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PITTSBURG, TUESDAY, JAN, 2L 1890.

THE METHODS OF POLITICS. The evidence of the various people engaged in that ballot-box forgery business is a precious exhibit of the methods of the lower order of politicians. The sum total of its disclosures appears to be that there is no method too mean, or no deception too gross, to be resorted to for the purpose of damaging

political opponents. It is not necessary to sift the disputed points in the evidence of the forgers and circulators of torgeries, which were involved in the testimony of those worthies yesterday. It is beyond question that some of them were ready to commit forgery upon the shallowest pretexts, while others, in the most charitable view, were ready to use the bogus documents without the slightest pains to prove their authenticity. This is extremely damaging to the Republicans connected with it; but it is to be remembered that exactly the same thing on a national scale was perpetrated by the Democrats in 1880.

The first effect of such things is to disgust decent men with politics; but it ought rather to inspire decent men to enter more actively cident should not, in fine, weigh at all in into political work, with the resolution to send this stripe of politicians into obscurity.

THE RAILROAD DECISION

The decision of the Supreme Court re-Courts, against the practice of the at the ticket office, is one that affects a large up scarcely injured. number of people. The decision of the Supreme Court establishes the legality of this practice, but in view of the division of of electricity; but nobody wants a silent, opinion between the local and the appellate invisible executioner lying in wait in the tribunals, the lay public is at liberty to crowded streets of a city. There is a great hold its own views regarding the justice of future before the companies which are supthe ruling. The general opinion is likely plying electricity; but in the end they will to be that it is singular law which permits a corporation, limited by its charter to certain rates, to collect a material excess above | dangers, and by adopting devices to guard those rates, with a proviso that if the passenger complies with certain conditions leading theories about the relative risks of and takes a certain degree of trouble, he men and horses. can have the excess refunded. The importance of each individual case of this sort might be rather slight; but the principle is somewhat mixed.

MORE THAN A LIFE'S LABOR.

Nobody can deny that the "Life of Lincoln." now appearing in the Century Mag- of his seat in the United States Senate." orine, is a big undertaking. Its size has alarmed the readers of the Century more than once. We are indebted to the tofore said; but is not the esteemed Sun Washington correspondent of the Phila- rather sweeping in its assertion of the ease Record, however, for further in formation on this subject. We now learn | Senate can be exposed and punished? that Colonels Nicolay and Hay received \$50,000 from the Century for the right to offer was made of proof of bribery on behalf publication in serial form. This sounds of Mr. Brice's predecessor, if the Senate like a good big sum. But the Record says | would but use its authority to get it. But that Colonel Hay figured out that it merely gave each of the authors a little over a dol- proof should get before the Senate. lar a day for the time and labor they had spent upon the work. This is a shocking and alarming statement, as a minute's consider- latures to be caught so easily as the brilgtion will show.

Supposing Colonels Hay and Nicolay to have divided the work equally, and making no allowance for Sundays and holidays, each of them has devoted about 25,000 days in New York which was announced last such a task.

his whole sum of days' work for many years

We are aireid Colonel Hay has made an error in his calculation. It is charitable to hope so.

WINTER POSSIBILITIES The reports of wintry weather on the other and, in some cases, people in danger of stara remarkable contrast to the persistent it were, that the people will not permit open justice. themselves to look for real winter until it strikes them. It would not be unlike the idiosyncrasies of this climate to jump suddenly from the present soft weather to the temperwinter would be grateful, it would be rather hard to have it given to us with such abruptness as is indicated by the difference between the West and the East.

PUTURE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTION. the demand for it, and the probability of the exhaustion of the field, continue to occupy attention. The Oil City Derrick by a titude at the time so handsomely illustrated. careful review of the statistics of production and consumption comes to the conclusion that at the present rate of production and consumption the surplus will be exhausted in 17 months. The conclusion is accurate enough it the premises are granted, but as it is largely founded on the idea that a monopoly. the limits of production are clearly fixed, and that the Pennsylvania field, if not doomed to gradual exhaustion, is at least incapable of increasing its production, calculations assent on the fulfilment of that prediction caunot be regarded as reliable.

class of scientific and expert opinion to indulge at different periods in predicting the exhaustion of Pennsylvania's petroleum supply. But so far, the amusement has finally rested on the side of those who laugh at such prophesies after they have been exploded by the event. The fact is that up to this time the production of petroleum has varied in accordance with the law of supply and demand. When the market was overstocked and production unprofitable the activity in development lessened; when the demand caused a rise in prices developments were stimulated and production enhanced. The present is certainly not a favorable time to talk of the future of the Pennsylvania fields, when the

fined, have been developed; and when the ex-ward has transferred the center of petroleum production to Pittsburg. There is no doubt that the superiority of Pennsylvania petroleum over either the Ohio or Russian product will insure a demand for it that is likely to inspire activity in developments for the near future. If producers can secure a permanent and open competition in the business of refining and

AN EXPERT THEORY EXPLODED.

reasonably secure.

producing their product, their future is

That fatal accident at Newburg, N. Y., resterday, by which a horse, coming in contact with an electric light wire, was rostrated, and a laborer who came to the relief of the horse was killed, disposes effectually of one of the favorite excuses of those, who either for sordid considerations or through ignorance, have been telling the public that the killing of horses by the electric current need not frighten men. The argument advanced was that horses are more nervous than men and peculiarly susceptihle to the electric shock. Therefore, whenever a horse was killed by contact with an electric wire it was, forsooth, no argument of danger to human beings, Such an acdemonstrating the urgency for getting the wires underground, Such has been the drift of expert protestation.

At Newburg yesterday morning a citizen tied his horse to an electrically charged versing that of the Allegheny County awning post. The horse dropped on its knees. Thomas Dawson, a laborer, ran to Pennsylvania Railway to collect au help the animal, grasped the headgear and excess of fare from passengers without fell instantly dead. Another man, vainly tickets, and to give them a check attempting Dawson's rescue, was paralyzed on which they can have the money refunded for a time by the electricity. The horse got

This electric business is a serious problem. Everybody wants the convenience and aid consult their own interests as well as the public safety by recognizing squarely the

NOT SO EASY.

In commenting on the allegations against the method of Brice's election, the New York Sun says: "And yet distinct proof of bribery in the case of one Legislator would be enough to keep Colonel Brice out

There is no proof of bribery in the election of Brice, as THE DISPATCH has herewith which the purchase of seats in the

If we remember correctly a very cogent very good care was taken that no such Millionaire and corporation politics has

had too much experience with State Legisliant Sun alleges.

A SURPRISING COMPROMISE. That sattlement of the Stewart will care

to it. Twenty-five thousand days amount week, appears upon examination to have to sixty-eight years and two hundred and been a remarkable termination to a still eighty days. It has been more than more remarkable case. The testimony a life's labor to them both, for brought out in the progress of the suit Mr. Nicolay is 58 while Mr. Hay showed some of the most unique prois 52. They must have started in to com- ceedings on the part of Judge Hilton, ever plete Mr. Lincoln's biography before they committed in modern times, at least, by a were born and barely after their subject had man holding a great fiduciary position. It attained his majority. We consider the was testified to, that Judge Hilton persum of \$50,000 absolutely inadequate for suaded Mrs. Stewart to deed property to him for which he never paid, and that he If they did not divide the labor equally made the estate pay for improvements on one of them must have begun writing before | property after it was transferred to him. It Mr. Lincoln was born. But if they did not | was brought out in evidence that he actually begin till they were born, and of course after | charged the owner of all that wealth interest Mr. Lincoln's birth, the fears of the Centu- on money which he pretended that he lent Fy's readers heretofore expressed concerning her, which was really her own money. By the interminable extent of the "Life" must a steady pursuit of this policy, it was be revived-for neither author can get in claimed that he succeeded in absorbing a portion of the Stewart estate, variously stated at from \$6,000,000 to \$25,000,000.

It is not difficult for an ordinary man to perceive that such charges, if true, mean a breach of trust which ought to consign the perpetrator to the penitentiary. It is also plain that if such charges are made against an innocent man, his reputation requires a side of the Rocky mountains, where rail- full test of them in open court. But what roads are blockaded, telegraph wires down, surpasses the average comprehension is how any compromise of a case like that is possivation by being cut off from supplies, makes ble in accordance with personal honor and public justice. Either Judge Hilton should mildness and moisture that is being experienced in this part of the country. The cold- have been exposed as slanderers. The fact er weather which set in last night, and the that, after these points had been brought in cold wave predicted by the Signal Service, evidence, he was able to make a compromay be the advance guard of this storm; mise by which a great share of the Stewart but there have been so many expectations of fortune remains in his possession, indicates this sort which were disappointed by the a remarkable example of the power of overrealization of only one-horse cold waves, as weaning wealth to defeat impartial and

MR. FORAKER vesterday was engaged in setting up the plea before the Congressional Investigating Committee that it was the wicked ature of zero. While a reasonable degree of Democrats who got Wood to go to him with the ballot box forgery. If they did this it was very unkind of them, to say the least. They ould have had more regard for the ex-Governor's feelings than to impose bogus ammuni-tion upon him when he wanted to kill off their candidate Campbell and to sacrifice also his own friends Sherman, Butterworth and McKinley. The relation of the petroleum supply to There was in the transaction, if the Democrati were the parties' who really led Mr. Foraker into the trap, a signal want of that fine cour

> THE Senate has done well in passing a resolution to postpone the letting of the Alaska seal contract till February 20; and the House should lose no time in concurring. Congress may yet arouse itself to a perception of the fact that the seal business may be carried on without

THE plans for the Scotch-Irish Congress which is to be held in this city next spring. promise that Pittsburg will have the honor of elsewhere show that these races have furnished It has been the amusement of a certain | many of the leading and brilliant minds of the

country. Even more valuable is the gift which they have made to this nation of the millions of the independent and intelligent citizens. Pittsburg as the center of a section which was largely built up by the Scotch-Irish nationalities will be glad to entertain a concress of

MAJOR WILLIAM HANCOCK CLARK, the Southerner who selected the New York streets for pistol practice, has been indicted by a New York jury. The North will now hold its breath while the fiery Southern press proceeds to denounce this manifestation of prejudice.

REPRESENTATIVE PAYNTER of Kentucky, is one of the unfortunates who lost by propriation to reimburse himself and others. production for last year shows a gain of He does this on the very proper ground that the Court of Claims is the tribunal which ought to districts, whose possibilities are yet undedecide the liability of the Government instead of settling it by the votes of the interested members in Congress. He proposes to bring suit in the Court of Claims, and his manly course will almost create a public wish that he may be successful.

> THE South shows progress in the right direction by an increase in its cereal products during ten years of over 220,000,000 bushels, The South is taking the advice of Bragg to raise "more corn and less cotton; more hogs

THE allegation is published that it costs from \$8,000 to \$14,000 to run for Mayor in this city. As the cost of printing literature for a campaign of that sort is comparatively small, and other legitimate expenses cannot amount to a quarter of that sum, the allegation is an indirect one that the man who wishes to be Mayor must distribute his money where it will do the most good in the way of purchasing political support. It is to be hoped that the figures have grown in the telling.

THE sudden and private meeting of the Democratic Committee to-day indicates that the Democratic leaders have begun to absorb the idea that Pattison may be a possibility b youd the limitations of the slates.

"WHILE Republican newspapers are denouncing the new Government of Brazil as a military dictatorship their attention may be called to the fact that there is no Empire in Brazil and no throne there." It is also necessary for democratic newspapers to notice that Brazil has no representative government, nor any elections as yet to base the present rule on the will of the people. When it has supplied these features, it will be time to recognize it as a republic.

SCHOOL ceilings which fall down and strike the pupils during school hours, with the added liability of creating a panic, are very pertinent subjects for earnest reform work on the part of school directors.

It is reported that the boomers are getting ready to make a descent on the Sioux reservation, similar to that made when Oklanoma was opened up. If the boomers wait until the lands are formally and legally opened for settlement, the rapid and orderly occupation of the territory will be a satisfactory feature of American progress. But the boom ers must keep off the lands until they are made public property.

Two effort to collate the largest possible aggregate of mortality reports and credit them against them, in place of setting up mis- all to the grip is calculated to create a fear of the grip without doing any good to anyone.

THE statement that the Government has determined to suspend the purchase of 4% per cents because the available surplus has been reduced to about \$20,000,000 is based on the large recent purchases of those securities. Nevertheless there is plenty of money in the Treasury which cannot be better invested than in the Government's own bonds-provided the holders of the bonds will sell them cheaply

Ir is easy to see that Portugal is entirely in the wrong in its dispute with England. A small kingdom is always in the wrong to quarrel with a power that has so many iron-clads.

THE location of a Boston tube manufacturing company's works at Washington, Pa., shows that town to be reaping the benefit of its fuel supplies and the advantage of two railroads. The industrial growth of Washington adds to the interests of Western Pennsylvania and con sequently to the business of Pittsburg.

WITH a snow blocksde throughout the far West, the question for this latitude is whether the winter will get here or not.

PEOPLE OF PROMINENCE.

CHIEF JUSTICE FULLER'S old tin sign is still tacked to the staircase leading to his old office in Chicago.

ACCORDING to Sir Edwin Arnold Edgar A Poe and Joaquin Milier are the two American poets who are sure to live forever. THE widow of Schuyler Colfax lives very mietly at South Bend, Ind., with a son, Schuy ler, Jr., a manly young fellow, who absolutely

Tur Pessident's brother Carter R Harrison was yesterday confirmed by the Senate as United States Marshal for the middle district of Tennessee.

idolizes her.

HENRY WATERS, of Salem, Mass., who ha made a personal search among original records, says he found that George Washington was lescended from Lawrence Washington, parson of Perley, Bucks county, England, in 1635

LORD LONSDALE has at Lowther Castle, En gland, a fine collection made during his recent reak for the North Pole. It consists of 13 head of moose, 12 of cariboo, 1 musk ox, a Rocky Mountain goat, a bison, a bear, together with 450 birds of various sizes and species. But this collection sinks into insignificance com-pared with Lonsdale's tales of adventure.

THE most noted father of the House and Senate of the past was a man altogether forgotten now. His name was Nathaniel Macon, and Jefferson called him "the last of the Ro mans." He was a Democrat from North Carolina, and he had a political career of more than 7 years. He resigned from the he was 80 years old, and died at 89. He was for 40 years in Congress, and during the whole of his career he never recommended a relative

BISHOP CROWTHER, of Africa, who is at present in London, has had a remarkable his When a lad on the Benue river, he was torn from his mother's side by slaves, and after months of misery on the coast, was shipped in a slave ship for America. One of the most romantic incidnts of his life was when, a quarter of a century after his capture, an old woman rushed from a crowd of native to whom he was preaching, threw her arms around his neck and he found she was his

A BRIDGE BILL PASSED.

The West Virginia Legislature at Last Accomplishes Something.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE CHARLESTON, W.VA., January 20 .- The first all of the session was passed to-day. It is designed to regulate the bridging of the Ohio. Kanawha, Big Sandy and one or two other Kanawhs, Big Sandy and one or two other rivers in the State. It provides, among other things, that ne bridge shall be erected with a channel span of less than 400 feet in length, and that such span shall have a clear height of at least 75 feet above lew water mark.

An attempt was made to rush the election bill through the Senate to-day, but it failed. Senator Van Pelt, after having the first reading dispensed with, attempted to have the measure passed to its second reading without reference to a committee. There was a big kick at once, which eneed in the bill going to the Judiciary Committee.

CALLAGHAN'S CANDIDACY.

The Man Who Had Powderly Arrested Nominstes Himself for Governor.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE. SCOTTDALE, January 20.—Hon. Ed. Calla-ghan, who has had Powderly, Byrne and Wise arrested for conspiracy, has declared himself a candidate for Governor on the Democratic ticket. He is now engaged making an active canvass for the position, and says he has secured the undivided support of several large Demo-oratic and independent emitingents. He says he will receive a large vote from the laboringmen's representatives.

THE TOPICAL TALKER.

Florida a Haven to Many Northeners Tired of Our Weather-Some Private Theatri-

cals...Much Sickness Abroad. In spite of the mild winter, and possibly in a measure because of its miserable character, St. Augustine and other Florida resorts are un-

usually thronged just now.

A Pittsburger who has been for some weeks in Florida writes me that the gaiety of St. Augustine now reminds her of Newport in the season. The hotels—even the Ponce de Leon and the other palaces—have far more guests than usual at this time of the year, for the season in St. Augustine does not properly begin till March.
The young fashionables of New York and the East generally are already there in great force —and a fair sprinkling of Pittsburgers are en-joying the sunshine and cheeriness of that fav-ored coast. Naples, the newly-christened resort on the gulf, is also blessed with plenty of patronage. This promises to be the gayest season Florida has ever seen. Last year the shadow of Yellow Jack kept a good many regular sojourners away from the orange groves. This year there is no such grim sentinel at the gates and the consequence is a harvest for the hotel heepers.

THE Sewickley Valley Club has not had smooth sailing by any means in its preparation for the presentation of "The Tyrolean Queen" at their theater in Sewickley. The grip has been paying attentions to several members of the cast—doubly serious since it is an opera that is to be given. Mr. Chaplin, the indefatigable manager, is still unable to assist, owing to his severe illness, and, though all the singers will be in their places, more than one

runs some risk in so doing.

There is every reason to believe that "The Tyrolean Queen," which is the work of a Boston musician and has never been played before. will be a great success to-night. Mrs. Sharps McDonald has worked very hard with the com pany, and a great deal of credit is due to her One of the features of the performance will be some new scenery, specially painted for this

ON Tuesday next the Tuesday Night Club will visit Sewickley, and give in the Valley Club's Theater the comedictias "Barbara" and 'Love Letters." Then in a pleasant spirit of exchange the Valley Club will repeat their capital presentation of "Esmerelda" at the Pittsburg Chac week in February. Pittsburg Club Theater during the second

Wirn all these theatrical and other festivities, to say nothing of a wedding or two, it s a long while since Sewickley and the neighboring villages have been enveloped in such a shadow of sorrow. Death has visited many households, and there is someone sick in almost every house you may enter. There is not more sickness there than in town, but it is more noticeable. It is an undoubted fact that the doctors are being kept very busy indeed all over Allegheny county just now. There was not room to write a name on a doctor's slate I saw a day or two ago. A good many doctors are themselves in need of their own ministrations; but most doctors I find are slow to acknowledge they are ill, keeping up till forced to go down. And this is lucky for laymen.

A LOST BROTHER FOUND.

Family Surprised by a Visit From One Mourned as Dead.

PRPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. UNIONTOWN, January 20.-James W. Morrow, formerly of Scottdale, who escaped from the insane department of the Westmoreland County Home on January 5, 1889, and has since been mourned for dead by his relatives, turned up in Uniontown on Saturday. In the spring of 1887 he became insane from some physical ailment and was taken to Dixmont. He was afterward removed to the County Home, from which institution he escaped three times, but was always captured and taken back. He is now with his brother, P. S. Morrow, Esq., of

now with his brother, P. S. Morrow, Esq., of this place, and appears to be perfectly sane. He talks rationally and relates stories of his travels and experiences during the past year very entertainingly. He says that when he escaped the last time he was determined not to be captured.

At the time of his departure the weather was biting cold, and he suffered greatly from exposure, as his wearing apparel consisted of very thin clothing, a pair of slippers and thin cotton socks. He came direct to Uniontown on foot, but not being able to find his brother, with whom he is now, he struck out for the mountains and tramped his way to South Caromountains and tramped his way to South Carofear of being detected and taken back to insane asylum, of which he had a horror. He has been working in a mining camp there ever since, and has plenty of money. Mr. Morrow will remain here with his brother for the

CUTTING DOWN THE SURPLUS.

Henvy Purchanses of Bonds Have Reduced It to About \$20,000,000.

WASHINGTON, January 20.-The bond offerings to-day were \$2,128,350. Acceptances, \$878,-350, at current rates. The heavy purchase of bonds during the past week, amounting to the available Treasury surplus to about \$20,000 -000. The Secretary of the Treasury has there-600. The Secretary of the Treasury has therefore decided to suspend the purchase of 4 per cent bonds until further notice. The purchase of 4½ per cent bonds will, however, be continued as heretofore. The purchase of 4 per cents will be resumed shortly, as it is estimated that the surplus will be increased to \$40,000,000 by the lat of April.

The Secretary of the Treasury has under consideration the question of the further purchase of this class of bonds in the reduction of the amount of public funds held by National Banks, and the issuance of another call on the

Banks, and the issuance of another call on the banks for an additional surrender is delayed The matter will be settled, ho over in a few days, probably this week.

NEW TRANSCONTINENTAL LINE.

Railroad From Lower California Enst.

ward Just Projected. PRPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. SAN JOSE January 20 .- A Congress extraor dinary has been called, and is in session for the purpose of considering the granting of a con-cession to the Messrs. Smith & Cooper for a railroad from Puntarenas on the Pacific to Alajuela, 12 miles from this capital. There is at present a branch from Puntarenas inland to Esparta, some 20 miles, but the rest of the way up to Alajuela is as yet rather a tedious two days' journey in the saddle. From Alajuela to San Jose there is the railroad built by English capitalists. Of this system the new branch between Cartago and point considerably below Carillo is nearing

completion.

If Messrs, Smith & Cooper are successful in building the line they desire on the Pacific slope we shall have before long an inter-ocean railroad. The fact of the special calling of a congress points the probable success of the en-

NO SIGN OF MARY'S WARRIAGE. Young De Navarro Writes Home, but Al-

ludes to No Engagement. PEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. NEW YORK, January 20.-Mr. Jose De Navar-

re received letters to-day from his son, Antonio, from San Remo. They contain no referance whatever to any engagement of marriage between young Mr. De Navarro and Miss Mary Anderson. Mr. De Navarro and Miss Ander-son are both in San Remo, and both have been there for some mouths. They have been per-sonal frieuds for years, and have naturally seen much of each other. much of each other.

The young man's father said to-day that, judging from his son's letters, he did not think there was any engagement of marriage, A Yankee Baby Show.

Some folks would consider the advent of

three babies at one time into a household as

something that would greatly increase ex-

penses; but this is because they don't know hor

From the Lewiston Journal.]

to plan. The Belfast household, thus enriched ely, has adopted the plan of asking an ad mission fee to all who come to see the inno cents, and are making money out of it.

DEATHS OF A DAY. GREENSBURG, January 20.—John Showalter, ex-postmaster and a widely known business man of Latrobe, died at his home this morning of ia grippe, after an illness of three days. Mr. Showaiter was married to a Connelisville lady about a year ago.

John McCormac John McCorman aged 80 years died vestands at his home, 57 North Diamond street, Allegheny. Mr. McCormac was among the oldest residents in the county. He was born in county Monaghan, Iroland, and came here 60 years ago. He was em-ployed by the Ft. Wayne Entifroat Company for 42 Years, and worked for the Allegheny Gas Com-pany for I veam. Old age caused his death,

FOR THE BURNS BANQUET.

A Fenst, Poetry and Orntory Mapped Out

on the Programme. Although the official programme is not out for the Burns banquet next Friday evening at Hotel Schlosser, a general idea of the even-ing's entertainment has been obtained. After the banquet the guests will retire to the ordinary, which will be provided with a stage and seating capacity for the number present, and will listen to musical and recitative numbers of postry and songs dear to the Scottish heart postry and songs dear to the Scottish heart.
Addresses will be delivered by Rev. Dr. W. J.
Reed and by Rev. McCarther, a witty dergyman from Washington. The musical quartet which delighted the same gathering last
year will be in attendance again. It is composed of the Misses Corey, of Wilkinsburg,
and Mesers. Thompson and Hardy, of Allegheny. gheny.

Mr. and Mrs. McCutcheon, (the latter neo
Miss Belle Tomer) will render one or more
numbers, Mr. A. Brockie and his dauchters,
the Misses Brockie, will also sing, and Misses
Margaret Frazier and Marguerette Wisson, of
the East End, will render some delightful

HONORING A FORMER PASTOR.

Rev. Pather Sebastian Pleasantly Este tnined Last Night.

Rev. Father Sebastian, of West Roboken who has been visiting on the Southside for some time, was tendered a supper and reception at St. Michael's parochial residence last night. The supper was a private affair at which none but the Passionist Fathers of St. Michael's Church were present. After the supper the party went to the schoolhouse on Plus street, where the W. M. A. Lang Dramatic Company gave an entertainment. The aff was a pleasant one throughout, and was my enjoyed by Father Sebastian, in whose honor was a pleasant one throughout, and was much enjoyed by Father Sebastian, in whose honor it was given.

rather Sebastian was formerly paster of St. Michael's congregation, and is enjoying his regular annual visit to his old parish.

A CAMP-FIRE. The Iron City Fishing Club Obeyed Its Com

missary Last Night. An order from the Commissary of the City Fishing Club was received by some of the members of the club recently, and was obeyed with very pleasant results last evening. The order was in writing, and on dainty, small sized note paper of heavy texture, and read as

follows:

"There will be a camp-fire at the commissary tent on Menday evening, January 20, at which we would like to have you join. By request of the Commissary, whose orders are always obeyed." Signed, C. M. Slack, No. 18 Marion avenue, Allegheny. They Played Progressive

The Lotus Club of the Southside held as

enjoyable session last evening. The time was spent in playing progressive euchre and other games. The Lotus is adding many new feat-ures to the club to attract the members.

Social Chatter. A DANCE was enjoyed last evening in Cycle rama Hall by the Allegheny German Club, MRS. ALEX J. HARDY, of Fifth avenue, East

afternoon. THE Tourists' Club pursued their journey ast evening at the residence of Miss Kounts Arch street, Allegheny, THE third cotillon of The Monday Evening Dancing Club was enjoyed last evening at the assembly room of the Pittsburg Club House.

End, will give a suchre party on Thursday

THE Woman's Club will meet this afternoon, as usual, and will discuss the changes made in their constitution by the official ladies last week. ALMOST a card reception is that at the Mc Kelvey residence, East End, this evening. The

invitations sent out included besides the names of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McKelvey, the cards of Miss Chrissle, their daughter, Mrs. D. Moore and Miss Barnes. A THEATER party to attend "The Brigands" booked for this evening. The party is in onor of Mr. J. K. Murray, a member of the Casino Company, formerly a Pittaburger and a resident of the East End. Mr. H. A. Rogers is

MAYOR PITTLER FOR SENATOR

the host of the party.

Renewal of the Talk That He May Suc ceed J. D. Cameron.

PHILADELPHIA, January 20 .- Charles A. Porter's positive announcement of his candito succeed John E. Revburn in the Stat Sepate, if Mr. Reyburn should be sent to Congress, as seems probable, has caused a revival of talk about Mayor Fitler as a candidate to succeed J. Donald Cameron in the United States Senate. Mr. Cameron's successor will be chosen by the Legislature whose members are to be elected next November. Mr. Porter, who is one of the closest and the most influen-tial friends that Mayor Fitler has, expects to be

one of those members.

Mr. Fitler has done some great favors for Mr. Potter, and it is therefore presumed that, if the Mayor should continue to be a candidate until Mr. Porter became Senator, the latter will do all he can to make the Mayor Mr. Cameron's successor. Some of the present members of the State Senate and a considermembers of the State Senate and a consider-able number of members of the Lower House are under political obligations to the Mayor. That the administration will work for their re-election and the election of others favoring the Mayor's candidacy for United States Senator seems to be generally believed in political

REV DR FLOOD ON HIS BAR He Thinks Arthur Bates a Meddler

Inexperienced Young Man. PRPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR. MEADVILLE, January 20,-Rev. Dr. T. L. Flood, who was announced by Lawyer Arthur L. Bates, of this city, as having retired from the Congressional contest for this district, is highly indignant. He says: "I have never announced myself as a candidate for Congress, nor have I announced that I would not be a nor have I announced that I would not be a candidate for Congress. I find that a young lawyer from this town went down to Washington and permitted himself to be interviewed about my business, and said that I had withdrawn from the Congressional field. This man is not authorized to speak for me. I never appointed him to do that thing, nor did he have any information from me on that subject; on the contrary, he reminds me of a man of whom I once heard, 'He is too casily tapped, and runs too freely when he is tapped.'
"When the proper time comes and I decide to

too freely when he is tapped."
"When the proper time comes and I decide to
be a candidate for Congress, I shall make my
announcement in the regular way: if I decide
not to be a candidate, I will not go by way of
the City Solicitor's office to employ an indishe City Solicitor's office to employ reet young man to make the anno

A NEW ROUTE TO MEXICO

To be Opened in Connection With a Texas Stenmship Line. ST. Louis, January 20 .- A letter from a

wealthy and influential business man of Corpus Christi, Tex., gives the following information regarding a new and important transportation project: "New Orleans can do what it likes, but we are going to put in a steamship, and will bring the trade down the Mississippi from St. bring the trade down the Mississippi from St.
Louis and Cincinnati, and New Orleans had
better get in the swin or she will get left. We
will ran from here to Port Eads, touching at
Galveston. We will connect with all the
Mississippi and Ohio river trade, and we have
a prospectus now in press which we hope will
wake up the mercantile interests of the Mississippi Valley to the importance of the all-water
connection which we shall thus open up.
"It will also enable them to reach the heart
of Mexico by the shortest railroad line, the
Mexican National, and as soon as our road is
completed they will have a still shorter ose to
Mexico, Central and South America. We are
offered a ship, now lying at Mobile, suited for
this trade at a very low price,"

A METEOR IN CHESTER

Story of How Its Fragments Struck Paved Streets and Disappeared. (SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH-) CHESTER, PA., January 20 .- The residents of the southwestern section of the city were treated to a rare sight about 6 o'clock this even ing. A meteor was seen to shoot through the clouds and descend rapidly toward the earth.
It looked like a mass of fire the size of a cannon ball, and left a stream of fire behind it. When within about 100 feet of the ground it burst into apparently 1,000 pieces, the shooting fragments appearing to the awe-struck witnesses like the bursting of a mammoth rocket. The sound of the shricking pieces upon the paved streets were heard, but no traces of the falling meteor could be found.

Economy is 4dvisable. From the Philadelphia Inquirer.] The King of Spain has a salary of \$1,000,000. man he'll have lost his present job and may have to peddle clgars or run a peanut mand for a living.

AT THE THEATERS.

Nanon at the Bijou-A Brass Monkey and Other Plays.

"NANON" is such a bright, amusing and wonderfully tuneful opera that it is always welcome. The waltz song, which is the predominating musical motive and no small that one never tires of. Last night the Carleton Opera Company played "Nanon" once more at the Bijou.
The leading male role, the Marquis D'Aubigme, has long been the property of Mr.
Carleton, and as far as voice goes he still con-Carleton, and as far as voice goes he still conveys the character in very acceptable style. Mr. Carleton shows signs of wear and tear in everything but his voice. He is perceptibly thinner, but his voice and his methods of using it, some of which are peculiar, show no change. He sang with great spirit last night. Miss Clara Lane has taken the shoes of Miss Fanny Rice, the plump and vivacious in the title role. She is not Fanny Rice—it is unfair to expect that she should be—but somehow or other we have come to think of Nanon as a brunette, with flashing dark eyes, a form somewhat suggestive in its contour of a pouter pigeou's, and a voice of wheedling, please-kiss-me-but-be-ready-for-a-box-on-the-ear kind. In brief, we have got Nanon and Fanny Rice so mixed to have got Nanon and Fanny Rice so mixed to-gether that the surprise of a blonde waitress, siender of form and blue-eyed—we think Miss Lane has blue eyes—at the sign of the Golden amb strikes us as something like sacrilege. But Miss Lane has a voice of not a little power and sweetness, and is a vivacious little actress with plenty of original charm.

There is very little for Mr. J. K. Murray to do as the Abbe—but one opportunity occurs for him to show his metal, in fact. This chance—the singing of the Waltz song in a minor key, with organ accompaniment—he made full use of. Mr. Murray sang this admirably—the

with organ accompaniment—he made full use of. Mr. Murray sang this admirably—the mock sanctity of the expression he gave it was delicious. His rich, well-trained voice counted for a great deal whenever it was heard.

So far praise can be fairly awarded, but no further. The opera as a whole was badly sunr, and in part badly acted. Compared with former renderings by the Carleton company there was a great descent in last night's performance. The choruses were not given with anything like the fire and finish which were their characteristics of yore. Some of the ensembles were painfully ragged and out of tune, and the finals of the second act, in which the repetition of the refrain of Hector's pitiful plaint "In the hip?" has always been so strongly humorous, falled of its effect because the company did not appear to know the music. The truth is that Mr. Carleton's company is not as good as it has been, or as it should be. Perhaps in any opera but "Nanon," which has been played here so well in the past, the deficiencies of the company would not be so glaring. To-night's performance of "The Brigands" will prove whether the company is so absolutely weak as it is comparatively. It is but just to add that Miss Alice I. Carle made a very charming Ninon de L' Enclos and Mr. Charles A. Bigelow a fairly funny Marquis de Marsellac.

To-night Mr. J. K. Murray will play the captain of the band in "The Brigands," in which character he is said to be, and we can easily believe it, extremely well snited. Mr. Carleton cannot sout of the cast in order to allow Pittsburgers to see their fellow citizen to the best advantage. In other ways the Carleton company is said to be strong in "The Brigands," in seenery and costumes being attractive points.

Grand Opera House.

NEARLY every seat at the Opera House was occupied last night, and nearly every person squeezed in at least 150 laughs in about as many minutes. The author frankly announces that "A Brasss Monkey" is a somewhat desultory reference to a variety of subjects having no particular relation to whatever plot there may be in the play, and then proceeds to string together a series of absurd in-cidents which keep the audience in one continuous roar. While there is plenty

one continuous roar. While there is plenty of action throughout, and some of it is exceedingly lively, still there is a wide difference from the ordinary knock-about performance. But it was the musical features, which were decidedly numerous, that elicited the most hearty applause, and made a double encore a regular part of the proceedings.

Jonah, a victim of superstition and about everything else, in the hands of George Marion is quite a contrast to many attempts in that line. While the character is essentially a ludicrous one, there are one or two mock pathetic incidents which might be really so were it of for the breaks which immediately followed them. Mr. Marion's vocal accomplishments, as displayed in "They Done Me Up" and similar selections, met with an enthusiastic reception. The most uproarious demonstrations, however, were reserved for Messrs. Murphy, Horan and Harlem as that interesting trio, Dodge Work, Mr. Barnes of New York, and Mr. Potter of Texas. The artistic countanances of these gentlemen were alone sufficient

Cess.

Baggage, Jonah's daughter, and Birdic, his wife, as portrayed respectively by Miss Flora Walsh and Mrs. Alice Walsh, were two prominent features of a very unique family. Miss raises skunks as a business. I am pleased to neut features of a very unique family. Miss Walsh though evidently suffering from a cold, saug several times in avery acceptable manner. Of the Grocer, Hope, in the hands of Miss Lottle Nart, was particularly attractive, her Lottle Nart, was particularly attractive, her singing being encored until the management was forced to continue with the programme, despite the vigorous protests of the audience.

The human actors had a valuable accessory in The Mascot, a canine of a vigorous and determined species, who looked savage enough to make the disasters which apparently befell the Royal Bengul Tiger a vivid reality. The auction room scene, in which the second and third acts transpire, is well constructed and has a very natural appearance. very natural appearance.

Harris' Theater.

THE FUGITIVE" was seen at the Bijon last season, at which time its merits were fully discussed in these columns. It is one of TomCraven's good melodramas, if not one of his best. Mr. Mason Mitchell and a company far above the average are this week enterta the patrons of Harris' Theater with a rendition of the play that is better in many respects than last season's was, Mr. Mitchell as John Leavitt is a manly, heroic sort of fellow, and the Crackles of Harry Rogers, who, by the way, has not forgotten how to sing and dance, is a clever bit of character acting, albeit at times a trific overdone. Still the large audiences at yesterday's performances were greatly pleased with him. Fannie Beanc, as Jennie Kidger, is given an opportunity to dance, which she embraces, and shows how well she can shake her tiny feet. Lois Arnold is "real cute," the ladies think, as Corley Corduroy, and William N. Griffiths is good as Jasper Raleigh, while Henry Napier is such a consummate villain as 'Squire Stollery that the audience is highly delighted when he was murdered, and only wished that Jasper could kill him over again. Annie L. chhart is beautiful as the herome, Hesler Malyone. The scenery is good. "Standing room only" was the sign displayed twice yesterday. is a clever bit of character acting, albeit at

Haver Williams' Academy.

BEN LEAVITT'S Rentz-Santley Novelty and Burlesque Company has returned to this house for another week, with the same firstclass burlesque and variety performance seen some time ago. The programme begins with "La Tosca's Reception," which affords a score of comely and beautifully attired young women an opportunity of posing, marching, singing ing admired. In the olio there are Miss and being admired. In the ollo there are Miss Maude Beverly, Booker and Leigh, Frank Lester, the eccentric, Miss Pauline Batchellor, a great favorite, and the only Le Clair and Russell. The spectacular burlesque, "Antony and Cleopatra," which closes the entertain-ment, is as funny as it could be, and is ele-gantly costumed.

Theatrical Notes Ar the World's Museum, in Allegheny, the engagement of the most ambitious show of the season Leonold & Keating's American Vande ville combination, opened very anspiciously.

The Arcaris knife throwers sent cold chillthrough everybody, the Indian baby was a howling success and the following variety performers gave a general exhibition worth more than 10 cents: T. S. Leander, one-armed vio.

McCarthy, George E. Austin, Hughs and Kram-ner, Edwards and Adams, William Wells, Harry Rickets and others "THE WHITE SLAVE," the most popular of Bartley Campbell's plays, will be seen at the Bijou Theater next week. The melodrama has great hold on Pittsburg's affections; for years it has played to great business here and already the demand for seats has begun, although the advance sale does not begin till Thursday

inist; Miramba Bands, the Paper King, Leo-

pold and Keating, the Sheerans, Thomps

MR. HOYT, the author of "A Brass Monkey," is in town. Mrs. Hoyt (Miss Walsh) is the chief charm of the "Brass Monkey."

So Much the Better-From the Chicago Mail.1

There is talk of a duel between Senators Call, of Florida, and Plumb, of Kansas. All gaff. There isn't in the United States Senate a man who would stand up before an opponent on the fuelling field on any account. The days of personal bravery are gone lang syne

Pinced on the Ratland Lie RIO JANEIRO, January 20 - Raron Cananami the faster-brother of the ex-Emperor, Dom-Pedra, who held the post of Director General of Telegraphs, has been placed on the retises

Faith Versus Reason To the Editor of The Dispatch: In your issue of January 14 a correspondent from Boston generously undertakes to make plain to the people of Pitteburg the views of Unitarians, and in view of a Unitarian society about to be formed in Pittsburg, he gives a broad invitation to any in our busy city of many churches, who have no religious home, to come into this refuge where there is freedom of thought, where everyone has the right to his own opinion, where he can accept or reject what part of God's word it pleases him. Theists, because they love God, with no reason for doing so; Christian, because they love man in the person of Jesus Christ, the greatest re-ligious leader the world has ever known. What they ask us is not to believe anything, but to deny that that holy thing born of a virgin was divine. Are our young men of Pittsburg ready to give up their faith in a triune God, and in the efficacy of the atoning blood of the Christ of God, and accept the theory that salvation depends upon a power within themselves which they can use for it? Ah! how happy satan would be to have us believe this. Unitarianism-the denial of the divinity of the Son of God-is the great head of Antichrist, around which, in a day that is coming, "all the world

OUR MAIL POUCH.

which, in a day that is coming, "all the world will wonder:" and it is, as the time draws nearer, when the power of satan is to be destroyed, that he aims his venomous attacks against the person of the Son of God. They are but the microbes of the postilence of inidelity, floating through space since man's fail, nurtured and cared for by the prince of the power of the air, now in the closing days of this century of error, to be sent to the vital spot of a young man's faith.

Your correspondent is willing to lay aside the claim to age, but we grant its antiquity, even back to the time when satan met the first woman with a doubt of God's word. "Yea, hath God said?" "Ye shall be as goda." Surely the age of reason had hoary hairs before the preachers of the New England school, these "men of great zeal and ability," proclaimed the "men of great zeal and ability," proclaimed the right of private judgment, and brought man on his knees before his reason. Like the old Egyptian seekers after God and truth, they set ood aside, and, putting self in the place, their colish heart was darkened. Young men of foolish heart was darkened. Young men of Pittsburg, we would invite you, not into an unsafe refuge, but into the ark Christ Jesus, God's well-beloved son — an ark strong and stree enough to bear you above the deluge of judgment soon to engulf this world with all its boasted progress. Into this ark alone would we ask you to come—into nothing else.

Oh, it is better to be sure than to doubt. Oh, it is better to be sure than to doubt. Surely better to be firmly anchored to the rock Christ Jesus than to float about on the shoals of man's reason and opinion. Better far to hold now to that name, before which soon every knee shall bow, in heaven and in earth, and under the earth, and every tongue—the proud infidel and the doubting reasoner—every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glovy of God the Vather. to the glory of God the Father. Pirrsburg, January 20.

A Citizen's Cause of Complaint. To the Editor of The Dispatch:

About 6 o'clock on this (Sunday) evening while returning to my home on Grant street, a man ran after me, begging for money. It was only a few yards from my own door, and I refused to give him alms. Immediately he launched out at me with some heavy weapon, and struck me severely across the face. struggled, and some burly fellows came runstruggled, and some burly fellows came running up. In another moment I was knocked
down and roiled into the gutter. My clothes
were utterly spoilt and my hat so battered in
that it is no longer wearable. The man who
first struck me had lost one band. He was
very young looking, and I would recognize him
in an instant. No policeman could be found, as
usual.

Yours, etc.,

Pittsburg, January 19, 1890.

To the Editor of The Dispatch: What is the significance of the picture of

the owl, sometimes printed on the title page of BENNETT, January 20. [The owl, among the Romans and Greeks, was dedicated to Minerva, who personified and defied the idea of high intelligence and wisdom. The Greeks ascribed to this goddess the invention of many arts and sciences, which had great influence on their civilization. She is usually represented as wearing a halmet ornamented with the figure of an owl. From this it was an easy transition to figure forth wisdom under the symbol of an

he able to give him the address of President Day and John M. Ward, of New York baseball fame, who are raising quite a stench through-out the country just at present. E. W. VARNEY, JR.

The Skunk Raising Industry.

EAST LIVERPOOL, January 17.

A PLACE IN THE FRONT RANK. The Position of The Disputch Among American Newspapers.

From the Washington (Pa.) Reporter.; The United States is universally recognized as the home of newspaper enterprise. The editors of prosy publications which have obtained high standing in other countries stand aghast at the wonderful energy displayed by our large American dailies. THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH has attained and maintained a position in the front ranks of journalism. It gives the news of county, State and Nation regardless of expense, and its foreign dispatches are not excelled by any newspaper. It has been found necessary to secure an additional fast press, which will soon be in position, turning out each hour thousands of copies of THE DIS-PATCH. The market reports of THE DISPATCH

are a special feature. The 20-page SUNDAY DISPATCH has become famous throughout Western Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, its circulation having reached 50,000. Its special features are furished by the best known authors of the day. Each number is a magazine of choice literature, which cannot fail to please the apprecia-

HIS HOUSE WAS STOLEN.

tive reader.

ankles. But Chicago, whew!" and he leaned ankles. But Chicago, whew!" and he leaned back in a Colonade arm-chair. "Let me tell you what happened to a cousin of mine out there," said Mr. Thomas, feeling for a match. "It was about five years ago that I shut up his house in Chicago, and went abroad. He was sone for over two years. Just before returning he wrote to have the house painted. The house-painting firm to whom he wrote replied in about a month, stating that they would like to do the work if they could find the house. My cousin hustled home to Chicago and skipped up to the lot. "The lot was there, but the house was gone Somebody had actually moved away the entre building and all that it contained. The neighbors made no remonstrance, of course, supposing that the owner had ordered its removal."

COMMENT AND CRITICISM.

Boston Herald: Senator Plumb, of Kansas is getting quite tart, so to speak. ATLANTA Constitution: Keep your eyes o e political reformer. He is a tough citizen. BALTIMORE Herald: Portugal, as we are all aware, is a very small country. John Bull

knows whom to tackle.

lond sound.

CHICAGO Journal: The secret is out at last. The mild weather is the direct effect of Senator Ingalls' red-hot speeches. OIL CITY Blizzard: It isn't always the man who talks loudest and longest that knows the most. Thump an empty barrel and it makes a

WARREN Moil: The announcement of the withdrawal from politics of Hon. William L. Scott sounds a little fishy. Who ever heard of Mr. Scott giving up a fight until he had to? St. Louis Globe-Democrat: The congratulations which the Democrats are pouring in upon Calviu S. Brice are premature. Condo ence may be more in order after the Senate gets through with his case,

ST. PAUL Pioneer Press: To Congress

Please let us know about the final location of the World's Fair by 11:30 P. M. December 31. 1802 Some of us may want to drop in a faw minutes on the entertainment. WARRINGTON Gazette: There seems to be great probability that the House will rule Speaker Reed's proposed new rules out of order. This is sad, for Speaker Reed belongs

to the ruling party. Will he get unruly over the matter?

CURIOUS CONDENSTIONS.

-Two-thirds of all the children born in

Connecticut in 1889 were boys. -J. A. Steinmetz, while visiting near

Downingtown, Pa., went gunning, and shot the four legs off a rabbit.

—A Philadelphia shoemaker's dog died a lay or two ago from swallowing a piece of sole

-At Keyport, N. J., the other day, a prother and sister met for the first time since their parting, in Germany, 25 years ago. -Levi Williamson, of Ansonia, Conn., has a hog that is seven feet long and weighs 1,000 pounds. It is so fat that it is unable to get

-A Chinese laundryman at Bristol, Pa., rents all the places in the city available for laundries, so that he can enjoy a monopoly of

-Joseph Russell, of Ludlow, Ky., jumped 240 feet sheer down into the Tennesses river at Edgewood, Ky., the other day, for a purse of \$200. -Miss Edwards, teacher of the school at

Graniteville, Nevada county, Cal., went to North Bloomfield, 14 miles, on snow shoes the other day. She made the trip in four hours -Henry Schmucker, a farmer at Lowhill, ear Allentown attempted to shoot a wild turkey, when the cap missed fire, but he exploded the fowling piece with a match and killed the bird.

-The most remarkable case of insomnia on record is reported from that land of remarkable products, Georgia, Charles Harden, a negro of Athens, in that State, is said to have ived four years without sleeping at all.

-Ardon G. Case of Wratogue, in the town of Simsbury, is the champion hunter of tured by gun and trap, from October to January, 23 foxes, 30 mink, 83 muskrats, 13 skunks and 2 coons. One fox was a handsome silver gray. The result of this success is many hard dollars, the fox, mink and muskrat skins being quite valuable. -it is learned that Dr. Justin Canastors.

is about to institute a series of experiments with a dynamite shell which he claims can be discharged by powder from an ordinary ordnance piece and made to explode at a distance, the same as a powder shell. In order to further his experiments the inventor has obtained an English Blakely gun used during the war on the defenses of Charleston, S. C. -The principal sea fish that serve as

nourishment to the human race are the skate or ray, the shark family, the sturgeon, the the sardine, the anchovy, the salmon and the seel. Some readers may be surprised to see the shark included, but it is a numerous family and all are not man-eaters. The shark fishery is a regularly established industry in some parts of the world. -At Rockville, Conn., last summer W. A. Crandall lost his valuable gold watch, a stem

winder. Swiss movement, while in the hav last week he heard something jingle as he pitched a "lock of hay" into the manger before his Alderney cow. It was his stem winder, Swiss movement, that jingled, and it was matted into the wad of hay which the cow had first taken into her jawa. The dangling chain was the clue whereby Mr. Crandall was enabled to save his property. -The huge Winter Palace at St. Petersourg, with the exception of the Vatican and Versailles, is the largest palace in the world inen ded for a restdence, and though tasteless and rocco, has a certain grandeur from its im-mensity. Like all the Russian palaces, the

mensity. Like all the Russian palaces, the Winter Paiace is a mixture of splender and shabblesss, luxury and discomfort. In going over it visitors see everything gorgeously adapted for state ceremonials, but wonder how and where the imperial family can live. The whole of the splendid interior was consumed by fire in 1827, but speedily restored. It is said that not less than 6,000 persons have frequently had a habitation in the Winter Palace. Palace. -As an illustration of the Indicrons results produced by bill stickers pasting one bill over another, Mr. C. Spurgeon, son of the Rev. C. H. Spurgeop, mentioned in a lecture that on one occasion in London, when he and another gentleman were announced to preach special sermons, he was astonished to read the following announcement: "£10 Reward. Lost— Two Fat Helfers. Mr. J. J. Knight and Mr. C.

Spurgeon," Another read as follows: "Pigs fattened in six weeks on The Englishman, edited by Dr. Kennedy. Price 2d weekly, and

edited by Dr. Kennedy. Frice 2d weekly, at kills fleas, beetles, insects and all kinds of ve min. Perry Davis' Painkiller cores smol chimneys, and notice to mothers, feed your i fants on Bond's marking ink, 6d per bottl: -Charles Breslin, of Springfield, O., has enrious displacement of his His heart is on the right side of the chest, Breslin is a healthy young man of 26, and is a fraughtsman and engineer of marked abilities. He experiences no ill effects from the unique displacement, and is actively engaged daily in his profession. The beating of the heart can be plainly felt on the right side. His circulation is regular and his pulse normal. Mr. Brestin says when he was a little boy he was thrown from a heavy farm wagon, and two wheels passed obliquely across his chest. He was ill for some time from the injury, and believes that the heart was shoved over to its present negligible by the wheels and that his circulation He experiences no ill effects from the unique

position by the wheels, and that his cir and vital organ finally accommodate selves to the change. -There is a species of acacia which is commonly called the angry tree. It reaches the height of 80 feet after a rapid growth and somewhat resembles the century plant. One of these curious plants was brought from Australia and set out at Virginia, Nev., where it has been seen by many persons. When the sun sets the leaves fold up and the tender twigs aun sets the leaves fold up and the tender twigs coil tightly, like a little pig's tail. If the shoots are handled the leaves rustle and move un-easily for a time. If this queer plant is re-moved from one pot to another it seems angry, and the leaves stand out in all directions like and the leaves stand out in all directions like quills on a porcupine. A most pungent and sickening odor, said to resemble that given off by rattlesnakes when annoyed, fills the air, and it is only after an hour or so that the leaves fold in the natural way.

-Osgood Plummer, of Worcester, Mass., had a great longing to shoot a moose, and said he would give \$100 for the chance. This winter he was notified by hunters to come to Eustia. He did so, and the party started for Kibby stream camp, 20 miles distant in the wilder A Queer Robbery that Took Place During an Chicago Man's Absence.

From the Philadelphis Press.]

"I never in my life saw such a place as Chicago," said L. F. Thomas, of Springfield, who recently arrived from the Windy City, "I am used to New York," he added, "and don't object to having my socks stole off my feet, provided the street thieves leave my feet on my ankles. But Chicago, whew!" and he leaned

CLIPPED BITS OF WIT.

The man wno obeys orders seldom has trouble with his wife. - Somerville Journal. An economist is often a man who can tell everybody clas how to economize without being able to do it himself. - Texas Siftings. A young man should not feel flattered

because a pretty girl keeps his photograph stuck in the frame of her mirror. When she is in front of the mirror she is pretty sure to be looking at ething else .- Somerville Journal, He-I am thinking of embracing a literary life.

She-I do not doubt that the life will be a very happy one if you if you should treat it the way you spoke of. "- Terre Hauts Express. J. Cass-I believe miners are more de-

serving of pity than any other class of workers.

"They are 'meet always 'down in the mouth;' an' the rest of the time they are out of their mines,"-Time, She-Have you read "Looking Side-

He-Yes, I see it's another plagfarism Sile-How is that? He-Every word of it is in Webster's Un-abridged.—Time. Exasperated Wife-I want you to have that dog of ours shot. He annoys people with his

growling.
Husband-That's no good reason for shooting him. If it was you wouldn't stand much show for your life. - Texas Siftings. "Farewell, dearest," she sighed as she lay against the lanel of his double-breasted coas; "and, George, you may his me once on my form-head ere you go." "Thanks, Angelins," thoughthead ere you go." 'Thanks, Angelins, 'thought-fully murmured the young man, 'but the last time I kissed a girt on the forehead I got a bang in the mouth,' A moment later he left the house, looking as if he had been eating marsh-mailows.

-Harvard Lampoon. His Part of It .- They wuz a big man en' a little man agoin' 'long the pike together, big man, he didn't say much, but the little fe he jis' kep' a-talkin. By'm-by the little man up an' says:

"Did you know, pardner, that me en' you know'd everything in the world?" save he. "Yessir," eays the big man, right quick, "I does. You know everything in the world but thet you're a dern gabblin' little fool, en' I know thet, "- Detroit Free Press.