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### BUSINESS COMPLAINTS.

The complaint of unprofitable business in the flint glass trade, which is made in an interview published in our local columns, sets forth another instance in which leading industries are running at prices which yield little or no profit.

If the demand continues poor and the profit an absent factor, of course there will be no other course open to the factories than a suspension; and in that case the establishments which shut down first will the soonest avoid the danger of loss. But while they continue in operation it affords a tolerably good indication that their advantages and clever management enables them to get a little something out of the trade.

It is certainly worth while in view of the close margins at which our leading industries are operating, to encourage united action to improve our situation. Any movement which would give our factories cheaper fuel or better freight rates would strengthen the industrial position of the city wonderfully and put our interests in a position to compete successfully.

While encouraging every such effort, we are by no means disposed to take such unfavorable views as are expressed by some of the complaints. Prices are on hard pan, and therefore cannot contain the danger of collapse. It is also cogent that low prices are the only sure way in which to stimulate a reliable consumptive demand.

There is good assurance that while Pittsburg industries may not make large profits this year, they will have a fair business and enjoy a prosperity which will not be less stable on account of its moderation.

### REPEAL OF LOCAL OPTION.

The Democratic majority in the New Jersey Senate has taken the trouble to put itself on record by a strict party vote for the repeal of the local option law. Whatever arguments may exist against absolute prohibition it has always been difficult, excent on the ground of the absolute right to sell liquor without restraint, to produce arguments against the measure of permitting each county to decide for itself whether it will grant licenses or not. The New Jersey Democrats appear to find it so, as they made no arguments in favor of the repeal, but forced it to a vote by strict party discipline. It is not alone the Democratic party which has taken this action, as may be learned by turning back to the similar repeal of local option in the Pennsylvania Legislature fifteen years ago. The result of the repeal in this State has been to finally bring the State to the consideration of prohibition. Perhaps those who are urging the matter in New Jersey would do wisely to consider that example.

## SHEPARD'S HIGH AMBITION.

It seems from a list of the applications siready filed for the fat things to be dis- Political life would be but a desert without pensed by the Harrison administration that Colonel Elliot F. Shepard is not inspired by any such modest ambition as will be satisfied by the Italian mission. The extremely glish mission, regardless of any liens which journalistic brother, Whitelaw Reid, may have on the place. That the religious editor is in earnest, can be fully proved by reading in the Mail and Express such modest assertions as the following: "We believe that no newspaper had a larger share in the and Reed, not to speak of Hoar and Dawes, election of Harrison and Morton than the Mail and Express,"

It must impress the mind with a disappointed feeling, to discover that all the Blair, the energy of Chandler, the calm piety paraded in this new organ of the coolness of Edmunds and the dogged pugstraitest sect of the Pharisees, has had nacity of Butler would be irresistible, parin view this high reward. Have all the ticularly when it came to capturing the excerpts from Holy Writ been poured out politics of Canada. We would give that upon the public, only that their evangelical organization two years to take possession of selector might assume the function of pre- the Canadian Parliament and administrasenting worshiping Anglomaniacs to the tion; and then is there any doubt what they Queen and Tummy? Does the reward of would do? Would Blaine, after nourishtrue religious labor lie in making speeches | ing the Presidental fever for 20 years, be to the nobility and aristocracy at public content with Canada, when by a stroke he dinners? Such questions as these are likely | could extend his ambition over the united to shake the public faith in that purely dislare area of both countries? Would Blair rest interested religious spirit, which Colonel satisfied with passing educational bills for Shepard has doubtless intended the public the district north of the St. Lawrence when to believe in as inspiring his remarkable the boundless continent might be his? iournalistic career.

We are fain to believe that the Colonel has heard of the wickedness and laxity of | two years to capture Canadian politics and morals which characterize English aristoc- one to carry an application for admission to racy, and he wishes to go as an official repre- the United States, and their work would be sentative of American morality to convert | done in time to bring Canada for the next and reform the Britons. By judiciously Presidental election. hurling Scripture texts into his diplomatic correspondence with Lord Salisbury, and good even as himself-the pattern of good- of us.

The appointment should be given to Colonel Shepard. We have the old Commodore Vanderbilt's authority as to the large variety of fools which Colonel Shepard is able to be; and here is one department in which he has as yet had no opportunity to demonstrate how big a fool he can make of himself.

## THE COMMON FAILURE.

An example of the failure to perceive the govern the supply of staple necessities to the Councilman who was here last week to study | ridiculous in the first place. the natural gas question. While objecting gas, this gentleman is represented as saying | telegraphic dispatches yesterday. It is | The man is saving it the trouble of doing so.

and doubtless he said it in perfect good faith-"We are willing to give a monopoly of the business of our town if they give us | mandment if they do smash the ninth to in return a fuel that doesn't cost more than fragments. soft coal."

This measure of the duty of a public body is very common but none the less very shortsighted. Suppose that after such a monopoly were granted, it should be developed that the supply of gas that could be brought to Dayton were such as to make the price under competition half the cost of coal. Would not the excess charged under the monopoly granted by the Council be an extortion from the public for which the shortsightedness of the public representatives would be fully responsible?

On the other hand, suppose it to be true, as claimed by the gas companies, that the distance which the gas must be transported requires a price somewhat in excess of the cost of coal, in order to yield any profit in the business. Is it fair to deny those who can afford to pay a little extra to be freed from the smoke, ashes and labor of handling the privilege of doing so? It is as much 2 00 | an injustice to prevent the public the privilege of paying an enhanced price for a superior article as to require it to pay more than its true value, by the absence of com-

It is evident that there is no infallible test as to which of these suppositions is the true one, other than the test of competition. When municipal Councilmen become sufficiently enlightened to abjure the vice of granting monopolies, and to grant all franchises so as to protect and maintain competition in every service performed by these franchises, they will do their duty as representatives of the public.

petition.

AN IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE. The action of the joint committee of the Legislature and Grand Army, in recommending that the syndicate soldiers orphans' schools be disbanded and the children placed in church homes as a temporary measure, and eventually as far as possible in private homes, is a recognition of a principle which has long been urged in these columns. The recognition is somewhat tardy, it is true, but it is none the less important.

The principle is that funds assigned to charity must not be placed in the hands of money-making administrators. Every dollar that the State devoted to the care of the soldiers' orphans ought to have been sacred to their maintenance and nurture. The moment the possibility was allowed of making money out of this fund, that moment the gate was opened to abuses and dishonesty. Notwithstanding the elaborate efforts in the direction of whitewashing the syndicate schools, the truth of this appears in the results. The provision of \$150 a year for children over 10 years old and of \$115 for those under that age, is not more than is men, both of architecture and public adneeded to give them first-class care and edu- ministration, that crowns the Fifth avenue cation. If any portion of that fund is di- hump. verted to the pockets of political speculators, they must lose a portion of the care to which they are entitled. The fact that a large share of that fund has been taken as profits, renders inevitable such tales of insufficient food, clothing and buildings as have been constantly coming to the surface in connec-

tion with these institutions. The decision of the joint committee insures the termination of this wrong in connection with the soldiers' orphans. It is to be hoped that in future public charities the les-on may be borne in mind that charity and speculation are irreconcilable and must be kept strictly separate.

## AN INEVITABLE RESULT.

The Canadian proposition to buy New England is rejected by the New York Telegram as inadmissable, because with Maine the Canucks would acquire the magnetic Secretary of State, not to mention Messrs, Hale, Frve, Boutelle and Thomas B. Reed: with New Hampshire the irrepressible William E. Chandler and the persevering Blair; with Vermont, Senator George Edmunds, and with Massachusetts the only Benjamin F. Butler that the world has ever

produced. Yet this fact, that the scheme would result in the transfer of these indomitable statesmen into Canadian citizens, is one of statesmen into Canadian citizens, is one of its strongest recommendations to this country. Not that we wish to get rid of Messrs. It is but a block from the house in which Mr. Blaine, Butler, Chandler, Edmunds, et al. even an oasis if these lively figures were taken from us, and the output of political jests would be woefully restricted for want of material. But we could undergo that good Colonel, has put in his bid for the En- privation for a brief season in the pursuit of any well-defined object; and such an brother-in-law Chauncey M. Depew, or his | object appears to the mind which looks ahead and estimates the character and comparative energy of the men and the country which proposes to annex them.

Can anyone believe that if Blaine, Butler, Blair, Chandler, Edmunds, Boutelle united to accomplish any object they could fail to secure it? A combination of the magnetism of Blaine, the perseverance of Would Ben Butler rest content under bunting of English design and manufacture? proposes a higher mission to himself. He No, indeed. Give these indomitable men

A transfer which would convert Blaine, Chandler and Butler into Canadians, means by threatening the British nobility with the the ultimate conversion of Canada into war of extermination which he has hitherto | States of the Union. It may be well to reheld in reserve for the South, he may lead member that fact, if Canadia is so rash as them to abjure their vices, and become as to propose to buy Northern New England

MRS. HARRISON gave a tea to the Indiana people in Washington the other day. and the President poured out the tea. But the Indianians want it understood that tea is not the only thing that the President is expected to pour out for their benefit.

Ir you can't get what you want take the next best thing. Now that Platt, of New York, is sure that he cannot get into the Cabinet as Secretary of the Treasury, his name appears in the New York papers as fundamental principle which ought to eligible for the position of Collector of Customs. This would be a step from the subpublic by the use of public franchises is af- lime to the ridiculous, if the idea of Platt forded by an interview with a Dayton for Secretary of the Treasury had not been

strenuously to the high prices of natural | No MORE American ships were sunk by

pleasant to observe that the fake manufacturers are respecting the fourth com-

ONE of the features at the White House appears to displease the Demogratic Rochester Union and Observer, which asserts that "Since the Secretaryship of W. K. Rogers there has been nothing so insufferable in the White House as Russell Harrison's smirk." But the assertion is erroneous. To the great mass of visitors at the White House a very much more unpleasant thing would be Russell Harrison's frown.

THE interesting story which is told from Harrisburg, casts a little doubt upon the oft-repeated assertion that there is no lobby in attendance upon this Legislature.

IT seems that the inauguration ball was a success to the extent of leaving a surplus of \$25,000 in the hands of the committee; and like the usual surplus it causes much discussion as to what shall be done with it. If it should occur to the committee to distribute it among poor people, who are in need of food and fuel, they would have the satisfaction of knowing that the ball did some practical good after all.

WITH six persons after every office in the gift of the new administration, five-sixths of the crowd will soon be profoundly convinced the fact that republics are ungrateful.

THE economical measure adopted by the Western Union Telegraph, in reducing the pay of its messenger boys from two cents per message to one cent and two mills, is an indication that whatever may be done with the water in the stock of that corporation, it' is considered the right thing to fill up the boys with plenty of water-and a little

ADVICES from Washington indicate that Senator Quay's doorbell has been about as padly overworked as the President's hand.

MR. GRANT ALLEN'S argument in the North American Review, that the most intelligent animals, such as monkeys, elephants and parrots, are those which have a grasping organ, comes just in time for the politicians to prove that they have a high order of intelligence by grasping anything that they can get hold of.

RAILROADING the revenue bill through the Legislature may lead it to a disastrous collision with the Supreme Court.

In reply to Dr. Talmage's inquiry in his sermon published elsewhere: "Where is the court house that, in the building of it, has not had a political job?" we are happy to point him to the very creditable speci-

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

MR. BLAINE is the only college graduate in MRS. NOBLE, wife of the Secretary of the

nterior, comes from Northampton, Mass., where her father was for 25 years proprietor of large sanitarium. SIR JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE stands 6 feet 4 in his noble stocking feet. He will, therefore, probably stand higher in our estimation and be longer in the country than his predecessors. MANY lawyers and public men who admired the late Dr. Francis Wharton, the great authority on international law, were not aware

spicuously high standing among the clergy of that church. KATE FIELD says that a woman who aims to be fashionable must neglect home, husband and children, put away comfort and convenience, be a first-class hypocrite and a good slanderer, and at the end of ten years break down and be-

that he was an Episcopal clergyman of con-

come a physical wreck. Miss Berglior Bjornson, the eldest daughter of the Norwegian poet Bjornstjerne Riornson, has just made her debut as opera ager at Paris, and French impress and artists are enthusiastic in her praise. Miss Bjornson is 19 years old, beautiful, with fair hair and tall slender figure. For the next two years she is to continue her musical education and at the end of that time a "starring" tour to

MRS. HENRY WARD BEECHER has taken a ouse at Hicks and Orange streets, Brooklyn, Beecher died. Although Mrs. Beecher greatly opposed the choice of Mr. Abbott as pastor of Plymouth Church, she occupies her old pew there every Sunday when in the city, and is as active in church work as when her husband vas living. Mrs. Beecher is in her 76th year, but is hale and strong and as full of energy as

CHIEF JUSTICE FULLER is far from being handsome man, but in his robes of office he makes a very striking appearance. This is due in great part to the luxuriance of his long white hair and moustache. He has a serious caste of countenance, and like many small men physically, looks like one who would maintain his dignity under all circumstances in order to prove to the world that his greatness depends not upon the size of his body. He is popular with his colleagues and has already won the respect of all who have watched his course in

## A FAST OF 22 DAYS.

Forger Who Became Conscience-Stricken Tries to Starve Himself. ATLANTA, March 10 .- For 22 days John L. Adams has refused to taste food, and is nov at any hour. The first 12 days of his fast were spent in Bibb county jail. In the hope that his mother might induce him to eat, he was taken to his home, under guard, where he now is His mother fell on her knees and implored him

not to continue in his way.
"No, mother," said the son, "I am atoning for my sins by not eating. I have misused other people's money, and in no other way can

other people's money, and in no other way can I atone but by offering myself as a sacrifice. I commit no sin by dying thus, but make myself acceptable to the Lord."

He sent for the Episcopal clergyman and was baptized. In his sleep he can be seen motioning as if taking food. He dreams that a feast is before him. When he occasionally awakes and finds his mother there with the viands at his lips he draws back and refuses to taste hem. Thus he has passed the time, growing daily weaker and declaring that his life was being offered as a sacrifice for his sins. The forgeries traced to him are for sums amountorgenes traced to him are for sums amount-ng to over \$70,000. The affairs of his house are such a mixed condition that none of the aimants will get any considerable amount.

## A GENTLEMEN'S MEETING.

me Difficulty Experienced in Finding

Sultable Chairman. CHICAGO, March 10.-A call issued yesterday by President Marvin Hughitt, as Chairman of the late "gentlemen's" meeting, for another meeting of "gentlemen" at "The Rookery," in this city next Tuesday. Mr. Hughitt says a full attendance is required, but gives no inti-mation whatever of the subject to come up for mation whatever of the subject to come up for consideration. The object of the meeting, it is assumed, is to hear the report of the special committee, which went to New York a week ago to secure the service of the Inter-State Commerce Commissioner A. F. Walker as Chairman of the Executive Board of the "Inter-State Gentlemen's Association."

According to information derived, it is asserted, from one of the "gentlemen," the committee has been privately informed by Mr. Walker that he would accept the position under certain conditions. These conditions were such as the committee could not grant without consulting the presidents of all the roads interested, and hence the meeting for next Tuesday was called to find out whether Mr. Walker's terms were acceptable. er's terms were acceptable

Lots of Labor Saved. From the Philadelphia Press, 1 The office is not seeking the man nowadays. O'BRIEN-BAIN'S GOSSIP.

Did Blaice Want to be an Editor?-Why Noble Was Made Secretary of the Interior-The Unique Kitchen at the Inaugural Ball.

[CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH.] WASHINGTON, March 10 .- One of the inter esting political rumors floating about the capi-tal this week connects the name of James G. Blaine with a plan that failed recently, contemplating the establishment in the arena of poli-tics of a well-known weekly magazine. I am assured by what would appear to be good au-thority, that within three weeks of his appoint-ment to be Secretary of State Mr. Blaine gave a conditional promise that he would take editorial charge of Frank Leslie's Illustrated Weekly. The offer made to him was satisfac-Weekly. The offer made to him was satisfactory financially—much more satisfactory in that respect than anything that President Harrison could make. But the principal inducement held out to him was the prospect of measuring swords with his old political foe, George William Curtis. As editor of Harper's Weekly, Mr. Curtis did the Blaine cause inestimable harm in the contest of 1894. In assuming charge of Frank Leslie's and making it a political publication, Mr. Blaine would have had rare opportunities for attack upon his old enemy. The programme, as outlined, included the appointment of Whitelaw Rold to be Secretary of State. But pressure was brought to bear on Mr. Blaine and he yielded to the entreaties of his friends and accepted the nominatreaties of his friends and accepted the nomina-tion tendered him by President Harrison. This leaves Mr. Reid with the possibility of be-coming a diplomat, and representing the United States at London or Paris.

Harrison's Election.

Whatever may be said of the other Cabinet selections—and much has been said in the partisan press of the influence of Mr. Blaine and others with the President-there is one member of the President's political family who was unquestionably chosen by Mr. Harrison. That man is John W. Noble, of Missouri, Secretary of the Interior. No one suggested General Noble's name to the President; nobody even thought of the possibility of his appointment for a long time. It was indicated by General Harrison in conversation with several of his visitors and advisors, but no one appre-General Harrison in conversation with several of his visitors and advisors, but no one appreciated the true significance of his remarks about the man from Missouri until one or two gathered together and exchanged notes. Senator Teller, of Colorado, was questioned about General Noble, whom he had known for some years. Then Senator Plumb was asked if he knew anything about General Noble, and on his reply that he did not he was treated to a description of Noble's good qualities. A friend of ex-Senator John B. Henderson, who went to Indianapolis from St. Louis, found that General Noble was the only Missourian whom General Harrison would discuss. The compliment to General Noble was the greater because General Harrison had told Senator Teller that he considered the office of Secretary of the Interior the most important in his Cabinet and the nardest to fill. It is extremely difficult to find a lawyer of his eminence in his profession and high in the councils of either political party who has not had corporation affiliations that unfit him in a great measure for the duties of the office to which General Noble has been appointed. Mr. Harrison was looking for a man of eminence who had no intimate association with corporations. The wealthy corporations of this country have retained most of the eminent members of the bar. Corporation fees are large and they are sure. Corporation fees has head some corporation practice, but has never been identified with any particular corporation. I know corporation practice, but has never been identified with any particular corporation. I know that General Noble would have preferred to be Attorney General, but Mr. Harrison thought it would be easier to find another Attorney General than to find another Secretary of the Interior.

A Calm Caterer. One of the unique teatures of the inaugural ball and one which was seen of but few men, was the temporary kitchen from which were sent forth the viands to feed the 7,000 people that supped with George C. Boldt. It ran the full length of the Pension building. Its equipfull length of the Pension building. Its equipment was most elaborate. On a huge range at one end of the building were cooked such articles of food as Mr. Boldt brought with him in the raw or unfinished state. An enormous pine box beside the range contained shelves of perforated tin, through which the warm air circulated, and on these shelves were ranged great platters of delicious croquettes. Imagine, if you can, 4,000 delicately browned cones standing side by side. Think of the great tubs of chicken and lobster salad, the enormous pots of coffee, the great cans of cream. In the midst of all the bustle and the hurry, walked Mr. Boldt, faultlessly clad, no speck of grease soiling the perfect broadcloth of his coat; no wrinkle marring the snowy expanse of his linen. Every detail was caught by his quiet eye, every fault corrected the minute it appeared. I saw him when the ball was over and the tired him when the ball was over and the tired waiters were packing away the remains of the feast. He was as calm and as bappy at the end of the evening as he was at the beginning. "I could have fed 3,000 more if they had come," he said. "I expected 6,000, but I was prepared for 10,000."

A Good-Natured Crush. The inaugural ball was unique in the tranquility, and perfect good nature that seemed to prevade the enormous crowd upon the floor. There was no altercation and no discussion of unpleasant warmth during the entire evening unpleasant warmth during the entire evening. It is extraordinary that in so enormous a gathering there should have been no unpleasant dispute. There has seldom been an inaugural ball that was not marred by at least one fistight. The gathering is always of a miscellaneous character, and with more than 12,000 people constantly jostling against one another it would seem almost impossible that perfect harmony should prevail among them.

Not Much Like a Senator. Senator Kenna, one of the re-elected mem her of the Senate, is not a handsome man, no does he in any way bear out the idea of the does he in any way bear out the idea of the typical statesman. He is manly, and strong in appearance, but his features are cast in a rugged mold. He came to the Senate six years ago. One day shortly after the beginning of his term, he stepped into the Senate elevator to ride upstairs. It is one of the rules of the Senate that none but Senators, employes of the Senate that none but Senators, employes of the Senate and newspaper men be on the gallery floor when the Senate is in secret session. On this day the Senate was sitting with closed doors. When the elevator reached the Senate floor the boy stopped it.

"I want to go to the gallery," said Senator Kenna.

"You can't go," said the boy.
"Why not?" said the Senator, inclined to be

angry.
"Because the Senate's in executive," said the

boy.
"But I am a Senator," said Mr. Kenna.
The boy was covered with confusion." N
mind," said Mr. Kenna. "I don't blame
I don't think myself that I look very Minister to Mexico, Maybe. A political character that will attract some

ion in the next four years is Hon. Ros well G. Horr, of Michigan, ex-member of the House of Representatives. Mr. Horr is an applicant for the post of Minister to Mexico. If his prayer is granted he will become an inter-national character within six months. He will his prayer is granted be will become an international character within six months. He will collipse even that typical American Bayless W. Hanna, who created such a sensation in the Argentine Republic. Mr. Horr represents in appearance one type of the American. He is a rough hewn Uncle Sam. His trousers look as though they had strayed from their normal resting place within his top-boots and his hands never seem half so well at home as when they neesting place within his top-boots and his hands never seem half so well at home as when they are stuck deep in his trousers pockets. Mr. Horr has a big builet head, with square jaws and a mouth that never curves, open or shut. The base of his nose spreads over fully an inch of his face. He has white hair, which he wears cut short and brushed straight up from his forehead; his eyebrows are shaggy and on his chin is a short, bristly goatee of white. Mr. Horr's whole appearance is comical in the extreme. He speaks in homely phase. When he was a member of the House of Representatives he was noted for his funny speeches. He spoke with a plainness and a directness unusual even on the floor of the House, and the oddity of his appearance and the quamtness of his speech always assured him a laugh from the galleries. Mr. Horr's first oratorical effort in the House was enough to make him famous for all time. It was a discussion of the Southern question. Mr. Horr stood in the center aisle of the hall of the House of Representatives and advised his Southern friends to go back to their homes and "raise less hades and more hominy; more cotton and less Cain."

Mr. Horr is now in the lecture field. He is said to have the ear of the administration and he is likely to go to Mexico. O'BRIEN-BAIN.

## THE NATIONAL MUSEUM.

Professor/Langley Wants Men and Money to Keep it Up. WASHINGTON, March 10 .- In a letter to the

President of the Senate just made public, Secretary S. P. Langley, of the Smithsonian Institution, sets forth in answer to a resolution by the Senate, the present actual needs of the National Museum. In the year ended June 30, National Museum. In the year ended June 30, 1888, the aggregate exponditures for service was \$122,750; for the present year it is estimated that the aggregate will be \$120,710. For the proper working of the museum the amount required would be \$190,12t. In other directions, also, the Secretary says, the museum is sadly in need, in order that it may be enabled to maintain a satisfactory position in comparison with those of European nations.

YESTERDAY'S DISPATCH

Brief Summary of Leading Features of the Mammoth Double Number. A novel reason for King Milan's abdicati A novel reason for King Milan's abdication is given. He found that his hair was falling out, and concluded that it was time for him to quit the throne. The copper syndicate is dragging the great French financial institution, the Comptoir d'Ecompte, into bankruptcy. The Duke of Portland is in luck. Two of his horses are prime favorites in Derby quotations. The anniversary of the death of Emperor William was celebrated with memorial services throughout Germany. The socialistic agitation causes much anxiety in the German Empire. The young Emperor is taking steps to strengthen the navy. Two million Germans have left the Vaterland for the United States since 1871. The reported destruction of the United States steamship Nipsic by the Germans is not confirmed, and is generally discredited. The recent discovery of rich gold fields in Lower California is making that territory the Mecca of fortune-hunters, and the excitement recalls the days of '49 on the Pacific slope. Congressman Townshend, of Illinois, died at the age of 49.
Moses Myers, who has acquaintances in Pittsburg, was arrested in New York for robbing the mails. Representative Burdick, of McKean, told THE DISPATCH correspondent his reasons for opposing the general revenue bill. The legislative and G. A. R. committees have de-

Diphtheria is epidemic in portions of Venango county. The dead are being removed from the Troy Hill Cemetery, and the graveyard will shortly be obliterated. Secretary Martin, of the Amal gamated Association, is a candidate for the position of United States Labor Commissioner and is being strongly recommended. A special article on natural gas meters contained much to interest every householder. The Squirrel Hill Electric Railroad Company held a meeting, and, it is understood, will soon begin work on the new line.

cided to prepare a bill, putting the control of the soldiers orphans' schools in the hands of

a commission. Inspector Greer commends the management of the McAlisterville school.

The American ball players had a rough voyage from Paris to London. Extensive arrangements have been made for their formal reception to-day. The Prince of Wales will witness the first game to be played by them in England. Other sporting events, both of local and general interest, were treated of at length. The markets, editorials, the music world and other departments were as complete and compre-hensive as usual.

In the second part additional chapters of Maurice Thompson's entertaining romance were given. Bill Nye touched upon the sub-ject of his ancestry, and Robert J. Burdette contributed a couple of columns of original humor. Frank Carpenter gave an account of his visit to the richest man in China, and de-scribed minutely some of the peculiar customs of the Celestials. Goodfriend continued his record of the American ball players abroad Blakely Hall furnished some graphic portrait of New York swells. Edgar L. Wakeman's letter contained some quaint Irish character sketches. James W. Breen narrated his adventures in Washington and contrasted Jeffer sonian simplicity with the fuss and ceremon incident to a modern inauguration. The author of "Don't" gave much sound advice to women who move in society. A staff writer sketched the origin and history of Pittsburg's social clubs. Shirley Dare's advice to mothers popular interest; Rev. George Hodges' talk on books, good and bad; Bessie Bramble's letter from the South; M. M.'s description of a Florida sugar plantation; Clara Belle's chat; Dr. Hammond's health hints and "A Clergyman's Sunday Thoughts" were other inter ing special articles. Art notes, theatrical, social and secret society gossip; G. A. R. and military news were also included, the whole rming a complete and most excellent number of a first-class newspaper of 16 pages.

# THE WASHINGTON EAR.

Disease That is Said to be Caused by Asphalt Dust.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. 1 With the march of modern improvements and the growth of luxury, diseases and their names increase, and humanity suffers from a score of polysyllabic atlments now that our grandfathers never heard of. The latest is the cation to all the jokers and scoffers who know what extraordinary things the Washington car does manage to gather in, and the Washington tongue thereafter spreads. A friend of mine was taken with a sudden and frightful pain in the ear after a long drive on a windy day open carriage. Mindful of Roscoe Conkling's sufferings and untimely end, she sent at on for the best aurist in the city, and after the

irst look he said? "Oh, it is nothing but the Washington ear. Tis an inflammation caused by the dust from these asphalt pavements. The dust is very poisonous to the ear, and I have innumerable cases of it. One or two patients who have obstinately refused to wear cotton in their ears on windy and dusty days have lost their eardrums by following inflammations."

## A HIGH PRICED HOTEL.

It Cost an Englishman \$5 Merely for Lodging There. From the New York World.

A young man entered the Charles street station late Friday night, placed a dollar bill before the Sergeant, and asked to be called at 7 clock in the morning.
"Show this gentleman to his room," said the

Sergeant grimly to the doorman. The guest was locked up, and at 7 o'clock yesterday orning he was taken before Justice O'Rellly Jefferson Market, charged with intoxica "I am from Loudon," he said, in pure cockney. "I am engaged as assistant custodian or waiter, as you call it, at No. 12 East Twenty-ninth street. My name is Francis Day. I must have been blooming drunk when I took the police office for a lodging house. I'll never do the likes again, but I didn't want to go home,

rou know." He was fined \$5.

## A CHINESE PUZZLE.

Collector Magone Doesn't Know What to De With Ah Foo. NEW YORK, March 10 .- Collector Magone i debating whether Ah Foo, the Chinaman, who arrived on the White Star steamer Adriatio yesterday, may land or not. It appears prot ble that he will be allowed to land. He came to this country when he was 9 years old and was married here to an American woman, by whom he has a daughter 13 years old. Ah Foo is a cook. He talks English, has had his one cut off and dresses in American clothes.

The Sick Congressmen Out of Danger. WASHINGTON, March 10 .- The sick Congress men, Buchanan, of New Jersey: Spinola, of New York, and Lee, of Virginia, are all re-ported to be improved this evening, and it is said that none of them are in immediate dan-

The Boldhended Take a Back Sent. from the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.] It is a comfort to think, when looking at the ow Cabinet, that for once there is a front rov in which no bald-headed man has a seat,

Let the Disappointed Take Hope

From the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.1 There is one comforting assurance in the office-seeker's future. Walking on the railroad tracks from Washington will improve as the gentle spring advances. Honors Ensily Attnined.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal, 1 It will presently be the case in West Virginia that every man will be addressed, not as Major, Colonel or Judge, but as Governor,

### DEATHS OF A DAY. Charles Gage Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. James G. Blair have just suffered a and loss in the death of their little son, Charles Gage Blair. The little fellow was just about I year old, and was most interesting and bright. Mr. Blair is city editor of the Post, and he and his estimable wife have the sincere sympathy of their many friends both in and outside of his pro-fession. The funeral will take place this morning at the residence, No. 28 Grantham street, Alle-

William Buente, a well-known resident of Allegheny, died on Saturday. He was a member of the Poor Board and served four terms in Councils. The deceased lived on Buente atreet, in the Twelfish ward, and was E years of age. The funeral will take place this afternoon,

OUR MAIL POUCH.

Something About Celluloid. Please tell us something of celluloid and its nanufacture. HENRY.

GREENSBURG, March 9.
[Most celluloid is made in France. A roll of paper is slowly unwound, and at the same time a saturated with a mixture of five parts of sul-phuric and two parts of nitric acid, which falls phuric and two parts of nitric acid, which falls upon the paper in fine spray. This changes the cellulose of the paper into pyroxyline, or gun cotton. The excess of the acid having been expelled by pressure, the paper is washed with plenty of water until all traces of acid have been removed. It is then reduced to pulp, and passes on to the bleaching trough. It is this gun cotton which gives it its explosive nature. Most of the water having been got rid of by means of a strainer, it is mixed with from 20 to 40 per cent of its weight in campbor; a second 40 per cent of its weight in camphor; a second mixture and grinding follows. This pulp is spread out in thin slabs, which are squeezed in a hydraulic press until they are as dry as chips. Then they are rolled in heated follers, and come out in elastic sheets. They are from that point worked up into almost every conceivable form. In Paris there is a room almost completely furnished in celluloid. The curtains, the furniture, the doorknobs and even the matting was made of the material. To be sure, no matches were ever carried there. Indeed, the room was never used. It was only a curiosity, and the man who owned it owned the factory where it was made.] 40 per cent of its weight in campbor; a secon

Allen Soldier Voters.

To the Editor of The Dispatch: First-Had an alien while serving in the Union army during the late war the right to rote? Second-After serving his term of enlistment had he to take out naturalization papers, or did his discharge papers answer that purpose.

NATURALIZED AMERICAN.

TURTLE CREEK, March 9.

[In 1862 an act was passed which provided that any alien who had enlisted in the regular or volunteer service and been honorably dis-charged could, upon proof of one year's residence in the country, be naturalized without any previous declaration of intention. This is the only information we have upon the sub

Ladies, Tigers and Cheers.

To the Editor of The Dispatch: Please state the derivation and meaning of e quotation, "The lady or the tiger?" Also, what is meant by "Three cheers and a tiger?"
BRADCOCK, March 9.

(The first is the title of a story by Frank I ockton The conclusion is left for the reader o guess at, the narrative leaving it uncertain whether the hero was devoured by a tiger or lived to marry a beautiful maiden. The second phrase means three cheers and an extra loud

### Voters' Qualifications.

To the Editor of The Dispatch: It has been claimed that in 17 States in the Union persons are allowed to vote upon a declaration of their intention to become citizens. Will you please state if such is the case, and whether they vote at all elections or not?
PITTSBURG, March 9. R. D. L. [It is a fact. Generally speaking, such persons are allowed to vote at all elections; there may be exceptions in some of the States, as the

Presidents Who Were Senators To the Editor of The Dispatch:

Please inform me whether training States irst President who has been a United States L. L. Please inform me whether Harrison is the MCKEESPORT, March 9. [He is not. James Monroe, John Quincy

Adams, Andrew Jackson, Martin Van Buren, William H. Harrison, John Tyler, Franklin Pierce and James Buchanan all served in the Senate before their election to the Presidency.]

R in Right. To the Editor of The Dispatch: A contends that a man in a business requi ing a stamp for special internal revenue tax, such as retail dealer in manufactured tobacco, having made application and inclosed his money in letter and deposited it in the post-office can begin to sell without any danger. B contends that he cannot sell until he receives his stamp and displays it in his place of business. Which is right?

PITTSBURG, March 9.

Who Can Tell Him?

To the Editor of The Dispatch: Can you or any of your readers inform me of the whereabouts or present address of Wash ington Barr, who was a mate on a Pittsburg steamer in 1862 or 1863? The boat, I think, was pressed into service during the early part of the war.

OLD SUBSCRIBER. CANTON, O., March 9.

To the Editor of The Dispatch: If the prohibition amendment fails to carry does that annul present local option laws now in force in different sections of the State?

NEW HAVEN, PA., March 9. W. G. M.

### THE TOWNSHEND OBSEQUIES To be Held This Evening in the Riggs Hous

Parlors. Washington. WASHINGTON, March 10,-Religious services will be held over the remains of the late Representative Townshend Monday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, in the parlors of the Riggs House The Rev. Father Chapelle, D. D., of St. Matthew's church, and the Rev. Father Walter, of St. Patrick's church, will officiate. At 9 St. Patrick's church, will officiate. At 9 o'clock Monday evening members of Congress, citizens of Illinois now in Washington, and other friends of Mr. Townshend will meet to take appropriate action relative to the death of the dead man, and to accompany his remains to the station. The body will lesve here on the II-19 train over the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, and will be taken to the late home of Mr. Townshend, in Shawneetown, Ill., by the members of his family and the Congressional committee appointed for the purpose, The funeral and burial will take place at Shawneetown Wednesday afternoon.

town Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Harrison sent a beautiful selection of cut flowers, to-day, to Mrs. Townshend, accompanied by the following note, expressing her sympathy and that of the President: EXECUTIVE MANSION,

DEAR MRS. TOWNHSEND—I was very much shocked to hear of the sudden death of your husband. Your grief is too sacred to approach with words. Accept these flowers, with my heartfelt sympathy. The Fresident desires to add his sympathy with mine. Sincercity yours. CARRIE S. HARRISON.

## BLAINE WILL NOT BE NEEDED.

The Alleged Kansas City Abductors Captured at Chicago. CHICAGO, March 10.-George Henney wife, who abducted little Lucy Spellman, of Kansas City, on February 26, were arrested in Kansas City, on February 25, were arrested in Chicago to-day. The case was first published as an episode likely to give rise to an international question between the English Government and the new administration at Washington.

Henney and his wife are English subjects, and it was thought they left Kansas City for the old country with the child, thinking that if they could place the ocean between it and its mother they were safe. The Henneys, however, deny any intention either of abducting the child or going to England. The baby had been left in their care, and they took it along because they thought no one else wanted it.

cause they thought no one else wanted it SENATOR BECK WELL AGAIN. He Feels Able to Tackle the Opposition of

over the frozen icy road, up the river toward Phillips. He gained on it, and, when within hailing distance, cried: "Hait!"

A wild laugh came back. He fired his gun into the air, but that produced no effect. Then he spurred on his borse, meanwhile putting another charge in his gun. He expected a tussel with a desperate horse thief. Soon there came a crash. The wagon bad gone into the ditch and turned over. With cocked weapon the pursuing citizen advanced. He found a pretty young woman grinning at him. The young woman had stolen another man's horse, and then gone for his wagon. He patched up the team and took her back to Farmington.

Clara said she had become tired of life in that town and determined to seek adventures in the Tarlff Question. pecial Telegram to The Dispatch. WASHINGTON, March 10 .- Senator Beck, of Kentucky, who has been traveling for health since the latter part of the last session, returned to the city this evening. He looks almost as robust as ever, and says he feels more vigorous than for years, and quite able for a till with the Republicans of the next Congress on the tariff question. Clara said she had become tired of life in that town and determined to seek adventures in other parts of the world. She evidently had looked too long on the wine when it was red. Her husband has not appeared on the scene as yet. She pleaded guilty when arraigned.

## JAPANESE LULLABY.

Sleep, little pigeon, and fold your wings— Little blue pigeon with velvet eyes; Sleep to the singing of the mother-bird swinging— Swinging the nest where her little one lies. Away out yonder I see a star-

Silvery star with a tinkling song: To the soft dew falling I hear it calling— Calling and tinkling the night along. In through the window a moonbeam comes-Little gold moonbeam with misty wings:
All allently creeping, it asks: "is he steeping.
Sleeping and dreaming while mother sings?"

Seraltie chaim, and includes nearly 5,000,000 Up from the sen there floats the sobteres of Central Arizona. Of the waves that are breaking upon the shore, As though they were groaning in augulab, an For more than a year past Santiago Alaso, a For more than a year past Santiago Aliso, a distinguished Spanish lawyer of this city, and Clark Churchill, ex-Attorney General of Arizona, have been engaged in investigating the title of the grant. The Surveyor General has for several years ineisted that the grant title was valid, but the researches of Aliso and Churchill finally convinced him of his error. Hence his official report. mouning— Bemoaning the ship that shall come no more. But sleep, little pigeon, and fold your wings-Little blue pigeon with mournful eyes: Am I not singing—see I am swinging— Swinging the nest where my darling lies. —Eugene Field, in Chicago h

GREEK COLLIDES WITH GREEK.

(FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)

HARRISBURG, March 10.—"We were drinking," It was one of the brightest of the Harrisburg correspondents who spoke. "The particular people who were drinking," he remarked, "were myself, a reformer, and a mem-

ber of the Legislature from the Western part of the State, who is suspected of being a Standard Oil man. The reformer is also a member of the

Legislature. He had made up his mind there

was something in the wind, and he gave me a tip. I had drank just enough to take it in. It

segan to be about & A w and the Standard

Oil man said: 'Well, boys, I must leave you.'

"Where are you going?" inquired the reformer and myself. 'Ob, I must leave,' evasively replied the Standard man. The reformer punched me, and swearing softly, said to me: 'What did I tell you.' Then we both remarked:

'We'll go with you.' The Standard man re-

plied: 'All right, boys; wait till I go to the hotel for my grip.' 'You'll call for us on your hotel for my grip.' 'You'll call for us on your way back?' Sure. Take one and I'll be with you before you down it,' The reformer and I took one and conferred. The Standard man

put his head inside the door and remarked:

"Just as we arrived at the depot two trains

Came in, one from the east and one from the west. Senator Delamater and Chairman Andrews came up the steps from the depot platform. They took the Standard man aside to

tell him something about the weather in a confidential way. The reformer fell over against me and nearly fainted. 'Didn't I give you a

straight tip? he gasped, while his eyes stood out so far that they nearly ran down his cheeks. 'Sure,' I said. Then the Standard

man came back to us and said: 'Well, boys,

"There were two trains, one going east and the other west. We had made up our minds

the Standard man was going east, and we were determined to know all about it. 'All right,'

we said, "so, are we." We went down to the trains together, and the Standard man said: "Where are you going, boys?" 'We're going with you," we said, and the Standard man never cracked a smille, as he replied to us, "Come on, boys," and then said to the porter: 'Give us a section." The reformer, of course, but a section.

had a Pennsylvania Railroad pass on his person, and as I stood on the reform question I had

and as I stood on the reform question I had another. Otherwise we were broke, but the Standard man was putting up for the section. We just threw our overcoats into it and retired to the smoking compartment. The Standard man produced a pack of cards and ordered a bottle of wine. We had discovered by the time that the contract of the section of the se

by this time that we were going west instead of east, but we were determined to hang on.

"The Standard man ordered another bottle

of wine, and this confirmed the reformer's worst

suspicions. The manipulation of the paste-boards and the gradual decrease of the wine

supply made the time pass merrily. The re-former after awhile said to the Standard man:

'Old fellow, let me have \$20?' 'Sure,' said the

me. 'No, I don't want any,' I said, and then leaning over to the reformer I whispered: 'That'll do for the two of us.' The size of the

Standard man. 'Have one yourself,' he said to

roll produced by the Standard man made the

reformer's eyes stand out again, and he punched me in the ribs and breathed into my

ear: 'Ain't we on?' 'Ain't we though?' I re-

"The Standard man ordered another bottle of

wine. We began to get very mellow. The Standard man after awhile called the porter

and asked him where there was a night tele-

graph office. 'At Lewiston Junction, sah.' The

Standard man said he wanted to get off a mes-

sage if it would go that night sure. The

porter was certain, and the Standard man played with his cipher book awhile, and wrote

something on a telegraph blank. The reformer all this time was giving me a wild series of nudges and knowing looks. The Standard man stepped out of the compartment and said to the porter, just loud enough for us to hear: 'Now get this off, sure. Here's a dollar, and you can keep the change. When we head this off.

keep the change. When we heard this I thought the reformer would have a fit.

another bottle of wine. We were having a big

time, and the reformer was making my ribs black and blue between patriotic songs and other things. After a while the Standard man

Once upon a time, a very respectable, though poor, Hibernian died in a town where he was known only by reputation. It was determined

to give him a good funeral, and in the absence

of relatives, a lot of mourners were hired to

walk behind the hearse, clad in black and with

heads down. A part of the bargain was that any man who looked up forfeited his pay. After a while a very loud smell greeted the

nostrils of the hired mourners. "Boys," said one of them, "that must be an old corpse in

front?" After standing it as long as they could, they agreed that one of them should

look up to see what was the trouble, and the

rest should make his loss good. He looked up. "Boys," he said, "you can all look up now, as

we've lost the hearse and we're following a gar-

"Right there I fainted. When I was coming

to I heard the reformer weakly murmuring:
'Where does this train stop next?' The Stand-

ard man was having a fit of hysterics over in the other corner. We bade him a sad farewell

at Altoona, and stayed there until we had spent

the \$20 we had borrowed. That isn't all of it,

though; We found out a week later that we were worse sold than we thought. The Stand-

ard man only stayed in the westward train until

it met the train east, when be transferred him-

self to it and went off to New York to consult

Mr. Rockefeller about the cottonseed oil bill

and other matters before the Legislature that

A SWEET YOUNG HORSE THIEF.

A Yankee Woman Steals a Rig and is Sent

FARMINGTON, MR., March 10 .- Mrs. Clara M

Nye, only two years a bride, pert, pretty and vivacious, was sent to jail here to-day for stealing a horse and wagon. The Prosecuting

Attorney told s dramatic story to the court that made everybody, even Clara herself,

A Farmington citizen was aroused by a-com

motion in his barn. He hurried into his clothes and rushed down. Just as he reached

the yard a horse and wagon dashed by him.

He recognized the wagon as his own. Going to the barn he found his horse safe. In a moment

he was on the animal's back, dashing after the thief, with his shotgun in readiness. In the

stillness of the night he heard the team rattling

over the frozen icy road, up the river toward

A BIG CLAIM.

Five Milfley Acres in Central Arizona at

Stake.

Tucson, ARIL, March 10.-The Surveyor

General has completed his report on the Seral-tic claim, and recommends that it be not con-firmed, as there is no evidence which is docu-

to the County Jail.

bage cart."

"The Standard man came back and rung

there's my train; I'm going now.'

'All aboard.'

A Bright Correspondent Thrown Off the -Joe Avery, a small boy of Cornwallis, Ore., while sick and delirious, swallowed a thermometer which the doctor placed in his mouth to test his temperature. He suffered terribly, but may recover. Scent of a Good Bit of News by a Shrewd Standard Oil Man-A Story That Was Applied to His Case.

—George Granger, of Allaben, Ulater county, New York, has a Leghorn hen which has three legs. On the third leg there are six toes. Mr. Granger has named the three-legged hen "Tim." When it hears that name it walks out from the flock and will follow the person who called it. -Mrs. Mary Arndt, a lady about 30 years

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

old, living at Calhoun, Ind., a small station on the Lake Shore road, was taken sick several days ago and was confined to her bed. The second night of her liless her hair, which was jet black, began to whiten, and by morning it had turned completely white. The woman has recovered and is an object of considerable interest.

-A deerskin mantle which belonged to —A deerskin mantle which belonged to King Powhatan is preserved in the Ashmolean Museum, mantles of furs and feather work brought with it from Virginia by the first colonists having been destroyed. The mantle is formed of two skins, has no hair and is decorated by an upright human figure, divided by the seam, a pair of animal figures and 32 spiral rounds of shell work. The embroidery is of beads and shells. -A Paris gentleman engaged a cafe con-

—A Paris gentleman engaged a care con-cent reception, and before the evening was over a handsome baritone of 30 won the heart of the young lady of the house, and eloped with her while the company were at dinner. She wore only a mackintosh over evening dress, and had no money, while he owes his landlady two weeks' rent and is in debt to all the neighbor-hood, but neither of them has yet been heard from -About 25 years ago Charles Noves, the

veteran keeper of the Latimer Light, opposite Stonington, Conn., lost a prized ring on the beach. Every day for years he rowed to the shore and walked up and down the beach look-ing for the heirloom, but his trouble availed him naught. Last week a lady, while walking along the coast, had her attention attracted by a shining object in the sand. It proved to be the long-lost ring, and she restored it to the -Prof. J. D. Bryant, visiting surgeon to

Believue Hospital, New York, is making pre-parations to perform a singular and wonderful, if successful, surgical operation at the institution. He is going to attempt to cause a new lower law to grow on an ex-Confederate soldier in place of the one that was shot off his face on the battlefield of Chickamagna by a Union shell on September 29, 1863. The patient is Captain John N. Sloan, 60 years of age, formerly of the Forty-fifth Mississippi Regi-ment. -L. B. Eaton, a very eccentric man, died recently at his home near Fremont, Steuben county, Ind. He settled in that county in 1837,

county, Ind. He settled in that county in 1857, and by the closest economy in living the life of a hermit succeeded in acquiring over 1,000 acres of good land and much other property. His strange will is in keeping with the oddities of his life. His land is to be divided into lots of ten acres, and on each lot there is to be erected a cottage. These cottages are intended as homes of friendless women of good character over 35 years of age. -A rat and a cat may be seen playing together any day at De Witt's livery stable in Louisville, at Seventh and Jefferson streets. The cat is a big black Tom, with long whiskers

The cat is a big black Tom, with long whiskers, a short tail and yellow eyes. The rat is a sleek and fat specimen of the genus rodent, and has a cunning but prosperous and contented look. The cat is flerceness and savagery itself, and bears the scars of innumerable battles, not alone with rats and other felines, but with dogs as well, and he has never been whipped, and has never been known to decline a fight. -One Hill, who mysteriously disappeared from Heard county, Ga., last fall, has unex-pectedly returned and reports having had a most exciting experience. He states that he was kidnaped in La Grange, Ga., and taken to

was kidnaped in Ia Grange, Ga., and taken to Atlanta and there put aboard a train for the West. After several days constant traveling he reached New Mexico, when his abductors led him to a cave in a lonely spot and there chained him. He remained a prisoner until the 29th of January, when, while his abductors were at breakfast, he embraced an opportunity to escape on horseback. Pursuit was given, but he was not caught, and reaching the Indian Territory he sold the horse and walked home to Georgia. -The following three advertisements recently appeared in an English paper: Wanted an able-bodied man at country rectory, willing to make himself generally useful; must have thorough knowledge of chickens, pigs, and understand milking, must be able to drive black and blue between patriotic songs and other things. After a while the Standard man burst out laughing, when there didn't seem to be any occasion for it, and we demanded, as friends, to be let in on the joke. 'Boys,' said the Standard man, 'this reminds me of a story.' Of course we wanted the story, and he said.

-There are no species of sheep indigenous to Australia. The fat-tailed sheep is found in Asia and Africa, in Syria, India and China, also in Barbary, and such large numbers are raised in the colony of the Cape of Good that it is often known as the Hottentot sheep. This it is often known as the Hottentot sheep. This sheep is of small size, with soft and short wool. Its peculiar characteristic is the enormous development of the tail, by the growth of a large mass of fat on each side of the lower part of this appendage. This is sometimes so great that the tail alone has been known to weigh 70 pounds or more. This tail is esteemed a great delicacy for food, and to protect it from being injured by being dragged on the ground, the shopherd often places it upon a board or a small truck with wheels, which is attached by a light string harness to the body of the animal.

-Owen Hatch, who keeps a grocery and shloon in Marion county, Georgia, has a stock of liquor on hand in jugs. One day last week a twogallon jug of corn liquor was left sitting on the floor behind the counter. Mr. Hatch stepped behind the counter and was surprised to see a large blacksmake colled around the jug with its head inside. He watched it for a moment, and soon discovered that the snake was drinking liquor. It was not disturbed, and after several minutes it slowly uncolled itself from the jug and attempted to crawl away, but was too drunk, and stretched itself out on the floor, where it remained apparently saleep until the next day. Mr. Hatch examined the jug and found that the snake had drank more than a quart of liquor. Two days later the same snake returned, and when it crawled under the counter Mr. Hatch watched it. By coiling itself around the jug and giving its neck a twist around the stopper, it was able to remove the cork, and again thrust its head inside and began to drink liquor. It was allowed to drink its fill again, after which it was killed. moment, and soon discovered that the snake

## WHAT WILD WITS ARE SAYING.

"Pa, what's the difference between a thief and a kieptomaniae?". "Oh, about \$10,000 a year. The one who hasn't it is the thief."—Harper's The modesty of the owners of the gas

plants should be immortalised by a monument, Something in brase would be about the thing.—
St. Louis Post-Disputch. Mrs. Winks-Well, I declare! The weather indications are right for once. Winks (looking over her shoulder)—Hum That paper you've got is a week old.—Phila phia Record.

Flora-I went down town yesterday and ordered me a tallor-made directoire suit.

Carrie—Oh, did you? I went down town yester-day and ordered me a lawyer-made divorce suit.— Chicago Heraid.

Miseries of Trade.-Druggist (awakened at 2.A. M.)—What do you wish?
Voice (at the door)—If you'll let me look in your
directory to see how to address this letter, I'll
buy the postage stainp of you.—New York Westly. Caller at the Bank-Is the cashier in?

Clerk-Yes. Caller-May I see him for a minute? Clerk—You will have to come around to his deak. There is a Montreal excursion to-day, and his feet are in the stocks.—Locott Citizen. "You're looking glum, Charley. What's "The Creamery Trust. I shall have to drop Miss

Specuplayer. I can't afford her at the advanced price of ice cream."
"You idlot. You don't suppose they make loc cream of cream, do you?"—Chicago Heraid. MY AUTOGRAPH. My autograph she begged the night

When first her beauty filled my sight;
"Not just your name, you know," quoth she,
"But something nice besides, may be
A poem or a maxim trite." mentary. It consists of unauthenticated copies of what is claimed as the regular title to the I yielded to the witching light

Of liter suft eyes and did indite Entwined with flowers of poesy, My autograph She perches on my knee to-night,

And in her eyes so clear and bright
The old light dwells—ah, wee is m
My check-book in her band I see,
And once again she begs me write My autograph.
-Charles H. Pearson, in An