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### Look to the Assessors.

There is a great deal of well-founded complaint in the city and county about the inequality and irregularity of the assessments upon real estate ; and though the subject is a trite one, and its discussion seems to fall upon heedless ears, it is very proper to renew it in this year of triennial ssment, when in the rural districts assistant assessors are to be chosen, and all over the county the assessment made in 1885 will stand for three years unless changed for special cause.

If the assessment made was purely for local purposes it would not matter so much what rate of valuation was adopted. as it would be as fair for one as the other ; but the one assessment is made the base of the levy for county, state, school, city and road taxation, and so many men of such different minds, judgment, inclinations and interests get to be assessors that the most glaring irregularities are the result of a lack of a uniform system of valuation. In this city some property is assessed at its full value, some at two-thirds, some half and some at scarcely a fourth of its real value. It is little better in the country. Farms have sold within the past year at \$20 per acre less than than they were taxed for ; others, in the same section, for \$50 per acre more ; and others still are held at double the figure at which they are rated on the tax books.

It seems to be the rule that only those who are overrated have the right of appeal. and in their own cases. They may suffer great injustice even from a fair valuation of their property, if their neighbor is rated below a just figure; from this disparity there seems to be no appeal. Obviously, men of good judgment and with a sense of fairness should be chosen for assessors, and such whose acquaintance generally with the value of property will enable them to fix a proper valuation on it. They should be instructed definitely by the commissioners as to what rate of valuation they are to make and to adhere rigidly to it : the right should be recognized of every taxpayer to demand revision of another's valuation, which he has reason to plain is lower than his, and of the taxpayers of one ward or township to demand revision of another where the assessor adopts an indequate rate. Considering that the county assessment is adopted for all local purposes, the board of commissioners should give close scrutiny and full hearing to this entire subject.

bly soon. The object of the law would lished, however, by the declaration of the unlawfulness of overhead wires and of poles, and by declaring them to be a nuisance and their erection a trespass punishable as trespass and nuisance are punishable under the general law. We do not believe in the multiplication of criminal statutes and penalties. If the legislature would but let the common law have full sway and refrain from granting extraordinary privileges to favored persons we would have law enough for our protection. It is unlawful to commit a nuisance or a trespass. Putting up poles on other people's property. and stretching wires over their lands and houses, constitutes nuisance and trespass ; or would, if the state or city did not step in to authorize this invasion of private rights. Tie up the hands of councilmen that they may not take away the natural rights of the people, and bind the legislature that it

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may not do the same ; give us int lligent, honest and fearless judges, and we will demand no new law for our protection and happiness.

ONE little month-and the Republican party will go.

MONSIONOR CAPEL in a speech at a bar quet tendered him by the New York Press club expressed some surprise that there was not in the large American cities a benefit fund for the widows and children of poor editors and reporters. London has such a charity in the shape of the fund established by Lord Houghton and other English philanthropists years ago. From \$6,000 to \$8,000 is annually collected from the literary men of England toward this fund and the good that is done by it is very great. A large part of the money devoted by press clubs in American cities to banquets and luxurious surroundings might profitably be used in this charitable direction.

REPUBLICANS will not be likely to forget that February Fourth is only a month from "March Forth."

For the nonce, simplicity is to have a reign in the fashion of invitation cards and notes. and a prominent society authority declares that the letters " R. S. V. P." are no longer "good form " in such literature. This is a cheerful innovation, as well as one dictated by common sense. Why the initial letters of a French expression " answer, if you please should burden an invitation card to the substitution of a single English word that would be well suited the purpose, is one of those vagaries of fashion that is hard to explain. Besides people who have had any society experience should know whether it is proper to inswer an invitation or not. The tendency to simplicity in society literature should be encouraged.

### WHAT's in a name? A Rossa by any other name would smeil as bad.

THE general manager of the Metropolitan Telephone and telegraph company, of New York, has caused a revolution among the pretty girls in the company's employ by posting a notice that no operators hereafter are "to attend any skating rinks, as it interferes with business." The keen enjoyment that the young women find in the exercise keeps them at it so long and so often that the manager states they come to the office behind time in the morning and sometimes fall asleep at their posts. The pain of disobedience of this ukase is to be instant dismissal, though how the manger is to get the evidence to convict is not easy to see. The design is to send a "spotter" to the various rinks who will report the derelicts, but there is much danger that he may become fascinated by the exhilarating sport that proved too much for the young ladies. ---THE coachman is becoming sensible ; he is now marrying very old and very wealthy widows. It appears that there are some men of infinite jest in the New York Legislature. An assemblyman from Brooklyn named Earle beguiled the tedium of legislative routine by the introduction of a humorous petition from some merry sportsmen of Kings county, who appear to have been hunting in Sullivan county, and to have been disappointed with the result. The petition urged that every deer in Sullivan county be provided with a bell that can be heard a mile and a half away, that rectifying distilleries be established in the woods, and that asphalt pavements be laid in the runways to prevent the hunters from dying from exhaustion while chasing deer. If some of our legislators at Harrisburg would become humorous, they would be of vastly greater utility to the state, as they now seem to be wasting their time in the introduction of impracticable measures that should be decently interred in committee and promptly forgotten.

# AUNT CAROLINE'S PRESENT. THE BEST SHORT STORY OF THE SEASON

Edward Everett Bale in Harper's Monthly L-NOW WE SHALL KNOW. We were really married.

The minister had said we were one, and ne had given us his blessing. He had taken my hand, and the tears were in his eyes as he wished me all happiness. He kissed Eleanor, whom he had christened twenty years before, and he blessed her again. "God bless you, my child !" he said. Then we turned round, so that the other people in the room could see us, and the procession of sympathizing friends came up and wished us well. sixth person in the procession was The Aunt Caroline. She is Eleanor's aunt, but 1 like her oulte as much as Eleanor does : the kindest, sweetest, most loving aunt that ever came in when she was wanted and staid away when she was not wanted; that ever sent ice cream across to your house on a sent ice cream across to your house on a summer's evening, or called to take your Southern cousins to ride when she knew they bored you to death. Annt Caroline was sixth in the procession of welcome. "Dear Folix," she said at once, "dear Eleanor, my present—well, it is too big to be carried about much, and so—well, I have told the man to carry it to your new house, and when you some it will be these before

and when you come it will be there before to welcome you. I do hope you will

"Like it !-- of course we shall like it, Aunt Carolina. We should like it if it were only a lump of coal." And in her tenderness Eleanor kissed her aunt again and again. Fifty times on the wedding journey did

we go back to the present, and wonder what it was which was so large. I was sure it was a cast of the Laocoon. Eleanor was quite sure it was a library book-case. Sometimes thought it was the Cyclopardia Britannica p to Marplot, which was as far as that yclopardia had then gone. Sometimes I oped it was La Rousse, which would be Sometimes 1 better still. At last, after such a fortnight of October and red maples, and purple tupelos and glorious sunsets, and cozy reading of Browning by the tiresides of comfortable us-after fourteen days of exquisite life appy love, we drove up to the pretty little which was to be our happy home, and I lifted Eleanor from the buggy, and 1 said ne home, sweetheart and darling. And she kissed me, and she can before me into the house, and she said, "Now we shall

know." IL-WHAT WE FOUND.

II.—WHAT WE FOUND. Alas! we did know, only too soon. Bridget had lighted up the new parlor for our reception with the edulgence of her own enthusiasm. There was a large carcel burn-ing on the centre table. This lamp was a present from Unele Tristram. On the man-lel were two bronze branches in which she had blaced four red wax candles, and she had blaced four red wax candles, we the a present from all. These branches were present from my cousin Jotham. On the ther side of the room, on the plano-forte, yere two student lamps of different patterns. These were presents from Ernest Gabler and Submit Shattuck, and Bridget had lighted both of them. All this light and sweetness were to do fit

mor to Aunt Caroline's present, which was at the other end of the room as we entered, and obtruded itself from the very first in-stant. Indeed, it was impossible to escape it at any moment while you were in that room t was a thoroughly horrible picture rom the parable of the Prodigal Son. It had escaped by misfortune from ome "chamber of horrors." I do not know its real history, though I have, alas had time enough to study it since those days. But I can not think calmiy on its listory ; it even makes me sick ; and except

ing that the name "Melgrum" appears rathe prominently under the feet of one of the wine, I have no clew to its origin. I can only suppose, as I do, that " Meigrum some overgrown oaf in some high school, who made himself disgusting by caricatur-ing the boys and the masters. I think the masters, in the hope to be rid of him, reported that he was a genius, and persuaded some kind brower to give him money enough to go to Munich to "study art." Arrived there, think he had just learned what are the rulest, the most fiery and piercing pig-nents concocted, when he painted this picture, before his studies in anatomy, oniposition, or perspective had begun. I black the Barriset and the painted the state pieture, its public exhibition, and tha think the Bavarian that it was then surreptitiously sent to this country for sale. I think dear Aunt Caroline was en-

trapped or lured into the warehouse where it was exhibited just when the thousand dollars was burning in her pecket-book which

wise 7-that they disliked the picture very much. Some of them asked Eleanor how she could have such an absurd thing there. Most of them, it is true, thought this was not kind. But even of this set there were but lew who had sense enough and self control enough to say nothing. Had it been an ugly figure on the paper hanging. I do not think they would have spoken of it. Had the room been inconveniently low, I do not think many of these people would have said, " How low this ceiling it." But a mistaken etiquette bas come in, and people think they must speak of pictures as you must speak of the weather, of the election, of health and of the opera. So was it that even indicious peothe opera. So was it that even indicious peo-ple asked if it were painted in Munich, or they were reminded by it of a pletare they had seen in Antwerp, or they said the sub-ject had not been often treated, or said it had. The most carefully trained of this class had. The most carefully trained of this class said it was "very instructive." Other some said that it must have taken a great deal of pains and study. And my poor wife-as the various nice people of the town and the neighborhood called upon her-came to know all the possible changes of these judicions retuarks, as you know the changes on the nearest kind of bells. She said she could tell what they were going to say before they opened their mouths. The second, class was larger. It was the The second class was larger. It was the

body of people, quite uninstructed in fine art, who wanted to be instructed, wanted to think right, and wanted to say right, if they could only find out what right was. Well, 1 could only find out what right was. Well, 1 have a right to say that there was nobody in Netherstone whose opinion on such matters was regarded more highly than mine. I had shown my photographs at the "Lend a Hand Club" one winter. I was president of the Reading Club, and we had read Mrs. Jame-son, and all the people who could had brought pictures. So long as there were art unions, the back store mean always settle the art the book store men always sent the art union agents first of all to me. Indeed, if anybody in that neighborhood knew what was good in art, I did. Class number two consisted of people who, of themselves, was good in art, I did. Class number two consisted of people who, of themselves, would have detested the picture, but see-ing it in my house, knew they ought to like it. They made herrible attempts to like it. "How very natural that pig's tail is!" "How red the sunset is!" "See how angry his face is!" "It is so in-teresting to see the costume 'I never under, stord before about the cost of many colors." stood before about the coat of many colors : stood before about the coal of many colors : and so on. They would keep my peor wife standing before the atomination all through the wedding call. When I came home from the office she would be dead from fatigue, and when I soothed her, and asked the reason, she would sigh out, "Oh, it was the Prodigals used in the statement of the statement of



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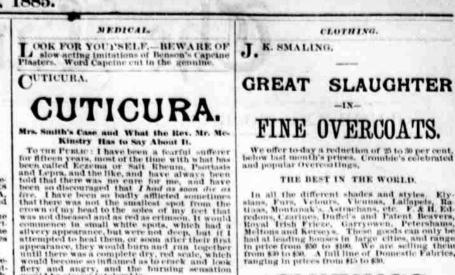
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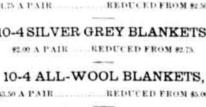
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But, above all, the citizen should scan the character and record of the men who offer themselves for assessor, and he should make himself effective at the primaries in not only preventing unfit nominations, but in promoting good selections.

### A Period of Unrest.

The New York Herald prints, from what it styles as an intelligent source, a very sensational story of a prospective outbreak at Pittsburg among the unemployed people. The story is that firearms and dynamite are in readiness, and that some of these days we will hear of an explosion that will pale the natural gas fireworks of that uproarious city. Probably the author of this discovery has his fears for its chief groundwork. He knows that there are a great many idle workmen in Pittsburg, and that they are of a class given to disorder when they have nothing more profitable to occupy their attention. It is quite likely that if the season of business depression is prolonged there will be riotous outbreaks; and no place is more subject to them from its natural conditions than Pittsburg. We are entering into an era of great disturbance in values, both of commodifies and labor. With the lowered price of manufactures, lowered rates of wages must surely come. It is not probable that the time of high prices will ever return ; certainly it will not come back to stay. It will be better for every one if they never return, since they cannot in the nature of things remain. What we need is that values shall find as quickly as possible the level at which they are going to stay. While they are doing this we will have an era of disturbance ; and it will not be surprising if it shall be attended with riotous demonstrations. The authorities need to be alert to the situation, and prepared for outbreaks. The prophesied trouble at Pittsburg is charged to socialistic agencies. Whether Mr. Carnegie knows anything about it we are not advised. The Herald does not say that he is its intelligent informant. But inasmuch as he is said to be a socialist in theory, and as he has large inter-

in Pittsburg, we suggest that he may consider himself as the appointed instrument of Providence to see to it that the dynamite and fire-arms of the Pittsburg socialists are not so used as to disturb the good order of the state and endanger the loss of peoperty that the socialists, and Mr. Carnegie theoretically, believe should be in the common ownership of all.

### A Proper Requirement.

A bill has been introduced into the legislature requiring all electric, telegraphic and telephonic wires in cities of 10,000 in-

## THE mystery with which the Dudley

surrounds herself is thick enough to cut.

# PERSONAL.

JOHN RUSKIN is inveighing against the ewing machine.

GEORGE M. PULLMAN has added \$3,000 to his original subscription of \$2,000 to the New Orleans Exposition. JANE HABDING, the young French actress

has taken London by storm by her work in the "Maitre des Forges."

OBEN W. WEAVER, clerk in the census bureau, has been appointed chief clerk of the new labor bureau at a salary of \$2,000.

THE POPE on Tuesday administered first communion to Miss Laura Jenkins, of Balti-more. The lady's mother and brother were

O'DONOVAN ROSSA is a much milder man than is generally supposed. His home life is pleasant, and in conversation he is an agreeable talker and not a ranter.

PAUL HENDRICKS, nephew of his uncl and private secretary to Judge Gresham, is a very talented musician. He has a high tenor voice and operatic aspirations.

NATHAN F. DIXON, of Westerly, R. L. has been nominated for Congress in the second district, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Jonathan Chase, elected senator KOLTZ, the lumber man of Shasta, Cal., has a big slab pile he has been accumulating for years which is to be fired on the night of the 3d of March, in honor of the inauguration of President Cleveland. He thinks the blaze will be seen 100 miles away. GEN. GRANT says of his health : "I am

root of the tongue and the tonsil over it, which causes me great pain in talking and especially when I attempt to swallow water. I have not smoked a cigar since the the 20th of November."

PRESIDENT ARTHUR has notified the House that Mrs. Grant has offered to sur-render at once to the custody of the govern-ment in perpetual trust all the trophies of General Grant's fame, and asking necessary legislation for their custody and preservation. The president also took occasion to recom-mend the bill for General Grant's retirement as general of the army.

mend the bill for General Grand as general of the army. BENSON J. LOSSING has been asked to designate which of the Bahama islands is the San Salvador on which Columbus landed. He replies that this has been long a debatable constion, and is still unsolved. Six islands question, and is still unsolved. Six islands of the group claim the honor. Popular belief holds to Cat island, while scientific and historical investigators give reasons for believ-ing that each of the other five islands is the first landing place of the great admiral. IGEN. GRO. B. MCCLELLAN will contribute

and telephonic wires in cities of 10,000 in habitants to be placed underground by December first next; and forbidding the grant of exclusive privileges by any city to any one to ky such wire; and punishing by fine and imprisonment a violation of the act. We think that the requirement of the law is a proper one, though the date fixed for removal of the wires may be unreasona

she meant to spend for Eleanor's present. I think she told her companion, Mrs. Jabez Flynn, how nucle she meant to spend, that Mrs. Flynn privately told this to the perjured villain who is the master of the pleture shop, and that he, with an awful auchicity, back him bring this pleture ferward and place it under the lights for exhibition. I think he mentioned twelve hundred dollars as the price, but consented to be forced down to one usand. And then and thus I think our iste was sealed. The size of the picture was eight feet by

six. The frame was enormous, and very costly. The conception was absured. In the middle of the picture you saw a large group intended to represent a company of p feasting, who were the Prodigal Son father and mother, and other guests called in on the occasion of his return. A gallery above them in the background was filled with people singing, and under the gallery, but beyond the guests, you could gathery, but beyond the guests, you could dimly discern other people dancing, with tambourines over their heads. All this transpired under certain columns and arches, but all in the open air. On the right hand, in what would be the distance had Melgrum known how to represent distance, stood a man in his shirt sleves feeding hogs with Indian corn. On the other side, of the same size and character, was a butcher cut. ting the throat of a calf. From something Aunt Caroline dropped, I believe it was the happy union of three subjects on one canvas which determined her to buy the picture. As she said, with real enthusiasm, " It does not represent a part of the parable ; the whole parable is there."

### IIL-HOW PEOPLE LIKED IT.

Here was the picture, occupying practically the whole of one wall of our parlor, which was to have been so pretty, the room t which, as our plans were made, dear Eleanor was to spend the greater part of her life. We looked at it a little, we received silently Bridget's enthusiastic admiration of it, but we passed as quickly as we could to see how the dining room was arranged, and how my workshop looked. And it ended in my putting Eleanor into my own easy-chair there, going back into her parlor for one of there, going back into her parlor for one of the reading lamps, and bidding Bridget ex-tinguish the others and the candles. Elea-nor spent the evening with me in my den, and I read Coventry Patmore's Betrothad to here. But we could not do that all the time. She

gists.

But we could not do that all the time. She could not be in my room when I had men there on business. She had a feeling of pride, indeed, which for a long time made her keep up a gallant struggle for the parlor, which was her own room, she said : "Why should I go up stairs and sit in a bed cham-ber, when I have such a pretty room of my own ?" She would say this. She would say, "I am sure dear Aunt Car-oline did not mean to make me to be a vagrant in my own house, with no place from the hair of my head to the sole of my feet." Queer, that sense of pride. I have known men who had it. I have known men who really thought that when they had done a gallant eight hours' work down town they had a right at home to the things home they had a right at home to the things home was made for. Philanthropists and politi-cians and tranges, map peddlers and others, would tollow them to their homes, and these men would actually refuse to grind their axes for them there. So poor Eleanor said she would stand for her rights in her pretty parlor. She would not be driven out from It by that hateful butcher; she would not have those dirty pigs tramping over carpet, she said ; she would not hear those tambour-ine women clinking old parehment things. But she overestimated her own abilitie

have noticed that most men do who think they can keep bores out of their houses. I have a large circle of friends in and near have a large circle of friends in and near Netherstone, and so has Eleanour. They were making their wedding calls, and they always found the prodigals—as Eleanor called all the people in the picture, quadrupeds and bipeds—had stepped in before them. Eleanor had not simply to keep the odious creatures out of her own mind and heart; she had to keep them out of her visitors. "I could bear it," she said, "it I were alone. I can turn my back to it. See I

alone. I can turn my back to it. See, I have my work table and my things here, and here is my writing desk. I took exactly the other way. But it is the callers. Everybody looks at the prodigals first and last; and in spite of all my skill it is the central and chief subject of conversation."

bject of conversation. In truth, visitors might be divided into In truth, visitors might be divided into three classes as regarded the picture, These were, first, the mank, unpretend-ing people, who did not value their own opinions highly, but still had opinions. These people said—how could they do other-

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