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The New York Oleomargarine Decision. With all the light that was thrown on the eleomargarine bill prior to its enactment into a law by the Pennsylvania legis-lature, it is remarkable that it succeeded in getting upon the statute books of the state. In April, 1884, when the war against oleomargarine was waging hottest. the New York legislature passed the bill on which the Pennsylvania law was modeled, and it received Governor Cleveland's signature. It was a piece of hasty legislation, brought about by the general feeling that the oleomargarine manufacturers were trying to palm off their article as genuine butter. But when this crusade had spent itself and a few arrests were made for violation of the new act, it was seen that the anti-oleomargarine people had overreached themselves. The new law could not stand the test of public sentiment; it was recognized as demagogic and unwarranted by the constitution of the state.

This change of opinion, however, was not an immediate result. It was not obtained until some convictions were had under the new statute which plainly showed its absurdity. The General Term in the Supreme court in Brooklyn and the Supreme Bench, General Term of New York.successively affirmed the constitutionality of the law. It was not until the act came under the cognizance of the Court of Appeals of New York, the highest judigini authority of the state, that it was viewed in its true character; and an example is set to the supreme court of Fennsylvania in the minimous opinic, of their New York brethren that the law is unconstitutional.

When the bill was first introduced at Harrisburg, the INTELLIGENCER took this view of it, almost alone of the newspapers of the state ; and the course of this journal in sodoing was severely animadverted upon by other state newspapers, professing an andying devotion to the interests of genu-

ine butter. The latter appeared to have forgotten that long since legislation was enacted to prevent the sale of oleomargathat its end was all

me still wise to tisk it inther the to accept less than our just due. Some-times it is better to take half a loaf than get no bread ; but you have to be pretty hungry and pretty weak to let a thief carry off your dinner ; and the Democracy of Pennsylvania propose to fight for all the representatives they are entitled 'to until they are so badly whipped that they cannot stand up.

Excellent Appointments. Yesterday was a good day for Mr. Bayard. A long list of important appoint-ments to the foreign service was given out and it is one that challenges respect. The embarrassments that seemed to surround the appointment of a minister to Rome have been surmounted by taking a man from Ohio, a state which is never backward in coming forward and which has not had much as yet from an administration that appreciates modesty. Mr. Stallo is a man of reputed culture and ability, who has rendered good party service ; he seems to strike the happy medium required for the Italian mission of not having enough religion to offend the Quirinal, and of having recanted his unbelief sufficiently to not be offensive to the Vatican.

Messrs, Alden and Stoddard are account plished literary men ; Mr. Dougherty is a coung man of journalistic training and experience, and son of Daniel Dougherty, the famous Philadelphia lawyer and Democratic orator. Young Monaghan, who goes to Mannheim as consul, is a brilliant Irish orator who rendered good service on the stump in Pennsylvania-the only outside speaker who came over and helped us : but his appointment rests on the better basis of real worth, illustrated by his selfeducation from a mill hand to the position of a fine scholar and orator. Gen. P. M. B. Young is one of the foremost men of Georgia.

### IN 1874 there were only 10,000 pounds of barbed wire sold ; the returns for 1883 show

sales of 238,000,000 pounds.

It is remarkable with what readiness the state press has discovered that the oleomargarine law is a fraud. Hindsight is not as good as foresight, but it is better than blind-

### ALBEADY the clouds are beginning to

oom up in front of the Foraker gubernatoioom up in front of the Foraker gubernato-rial bark in Ohio. The woman's Christian Temperance Union, of the Buckeye state, after a solemn meeting bays decided to throw their weight for the Prohibitionists and against the Republicans in the coming election. They meeting that Foraker won their disappropriate that Foraker won their disapproval by running on a liquor tax platform two years ago and consenting to run on a similar platform this year. Though these estimable women have no vote them selves, they are very potent factors in moulding the votes of fathers, husbands, brothers and all the rest of the male relatives, and as they have asserted their purpose to prosecute an active campaign, they will doubtless make it warm for the hero of the coffee-bag trousers

THE legislature proposes but the suprem court disposes.

If the graduates know that they have no begun to know much yet, they have earned their diplomas. A short course with similar results would be beneficial to some of the editorial critics who never tire of denouncing colleges and belittling their graduates.

ELECTRIC lighting is said to be flourishing much more rapidly in America than in Eng land. Mr. V. H. Pearce in a paper read at a recent meeting of the Society of Arts in London stated that there were probably ninety amps burning every ni the United States. In Chicago the number of are lamps has been doubled in the past year, more than 2,000 now illuminating the thoroughfares of that city. It has been noticed that since the more general introduction of the electric light for street illumination, police supervision has been lightened and the number of bold outrages has decreased. Electric lighting for the streets was a long time coming, but it seems to have come to stay. The one thing necessary now is to cheapen its cost.



mies could reasonably expect. To prohibit entirely the manufacture of oleomargarine as an article of food was so senseless and such an interference with private rights, that it was confidently believed that the measure had no show of passage. But legislatures are queer bodies. They let it go, the governor signed the bill, it became a law, and now it remains for the supreme court to check this assumption and abuse of power by declaring with the New York Court of Appeals that it is not in accord with the constitution.

Mr. Justice Pratt, of the New York supreme court, who dissented from his brethren in sustaining this law, pierced the weakest point of its armor when he said : "It seems to me a citizen has a right to make any pure and wholesome article of food and sell it for what it actually is, and it is immaterial what lawful use shall be made of it afterward. If a man is too poor to buy good butter, I see no objection to his using oil, cheese or honey, or any other substitute for butter. A law prohibiting the making of an iron rake to be used as a substitute for one made entirely of wood could be passed with just the same legal effect as a law providing that oleomargarine should not be made to be used as a substitute for butter."

It is for just such cases as these that courts of review were constituted. Unwarrantable assumptions by the lawmaking body of the state must be checked, if free institutions are to be preserved in their purity. The supreme court will do wisely in knocking this anti-oleomargarine legislation on the head and consigning it to merited oblivion.

## That Question of Stupidity.

The Philadelphia Times' charge of stupidity against the Democrats in the legislature, for rejecting the Republican apportionment, resolves itself into a charge that the Democrats have some expectation of success in their effort to elect the next governor and a majority in the next House; or in one if not both of these undertakings. The Times probably will concede that the Democracy intend to make this effort ; and it may perchance concede still further that, with this intention, it would not be wholly stupid in them to give a public exhibition of some degree of hope on their part that they might accomplish what they proposed to undertake. When it gets thus far it may advance a step further, and admit that to accept a bad apportionment bill now, for the 'reason that they can not hope for a better one hereafter, because they are certain to be defeated all around in the election. would have about it a flavor of stupidity and contradiction. The Times, when it gets thus far, will find that the charge of tupidity would be against the Democratic legislators if they had not rejected the apportionment, and therefore cannot be against them for rejecting it.

And this is upon its assumption that the rejected apportionment is a better one

ONE could easily play the floral millionaire in Florence where Marechal Niel rose sell five for a cent.

SOME of Blaine's friends are disturbed over the news that Logan gets as many as nine hundred letters a day and keeps fifteen clerks to answer them. His enemies may rest content. Such a correspondence will dispose of the most promising presidential candidate.

## PERSONAL.

MINNIE DALEY, of Chicago, rejoices in being called the "wickedest woman" in that very wicked city. EX-SENATOR JAMES W. NESMITH died at

his country residence in Derry, Polk county, Oregon on Wednesday.

SWINEBURNE is writing a paper on "The Work of Victor Hugo," which will be pub-lished in *The Nineteenth Century*.

MRS. C. I. FILLEY, wife of the St. Louis politician of that name, is said to be the au-thor of several popular anonymous novels. REV. MR. O'CONNELL, secretary of the Most Rev. Archbishop Gibbons, of Baltimore, has been appointed rector of the American college at Rome.

SECRETARY LAMAR has abandoned horseback riding and now comes to cabinet meet-ings in a side-bar buggy with a top, drawn by a lean but swift steed.

REV. ELIAS EPPSTEIN. Secretary of the Hebrew ministerial board of Philadelphia, has withdrawn from that body owing to lack of harmony with its views.

EX-SENATOR CONKLING will sail for Eu-rope on Saturday. He is going to Carlsbad for his health, which has been sacrificed to hard work as a lawyer since he left the Sanate

MONSIEUR PAUL BLOUET otherwise Max O'Rell is setting forth in his new book the bost sides of the English aud French char-acters. He has resigned his mastership in St. Paul's School and will probably devote himself to literary pursuits.

Self to literary pursuits. GEOROES OHNET, the play-writer, is only thirty-seven years old. He was first a law-yer, then a journalist, finally a dramatist. When he had finished "Le Maitre de Forges" he was dissatisfied with it and threw the manuscript into the fire; but his wife, who acts as his secretary, rescued it. He is satis-fied with it now. CHARLES ALGERNON DOUGHERTY, ap-pointed secretary of the United States Lega-tion at Rome, is the eldest son of Daniel Dougherty, of Philadelphia. He forsook the legal profession for that of journalism. For some time he was engaged upon the *Press*, afterward as a reporter with the *Ledger*, and latterly with the *Evening Telegraph*. About a year ago he left Phila-delphia and took up his residence in London, where he continued his journalistic labors. WILLIS BOYD ALLEN told a Boston audiwhere he continued his journalistic labors. WILLIS BOYD ALLEN told a Boston audi-ence of a saloon keeper who sprinkled liquor on the sidewalk in front of his dram shop for the purpose of tempting the appe-tite, through the sense of smell, of some poor victim. Many accepted the statement as a mere embellishment of a fictificus tale, but a city missionary who was present corrobo-rated it. Another active temperance worker related how carefully it is necessary to guard tanks in which ice water is kept, in places for reformed men, lest whiskey be poured in surreptificusly. NELLIE HASELTINE, that pretty St. Louis

than can be hoped for from the Republi-cans, if they get the governor and the legislature. Possibly the *Times* is right about this. There is no telling how mean a Republican governor and legislature can be. We are inclined to believe that the re-jected apportionment expresses somewhere near the deepest depth of probable Republi-can malignancy; but if there is a deeper, it NELLIE HASELTINE, that pretty St. Louis