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PITTSBURG, SATURDAY, JAN. 4, 1890.

The statements made at the meeting of the Bridge Committee, last night, with regard to the course of legislation on the acquisition of the bridges by the public, affords a remarkable illustration of the respective attention which has been paid to the interest of the people and the interest of the corporations

The original intention in nearly all the bridge charters under which the structures in this city have been put up, was that the bridges should ultimately become the property of the public. The provisions under which, at certain periods and under certain conditions, the bridges should pass into public ownership, were clearly stated. But it now appears that by amendments obtained without attracting general attention these provisions have been entirely renealed and all the rights of the public under them

have been wholly taken away. Of course this does not destroy the power of the State to authorize the condemnation of bridge property under the right of eminent domain. Numerous decisions have established the principle that all property is held subject to this public right and that neces # te the payment, under that process. of considerable sums for the franchises to be taken, in which, under the original charters,

the public had an undoubted reversion. This state of affairs amounts to a very important object lesson to the people on the results of sending to the Legislature representatives who are more active in securing the interests of corporations and ringe than in guarding the interests of the people.

ATTACKING AN ABUSE.

The Coroner's jury in the case of the two men who were killed at Shousetown the other day, improved the occasion in their verdict to use some very plain language conwalking on a railroad trestle, after they had riages. found that there was no work for them, is not very plain. But there seems to be no doubt that the need of some check upon the agencies which pluck laborers, under the ful function; but they are too frequently made the means of fleecing the poor and ignorant. If there is any means of stopping such abuses they should certainly be sup-

M'ALLISTER'S TRIUMPH.

the New Year's ball. Everyone who is the best showing for its favorite-engine. watching the manufacture of this great country's history will realize the importance of the triumph of New York society's godfather.

In spite of influenza, in spite of "inflooence" arrayed against him in the Board of Police Commissioners, McAllister carried hundreds of dozens of empty champagne no bonds of obligation to England is undisbottles. They were full on New Year's Day, puted; but it is difficult to see what reason and the select society of New York was to a he has for considering himself neglected by greater or less extent empty. Presto! the failure to accept an offer of a province wanted to stop the sale of wine at 1 A. M., | Emin at Wadelai. and talked of raiding the ballroom if their orders were not complied with. But at the last moment it was found that McAllister had the law on his side, and the dancers could drink the laughing wine of Champagne till dawn made the gas lights pale. So the ball was a great success. Glory to McAllister and champagne !"

The American goat has not had a fair abow. It has been cramped, cabined and power, but for the good of humanity. If confined. The aspirations of the goat possibly have been high, but its chances Eastern Africa it would be a credit to NEW YORK, January 3. -Mrs. Joseph H. Tooker, have hardly ever risen above a board fence | Christianity. or the top of a garbage heap. We all know But it Emin Pasha is to become simply an

come within a hundred feet of the animal and fail to perceive this. The circumambient air is full of its strength. And yet | that of a mere agent of imperial greed. the horn of the goat has not been exalted Here the brave Billy and his spouse have achieved no more than notoriety as possessors of an enormous appetite and a digestion which would make an ostrich blush with

The European papers have been bristling of late with brave news for the American goat. The New York Sun says that in Cyprus, for instance, there is a goat and a half for every human inhabitant, or 64 to the square mile, and they are making themselves felt in an astonishing manner. The trouble with the gosts is that they are killing all the young timber, and Sir Robert Biddulph, last British Commissioner in Cyprus, says the last remaining forests of Cyprus bid fair to entirely disappear before the assaults of the goats. Biddulph conquered the locusts, but he admits that he wrestled in vain with the goat nuisance.

Why should not the American goats be come allies in the pioneer work that is still attracting thousands of men to our Western forest lands? They should not be allowed of course to pursue their own sweet will among the forest trees. Organized into compact corps they could be employed to clear off the underbrush and stumps in the track of the axman. This is the most tedious part of clearing virgin forest land for cultivation. The goat would find enough to eat; and his eating would tell for man all the time. The objections to the goat as a next door neighbor in a crowded city would disappear in this wide field. The goat and now. And some new State whose silver star has not yet risen upon our national banner may yet take the gost as a heraldic supporter in its coat of arms.

BETWEEN POT AND KETTLE.

The statement that five, and perhaps seven, Democratic members of the Ohio Legislature will bolt the caucus nomination of Brice for United States Senator comes through our special dispatches from Columshow that a percentage at least of the Ohio Democrats are in earnest against the policy of making big bank accounts the sole qualification of statesmanship.

But as such an action might result in the election of a Republican from Ohio, the prominence of the name of Foster as the Republican caucus nominee leaves the possible bolters between the devil and the deep ses. Foster is the partner of Brice and the burdens. Let no scoffer venture to suggest associate of the Standard Oil Company, The power which is urging the election of the Democratic millionaire seems to have provided against any slips in the cogs of the machine by setting up a Republican caucus nominee who is Brice's alter ego in all the objectionable qualities, with even less re-

deeming traits. If the Republicans have intelligence enough to present a name that offers any inducements to the Democrats opposed to the millionaire regime, they may pluck the flower of victory from the nettle of defeatl: but as between Brice and Foster the dissatisfied Democrats will have no better choice than to take to the forest.

BATTENBERG'S DISMISSAL It is sad to hear that the matrimonial iture of the Battenberg son-in-law of the British throne has come to grief through the exposure of a titled agent who conducted the negotiations by which the Prince sought to marry money. The report that the Queen has ordered the Prince to leave England, on the perusal of the business correspondence, indicates that the favor which that adventurer in the matrimonial field has formerly enjoyed is suddenly and tracically ended.

The story does not show exactly what aspect of the case has turned the royal favor the field for pecuniary provision could not no le slation can alienate it. But it will do so, as everyone knew that in the first place, and the Queen herself called on Parliament to provide the necessary income Possibly the idea that the last marriageable daughter of the throne of England had secured a husband who was previously rejected by American and Turkish heiresses may be galling to the royal pride; but it really does not seem to be so much out of the usual course in continental marriages as to be worth making a fuss about. The idea that Battenberg employed an agent may also be disturbing; but that, too, seems to be strictly according to precedents.

At all events it is the report that Batten berg has the cold shoulder turned to him. But, so far as can be judged, he has the cerning the abuses of employment agencies. | meat of the bargain left in the possession of North's "Plutarch," edition of 1608, a large The legal responsibility, arising from send. the income granted by Parliament, while ing two ignorant victims on a wild goose | the world has the benefit of renewed instrucchase after work, for their death while fion on the shady side of princely mar-

THE FIRE ENGINE TEST. The action of the Allegheny Fire Committee last night makes it tolerably certain pretense of finding them positions, is not too | that the test between the rival fire engines strongly stated. Properly conducted em- will come off. The intimations that the ployment agencies ought to discharge a use- Allegheny people would assume the ground the Silsby engine, are shown by the discussion at the meeting to have been almost wholly unfounded. It was recognized that Allegheny is as much interested as Pittsburg, in knowing whether its fire apparatus Jacksonville, Fla., to Citizen George Francis is the best that can be obtained. The con- Train to say that he is sorely afflicted. He is In the bright lexicon of Ward McAllis- test will be an interesting one; and it is to be almost blind. He says: "Can just see with ter the word "fail" does not occur twice. hoped that its results may be so thorough as own writing." His bitterest foes will admit this. If cold to prevent further disputes and charges of water was poured upon him at the Centen-nial ball he swam to success on wine at may be relied upon that each city will make answers to no less than 30, is personally one of

It is stated that the determination of Emin Pasha to devote himself to the ad- lished musician, speaks seven languages and vancement of German interests in Africa arises from the fact that a similar offer, made by him to England, when he was in From the Warren Mirror.] the night. When we search for the causes charge of the Equatorial Province, was of this signal victory we are confronted with | ignored and rejected. That Emin is under says Magician McAllister, and lo! the bot- practically as far beyond England's reach ties are empty and the select society of New | as a colony in the moon. If England could York is full. The wicked Police Commis- not maintain Gordon at Khartoum it would sioners tried to thwart the magician. They have been insane to attempt to maintain

As between the contention of European powers for the possession of Africa, Emin has the perfect right to take the side of his own nationality. But it is a pity that he and Stanley cannot unite in throwing their moral influence against the policy of reducing African colonization to a contest for territorial aggrancizement. The Congo Free State was established on the broad policy of introducing civilization into Africa, not for the benefit of any particular the same policy could be established in

that the goat has a strong nature; no one can agent for gaining territorial dominion for Germany, he descends from his former high position of a champion of civilization to

> THE promise of the Governor of South Carolina and Senator Wade Hampton that the Barnwell massacre shall be legally punished shows that these gentlemen do not tolerate wholesale mob murder; and also indicates the popular revulsion from that sort of thing. It is not yet clear how the Governor and Senator propose to make courts and juries in the murous region do their work; but it may be hoped that they will redeem their pledge in a ore effective manner than the Governor of Mississippi did with his promise to punish the

THE renewed appouncement that Prince Murat and Miss Caldwell have come to terms is only a further proof of the fact that Miss Caldwell must want a title as badly as Prince

A RATHER interesting and novel subject is introduced by the fact that a writer in France and one in the United States have taken to discussing the population of the infernal regions. They do not claim to have based their figures on a census: but it is probable that a good many census takers in the coming year will be requested to go there, and others may even wish that they were detailed to that job.

A PUBLIC official in Hungary has made off with 70,000 florins. The example of Silcott seems to spread into the effete monarchies more readily than the example of honest Demouracy.

THE announcement that Justice Lamar is so busy that he cannot deliver his proposed sulogy of Jefferson Davis, appears to demonstrate the converse of Dr. Watts' old proposi tion about Satan finding mischief for idle hands were, instead of being at war perpetually as to do. In this case the overworked condition of the Supreme Court is keeping the busy hands out of mischief.

> IF the influenza has fastened his grip on the queens of the kitchen in this city it has vindicated its European reputation of working its greatest ravages among the rulers of the

THE proposition to establish an alleged \$50,000,000 savings and loan association, with branches throughout the country, to pay 10 per cent interest on deposits, will be an excellent bus. It corroborated by the facts, it will thing-for people who wish to get rid of their money without anything to show for it.

> THE news that Judge Kelley is on his deathbed will be the subject of universal re-gret among the many admirers of that veteran and unwavering advocate of protection.

The buoyancy of real estate in the face of the weather which saturates it with water, is an eminent example of rising above material that there is as much water in the value of real estate as in the ground itself.

THAT Electrical Union strike bids fair to

afford a new illustration of the principle that striking without a fighting chance of success is likely to hit the strikers the hardest. THE cold wave in the Northwest was

again reported to be "unusually severe" on Wednesday, but the usual feature of losing its severity before it reaches this latitude bids fair to prevail. The moist mildness of the present eason remains unconquerable THE Senatorial contest at Columbus ought

to be one of brains against barrels; but from all reports there is no indication that brains are in the field. THE reported acquisition of the McKees-

and Lake Eric will give the latter corporation an acquisition of tributary territory that will doubtiess yield a pleasant addition to its already prosperous business.

THE protest of the rubber trade of New York against the Brazilian rubber monopoly will be more effective if indorsed by the Bra zilian people.

MR. C. P. HUNTINGTON is stated to have avested \$610,305 52 in the New York Star. It is to be hoped that he got the 52 cents worth of satisfaction out of the ownership of the paper. into disfavor. The discovery that he was in | for that is about all he can expect to get out of

THE strikes on the transit lines threaten to become as much of an epidemic as the

WITH the denial of the Controller that he said there would be a deficiency in the city evenue this year, and the absence of any other city official who will back up the statement the taxpayers can still hope that they may be happy yet.

PEOPLE OF PROMINENCE.

MR. W. H. H. MURBAY, of Adirondack fame, is about to publish a volume on the great pleasure resorts of the country. . JUDGE CHAMBERLAIN, Librarian Boston Public Library, thinks that he has found in the filling of the back of a copy of amount of Shakespeare's handwriting. THE pext reunion of the Army of the Poto and 4, 1890. The orator will be General Francis Walker, of Boston, and the poet ex-Postmaster

General Horatio King, of Washington. PRESIDENT ELIOT says that Harvard is the only college from which a professor was ever taken for President of the United States, John Quincy Adams having held the chair of

rhetoric and oratory in that institution. Ir is said that Washingtonians are purzled at the variety and extent of Secretary Rusk's that it was not their business to champion stock of stories. The stories are all new and well pointed and the more famous of the Capital City's reconteurs are rather jealous of the

GENERAL SPINNER, ex-Treasurer of the United States, now 90 years of age, writes from

KING CARLOS, of Portugal, who possesses 16 the most amiable of monarchs. He is a handsome, bloud young man, who carries himself with a military air, and is credited by his personal friends with considerable decision of character. He is a devoted sportsman, an accomppaints in water-colors.

No Need of Harry. Elephants have been known to live 400 years. Young man, don't be in a hurry to see the elephant. He'll keep.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Samuel Conner. Mr. Samuel Conner, of Knoxville borough, father of Mr. S. P. Conner, Begister of Wills, died in the 69th year of his age at the family residence. Mr. Conner was a veteran of the late war, Captain of Company H of the Sixty-second Pennayiyania Volunteers, which was commanded by Colonel Black. For several years Mr. Conner had been in falling health, the result of wounds received in action at Getrysburg. The funeral will take pisce on Sunday afternoon at 250 c'clock from the family residence at Knoxville borough.

William Blies. Red Line of steamships to Veneruela, is dead. He caught a severe cold about two weeks ago, which developed into acute pneumonla.

Louis Nathal.

NEW YORK, January 2 .- Louis Nathal, the well-

known author, musician and composer, died at the French Hospital last night of pneumonia, su-perinduced by in grippe. Mrs. Joseph H. Tooker.

THE TOPICAL TALKER

Some Foreigners Only Understand English When it Suits Thom- A Joke on a Dramatlet-Three of a Kind Benten. THE knowledge of English which some foreigners profess to possess is amusingly

The other day an Italian fruit vender boarded an accommodation train on the Fort Wayne Railroad. He had an immense basket, filled with bananas, apples and peanuts, which he wished to set down in the aiale. The conduct-or objected, and told him to take the basket to the baggage car. The Italian did not appear to understand a word the conductor said. The conductor pointed to the baggage car and repeated his injunction as the basket's removal a dozen times, all to no effect. Despairing of clearing the ausle any other way, the conductor took the basket and carried it into the baggare car, the owner following and keeping up a torrent of protest in soft, rich Italian.

After this the fruit merchant returned to his seat. It was directly in front of me. Two or three stations nearer town a stout little man with a jolly round face of Hibernian cast, encar and sat down beside the Italian whom he at once addressed with: "How's trade "Vera good," replied the Italian, and a regu lar conversation set in between the two con-cerning the fruit business, weather and other

subjects of interest. The Italian spoke good

English with the usual accent of his race and

apparently understood every word that was said to him. It was a miraculous change. A RAILROAD contractor who usually has sev eral hundred Hungarians and Italians in his employ tells me that he has no trouble in inderstanding their English nor they his, save and except on pay days. On those days they relapse into utter ignorance of English: they orget all the phrases they knew the day be

he said, "and there were some charming scenes and much excellent comedy in it." then described a pretty love letter incident of Shenandoah," and told what a lovely situation

it was, and how the audience was delighted with it. Bronson Howard was dumfounded. His wife could not conceal er amazement. Mr. Wyndham was enthus astic, and dropped a mischievous wink in Mrs. Wyndham's direction.
"And the battle scene," he continued. "Oh,

but it was grand, with the wavering line, the broken ranks, the rout, the rally, the turning of the tide and the snatching of victory from the jaws of defeat." "And the love scenes in the third act," said Mrs. Wyndham.

"And the death of the old General's son in the very presence of his father, who fails to recognize him," exclaimed the comedian. "And the funny Irish sergeant who breaks the cups and saucers in the last act," added "Why, Charley!" cried Mrs. Howard.

"My dear tellow," gasped Mr. Howard, pale and anxious. "Oh, but it was a beautiful piece of work," shouted the comedian. "Perfectly lovely!" remarked Mrs. Wynd-

"What was it called?" the dramatist asked appealingly.
"Shenandoab," was the answer. "That's strange," said Mrs. Howard, "where "At the Twenty-third Street Theater this afternoon," said the comedian laughing, "just

after I left the steamer." You may be sure this explanation please Bronson Howard and his wife. All sorts of niserable thoughts had been crowding their heads, but now they saw the whole thing was only one of Wyndham's little jokes. All joined in laughter, and there were fresh congratula-tions for the author of "Shenandoah" upon the enormous success of his play.

THREE small boys, two white and one a curlyheaded negro, were leaning over the rail ing of the Sixth street bridge yesterday afternoon when a steamer-I think it was the Katie Hudson-laden with produce and some passengers came up the river. The boys were still eaning over the rail when the boat went under the bridge, and in that pleasant fashion boys of an uncultured sort affect, they expectorated liberally. It is one of the perils of navigation

in this harbor. A stout, broad-shouldered man, in whom I recognized a well-known river captain, was just abreast of the boys as they fired at the steamer. He raised a thick, knotty-looking hand and brought it down with amazing speed upon three projecting plateaus of juvenile an-atomy. The effect was electrical. May it also

STILL GOING AREAD.

A Marvel of Progress and a Library of General Information.

From the Steubenville Gazette. 7 Of the numerous metropolitan newspapers sold in Steubenville there is none that more completely commends itself to the sharpened judgment of the regular reader than THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH. For years THE DAILY DISPATCH has been in the front rank of enterprising news gatherers, and, as slower competitors, under stress of its powerful pushing qualities have also improved with each passing year, it was only to find that THE DISPATCH still occupied its favored place in the march toward perfection. But THE BUNDAY DIS-PATCH, that marvel of growth and popularity, is even more noticeable for its excellence filled, as its 20 pages are, with the choicest productions of the best minds in all branches of literature, together with special correspondence and telegrams from every quarter of the earth, and fair-minded editorials on all questions of the day, making it a library of general information and instruction. That all it contains can be had for a single nickel would have been the wonder of the world a score of years ago and a subject of amazement even within the past decade-for so wenderful has been newspaper progress in recent years. But THE DISPATCH never wearies in well-

doing and still keeps going ahead, its plans for the coming year contemplating improvements made necessary by its rapid growth and development that would daze the ordinary newspaper proprietor. Its position is assured, not because it depends on past popularity, but firstead keeps constantly adding to the many strong features that have made it the idol of the Iron City-ever progressive. THE DISPATCH NEW YORK, January 2.—William Bliss, of the PATCH of 1889 as the latter was of THE DIS-firm of Boulton, Bliss & Dallett, owners of the PATCH of 1888. We can and do cordially com-

LA GRIPPE NOT HERE.

Expert Authority for the Absence of the Disease From Pittsburg - Explanations Medical and Whimsleat. Influenza is a contagious disease, so the loctors say, and, as they know the most about , ladies had better give up the idiotic practice f kissing for a time. It evidently isn't epidem-

ic in Pitteburg yet, but it may be ere long. Ex-tended inquiry last night developed the fact tended inquiry last night developed the fact that there was a vast amount of nasal catarrh and many cases of severe colds, mater in his present skirmish for the Governorcatarrh and many cases of severe colds, but very few that had the symptoms real bone-cracking influenza, such as racked people nearly 50 years ago, when the river men christened it bone-break fever. Meantime it has become fashionable to take quinine for colds, and many people are taking larger doses than usual under the impression that they have influenza, and many, not know-ing how to treat themselves, aggravate the dis-temper, instead of alleviating their trouble,

Drs. Cable and English were discussing the matter last evening in Kerr's drugstore, when they incidentally remarked on the infrequency of the disease of late years, which had given the younger class of physicians but little practical experience in the treatment of the malady, experience in the treatment of the malady, though theoretically they know all about it and its treatment. Dr. Cable remarked that it prevailed largely in this country 45 or 46 years ago and was popularly called "Tyler's grip," his putting the Whigs through such a severe course of sprouts, and their sufferings being likened to these of the victims of the disease which river men called breakbone fever. It was supposed by many to have originally come from Africa. That African malady was of the savage order, victims losing their hair and whiskers. The disease that in the early 'forties raged was by some called "dengue."

The term is a corruption of the word dandy, the name given to the fever in the West Indies, forget all the phrases they knew the day before and can't understand a word spoken to them.

The general reason for this peculiar phenomenon is that disputes as to time and pay are constantly arising on that day between the paymaster and the men. The Hungarians, particularly, imagine they can get the best of the paymaster's patience, and get the few cents which are usually in dispute, as the price of their silence and departure. With some paymasters they succeed at first, but not for longmasters they succeed at first, but not for longma from the stiff and constrained action it im-posed on the limbs, and mistaken by the Span fore and can't understand a word spoken to

Dr. Shaw, of Penn avenue, said in reference to the reported prevalence of influenza in this city: "There are some genuine cases of influenza in the city. I have a number of patients who have shown very markedly the symptoms of the painful disease. Miss Montooth, the sister of Major Montooth, has had a very severe attack of 'ta grippe.' There is considerable diversity of opinion among the medical fraternity as to the nature of this epidemic which has now begun to rage in Pittsburg. which has now begun to rage in Pittsburg. My diagnosis of the disease is influenza, and I treat it assuch. It can be said, however, that the disease is not so prevalent in Pittsburg as it is in other cities, yet the possibilities are that it will rapidly develop, and become a general epidemic. For a good many years no influenza has been known in America, in the human family, and the result is that the doctors do not as quickly recognize it as if they were practicing among it every day. This fact makes the physician a a little careful in saying that the disease is the dread "ia grippe;" preferring to call it a

all the careful in saying that the disease is the dread "la grippe;" preferring to call it a severe cold, accompanied by high fever. The cases that I have attended correspond with descriptions given by our learned commentators on influenza. The victim is first attacked by a sudden chill, followed by catarrhal symptoms, severe pains in the amail of the back, violent sneezing and a choking of the mucus membrane, which interferes with the healthy working of the air passages. An epidemic is not a frequent occurrence; it comes periodically; separated by many years. We have evidences that it is as old as the hills. In every age there is a record that the race has been attacked with it. There are different names by which the disease is known; now, for instance, influenza is known in France as "La Grippe," or Italian fever; in Russia, as Chinese catarrh; in Germany and Italy, Russian fever; in Belgium, as Spanish catarrh; whatever you call it, or whatever name it went by in olden times, the symptoms are the same, and the patient suffers nome to that of feverish cold, which a majority of people suffer from every winter. In our medical literature it is said that if a patient shows certain symptoms, and the temperature is 104 or above, then the disease is influenza. I shows certain symptoms, and the temperatu is 104 or above, then the disease is influenza. have such cases as the medical works describe

therefore I am safe in asserting that there is

"La grippe is not merely confined to the hu man race, it is as severe on the brute creation as it is on man. About ten years ago Pittsburg had an epidemic of influenza among the horses. It was about this season of the year when the horses were attacked. So great was it that trade was impeded for several days. The way the horses were suffering was exactly similar to the symptoms which are manifest and prevalent among the community now. The attack among the horses was of short duration, but it was painful, sharp, fierce, and accompanied by great suffering as long as it insted." Dr. McCann, another prominent physician of Penn avenue, beid a diametrically opposite view of the matter to his near neighbor. He said; "I do not believe there is a case of influenza in Pittsburg; indeed I would venture to assert that there has not been a genuine case in the United States. Quite a iumber of people have come into our office, suffering great pain, and averring that they had the influenza if people believe they have got la grippe, we don't try days. The way the horses were suffering wa believe they have got in grippe, we don't try to dissuade them from their opinion. It would be useless. We listen to the description of their aliment, and then proceed to give them a prescription according to our diagnosis of the case. The general character of the case, sup-posed to be la grippe, which in reality is noth-ing more than a high feverish cold, is this: A high temperature, not over 100 or 101, which is under the standard for influenza, backache and frontal headache. These are some of the symptoms of influenza, but the real thing is more aggravated and violent than any case I have seen. If influenza existed in the city every doctor would be prostrate with the dis-ease, because it is infectious. I don't think a doctor could prevent himself from catching the disease once it got into the city. You may state from me that influenza does not exist as far as my knowledge goes." A number of other physicians were interviewed. The prevather physicians were interviewed. The pre-

Dr. McCready, in talking about la grippe ye terday, said: "La grippe had a considerable hold on the Twelfth ward for some time past. Quite a number of people came into my office every day almost doubled up, which is the first symptom of influenza. Not long ago most of Carnegie-Phipps' men were attacked with the disease, and they were obliged to quit work on account of it. The disease is a very remarkable one. It attacks certain localities, while another district possibly not far from where is grippe a district possibly how are from the disease. Car raging is entirely free from the disease. Car negie, Phipps & Co., however, has been at negie, Phipps & Co., and other place where acked more than any other tacked more than any other place where a large body of men are working. Among the pri-vate families of the ward influenza has sub-sided within the past few days. Where I had from 20 to 30 cases a day three weeks ago, have no more than three to four cases of indic

Yesterday Superintendent Baker, of the Bureau of Health, prepared his report of the work of the Health Inspectors for December and sent it to Chief Brown. The report shows that so far as contagious diseases are conthe Iron City—ever progressive, The Disparch of 1890 will be as much ahead of The Disparch of 1890 as the latter was of The Disparch of 1898 as the latter was of The Disparch of 1898. We can and do cordially commend it as just the kind of a great metropolitan newspaper that should be in every home.

Old, But Very Business-Like.

The Franklin Repository, which traces its ancestry back to 1790 and claims to be the second oldest paper in the State, celebrates the beginning of its 106th year by issuing an illustrated souvenir edition of 20 pages. This is certainly a very creditable stroke of enterprise on the part of a journal that is always wide awake. cerned, the old city and the Southside, which

THE STROLLER'S STORIES.

Odd Opinions and Quaint Observations From

Curb and Corridor. A PARTY of rather distinguished po A placed their signatures upon the Hotel
Anderson register yesterday. They were:
Charles W. Stone, the Secretary of the Commouwealth; ex-Senator Lewis Emery, Jr., of
Bradford; Senator J. W. Lee, of Franklin, and ship nomination, and it was reported about town that they had run into this port for the purpose of holding a conference with a number of local leaders who are burning with desire to "do up" the gentleman from Crawford county. Secretary Stone is an avowed candidate for the Governor's chair, and Senator Lee is supposed to have his lightning rod directed to the zenith. Ex-Senator Emery has been an active opponent of the Quay-Delamater influence for several years. The four gentlemen were absent from their hotel all afternoon. They left the idea with the clerks that they were in Pittsburg on oll business, and that politics had nothing whatever to do with their business—nothing in

A LOCAL member of the Legislature said to the Stroller: "There is a great deal of figuring going on in politics just now. You may be sure that the four gentlemen who are here to-day are after something. I don't think, however, that they have had a conference with C. L. Magee to-day. I saw him on the street about an hour ago. Those gentlemen are all opposed to Delamater, and their counties, Mc-Kean, Warren, Venango and Butler, are all likely to send in delegates against Delamater."

T. W. PHILLIPS, of New Castle, is a large, broad, handsome man, who wears a comfortable beard, but keeps his upper lip smoothly and the company of the compa shaven. He has made two fortunes in the oil business. His first was lost by unfortunate ventures, and his second was won by himself and his brother by assiduous devotion to business, rigid economy and rare foresight. He is now altogether easy as far as financial matters go, and is prepared to win a name and a place in political affairs.

A FRIEND to Senator Lee said yesterday: "I am very sure that Lee is not a candidate for the Governorship. His ambition is to go to Congress, and he is working steadily to that end. The fact is, T. W. Phillips is a Gubernatorial candidate, and Senator Lee is pledged to

the support of his friend Phillips." T was probably only a coincidence that at the asme time that the above mentioned gentle-men were registered at the Hotel Anderson, Congressman Ray, of Waynesburg, was at the Seventh Avenue. He is a more ardent admirer of Senator Quay and State Senator Delamater than are the members of the quartet from the northern counties. He said that he had not touched in Pittsburg on any political errand. He simply stopped here for a few hours on his way back to Washington City. He has had an enjoyable holiday visit at home, and is ready to roll up his sleeves over the Congressional work. His faith is still pluned to Mr. Underwood as the coming postmaster at Little Washington.

THE mild winter has been a blessing to the poor. The man out of work has not seen his wife and children shivering for lack of fuel, nor suffering with bare feet in the snow. The nor suffering with bare feet in the snow. The gentlemen at the office of the Department of Charities say that the weather has made a decided decrease in the demands for supplies. Chief Clerk Eaton says: "A year ago the weather was rather mild and work was good, so that the poor did not need as much as in former years, but during this winter season we have been called upon for less aid than during any been called upon for less aid than during any content, as if from the same consanguineous origin. been called upon for less aid than during any year that I know of. The chief decrease has been in coal and shoes. Footwear has not been cently found in Popowagie canon, in Fremont worn out as much as in snowy seasons. Com-county, Wyo. About a year ago L. P. Webparing this year with the seasons of two and three years ago, I suppose there has been a deparing this year with the seasons of two and three years ago, I suppose there has been a decrease of 50 per cent in the amount of coal given out through this department. Not only has the Holland, to be cut and polished. The result of weather been unprecedentedly mild, but work has been good in and about Pittsburg, and it is only the sick and infirm who are compelled to be idle."

THE mild winter has been, in at least one way, a boon to the barbers. There are many young men who shave their chins in the spring time and in the autumn let their beards grow for the cold weather. Last autumn neary as many as usual began the cultivation of their hirsute disfigurements, but the mildness of November and December disgusted a large percentage of them and they have had their beards shaven off. Gentlemen who have not been barber patrons for several winters past, now go into the razor shops three times a week.

CPEAKING of barbers, the proprietor of one of the downtown shops, while yesterday instructing his new porter in his duties, uttered an aphorism which many people might remem-ber with benefit. He said: "Ask every man who comes in for a shine. It don't make any difference whether he needs one or not; ask him anyway. I've seen some of the boys get their best money out of fellows you'd never think would get into the chair. There are lots of good things lost by not asking for them."

C. E. KOHL and George Middleton, two wellknown amusement managers of Chicago. were at the Hotel Anderson yesterday. They own popular houses of entertainment in Cincin-nati and Chicago, and always have their eyes

open for new things. SENATOR MATTHEW S. QUAY, before return ing to Washington, visited Pittsburg yes-terday and took a room at the Seventh Avenue Hotel. The news of his coming must have been sent out beforehand, for a crowd of pilgrims flocked to the hotel to see him during the afternoon. Congressman J. W. Ray as-cended the elevator to learn what Mr. Quay intended to do about the Little Washington postoffice. P. S. Newmyer, of Connellaville, called to ask whether it would be advisable for him to become a candidate for Lieutenant Governor. It is reported that the junior Senator intimated that he was not making up a State toxice instant the present time. Chill nongahela Republican, strolled up the stairs to find how he stood for the position of Pension to find how he stood for the position of Pension
Agent. He was supported by the venerable
George V. Lawrence, of Monongahela City.
William Denny, of Claysville, got the Senator's
william Denny, of Claysville, got the Senator's ear for a few minutes, to inquire about his chances for being made Superintendent of the Census for the Ninth district of Pennsylvania. Judge Harry White, of Indiana, presented his compliments and hoped the Senator would soon recover from his bad cold.

THE Senator was not without comfort from the local politicians. Collector Warmcastle dropped in, and was not far ahead of James S. McKean, who will be P. M. after February 1. James V. Long, who is an applicant for the consulship at Florence, Italy, stopped at the hotel long enough to present his good wishes. Last but not least came a delegation of "hustlers" from McKeesport, who laid before the Senator their views as to the merits of the half dozen candidates for the management of the postoffice in that enterprising suburb. After that the Schator was weary, and he sent down word to the office, at \$230 o'clock, that he was going to bed.

ROBERT PETTY, the lawyer, walked into the Sheriff's office yesterday afternoon, and, with overflowing eyes, congratulated Sheriff McCandless on his recovery from the grippe. "I didn't take much stock in that disease." Mr. Petty said. "I thought it was a sensational scheme of the newspapers, but now I know that it is a stern reality. I think I'll go bome and go JACK STERLE, one of the best-known news

paper men of Pittsburg, has returned to the city, and has been warmly greeted by many old friends after his somewhat long absence. Jack has been down in West Vincinia for three months, growing fat on roast 'possum and buckwheat cakes. Some of his best acquaintances were scarcely able to recognize him. He tells some great yarns about the 'possum and 'coon hunting in which he has been indulging in the West Virginia wilds, where the mount-ain dew is distilled in its native purity.

It Cost Him Nothing.

From the Chicago News.] Now the Hon, Calvin S, Brice has the in fluenza. He got it in Ohio, but as he did not have to pay anything for it, probably it has no political significance,

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-A Cipcippati man who has preserved a record of 820 railroad accidents happening in this country in the past year finds that only 13 out of the lot occurred from causes beyond human control. Every one of the others was due to drunkenness or carelessness.

-The thriving and enterprising town of Plymouth, Pa., has a novel society in its midst.
It.ls known as the Young Ladles Protective
Association, and its primary object is the protection of the matrimonial interests of the
young women of the place. Girls between the
ages of 17 and 30 are eligible. No woman can
be admitted over the age of 30.

-The dynamite and powder mills of Germany, have just formed a trust. The agree-ment will be binding to all parties till 1925. Any mill owner who violates it will be liable to heavy fines; in aggravated cases as high as \$600,000. All the profits of all the members of the trust will be pooled, Sixty per cent of them will go to the dynamite manufacturers and the rest to the powder men.

-Correggio's "San Giovanni," cited in —Correggio's "San Giovanni, cited in the biographies and catalogues as having been in a church and subsequently lost, is thought to have been found. A gentleman bought the picture lately for a very trifling sum from a poor family in the town of Corregio, and after submitting it to experts it has been pronounced the real thing, a picture of great vigor and spontaneity and in Corregio's best style.

-Trumbull county, O., has a plague of rats. They infest town and country, are in field and forest, house and barn, cellar, granary, hogpen and cornerib. The warm weather is favorable to their ravages, and they are making hay while the sun shines. A Warren paper says the reason the rodents are so numer-ous is that the farmers have killed off hawks, suakes, owls and other creatures of prey unt none are left to slay the rats. -E. H. Manger and H. S. Munger, of

Meriden, Conn., went out through the woods the other day to search for trailing arbutus, a flower that usually blooms in April or May, and nower that usually blooms in April or May, and is generally known in New England as the May flower. They secured nearly a harful of this beautiful pink and fragrant flower, which had blossomed in the open air under the warm rays of the sun, and they also bore away with them a large collection of the roots bearing buds, which will be potted in the house. This is the earliest appearance of arbutus on record there. -Cleves, a village about 12 miles west of

Cincinnati, is excited over a ghost. The specter makes his habitation in an old house lose to the read, and next to the residence of close to the read, and next to the residence of Mr. William Gibson. He is quite a muscular spirit, and one of his playful amusements is to atone passers by on the road. Horribis noises are heard in the old house every night, and people will not go along that part of the road alone. Several claim to have seen the ghost. The annoyance became so great that Gibson packed up his things and left. The people are organizing to investigate.

-The train from the North carried to Newport, Ark., Thursday, Mrs. Burleigh, from Dayton, O. She went in response to an adver-tisement for a wife by David M. Jack, a memtisement for a wife by David M. Jack, a member of the G. A. R., who two weeks ago was appointed postmaster at Sulphur Rock, Ark. He was a widower, with several small children, and advertised for a wife in a number of Northern papers. The respiles he received would have filled a bushel basket, but none of them impressed him so favorably as Mrs. Burleigh. He met her on arrival. She pleased him and he pleased her, and so they were married within the house.

-Mr. Philip Walker, of Salt Creek, W. Va., during the first summer months had an old turkey hen come up with one young turkey and one quite young and small quail. Both the young turkey and young quall continued to fol-

-A topax of considerable value was reone-quarter carat to one carat. Mr. Drumnond has written Mr. Webster that the gems so closely resemble diamonds that only experts can detect the difference, and that aside from the diamonds they are the hardest stones ever cut in his establishment. The gems possess a beautiful bluish tint.

-In a sensational pamphlet entitled "The Bomb," a Servian railway official has just told the Servian people how M. Bontoux secured the concession for the construction and operation of the Servian State Railway. According to the pamphlet Bontoux bought the favor of King Milan with 2,000,000 francs. He also gave the Minister President, Pirotachanats, 80,000; the leader of the Progressive party, Garaschanin, 800,000; the Servian Ambassador then in Constantinople, 200,000, and the Minister of Public Works 220,000. These astounding disclosures have turned Belgrade tousy tury. All of them, save the one concerning Milan, are thought to be substantially accurate. concession for the construction and operation

-Hank Reynolds, of Cadillac, Mich., has a trick horse which rivals the famous Dan Rice horse or Forepaugh's tight rope walker. He is master of 21 tricks, and among them will open his door, walk out on an elevated plank 20 feet and back into his stall; dimb upon a scaffold and "teeter," and do it as nicely as a school girl; go to the water tank, wash his face and wipe it on a towel; climb up stairs and down; open and shut the barn door and back the buggy out without a hitch or miss, etc. Hank is not so bad-looking, but that the horse will waltz up to him and imprint a loving kiss upon his brownot so tastefully, perhaps, as a Calillac girl would do it, but still a kies—and he does numerous other things a horse is supposed to would do it, but still a kies—and he does nu-merous other things a horse is supposed to know nothing about. He is a fine, powerful iron-gray, and his master would trade him for the rest of Cadillac, maybe, but for not much

-One of the genial characters and bestknown club men of New York, is Robert Stuyvesant, whom everybody in Wall street affectionately calls "Bob." He is a lineal descendent of the famous one-legged Governor of New Amsterdam, whose ashes rest in St. Mark's Churchyard, and is known all over town a State ticket just at the present time. Chill
W. Hazzard, the handsome editor of the Monongaheia Republican, strolled up the stairs slice of real estate that originally belonged to the old Dutch ruler of Gotham. He is a tall,

TO PROVOKE A SMILE.

A sunken man of war-Boulanger .-A woman is never so badly in love that she does not try to find out the cost of her engage-

ment ring. - Atchison Globe. The man who is sure that he can't b wrong is always the very one to find that it is the imposeible which always happens. -Puck, The rooster is one of the most tidy of all members of the animal kingdom. He always carries a comb with him .- Merchant Trans

marriage or giving in marriage is heaven! She-Probably because there won't be any men there, -Life. If everybody believed everything that he heard about everybody else, how much better every man would think himself than every one of his neighbors!-Puck,

He-I don't see why there should be no

did Clara's father look upon your suit?

Ernest-He got his eyes on the faded lapels of
this coat, and I thought he would never take The Tailor Agreed .- Aunt-I'm glad to ear such good news from Thomas. I think he is Bromsing young men.
Uncle-Yes, I think so, too, and Shears, the

That Faded Coat,-Rudolph-Well, how

tanor, agrees with me. - Boston Herald, THE PLUMBER. The actor down to the footlights strode, And his strides they were immense, And from his parted lips there flowed

A stream of elequence. What caused the actor's head to spin And his sight to leave him there?
"Twas the blaze of the plumber's diamond pin
Which gleamed in an orchestra chair.

> WINE IS A MOCKER. Wine is a mooker And strong drink is raging, But who cares for that

When his thirst he's assunging? Tis only next day. When his temples are soling, He thinks what a fool