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His Pen is Mightier Even Than Col. Henri Watterson.

The Scheme to Monopolize the News Collapses-Chat With a "Newspaper Thier"-Greed of the Big Dailtes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 .- The screaming joke of the season here is Watterson's bill to copyright the news of the day. It has al-ready demonstrated one truth which neither ready demonstrated one truth which neither the members nor the country at large fully understood before, and that is that the country press really holds the balance of power. A correspondent of a western journal, who has been in the field long enough to know the workings of every congressman's brain as well as he knows the streets of the city, in confidential talk, said:

"This whole scheme is so impracticable and indeed indefensible, that it borders on the humanous Yes, it actually jumps over

and indeed indefensible, that it borders en the humorous. Yes, it actually jumps over the border and caverts upon the grinning ground of the ridiculous. It's funny, because the big newspaper fish—the fellows with reputation, influence, circulation, money and all that sort of thing—thought they could do exactly what they pleased without a stroke of opposition. They were going to put the country editor in a box and put the lid on him, you see—going to do it put the lid on him, you see—going to do it so quietly and so gently—as big men do such things, you know—that the gallant army of things, you know—that the gallant army of country editors would never know it till it was done. It would be no trouble, you know. Nothing is too difficult to the people who have 'influence.' But they were misled as to the country editor's sagacity and sense. The first thing you know there was a storm roaring about the congressmen's ears which made it necessary for them to pause in their convergets career. They to pause in their copyright career. They middenly discovered that the country editors held the largest half of the field. It is their voice, after all, which says what shall or what shall not be. If they were as united what shall not be. If they were as united on everything else as they are on this matter, they could make our government over in three or four weeks. The metropolitan editor is a great fellow, but he is not so great as he thought he was. Copyright news! Why, the idea is good enough for one of Bill Nye's funny essays! You might as well try to copyright what Mrs. Maloney tells Mrs. Martin across the back fance. And then the talk of these bumptious city editors about the couptry press editors about the country press is as belittling as it is possible to be, and yet they are afraid of them. They all steal news, steal from one another, steal from any source they can, but they call it enterprise. If a country editor sits up at night with his scissors in his hand and grabs the fresh sheets and reproduces the best of the news for his readers they call that 'stealing.' I know all about both sides of the story because I've served in both carealities. 's as belittling as it is possible to be, and yet story because I've served in both capacities. I have stolen news when I was a country sditor and I have stolen it since I have worked for a city paper, and I intend to keep on stealing it as long as I live. The bill will never be introduced, but if it is it will be knocked higher than Mr. Wilkinson's kite. At all events, it as already done a big work. It has shown that the country editors when they stand shoulder to shoulder, can whistle the city slitor down the wind clear to the end of the

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—A Washington dispatch to the Sun says: "Members of Concress from the rural districts have been identified by the contract of the contract o ng from the editors, especially the editors f country dailies, on the proposel news opyright law. The measure has no chance o go through the house, it is as well to say, to save further trouble. Enough members To save further trouble. Enough members are already pledged against it to defeat it. Scarcely a representative, aside from those from the large cities, can be found who will act quickly say. 'I am under pledge to vote against the bill.' One, a Democrat, too, aid: 'I believe the principle of the proposed measure is just. For the life of me I can't see why property in news ought not to be protected as well as property in any other orm. But if I should vote for the bill it would be my political death.

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ward. It is not asked in the interest of the people, and is, in fact, against their interest. It would strike at the poor rather than the rich, for the latter class are largely within the reach of the metropolitan press. When a monopoly of the intelligence of the country is centered in a circumscribed space, and kept bottled, as it were, for forty-eight hours, it is about time to give up the fast mails and the telegraph. The bill ought to be defeated, and doubtless will be."

Ali Manus Probably Lost,

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Feb. 27,-It is feared hat the crew of the wrecked three-masted oner John K. Shaw-eight all told-are cost. The schooner lies sunken 200 yards from the shore. There is some hope that the vessel was run down by some outgoing steamer which picked up the schooner's crew. Capt. Sacien Osborn, master and part owner of the lost schooner, is one of the most prominent residents of Manasquan Beach, and an old coaster. The superintend ont of the life saving stations has ordered the crews of the stations between Sandy Hook and Barnegat to keep a lookout for any bodies that may wash ashore.

The Zora Burns Murder.

LINCOLN, Ill., Feb. 26 .- Last Thursday a etective delivered a satchel and valise to the arnkey at the county jail, which, it is rumor ed, will play an important part in the forthder of Zora Burns. The satchel is said to be the murdered girl's, while the valise contains her gossamer cloak and hat. The sheriff was asked to-day for information. When pressed to tell the truth, he said: "When the trial comes off, which time is not far distant; we will show without a doubt who killed Zora Burus."

In Memory of the Victims. MILWAUKEE, March L - A suitable monu ment will be erected over the graves of twenty-four of the 100 victims of the New hall house holacust, whose hodies were un-claimed, and the contract for furnishing the mountent according to the design of Henry O. Avery, the New York architect, has been awarded Brown, Ec Allester & Co., also of

Confessing a Murder. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 29 .- James O'Brien one of the men arrested and committed for the murder of William J. Pogh on the night of the 19th inst, has made a confession to the effect that the fatal blow was struck by William, Casey, another of the prisoners.

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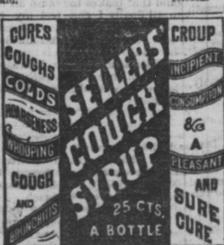
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[Recent Letter in N. Y. Home Journal.]

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Doubtless no pleasanter place can be found within easy reach for the enjoyment of this mild winter respite than Atlantic City, so he apply he had not combined in this favored spot all of the comforts, conveniences and luxuries of life. At lantic City, which now numbers some several thousand inhabitants, is situated on an island bounded on the south and least by the occars, and or the other sides by an arm others and in land bounded on the south and least by the occars, and or the other sides by an arm others and in land bounded on the south and least by the occars, and or the other sides by an arm others are open during the year, and only in the colotest inapis does for form on the inlet. The winds as well as the waves favor this fortunate spot, From the forth, northwest and southwest the winds travel for miles over the arid and, porous and on which snow never les, and become directly the bested vapor of the Gulf Stream to tone down the temperature to a delightful degree. We are told by meteorologists that the Gulf Stream, in onsequence of its proximity to the coast, affects the temperature to a delightful degree. We are told by meteorologists that the Gulf Stream, in onsequence of its proximity to the coast, affects the temperature to a delightful degree. We are told by meteorologists that the Gulf Stream, in onsequence of its proximity to the coast, affects the temperature to a delightful degree. We are told by meteorologists that the Gulf Stream, in onsequence of its proximity to the coast, affects the temperature to a delightful degree. We are told by meteorologists that the Gulf Stream, and the shall be a decreament of the shall be a decreament of the shall be a decreament of the shall be a decrea

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The Supreme Court of this state has decided in the case of Holland vs. Burns, reported in the 4th Outerbridge, 206, just issued, that a letting of a house by parole for a certain sum per month, withou anything being said about a year, consti tutes a lease from year to year, as has been commonly supposed. And when a tenant from month to month holds over for more than a year, he does not become a tenant from year to year, but re-mains a tenant from month to month. The tenant in such cases is not liable for meteorolomee of its mperature the whole year's rent, and is not entitled to three months' notice to quit. A est part of month's notice to quit is sufficient. In cases of the forty-five ers of the perfing the tained in the body of the instrument.

-The Lewistown Sentinel, 6, says

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