******* **Short State Items** ********

Elyria.-Mrs. Mary L. Cushing, 62, wife of Dr. Charles F. Cushing. Elyria's veteran physician, is dead. Recently she had a bad fall.

Cleveland .- Attorney J. J. Leisey, aged 45, was found dead at the of W. Eichenberger, stop 45, Lake Shore Electric. Heart fallure is supposed to have caused his death.

Marion.-Fire starting in the Grand opera house gutted that structure and a stable across the alley in the rear, causing a loss of \$75,000 with \$14,000 insurance.

Ottawa.-Charlie Leinsetter, aged 40, and a juryman living five miles west of Leipsic, fell down the haymow at his home, killing himself. He leaves a widow. Court was not in session and he had gone home.

Warren .- A work train and a lo cal freight train on the Pennsylvania short line collided near Lordstown. Twenty cars were piled up and demolished and 40 foreign workmen were more or less injured but none seriously.

Alliance.-Mrs. Salina Baldwin was almost instantly killed by an eastbound passenger train on Pennsylvania railroad as she was crossing the tracks. The aged woman was on her way to town and tried to rescue a dog that was following her and which she believed would be run down by the train.

Cincinnati.-Four thousand fraudulent votes were cast at the last election in Cincinnati and Hamilton county, according to charges which were formally made by the defeated Democratic candidates for the general assembly. A formal notice of contest of the seats was served upon the Republicans. It is understood that the matter will be taken before local magistrates and that the testimony in the cases will begin about Decem ber 19. An appeal will be made to the legislature to send a committee to Cincinnati and investigate.

Conneaut.-The mystery of thirteen fires which have baffled the police department and also the fire department during the past two weeks has been solved. State Fire Marshal L. Peebles of Youngstown, who has been working on the case caused the arrest of William Thomas, a 16-yearold shoolboy of this city, on the charge of arson. After a five-hour grueling the boy said: "I set the buildings on fire just to see the fire department make the runs."

Bellefontaine.-While driving stubborn mule Chris Glass of Pleasant Hill became incensed at the animal and attempted to strike it with a piece of gas pipe. Missing the mule, his hand struck the top of a post, mashing one of his fingers and crushing the joint.

Bridgeport.—Samuel Moore mother owe their lives to the family dog, which discovered the house afire and ran yelping to the bedroom door of his master and barked till he was awakened.

Columbus .- Steve Scott, under sentence to be electrocuted at the penitentlary December 31, may be found innocent of the crime of murder proved against him. Charles Jones of Miami county, an accomplice of Scott's who turned state's evidence in the case and was sentenced to 20 years for manslaughter, has confessed that he and not Scott committed the crime, it was announced here. The men were convicted of killing Giuseppi Kasmentlo, a Syrian eddler. The confession was sworn to before a notary public and will be presented to the court.

Marion.-John Dawson of Martel, the aged man who was reported having been found frozen to death by section men along the T. & O. C. railway, denies that he is dead. Dawson says that he is qualified to speak on the subject and that he is very much alive. The facts are that Dawson had been at New Winchester and started to walk to his home in Martel. He lay down to take a nap on the way and when the section men found him the next morning he was stiff and they supposed him dead. He subsequently thawed out

Sandusky .- Stephen C. Bolton, an Elmore baker, whose involuntary in bankruptcy was received by Claude B. DeWitt, local referee in bankruptcy, declares his financial troubles are the result of his failure to make the holes in his dough nuts big enough. He turned out more doughnuts than anything else and built up quite a trade on them. He found, too late, however, that his profit was lost in the dough that filled the places where the holes ought to

Oberlin.—The trail of poverty stricken bank depositors left by the late Cassle Chadwick, who died in the Ohio penitentiary a few years ago, claimed its fifth victim, when Mrs. Louis Marshall, 67, one of the oldest alumni of Oberlin college and a prominent club woman went to the Massillon state hospital. The loss of her fortune in the wrecking of the Citizen's National bank here was responsible, the doctors told Judge Hinman, for Mrs. Marshall's condition.

Marysville.-As the result of a se vere beating he asserts received at the hands of an irate father, Lord Blake, teacher of the grammar grade of the Peoria schools, is laid up at the home of his parents near Flat Branch. The beating took place on the streets of Peoria, and is said to have been administered by Charles M. Wills. It is reported that Blake had given Frank Wills, 15-year-old son of Mr. Wills, a severe whipping for an alleged infraction of the rules in the school room. The father met the teacher, and the latter, he says, gave bim an impudent answer.

Firmness Not Stubbornness. There is a vast difference between stubbornness and decision, between firmness and what is termed "pig-headedness." The decided man has thought out his course and sticks to it for good reasons. The stubborn man insists on having his way merely because it is his way.

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\$29.90 for \$37.50 to \$42.50 suits.

\$35.90 for \$45.00 to \$49.50 suits.

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Silk Hose, wide hem top, all silk or with lisle sole-the famous Onyx and Kayser brands, black or white, \$1.50.

Heavy Silk Hose, black or white, wide hem tops, Onyx and Kayser brands, \$1.75.

Kayser's "Wonderfoot" black Silk Stockings, \$2.00. Kayser's extra quality black Silk Hose, four ply toes, \$2.50. Dainty silk embroidered Silk Hose, \$1.75 to \$4.25.

Misses' black Silk Hose \$1.00.

Gentlemen who wish to purchase women's silk hose for gifts, but who prefer men to wait upon them, will be accommodated if they call at the men's section.

Ho! for the Handkerchiefs

The Handkerchiefs have all been moved to their holiday quarters-west aisle, at first cross aisle, just adjoining the Knit Underwear Section.

The almost limitless selection will please every taste.

All sorts of fancy and plain handkerchiefs for men, women, and children.

Men's Pure Linen 'Kerchiefs at 10c, 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c. Women's Plain Pure Linen—5c, 10c, 15c, 25c, 35c.

Children's Boxed 'Kerchiefs, three in fancy box, cotton at 15c, linen at 25c.

Boys' Initial Linen Handkerchiefs, 15c each.

Men's Pure Linen with initials, 85c, \$1.43 and \$2.75 the half dozen.

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Keiser Neckwear For Women

At this store only will you see these exclusive, delightfully dainty styles of Keiser Neckwear. A Keiser neck piece is indeed a happy gift-thought.

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Pretty Ribbons For Xmas Uses

For gifts and for making dainty gift things Ribbons are highly interesting just now.

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Holly and Poinsettia Ribbons, 4c to 35c the yard. Narrow silk Taffeta Ribbons, all colors, from baby ribbon to 7 inch, 2c to 35c yard.

Satin Taffeta Ribbons, No. 1 to 7 inch, 3c to 50c yard.

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Moire Silk Ribbons, 51/2 inch, 25c. All sorts of Poinsettia Holiday Ribbons.

Men's Silk Sox---39c

These are firsts—the regular fifty cent quality—offered at 39c because of a manufacturer's error in shipping us twice the quantity ordered.

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