevelt's now being as
Continued on Third Page.

P. H. Schneider & Co.
Largest Exclusive Dry Goods Store in the City.

Holiday Goods Galore!

If you don't know just what to get for gifts come to our store, many things from our large assortment will appeal to your good taste. If you do know just what, you will likely find it here.

**SPECIAL VALUES IN
Kid Gloves, At \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50
Choice Assortment.**

P. H. SCHNEIDER & CO.
152-157 South Howard Street.

We have a splendid new stock of

PIANOS

Which arrived yesterday. All the beautiful woods.

**SQUARES
\$25, \$35,
\$45 & \$75**

**A. B. Smith
220 S. Main St.**

**LOOK OUT
FOR
Bargains
SATURDAY AT
Martin's
IN
PIANOS
Walsh Block Main St.**

**TRIED TO END
His Existence With an
Old Razor.**

**Desperate Attempt at Suicide Made by
A Youngstown Man.**

A stranger, about 60 years of age, made a desperate attempt to take his own life at the Union depot at 7:15 o'clock Friday morning. The man is supposed to be Uriah Hallden of Youngstown, Ohio.

The instrument used was a razor. A two-inch gash was made in the right side of his neck near the jugular vein. The man came from Cleveland at 11 o'clock Thursday night upon the Valley train. He was to have gone east over the B. & O. road at 6 o'clock Friday morning. In some way he missed his train and an hour later he repaired to the toilet room and committed the rash act.

The unfortunate man was first found by Train Master Edward O'Neil. Mr. O'Neil noticed blood upon the floor under an inner door. He asked the cause of the blood. The man replied "I have the nose bleed." The great profusion of blood, however, caused Mr. O'Neil to suspect something more serious. He burst in the door and found the man already growing weak from the loss of blood. The razor lay upon the floor. The victim refused to divulge his name and Parks' ambulance at once removed the man to the hospital, where his wounds were dressed by Dr. T. C. Parks.

Several papers were found upon the person of the stranger, and from these the above name and address were found. A certificate from the Star Albion fraternal order was made out to that address, and a bill of \$12.61 from the Morris Hardware company, of Youngstown, against Uriah Hallden, were among the papers. It is believed that Hallden will recover.

Kid gloves, the best on earth, for \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50.
P. H. Schneider Co.

Visit the great jewelry sale on first floor, if you want cheap and desirable Christmas presents.
M. O'Neil & Co.

Matinee dance at XX Century hall Christmas afternoon at 2 o'clock. 75c per couple. Ladies 50c.
W. F. STICKLE.

Bachel property, on Water street between Exchange and Bowers, for sale at private sale. Appraised at \$1,350.00. Can be sold at \$900-\$1000 down, \$800 in one year and \$500 in two years, 6 per cent interest, secured by mortgage.
F. M. ATTERHOLT, Assignee,
Akron Sav's Bank Bldg.
Dec 19-1 wk

**Just One
Day More,
THEN
Christmas**

Have you completed your purchases? No? You don't know what to buy? Come and see us, we can help you. We are receiving daily accessions to our stock in all departments, so have lots of new things to show.

Center Table
Just in, a lot of Mahogany and Golden Oak Tables.

Parlor Furniture
2 and 3 piece Suits, odd Divans and Rockers, Parlor Cabinets.

Library Furniture
Desks, Book Cases, Leather Couches, Leather Chairs and Rockers, Library Tables.

Lamps
We today receive and place on sale a large invoice of Lamps which replenish some very popular lines that we have been out of for a few days.

**Odd Dressers
Chiffoniers**
Golden Oak, Mahogany, Birds Eye Maple, an immense stock, all prices.

Couches
These make most elegant presents, and we can please you. Our stock is immense and prices right.

Rugs
There is nothing finer than a choice rug for a gift, and we can please you in that line.

Music Cabinets
We have a choice line of them.

Pictures and Mirrors
We show an extensive assortment of these, all sizes and prices.

**Rockers and Arm
Chairs**

You will find on our floor the choicest variety ever shown in Akron. Lots of new ones received yesterday and today, the finest we have had this season.

**BURDETTE L.
DODGE,**
Seller of everything to furnish a home,
South Howard street.

QUEER

That City Lost Case.

**Such Sturdy Efforts Made
to Win It.**

**Solicitor Esgate's Mar-
velous Affidavit.**

**He Told Manager Carney to be
Good**

**And the Manager Said He Would—
That's About All.**

The DEMOCRAT's dispatch from Cleveland yesterday, to the effect that the suit to test the validity of the Central Union Telephone company's franchise had finally been decided against the city, is causing a great many of Akron's leading citizens who were interested in the telephone controversy, to wonder how it happened.

A local business man who has been prominent in the citizens' contest for lower telephone rates and better service, says that while the turn affairs have taken in court will not affect the status of the telephone controversy in the least, as the C. U. company would have continued in business here, franchise or no franchise, it is interesting to note how certain city officials, and notably three of the City Commissioners, apparently "laid down" on the case after it had been begun and the city had been put to a large expense in its prosecution.

The following lucid affidavit, filed by Solicitor Esgate in behalf of the city, shows the heavy style of argument that was expected to win the case for the telephone users:

In the Circuit Court of the U. S., Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division.

The City of Akron, Complainant,
vs.
Central Union Telephone Company,
Affidavit of Osborne Esgate, City Solicitor, Akron, Ohio.

Osborn Esgate being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the duly elected, qualified and acting City Solicitor for said plaintiff; that upon the 25th day of May, 1899, affiant, in company with Hughlin H. Harrison, as chief of police of said city of Akron, Ohio, went to Maiden Lane alley, in the rear of the building now being constructed by the Central Union Telephone company, where he found excavations or trenches being dug in said Maiden Lane alley, which trenches or excavations extended from Maiden Lane alley into Mill street; that the stone pavement in Mill street had been removed; that he approached a person in charge of the men digging said trenches and making said excavations to whom he said:

"Are you the boss of this gang?"
To which said person replied:
"Yes."

Said affiant then asked said person if those trenches were being dug for the purpose of laying conduits for the Central Union Telephone Company, to which said person replied:
"Yes."

Affiant then asked said person if said trenches were being made under the direction of the Central Union Telephone Company, to which said person replied:
"Yes."

Said affiant then directed said H. H. Harrison, as Chief of Police, to notify said person in charge of said gang to immediately cease work, to which said person asked of H. H. Harrison, if he had any papers to serve, and if

Continued on Eighth Page.

Visit the great jewelry sale on first floor, if you want cheap and desirable Christmas presents.
M. O'Neil & Co.

Open Monday, Xmas Morning Until Noon.

Open Evenings "The Big Store of Little Prices" Open Evenings

J. J. BRASAEMLE'S
5c & 10c Store

Don't Wait For the Last Note

Of the last horn. It'll sound soon, and then there'll be nothing but hurry and scurry and jamming and crowding, and we can't wait on you half as well as we want to, and you won't be able to have your as much attention as you deserve. Today's crowd will be greater than yesterday's was, and tomorrow's throng will be greater than today's. As the days pass so does choice.

TOYS: Choose Now

This is the biggest and best toy store in the city. It is full of holiday specials, and to share these you should be EARLY.

DINNER SETS WORK BASKETS ROCKING HORSES ROCKING CHAIRS WINE SETS TOY TABLES CHAMBER SETS FINE LINE JAP. GOODS ALL KINDS RUBBER TOYS	CUPS AND SAUCERS RUBBER BALLS EMB. HANDKERCHIEFS BIQUE VASES TOY BEES A.B.C. BLOCKS BOX LETTER PAPER ALL KINDS GLASSWARE LITTLE AND BIG DOLLS
---	---

Don't fail to visit our Household Department, second floor for holiday bargains. Special prices to churches and lodges. Goods delivered to all parts of the city.

J. J. BRASAEMLE'S
5c and 10c Store
P. R. Smith's Old Stand
Telephone 138 118 SOUTH HOWARD ST., Akron, O.

**Holiday Slippers..
Trunks and Bags.**

S. E. PHINNEY & CO.
114 S. Main St.

The Upham-Brouse Co.

When you are buying Christmas Gifts
remember

That Wife of Yours

Would be delighted with

A Pattern

of our fine

Dress Goods

The Upham-Brouse Co.

Matinee dance at XX Century hall Christmas afternoon at 2 o'clock. 75c per couple. Ladies 50c.
W. F. STICKLE.
Handkerchiefs by the thousands, from 25c to 45c each, very attractive styles and special bargains.
P. H. Schneider Co.

M. O'NEIL & CO.

Shoe Department

Main Floor, South Annex

Everything New and

Up-to-Date.

PRICES AS LOW as our DRY GOODS, etc

Shoes for Men, Women and Children.
Slippers, Rubbers, Etc.

We would like you to learn of the leather that has revolutionized the shoe trade of the world—"VICI KID," the genuine made only by Robt. H. Foerderer, and of "VICI DRESSING" also made by him.



Vici Dressing and Polish.....

Is preservative of leather. It prolongs the life of shoes and makes them look like new. A lady's maid demonstrates the superior merits of VICI POLISH and DRESSING this evening and all day tomorrow, and gives a polish to everybody **FREE!**

M. O'NEIL & CO.

Something to Wear is always Acceptable
**To the Sterner Sex
LADIES**

Come to us and your task will be made easy in selecting a

Suitable Gift

Out of the

Immense Variety

Fancy Silk Vests

Mufflers, Oxfords and English Squares
Neckwear, the Most Fashionable Effects

Silk Lined Gloves, Kid and Mochas

Initial, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs

Smoking Jackets, Bath Robes

Dress Suit Protectors

Silk Suspender\$, Fancy Hose

Night Robes, Underwear

Boys' Suits, Reefers and Ulsters

Mackintoshes For Men and Boys

J. Koch & Co.