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The earth is God's: How through her vales
The azare streams rejoicing roll.
As if they filled her mighty veins,
And she had an adoring soul!
The forest-organs sound His march;
The mountains towering vast and dim,
Strive with their great dumb lips to shout
A song of worship unto Him.

The sea is God's: Her great white hands
Before His brow in worship neet,
And all the minstrel-billows bend
In solemn song around his feet.
O grandly to their ancient chant
The coral halls responsive cry,
As He on His red car of storms
Comes thundering through the cloven sky!

The sky is God's: How sweetly fall
The anthems of the Pleiades,
Arcturus and vast Mazzoroth
In answer to the sounding seas!
And terribly the choring stars
Through trembling space proclaim His worth;
Yet radiantly the rainbows keep
His deathless promise to the Earth.

The Universe is God's: Long He
In meditation sat alone,
While o'er His brow the awful cloud
Of His own brooding thought was thrown
But He unveiled His brow, and lo! From chaos moaned away the curse And like a mirror to His face It sparkled back the Universe.

ALEXANDER H. COFFROTH, WILLIAM H. KOONTZ.

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Elections, made the following

pers relating to the election in the Sixteenth Congressional District of Pennsylvania "with instructions to report, at as early a day as practicable, which of the rival claimants to the vacant seat from that district has the prima facie right thereto, reserving to the other party the privilege of contesting the case upon the merits, without prejudice from lapse of time or want of notice," having considered the said certificates and papers so referred, that Alexander and papers so referred, that Alexander H. Coffroth and William H. Koontz statute makes no provision for any such each claims to have the *prima facie* right to the vacant seat in question, and each not appear by the said statute that, in

By the general election law of Pennsylvania, (Purdon's Digest, 8th ed. 1853, en in each county for representative in OHN PALMER, ATTORNEY AT pages 287, 288, 289, 293, sections 59, 60, 63, 64, 65, and 113,) when two or more to all business entrusted to his care.

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secretary of the Commonwealth.

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The sixteenth congressional district of Pennsylvania is composed of the counties of Adams, Bedford, Franklin,

26, 1864, declaring the names of the per- the counties of the district. sons returned as elected in the congressional districts in said State, omitted to declare the name of any person as returned elected in the sixteenth district, quired by law, (section 65) being the appears from the certified copy of said proclamation accompanying this in the omission apparent on the face of report, (paper I,) referred to the committee, but states therein "that no such returns of the election in the sixteenth seat. The certificate of Mr. Koontz A similar opinion, as to the power of a metority of the return judges to act returns of the election in the sixteenth congressional district have been sent to (paper 15) being signed, as we have the secretary of the Commonwealth, as seen, by persons not legal return judg-would, under the act of assembly of es, is, of course, wholly illegal and July 2, A. D. 1839, authorize me to pro- void. claim the name of any person as having BUPP, SHANNON & CO., BANK- United States for that district? Said United States for that district." Said

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mously of opinion that the persons signing the said return in favor of Mr.

day, but the Koontz board a little ear-lier in the day than the other, both on the day and at the place fixed by law. Four of the five legal return judges, therefore, being found to have certified (paper 4) that Mr. Coffroth had receiv-d 14.75 votes and Mr. Koontz 162. lier in the day than the other, both on the day and at the place fixed by law. Four of the five legal return judges, and is undisputed by the claimant, but the soldiers' vote of Bedford county is certified (paper 8,) by all of the return judges, and is undisputed by the claimant, but the soldiers' vote of Bedford county is certified (paper 8,) by all of the return judges, and is undisputed by the claimant, but the soldiers' vote of Bedford county is certified (paper 8,) by all of the return judges, and is undisputed by the claimant, but the soldiers' vote of Bedford county is certified (paper 8,) by all of the return judges, and is undisputed by the claimant but the soldiers' vote of Bedford county is certified (paper 8,) by all of the return judges, and is undisputed by the claimant but the soldiers' vote of Bedford county is certified (paper 8,) by all of the return judges, and is undisputed by the claimant but the soldiers' vote of Bedford county is certified (paper 8,) by all of the return judges, and is undisputed by the claimant but the soldiers' vote of Bedford county is certified (paper 8,) by all of the return judges, and is undisputed by the claimant but the soldiers' vote of Bedford county is certified (paper 8,) by all of the return judges, and is undisputed by the claimant but the soldiers' vote of Bedford county is certified (paper 8,) by all of the return judges, and is undisputed by the claimant but the soldiers' vote of Bedford county is certified by a majority of the return judges, and is undisputed by the claimant but the soldiers' vote of Bedford county is certified by a majority of the return judges, and is undisputed by the claimant but the soldiers' vote of Bedford county is certified by the claimant by the resolution of the House effering and the table borne in mind that by the resolution of the House referring and the table borne in mind that by the return judges, (paper 9,) as 318 for the return judges, (paper 9,) as 318 for the return judges and at the committee, the committee, the co clared duly and legally elected a member of the House of Representatives of the United States," and that he had been awarded a certificate of election, it is difficult to explain why this return thus made and certified by these return judges, does not show a *prima facie* right in Mr. Coffroth to the seat in question.

But it is claimed on the part of Mr. Koontz, that the said return shows on January 26, 1866.—Laid on the table its face that the county of Somerset was not included by the said return judges in the count, and, therefore, that the MR. UPSON, from the Committee of return is void, though it also appears lections, made the following in the return, and also in the opinion of REPORT.

The Committee of Elections, to whom were referred the certificates and all papers relating to the election in the Six-day of the meeting, and was notified day of the meeting, and was notified to the action of the meeting and was notified day of the meeting. thereof, but neglected or refused to at-

The Attorney General, in his opinion, (page 32,) also takes this position, and claims that the district judges ought to have adjourned over, and referred to duplicate originals of the returns for Somerset county, which he says were accessible in the office of the prothonotary of said county of Somerset.

office.

OHN P. REED, ATTORNEY AT son before the committee and also by LAW, BEDFORD, PA. Respectfully tenders attorney, and been heard in support of his respective claim.

Composed of several counties, any such duplicate original is required to be filled in each of the counties of the district, but the original statement of votes given

office of representatives in Congress in said district, and of the name of the ing in direct violation of law, and in

post office, sealed and directed to the that he shall in fact be placed in a better position than if said judge had done The said return judges are also requiring his duty; for it appears that if the actific the counties of Franklin, Bedford, Somed (section 65) to transmit to the person elected to serve in Congress a certificate of his election, within five days after said board and added to the other re-On the receipt of the election of memon the receipt of the election of memon the receipt of the election of memon the board and included the Bedford county in their computation, the result would return of soldiers' votes, a copy of bers of the House of Representatives of still have been the same, and in favor

The aggregate returns before the

follows:	would	then hav	e been a
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Adams,		2,707	2,36
Bedford,		2,504	2,03
Franklin,		3,457	3,50
Fulton,		807	56
Somerset,		1,592	2,51
Total,		11,067	10,97

In addition to this we have also the seen, by persons not legal return judg-

It is difficult to perceive the correctjudges as the legal board and competent act of July 2, 1839, is the law hereinbe-fore referred to. fore referred to.

Neither of the claimants, then, having any prima facie right to the seat, emittances promptly made. REAL ESTATE length and sold.

Neither of the claimants, then, having any prima facie right to the seat, under the governor's proclamation, the committee next proceeded to examine long the returns from his county.

The return certified by the majority by said judges from the returns from the several counties therein.

Certainly embraces the counties of Adams, Bedford, Franklin, and Fulton, The committee found among the pa- and is an official certificate of all the re-

committee and admitted in evidence, so far as the statement of facts therein given is concerned, for their consideration and action in determining the question and action in determining a prima facie right to a seat the same rule would seem applicable to and binding upon the Committee of Electrons and the prima facie right to a seat the same rule would seem applicable to and binding upon the Committee of Electrons and the prima facie right to a seat the same rule would seem applicable to and binding upon the Committee of Electrons and action in determining the question and action action and action and action and action and action tion of the prima facie right of the claimants to the vacant seat.

Aided by the light thus thrown upon the case, the committee were unanimously of opinion that the persons signing the said return in favor of Mr. Koontz were not the legally constituted board of return judges of each county in the district, which returns were not board of return judges for said district, separately before the governor. It

The home vote of Bedford county is

Adams county certify to the returns of votes cast in that county, including the soldiers' vote, (paper II,) giving Coffroth 2,707 votes, and Koontz 2,366.

The minority sign another return, purporting to include the home vote and the soldiers' vote, (paper 13,) but nothing appears on the face of the majority return, from either Adams or Bedford county, to show but what they

same county of the home vote and the majority return of the whole vote in Bedford county, and the unanimous return of the return judgesfrom Franklin, Fulton and Somerset, and on the face of those returns the vote is as follows,

viz:		
	Coffroth.	Koontz
Adams,	2,707	2,366
Bedford,	2,504	2,058
Franklin,	3,457	3,508
Fulton,	807	538
Somerset,	1,592	2,513
	11,067	10,979

judges of these several counties composing the sixteenth congressional district, it will be seen, is 88, and he still

has the prima facie right to the seat. But it is claimed on the part of Mr. Koontz that all the return judges in each county must sign anacertify the returns of that county; that the judges must act as a unit, and that if they do not so unite in signing the certificate, the certificate is void and the return invalid. A similar position was taken by a democratic district board of return judges of the counties of Funklin, Fulton, Bedford and Somerset, composing the

the fact of their action in regard to it. The governor referred the matter to

"The district return judges of the sixteenth judicial district, composed of which they annex, and they assign as the reason for not including it that said

the whole number. "The reason assigned for not including and intent of the act, preserve the purt this return is palpably insufficient. As ity of elections, and properly guard the this house as a representative from the authority of the return judges concerns matters of a public nature, a majority may act at a meeting lawfully assembled, and their meeting is presumed to The governor of Pennsylvania, in his proclamation of the date of December the face of the official returns from all be lawful in the absence of proof to the contrary.—The clause of the 79th secjudges present, does not govern the present case; and if it did, it would, 1st, be construed as directory merely; and, official certificate of his election, which | 2d, it would be presumed that the return was signed by all the judges pres-

a majority of the return judges to act in certifying returns, is given by said attorney general in the paper hereinbe-fore referred to, (paper 32,) and the ma-jority of the committee fully concur in this opinion of the said attorney general of Pennsylvania, and consider a return, certified by a majority of the county return judges, as a good and valid return. In the case of the judges above referred to, the governor, acting upon the opinion submitted to him by upon the opinion submitted to him by the attorney general, counted the vote the secretary of the Commonwealth, considering said certificate as valid under the law of Pennsylvania, and as showing a prima facie right in Mr. King to the seat; and he accordingly awarded it to him by issuing to him the pers so referred to them two papers, turns presented, and of the aggregate (papers 2 and 4,) each on its face purreturns, of votes from these counties; ded it to him by issuing to him the returns, of votes from these counties;

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right to the seat, may not only go be- in relation to the certifying, signing, hind these returns from Adams and Bedford, but also in effect behind the unanimous returns of all the other counties of Franklin, Fulton and Somerset, so far as the soldiers' vote is con- also on this point the case of Blair vs.

The statement of such a proposition on an investigation of this kind would seem to be sufficient for its own reputation. It would be attempting to hear the case on the merits, without giving appointed that the return was invalid, and other the case on the merits, without giving appointed that the return was invalid, and the case of company C. 202d headed by Fred Dugallass and George T. Dowling, who, I bleve formally kep an oister shop in Broad street, New York, and was sumwhat distinguished Koontz were not the legally constituted board of return judges for said district, and had no lawful authority to make any such return, and that the four persons signing the said return in favor of Mr. Coffroth were a majority of the legal return judges, and the only lawful board.

In the district, which returns were not the legally constituted separately before the governor. In the case on the merits, without giving the claimants the opportunity of presenting the return, judges unite in certifying the senting their evidence in full, would be senting their evidence in full, would be utterly disregarding all credentials, and before the committee that on his hearing of a claim to the prima facie right to the seat, neither of them could go officers and a claim founded on the merits, without giving the claimants the opportunity of presenting their evidence in full, would be utterly disregarding all credentials, and obligashins to the blacks and tans of the South. Butler, the Bottleman, pany 1, 210th regiment (paper 35,) do not show that two of the judges of the South. Butler, the Bottleman, pany 1, 210th regiment (paper 35,) do not show that two of the judges of the seath of the same behind any one of these three returns of company 1, 210th regiment (paper 35,) do not show that two of the judges of the South. Butler, the Bottleman, looked in at the White House about the officers and a claim founded on the merits, without giving the claimants the opportunity of presenting their evidence in full, would be utterly disregarding all credentials, and the claimants each admitted before the committee that on his hearing of a claim to the prima facie right on the certificates and papers from the proper certifying the claimants are also Howard vs to senting the return was invalid, (sections 4 and 4,) the law expressly results and 4,) the law expressly results and 4,) the law expressly results and 4,) the claimants in the claimants the opportunity of presents and 4,) the law expressly results and 4,) the claimant the claimants

Adams county certify to the returns of votes east in that county, including the of the claimants themselves before the committee; but only those papers are ticipating in the election, indicating to be considered which come from the proper certifying officers, and which those officers are authorized by law to bring the electors within any of the facts to bring the electors within any of the make, and also which are pertinent to the case.

Judges present for each of said counties.

Taking the majority return of the soldiers' vote in Bedford, and add to the return of the whole board of the pears in relation to the rejection of any pears in relation to the rejection of any soldiers' votes; and those who allege of election were sworn, and in either

of Bedford county improperly rejected and residence are given—four from or omitted to count two of the returns Franklin county, one from York, and Coffroth's majority, on the face of these certified returns from the return rejected or failed to count eight of the returns (papers 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 30) of soldiers' votes for that county; and that if these votes had been counted he would have had a majority of the votes for representative in Con- for Koontz, would not, if it had been

informality in the manner of carrying be the safest guides in weighing of this act shall invalidate any election | nature. held under the same, or authorize the return thereof to be rejected," &c., yet the add there are many other provisions in regard to the manner of holding the elecving the oaths administered to them before entering upon their duties, the

exercise of the elective franchise. The very language of the section quoted—"No mere informality," &c., (secbe lawful in the absence of proof to the contrary.—The clause of the 79th section of the act of 1839, providing that the returns shall be signed by all the later than the properties of the papers themselves. In the passage of this resolution, a particular statement of the passage of this resolution, a particular statement of the grounds of said contest, and that the said Coffiction on the face of the papers themselves. In they amazin confidence in the peepil."

I heve amazin confidence in the peepil." Good for him, warnt it? And his confidence is ent missplaced.

I understand the Rads air perfeckly serve upon the said Koontz his answer. then the rturns are to be rejected, or set asside at least until an investigation is and that both parties be allowed sixty had on a contest on the merits. ford county, of an election claimed to have been held at Barracks No 1, Sol- notice of intention to examine witness diers' Rest, Washington, D. C., shows on the poll-book the names of only forty-eight electors as voting, which

list is certified by the clerks and judges as correct; and yet the same clerks and between the close of taking it at one judges of election return an aggregate place and its commencement at anoth-hasent got a hull gang of mercynary of eighty-seven votes as cast for representative in Congress, or thirty-nine more votes than electors voting, which is manifestly an absurd and illegal return, and should not and could not have been counted by the county return judges. The return also gives no company or regiment (section 7) to which the soldiers belong, nor states any facts or thus certified by the majority of the country return judges, a copy of it being contained in the return certified to to every indication the emigration to

iment, (paper 19,) shows only thirty-six not likely to happen. Germany, accordelectors from Bedford county, while ing to recent dispatches transmitted to the return gives fifty six votes for representative in Congress. If it be claimal a larger emigration than has reached

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Barrett, Bartlett's Contested Election Cases, page 315, and cases there cited.) that might be adduced by either claimant in support of his claim. [See ase of Jayne vs Todd, vol. 1, p. 1, Reports of Committees, 1st session 38th Congress.]

The law (sections stand 19) (explicit spaces) and 19) (explicit spaces) are the law (sections stand 19) (explicit spaces) and 19) (explicit spaces) are the law (sections stand 19) (ex ters, shall vote at such poll. The return shows officers of both companies parexceptional clauses of the statute, sections 2, 31, and 36.) The returns for

nothing appears on the face of the majority return, from either Adams or Bedford county, to show but what they constitute the whole board of return judges present for each of said counties.

Taking the majority return of the soldiers' vote in Bedford, and add to else that neither of the judges or clerks soldiers' votes; and those who allege such rejection are compelled to look outside of these certificates and returns and resort to papers and statements, which are not legitimate evidence on this investigation, and which, without further proof, would few, if any of them, be evidence of themselves on hearing of a contest on the merits.

It is claimed on the part of Mr. Koontz that the county board of return judges of Bedford county improperly rejected (papers 19, 20, and 21) of soldiers' votes | thirty-nine from Adams county-while

gress, cast in the district.

While the committee are clear in their opinion that on this examination of the committee are observed by the committee are clear in their opinion that on this examination of the committee are observed by the committee are clear in their opinion that on this examination of the committee are clear in their opinion that on this examination of the committee are clear in their opinion that on this examination of the committee are clear in their opinion that on this examination of the committee are clear in their opinion that on this examination of the committee are clear in their opinion that on this examination of the committee are clear in their opinion that on this examination of the committee are clear in their opinion that on this examination of the committee are clear in their opinion that on this examination of the committee are clear in their opinion that on this examination of the committee are clear in their opinion that on this examination of the committee are clear in their opinion that on this examination of the committee are clear in their opinion that on this examination of the committee are clear in the clear in th opinion that on this examination of the matter specifically referred to them in this case they have no right to go behind the official returns of the proper certifying officers, and especially not behind the returns of the county return judges, and that those certificates and returns in this case show that Mr. Coffroth has in this case show that Mr. Coffroth has the principal facility of many of these objections might be reised but the forgoing are instanced as apparent on a first inspection. How many of these objections might be removed by other evidence on a full hearing upon the merits the committee are not now called upon to say, nor do they and that those certificates and returns in this case show that Mr. Coffroth has the prima facie right to the seat, and they so find and report, yet they will add that on an inspection of the papers presented before them on behalf of Mr. Koontz, purporting to be returns of soldiers' votes, on which he relies, they are distributed by the revidence on a full hear moved by other evidence or a full hear moved by other hear moved by other evidence or a full hear moved by other evidence or a full hear moved by other hear mov satisfied that most of those so-called re-turns are, under the act of Pennsylva-nia of August 25, 1864, regulating elec-tions, in case of soldiers in actual milibefore said county return judges at the the committee, on the question of a pritime of their meeting; for, while the said act is in some of its provisions liberal, and says [section 27] that "No mere of law which experience has proved to out or executing any of the provisions termining impartially questions of this

The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolu-

Resolved, That Alexander H. Coftions, the appointing and qualifying e-lection officers, the recording and certi-lection officers, the recording and certicongressional district of the State of Pennsylvania, has the prima facie right mode of keeping and certifying the to the vacant seat from that district, poll-books and tally-lists showing the name and precise residence of each voter and the number of votes cast, and representative in Congress from said

plied with to carry out the letter, spirit | desiring to contest the right of honorthis house as a representative from the sixteenth district of the State of Pennsylvania, be, and he is, required to serve upon the said Coffroth, within fifteen thereto within fifteen days thereafter, and that both parties be allowed sixty er broadside of revolooshinary tork in days next after the service of said aner, but in all other respects in the manner prescribed in the act of February 19, 1851. CHARLES UPSON, Spent in libellin, abusin, and cursin the ner prescribed in the act of February 19, 1851. CHARLES UPSON,

H. L. DAWES, PORTUS BAXTER, WM. RADFORD.

IMMIGRATION IN 1866.—According

large. The troubles in Ireland will

[From the N. Y. Sunday Mercury.] A DISBANDED VOLUNTEER.

The late interview between the President and the Negro Delegation, head-ed by Fred. Douglass and G. T. Dow-ling, is described by our old correspondent in his most amusing vein. Possi-bly the description may be more hu-morous than literal, but we apprehend that the Disbanded speaks the simple truth when he says that the sentiments of the President are not misrepresen-

NAYSHNAL HOTTEL, Washington, Feb. 8, 1866. Edyturs of the Sunday Merkary:
The onterrified African hes hed a grand tork with our Democratick feller citysin, President Andy Johnson.

Yest'day forenoon kwite a likely gang of abel-boddid and asspirin darkeys, had hed thar turn, he retired with the same reddy alackrity that caracterised substans, that Jack was as good as his master, and rayther better; thet wool hed as much right to go to the polls as har, and thet ef the niggeroes warn't fully admitted inter the pale of freedom, thar never could be that cor-jal soshil intercoarse atwixt the whites and blacs, witch the simildarity of thar tastes, intellecks and fizzical conformashin, renderd nessaserry for thar mute-shel comfurt, happiness and conveen-yence. He sed he appeard as the deli-cate for New England, the land of Sumner, and Wilson, and Spraig, whar the Ethiopian and Cawcashian was wun and onseparable, and Dingy Dinah was

as deeply respected by the calico shiverally as Mrs. Beechers Toe.

Fred Dugallass, who reely torks ekwill to a Philadelfy lawyer, and is mutch more of a gentleman than Thad Stevens, follerd soot in a more elequent vain. He argued from Coke and Blackstun, that culler was no bar to the rights of suverinty. "Look at England," he remarkt, "from the airlest ages she has reckognised the ekwality of the African, and of the Black Prence had a lived, forty-one votes are certified as cast for representative in Congress, being two more than there were electors for Adams county.

The remaining return for Adams and to his majesty the King of Siam, as a fine French and Latin skullard, tho of the complexshin of the ace of clubs. Here the President, with that grave humans the inshe wud have had a cullud man for a of the complexshin of the ace of clubs. Here the President, with that grave humer for which he is remarkable, inkwired of the King of Siam didn't pay hummage to the White Elephant. Fredrick sed he bleved he did, and wot of it? To which His Eggsellency replied that he would advise the cullud race in America to do the same thing or mebbe merica to do the same thing, or mebbe they mought feel the animal's tusks.

This dry observashin took the chamyon of Sambo's rights slitely abeck, but he soon returnd to the charge and

pled the soon returnd to the charge and pled the caws of his peeple for about fifteen minnits like a perfeck steambote.

The President then breefly responded. He sed he had taken grate plesher in playin the part of Holy Moses to the Sons of Ham, but the fact was they wanted too much pork for their shillin. He was thar frend hand and gluv [at the same time puttin on his gluy and offerin to shake hands with Dowling], and was willin to lead them into the land of Prommis, but not, right away, into the land of Performance. They must be content to wait a while on Mount Pigsah and admire the prospeck, afore they went the entire hog. The majority, he allowed, was agen convartin em inter suvrins, ontil they had tested em for awhile in thar noo capassity, and en wot kinder metal they wer made of. Ef they didn't want to be eggster-minated, they'd better let well enuff alone. Those as egged em on to demand full pollytickle ekwality was just the kinder frends as would stand at thar backs and see thar brains blown out, and he advised em as a father, not to

President's words, but I can vouch for the accuracy of the sentiments. In coarse the remarks didn't meet the delecashins vews. They had jist cum cocked and primed from Thad Stevens and his whippers in, and warnt prepard to lissen to resin.

To use the langwidge of a poplar poick "Dugallass around him drew his cloak, Folded his arms and thus he spoke:" Ses he, "Mister President, I shell ap-

peal from you to the peepil."
"Do so!" anserd Old Hickory the
Seckind. "Do so, my mulatter frend.
I hev amazin confidence in the peepil."

both Housen afore the week close swer to take testimony in support of their several allegations and denials, inter the President, I wunder he dusent remoove thar hangers-on from all the es to be given to the opposite party at least five days before their examination, put his troo frends in thar places. Setch but neither party to give notice of taking testimony within less than five days Disunion blackgards in Congress to than

> Peepil's President. Hopin that he'll sun put an eggstingwisher on these vermin, and fill thar places with decent men,

I remain an Andycrat up to the handle, and yours, allus, A DISBANDED VOLUNTEER.

A PROFOUND observer remarks: "I have often observed at public entertainments that where there is anything to be seen, and everybody wants particularly to see it, everybody immediately stands up, and prevents anybody from seeing anything."

THERE is a boy down East who is accustomed to go out on a railroad track and imitate the steam whistle so perfectly as to deceive the officer at the station. His last attempt proved eminently successful; the depot master came out and "switched him off."

THEY manage things funnily in Calfornia—military funerals for instance After burying the defunct, the band comes back and serenades the widow.