RAILROAD NOTES

REDUCED RATES TO GRANGERS' PIC-NIC AT WILLIAMS' GROVE VIA PENNSYL-VANIA RAILROAD. Tor the Twenty seventh Annual Inter-State Grange Pienic Exhibition, to be held at Williams' Grove, Pa., August 27 to September 1, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from August 25 to September 1, 1n. clusive, good to return until September 3, inclusive, at rate or one fare for the round trip, from principal stations between East Liberty and Bryn Mawr; on the Northern Central Railway, between Stanley and Lutherville, inclusive, and on the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Division east of and including Waterford.

For information in regard to train service and specific rates application should be made to ticket agents. 2t

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MARRIAGE IN CHINA.

All Matrimonial Alliances Arranged by Female Brokers.

Wedding Festivities Are Elaborate and Usually Last Three Days-High Officials Carry Their Coffins When Traveling.

Wu Ting Fang, Chinese minister to the United States, contributes an interesting article to Collier's Weekly upon the social customs of his people. Many of the rich Chinese, he says,

are philanthropic and earnestly desire to relieve the suffering they see about them. They give freely of their wealth, but the poor are legion in China, and the task is not an easy one. Private charity, however, which is always more or less capricious, has provided most of the orphan asylums, the free hospitals and the poorhouses of the country.

Social entertainments in China never revolve around dancing or athletic contests, as they so frequently do in this country. Our ideas about the impropriety of the two sexes mingling socially would effectually prevent dancing from becoming a form of entertainment. Athletic sports have not found favor in our eyes, but games of chance have a strong hold on the popular heart.

Among my children the choice of a partner for life is always left to the parents of the bridal pair. They have the interest and welfare of their children at heart and act with judgment and wisdom that only mature years can bring. The engagement is usually made when the young people are in their early teens—in many cases when they are much younger. Matrimonial alliances between friendly families are the most common.

In some sections of the country, the assistance of a professional matchmaker is called in when marriage is desired for a child of the house, es-



WU TING FANG. of the Chinese Empire to the United States.)

pecially if no suitable alliance with a friend's child is possible. The role of marriage broker is played by women of the middle class.

The wedding festivities usually last three days. On the day previous to the marriage, the girl's parents send her dowry to the bridegroom. If she is rich, it will consist of a great variety of costly articles, including household furniture, clothing and precious jewelry. Early on the day of the wedding the parents of the bridegroom send a bridal chair to bring the bride to their home. It is usually a very gorgeous sedan chair which has been rented for the day. Musicians accompany it and the match-makers follow, bringing more presents. Arrived at the home of the bride, there is usually at this juncture a long pause in the proceedings. The bride is in tears, and makes a great show of reluctance at the thought of leaving her home and her parents. Frequently, six or seven hours pass before she will consent to let her maids adorn her in the bridal robes and headdress sent her by the bridegroom's parents. Slowly her finery is donned-the red dress with its glittering gilt ornaments, the long red veil, the elaborate headdress with its strings of pearls hanging over her face. With her hair no longer dressed in childhood's fashion, but arranged in the coiffure peculiar to a married woman, she bids her family a tearful farewell. At last she gets into her chair and is borne away from her old home. Her brothers follow her in sedan chairs to the house of the bridegroom. The bridegroom, in gorgeous dress, comes out to meet her. He bows, he opens the door of her chair. One of her maids comes up and carries her on her back into the house. There, the bridegroom lifts her veil and sees for the first time the face of

No priest conducts the ceremony which unites them. Together they kneel before the altar of their Unknown God and before the shrine of their ancestors, and burn incense and

candles. The funeral of a dead Chinese frequently does not occur until two or three weeks after death, but the body lies all this time in state in its handsome coffin. Rich & Chinese are very particular about the good quality of the wood for their coffins, often having them made for years before there is any probability of their being needed. It is well known that some distinguished high officials are in the habit of carrying their coffins around

Searches for Colonial Curios. A Maryland woman is engaged in a novel and pleasant business. She scours the rural districts of Virginia and the Carolinas for pieces of colonial furniture, which she buys at small cost, has renovated and afterward sells in Baltimore at a large

with them in their travels.

Ruined by Horse Races. Half the suicides in France caused by losses at horse races.

PUBLIC OPINION.

Opinions From Various Sources on

Questions of Public Interest. Senator Teller, of Colorado, one of the founders of the Republican party, stated the case succinctly on the floor of the senate, thus: "I want to say that if the crooked work of the Repub-lican party in power could only be made known and shown up to the people we could upset this administra-tion in an hour." There is a rank, unadorned statement of fact in this assertion.-Washington Times.

How much better off are the white cople of Philadelphia, lorded over as they are by blackmailing officials, and buried as they are on election day under the weight of 80,000 fraudulent votes, than were the white people of South Carolina or Mississippi during the black dominance in carpet bagging days? This is a conundrum which some few solicitous citizens are now trying to solve.-Philadelphia Record.

As the result of war corporations have been enthroned and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until all wealth is aggregated in a few hands and the republic is destroyed. I feel at this moment more enxiety for the safety of my country than ever before, even in the midst of war. God grant that my suspicion may prove groundless,-Abraham Lin-

Perhaps the Republican platform is the most impudent document ever issued for the perusal of an intelligent people. The idea of that trust ridden convention even pretending in a milk and cider resolution to condemn trusts was an exhibition of gall never equaled on this earth. The claim that Republicans have secured honest officials in Cuba is humor broad enough to excite the risibles of all the convicts in all the penitentiaries under the sun.-Hon, Champ Clark.

No president-no professor has been evicted from his chair for making Republican stump speeches, and such stump speeches are far more numerous than are the anti-imperialist addresses of Dr. Rodgers or the silver utterances of Dr. Andrews. It will therefore become a question not merely of rich men controlling the colleges, but of those rich men making every college a close Republican corporation. That question, particularly in the west, will receive the attention which its importance deserves.-Chicago Chronicle.

The platform declaration as to the foreign achievements is a lie. If we had an Englisman in John Hay's place he could not and would not have played more into the hands of England. I believe that his son was sent to Pretoria to act as a spy in England's behalf, and that Macrum lost his position because he would not serve as a spy. I hope that the ticket will be defeated. I will not vote for the ticket. McKinley is a civil fraud and Roosevelt is a military fraud, and the ticket de-serves to be beaten. I don't know that I shall vote for the other fellow, for it does not strike me that I am compelled to choose even the less of two evils, but I must in fairness say that my opinion of Bryan grows more and more favorable. He is beyond doubt sincere and he is certainly near to the people. On the other hand, McKinley is a rich man's man, not a people's man."-Gen. John Beatty, Ohio Rep.

The American people like to have their own way, but they like still better to see a man who is not afraid of them. They can follow a leader, however much they may disagree from him, who, when he sees "a plain duty" or lays down a "code of morality," will hold to either even against a world of arms. It is certain, therefore, that at least some of the influences which have swayed the caucuses and conventions of the Democratic party will be felt in the campaign and at the polls. No one can doubt that Mr. Bryan has an opportunity to make a more favorable campaign, here in these eastern states at any rate, than in 1896, when his personality was unknown and grossly misconceived, and when even his patriotism was challenged. Moreover, the people of this section under-stand now that he embodies more than one issue and is the foremost champion of certain principles which lie at the foundation of our republican democracy and which appeal to all Americans alike, regardless of geographical lines, -Boston Globe.

One's sympathies naturally go out to Governor Roosevelt's academic and social reforming friends who went to Philadelphia to explain to the wild men from the west how necessary it was to give the governor two years more in New York to take another whack at the corporations. They have even truculently (though rashly) said that if Platt, by any trick, succeeded in forcing Roosevelt to give up the governorship, that fact alone would make New York a doubtful or prohably Democratic state. Could the boss reject a tried servant of the state simply because he was too independent or because corporations objected to him, without giving the electoral vote of New York to Bryan? This question of Roosevelt's closest friends said to have been inspired by him, will now be explained as purely rhetorical, but it has its awkwardness What they and he failed to see was the fact, in addition to Platt's treacherous 'efficiency," that the Republicans of the country are aching for at least one candidate for whom they can yell. They dread an apathetic, dignified hum-drum campaign. McKinley, they feel, in view of his verbal somer saults and general ear-to-the-ground attitude, is not an inspiring figurehead. To link him with a plodding business man like Mr. Bliss would make campaigning tame in the extreme. Fireworks and torchlights and thunderous cheers for "Teddy" are the things wanted, and there is now every things wanted, and there is now every prospect that we shall have a continuous performance of San Juan Hill and peaceful movement, and much the same all summer.-New York Evening Post.

A MERCILESS ENEMY

(From the French in Cassell's Magazine,

FTER the town was taken, M. Henri A FIER the town was taken, M. Henri made our house his headquarters. Those who had escaped were chased to the gates of Niort. The Marseillais threw down their arms in the streets and sur-rendered. The night advanced; still they dragged the prisoners into our low-rafted room. M. Henri cried with victorious clemency: "Lower your arms and you shall not be hurt." The republicans were disarmed, and let go free. I pointed out to the young chief the danger of letting hundreds of rebels wander about the outskirts, just when his men were thinking of nothing but victory and of going each his own

"You have some merciless enemies," I "A Marseillais lieutenant named Ripard has sworn that he would kill you in the combat, or murder you afterwards on the first opportunity."
On the young chief's handsome face there

was a look of childlike astonishment at Ripard's hatred. His brow clouded at my words; but he dismissed the thought with a shake of the shoulders, and gave the order to release the rest of the prisoners. We must show them that we have more

humanity than they," he said. He had scarce finished speaking when there was a tumult outside, and three Vendeen soldiers dragged a rough haired man into the room. He had cruel, bloodshot eyes; his face was convulsed with rage and

"This rebel has been arrested, pistol in hand," said one of the Vendeens. "His life and liberty were given him. He made off, then turned and fired on his liberators. We dragged his pistol from him; here it is." And the man placed the weapon upon the "To the prison," ordered M. Henri; and

turning to the man, he said: "Your name?" The prisoner grinned savagely: "Take my name will alarm you. I am I trembled. M. Henri looked at the Mar-

seillais and said, quietly: "Well, Ripard, you are free. Go!" "Where do you expect me to go? The

houses are full; there is no straw. The country is unsafe. If you are afraid to keep me, kill me, for I am worn-out. I cannot drag another step."
"Soit!" said M. Henri. "We are no

onger fighting; there is a capitulation. If you do not know where to go, you may I trembled at the thought of harboring so dargerous a guest, and raised a hundred objections; we have not even a chair to

"At least," said M. Henri, "he shall share my room; the bed is big enough for two. I was dumb with horror. There was a painful silence, broken by M. Henri begging me to take the torch and show Ripard to his room. The man watched us narrowly; a drop of blood, hanging from the corner of his eyelid, rolled down his cheek, leaving a ghastly stain upon it. I walked first, showing the way up the steps; but my heart beat fast and the torch trembled in my hand, throwing weird shadows, as we went. Inside the corridor I opened the steeping-room door, and placed the light upon the chimney. The grin on the Marseil-lais' face froze my blood with horror. I lingered, hoping to find a chance of whis-pering to M. Henri to disarm Ripard, or at any rate to let one of the men sleep in

he cut me short, saying: "Good-night-a demain. I am worn-out with fatigue."

his room; but he had forgotten about

the pistol, or was obstinate in his idea, for

And to hasten my departure, he commenced to unfasten his coat.

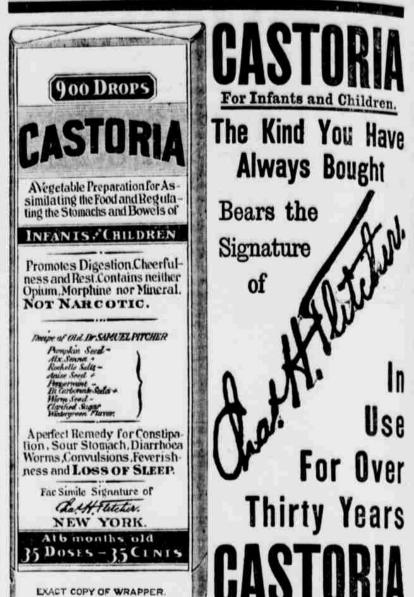
I went away in despair, leaving the door ajar behind me; but I heard M. Henri bid Ripard close it, saying that they would sleep more quietly. I trembled at the haste with which the man obeyed, double-locking the sessed me I had a mind to cross the corri dor upon which their room gave, to get a ladder, and climbing up, to watch them through the narrow oeil de bocuf window placed high in the wall; but my courage failed. Still, I could not abandon our guest to the mercy of his enemy. M. Henri's Ven-deen soldiers shared my fears, but they dared not disobey the command.

"When M. Henri says a thing he means it," they said; but I persuaded one of them to place his mattress across the door, begging him to spend the night there, rendy to break in at the first alarm. This done, retired; but I was still uneasy. Though I threw myself dressed upon the bed, I could not sleep. An hour passed wearily by, then another; the suspense became unbearable. Unable longer to suppress my fears, I took a ladder from a lumber room at the end of the corridor, placed it noiselessly under the oed de boeuf window, climbed up and ooked into the room. The light was still burning, though the house was in silence.

M. Henri was lying on the side of the bed nearest to the wall; and Ripard, having placed the light upon the table near to the head of the bed, was standing motionless beside it watching the sleeper's face.

I could not see his expression, for his back was towards me. He remained thus some minutes, debating, perhaps, whether the serenity of those noble features were not

The young chief's shirt was open at the neck, showing a medallion attached to a silver chain that reposed upon his breast. His breathing was calm and regular, his lips half open in a smile that betokened a peace ful and happy dream. Ripard's right hand was half hidden in the shadow of the table; I could see that it held the pistol, his finger upon the trigger. He seemed to hesitate; then raising his arm slowly, he aimed straight at the sleeper's heart. I was petrified with horror, my heart ceased to beat; a cry of horror and anguish died away in my throat. Still I watched, powerless to move, as in a dream. And M. Henri slept on, smiling and breathing peacefully, unconsciously offering his warm breast to the cold muzzle that was menacing him. In that awful moment I felt the cold shiver of death upon me. Ripard maintained his murderous aim, still he did not fire. He sighed deeply, his hand trembled; then he lowered the pistol with a furious move-ment, turned and stepped backwards from the bed. He was hideously pale, his eye-lids trembled; he shook his head, placing his hands before his eyes as though chas ing some hideous vision, and noiselessly placed the pistol upon the table. I waited no longer. I scrambled down the ladder, stumbled to the door of M. Henri's room, woke the Vendeen snoring upon the mat-tress, and in breathless haste bid him force the lock gently that the Marseillais should not hear. The soldier drew a knife from his pocket, and though he handled it adroit-ly the work was long and difficult. At last the lock gave. I flung the door open, and stood dumbfounded upon the threshold. Side by side M. Henri and Ripard were smile upon their lips.



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Rev. EDWARD J. GRAY, D. D., President, Williamsport, Pa.

The New Lippincott Magazine for Sept.

The September "New Lippincott" Maga zine publishes complete one of the cleveres society novels of the year. It is called the mblers." The author, Thomas Cobl is an Englishman who is much appreciate abroad, and his transatlantic success is likely to be repeated in America. So feelingly does he write about Penclope Darnley an her levers that one feels a suspicion that he may have personated one of the lovers him self—but which one? The orphan, Penelope is relegated to the tender mercies of a rather fast woman relative in London to await the return of the orphan's guardian from Cal cutta. The reluctant hostess, whose wanin charms suffer by contrast with those of her young guest, makes things difficult for Pene-lope, who, with true fin de siecle spirit, takes matters into her own hands and escapes in a way that is disconcerting to her friends. An amusing feature of the plot is a "nominal engagement," The guardian, Sir Gordon Darnley, who seems better able to control olitical affairs than to manage a woman has his hands full, and finally surrenders.

Besides the complete novel there are short tories by Rev. Cyrus Townsend Brady, Cy Warman, and R. V. Risley.
"The Bishop and the Fool," by Mr. Bra-dy, the favorite of old and young alike, is a

missionary story of the West that is powerul and touching. Everybody enjoys Cy Warman's railroad tories, and the one in the "New Lippincoti" or September lacks none of the character-

stics which make him popular. It is called "Jack Farley's Flying Switch."
"The Re-Meeting," by R. V. Risley, lays pare the souls of two men after many years of concealment. This is a masterly sketch. An important paper which should be read y every parent and teacher in the country is by Henry S. Pancoast. "Young America at the Gates of Literature" will help many o decide momentous questions which each school Stephen Crane's description of the battle of Lutzen, the second part of "A Swede's Campaign in Germany," depicts the death of the great Gustavus Adolphus and is a striking commentary on the present campaign in

Unusually good and abundant verse is contributed by the following poets: Lizette Woodworth Reese, "Wild Geese;" Louise Ijams Lander, "Twilight;" Amos R. Wells, A Street Face; Theodosia Pickering Gar-"A Street Pace; "Theodosia Pickering Oar-rison, "Woman;" W. Bradway, "Solitude;" Mary P. Nicolls, "Love's Triumph;" Fran-cis James Macheath, "The Conquerors."

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