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### THE CRITICAL POINT.

The report current in petroleum circles yesterday that a consultation had taken place in New York between the leaders of the producers' organization and the Standard, with regard to the disposition of that five million barrels of oil out of which the producers were to get the profits, indicate that the shutdown of last year has reached its critical point. It may be remembered that in discussing the question, THE DIS-PATCH pointed out the difficulty that was likely to arise when it became necessary to decide who is to take this surplus off the market and pay for it. If the Standard would perform that generous but probably expensive act, the shutdown might achieve success; but in view of the well-known fact that termination of the deal is rather problematical.

The rumors yesterday were to the effect that the Standard is not disposed to take the oil and deplete its tank surplus to that extent. Perhaps they are erroneous, but they have an air of probability. In that case the natural alternative will be the selling of the oil on the market; and the results may place before the producers the pertinent question whether they have done as well for themselves by playing the Standard's game as they would have by giving the same energy and strength to building up independent interests among the actual and legitimate buyers of oil.

The outcome of the meeting is, of course, mainly conjecture, as yet; but it seems pretty clear that the critical point of the shutdown will come when the deal is closed

### PARADOXICAL DIPLOMACY.

Mr. Phelps is announced to leave England this week, and it is stated that this seem to be a certain paradox in the attitude istry here, and then because that post con- sufficiently steep to open the eyes of the tinues vacant revenges the wrong on the public. English Cabinet by leaving them without an high-priced situations may lose their chance of the jobs.

# ALASKA'S HAPPY SECLUSION.

At last a really solid inducement has been held out to Americans to emigrate to arctic Alaska. An Alaskan paper states that the result of the last Presidental election will not be known to settlers at St. Michaels, the Sea Islands and along the banks of the lower Vukon until the midnight sun has come and gone next July. This beats the best record for returns from West Virginia. The American citizen who is enjoying the the public. companionship of polar bears and other arctic animals on the far Northwestern coast of Alaska has probably just heard of the nomination of Messrs. Cleveland and Harrison. He has before him all the fun of watching the campaign of education and lofty ideas, from the safe distance of eight months in the rear of events.

It is unkind, perhaps, to suggest the thought, but we must remind General Harcounties. Our esteemed fellow citizens in Alaska's northern shores do not yet know how to address their little prayers for Presiin the dawn of 1890 President Harrison will know exactly what his devoted admirers in Kavizagemut and Sesuwaling consider the proper reward for their polar fidelity.

# THE MINERS' DILEMMA.

The river miners do not take very kindly to the proposition of the reduction in their wages by about 8 per cent; and considering that they have been subjected to idleness for several weeks, it is not altogether strange that they should indulge in some recalcitration. Possibly some of the labor leaders who have expressed themselves favorably to the policy of sustaining prices by an arbitrary reduction of production may perceive in this proposition the real purpose of the agreement to stop mining, which went into effect some time ago. If it had been announced at first that the closing of the mines was because the markets would not pay at the regular rate of wages, the question could have been discussed on its merits, and possibly an agreement as to wages between the Monongahela and Kanawha miners might have solved the difficulty. As it is, the miners are offered the dilemma between commencing a strike after several weeks of enforced idleness, or surrendering to the prospect of reduced wages and uncertain work.

### EDUCATIONAL REPORM

It is rather interesting, and at the same time surprising, to find a New York cotemporary jubilantly indorsing the action of the Board of Education in decreeing that 'the marking system must go out of New York's public schools," and supporting the reform with the following arguments: "The practice of overtaxing the memory and neglecting to develop other faculties is an infamous one, particularly as applied to the young, and the only wonder is that its effects are not worse than they are. Competition

for 'marks' aggravates it." What undesirable embellishments the most modern educational science may have added to the marking system, we will not undertake to say. But, as the marking system used to be, and probably now is, the and then take possession of their property;

system of recording the degree of comprehension of his studies, which the pupil shows in daily classes, it is a little difficult to see how the above assertions against it can be made good. To record that the student upon recitation showed a pertect comprehension of the subject studied; or that he showed that moderate comprehension which would justify a mark of seventy-five per cent, or that imperfect one which only calls for a mark of fifty per

cent, or the total failure to know anything at all of it which requires a mark of zero, very plainly has nothing to do with either overtaxing the memory or producing competition. The system of study may overtax the memory, or the influence of teachers may produce undue competition; and they may do exactly the opposite. In either case the marks have nothing to do with it, and are simply the record of the result. It is pertinent to recall the fact that a

general attack has been made upon the system of examinations to determine the stand ing of the scholar. That attack was wellfounded as against a sole dependence upon examinations, because in that case the memory will be overtaxed by the "cramming" which inevitably is used to prepare for the examinations. The system of marking or recording the proficiency obtained in the daily work of the scholar, if carried out with decent honesty and good sense, is the exact opposite of this. It simply shows what each pupil has done, and can neither make drafts on the memory nor develop competition for standing, which is not inherent in the course of study pur-

The outery against the overwork and competition in the schools may have good foundation in some cases; but it is very easily overdone. When the reformers have abolished both examinations and marking, they might as well perfect the work against both evils, by abolishing recitations, classes and schools altogether, as the surest way to keep the scholars' memory from being overtaxed, the Standard is not in the business for fun, and to prevent them from engaging in undue competition.

ways in Glasgow, as shown by the investigations of Prof. Albert Shaw, of Minneapolis, is very different from the course which has been pursued in this country. That city owns all the street car tracks and leases them to a company for a term of years, under certain conditions. The element of competition secured by the bidding on the lease has reduced the maximum rate of fares to a penny, or two cents, and the company pays a 10 per cent dividend on that rate.

This fully establishes what THE DIS-PATCH has heretofore urged, that by securing the free play of competition in transportation over the streets, the rate of fare charged to the public might be reduced below the nickel which is now taken as the ultimatum of cheapness in this country. The difference between the fare which the workingman of Pittsburg must pay and that which the workingman of Glasgow pays is 3 course is taken in order to impress on the cents, and in a year, it would be a conserva-British mind the fact that the Salisbury ad- tive estimate to say that the extra charge for ministration is rebuked because it does not himself and family would reach \$10. The send a Minister to Washington. There may levy of that sum on every workingman for the especial benefit of the watered stock which first asserted the dignity of the based on franchises in the public highways United States by vacating the British Min- granted by the public liberality, ought to be

The Glasgow policy would probably have American Minister; but such paradoxes the drawback of making a decided obstacle make up the movements of diplomacy. to improvements in transit. We doubt if a There is a dangerous tendency in these va- city owning all the street car tracks would cant diplomatic posts which the dignified be very prompt to adopt improved methods statesmen do not seem to appreciate. After such as cable lines, electric roads or elevated the ministries at both capitals have been railways. It could not be much slower than left vacant for a time, and both countries | Pittsburg has been, which is just putting continue to run along as usual, the people | cable lines in operation after they have run may conclude that these positions can be successfully in other cities for nearly a depermanently vacated, and the gentlemen cade. But such a public ownership of the who are ambitious to fill these easy and old lines would probably have delayed progress in those cities. The example, however, shows what can be done by even an indirect and limited application of competition. If the obvious methods of securing direct competition were adopted there is no question that a material reduction in charges could be

> on the bong fide investment in the roads. At all events the practice which Glasgow has carried out will readily be recognized as a long way above the recklessness with which our cities have literally thrown away immense franchises without any care for

secured, and good dividends could be earned

Poets are constantly in need of protection. Sometimes it is protection from themselves. and in this case the public usually demands protection from them likewise. The poet is a gently encouraged. We refer to the genuine article, of course. The poetaster is very tough. It is painful to hear the wail of a rison that he has not yet heard from all the poet in the prosine form of a petition for divorce; but Mr. Earl Marble, of San Francisco, has been constrained to voice his anguish in this manner. He accuses his wife, dental favor. When the icebergs meet again | a Bostonian, of mental cruelty and on that

> Marble's wanderings among the parterres and forcing beds of poetry have been marred and interrupted by the unsymparelates in his complaint many instances of brooded over a villanelle with some such ejaculation as "rats!" or when he has been penning the melodious retrain of a ballade she has asked him in a cold, hard voice. whether he had duly attended to the

> furnace. Not unnaturally Mr. Marble attributes the emaciation of his mind to the attacks of his partner in life. He feels that unless he is shortly liberated from the married state, as an incubator of poetic eggs he will be played out. The relief he prays for he ought to obtain, unless Mrs. Marble can show that she acted under the belief, that is held in some quarters, that the only way to cure a person of her husband's temperament is to knock the poetry out of him. It may be that Mrs. Marble loves her husband but hates poetry, or that she loves poetry and her husband too, and has merely endeavored to curtail the manufacture of magazine poems by the linear yard. The case should be attentively watched, anyhow, for the revelations regarding a struggling native industry are sure to be inter-

esting. THERE is a good deal of ridicule shout the Connecticut "blue laws;" but when one of them recently was used to clear the city of New Haven of that class of dingy impostors known as fortune tellers, it may be conceived that some of the cerulean legislation is not worse than the entirely colorless

THE Governor of Mississippi is urging the arrest of the people who kill negroes

but we do not hear that anyone has been lodged in jail or any farms restored to the heirs of the dead negroes.

JOHN M. THURSTON, of Nebraska, intinates that he can be prevailed upon to sacrifice himself by taking a Cabinet position. He says that he will have to give up a \$12,-000 position, but he will undergo that loss if he is called upon to do it. This indicates Mr. Thurston's conviction that in the Cabinet he would be worth so much more than \$12,000 a year to his employers, the Pacific railroads, as will insure him of getting it back after many days.

QUEEN VICTORIA has permitted a modification of the rules relating to the low cut dresses of ladies attending the spring Drawing Rooms at Buckingham palace. It will no longer be necessary to present loyalty without any covering.

New court and municipal buildings are o be built in New York and the taxpayers of that boodle-ridden city are already beginning to quake at the prospects of job-bery and corruption. It would pay the honest citizens of New York to study the history of the erection of our county buildings, and to insist upon the methods therein disclosed being copied by the officials who will superintend Gotham's improvements.

THE Monroe doctrine is getting a great boom on this continent just now; but it may be worth while to remember that the doctrine which proves the most weighty in international questions, is the one that carries the heaviest guns.

THE report that Evangelist Moody is holding immense revival meetings in San Francisco, and that a place accommodating 6,000 people cannot hold all that come, permits the hope that after he has converted enough of the Californians it may not be quite so easy for the Central Pacific magnates to buy United States Senatorships as it has been heretotore.

THE theory that immoral and revolting plays have got to be represented because the author wrote them so, argues an ignorance on the part of the person who advances this idea that there are plays of healthy and attractive nature.

IT is now heard from the other side in the Whistler-Stott encounter that it was Stott who punched Whistler, not vice versa as Whistler had reported. Well, since each of them is satisfied that he licked the other, the maids of all work, and adds that imitation artistic mill must be recognized as the most successful and satisfactory slugging that the world has ever enjoyed.

THE newest steamers to be added to the trans-Atlantic fleet are called the Majestic and the Teutonic. Unaccustomed passen gers, after they have been at sea about day, will think the name should be Emetic.

THE recording of votes for or against the prohibition amendment the day after it is passed is another of those legislative idiosyncrasies that might be amended. Members who wish to vote on an important measure should learn the necessity of doing so when the measure is put upon its passage.

IF Mr. Phelps' dignified conduct were to prove infectious in the State Department it would be advantageous to the nation. But Mr. Bayard can hardly do much more muddling and truckling before March 4.

THE string which THE DISPATCH stated some time ago was attached to John Wanamaker's European trip has felt a jerk. It | Special Telegram to the Dispatch. may not have been a very strong jerk, but | CHARLESTON, S. C., January 23.—A distincit pulled Mr. Wanamaker all the way to Indianapolis. It does not take much of a ierk to do that nowadays.

THE Congressional resolution prohibiting the sale of liquor at the inauguration ball is a more decided threat against the festivities of the occasion than all the animadversion of the clergy.

THE decision of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court that the question whether eider contains alcohol or not must be decided by inries will nerve the average Pennsylvania pryman with determination to make a thorough test of it. He will not accept hearsay evidence, either.

THAT flag bill in the Legislature is raising rather more fuss than the harmless bit of buncombe is worth.

THERE is a good deal that is enterprising about the New York World's project of ending to look up Stanley; but what will the king of African explorers have to say when he learns that he is to be rescued by one of the bicycling fellows in a tennis suit?

# PERSONAL FACTS AND FANCIES.

MAX O'RELL thinks diamonds, not hearts, re trumps in this country. He doesn't un derstand the game. THREE colored men are members of the

possession of profitable business. MARSHAL BAZAINE was reduced to such as extent that he would gladly have accepted a shilling had it been offered to him, and would have sold his very sword in his sore need and poverty.

THE Princess of Wales is meager in her millinery. The other day she was having some hats made for her daughters, and took her own much more than 30s, for a bonnet,

THE Emperor of Japan is allowed \$2,500,000 private fortune is large and increasing. He keeps himself well informed as to his invest

MILAN OBBENOVITCH has presented to his on, the Crown Prince of Servia, the pen with which he signed the new Constituti hese days the Crown Prince may wonder wha has become of the pen by a stroke of which his mother was robbed of her crown.

MR. KENNAN, the Siberian explorer and writer, went on his travels largely for the sake of his health. "I sailed," he says, "from Nev York for San Francisco a pale-faced, gloomy norbid boy, only 19 years of age, and weighin only 120 pounds. Rough, outdoor life so quickly estored my health that before I had been in Siberia a year I weighed 156 and could endure more hardship and privation than half the na-

KIWEWA, the new King of Uganda, is a very brother Mwanga. Kiwewa is a thin active. highly seasoned than does his brother. He also rs from Mwanga in that he never kills wife before breakfast, being somewhat dys-peptic and not fond of bloodshed before he has had his coffee and a cigarette. He is more progressive than Mwanga in his attire, and always wears at the very least a necklace and an

MISS MARY FULLER, daughter of the Chief Justice, will sail for Europe the last of this month for an indefinite stay. She has made a sensation in Washington by her toilets. She wears no modern costumes for evening dress he copies the style of the Directory or affect the short, belted waist and puffed sleeve of the Empire. At the White House recently she wore an odd little dress of Mme. Boland's period. It was of bright canary satin, and the short waist scarcely reached below the armpits, the back of the straight skirt falling from this in two broad plaits. It had short, puffed sleeves, high on the sboulders, and a square

### THE TOPICAL TALKER.

Small Lots of Gossip for Home Consumption

THERE is a young Alleghenian—he will not be 21 for 15 years yet—who is wont to set up a howl whenever the hour for bathing arrives. Next door the house is full of children, but they are singularly quiet and sweet-tempered. The father of the young gentleman first men-tioned was commenting on this fact to his wife

ast night. "Blank's children never cry," be said. The youngster, who was present, thereupon said with considerable emphasis: "That's all right, pop; but they haven't a bath tub next

HACKMEN, even in Pittsburg, are sometimes ound who want the earth. Here's a case which seems to have escaped chronicling somehow: An old lady staying at the Monongahela House very recently had to leave very early in the morning to catch a P.
& W. train. She chartered a two-horse hack
to take her to the depot. When she reached
her destination she offered the driver \$1.50 surely enough—but he demanded \$5. The train was about to start, and the old lady, though she objected to being robbed, was about to yield in order to reach the cars, when a well known Pittsburger, who happened to have overheard the demands of the back driver,

When he had ascertained the facts he told the old lady that she had two alternatives be fore her—either to pay the \$5 and catch the train, or return to Pittsburg, make a charge against the hackman and lose the train. The entleman, who had also intended to leave on that train, offered to stay with the old lady and see her through. She decided to stay, The hackman was hauled up before a Pittsburg lderman and fined.

How this extremely edifying story was kept from publication I cannot tell. But it ought to be profitable reading to the public and the

one's opinion of the play and Miss Daven port's acting, there is no disguising the fact that she really devotes an immense amount of physical force to the portrayal of Floria Tosca. Miss Davenport, by the way, throws herself about whenever a chance occurs in the play Her final performance on the ramparts is real ly extraordinary. When the soldiers fire upon her she does not, as Sara Bernhadt did, and as I understand Sardou indicated in his stage directions the heroine should do, jump from the parapet into the castle's moat, but staggers instead and then rolls over and over down the

MAX O'RELL says that he was astonished at the quantity of diamonds worn by women of all classes, from the wives of millionaires to diamonds are more often met with than the real stones. This is strange, coming from a Frenchman. Parisian women are noted for

ANOTHER new theater is promised to suffering Pittsburg. But really, if promises are like ple crust, isn't it about time for some of these magnificent projectors of first-class playhouses to give the public a little bit of the pie? If they can't do that, they might give us a rest.

narkable," said a Fourth avenue broker yeste

the surroundings are so dull that no living man seems to want it."
"Where is it?" asked the broker, briskly.

"In Allegheny Cemetery-a half a lot."

# A FEATURE OF THE INAUGURAL.

President Harrison will be furnished from this city. Arrangements are making to send to the militia of this city under the command of General W. S. Lee, who commands the First Brigade North Carolina State Cavalry, and who is the only colored brigadier in the United

has the largest body of colored troops of any city in the Union. There are two regiments of infantry and five cavalry companies, all uni-formed and equipped. They were represented at Cleveland's inauguration by the South Carolina Volunteers, one of the finest com-

The Judgment of The Dispatch in the Selection of News Complimented. From the Canton News Democrat. !

sentatives of American journalism. Its marked feature is that it is never behind in anything, and the judgment exercised in selection of news may be properly styled the perfection of discrimination. The civilized world appears to be its field, and it is covered every day, so that when a reader of THE DISPATCH lays the journal down he feels that he has been accurately posted for the day upon all current

# A PRIZE FOR AUTHORS.

Philadelphia bar-Theophilus J. Minton, John D. Lewis and Jeremiah A. Scott. They are all

Essay on Child Labor. BALTIMORE, January 23.-Mrs. Amelie River Chapler has offered a prize of \$100 for the best American essay on child labor. The money has been placed in the hands of Prof. Richard Ely, of this city, Secretary of the American Economic Association, and was received by Mrs. Chanler for some sonnets on the subject. The essay must not exceed 25,000 words, and must be in Prof. Ely's hands not later than December 2, 1889.

# A Pointer for the Girls.

From the Philadelphia Times.] A pointer for American heiresses: Before marrying a foreign lord try to find out whethe

Imagange of the Scunte Restaurant. From the Boston Herald, 1 In the United States Senate restaurant "On Grover" means a plate of soup.

an heir to a very large estate recently, and was a young man of rare promise. He was recently stricken with an ailment, and had gone to California for relief. Deceased was a son of the veteran banker, Myron H. Sanford, and is widely connected in Pittsburg and vicinity. It is affirmed that the first newspaper advertisement appeared in 1642, during the civil war in Great Britain. Thomas Curtin. Mr. Thomas Curtin, for 45 years a resident o

the Eighth ward, died at his res

THEATRICAL NOTES. THE Hanlons "New Fantasma," a spectar lar play with elaborate scenery and 50 people in the cast, will be at the Grand Opera House next week. The box office opens this morning for the sale of seats for this engagement. "THE Two Johns," an irresistibly funny

The advance sale of seats begins to-day. THE Academy of Music is too small to a mmodate all who are anxious to see the performance of the Rentz-Santley Company. "ROMANY RYE" is drawing immensely at Harris' Theater. Next week, "A Cold Day."

### WASHBURN WINS THE FIGHT.

standing Many Vigorous Protests.

He Receives a Large Majority, Notwith-

St. PAUL, January 23.-The Committee Investigation came in promptly on time and presented their report. It states that several persons were offered money, or other things of value, by overzealous friends of the several candidates, but that there is no evidence in candidates, but that there is no evidence in any way whatever implicating either General Washburn or Senator Eabin. Mr. Lane called for the reading of the testimony to the House, and active debate was aroused by his motion. Mr. Ives thought the House ought to know the inside of the Republican caucus. Others thought the committee had judiciary powers and their report should be accepted as final. The motion to hear the testimony was lost. On motion the joint session then proceeded to vote viva voce for United States Senator, the to vote viva voce for United States Senator, the joint ballot resulting: W. D. Washburn, 107; E. W. Durant, 20; E. M. Wilson, 2; C. M. Start, 9; John P. Rea, 1: Thomas Bowen, 1; M. E. Clapp, 1. A great many explained their votes, especially the few bolters from the caucus. The vote was concluded and announced at 1:10 o'clock. During the vote a thrilling scene was enacted when Representative Smith announced his vote. He spoke briefly, but in the most scathing terms of Senator Hixon, whom he mentioned by name, that gentleman having taken occasion in explaining his vote openly to say that Washburn had secured the caucus nomination by improper means.

The denunciation, which was most bitter and cutting, was received in dead silence, and members leaned forward to find the cause of the speech to see how he was taking it. Senator Hixon made no response, and may haveleft the hall. The Speaker announced the result of the ballot and declared General Washburn elected United States Senator.

INJUNCTIONS AGAINST GRAVITATON. The County Attorney Says the Chicago Cour

Would Grant One Cheap. CHICAGO, January 23 .- A demurrer has bee filed by the County Attorney for the Board of County Commissioners to the suit of Edward A. Stevens to restrain the board from contracting with the training school for boys at Feehanville, because the constitution says that no money shall be paid to a religious institution. The ground of the commissioners' demurrer is that they cannot be enjoined from executing a contract, whatever the courts may have power to do as to enjoining the county from paying

money.

The County Attorney also criticises the free dom of master in chancery in recommending injunctions. He says that on the receipt of \$5 they would recommend an injunction against the law of gravitation. He claims the preliminary injunction against the comm prematurely issued.

### RELICS FOR THE CENTERNIAL.

The Arch Under Which General Washington

Passed Will be Exhibited. NEW YORK, January 23.-General Wm. S. Stryker, of New Jersey, has written to Secre tary Bowen, of the Committee on the Centen nial of the Inauguration of President Wash ington, saying that an arch erected by the ladies of Trenton and under which Washing-ton passed on the way to the inauguration, and under which Lafayette passed when he visited this country in 1824, is now in possession of the wife of the Hon. Caleb S. Green, of Trenton, wife of the Hon. Caleb S. Green, of Trenton, who also has the letter of thanks which Washington wrote to the Trenton ladies.

It is now in Independence Hall on exhibition, and will be returned to Trenton in time for the centennial services. The committee is anxious to get one of the fans presented to the ladies present at the first inauguration ball.

# DEVASTATED BY DIPHTHERIA.

Frightful Mortality in Berks and Lebigi

Counties-Undertakers Busy. READING, January 23.-There is no abate ment of the terrible scourge of diphtheria in Eastern Berks and along the borders of Lehigh county. In some sections as many as half a dozen children have been taken from a single family, and the young victims thus far number over 100. Adults also are carried off with such remarkable suddenness that the doctors are astounded. Thirty-two adults have died this month and there is no abatement.

Double and triple funerals are of common occurrence, two and three children placed in a single coffin and buried in one grave being afferer of almost avery day. affairs of almost every day.

The scourge extends for 20 miles and is worse along low streams of water. Many cases of destitution are reported.

# PARALYZED AT HIS POST.

Representative Burnes, of Missouri, Seized With Paralysis in the Halls of Congress. WASHINGTON, January 23.—Representative James N. Burnes, of Missouri, was seized with an attack of paralysis this afternoon in the House during the consideration of the sundry service bill. He was removed to his hotel in the police ambulance. His condition is very critical. His entire left side is completely paralyzed, and while he is perfectly conscious, his condition is indeed alarming. Even if he could survive the present attack, there is imminent danger of others following, and in that event the chances of recovery would be very sligh

# FIRST COME, LAST SERVED.

Senator Onay Won't he Rothered by Office Seekers Until May 4.

WASHINGTON, January 23.-Senator Quay latter part of February. He desired the announcement made that he would oppose the appointment to office of any man who applied to him for assistance prior to May 4. due an American citizen.

From the New York World. 1 J. L. Babcock, of Ann Arbor, Mich., who is to receive \$500,000 from his uncle's estate if he marries soon, intends to select his wife by aid of a competitive examination. The committee in charge of the contest has a very delicate task to perform. Not since Paris was called upon to award the golden apple to the fairest of the three goddesses. Juno, Minerva and Venus, has a competition of this kind attracted so much attention. The committee will be in fine condition after the defeated aspirants hav finished their revenge.

The Champion Heavy Man Dies. [SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.] Massillon, January 23.-Billy Kurtz laimed to be the heaviest man in Ohio, died on his farm, near here, this afternoon, of drop sy, aged 45 years. The average weight of deceased was 465 pounds, while the avoirdupois of two brothers and two sisters added made a total of 1,411 pounds for the quintet.

### Mrs. Cleveland's Popularity. From the London Globe.]

The popularity of Mrs. Cleveland is a real bulwark to the President. There was some good sense in the gentleman who, being charged by a rampageous bull, held his wife firmly in front, saying: "Stand steady, Maria; he can't tosa both of us."

### From the Chicago News.] It is estimated that the energy displayed by

nembers of Congress in talking on the tariff during the last four months if applied properly would have been sufficient to lift the national

The Energy of Talk.

# ANCIENT ADVERTISING.

In mediaval times it was the public crier who went abroad enumerating the goods that a cer-tain merchant had for sale.

In Greece it was the public crier who announced sales or bid the people come to the theater or visit the public baths. In England the first printed advertis was gotten up by Caxton, the celebrated printer, who announced the completion of "The Pyes of Salisbury," a book containing a collec-

elebration of Easter. THE advertising card is of entirely modern origin, although the Egyptians, Greeks and Romans knew something about advertising. They accomplished the desired result through the medium of posters, as several bills, painted in black and red, were found on the walls of

n of rules for the guidance of priests in the

THE first authentic advertisement was pub-lished in the Mercurius Politicus of 1652. In the year 1657 a weekly newspaper devoted to the interests of advertisers made its appearance in London. It was not until the eigthe tury that newspaper advertising became the recognized medium between the manufacturer and the buyer.

and Other Events. The carriage-crowded drive before Mrs. E M. Ferguson's mansion in the East End, yes' terday afternoon, certainly testified to that lady's popularity as an entertainer, and the 4 o'clock tea that she gave well sustained that reputation. Prominent society people of both cities were present, and. in addition to their hostess, were received by the Mesdames James W. Brown, Henry C. Buffum, George W. Dovey, William H. Frew, Henry H. Cain and J. H. McClellan; also the Misses McClellan, Montgomery, Mackintosh and Carrie Hays.

The affair was in honor of Miss Ferguson, a visiting sister of Mr. E. M. Ferguson. The floral decorations were furnished by B. A. Ellot, while Kuhn, the caterer, furnished the tea for 100 covers. The guests left at d, having passed a most enjoyable afternoon. o'clock tea that she gave well sustained that

A very pretty entertainment was given at sterrett's Hall in Homewood, by the East End German yesterday evening. The attendance was fairly good, considering the state of the roads. The features of the affair were a nice supper and dance, the latter being carried on until an early hour.

given last evening at Cyclorama Hall, Allegheny. About 150 couples were present and danced from 8 to 2 o'clock. The music was furnished by Gernert & Guenther and Luther In Honor of Miss Mary Gregg.

A Pleasant Birthday Party. Mr. Jacob Aulenbacher, Jr., of Eighteenth and Carson streets, Southside, celebrated his and Carson streets, Southside, celebrated his thirty-fourth birthday last evening. About 30 friends were present and passed a pleasant evening. Mr. Aulenbacher was serenaded by the Germania Band and the Odd Fellows' Lie-dertafel.

Mr. Lawrence Heyl, the Liberty street tobac conist, and Miss Theresa Helbling, daughter of Joseph Helbling, of Lawrenceville, were mar-ried yesterday at St. Augustine's Church, in the presence of many friends.

A Tea Party for the Church. Salisbury Hall, Southside, was crowded to the doors last night on account of a tea party which was given for the benefit of the Holy Cross Church, at South Thirty-first street.

The members of Pittsburg Commandery No. Knights Templar, held their usual monthly ntertainment at the Central Turner Hall last court to keep the dancers at the ball next Tuesday from drinking wine after 12 o'clock. The police say they are ready to do Dr. Crosby's bidding if the Supreme Court will give them

### Entertained by Mrs. Singer. Mrs. George Singer yesterday entertained a number of her friends in a delightful manner at her residence, Point Breeze.

The Extraction of Oil From Wood Becoming an Important Branch of Trade. The Stockholm correspondent of the Glasgow Mail mentions that a new industry has sprung up in Sweden, which consists in the extraction of oil from wood. It appears that this industry is becoming every year a more important branch of Swedish trade. The portions of timber and plants which used to be considered

# TO REIMBURSE HIS HEIRS.

The Government Will Appropriate \$500,000 to Pay for Captain Eads' Work. WASHINGTON, January 23.-The Approp tion Committee of the House has dee offer amendments to the sundry civil appropriation bill, now under consideration by th House, appropriating \$500,000 to reimburse the heirs of Captain Eads for improvements made in the channel of the Mississippi river at South Pass, and allowing \$150,000 for the continuance

ment of State. WASHINGTON, January 23 .- Louis C. Schilling, whose case at one time caused considerable interest both in the United States and Mexico, has presented a petition to the Senat through Senator Spooner, in which he makes complaint against the Department of State for not, as he alleges, affording him the protection

From a Montana Exchange, 1 A rather strange affliction happened to Missoula couple who were sleigh riding. The oung man's right ear and the lady's left ear were frosted, while the other two were not cold at all. Why all four ears were not frosted is a problem which has been submitted to the high

From the Chicago News. Washington, a city of some thousands of souls and numerous politicians, has lately been a waltz, shouted that it was bed time, and then shaken by a great sensation. A family has moved there with the avowed intention of residing permanently.

# Kilanea, the Sandwich Island volcano,

again displaying pernicious activity. That part of the world seems to depend upon cruptions and corruptions to gain notoriety. WAITIN' FER THE CAT TO DIE.

But I want to state, of they Could come back, and I could say What my pick ud be, 'y jing! I'd say, Gimme the old swing 'Nunder the old locust trees On the old place, of you please, Dauglin' there with half-shet eye, Waitin' fer the cat to die!

I'd say, Gimme the old gang Of barefooted, hungry, lean, Or'n'ry boys you want to hang When you're growed up twicct as mean! The old gyarden patch, the old

Truants, and the stuff we stoled!

The old stompin'-groun', where we Wore the grass off, wild and free As the swoop of the old swing. Where we uset to climb and cling. Swing the highest of the crowd-

Waitin' fer the cat to die! Now my daughter's little Jane's Got a kind o' baby swing
On the porch, so's when it rains
She kin play there—little thing!
And I'd limped out t'other day
With my old cheer this-a-way,
Swingin' her and rockin' too,
Thinkin how I uset to do
At her are, when suddenly. At her age, when suddenly,

Slow and slower trailin' by-

Rare Collection of Shakespearean Carlos. (NEW YORK BUREAU SPECIALS.) 16,000 had not attained the age of 20. NEW YORK, January 23.-Dr. J. O. Halliwell Phillips, an English collector of Shakespearean curios, who has just died, bequeathed his whole collection to the Shakespeare Society of New York. Dr. Halliwell Phillips devoted 42 years

-A San Francisco court granted a di-

York. Dr. Halliwell Phillips devoted 42 years of his life collecting and studying relies of Shakespeare and his times. He published the results of his studies in 300 volumes. Copies of these volumes and a vast deal of original manuscript will be shipped to the society shortly. Dr. Phillips thought that New York promised to be the future center of Shakespearean revorce last week within less than 24 hours after the application had been filed. -On one of the foggy days in London last

extinguished a fire by emptying the contents of a tempot on the flames, which were rapidly con-

-The Pacific roads are using a rotary snow plow this winter which will eat its way through a drift 15 feet thick and half a mile long in 20 minutes.

-The cattle in South Florida are said to be starving, the flat woods being so covered with water that it was almost impossible for he animals to get food

ighted by electricity, and by the time the Exposition opens it is hoped to have the system installed in the remainder. -Last year 15 Chinamen were married in Onsensland-one to a native of the colony, one

-A man in New York City has fitted

Iowa, the other day between an owl and a large shepherd dog, the bird coming off victorious. Another bout was then arranged between the victor and a brindle bull pup; and again the owl was the winner. ticians got to quarreling bitterly over the spoils, and Mr. Croker had to work harder than ever to make peace among them. Four months

> establishments have been totally inadequate to cope with the enormous supply. -A peculiar story comes from Banner, Neb. A new town called Harrisburg has grown up in the same county, and recently an

will petrify vegetable or animal matter in a few years. One enterprising genius has the bodies of three Indians in soak and when they are converted into stone he expects to make a fortune exhibiting them.

-The number of paupers in London in the last week in December, exclusive of luna-tics in asylums and vagrants, was 100,315, as

week. The company are in possession, as pro-prictors, of the privileges and rights of the original patentee of the solid-headed pin. There are at least two other extensive pin manufacturers in Birmingham, where it is said that half the pins used in the world are made. -An old fellow in a Wisconsin town who

was recently requested to publish some sort of a statement. So he posted the following on

has been running a private bank for some years

which it must pass must grant formal permits white man's land, wealthy and prosperous. While the 10,200 negroes south of St. Augustine while the 0,200 negroes south of St. Agastino had grown from 1870 to 1880 to 16,900, the 17,300 whites had grown to 45,900 and are nearly 70,000 to-day. In that section of the State the races were nearly equal 18 years ago; the whites are four to one to-day, and in a number of the counties the negro population has actually de

-A Chicago woman suffered so terribly from tight shoes while at the theater that, at the end of the first act, she took the advice of her husband and removed the footgear. After that she was in clover until the performance was over. Then she almost fainted to find that her feet had so swelled that the shoes would little more than go over the toes. Her husband little more than go over the toes. Her husband, however, again came to the rescue, and suggested that she wrap the shees in the programme and walk home—only about half a block distant—in her stocking feet. She fellowed his advice, but the chill which shot through her body when she stepped on the cold pavement prompted her to resolve never again to go shoeless during the winter, even if she has to remain in a theater for a week.

her victims came she charged them large prices for the lotion. The lotion, however, brought out ugliness and blotches instead of beauty, and she then demanded exorbitant prices for removing these blotches. She made a great deal of money, but in 1875 she was arrested, tried and convicted. She managed to escape to New York, where she lived quietly for a time. Remorse overcame her, and she consulted a clergyman. He counseled penance. She therefore went to Maryland, bought an old builging in a secluded spot, and began the life.

Never call a big man a liar. He'd prob ably feel worse than a smaller man, The Flying Dutchman would probably be Sismarck if the wishes of the ex-Empress war

ly)-Emma, darling, say yes, and there will be Newsboy (outside)-Big breach of promise case

Near Relatives-"We are related, I be-

eve, " said the Earthquake to the Case of Agne. "I think so, though we have never met before," replied the Case of Ague.

'Shake!' both exclaimed, simultaneously. Cold Days for Art.-Beethoven Von

A Doubtful Future .- Minister (at dinner, to Bobby)-I suppose, Bobby, you want to grow up to be a good and useful member of so-Bobby-Oh, yes! I want to be in the best so-

taining Miss Breazy, of Chicago)—That is a bean-tiful dress you have on, Geraldine, and the shade seems to be quite new. Miss Breezy (complacently)—Yes; it is a new Chicago shade, called the "pig's snore."

think of the modern style of writing paper?"
asked Cora. "Do you like it as well as the old?" "I'm afraid I am not competent to form an opinion," replied Merritt. "I should judge that a great deal can be said on both sides,"

a large easy chair and wait until somebody brings The Wrong House.-Tramp (thinking to

sued

The treatment of the subject of street rail-

PROTECTION FOR POETS. tender thing, to be guarded, conserved and

ground seeks to be loosed from her. Mr. Marble is a poet. His sweet songs on spring and other timely subjects have perfumed the pages of several magazines, at the usual munificent rates of five cents a line, we presume. But of late years Mr. thetic annotations of his wife. The poet the unseemly conduct of his helpmeet. She has been wont to burst in upon him as he

sort.

at Your Leisure.

THE filness of Miss Fanny Davenport is not extraordinary, in view of the very heavy work which she does in "La Tosca." Whatever may

sloping platform to the center of the stage. However she may guard herself in this exploit, the exet of rolling headlong down a board walk must be very trying to so stout a woman

their devotion to jewelry of all kinds, diamonds being particularly sought after, and the mitation stones to be found in the Palais Royal shops are worn profusely by the lower

"THE activity in real estate just now is re-"Yes," said an impecunious person present,
"I have a bit of real estate I'd like to sell, but

South Carolina Colored Troops Will Present on That Occasion.

States.

General Lee is a light-colored mulatto, and was at one time Speaker of the House of Representatives of South Carolina. Charleston

# THE PERFECTION OF DISCRIMINATION.

THE DISPATCH is among the highest repre-

Mrs. Chapler Will Give One for the Best

DEATHS OF A DAY. H. Lawrence Sanford. Special Telegram to the Dispatch. ERIE, January 23.-H. Lawrence Sanford, of Erie, died to-day in Riverside, Cal. Deceased was

# street yesterday, aged 63 years. Mr. Curtin was formerly a river man, and had acquired consider-able wealth. He was highly respected by a large circle of acquaintanees.

comedy, as all regular theater-goers well know, will be the attraction at the Bijou next week

MANY new attractions are promised by the Casino at an early date.

AT THE SOCIAL SHRINE. Mrs. E. M. Ferguson's Delightful Reception

The theatrical wardrobe of Lester Wallack, the dead actor, was exhibited at an auction

A Nice Supper and Dance.

bers of the profession. The swords and daggers used by Mr. Wallack in "Faint Heart," "As You Like It" and "Diplomacy" are also in the collection. The swords with which James Wallack fought in "Rienzi" and "Richard III." Their Second Reception. The second annual entertainment of Good Will Council, Order of Chosen Friends, was form a separate lot of relics. Fifty canes, which were given to Lester Wallack by friends

Mrs. Dr. W. J. Holland, of Oakland, gave charming little luncheon to a few friends yes-terday afternoon, in honor of Miss Mary Gregg, an eastern visitor of Miss Mary McKee, of Oakland. Caterer Kuhn set the table, and altogether it was a most enjoyable affair, last-ing from 1 until 5.

Freddle Nervous Last Monday Eve. Freddie Gebhardt was in a terrible state of mind last Monday night when Mrs. Langtry Helbling-Heyl. quite still on a stool behind the scenes until the play was half done. Then he hurried around behind the curtain and in the boxes,

Metropolitan Opera House next Tuesday night. In a long affidavit, which he will show Knights Templar Monthly Treat. have resulted from the sale of champagne after midnight at the French balls. He wishes the

# A NEW INDUSTRY IN SWEDEN.

lighted exclusively by electricity to avoid all langer of fire. ship Yantic, who died several days ago of yellow fever, remains unburied at quarantine. The Board of Health wishes to bury it here, valueless are now utilized. After being sub-jected to various processes, they yield not only oil, but turpentine, creosote, acetic acid, char-coal and pitch. It appears that the ligneous oil produced in Sweden cannot be burned in The Miles family wish to bury it in Virginia. Before the body can be transported to Virginia, Boards of Health in all States through oil produced in Sweden cannot be burned in ordinary lamps, owing to the quantity of smoke it throws off, but has to be used in specially constructed lamps similar to what are employed for photogen. It costs about 55 centimes per litre, is not explosive and burns much longer than photogen. There are at present 30 manufactures for turning out this substraction. and the health authorities must give a burial permit. All this red tape is considered uncoffin in which the body lies is air tight. Theodore Wehl was shot in the abdomen resterday by a friend whose name he refused to give. He said the shooting was an accident.

of the work of surveying and locating sites for irrigating the arid lands of the West.

SHOULD HAVE BEEN PROTECTED. Louis C. Schilling Complains of the Depart

school class in physiology. broken up early this morning by a young man who said he was a blizzard and a cowboy. In Sensation in Washington. fact, he was William Dean, of Jersey City, and very drunk. At 4 o'clock young Dean darted to the middle of the ball room in the midst of

### Eruptions and Corruptions From the New York World.

Lawzy? don't I rickollect That 'ere old awing in the lane! Right and proper, I expect, Old times can't come back again;

And twist roun', and fight, and lie-Waitin' fer the cat to die 'Pears like I 'most allus could Jes sail up there tel I stood Downside up, and screech out loud, Ketch my breath, and jes drap back Fer to let the old swing slack, Yit my tow-bead dippin' still In the green boughs, and the chill Up my backbone taperin' down, With my shadder on the groun'

"Hey, gran'pap!" she says to me,
"Why you rock so slow?" Says I,
"Waltin' for the cat to die!"
"Wattomo Hiley, in Harpers'

ODD PHASES OF CITY LIFE.

Wallack's Stage Clothes on View.

room to-day, preparatory to its sale next Fri-day morning. It contains about every kind of

costume that an actor can wear on the stage. All sorts of cloaks, trousers and waistcoats,

gold-embroidered and gold-bespangled, appro-priate for all plays from "School" to "Much

Ado About Nothing," are being tumbled about

on the auctioneer's counters by curious mem-

Richard Croker, the great Tammany chief-tain, is breaking down physically. His physi-

cians have told him he must go South and keep

from politicians. Mr. Croker worked tremen-dously hard last fall to get Mr. Hewitt out of

office, and to get Mayor Grant in. After the

election of Mayor Grant, the Tammany poli-

of these exertions have worn out his nervous

system. Tammany men are puzzled to know

they can keep their grip on the city offices without the help of Mr. Croker as Fire Com-

asking everyone he knew whether the Lily was a success in her new role.

Crosby May Spoll the Fun.

The Rev. Howard Crosby thinks he can stop

some of the fun at the big French ball in the

to the Supreme Court, he tells what high jinks

A Novel Oil Ship.

The first steel tank bark ever built for the oil trade sailed from here to-day for Havre,

with 12 tanks full of oil. Her name is Ville de

Controversy Over a Corpse.

The body of Lieutenant Miles, of the steam

ecessary by the Miles family, as the metallic

Could Not Face the Executioner.

To-day he died. Shortly before his death, Paul

Cohas, a cigarmaker, shot himself in the left

breast at his lodgings. He was taken to a hos-

pital to die. His room mate told the police

that Cohas planned to shoot himself early this

norning when he read that Wehl could not

live. Cohas said to his chum; "I am the man

who shot Theodore Wehl in the abdomen yes

erday. I see by the papers he will die. The

detectives are after me and I will kill myself.

Wehl and I quarreled over 50 cents at cards at

Pursued by an Abused Woman.

William Mayer's wife has got him into a bad

tangle with the police here by coming all the

way from Leipsic, Germany, to tell about his

misdeeds in the old country. She married him

eight years ago. They lived happily until her

father died, leaving her about \$2,000. He then

made her life miserable by constantly teasin her for money. Finally she gave him the whole

\$2,000. He got terribly drunk and ran away to

America. She supported her six children by

washing and begging. Eventually she got to-

gether money enough to pay her passage to America. She arrived three days ago. A de-tective helped her find Mr. Mayer, who swore

Finally he acknowledged she was his wife. He

refused to support her, however, although he

is well-to-do, and advised the commissioners at

Castle Garden to send her back to Germany as

A Lively Time at a Dance.

Billy McGlory's big opening ball was almost

began shooting at the big chandelier above

him, with a 42-caliber revolver. All the dancers

and cake-walkers tumbled out of doors and the

walters got behind the bar. Two bouncers

tried to eject young Dean without taking hold of him, but failed. Two policemen, however,

lugged him off, after he had emptied his re-

volver, and the ball proceeded. McGlory's dive was closed last year by Mayor Hewitt. Everyone is wondering to-day what Mayor

A Rich Woman's Escapade.

Mrs. Maria Mascapetti, wife of a rich Hobo-ken wine merchant, made a big rumpus in a Hoboken theater last evening by smoking a

eigarette during the play. A man tried to stop

her. She slapped his face and called him

names. An usher made an equally bad job of

quieting her. A policeman removed her from

the theater. She will be tried for disorderly

Suffocated by Coal Gas.

Last night Daniel Desmond and John Walsh

were suffocated in their bunks on the steam-

ship Holbert by gas from an old coal stove. Both were breathing faintly when the mate

opened the door this morning. They died, how-

Some time ago young Albert Swatz was given a glass of sulphuric acid instead of soda water

at Schmidt's saloon, in Newark. He died the

same night. The Coroner's jury returned a

Schmidt, and recommends the passage of a law

forbidding saloon keepers to keep poisons be

Penny Wise and Pound Foolish.

England to-day pays a total of \$4,000,000 in

subsidies, and by that means she gets \$365,000,000 of the \$665,000,000 paid for the carrying trade of

as being "penny wise and pound foolish," and

ing trade of the world and the decision of American statesmen upon it puts us on the

Killed the Business.

An Indiana court has decided that unless

woman is pleased with her photographs she need not pay for them. Since this decision was

rendered 45 photographers have spilled their chemicals out of the window and left the State.

From the Burlington Free Press.]

Grant will do about it.

conduct to-morrow.

hind their bars.

'penny-' side.

ever, before a doctor arrived.

I shot him.

a pauper.

Dieppe. She is 231 feet long, 22 feet deep and

a registered tonnage of 2,000. She is

a mandamus.

will also be sold.

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS. -Of 26,000 criminals arrested in Paris, -In Rome there are 30 cardinals, 35 bish-

ops, 1,469 priests, 2,215 nuns and 3,000 monks, friars, candidates, etc.

week, the output of one of the gas companies there was 165,046,000 cubic feet of gas. -A California clergyman lately went crazy while preaching, and descending from the pulpit threw books and chairs among the

-A Chinese paper tells of a monkey that

-Almost all the Paris theaters are

to a Victorian native, two to Scotch women, three to Irish women and eight to English

imself for an expert witness on chirography, and once having seen a man's signature he can identify it again if simply shown one single let-ter of the name. -There was an exciting battle at Pierce,

-Last week there was an enormous catch of sardines off Boulogne, France. They have been selling at 5d per 1,000, and immense quan-titles have been used as manure, as the curing

enterprising citizen of the latter town went to Banner, loaded the postoffice on his wagon, and carried it triumphantly to Harrisburg. Banner succeeded in recovering it after a -The waters of nearly all the hot springs in Black Rock region. Nevada, are so strongly impregnated with mineral matter, that they

compared with 194,957 on the corresponding day of the previous year, 98,611 in 1886, and 94,902 in 1885. The vagrants relieved in the metropolis on the last Saturday of December numbered 1,156, of whom 949 were men, 170 women and 37 children under 16 years of age. -There is a company in Birmingham, England, that makes about 10,000,000 of pins every day, the weight averaging five tons per

the door of his bank:

"Notice.—This 'ere bank has got \$50,000 behind her. She don't owe nobody a cussed cent. Good paper discounted, as heretofore, and nobody proposes to cut sticks for Mexico or Canada." -The immigration that has poured into Southern and Western Florida has made it a

creased.

-The life of Mme. Peynaud, the Frenchwoman, who died a few days ago near Catonswoman, who died a few days ago near Catons-ville, Md., where for years she occupied, with cats, dogs and birds, an old hut, is told of as follows in Baltimore papers: She formerly lived in Paris, her husband was a barber, and upon his death he left her a recipe for beauti-fying the complexion. She started an estab-lishment, but, trade not being brisk, she adopted a new plan. She advertised exten-sively, promising astonishing results, When-her victims came she charged them large prices for the lotion. The lotion, however, brought out ugliness and blotches instead of

# building in a secluded spot, and began the life of a recluse.

TAKEN FROM LIFE. Beastly Weather.-When it rains cats and dogs.

Seene: Grammar Class-Teacher-What is the future of "He drinks?" Johnny (after considerable thought)-"He is Most Unfortunate.-Simpson (tremulous

Dinkenspiel (trombonist of street band) Mein goodness, Herr Conductor, can't you head us aroundt de obbosite way? Dot December wind

lety, but I don't b'lieve that I can get there. Pa The New Shade .- Aunt (who is enter-

A Delicate Insinuation .- "What do you

Free Medical Advice .- "Doctor," said a citizen as he overtook him on the street, "what do you do in a case of gone stomach?" "Well," replied the doctor, thoushtfully, "I've never had such a case myself, but I would recom-mend you to advertise for it and then sit down in

obtain sympathy)-I say, Mum, I ain't got no where that I kin call a home, and I ain't ea nuthin' all day. Would you mind it, Mum, if I slep' in the snow here until mornin'? Lady of the house (who knows 'em)-No. I ain't got any objections. You can drop down there anywhere; only remember, that as I don't charge you anything for your lodgin', I shall expect you