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#### NEW PARLIAMENTARY LAW.

navs, the issue does not seem to be of great should deem it worth while to insist upon &

The argument of the Speaker to sustain parquet in the hope of being seen. Of his ruling is plain enough. It starts first on | course the Four Hundred do not occupy the the premises, that the rules of the last boxes to be seen of men. House are not binding on the present body. This may be true enough; although the to admit that the public has some rights custom that both parties have heretofore which the plutocrats are bound to respect. adopted of reporting the rules of the preced- But the majority of the boxholders hold ing House puts the responsibility for the | that they can create as much disturbance as absence of rules on the Republican party to | they please. Why do not they exclude the a very marked degree. The House being | public then? The Opera House would have without rules the Speaker argues that the | to be closed if they did, for the public con-House must be governed by general parlia- tributes more than half the revenue. So mentary law; and that usage, he claims, the Four Hundred can do nothing but curse does not require the appointment of tellers. | the public and go on talking, and showing

dent; and the appointment of tellers is just | temple of music. as clearly recognized by general parliamentary custom as the call for a division, or for the yeas and nays. It is necessary for the prompt transaction of business in large bodies where a single count is liable to error. The chairman of an ordinary meeting who should deny a request for tellers ject himself to the suspicion of overriding the will of the assembly.

It hardly seems possible that the Republicans have any ulterior point to carry by truest wisdom lies in getting out of it by the denial of this slight privilege. If they | the shortest cut. should attempt any such thing they would by it.

### GOOD WEATHER FOR THE CROW.

The people of this section stand a fighting vantage of the omission of the weather prophets to formally herald the approach of a cold wave, have turned loose the chilly than a fighting chance of success. as its predecessors is, of course, for time to try winds roar as they did last night, So the growth of this year's ice crop.

# THE HOMESTRETCH OF THE RACE.

The race between the feminine globe trotters is now to be settled on the homestretch. | ment practicable. Nellie Bly turned up at Sau Francisco yes-Pacific road, she is forced to take the South- valuable than victory. ern Pacific route, involving the expenditure of nearly two days' more time. Miss Bisland is two days' out from Liverpool on the two young women can get around the world of, see little of him. He sentences ladies the soonest.

close, different elements of the public are but beyond that, however desirous he may making ready to adopt various methods of be of so doing, a mayor has not many ofmaking fools of themselves over it. A cer- ficial opportunities of shining. Mayor tain number of gentlemen-presumably in- Pearson, of Allegheny, seems to have grown terested in opposition papers to the World | tired of the road of routine. A day or two -are thinking of sending a swift steamer out ago he skipped over the gutter of formality, from Halifax to meet the Bothnia and bring and took a look for himself at one of Alle Miss Bisland in ahead of the arrival of that gheny city's curses, her poolrooms. What steamer. The World is of course arranging he saw impressed him so unfavorably that to pick its representative up somewhere in he took steps at once to bring the police the Southwest, and hurry her through to into more lively contact with the abuse that New York by special train. Thousands of has grown under their noses. The halfdollars are thus shown to be ready for mere grown lads who lounge and pick up bad foolishness, with the result of destroying the | habits in the poolrooms will be arrested by professed value of the journeys, which was the police hereafter, if Mayor Pearson's to show how soon the circuit of the globe sensible orders are carried out. could be made by the regular means of conveyance. Pittsburg can hardly fail to be day. He found time to stop a nuisance in interested in the outcome of a race in which | the shape of a basket tied with a forty foot a Pittsburg girl is the leader; but after the rope to one of the new Pleasant Valley elecexcitement is over, we will all have periods tric cars. This was the second blow the of reflection that it was a trivial business.

# ABBETT AND BALLOT REFORM.

lot reform. The position of the three Democratic Governors leaves the Democratic out with a sincere intent to find them. party, so far as these representatives are concerned, about evenly balanced. One Governor antagonizes the reform, one carefully settles himself on top of the fence and one supports it more positively than the other opposes it. Governor Abbett's argument on the subject shows careful study of all its details, and is no inconsiderable contribution to the literature of that question. Its strength lies in the fact that it does not claim that the new devices will insure perfect honesty; but the contention is that the secrecy of the ballot, the limitation of expenses, and the other details of the reform will do so much toward decreasing the temptation and opportunity of dishonesty as to constitute a great improvement. Governor Abbett's attitude in the matter offers a decided contrast to that of Governor Hill.

# MANNERS OF MILLIONAIRES

If ever the Czar of Russia resolves to fice from St. Petersburg he will nowhere find a more congenial and sympathetic atmosphere than in New York. Of course Mr. Mc-Allister would admit the imperial gentleman to the sacred circle of his Four Hundred. A tyrant is always welcome there, provided he has the cash. The Czar would

whose diamonds and bad manners all America has heard so much, are making a strenuous attempt to secure the privilege of amusance. Of late when the conversation in the boxes has drowned the voices of the singers,

the lovers of music in the parquetor orchestra, as it is called at the Metropolitan-have manifested their disgust by hissing. We are informed that the grandees in the boxes have been mortified by this public correction. They are not ashamed of themselves, but angry that DAILY DISPATCH, including Sunday, 3m'ths. 250 any man paying a mere three dollars for his seat should have the audacity to rebuke them.

Upon the whole question the New York Press publishes a very instructive and entertaining series of interviews with millionaires in the boxes, and music lovers in the parquet. The extreme views of the aristocrats are presented by such men as Banker It is rather difficult to understand the Clews and Commodore Elbridge T. Gerry. purpose of the parliamentary point which | The former bluntly gives it as his opinion Speaker Reed and the Republican majority | that the Opera House was built for the carried yesterday against the Democrats in pleasure of the box holders, that the House to the effect that members can- they have a right to refresh not as a matter of right call for the appoint- themselves with conversation when ment of tellers. As the minority are still | they please, and that the persons who do conceded the right to demand the yeas and not want to miss a note of the opera and who object to loud talking in the boxes are magnitude. But even its unimportance cranks who ought to be ejected. Commodore makes it more singular that the Speaker | Gerry thinks that the people who prefer the opera to the cackle of aristocrats are a lot decision so much at variance with the ordi- of nobodies, who habitually read their librettos upside down, and buy seats in the

One or two boxholders are weak enough But this is just where the Speaker is off their diamonds, their common lack of wrong. Parliamentary law rests on prece- clothing and good manners in the alleged

### HOW TO TAKE DEFEAT.

The reports as to the settlement of the electric light strike given out yesterday, indicate that the officials of the Federation of Labor have taken the easiest method of backing out of a false position. This was of upon a vote of any importance would sub- course the wisest and best course to take under the circumstances, When either haste or misconception gets individuals or organizations into a mistaken position the

The strike itself was of very slight imporlose a great deal more than they would gain | tance numerically, and so far as effecting any stopping of operations was concerned had already scored a failure. As to the original cause of the strike, it had less provocation than the K. of L. strike on the tracchance of waking up this morning and find- tion road. But, like that movement, it was ing themselves surrounded by the rigor of | important as illustrating the principle that winter. The perverse elements taking ad- the strike is something that should not be resorted to, except for the most pressing reasons and not even then without more

blasts and freezing temperature which | One feature of both these unsuccessful usually usher in the season of real winter. strikes deserves the public notice and commendation, that is the conservative and peaceful course of the strikers in both cases. show; but hope of an ice crop springs | The traction strike while growing out of eternal in the human breast when the win- circumstances which were calculated to procure a bitter feeling, was, with one or two long as the gas companies provide us with a exceptions, marked by good order and the lution. Yet, this young man, so highly connected, and with a millionaire for a father, warm a welcome as is consistent with the bearing that is admirable. The electric subject, to weather which will be good for strike has been equally peaceable, and having secured the indorsement of the national officers of the Federation, those leaders have shown their readiness to perceive the mistake and settle the matter by the best agree-

When labor organizations can accept de terday very nearly on schedule time; but | feat in this admirable way, they will make with the snow blockade on the Central a gain in public confidence that is only less

# MAYOR PEARSON'S NEW STEP.

Unhappily for us the mayor of a city is slow steamer Bothnia. It is therefore the only too often tied down with political ropes snowdrifts of the Sierras against the winter or gived fast to his chair with official blasts of the Atlantic; the long Southern dignity. He cannot spread himself with route against the tardy Bothnia that will de- any degree of freedom, and the public, excide the important question which of these cept a small and very vicious portion thereand centlemen of doubtful antecedents to In the meantime, as the race draws to a | the pains of prison, and signs ordinances,

But that was not all Mr. Pearson did that Mayor struck at the overgrown lawlessness of Allegheny's younger citizens. These are not heroic blows, but a Mayor is not sup-Governor Abbett, of New Jersey, gives posed to be heroic. The statesmanship re-Governor Hill a dig in a vital part, and quired in civic affairs is necessarily of the leaves the carefully trimmed attitude of common sense and common coinage order. Governor Campbell, of Ohio, tar behind, by Mayor Pearson deserves credit for his pera vigorous and thorough advocacy of the bal- sonal vigilance, and he can find lots of abuses in Allegheny to remedy if he starts

THE petroleum market made a stagger to each the \$1 08 line yesterday, but the parties who have got oil to sell proceeded to unload. and sent the price the other way. Bulling the market is hard work when there are so many

fellows with loads to realize upon. THE statement that the Gastle Garden authorities have detained a young German emigrant, with a hundred dollars in money, and a lot of valuable baggage, because in obedience to the advice of friends he refused to buy a railroad ticket to Chicago, of the poo office, affords a remarkable illustration of the management of that institution. It is also an exemplification of our peculiar non-enforce ment of law, that the Inter-State Commerce law forbids pooling and the Castle Garden poo keeps right along.

THE news that Hon. John M. Thomas will disclose the secrets of his checkbook as bearing upon the Senatorial caucus promises that something may be shown up fully as interesting as that ballot-box forgery scandal

IT is said in behalf of the late Walker Blaine, that he was never known to lose his temper. This certainly argues a remarkable and praiseworthy self-control. Nevertheless there must be many situations in which contact with office seekers and politicians would call

be a useful ally just now to the gorgeous for a decided loss of temper. Mr. Blaine's adboxholders of the Metropolitan Opera House mirable temper may have been personally in New York. The elegant creatures, about praiseworthy; but in a public point of view, there are in politics abundant opportunities for righteous indignation,

THE Sixteenth ward Democrats in ining themselves at the expense of the rest of | dorsing a ticket composed of Bailey, Morrow the audience. They claim the right to talk | and Denniston, show themselves to be capable as much as they please during the perform- of conducting city politics on a level superior to partisanship.

THE Portuguese merchants who are shouting for war with England cannot be dealing in English goods. Otherwise they would might cost their nation a greater loss than a disputed section of the Dark Continent. Dis- music was selected. cretion is the better part of valor in international affairs more than in individual dis-

PERHAPS President Harrison will succeed in making a great record for his administration, if he can take down the pretensions of the top-lofty Senators a few notches.

JUSTICE LAMAR thinks that Justices Matthews and Wood both died of overwork. This is strongly against the present crowded condition of Supreme Court business; but then it must be set down to the credit side of the account that overwork prevented Justice Lathe eulogist of Jeff Davis.

AFTER all the other weather prophets have failed us the country looks forward with a species of passive despair as to what the

THE statement that the Ursuline convent will be offered for sale soon foreshadows the offer of some very valuable real estate. But, as the property is probably worth more either to the diocese or to the nuns who built it than to anyone else, the chances for real estate speculation offered by the sale are not very great.

NELLIE BLY'S foot is on her native shore and she is now trying to beat Miss Bisland and the blizzard to New York.

IT APPEARS that those English syndicate fellows could never have put \$6,500,000 into the American potteries, if they had read the testimony before the Ways and Means Committee. Either the syndicate or the testimony must be all wrong as to the profits of the potteries.

### PEOPLE OF PROMINENCE.

MISS MARY GARRETT is probably the wealthiest spinster in the United States, but she has not been so generously favored by nature as by fortune, and at the age of 37 still remains in maiden meditation, heart whole and fancy free.

DION BOUCICAULT has written, translated, or adapted 400 plays. "London Assurance," his first, has been also his best play; it was written when he was only 18 years old. "Colleen Bawn," the most popular of his later plays, was written in nine days, but the plot was taken from Gerald Griffin's novel, "The Collegians," it is said. Boucicault is now 70 years old.

Among the prominent Pittsburgers at New York hotels are G. B. Shallenberger, C. E. Goddard and wife, F. H. Smith, Charles H. Read, H. N. Bishop, W. R. Ewing, and Theolore R. Hostetter at the St. James; J. D. Callery, J. L. Milligan, John H. Taylor, Charles E. Spear, E. T. Dravo, L. S. Moore, and Robert Wardrop are registered at the Fifth Avenue; L. K. Lippman and J. H. Sawyer at the Hoff-

belle of Richmond, Va., is one of the most brilliant women in Washington this winter. Miss Gay is a gennine F. F. V., coming, as she does, in a direct line from Pocahontas, Matoika being the English of Pocahontas. Her eves are dark and glorious in size and color, her figure tall and stately, her manners fascinating and her conversation irresistibly bright and

EDMUND LAW ROGERS, JR., is directly Law, brother of the Earl of Ellenborough. Governor General of India, and on the other from Mrs. Martha Washington and the Calvert family of Maryland. His great-grandfather, Colonel Nicholas Rogers, served on General Washington's staff during the American Revoadopted the stage as a profession, and for ten years has been playing small parts at a small alary. He married an actress, and his stage

name is Leslie Edmunds. MARK TWAIN has had the tables turned upon him, and the prince of professional jokers has been made the subject of an immense practical oke. At the Authors' Club of New York, so the story runs, Mark Twain was introduced to an English visitor, by Henry C. Bunner, by his own name of Clemenc, just after the editor of Puck (Bunner) had pointed out the famous humorist to the Englishman as "Mark Twain." After shaking hands, the Englishman said: 'Mr. Clemens, Mr. Bunner has been trying to play a joke on me, as an ignorant foreigner, telling me that you were Mark Twain the great American humorist, and I told him I had over heard of such a person. Is there an American humorist named Mark Twain?" Clemens said there was a joke on somebody ut did not seem to appreciate it, and the Englishman is still wondering what the joke

# THE LEHIGH VALLEY ROAD.

#### A Statement of the Receipts and Expenses for the Past Year.

PHILADELPHIA, January 21.-The annual eport of the Lehigh Valley Railroad shows the erations of the whole system for the past year have resulted as follows: Transportati earnings: From coal, \$8,647,464 73; miscellaneous freight, \$4,309,819 31; passengers, \$1,839,729 91; express and mail, \$1,445,867 15; other items, express and mail, \$1,445,367 15; other items, \$160,762 68; income from investments and other sources, \$1,545,912 62; total, \$16,649,056 40; cost of operation, including rentals of leased lines, \$11,393,475 53; net revenue, \$5,255,569 57. Against which has been charged: General expenses, interest on floating debt, taxes, loss on Morris Canal, etc., \$945,768 22; interest bonds (including interest on guaranteed bonds and stocks), \$2,168,571 40; dividends on preferred and common stocks, \$2,018,201 87; total, \$5,152,541 48, leaving \$123,559 88 to be added to the credit of the profit and loss account. and loss account.

Neither the receipts nor expenses of the chigh Valley Coal Company are included in the foregoing statement, its accounts being cept entirely distinct from those of the railroad

From the Inter Ocean. I A Guinea hen and a couple of crows can drown all the bird music in the field and woods. And so can two or three groapers and croaker in a community put a damper on life and business. Send them to the rear; they never yet helped themselves or anybody else to anything that was good.

Cold Comfort. From the Philadelphia Record. 1 Little Mr. Foraker has been fired out of politics. The peculiarity of the case consists in the fact that he has been fired out with his

#### own gun. Nobody appears to be sorry, unless it be poor, bewildered Mr. Halstead. DEATHS OF A DAY.

Mrs. Anna M. Stilles. Mrs. Anna M. Stiles, wife of Rev. H. H. Stile astor of the Forty-third Street Presbyterian burch, died vesterday afternoon from the gri-Church, died yesterday alternoon from the grip. A short time ago she had an attack of pueumonia. The influenza taking hold of her produced congestion of the brain, from which she died. Mrs. Stiles was the daughter of John R. Renshaw, the grocer. She was 25 years old, and only recently married. Her early and sudden demise is deeply regretted by a large number of friends.

Hon. Amos A. Bissell. LOCKPORT, N. Y., January 21,-Hon. Amos A isseil, of this city, father of Special Agent Bisse

of the Treasury Department at Boston, and Law or Hissell, of Buffalo, and uncle of Wilson S. His sell, ex-President Cleveland's law partner, die here this moraing, aged 65. He was a great can forwarder in the seventies, and owned some 3 bosts. He was also a member of the Assembly for

# SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR.

HARRISBURG, January 21.—Ebenezer Bent, brother of Major L. S. Bent, Superintendent of the Fennsylvania Steel Company, died at Steelton last night of heart failure. Mr. Heut, who was 69 years old, has been auditor of the company for temyears. He was born in Quincy, Mass., where his remains will be taken for interment.

# THE TOPICAL TALKER

Rather Lively Music Outside Heaven's Gates-Miss Hawthorne's Plans-4 Dramatic Author's Error-Nature Corrected the Poet.

T is well to be careful in all things. This season some tableaux vivants were given at a certain house in the East End. It was a private affair, and very, very high-toned. The most fashionable orchestra in town was secured to furnish the music, without which tableaux are not complete. A pretty little programme was printed. It contained sufficient formation to enable the audience to distinperceive that hostilities with Great Britain | guish George Washington from Scipio Africanus, and the names of the operas from which the

The printers made a mistake about one of the musical numbers, attributing it to "Erminie," instead of "Ernani," The orchestral followed the programme, and rehearsed some of the catchy airs from Jakobowski's tuneful work, instead of the more sober strains of Verdi's said that the immunity the world had enjoyed "Ernani." Nobody told the leader of the or-

chestra of the typographical error.

It was a little inharmonious, therefore, when the curtain went up and disclosed seven virgins at the gates of heaven, while the orchestra broke out with the jolly thieves' chorus from "Erminie"-you know the thing beginning, "We are jailbirds." The lady manager realized that something was wrong, and the curtain went down with a rush, but the orchestra finished mar from making an exhibition of himself as | the measure, to the great amusement of the

MISS GRACE HAWTHORNE, who has been making some stir in England in a version

A DRAMATIC author is no better judge of the offspring of his brain than other literary workmen. I remember hearing Bartley Camp-bell's son say his father never thought much of his "White Slave." He had no particular incentive to writing it, and when he had finished it after some 15 days' labor, he did not think he should ever make use of it. But it was produced and made an instant hit. No other play of Campbell's has made so much money, and to its coining power the clearance of the Campbell estate from debt-which consummation is likely to occur by next summer-is principally

How many seasons it has been on the road ! do not know, but when it was seen here last year the audiences were immense. The author did not get much good out of the revenues from his plays, but his widow and family luckily will, nay, they have done already.

NATURE CORRECTED HIM. The poet wrote: "The idle wind"And then he paused-not for a rhyme-A bell had rung—he had not dined-And told him it was dinner time.

But while the poet ate there flew

A. Western wind into his den,

And study nature more!"

And all his papers overthrew, His inkpot alse, and his pen. And when the poet came, he said-Start not! this poet never swore-'The busy wind, ' I'll write instead,

## A VOCALIST HONORED.

Fitting Testimonial to a Gentleman Very Popular in Pittsburg. nthusiastic reception of "The Brigands" at the Bijou last night was not so much a triumph of the Carleton Opera Company as a tribute to the merits of a clever fellow-citizen, Mr. J. K. Murray, who took the role of Faisa-

far superior to that of "Nanon" on Monday, a remarkable improvement being noticeable in the choruses. Mr. Murray proved himself to be possessed of a really fine and well-trained voice. His singing of the interpolated ballad, "Three Beg-gars," was an excellent piece of vocalization. Miss Clara Lane was a bewitching Frageoletto. Miss Clara Lane was a bewitching Frageoletto, and sang with her usual sweetness: while Miss Alice I. Carle was a dulcet, and loveable Fiorella. No doubt Mr. C. A. Bigelow, as Pietro, showed some "excellent fooling," but his singing of "Down Went McGinty" in the garb of an Italian brigand, was somewhat incongruous. His topical song was laughable, and almost interminable.

During the second act Mr. Murray was the recipient of a graceful present in the shape of

During the second act Mr. Murray was the recipient of a graceful present, in the shape of a very handsome gold watch. His old friends in Pittsburg had selected this means of making known to him their recognition of his worth. The present was accompanied with an eloquent address by City Attorney Moreland, and Mr. Carleton responded for Mr. Murray, who, as he quaintly put it, was "suffering from a lump in his throat." Floral tributes were also showered upon the stage.

### upon the stage. LEADING PAPER OF THE STATE.

The Dispatch a Journal for the People and the Home Circle.

From the Somerset Democrat.]

THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH is unquestion ably the leading newspaper of Pennsylvania. The wonderful popularity of the Sunday edition puts it in the lead of all other St papers, and it has now a circulation considerably over 50,000. Each number is a monster magazine of choicest pen productions, as well as an accurate and exhaustive chronicle of current news. It is a newspaper for the people and

the home circle.

The daily issue of THE DISPATCH, which has ever maintained the lead, will continue to offer the best things going in the news line. Its reliable market reports, vast news-getting-ma-chinery (including leased wires to all the chief cities), and its earnest, progressive and inde-pendent policy, has earned for it a national reputation and made it a household word in West ern Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio,

From the Chicago Times, 2 Ex-Queen Isabella, of Spain, boasts that she more in debt than any other woman in Europe. It is barely possible that in this boast lies the secret of the agitation in favor of a Republic now going on in Spain.

# THOUGHTS ABOUT VARIOUS TRINGS.

NEW YORK World: Down went Forsker to the bottom of public esteem. But he has been on a toboggan slide for a couple of years. PHILADELPHIA Times: Men have met politi cal death by monkeying with the ballot boxes on election day, but Foraker seems to have met with his by meddling with an alleged ballot box NEW YORK Star: It is reported that the

Prince and Princess of Wales will visit this country in the spring incognito. There will not be much incognite about the trip if the New York reporters are in good trim. PHILADELPHIA Record: Not as much liquor

is sold in Kansas as formerly on account of the high prices at the drug stores. But the druggists of Kansas, who are growing rich under the policy embodied in the prohibitory law, oppose its repeal to the last man. PHILADELPHIA Press: Give Mr. Cleveland

chance. The New York Sun wants the ex-President to answer Mr. Blame's argument or protection. By all means, the sooner the better. He defeated his party two years ago by a message on the tariff. Perhaps he can do as much two years hence by writing another now. NEW YORK Press: Portugal, under the protecting wing of France, might easily become a Republic, especially as Spain is in no condition to coerce her people and the Portuguese royal line has been set aside in Brazil. The cablegrams from London about troubles in Oporto ndicate a strong popular tide in the direction of a popular uprising.

NEW YORK Sun: The sensible thing to do in regard to silver is to make its use as money optional between debtors and creditors at the time they enter into their agreements. Lenders now often stipulate for repayment in gold, and borrowers might equally insist upon the right to receive silver and pay back silver. Only the contract should be, not for dollars, but for ounces, and all that the Government need to do, if it is to do anything, is to laune against deposits of silver bullion certificates re-

## DR. M'GLYNN'S LECTURE.

An Able Effort, Which Charmed a Large Audience at Lafayette Hall. Dr. McGlynn lectured last evening in Lafayette Hall under the auspices of the Single Tax League, His subject was: "The Abolishment

of Poverty."

As a basis he took the preamble of the Declaration of Independence. "That all men are endowed by their Creator equally with the inallenable right to ife liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Acknowledging that the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man was inevitable, and upon that religious principle the reform must stand Dr. McGlynn said:

We would assert the right of man to labor and enjoy the rights of labor-a doctrine that is the doctrine of religion. He attributed the present condition of labor and capital to a violation of God's law that ye love one He spoke of the history of the world and

mutual rights, but from a surrender of rights

by the weak to the strong. In striking lan-guage and by forcible illustration he compared the chattel slave to the industrial slave, and the condition of the latter was eminently worse than of the former. For an owner of a \$1,000-negro man or woman would take a physical care of their hodies from a business point of view, and if sickness overtook them he yould procure medical assistance and relief if ossible. With the industrial slave, the result of a monopolization of nature's bounties by a few capitalists, who permitted them to live simply, it was very different. They possessed no market value. In sickness, as with the Irish landlord, they were evicted. Morally there was not much making some stir in England in a version of Sardou's "Theodora," must have designs on this country, or why does her present agent think it worth while to ask The DISPATCH to announce that it is almost impossible to buy flowers in Liverpool because they are all cornered by Miss Grace Hawthorne's admirers to be thrown at her nightly when she appears at the Shakespeare theater in that city?

Pittsburg has to accept almost anything in the theatrical way that is thrown to her, and she would lavish bouquets perhaps on Miss Hawthorne in anything but "Theodora." That deadly play we pray to be delivered from. The Hawthorne in anything but "Theodora." That deadly play we pray to be delivered from. The sluggish blood of Britons may need a strong irritant—but for pity's sake leave "Theodora" at home when you come here.

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\*\*Buttons may need a strong irritant—but for pity's sake leave "Theodora" at home with the strong irritant and pay a rental tax for it without using it. Coal fields could not be bought up and controlled for years, thereby making an artificial scarcity of coal. It would make any pulsers artificial scarcity of coal. make compulsory employment of labor. There would be an increased demand for capital and labor to work land now unused, so that both wages and interest would rise. Labor and the products of labor would thus be relieved from all taxation. Peace and plenty would flow and happiness reign.

### HENRY WATTERSON COMING.

Pittsburgers Afforded an Opportunity to

Hear the Editor. On Thursday evening, January 39, Hon. Henry Watterson will deliver his lecture on "Money and Morals," at Old City Hall, under the auspices of the Pittsburg Press Club. The great editor's fame as an orator and lecturer prevents even comment in anticipation of the quality of the discourse to be delivered next The sale of seats will begin on Saturday morning at Kleber's.

A Dancing Reception. The McKelvey mansion in the East End was ablaze with many lights last evening, resonant

with sweet strains of music, and the air was heavy with the delightful fragrance of choice flowers. The occasion was a dancing reception, and the daughter of the home, Miss Chrissie, with Mrs. D. Moore and Miss Barnes, assisted Mr. and Mrs. McKelvey in dispensing hospitality. The ladies were attired in charming tollets, and in a graceful manner entertained the many guests that responded to the invitations sent out a few days ago.

Social Chatter. THE dinner-dance, the fourth of the series will be given to-day instead of the regular day Friday, as on that evening the assembly ball is booked. The german will be danced at the esidence of Mrs. R. F. Jones, and the other adies of the club will give the dinners, as usual.

AT University Hall to-morrow evening, Othello will be produced by members of the Curry School of Elecution and Dramatic Culture, and Mr. and Mrs. Byron W. King. A musical programme between the acts will be under the direction of Prof. S. Bissell. THE Woman's Club had, its regular meeting

vesterday afternoon, and its re-elected officers

presided in their various roles. The constitution with the slight changes made by the official ladies last week, was voted on, and a very pleasant meeting was held. THE Swedish Ladies' National Concert at Old City Hall, to-morrow evening, will insure a delightful evening to all who attend the performance. The Eastern papers indorse the fair singers in a very complimentary style.

For the inmates of Dixmont, at that institu tion next Thursday evening, the Haydn Quartet, of this city, assisted by Miss Jennie Grey, soprano, and Miss Jean Abbott, violinist, will give a very interesting concert. THE Supreme Lodge, Order of Solons, will give a very interesting musical and literary en-

ertainment to-night in Lafayette Hall. Mrs JOHN DOTY, formerly Miss Margaret Shaw, was the guest of honor at a reception last evening given by Miss Eulie Shaw. In New Castle this evening at 5 o'clock Miss Nolie Rose will become the bride of Mr. Oscar r. Hance, a newspaper man of this city,

MISSES KATE AND ADA SMITH, of Wylie avenue, will entertain friends this afternoon with progressive euchre. Miss McDow, at her parents' home 195 Fax ette street, Allegheny, will be married to-day

to Mr. Richard Lowrie. MRS. C. L. MAGEE has returned from her trip to New York and is once more at home at the Hotel Duquesne. THE poverty german will be danced this

evening at the Bailey residence, Cliff street, Al-To-Night Miss Annie Holmes, of Fifth avenue, will be wedded to Mr. Augustus Kuhn, MRS. GEORGE M. LAUGHLIN will leave hortly for Europe. THE Beggs-Sproul wedding will take place

### A GOOD PLACE TO BUILD SHIPS. San Francisco Able to Tackle Contracts for

his evening.

Big War Vessels. WASHINGTON, January 21.-Mr. Irving M. Scott, of the Union Iron Works, San Franciso, gave some interesting facts to-day before the House Committee on Naval Affairs concerning the increased facilities for building war vessels at that city. The largest battle ships, he said, those of 10,000 or 12,000 tons, ould be built there. For the protection of inland ports, Mr. Scott For the protection of minimum parts, Mr. Social recommended that the Government's single-turreted monitors be remodeled. If the turrets were removed, and the vessels armed with disappearing guns of heavy-caliber, they would, he thought, give very efficient protection.

# THE HEIGHTS AND THE VALLEY.

He stood in the valley with eager eyes Turned to the peaks where the sunshine lay.
O, for the heights that are near the skies,
The glorious heights that are far away," He cried, as ever his longing grew
To climb the steeps till the heights were won,
And ever a wild unrest broke through
The daily tasks that must still be done.

"It must be lonely on those fair heights." Said the friend he told of his wild "Better the valley of old delights:" But the heart of the dreamer was all on fire With the thought of reaching the hills afar,
And he would not tarry with friends of old,
But followed the flash of ambition's star,
And climbed up the mountains bleak and cold,

There were rocky places where feet must bleed; There were awful chasms where danger lay: Through nights of darkness and days of need Toward the peaks he longed for he took his way. And nearer, nearer the peaks of snow Each day the climber in rapture drew, Forgetting the valley that lay below And the valley friends who were kind and true. At last the terrible heights were scaled;

Alone on the desolate peaks stood he. In the moment of triumph his courage failed, And his heart turned valleyward longingly. O, to hear the voices of triends again. To clasp a hand that was warm and true ! o, to love and be loved, and to share with men The little Joys that the valley knew ! Better the valley with peace and love Than the desolate heights some sonis attain. Lonery is life on the tills above The valley lands and the sunny plain.

What is fame to love? Can it satisfy

The longing and lonely hearts of men? On the heights they must hunger and starve a Come back to the valley of peace again.

-Eben E. Rezford, in Youth's Companion

# THE STROLLER'S STORIES.

Odd Opinions and Quaint Observations Gath ered From Curb and Corridor. MR. PORTER S. NEWMYER, of Connells-

ville, was at the Hotel Anderson yesterday. He was accompanied by K. Long, a miller: J. C. Kurtz, Cashier of the Youghiogheny Bank, and J. M. Dushane, a merchant and general investor of Connellsville. Mr. Newmyer is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Lieutenant Governor, and be said yesterday that he considered his prospects flattering. He said to the Stroller: "I am not doing much just now. I am waiting, as the other candidates say, until after the February elections. It is possible that the location of the nomines for Governor will influence the choice of the Lieutenant Governor. 1 hardly think, however, that such will be the case in this campaign. In the first place there are no candidates for Governor from the southwestern part of the Commonwealth. In the second place matter from what county he hails. I have seen the most carefully allotted tickets defeated. I have not yet begun a canvass for the position. My prospects, however, are flattering, I have received kindly letters from all parts of the State, and I know that I have many warm friends. My candidacy does not antagonize any candidate for Governor."

MR NEWMYER has some new ideas on the Gubernatorial campaign. He said to the Stroller: "I consider Senator Quay the greatest political leader of the United States. When I speak thus I refer to him as a politician. He has no superior in politics in America. I think now presented to him. Should he become the compromise candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania he could be nominated for President in 1892. I would not be surprised to see him nominated for Governor. He would sweep the State. Let him then go into the National ention with Pennsylvania back of him, and the delegates from half the other States, and his nomination would be assured. No other man who owes his election to Senator Quay and does not know it. Mr. Blaine will never run again, as all politicians know. Major Me-Kinley will not win, for reasons I could tell. It will be Senator Quay or a Western man. Our man ought to have it."

MR. NEWMYER was accompanied to the city yesterday by three other Connellsville gentlemen: K. Long, the big miller; J. C. Kurtz, cashier of the Youghiogheny Bank, and Captain J. M. Dushane, the merchant and general investor. They were in the city on private business. Mr. Kurtz is a brother of J. B. Kurtz, one of the candidates for the postmastership of Connellsville. Another candidate is Mr. S. H. Dushane, a son of the Captain. Judge Harry White, of Indiana, is now in Washington, and is depended upon to pur in a good word for the son of the man who rescued him from Libby prison.

TIM SCANLAN, when he came back from Columbus the other day, with the Randall Club, ran in out of the rain to his friend Maloney. "Mike," he said, "it's the chilliest town I ever set my two eyes on. It's a bigger time we can have in the Sixth ward electing a onstable than they can have electing a Gor rnor in that State 'tother side the river.'

CAPTAIN W. W. O'NEIL, the big coal operator, who used to live at the Monongahela House, yesterday took up his quarters at the Hotel Duquesne. Captain O'Neil is a cautious man, and he ate several square meals at Colonel Witherow's house before he was satisfied that was the place he was looking for.

HON. EUGENE LITTIG, of Chicago, went through, yesterday morning, en route to Washington. He is one of the most influential politicians of the Western metropolis, Mr. ittig said, anent the present quarrel between Illinois Senators and the President, that while Collector of the Port Clarke was one of the strongest and best Republicans in the city, the depublican workers of Chicago had made up their minds that the principles of Jackson must be adhered to in the case of so important a

hospitalities of the Seventh Avenue Hotel | To the Editor of The Dispatch: was Edward J. Phillips, who is generally known as one of the most genial men coming to Pitts. burg. He has nothing to win by the general transition of Federal appointments, and his in order to advocate many much-need expectations for the coming campaign in this stions in those laws, among others the reduction of Government fees. A surplus profit

point. T.A. DELAMATER, Superintendent of the \* Linesville Railroad, of Meadville, is at the Hotel Duquesne. He is a brother to Senator George Wallace Delamater.

ABNER McKinley, of New York, is at the Hotel Anderson. He expects that, after March 4, 1893, he will be very closely related to the President of the United States. He bear

Major.

F. H. CONNELL, of Joliet, Ill., and George C. Baker, of Des Moines, Ia., both stockholders of the Illinois Steel Company, are at the Hotel Duquesne.

L. SMITH, of Johnstown, who is connected with the Cambria Iron Works as General

#### Agent, is at the Hotel Duquesue, THE MOUNTAIN QUEEN.

The Sewickley Valley Club Plunges Into Light Opera With Success. As usual at these delightful events the Fe wickley Valley Club's theater was crowded last night when "Tyrolean,or the Mountain Queen," in operatta in four acts, by Charles F. Hanson ton, was given by the members of the club. The cast was so large that it included almost all the young people in the club, and the principal characters can only be mentioned here. They were as follows: Rosaile, Mrs. McDonald; fairy queen, Miss Murray; Josephine, Mrs. Pease; Mother Grunt, Mrs. Adair; first maid of honor, Miss Waters;

second maid of honor, Mrs. Gilmore; third maid of honor, Miss Carpenter; fourth maid of honor, Miss Helen Carpenter; Gipsy Dick, Mr. F. E. Richardson; first gipsy, Mr. Waters; second gipsy, Mr. Irwin; mountain children, Jessie Murray and Jennie Nevin. The chorus numbered about 30 voices, and a

small band of fairies included the following ittle ladies: Jessie Kerr, Marie Madeira, Fannie Oliver, Susan Williams, Alice Carpenter, Laura Liggett, Nannie Naylor, Ethel Standish, Bessie Young and Jennie Knox. These sweet little fays were led by Miss Chaplin. The operetta itself is a simple, unpretending

ittle thing as far as plot goes-but the music is little thing as far as plot goes—but the music is of considerably heavier character, and while at times suggestive of other works, it abounds in light melodious airs, and choruses of considerable originality and sonority. The libretto seems to have been written as librettos usually are, more for sound than seuse, but it conveys the simple tale of a village beauty's abduction by a worked gipsy and rescue by the friendly. by a wicked gipsy and rescue by the friendly

by a wicked gipsy and rescue by the friendly fairles.

Naturally, the first honors go to Mrs. Sharp McDonald among the singers. As Rosails, the Tyrolean Queon, she rang and acted with great art and unflagging spirit. Her beautiful soprano lent a rare brilliancy to the large amount of the score that tell to her share. In a duet with Mrs. McDonald, in Act I, Mrs. Pease's rich contraito voice was heard to great advantage, and indeed all the work allotted to Mrs. Pease was sung with much sweetness of expression and dramatic force. Mrs. Adair's impersonation of the wicked gipsy with the unromantic name was extremely clever, and the singing of several others among the mortals was remarkably good. For the chorus, however, we must award still higher praise. In the first act especially their singing was excellent. They kept time well and many of choruses which have been put forward by opera companies with big names were not the equals of this one of amateurs.

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But the fairies completely conquered the audience. The prettiest children that the Sewickley Valley has flitted upon the stage, with the lightness of a zephyr. The sparkle of the timel wings and the flimy dresses of gauze made the scene inexpressibly pretty. The fairies sang sweetly, too, and their quoen, Miss Murray, displayed a voice of golden quality, a pure soprsino, which, though light, has abundant carrying power. It may have been the rustle of fairies' wings, Miss Murray's rare singing, the bright scenery, or all these things together, but the conclusion of the opera had the greatest charm for us.

For the whole performance, a large and by no means easy work, Mrs. McDonald is entitled to great credit.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal. 1 Cigar smokers think Mr. Huntington's sche for cutting young men into the Congo Free State would be a fine thing if he would load his emigrant ships with cigarette smokers.

Bad for the Congo Country, Though,

# OUR MAIL POUCH.

A Tale of Fraud.

To the Editor of The Dispatch: Each day we read the accounts in our daily papers of money being obtained by fraud, but how little thought the most of us give to the enormous amounts which go out that way each day; and if we keep account for one year the amount is large enough to support a great city. The writer is closely connected with the bank-ing business of the country and has given this subject special attention during the year which has just closed, and the result is surely worthy of attention. We read an account to-day where some man has obtained a large sum of money on a forged check or draft, and we of course wonder how this man obtained this check or draft, so that he could forge it, and also why the paying teller was so stupid as to

not see that it was a forgery. Now I am going to to tell you just how it is done. If you sift these cases of forgery right the regard usually given in conventions to to the bottom you will find that in nine cases geographical location is unreasonable. The out of ten these checks and drafts were originally genuine, being drawn and signed by the proper parties, the parties to the fraud afterward removed the body of the check in one of the dozen or more ways in which it is very easily done, and then rewrote it for a much larger amount, but did not touch the signature. That is just why the teller paid it, because he knew positively that the signature was genuine and there was, of course, nothing about the appearance of the check or draft, as the case might be, to show that it had been raised. It takes a high degree of skill indeed to imi-

tate another man's signature so that the practiced eye of our bank tellers will not detect it; but a very little practice will enable any one to raise the amount to which the check was drawn that the opportunity of Senator Quay's life is so perfectly that it cannot be detected. A large number of our bankers and business men use a machine to cut the amount out of the body of the check. This, of course, gives absolute protection, but the great numbers of houses and banks who do not protect themselves are constantly being swindled by this class of forgery. As business houses of any considerable magnitude always have a comfortable balance with their bankers, ample time and an abundance of nan could contest with him. Harrison is a cash are thus placed at the disposal of the check raisers. The use of certified checks is extremely dangerous, unless they are made se-cure against alteration by cutting out the amount. What may result from a neglect to amount. What may result from a neglect to effectually protect this class of paper is best explained by the case of C. M. Cunningham, formerly general agent for the Mutual Life Insurance Company at Elmira, N. Y. Cunningham had the advantage of a good acquantance among the bankers of Elmira, with whom he had quite heavy transactions. He had established himself so firmly in their confidence that one day last summer he had no difficulty in cashing a certified cheek, drawn to his order by the Mutual Life Insurance Company, which he had successfully raised from \$284 to \$22,808.

The especial danger attached to certified checks lies in the fact that by the mere act of certification they are rendered easily negotiable the work of the second s

checks lies in the fact that by the mere act of certification they are rendered easily negotia-ble, the work of alteration being just as simple after certification as before. The Maverick National Bank, of Boston, one of the largest financial institutions of that city, was swindled out of \$6,000 a short time since by professional check raisers. A very respectable appearing man opened an account at the bank, depositing some \$2,000, which he drew against and replenished until he had established his credit. Within a few weeks he deposited a draft for \$5,500, drawn by a Portland bank against a New York bank, and on the next day drew \$5,000 against it. The draft was sent to New York for collection, when it was found to have been raised from the original amount of \$1,700 to \$5,800. Before advice had reached Boston the depositor had closed his account, drawing all the balance, and left the city. It is not long since Edward S. Stokes, of the Hoffman House, New York City, was swindled out of several thousand dollars by the clever work of Chicago check raisers. At the Eleventh Ward Bank, New York City, may be seen a check which was drawn by Messre. Hatch & Foote for \$34, and raised to \$2,600, so cleverly done that no one can detect any trace of the detection. out of \$6,000 a short time since by professions

Hatch & Foote for \$34, and raised to \$2,600, so cleverly done that no one can detect any trace of the alteration. The readers of THE DISPATCH will remember that not long ago the German-American Bank, at No. 50 Wall street, New York, cashed a certificate of deposit for \$10,000 which had been drawn for \$125.

The writer could relate dozens of other cases of this kind which have come to his notice in the past year, and it is a well-known fact that the majority of firms who lose large amounts in this way keep it from the press, not wanting their customers and the public generally to know that they have been careless and made a victim to this kind of fraud.

A. L. D. victim to this kind of fraud. A. L. D. PITTSBURG, January 2L.

A Convention of Patentees Proposed.

It is highly desirable for the good of the nation for a conference of persons interested in United States patent laws to take place soon,

over expenses at the Patent Office is not good policy. To such a conference, when assembled, the following striking proposition will be submitted: There should be prevision and provision, by legislation or association, to save good discoveries made by those who cannot save them. It is believed that never in the history of man has a more important measure explosi of law or social arrangement been laid down or

of law or social arrangement been laid down, or one fraught with more momentous influence on the future welfare of the denizens of this globe we live on.

It does not logically follow that genius must be wealthy. "You cannot have your cake and eat it." One cannot devote his life, as in duty bound, to the promotion of his genius, and at the same time give all his time to the acquisition of money. Any intelligent school here.

the same time give all his time to the acquisition of money. Any intelligent school boy may
know that some men of originality die every
year without being able to give the world the
benefit of their discoveries; their originations,
whatever the value of them may be, are buried
in their graves and lost forever.

It is suggested that Pittsburg be the place
and early in March the time for said conference. I, the writer, will give gratis to 10 or to
40 of said patentees when met, one valuable invention each; this I will do for the following
good reasons: First—I am too old and cannot
live long enough to introduce them. Second—
'Tis better to let the world have gratis the
labors of my whole life than take the results
into the grave to be lost forever. Third—My labors of my whole life than take the results into the grave to be lost forever. Third—My discoveries are the best ever made by man, I ask—I demand—that this be printed because it is for the public good and because there is not the faintest taint or suspicion of gratuitous advertising about it. It is a hard world to live in truly, if a poor old man cannot be allowed even to give away the labor of a whole life, without being required to pay a larger sum than he can accumulate, in order to confer a great benefit on the world forever!

ERMINE, PA., January 20. INVENTOR.

# GENERAL HARTRANFI'S MONUMENT.

Nearly \$6,000 Contributed, and Proposals for Its Erection to be Received. (SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR 1 HARRISBURG, January 21 .- General John A. Wiley, Commander of the Second Brigade, was the only member of the Hartranft Monument Commission absent from the meeting in this city to-day. Reports received by the commission show that \$5,676 have been subscribed by members of the National Guard toward the erection of a suitable monument to the memory of General Hartranft, and indicate that the of General Hattrantt, and indicate that the sum of \$6,000 will be contributed for that purpose before subscriptions cease.

Another meeting of the commission will be held in Philadelpin, February 20, to receive proposals for the erection and completion of the monument, which is to be of granite and bronze. The designs shall be based on an estimated expenditure of \$5,000.

# HOW INSURANCE PAYS.

The Sworn Pigures of a Pittsburg Com pany, Filed at Albany, N. Y. ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. ALBANY, January 21.-Among the reports of

insurance companies for the past year just filed with the State Department is the following: Western Fire Insurance Company, of Pitts burg: Admitted assets, \$433,177 50. Liabilities-Unpaid losses, \$13,638 59; unearned premiums Unpaid lesses, \$13,688 56; unearned premiums, \$90,767 10; all other liabilities except capital, \$3,948 46; capital stock paid up, \$300,000; surplus beyond all liabilities, \$23,099 28; aggregate liabilities, \$433,883 38. Income—Fire premiums, \$148,561 45; marine and inland premiums, \$661 26; all other income, \$1,425; total income, \$159,627 60. Disbursements—Fire losses, \$118,362 85; dividends to stockholders, \$18,000; all other expenditures, \$6,638 59; total disbursements, \$181,979 12.

# CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE.

The First Auditor of the Trensury at Last . Off the Books, WASHINGTON, January 21 .- Among

WASHINGTON, January 21.—Among the Presidental appointments confirmed to-day by the Senate were the following: Postmasters—Ohio: Samuel Metaler, Wooster: Eli R. Alderman, Marietta; Nelson Ozier, Manafield; and George P. Pisher, of Delaware, to be First Auditor of the Treasury.

Mr. Fisher's nomination had been hung upon the Committee on Finance for some time because of certain charges made against him: but the committee to-day unanimoutly decides that there was no reason why be should not be confirmed and so reported to the Senate this afternoon, with the result above noted.

### CURIOUS CONDENSTIONS.

-Of all the aliens who took out letters of naturalization in England last year only three

-A great flight of locusts, believed to have covered 2,000,000 square miles, recently crossed the Red Sea from the African shore.

-The Massachusetts Savings Bank Commissioners suggest school savings banks as a means of teaching the young idea how to save. -A South Chester resident has received a etter from a friend in Tacoma Wash, where he says it costs 50 cents to get shaved and \$1 for

-A teacher near Allentown suspended a scholar for swearing in Pennsylvania Dutch, and the affair has caused a division in the local

-During the calendar year of 1889, 109,-140,917 pieces of coin were executed at the mints of the United States, having a total value of \$58,194,022.

-Anchovies have recently been found unusually plentiful on the southwest coast of England, running with smelts, which are also very large and fine.

-A fish delicately flavored, and said by many to be equal to that of the salmon, is a great gray trout called tuladi, and is found in ts perfection in Lake Temiscouta, Car -An 18-year-old girl who could speak little English, was recently sent from Texas to New York, with a card pinned to her dress giving ber destina

-The Russian Government will begin next spring to build its 4,500-mile railroad across Siberia. This is a big undertaking and its estimated cost is \$220,000,000.

-Seized with a somnambulistic fit, Joeph Snyder, of Allentown, left a restaurant where he had fallen asleep and walked past his home to Coplaystown, six miles away.

-A post mortem examination revealed in the stomach of a valuable buil terrier that died suddenly in Revere, Mass., several yards of string, burned matches and a cigarette holder. -The mild weather in England keeps sea fishing uncommonly good. Trailing slowly in deep water with rod and line and a single hook, great numbers of heavy pollack have been taken.

-A Minneapolis inventor is about to introduce to the public a slot machine that for a nickel will present the payer a photograph of himself in just three minutes from the time he drops in the 5-cent piece.

-The cheapening of aluminium has led

to a proposition to construct are lamps of this material as preferable on account of lightness -According to a recent paper read before the French Academy of Sciences, the temperature at the top of the Eiffel Tower is fre-

quently much higher than at the ground, though the contrary, as a rule, is to be ex--A Battle Creek, Mich., man requested the City Recorder to order all the saloons in town not to sell him anything to drink. The Recorder took the sensible drunkard around to all the ginmills, told the proprietors to take a good look at him, and to not sell him budge on

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-It is a fact well known to pigeon fanciers that the two eggs laid by pigeous almost invariably produce male and female. Some curious experiments as to which of the eggs produce the male and which the female have resulted in showing that the first egg laid is the female and the second the male. -A soluble pigment has been found in the spines of the South American tree porcu-

low and tipped with dark brown. The yellow will dissolve in ordinary water, but the brown resists the solvent action of alcohol and chloroform, though it yields to ammonia and potash. -Editor O. K. Mohr, of the Slatington (Pa.) News, has been sorely afflicted. This is the way he describes it in his own paper: "The

pine. The quills are tinged with bright vel-

editor has at last to succumb, and on Thursday and Friday suffered from 'grippe,' Saturday got married, and on Monday morning got back to the office all 'O. K., More' spritted than -A funny story is going the rounds of the press, of a young lady who found a horseshoe, and, wishing for good luck, placed it under her pillow in company with her false teeth. In the morning in the hurry of dressing she substituted the shoe for the teeth and wore it for some time before the mistake was discovered. This story was told to a young lady visiting Meadville, and with great astonishment in her voice she exclaimed "and never washed the shoe!" She was evidently more surprised over the lack of cleanliness than the size of the girl's mouth. She was from Oil City.

-Dr. J. G. Justin, a chemist of Syracuse, is the inventor of a large dynamite cartridge that is soon to made at Perryville, Madison county, N. Y., and no little interest is awakened in the experiment that will take place near Perryville some day next week. Dr. Justin has been trying to construct a shell by which any amount of dynamite may be fired from an ordinary cannon without danger of premature explosion. The shell he has prepared weighs 250 pounds, is 42 unches in length and 9 inches in diameter. Many capitalists are interested in the experiment, and if the shell is a success it will doubtless supersede Lieutenant Zolinski's

pneumatic gun. -Henry Kurtz is a man 60 years of age and lives near Reading. He owns a mustang, which is named Texter, that at times is very unruly and balky. The other day some of the old man's friends made fun of the mustang and its owner. Kurtz declared that he could ride the nustang into the parroom of the Kurtz House and take a drink while seated on its back. A half dozen men offered to bet that he could not do it. He took every wager, and on the afternoon of the same day rode his mustang to the hotel. There was a crowd present. Texter was inclined to be balky, but the old man fed him a few apples and the animal walked straightway into the barroom. He was at the bar in a moment, and Mr. Kurtz took a drink of whisky amid the applause of the crowd.

-There is scarcely a daily average attendance of 10 in a school population of from 150 to 200 at each village in Alaska. Fifty thousand rubles are each year appropriated from the Imperial Treasury of St. Petersburg for aid to the church and the support of schools in Alaska. Part of the church revenues is de rived from the sale of candles at funerals and marriages and from the rent of church prop-erty devoted to secular purposes, which the Graco-Russian Church, under the provisions of the treaty, was allowed to retain. This is not very valuable, however, as a source of revenue. The Russian churches among the Aleuts of the seal islands of St. Paul and St. George, in Behring Sea are, in great part, supported from contributions of the industrious wage-

#### ning people of these islands. A CLUSTER OF BRILLIANTS.

Love and liquor make the world go und .- Wasnington Star. The true humorist never smiles-that is unless somebody else pays for it. - Kearney Enter-

The whisky manufacturer gets a good deal of abuse, but he just takes it all in and keeps still. -Hinghamion Republican. Fogg argues that prohibition can't prohibit because drunken men are sure to be plenty-full everywhere.—Binghamton Republicum.

"I am airaid your retort out Mr. Chestnut

to the quick."
"impossible! He is a Philadelphian."-New
York Sun. Plenty of Room Then .- Lightpurse-Can I get into the assessor's office?

Wellflied-I think so: I have just brought out
my tax bill.-Buston Herald. The Necessary Condition .- "I will be your

slave my darling; will you marry me?"
"Well, if you promise that, I'll consider your application favorably."—Soston Herals. Husband (to extravagant wife)-You have succeeded at last in making something out of Wife-I knew I would. What is it, dearest? Husband -A pauper. - Epoch. A lecturer has for a subject, "The Coming Man and What We Owe Him." If brevity is the soul of a witty lecture, he should call his subject soul of a witty lecture, he should call his subject "The Bill Collector." We are not anxious to know what he owes him.—Norristown Heraid,

HER REPLY. The fools are not all dead, said he. Her answer took bim quite aback:
I'm very glad of it, said she;
I never did look well in black.
Notice Co.

Manager-Why have you run our telagraph lines round Philadelphia instead of directly oughf Assistant-The authorities said it was against he law to run anything through the city .- New

"May I inquire your occupation?" asked the doctor.

"I am a clerk on a salary of \$7 50 a month,"

"Your aliment, sir," said the doctor, with
declaion, "is not good. It is simply an aggravated
case of ingrowing toenall,"—Chicago Tribune,