## FALL OF A HOTEL.

ART OF THE PARK CENTRAL HOUSE. IN HARTFORD, IN RUINS.

THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT UN-KNOWN-TWENTY-NINE BODIES RECOVERED-19 DEAD, 10 INJURED.

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 18 .- The shock of a tremendous explosion awoke the residents for blocks around the corner of High and Allyn streets, at about 5 o'clock this morning. On that corner stood the Park Central Hotel, a five story brick structure, about 30 feet front and 100 feet deep. The first to arrive on the scene found this building a heap of ruins, from which issued smoke and steam in dense clouds, and the spectators were appalled by the shrieks and groans of many human beings who were imprisoned in the mass of timber and masonry, from which flames were already bursting.

A general alarm immediately summoned the entire Fire Department, and an immense crowd, attracted by the explosion and the fire alarm, soon packed the streets in the vicinity. At first the fire and smoke entirely prevented any attempt to rescue the victims, and it was not until a flood of water had been poured upon the ruins that the work could be prosecuted. A few dead or dying persons were taken from the edge of the debris, however,

within an hour after the explosion. The force of the explosion threw a bed with a sleeping woman upon it far | found. into the street, while one of the heavy doors of the house landed a block away. By 9 o'clock the flames were so far subdued that the rescuers were able to get at some of the victims. Some were pinned beneath heavy timbers upon which rested masses of masonry, rendering the work of rescue extremely hazardous.

The catastrophe is generally supposed to have been caused by the explosion of the boiler, although some doubt has been expressed on this point, as the building had been popularly supposed to be unsafe. It was built on "made" ground.

The hotel was built about 15 years ago, and cost, with furniture, \$120,000. The soil was soft, and, although the building was carefully built, it soon settled badly. About five years ago Mr. Ketchum took the lease, and renovated and refurnished the house. Insurance is \$38,000.

It is stated that no fragment of the boiler has yet been found, which milltates against the theory of a boiler ex-

THE LANDLORD AND WIFE RESCUED. About 1 o'clock amid enthusiastic cheers from the crowd, Landlord Ketchum and his wife were taken out alive and conscious and able to drink some hot coffee. They had been imprisoned in the cellar in their night clothes for sight hours, with floods of chilling of their injuries cannot be a certained at present. They were taken to the hospital.

Soon afterward Walter Gay, New York agent of the Higganum Manuacturing Company, was taken out, also alive, and sent to the hospital. The dead body of J. C. Heill, a commercial traveller, has also been taken out. It may help to locate him to state that he has been travelling of late with a toy goods drummer named Colton. His name was ascertained by the mark on his night shirt.

Daniel Morrison, brakeman, and building, and are undoubtedly buried in the ruins.

been recovered.

The force of the explosion shattered opposite the hotel, and broke windows a block away. Its cause is still a mystery, as it will take some time to uncover the boiler.

Mrs. Frank Wesson and children are reported to be in the ruins. Nothing tangible to substantiate or dispute the rumor can be found here.

At 2 o'clock the workmen discovered a small black-and-tan dog alive, and exhibiting gratitude at his release. Thus far most of the bodies discovered have come from the tier of sleeping rooms on the south side.

The persons rescued alive are naturally in a very exhausted condition, and the physicians refuse to allow them to be interviewed. They were all asleep when the accident occurred, and of course, know nothing except the horrors of their imprisonment and their almost miraculous escape.

The cause of the disaster was undoubtedly the explosion of the boiler in the basement. It was of 16-horse power, buit by Pitkin, of Hartford, in 1882, and was inspected and approved last August by the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection Company. The engineer g es away at midnight, banking the fires. He has been arrested on a charge of manslaughter. His name is Alexander Iseur.

It is conjectured that Gaines, the porter, may have started the pumps and caused the explosion by turning cold water into an overheated boiler, but as he is dead no light is likely to be thrown upon this subject. The shock was felt all over the city. Windows for a block around were mashed. Out of the 50 inmates of the hotel it is thought five may have escaped unhurt immediately, leaving 45 to be

accounted for. HARTFORD, CONN., Feb. 19 .- Two additional bodies have just been taken from the Park Central Hotel, both badly burned. One was identified as Dr. Lavelletti Perrin, and the other is believed to be Mrs. Perrin. The other bodies now in sight are being taken

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 20,-The work of excavating at the Park Central ruins has been vigorously prosecuted to-day, and more effectively than heretofore. At the hospital all ten of the patients are doing as well as could be expected and no serious results are expected with any of them. The funeral of Dwight H. Buell, the jeweler, was held this morning at the house of his brother-in-law, J. G. Rathbun. The remains were taken to Watertown, Conn. Dr. and Mrs. Perrin will be buried to-morrow to New I killed and many injured.

Britain. President Dwight, of Yale, and others will officiate.

Facts continue to come to light calin the building at the time of the explosion. Two young women from Windsor Locks, who had a room in the hotel, wished to take the train home at 5.50 Monday morning. They arose early and left for the depot at about 4.40, ten minutes before the explosion. Their departure was not heard of by relatives here and at first, of course, they were included among the missing. The body of Perry, the night clerk, was taken from the rulns this after-

-Although the search in the ruins of the wrecked hotel in Hartford, Connecticut, was continued, on the 21st, no more bodies were found. A summary of the results of the disaster is probably as follows: Total number in building, 42; dead, 22; injured, 10; e caped, 10.

# NEWS OF THE WEEK.

-The pension payment made by the Treasury Department so far this

month amounts to \$20,800,000. -William Russell was arrested in Baltimore on the 16th for passing counterfeit coln. In his room pleces were found in different stages of manufacture, The police think Russell received the money in an unfinished condition, and his part was to put the finishing touches on. No moulds were

-Mrs. Beeler locked her three children, aged 2, 4 and 6 years, in her house, in Port Huron, Michigan, on the 16th, and went down town. The children set fire to the house, and when rescued were unconscious. The two youngest died, and the other is not expected to recover. A woodchoppers' shanty near Lopez, Sullivan county, Pa., was burned a few nights ago. Two men perished in the flames and six escaped by jumping through the windows.

-A train on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad ran into a street car in Chester, Pa., on the morning of the 15th. The four passengers were injured, Mrs. J. Shaw, of Upland, it is feared fatally. The driver of the car was also badly

-At Tecumseh, Michigan, on the morning of the 17th, Frank L. Silvers shot and killed his wife and two daughters, aged 11 and 9 years, respectively, and then shot himself in the head. He was alive, but unconscious, when found, and not expected to recover. No cause is known for the deed. Joseph Chemeleke, 19 years of age, got drunk on the evening of the 15th and shot and killed Mrs. Philip Chemeleke, his sister-in-law, her sister Mary, and their mother. Chemeleke then command suicide by shooting himself in the head. He had been on water pouring upon them. The extent | bad terms ware his brother's family for some time. Sichael Mangan, the tramp, charged with shooting and killing Officer Ellis, in Scranton, Penna., about a month ago, was arrested in Ashley on the 16th. The reward offered for his capture was \$4000.

-In Scranton, Penna., on the 17th, 30 feet of the surface over an abandoned mine on Mulberry street, between Monroe and Quincy avenues, caved in during the atternoon, breaking off the gas and water pipes and stopping street cars. The gas from the broken pipe ignited and before it could be turned off exploded several times with terriffic Fred. Haines, flagman, on the New force, the concussion knocking people England Railroad, had rooms in the down and endangering surrounding property. The residents of that section of the city are now without water. No additional dead bodies have yet Frank W. Baden, a telegraph operator in the employ of the Baltimore and Ohio Company, was thrown from a all the glass in buildings adjoining and | train in Baltimore on the 17th and killed.

> -The Owings Block, in Chicago, 14 stories high, collapsed on the 17th. It was situated just opposite the Postoffice, in the centre of the business section. The 10 lower stories fell in one after another, leaving the walls, the four upper foors, and the roof standing in a decidedly shaky condition. In the tenth story the tile flooring was defective or was damaged by natural settling of the building. Without the slightest warning, the great mass of tiles and girding forming the injured floors crashed to the story below, carrying that with it, and the two together, acting like a huge pile driver, pounded a way for themselves to the bottom. No person was injured.

> -A despatch from Columbus, Georgia, says the steamer Aid was burned on the Chattachoochee river on the evening of the 17th. The crew and passengers escaped.

> -James G. Harding, of Middletown, New York, has lost three children by death from scarlet fever since the morning of the 17th. Two died on the 17th the third on the 18th. Their ages range from 3 to 8 years.

-At Lansing, Tennessee, on the 18th, Dock and John Burns were shot by C. A. Quinn, a merchant. A sister of the boys went to Quinn's store to purchase a pound of green coffee. A which the boys took as an insult. They called on Quinn and began abusing him. Dock cut him in the neck, when Quinn opened fire, fatally wounding both of them. Dock is dead, and John,

it is thought, will die. -James Eiliston, a prominent cattle man in Western Kansas, was shot and killed on the evening of the 18th, by C. L. Baldy, his superintendent. Elliston accused Baldy of being on familiar terms with Mrs. Elliston. Walter Scott shot and killed Luther Reynolds in Chicago, on the 18th. They were both colored, and quarrelled over a gambling game.

-A tornado passed over Banks county, Georgia, on the morning of the 18th. Much damage was done to property, and four persons—Thomas Stevens and son and Mr. and Mrs. Meadows—were killed. Another son of Mr. Stevens was injured. It is reported that a clycone passed through Bibb county, Alabama, on the evening of the 17th, doing great damage. Several persons are said to have been

-All the factories in Augusta, Georgia, were closed on the afternoon of the 18th, on account of high water. culated to lessen the probable number | The river at 9 o'clock on the evening of the 18th was 331 feet above low water mark and about at a standstill.

-The barn of Levi Herr, in York county, Pa., was burned on the 19th by incendiaries. Three other farmers, in different parts of the county, have been notified to remove their stock, as their barns will be burned.

-A suburban passenger train on the Wisconsin Central Railroad was wrecked on the evening of the 19th in Chicago by an open switch. Two train men were killed. Albert Johnston, aged 9 years, and David Fleming, aged 10, whose parents reside in Edgeworth, Massachusetts, boarded an express train in Boston on the 19th, thinking that it stopped at Edgeworth, but as the train dashed past at full speed the boys jumped off and both were killed. Further particulars of the cyclone in Shelby county, Alabama, on the evening of the 17th, are to the effect that several persons were hurt, but nobody killed.

-Jesse Calhoun, a prominent citizen of Pine county, Arkansas, committed suicide on the 19th, because of the arrest of his son in Texas for murder. George D. Egert, 61 years old, and for about 30 years roadmaster for the Utica and Black River Railroad, committed suicide on the 19th by hanging himself in Utica, New York. John Shannon, a Frenchman, who lived ln Bradenville, Penna., committed suicide on the evening of the 16.h on account of threats made by alleged white caps. He had been warned to leave the neighborhood by masked men.

-A heavy blast at the Bellefonte Furnace Company's quarries, near Bellefonte, Penna., on the 19th, caused a large rock to fall on a box containing 100 pounds of dynamite, exploding it. The doors and windows of a number of the company's houses were blown out, and a number of boxes of glass in the glass works were destroyed. The shock smashed windows, and caused plaster to fall from walls in many houses in the town a mile distant. No person was injured.

-Thomas Montgomery, a woodchopper, was killed with an axe by Louis Burke, at High Bridge, Wiscon sin, on the 19th. It is said that Montgomery was unduly intimate with Mrs. Burke.

-In the U. S. Court at Austin, Texas, on the 20th, Edward Reeves, the train robber, was sentenced to the pen-itentiary for life. W. O. Johnson, son of the postmaster of Austin, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment for embezzling money order funds.

-Joseph Brogan, a laborer, killed his wife and two children, both boys, aged 5 and 7 years respectively, on the morning of the 20th, in Upson, Wisconsin, and then committed suicide. His wife quarrelled with him because he spent all his earnings for whisky. He was about 35 years of age, and used occurred on the 14th at a Hungarian wedding near Houtzdale, Penna., and men was also struck with an axe, and died of his wounds next day. Three of the participants were arrested, but Mitchell Ruswach, who is alleged to have wielded the axe, is still at large. W. I. Smith and Asa Brown, neighbors in San Saba county, Texas, have been hanged to trees by unknown par-

-John S. Sanborn and his aged mother were struck by a train and killed at Tilton, New Hampshire, on the 20th. John Deakyne, Jr., 20 years of age, son of a farmer near Smyrna, Delaware, accidentally shot and killed himself on the 20th. A despatch to the Associated Press, from Hugh Dinsmore, American Consul General at Seoul, capital of Corea, says: "A terrible famine prevails in the southern portion of Corea. People are reduced to the last extremity and many are starving. The need of assistance is urgent, and relief funds should be cabled." Any funds transmitted to to the relief of the sufferers.

-Henry Dalton shot and perhaps fatally wounded his wife at their home, near Stanford, Ky., on the morning of the 17th. He had ordered her to get up and make a fire, and, because she did not do so, he struck her with a chair. Her brother remenstrated, and Dalton got a gun. Both ran, but he fired and four buckshot struck his wife in the breast. Dalton then fled.

-J. M. Chalworthy, white, drew a oistol on a colored man in Helena, Montana, on the 18th. For doing so he was fined \$50 and costs, the latter being \$4 additional. Not having the money he was put up at auction on the 19th, by a colored constable, to be sold to the highest bidder, according to a Territorial law, which also requires that the debtor shall be kept by the purchaser the number of days during which the fine runs at the rate of 75 cents a day. The prisoner was knocked down to one of his friende at 25 cents a

-The Baldwin locomotive works in Philadelphia, the largest locomotive factory in the world, turned out last package of roasted was sent instead, year 736 locomotives or about five com pleted machines for every two working days in the year.

-Jack Brown, well known in the Southwest as a scout, was shot and killed at Silver City, Texas, on the 20th, by Ada Hume, known as the "Territorial Nightingale." Miss Hume had been filling an engagement at El Paso, but was induced by Brown to go to Silver City and sing under his management. A disagreement arose, when the singer shot Brown, killing him instantly. Brown was well connected at Galveston.

-Oscar Evans shot and killed John Kirby and fatally wounded A. L. Hoke, near Romney, W. Va., on the 21st. About a week ago Hoke horse-whipped Evans, and on the 21st the two men attacked Evans and he used his revolver in self-defence. Hoke and Kirby are said to be bad characters. Evans surrendered himself to

the authorities. -Modesto Ruiz, the planter captured by the bandits in Remedios district of Guba, has been ransomed for

-A cable car, filled with passengers. was struck by a locomotive at a crossing in Chicago, on the evening of the 20th, and hurled a distance of one hundred feet. Seven passengers were injured, one of them, Mrs. Robert Nitchski, fatally. A wagon containing Charles Gould, J. W. Shouster and William Miller was struck by a train in Pittsburg on the evening of the 20th. Shouster was killed, and Miller and Gould badly injured. George Smith, 60 years of age, foreman of a gang of laborers engaged in digging cellars in New York city, preparatory to the erection of flat houses, was blown to pieces by dynamite on the morning of the 21st. The dynamite was stored in the tool box, and as Smith entered the explosion occurred. It is not known what caused it. Windows of houses for a quarter of a mile were shattered by the concus-

-The mysterious burning of barns along the line between Maryland and Pennsylvania, which commenced about the first of the present year, still continues. The last victim is Abraham Herr. The farmers are desperate, and some of them have rigged up trapguns on their barn doors. One peculiarity of the burning is that the barns are all near the railroad, and another is that the burners seem to have picked out poor-looking barns, leaving large one within a short distance.

-Wesley Thomas, colored, attempted to assault Miss Reff, just outside the limits of Vicksburg, Mississipppi, on the afternoon of the 20th. The girl was rescued by Jake Littleton, another colored man, who in the fight which ensued shot Thomas, the bullet striking him in the forehead and flattening against his skull. He was knocked down, however, and was then bound by Littleton, who delivered him to the officers. A crowd visited the jail on the evening of the 20th, to lynch Thomas, but he had been removed to another place.

-Snow began to fall in Columbia, South Carolina, on the morning of the 21st, and by evening it was 21 inches deep on a level and still falling fast. It was the heaviest snow storm within the recollection of the oldest Columbian. A blinding storm prevailed all day on the 21st at Augusta, Georgia, and was followed by heavy rain and sleet at night. Trains from upper Georgia and South Carolina came in covered with snow, and reported very cold weather. Such a storm is almost unprecedented in that section.

SENATE. In the U.S. Senate on the 18th Mr. Vest moved to reconsider the Conference report on the Direct Tax bill, and a message was sent to the House requesting the return of the bill. Mr. Palmer offered concurrent resolutions returning the thanks of Congress to for their gift of the statue of General Lewie Cass, and assigning to it a place an arbitration treaty with Great Bria razor for his horrible work. A fight in the old Hall of Representatives. Mr. tain, was referred. Adjourned. Palmer spoke in eulogy of the distinguished statesman of Michigan, and clubs were freely used. One of the was followed by Messrs, Morrill, Chandler, Morgan and Hoar, after which the resolutions were unanimousy adopted. Mr. Sherman gave notice that he would move to dispose of the conference report on the Direct Tax bill on the 19th. The Sundry Civil bill was reported, with amendments. The House bill to provide for taking the census was passed with amendments,

Adjourned. In the United States Senate, on the 19th, Mr. Hoar, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, reported a resolution providing for an inquiry into the elections for members of the Fifty-first Congress, and also to inquire whether Louisiana has a repubican form of government. Mr. Mr. Dinsmore will be promptly devoted of Chief Justice Waite the balance of year was agreed to-28 to 16. Pending urther action the Senate adjourned.

In the United States Senate, on the 20th, Mr. Stewart offered a resolution. which was referred, continuing the Select Committee on the Pacific Railroads until the indebtedness of all the companies to the Government shall be wiped out, and instructing the committee to make a personal examination of the roads during the recess of Congress. The conference report on the "Omnibus" bill to admit the Territories of North and South Dakota, Washington and Montana into the Union as States was presented by Mr. Platt, and, after some discussion, agreed to without a the Sandry Civil bill, the question being on the amendment in regard to the printing of Government work by steam plate printing machines, the Senate adjourned.

In the U.S. Senate on the 21st Mr. Dawes, from the Committee on Indian Affairs reported Senate bill appropriating \$1,912,942 to pay the Seminole Indians for the surrender of their right to certain lands in the India Territory. It was placed on the ca endar. The conference report on t Legislative Appropriation bill w agreed to. The Agricultural Appr priation bill was reported. The ele tion investigation resolution was d cussed. The Sundry Civil bill considered, and, after debate, t was agreed to. Pending considerati of the bill, a call for the yeas and na on another amendment showed th no quorum was present. The Sens

then adjourned. HOUSE. -In the House, on the 18th, M Hatch, of Missouri, moved that a su stitute for the bill regulating the sa of compound lard, reported in Ju last and placed on the calendar, be r referred to the Committee of t Whole. The motion was opposed Mr. Randall (because the bill wou take precedence of the Cowles bill but it was agreed to. Mr. Dunn, fro the Committee on Merchant Marin called up the bill to provide for t better protection of the fur seals as zalmon fisheries of Alaska. On motio

of Mr. Spinola the bill was recommitted, with instructions to reduce the term of the lease to the Fur Company from twenty to ten years, and require the lease to be approved by the President, also, authorizing any person to bring suit against the lessees to recover \$10 for every seal taken in excess of the number fixed by law.

In the House on the 19th the Postoffice Appropriation bill was considered in Committee of the Whole, but not completed. Air Caswell presented the conference report on the Direct Tax Refund bill and said that Mr. Oates had refused to sign it. Mr. Caswell demanded the previous question and the Democrats resorted to filibustering tactics with such success as to compel Mr. Casewell to withdraw the matter. An evening session was held for busipess from the Committee on Military Affairs.

In the House, on the 20th, Mr. Cas well, of Wisconsin, as a question of privilege, called up the Conference report on the Direct Tax bill. After an unsuccessful attempt to renew the filibustering begun on the 19th, the report was adopted by a vote of 168 to 88. Mr. Springer then presented the report on the "Omnibus" Territorial Admission bill, and it was agreed to, amid applause on both sides of the Chamber. The Post-office Appropria tion bill was considered in Committee of the Whole, but little progress was made. An evening session was held for business from the Chmmittee on Commerce

In the House, on the 21st, Mr. Randall presented a resolution providing for the immediate consideration of the Cowles bill, and also a resolution for the meeting of the House at 10 a. m. daily. Both resolutions were referred to the Committee on Rules. The Post-Office Appropriation bill was considered and passed. The conference report on the Legislative Appropriation bill was agreed to. Pending consideration of the General Deficiency bill the House adjourned.

### PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE. SENATE.

In the Senate, on the 21st, a Senatorial reapportionment bill was introduced by Mr. Rutan, and it was referred to the committee of which he is chairman. Bills were introduced by Mr. Macfarlane, prohibiting the erection of chemical laboratories or warehouses in cities, and by Mr. Woods, to prohibit the restriction of trade by the 50th CONGRESS.-Second Session, formation of trusts and combinations. Bills were finally passed authorizing the appointment of female physicians in insane asylums where women are confined, and authorizing mortgages upon the purchase money, rentals and royalty reserved by the grantors in conveyances or leases of coal and other minerals, together with the right to the Governor and people of Michigan passed second reading. A concurrent mine the same. A number of bills resolution from the House, in favor of

HOUSE. In the House on the 21st, the bill for the establishment of agricultura! stations in colleges was reported fayorably; also the recommitted bill regulating foreign born and unauthorized labor. Bills were read in place by Mr. Boggs, of Butler, to punish wife beaters; by Mr. Hickman, of Chester, to regulate the standard weight of a bushel of potatoes. Mr. Krep's bill, limiting the operation of mutual benefit associations, and preventing them from paying a death benefit of more than \$300, was reported negatively.

# A Curious Experiment.

Take a piece of pasteboard about five inches square, roll it into a tube with one end just large enough to fit Vest's motion to reconsider the con-ference report on the Direct Tax Re- smaller. Hold the tube between the fund bill came up, and he spoke in thumb and finger of the right hand (do opposition to the bill. The motion was not grasp it with the whold hand) put rejected—yeas, 8; nays, 48. The Sundry the large end close against the right Civil bill was considered, and the eye, and with the left hand hold a book Senate amendment to pay the widow against the side of the tube. Be sure and keep both eyes open, and there her husband's salary for the current | will appear to be a hole through the book, and objects seen as if seen through the hole instead of through the tube. The right eye sees through the tube, and the left eye sees the book, and the two appearances are so confounded together that they cannot be separated. The left hand can be held against the tube instead of the book and the hole will seem to be seen through the hand.

# To Get Rid of Visitors.

A lady the other day was heard to confess: 'When I have somebody visiting me who has stayed as long as I think she ought to, I often send word to the Sunday papers that she has gone, a division. Pending consideration of and when she reads of her departure, or when I read it to her, as I generally do, saying something real stern about its being a pity reporters don't tell the truth, it sets her to thinking of going, and I am usually rid of a burdensome visitor before the next week's issue of the paper is out,'

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INSTEAD of complaining of the thornamong the roses, we should be thankful there are roses among the thorns,

DURING the month of January there were 2,000,000 of standard dollars coined at the mint in Philadelphia There were also turned out \$80,000 in small silver change and 68,000 pennies.

IT HAS been noted more or less of late that poets are rarely if ever afflicted with writer's cramp. In this connection, it may also be observed, it is queer no set term is applied to the peculiar cramp that certain posts super-induce in the reader.

A "MINING KING" on the Pacific is reported to have drawn a will in which he provides that his entire fortune shall be devoted to the constitution of what is to be one of the finest mausoleums in the world. This is what may be called burial-vaulting ambition,

CYNTHIA HATHAWAY passed ber 100tb birthday winsomely at her home in Savoy, Mass., recently. She not only welcomed her many triends personally, but sang songs for them, and led in a dance in which her son-an old lad of 80-was her partner.

THREE years ago John Wright, of Pike county, Ga., lost his sight, and the oculists that he consulted agreed that there was no possibility of his ever seeing again. The other day as Mr. Wright sat on the porch in the sunlight his eyes began to itch violently. He rubbed them, and when he took away his fingers he was conscious that he could distinguish objects dimly. During the day his vision increased, and at last account the old gentleman was in a fair way to see as well as ever.

THE telephone is gradually but steadily developing its wonderful possibilities. Upon a number of occasions recently easy communication was kept up between Boston and Buffalo, a distance of 810 miles. It was possible to hear as distinctly over that long stretch of wires as between points not one tenth as far apart. It is true that fer a number of years no great discoveries or improvements in telephone manipulation have been made, but that they will come is as surely to be looked for as those in telegraphy in which the whole world now rejoices.

JOHN ASPINWALL, during his lecture at Cooper Union, New York, on "The Honey Bec," explained that the legend about the sting is that once, at a great feast given by Jupiter, the bees sent some honey for their offering, and the queen that took it made a little speech. Jupiter is reported as having been highly pleased, and offered to bestow upon the queen anything she desired. The queen asked for a "sting" with which to kill her rivals, and Jupiter granted her request, but told her that if she ever used it on human beings it would cause her death.

HANNIBAL HAMLIN, who astonished some of his friends in Maine recently by buying an overcoat, wore the garment in Chicago, where be went to attend the Lincoln birthbay dinner, and to a reporter, who made bold to refer to the subject, he said: "Well, I have not been in the habit of wearing an overcoat much, but last fall I got an idea that I wanted a new one, and I got it, It is true that I have worn it much more than usual, but just why I can't say. The winter has certainly been mild, and those chaps who took my overcoat for a barometer were left."

CHANGES IN THE PLANET VENUS. -A despatch from Montreal says: "Walter H. Smith, President of the Astro-Meteorological Association, has been making special observations on the planet Venus with the aid of a reflecting telescope, and reports rapid chances. in the shape and outlines of the horns, due to the planet's rotation bringing mountain ranges to the edge of the disk. A peculiar indentation has been seen at the north horn, similar to observations made by De Vico, Pastors and other astronomers. Three spots, believed to be continents, and similar to those seen at the Roman College in Italy, were also noticed. Mr. Smith is founder of the society, and is well known as a careful observer."

THE poor know nothing of the cares, responsibilities and trials of the rich says the Ohio State Journal, They think that for the rich man and his family there is nothing but ease and pleasure and comfort and absence from toil. Seeing how easily the idle, the dissolute, the false pretenders, sometimes even the criminal, secure admission into "society," they think the rich have no regard and no liking even for modest merit, toiling virtue and humble worth. All this is a mistake, of course, a cruel mistake, and one which should be done away with. But it is the rich and prosperous that must take the initiative, and, by sharing the pleasures of prosperity with the poor, enlist the kindly sympathies of the latter for prosperity's responsibilities and cares. When both thus understand each other ill will and distrust will pass away and the dread shadows of socialism and anarchy be lifted from the land.

Broken faith cannot be tied up with