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MORE PRESSURE NEEDED. The shortage of gas which was experienced with the sudden advent of the cold wave, was not as decided as some of its predecessors have been. No considerable section of the city so far as learned was left entirely without gas and the progress shown permits the hope that the fuel companies will in time attain the point of making such provisions for meeting changes to cold weather, as to leave no possibility for any failure of that most necessary fuel.

This is an essential portion of their business; and as they have been granted important public privileges for the conduct of that business the public has the right to expect full performance. The reasons why gas pressure is insufficient with a sudden cold turn are various, but they can all be summed up to the effect that the gas contracts and the demand expands. But with the knowledge of this in advance and with their own statement of an abundance of gas, it seems that the companies, with the warning of a cold wave, should anticipate the trouble by turning on an increased pressure. Some of them appear to have done so yesterday. Taken as a whole they met the de mand measurably better than on some previous occasions. But their full service to the public will not be done, until an adequate supply of gas can be relied upon on cold moreings as certainly as a supply of meat from the butchers.

If the gas companies cannot give their patrons all the gas that is needed, at the time when it is most needed, they weaken their own right to exist.

BLUE BLOOD ON THE MOON.

Philadelphia is being shaken to its center, and the social pyramid from the Biddle foundations to the mere Smiths in the capstone is trembling with a variety of emotions. Worst of all it is not very clear even to the most sgitated what in thunder has occurred. Two things may have happened, each of swful importance. Either the ruling princes of Philadelphia have been snubbed by the Astors, the Vanderbilts, and the McAllister, or their mighty highnesses of New York have been snubbed by Philadelphia. Anyone with half an eve can see what awful consequences may follow The social atmosphere of New York and Philadelphia may be dyed blue with the blood of the haughtiest aristocrats at any

moment. How did this come about? Some say the representatives of New York's Four Hundred were invited to the Assembly ball, in Philadelphia and didn't come - though they visited the viltage by the Delaware that night. Others sav-but what matters the details of the gossip? The potent fact is that there is war between the social royalties of New York and Philadelphia And what an occasion there is for Pittsburg to rejoice that she is not made the laughing stock of the country once a week by a swarm of drones with more money than brains!

A COMPARATIVE EXEMPTION.

Though Pittsburg, in common with the rest of the country, has had one of the severest seasons on record for influenza and the less distressing phases of "colds," the town has been blessed with singular ımmumight be difficult to define the causes to which this fortunate exemption is due. Probably there is a good deal in the protection from the winds afforded by the hills which surround Pittsburg on every side. The points at which the greatest mortality has been evidenced so far are those on the seaboard and upon the lakes-notably New York, Boston and Chicago.

There is no scientific backing for the alarming assumptions put forth in certain quarters that the cholera is likely to come to Europe and America on the heels of "la grippe." At least, the most competent observers declare that the idea is fanciful, and that sensible people will give themselves no trouble about it. But sensible people will be inclined, all the same, to urge upon the city authorities strict and vigorous sanitary measures, so that the least invitation may be presented to any form of disease. With the paving that is now done and which is on the programme for next year the streets of the city later on in 1890 should be in better condition than ever before.

THE PROBLEM OF THE ECONOMITES.

The death of Jonathan Lenz, one of the leading members of the Economite Society, calls attention to the steadiness with which death is winnowing out the members of that remarkable community. Within a few years more all the older members of the Society must have passed away leaving behind them the wealth which the united efforts of the community have created. The life of these men furnishes a striking example of what common effort and united self-denial can do in the creation of wealth, although the practical answer of the question, what shall be done with the wealth so created? is by no means so clear in their experience. When the rest of the old members have followed Miss Eapp and Mr. Lenz, the question will require either a modification of the rules of the community, or a settlement of the future disposition of the property of the society.

HEARTS AND LIVES.

Which is the more valuable, a woman's heart or her life? The bighest human authorities, the courts of law, have answered this question in some fashion. If the relatives of a woman who has been killed on a railroad or in some other violent way sue for damages they may reasonably expect to get four or five thousand dollars at the utmost. If that woman gives her heart to a man under a promise of marriage, and that promise is not kept, the damage to her may be assessed by a jury at almost any sum from one cent to fifty thousand dollars. Usually a broken heart is worth twice as much to her as her life would be to her relatives. It seems fairly well established that a woman's heart is the most valuable part of her.

In the case of Miss Cammerer, a thirtyfive-year-old spinster who teaches music in Philadelphia, for breach of promise the damage to her heart by the unfaithful conduct of Mr. Muller was estimated by the jury to be \$12,000. Supposing Muller had broken Miss Cammerer's back, with such eloquent counsel as Colonel Ingersoll to defend him, he would probably have been convicted of murder in the second degree, and sentenced to ten or twelve years imprisonment. It would have been more economical for Mr. Muller to have committed murder-that is considering the financial aspect of the case.

We do not disapprove of maidens being compensated for injuries of a sentimental or moral nature-which are truly often more grave than physical hurts. A man who willfully breaks his solemn word and bond with a woman deserves condign punishment, and if the penalty can be made comfortable to the suitor also so much the better. Dollars are a salve for wounded hearts, some times. But would it not be well to place upon human life a higher valuation? Lives it may be admitted are not all of the same value, but surely no life is worth so little as some judges and juries would have us believe,

A BARREN TRIUMPH. When it was stated last year that the treaty concluded at the Berlin conference over the Samoan dispute was a victory for American diplomacy THE DISPATCH suggested that it might be wise to await the ext of the treaty before pluming ourselves too proudly on having beaten Bismarck. The reaty was kept secret, but the German mission was given to Mr. Phelps as a re-

ward for his successful diplomacy. The diplomatic secret has at last got before the Senate and being guarded by the awful mystery of executive session, the text of the document has, of course, got into the papers. Having been published, the Senate, with commendable wisdom, concludes to permit it to be published. The document shows that while the United States may have got the shell of victory, Bismarck takes the kernel. If the treaty is ratified, the principles for which this country has contended, that of leaving the Samoans to select their own government, with no more interference than is necessary for the protection of white residents, will be wholly abandoned. On the other hand, the German policy of interference, domination and control of Samoan

will be carried out in full. It was doubtless to obtain this treaty that Germany made the seeming concession of permitting Malietoa to return to a nominal rule which will really be hedged about with German interference. Whether the same considerations induced the administration to join Germany in setting aside the choice of Mataafa for king may be an interesting

nestion for future discussion. In future when the administration anounces its diplomatic triumphs, the public will restrain its ardor until it is permitted to

THE TRAMP'S HARD LOT.

see the documents.

Surely our gentle unwashed friend the tramp is being discouraged too violently. The robbers who stopped and robbed a train at Tulare, Cal., on Tuesday last argued in either case. It is no subject to jest upon, firmly, but gently with the railroad men Carrara was shot before the independence was and did not harm the regular passengers. But while the transfer of property, as trans actions of this kind are termed west of the Rockies, was going on a tramp who had been stealing a ride on a brake beam crawled out from under the train. The robbers appar atly not liking his bashful manners opened fire on the tramp, and filled his head with buckshot. It is hard to hurt a tramp's feelings, but this one died at

Now this is all wrong. Ethically the tramp and the robbers stood on the same plane. While he was stealing a ride they were looting the train. It is hard enough to travel cramped upon a brake beam, without stops for buckshot. Railroad restaurant pie annoys, but seldom kills, and if buckshot is to be made a staple article of refreshment for tramps in their railroad journeys, they will cease to patronize the brake beams. We are afraid that tramps everywhere will feel that every man's hand is against them. Here in Allegheny counnity from fatal cases, compared with almost ty it has been proposed to make tramps any other large city East or West. It work, positively work on the public roads. In other places tramps have been set to work. Out on the golden slopes of the Pacific Railroad robbers do a tramp to death with cold lead. To whom is the tramp to turn? He will be forced to earn his living in a decent, respectable way.

> APROPOS of the declaration of Collector Cooper's Media American in favor of ballot reform the Philadelphia Record says: "A vigor us expression of this opinion on the part of Collector Cooper when he was in the Pennsylvania Senate in 1880 would doubtless have promoted, in a considerable degree, the cause of ballot reform." The esteemed Record is too in that township during the past year and the exacting. If all supporters of reforms are to be shut out because they have failed to come to its support at previous junctures of their career, wherewithal shall the reforms be sup-

THE doubt whether the wrong Vander bilts tried to go to the Assembly ball at Phila delphia, or the right Vanderbilts were prevented from going, is reducing the mental functions of Philadelphia aristocracy to something approaching chaos.

THE alleged Republican Government in Brazil, in addition to its rubber monopoly, issues a decree for dividing the banking busi ness of Brazil into three districts with one bank of issue for each district. It is a fair inference that the Provisional Government which does this sort of thing without any legis lative authority, is less anxious to establish free government than to feather the nests of the embers of the Junta.

IT is reported that Prof. Sullivan is still solved to go to Congress. The renewal of his resolution may be due to a belief that if he should call for tellers Speaker Reed would make haste to concede the privilege.

As nearly as can be judged by reports the action of the House Committee on Elec-tions in favor of unseating Jackson, the Democratic contestant from West Virginia, and seat ing Smith, his Republican opponent, is in accordance with justice. But the discouraging part of the matter is that no one who has any thing to do with settling the matter will vote on that consideration, but simply with a view to party advantage.

THE cold wave warning seems to have been like the cry of "wolf." It has been given out so often that the natural gas companies were caught, and the consumers experienced mild taste of the freeze out.

THE spread rance of large numbers of seals n the shores of Long Island may create a demand for leasing that territory to a syndicate But perhaps that step may be shown to be uncessary owing to the understanding that Long leland is already run by a syndicate, with Mr. Austin Corbin at its head.

The report of the Bank of England's buyBeethoven Quartet Cind will take place this of the leaders of the clerical party in the Reiching silver as a reserve for the issue of oneafternoon. An attractive programme is offered. | stag, who has been till for some time, died to-day,

pound notes is now declared to be a purely flat financial report.

Was it natural pas illuminating one the mysterious sewer gas, or just a straight case of ruinous building? The fact that one life was lost and others threatened by that casualty in Lawrenceville will make it necessary for the question to be settled in an authoritative

IF the cold wave will kill off the grip and the untimely peach blossoms, a grateful public will try to grin and bear it.

THE careful division of the World's Pair Committee is now stated to have been so impartial that a deadlock is an inevitable result. Consequently the House will have to vote on the site of the fair, and as a satisfactory compromise give the fair to Washington,

WE never miss the fuel till the gas pressure gets low.

THE publication of the text of that Samoan treaty which was reported to be such a victory by William Walter Phelps and his es, is calculated to create the opinion that the diplomatic victory was principally a matter of Mr. Phelps' imagination.

PEOPLE OF PROMINENCE.

REV. ALBERT GALLATIN MORTON, of Amesbury, Mass., is still preaching in a pulpit that he has regularly filled since 1825, "without, in a single instance, writing out a sermon. MRS. ALEXANDER MCVHIGH MILLER, who lives near Alderson, in Greenbrier county, W. Va., is said to draw an annual salary of \$5,000 from a New York weekly paper for stories and other literary work.

ROBERT ELLIS THOMPSON, preacher, journalist and professor, does not know when he was born. Few persons remember when they were born, but they generally know when that nteresting event took place. Prof. Thompson is more fortunate than most of mankind in one respect, he can choose his own birthday. At New York Tuesday evening two ex-Con-

federate officers visited the widow of General Grant and were cordially received. One of the visitors was General John S. Mosby, the noted cavalry officer under General Lee, and the other General Cadmus Wilcox. The pair met accidentally on a street car, and in conversation discovered that their destinations were the

AMANDA M. Douglas began writing novels by accident, but finding that her first novel, "In Trust," sold to the extent of 20,000 copies, she for the last ten years has been turning them out with the regularity of semi-annual dividends. Miss Douglas is 60 years old, short, thin and angular, with a large mouth, small eyes and sallow complexion.

THE dedication of a new church in Whittier. Cal., recently, elicited from the good poet in whose honor the town is named a letter, in which this passage occurs: "I see your town is spoken of as an orthodox Quaker colony. I Whittier, but that good men, irrespective of their creeds, will find a home there. Nothing would be worse for it than to have the idea get righteousness was its foundation.

ALEXANDER R. BOTELER was a conspicuous figure in the United States Congress, before the war, and in the Confederate Congress during the war. He also served in the Confederate army under Stonewall Jackson. Colonel Boteler is the great grandson of Charles Wil-son Peale, the celebrated American historical painter. He is now living in Sheperdstown Va., and although 70 years old, is still active and vigorous, and interested in a claim of \$17,000,000, which the D'Arcy and Didier families have against the Government of Chili for mili-tary stores furnished under contract to General Jose Carrara, Provisional Governor of Chili during the Chilian War of Independence, which these very stores helped to secure. The whole story reads like a romance. General won, but Henry Didier was declared to be the "Savior of Chili" on account of the timely assistance rendered to the struggling patriots.

UNIPORMITY OF LEGISLATION.

Report of the Secretary of the Nationa

Divorce Reform Lengue. BOSTON, January 22.-The tenth annual meet ing of the National Divorce Reform League was held here to-day. Samuel W. Dike, Corresponding Secretary, read a lengthy report on the progress of the past year, showing a great increase in public interest in the subject of divorce reform. The report shows that 80.1 per cent of divorces occur in the State where the marriage took place, thus dispelling a prevalent idea that a uniform national divorce law would remedy the evil. The center of the problem is proved to be elsewhere than in uniformity of law, but the report shows that the marriage laws are in a deplorable state and that uniformity of registration is a pressing need. The majority of our States have yet to provide a system of registration of marriages so that returns can be collected. States having such systems should perfect them.

Provision should be made for orderly marriage, under proper licenses before officially recognized authorities, with witnesses and with official records as to age, relationship and previous conjugal conditions. Provision should be made for the proper filing, preservation and publication of divorce papers. The spirit of reform has evidently completely checked the increase of loose legislation, and has inaugurated a few better laws in some States, but the great valent idea that a uniform national divorce

few better laws in some States, but the great work is as yet almost untouched. The S tary closes with a review of the educati-work of the league and the desirability of international conference to devise a comsystem of law relating to the family

A TOUGH JOB IN VIEW,

Tax Assessor Ordered to Test the Depth of the Mud in Stowe Township. The County Commissioners think there is no encouragement for virtue in the manner in which the Assessor for Stowe township has losses paid to a good many persons, the Comoners think the number of people returning personal property, such as money and stocks, is entirely too small. It would seem that the assessor is a peace-loving man who has not insisted strongly on the inquisition into his neighbors' affairs, but the Commissioners, while sympathizing with this trait of character

while sympathizing with this trait of character say they do not propose to go the length of going to jail through chivalrous sentiment, and the assessor has been told that those assessments must and shall be made.

Stowe and Robinson townships seem to vie with each other as to which shall have the meanest roads, and if that assessor cannot walk on stills he will find the toughest job before him that he ever encountered. But out of his evil playt someral good was grown. him that he ever encountered. Be evil plight general good may grow.

A MEETING OF VETERANS.

Old Soldlers Arrange for a Reunion of the Ninth Army Corps.

PEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. HARRISBURG, January 22 .- The third division of the Ninth Army Corps of the Union Army was well represented at a meeting held at the Lochiel Hotel to-day for the purpose of electing officers of the division organization and making final arrangements for a reunion to be held here on March 25 next, the twenty-fifth be held here on March 25 next, the twenty-fifth auniversary of the battle of Fort Stedman. President Harrison, from a letter written by him, expected to participate in the proposed reunion, which will be held under the auspices of the Two Hundred and Ninth Regiment. A parade will be among the features of the reunion. The division adopted a resolution offered by M. A. Embick eulogistic of the late General Hartranft.

Theatrical Events.

The popular melodrama, "The White Slave," will begin a week's engagement at the Bijor Theater on Monday next and the box offic has touched the most delicate and responsive chord in human nature in "The White Slave"namely, sympathy. As a dramatic and literary and "Octoroon's" that ever were written or ever will be written. It is a fact that "The White Slave" has outlived dozens of melodramas, and is still very welcome here. Next Monday night at the Grand Opera House will see the return of the charming and always welcome Cora Tanner. "Fascination," in which she made such a marked success here last season will again be presented with the same superb company and with new and magnificent scenery. Seats can now be secured a the box office. The third chamber music recital of the Beethoven Quartet Club will take place this

THE TOPICAL TALKER.

New Generation Voting-An Old Story Which Was New at Its Birthplace-Gossip of Several Sorts.

POLITICIAN of great experience in nations As well as Pennsylvania politics, remarked to me yesterday: "One thing that has im-pressed me wonderfully of late is that it is time for us all to realize that more than half the voters to-day have not a vivid remembrance of the War of the Rebellion, and know little or nothing about the history of that time, except as far the campaigns, the decisive battles and the big events are concerned.

"I was brought to a very clear comprehension of this while I was in Ohio putting in a little work for my friend Mr. Brice last month. One night at the Neil House a party of Democrats were discussing the Grand Old Roman, Judge Thurman, and I alluded to the narrow escape his house in Columbus had from destruction during the war. To my surprise not a man there knew what I meant, It was well graven on my memory, though."

"THERE were a great many Confederate prisoners in Columbus in the latter days war, and Judge Thurman invited a number of rebel officers on parole to a bail at his house, which was then located on South High street, where his law office now is. It was the night that the Crisis newspaper office was destroyed by a mob, and, unluckily for Judge Thurman the infuriated rioters heard of the kind of guests he was entertaining. They were mostly Union soldiers home on furlough. After they had smashed the printing office the mob procured a small cannon and advanced upon the Thurman residence. The gun, loaded with grape, was trained upon the house where the Confederates were having a good time, and the fuse was already lighted when Colonel Jack Skiles, Provost Marshal, came upon the scene, and succeeded in persuading the mob to disperse. That's how near it was to a full-fledged catastrophe. Yet not one of my auditors knew

wing to lack of space, credit could not be given to all to whom it was due for the pital performance of the operetta, "The rolean Queen," on Tuesday night at Sewick. The preparation for such a production by accurate must need be very ardious. In this window, but differed from one inasmuch as the space usually occupied by a center window was accurate must need be very ardious. In this window, but differed from one inasmuch as the space usually occupied by a center window was accurately considered to a handsome mantel. Orchids banked it solidly, which heavy plate-glars mirrors that surmounted it reflected in all their given. OWING to lack of space, credit could not be capital performance of the operetta, "The Tyrolean Queen," on Tuesday night at Sewickley. The preparation for such a production by amateurs must needs be very arduous. In this work, of course, Mrs. Sharp McDonald had the lion's share at the rehearsals, but the assistance lent by Miss Whiting and Mr. F. E. Richardson was very valuable. The scenery which had been painted especially for this production included a fairy grotto of no little beauty. *.*

A DVANCE agents in the theatrical business are not to be bluffed with any surety of success. The representative of a very charming and large actress, who will be seen in Pittsburg soon, entered a Philadelphia newspaper office lately and approached the dramatic editor. The latter is well known for his brusqueness,

and he saluted the theatrical man with: "Well, you can't tell me anything new about your fat "Oh, yes, I can," replied the advance agent;

'she's lost eight pounds since last summe LA GRIPPE HAS GOT THERE

Several State Normal School Students Are la a Serious Condition. SEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE,

EDINBORO, PA., January 22.-Influenza has broken out in the State Normal School here, and there have been about 200 cases. Several members of the senior class are low with pneunonia, resulting from la grippe, and unless there is some speedy change death will follow.
All hopes have been given up in the case of
Miss Schmit, a member of the senior class.
Several other ladies are dangerously ill.
Prof. Dutton, professor of mathematics, and a mber of the faculty, has just recovered from

SENATOR HARRIS' SARCASM.

He Would Postpone Considering the Blair

Bill Till March 3, 1891. WASHINGTON, January 22.-The Blair eduonal bill was reached and read in the Senate to-day. Mr. Harris suggested that, as the bill was not properly before the Senate as unfinished business, a day should be fixed for it to become a special order. Mr. Blair declining to forego the advantage the bill now had, Mr. Harris said his suggestion would be to have the bill considered late at night, March 3, 1891. After some discussion it was arranged by manimous consent that the educational bill be estponed till Monday week, and be then "un

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Hon. John McSweeney WOOSTER, O., January 22.-Hon, John Me-Sweeney, the most prominent criminal lawyer in Ohio, died at his home in this city, at II o'clock last night, from acute pneumonia. Mr. Mc-Sweeney was born near Rochester, N. Y., about, 65 years ago. His parents were from Innesfalie, Ireland, and settled in Stark county, this State, when he was an infant. The boy received his schooling at the Western Reserve College, and studied law with John Harris in Cincinnati. In 1845 he came to this city. He was six feet in height, stratisht, powerful, and bad a rich and melodious voice. He swayed a jury, and with magnetic cloquence made the most hopeiess case seem bright. Although one of the wealthlest men in Wayne county, Mr. McSweeney was unostentatious in both dress and in his domestic life. He had two daughters andgone son, the latter exprosecuting Attorney of Wayne county. Politically, Mr. McSweeney was a Democrat, but he never sought office. He paid considerable attention to politics. He loved his family and his profession. He was engaged to help prosecute the men secused of murdering Detective Huiligan, and also assisted in the Star Eoute cases. when he was an infant. The boy received his

Hon. Kenneth C. White. (SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) NEW YORK, January 22 .- United States Commisioner Kenneth C. White, died this morning the United States Circuit Court for this city. The oss of the office which he had held so long imloss of the office which he had held so long impaired his mind and compelled his retirement from the practice of the law. Commissioner White was the son-in-law of the late Samuel Nelson, United States Supreme Court Associate Justice. As master, he sold the Northern Facilic Italiway under foreclosure from the steps of the Custom House, and his fee of \$20,000 was the biggest ever paid in bankruptey proceedings. Commissioner White was 64 years old. He leaves seven children.

Prof. Francis Bowen. CAMBRIDGE, MASS., Sanuary 22.—Francis Bowen, one of the oldest professors of Harvard College, died at his home in this city yesterday, He had been falling gradually during the past few years, and a month ago resigned his position as an active worker in the college. No fears for his health were entertained, however, and his death was a surprise to his friends. The Professor rose yesterday moraing and entered the bashroom After he had been there some time his family be-came alarmed, and on forcing open the door found him dead in the tub. Dr. Morrill Wyman, one of

his classmates, was summoned, and pronounced death to be the result of a shock from entering the water and a consequent latitude of the heart. Prof. Bowen was 78 years of age. John Beider. HELENA, MONT., January 22. - John Belder, famous Montana chareter, renowned as a leader of the Committee on Safety in the road agent period, and who for many years since has been a Deputy United States Marshal and sheriff's officer, died at his home in this city this morning of pneumonia. The tuneral will be conducted under the auspices of the Montana Soulesy.

CELINA, O., January 22.—The grip has claimed its first victim here in the person of Judge David J. Roop, who died last evening after an illness of but a few days. Judge Roop was the first man in the county to enlist in the late war, and served antil its close.

Captain H. M. Griffin. PEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. HARRISBURG, Manuary 22. - Captain Harry M Griffen, a cierk in the Auditor General's Department, and a politician of some note, died in this city this evening of pneumonia and heart failure. He resided in Potistown until recently.

Hen, Fitch Phillips. DETROIT, January 22.-Hon, Fitch Phillips, ov State Senator and Representative, Provost Mar-shal of San Mateo, Cal., in 1862, and prominent Republican of this State, died at his residence in

W. Betts died yesterday, aged 50, from pneamonia, superinduced by the grip. She was a cousin of the late United States Senator David Davis. itrs. Polly Osgood., ASBURY, January 21.—Mrs. Polly Osgood, who elebrated her one hundredth hirthday January 10, led last night of influenza.

Mrs. Lyman W. Betts.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., January 21.-Mrs. Lyman

Baron Prankenatelu

UNDER AN ORCHID ARCH.

The Beggs-Sproul Wedding at the Dilworth Mansion on Fifth Avenue - Elaborate Decorations-Other Events of Society.

Under a superb floral arch of orchids, sur rounded by relatives and friends, at 6 o'clock last evening, Miss Mary Louise Beggs and Mr. Harry Sproul were united in marriage by the Right Rev. Courtiandt Whitehead. The marriage, which has been the topic of conversatio with those acquainted with the interested parties for some time past, was a brilliant on in every respect. The residence of Lawrence Dilworth, on Fifth avenue, was placed at the disposal of Mr. and Mrs. Carter Curtis Beggs, as their own, that is in the process of construction, was not completed for the celebration of the nuptials of their daughter; and the florists, A. M. & J. B. Murdoch, were busy the entire day enhancing the beau-tiful rooms by a judicious and artistic use of orchids and ferns. The result of their efforts was the most beautiful house decoration ever seen in the city, and on the first floor of the mansion the library, dining room and drawing room, together with the reception room, became one vast saloon by throwing open the double doors between each room, and all were profusely decorated with the prevailing flower. In the library they were scattered around on mantel and table in vases, all of the one color, pink, which by the way, was the recognized color of the wedding The reception hall was a magnificent room for the exercise of the floral artist's skill. The landings of the stairway were all prettily set with ferns and orchids of every shape, and the lattice work outlining the stairway was trimmed with tree ferns upon which the graceful asparagus plumosa was twined and orchids in the most charmingly natural manner abounded, tied on with lovely pink rib-bon. The design was extremely unique, and bon. The design was extremely unique, and needless to say surprisingly pretty. The immense fireplace of the reception hall was filled with lovely ferns and the mantel solid with orchids. The dining room was radiant with the same transparent flower, arranged in the most exquisite clusters and bouquets, but the drawing room was the most elaborately decorated of them all.

The fire place was filled with dainty forns and the outire window was arched with a heavy fringe of the dainty blossoms finished at either fringe of the dainty blossoms finished at either end with the asparagus plumosa and long loops of pink ribbon. Pretty sprays of the orchids that drooped, in comparison, with the more erect blossoms that seemed conscious of their beauty filled two tall vases which upon gilded pedestals fianked the mantel.

Pink ribbons outlined the bridal passageway from the flower bedecked stairway to the floral window, and with solemn and stately tread window.

Pink ribbons outlined the bridal passageway from the flower bedecked stairway to the floral window, and with solemn and stately tread Bishop Whitehead assumed his position in the recess. Toerge Brothers' orchestra, which was screened in the front vestibule, then sent forth the merry strains of the bridal march and Mr. Sproul and his best man, Mr. George Singer, traversed the ribboned aisle, tollowing were the groomsmen, Mr. Marshall Child and Mr. H. C. Brown, then two dainty little maidens, Misses Virginia Beggs and Lizzie Dilworth, carried French baskets filled with pink roses; and the maid of honor, Miss Susie Harley Dilworth, a cousin of the bride, immediately preceded Miss Beggs, who was attended by her father, and by him delivered into the keeping of the groom. The bride was attired in a gown purchased for the occasion during the travels of the family in Europe last summer. It was a white faille silk skirt, trained, and the front draped with mousseline de soie. The bodice was low and sleeveless, and no ornaments were worn. A long veil of filmy texture enveloped and shrouded the youthful figure of the petite bride. Her flowers were white Illacs, tied with a fringed sash of pink silk.

The maid of honor was gowned in white mousseline de soie of dancing length and carried a cluster of mermet roses, while the little flower girls wore dresses of white point d'esprit with graceful pink silk sashes and slippers, gloves and hosiery of the same shade. The baskets which they carried were fluted with pink silk also, and Mr. Dell, of J. R. & A. Murdoch, who furnished the bouquets and baskets, displayed great taste in the arrangement of each. After the ceremony the young couple received the congratulations of the assembled guesta, about 150 in all, and then an elaborate supper was served by Schlosser.

elaborate supper was served by Schlosser. The presents received were such as wealth and cultivated taste would suggest, and there was an almost endless array of them. The bride presented ber attendants with handsome little pins as souvenirs. On the evening train Mr. and Mrs. Sproul departed for a short East-ern trip, and will occupy a charming pink stone residence on Borden street which has recently

ome into their pos SOLON MUSICALE.

Pleasant Evening for the Supreme Lodge and Their Friends.

A large and appreciative audience filled Lafayette Hall last evening in attendance upon the musical and literary programme presented under the auspices of the Supreme Lodge Order of Soions. The various numbers gave great pleasure to the listeners, as they were all well rendered. The lodge is in a decidedly flourishing condition, and last evening will be a pleasant reminiscence to all present.

The programme included an overture by the Midget Band; an address, "Soion and Its Alms," by A. J. Rogers: a vocal solo, "With All Her. Faults I Love Her Still," by Master Arthur Smith; a duet, "La Favorite," by Mrs. R. J. Godfrey and W. J. Post; a recitation, by T. J. Geraghty; a vocal solo, "Comfort Ye," by Prof. T. J. Smith; a solo, by W. J. Past; an address, "Soion's Stability," by R. J. Godfrey; a duet, Mrs. R. J. Godfrey and Prof. T. J. Smith; a solo by Mrs. R. J. Godfrey. The Mozart Orchestra was in attendance. Order of Solons. The various numbers gave

A PRETTY WEDDING.

The Holmes-Kuhn Nuptials in a Fifth Aveone Residence.

A very pretty wedding, at 6 o'clock last ever ing, was celebrated at the residence of Mr. William Holmes, on Fifth avenue. The bride was Miss Annie L. Holmes, his daughter, and the groom Mr. George C. Kuhn. The Rev. Dr. Caster officiated, and Gernert's Orchestra which was screened by a heavy interlacing of tropical plants and pretty vines in the rear of the back parlor, issued sweet strains for the joyous occasion. The house was beautifully corated with foliage plants, ferns and harris

There were no attendants, and the bride was gowned in a charming creation of white fallie silk and wore diamond ornaments, the pendant of the set being the groom's bridal present. A tempting repast was served by Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. Kuhn will spend a few weeks in

OTHELLO BY AMATEURS.

Nice Presentation of the Moor and His Environments. Cozy little University Hall was filled last evening to witness the presentation of "Othello" by members of the Curry School Dramatic Club, and Mr. and Mrs. Byron W.

Bramatic Cittl, and Mr. and Mrs. Byron W. King. The caste was as follows: Othello, Mr. Byron W. King; Iago, Mr. George Gallupe; Cussio, Mr. T. J. Geraghty; Brabantio, Mr. Tom Carnahan; Rederigo, Mr. Cyrus Gates; Montano, Mr. Frank Reynolds; Gratiano, Mr. Wm. Robison; Duke of Venice, Mr. J. M. Wisman; Lodiotco, Mr. J. D. Brison; Paulo, Mr. Wm. Hammer; Desdemonia, Mrs. Inex Todd King, and Emelia, Miss Clara L. Dawes.

THE wedding of miss Noile Rose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Rose, of New Castle, yesterday at 5 o'clock, to Mr. Oscar T. Hance of this city, is one that will interest a great many Pittsburgers, as the groom is well and favorably known here. The marriage of Miss Agnes Eccles, of Alle-gheny, and Mr. E. Duff, the son of Colonel L.

in Allegheny. Immediately after the ceremony they will depart for their future home in Po land, Ore. The Pittsburg Alumni Association celebrate their annual banquet to-night at the Duquesne Club House. The association includes gradnates of Washington, Jefferson and the united

B. Duff, of Allegheny, will be solemnized to-day

AT Beaver Falls last evening Miss Byrde D. Morrison, the daughter of Alexander Morrison was united in marriage to Mr. Wilbur L. Wright, of the firm of Boyd & Co., of thu city.

The monthly musical and literary entertain ment at the Pittsburg Female College to-mor row evening is to be a very pleasing one. THE third chamber musical recital by the Beethoven Quartet Club at Hamilton's Music and Art Chamber this afternoon. Mrs. John A. Bower entertained some friends at dinner yesterday at her home, 211 Allegheny avenue, Allegheny.

MR. A. KORNBLUM, the well-known optician as returned from New York City. THE Gilmore-Cunningham wedding in Se THE McDowell-Lawrie wedding in Allegheny

to-night.

THE STROLLER'S STORIES.

Odd Opinions and Quaint Observations Gath

ered From Carb and Corridor. TRAVELING man writes to the Strolle from East Saginaw, Mich., in criticism of some brief praise of Pittsburg's hotels, pubsome brief praise of Pittsburg's hotels, published January 10. Referring to the hotels of Philadelphia, he says: "It is one of the poorest provided cities in the country for hotels. There is but one \$1.50 per day house in the city, and that is always full after 1 or 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Green's never had an elevator for the benefit of its patrons till last spring, and the one put in then was very small."

Billia, asking for some information in regard to some old deed far beyond the date of the farment of Aliegheny county. You stated that give some information might be able to give some information might be able to give some information in regard to some old deed far beyond the date of the farment of Aliegheny county. You stated that give some information in regard to some old deed far beyond the date of the farment of Aliegheny county. You stated that give some information in regard to some old deed far beyond the date of the farment of Aliegheny county. You stated that give some information thereon. Well, perhaps it can: I, as Secretary thereof, will give an extract of the minutes of the minutes of the minutes of the formation thereon. Well, perhaps it can: I, as Secretary thereof, will give an extract of the minutes of the minutes of the more purple of the minutes of the proportion of the parket of the minutes of the proportion of the minutes of the minut

IN a reference to one of the best hotels in this city, the correspondent speaks of a freak of the chambermaids in a way that will strike a sympathetic cord in the heart of many an unfortunate traveler. He says that the hotel in question has poor beds, and adds: "They are hard and poorly made. They have fallen into the bad practice of a good many others, of pulling the clothes up to the head to fold over it fancy folds, and the result-bare feet against the cold foot board. I have measured in several cases in different hotels and very seldom find the sheets below the foot of the mattress and from that to 18 inches, actual measurement, from the foot. The Stroller's correspondent is assured that the practice of which he complains has been stopped in the hotel referred to, and that when next he visits Pitts burg he may stop there without any dread of thrusting his unprotected toes against the cold

MR. AND MRS. A. H. CHADBOURNE, of Philadelphia, are at the Hotel Duquesne. Mr. Chadbourne is the representative of the Sprague electric railway motor, and he superintended the construction of the Pleasant Valley system. He is here to look over the GUN WA, the Chinese doctor who sold his

wonderful vegetable "cure-all" for several months on Penn avenue, and was driven out of town by Inspector McAleese, has established himself in Denver. He and his manager have opened an office on Larimer street, in that city, and are filling the Denver papers with high priced advertising matter. In the journey from Pittsburg to Denver the Chinese doctor lost an "h" from the end of his name. The Colorado capital is overdone with Chinese doc tors, who advertise vegetable remedies for all human ills. The American doctors there do not, apparently, object to their presence.

THE son of Colonel James Andrews, of Allegheny, who has recently come home from an extended tour over the booming West, tells a good story of a gambling operation which he noticed in Colorado and Kansas. In many small towns he ran across a gentleman of elegant manners, who was evidently playing poker for a living. He would remain in one place only a day or two-long enough to get up a "social game" in some barroom and win every cent that his opponents possessed. He was invariably a winner, beating the shrewdest poker players in a town, and carrying away a roll of several hundred dollars. Mr. Andrews was puzzled to account for the man's unvarying success, especially as he observed that he always played with the cards kept in the various barrooms. The mystery was dispelled when it was learned that the player was always preceded in a town about a week by a man who sold fine cards at a very low figure to the keepers of saloons. The two men were confederates. The cards were marked, and the first man posted the second as to the places where the cards were sold. After that the winning was easy.

RALPH W. CARROLL, the manager of the American Tube and Iron Works, departed last evening for Philadelphia and New York on the business of the firm. He will return home next Monday.

O. P. DUNBAR, of Norwalk, general master mechanic of the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad, and C. A. Wilson, of Toledo, chief engineer of the road, are at the Hotel Anderssn. They are in the city to look after three locomotives which have been built for the company by the Pittsburg Locomotive Works. They were ordered last October, and are about ready to ship. They are 90,000 pound engines. The gentlemen are accompanied by W. W. Graham, of Norwalk, who is building bridges for the Wheeling and Lake Erie. Mr. Graham has a large contract in the construction of the new bridge at Steubenville.

IT is a jolly party of Clevelanders which is housed at the Hotel Anderson. The members of the party are: Thomas Graves, a business man of that city, Councilmen John Wysoon, D. Kostering, F. Turek, F. Hesoun, William Tausch and Robert McQuoid. The geutlemen are on a pleasure tour, which will be of about ten days' duration. They visited the theater last night, and will depart this morning for Washington. After a few days there they will go to New York.

A NUMBER of prominent men will meet in this city to-day to transfer a large tract of valuable coal land in Lawrence county. The tract covers 1,150 acres, and is owned by ex-Mayor William G. Rose of Cleveland: Tho R. Kennedy, of Chambersburg; ex-Congress man Samuel Griffith and his son, Samuel B. Griffith, of Mercer; Amos Dinsmore, the typewriter manufacturer, of New York; Colonel W. W. Jennings, of Harrisburg; ex-Judge James Stranahan and S. F. Thompson, of Mercer, and Attorney Hiram L. Richmond, of Meadville. These gentlemen are all expected to be pere to-day, as well as State Senator Tho-M. Mehard, of Wampum, to whom the prop-S. B. Griffith arrived last night, and are at the on Senator Mehard has built a coal road to the tract, and will work it extensively. THE STROLLER.

SECOND TO NONE IN AMERICA.

The Dispatch Prenounced the Best Pape West of the Mountains. From the Butler Herald.

THE PITTSBURG DISPATOR, as a daily, has long enjoyed the distinction of being the fore most daily published West of the mountains The Sunday edition is only excelled in point of circulation by a few, and in size and progressveness it is second to none in the United States This is an age of progress, and the new year orings new things. The increased demand for THE SUNDAY DISPATCH has necessitated the ouilding of another Hoe & Co. perfecting press. which will give THE DISPATCH publishing facilities enjoyed by but few metropolitan

For the coming year the services of the best and most popular newspaper contributors have been secured. H. Rider Haggard's masterpiece, "Beatrice," is one of the features that begins with the new year. Sketches from Carpenter, Dare, and Bill Nye, well known to readers of THE DISPATCH, will also find space in its columns. The 20-page Sunday edition is an encyclopedia of one week's news of the world, and embraces every known quarter of the globe.

REAVER IS PRESIDENT. Blected the Head of the Pennsylvania Boar

of Agriculture.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.1 HARRISBURG, January 22.-The State Board of Agriculture at the first session elected offiera as follows: President, Governor Beave Vice Presidents, John McDowell, Washington Eastburn Reeder, Bucks; N. F. Underwood,

Wayne; Secretary, Thomas J. Edge; Executive Committee, J. A. Herr, Clinton; R. S. Searle, Susquebanna; G. D. Stitzel, Berks; J. W. Mather, Tioga; Dr. W. S. Roland, York; Calvin Cooper, Laucaster, and S. McCreary, Law-At the afternoon session a number of agri

cultural subjects were discussed. Luther S Kauffman, of Lancaster, to-night delivered as address on "Our Interest Burden."

LET US LAUGH. Let us fill the world with laughter.

Till the moon queens scamper wildly, Yellow sun gods chasing after; Till existence once so mildly Moving on with hely zest, Takes the semblance of a jest While the earth is full of weeping.

Full of intery and sadness, Full of loathsome vices creeping, Full of hatred and hate's madness, Let us fill our cups and quaff Lethe's nectar, while we laugh. While our foolish hearts are breaking

With fierce passions unrequited.
With fierce passions unrequited.
White our hands, our graves are making.
Digging with delusions blighted.
Let us one more bumper quasf.
Death defant, while we laugh.

g-F, W. Shibjey, in Boston Globe.

OUR MAIL PUUCH.

An Old Pennsylvania Map.

to the Editor of The Dispaten: In THE DISPATCH of January 17, you published a letter from a Miss Wood, of Phi phia, asking for some information in regard to

out is 1709, issued by the land once out is 1709, issued by the land once olony of Pennsylvania."

That map might give the information desired, as it was issued seven years before John Hancock signed the Declaration of Independence, and if years before Pennsylvania (1782) was admitted into the Union. The map can be seen by interested parties by addressing the undersigned.

J. C. PORTER, Secretary Historical Ass PITTSBUBG, January 21.

Studying for the Stage.

To the Editor of The Dispatch: Please answer through your paper: 1. Wha lo people study elocution for? 2. Do you have to study elecution to go on the stage-that is, to become a tragedian? 3. If there is a school for studying for the stage, please state where it is stuated and oblige T. M. A. S. PITTSBURG, January 21.

[L For the same reason that they study other arts, probably; because their tastes lie in that direction and they desire to gain knowledge of the subject. 2 The mail pouch editor does not go on the stage-somebody must have misinformed you. But if he had any expectations of winning fame as a tragedian he would do "right smart" of studying before making his appearance before the public. 3. There was a "school of acting" started in New York some time ago, but we haven't seen it adver-

Afraid of Electric Finshes

To the Editor of The Dispatch: Won't you have your electrical expert notic es made by the Pleasant Valley electric car, in turning the corner at Smithfield and Sixth avenue, and tell us in how many days it will be necessary for us to avoid that corner, to be saved from the consequences of their conductors burning out, and falling down?
PITTSBURG, January 21. A READER.

He Committed Spicide in Jail. To the Editor of The Dispatch: Where did Ed Coffee die? PITTSBURG, January 21,

BOOMING THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

retary Blaine Expresses a Hope That All Obstacles Will be Overcome.

A letter from Secretary Blaine on the sub-ject of the Nicaragua canal was read. In the letter, the Secretary says: "The importance of the inter-oceanic communication to the inter-est of the Government and people of the United States has been carefully compre-United States has been carefully comprehended and this Government has had occasion to express its concern that an amicable adjustment of the pending question between Nicaragua and Costa Rica might be reached, with the friendly aid of the United States, if desired by both parties. Our latest advices indicate gratifying agreement upon the course of action which permits the continuance of operations on the canal, and its doubted that any remaining questions will yield to the just and honorable modes of settlement."

A LAKE OF ASPHALT.

The Great Natural Curiosity on the Isle of Trinidad.

From the New York Star.1

I never meet General W. W. Averell without thinking of the curious island and still more singular place from which asphalt is procured. General Averell, who is a familiar figure along the content and the change arrival of an old friend of the California brother made known that his only son had died several years ago. The impostor field, narrowly escaping arrest. A likeness to the Wood family had made his deception easy. Broadway, was the first to bring it to this coun try as a paving material. It is found about the center of the Island of Trinidad, a dot in the center of the Island of Trinidad, a dot in the Caribbean Sea, just off the coast of Venezuela. There is an asphait lake there. It is said to cover about 100 acres, and to be inexhaustible. It is a black, sandy substance, and is believed to be crude, rotten petroleum. A singular feature is that although about 100,000 tons are taken out of this lake every year, it constantly fills up, so that there is no lessening of the supply.

This remarkable lake of paying materials is owned by the Venezuelan Government, but

owned by the Venezuelan Government, but leased to a company in Washington. They have a fleet of schooners running to Trinidad, and, having a monopoly of the hunness, bring vast quantities of the material to this country, and

we find it everywhere on our streets and part LOANED THE PICTURES.

The Y. M. C. A. Rooms Adorned Temporar ily With Paintings and Etchings. The offices and lecture rooms of the Y. M. C. A. building were additionally beautified yesterday by the hanging of a number of oil paintings and several etchings, among the collection ing an oil portrait of the late The pictures are the property of Mr. George M. Laughlin and Mr. Benjamin Thaw, who have kindly loaned them to the Y. M. C. A. during a temporary absence from the city. Mr. Laughlin goes to Europe, and Mr. Thaw will make a tour of the Southern States.

HARD TIMES IN KENTUCKY.

The Farms and Houses of 350 Persons Sold nt Sheriff's Sale. [SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.] NICHOLASVILLE, KY., January 22 .- The farms and houses of 350 persons in this county were sold to-day by the Sheriff, to pay taxes. Most of the property was bought in by the State.

This number is unprecedented in this section. No cause is assigned for the apparent

evidence of hard times. A Reasonable Explanation. rom the Detroit Free Press.] Once upon a time the seas were inhabited by o less than 867 different species of sharks, while to-day only about 60 varieties are known. A reasonable explanation of what has become of the other varieties is to assert that they have

taken up their quarters on the land. Quay Goes Hunting. rom the Chicago News,]

Senator Quay expects to start South in a few days for his health. The large Democratic majorities of that section will roost high while the Senator is in their neighborhood.

CONGRESS AND THE CRITICS. PHILADELPHIA Times: When that five

together there is likely to be more fun than fair. BALTIMORE American: The 17 million n the United States Senate are said to collectvely own more than \$80,0.0,000. If Uncle San should ever get short he might call on them for a little assistance.

pronged World's Fair Committee tries to pull

Reed's able remarks on the habit people have of not reading reports of Congressional pro-ceedings, the Congressional Record thinks of starting a baseball column. Boston Globe: Caves have been discovered in Australia capable of accommodating 200,000 men. Here is another suggestion for

LOUISVILLE Courier-Journal: Since Mr.

Benator Butler, so busily engaged at present in African emigration schemes. NEW YORK Tribune: The World's Fair Committee of the House having been ap-soluted, it can do no harm to remind the members that, though the representatives of rival cities may be able to stretch the truth in an emergency, none of them can stretch the time between now and 1892. Moral: Be quick! Sr. Louis Globe Democrat: There is some reason for hope that the secret sessions of the

of the Fifty-first Congress. There was never any good cause for the injection of this element of feudalism into our system, and the reten tion of it at this day of social and intellectual freedom is hum!liating and inexcusable. CHICAGO Tribune: Wouldn't there be howl from the Democratic side of the fence it some Congressman should offer a resolution appropriating \$50,000 to build a statue to James appropriating someto build a statue to James G. Blaine, elected President of the United States in 1884, but not inaugurated on ac-count of gross frauds in certain States whereby the votes actually cast for him were not counted?

Segate will be abolished before the expiration

CURIOUS CONDENSTIONS.

-A Philadelphian estimates the number f "speak-easies" in his city at from 4,000 to

-Violets have been gathered within the past week on the northern slope of the mountain along Cheat river.

-A peach tree on the farm of William Cash at Winfield, W. Va., which bloomed in October, now has a crop of full grewn peaches. -The first apple tree planted in Onio, they say, can be seen alive and vigorous on Jerome 'incept's farm at Marietta. It was planted in

-A former Marion county, W. Va., man ow residing in Iowa has returned to a Fair-cont family a book he berrowed over 40 years

-Perhaps the youngest couple ever mar-

ware county, O., getting married by every preacher they come across. The fake they work i to give the minister a \$20 bill and re-ceive \$10 or \$15 in good money in change. -Z. K. Matson, of Truro, Ill., asks peo-

quarry the other day that brought out a red snake, spotted with yellow, that was 16 feet 6 inches long, and as big around as a man's leg. -A Springfield, O., baggage handler roughly jostled an elderly gentleman and bade him "get out of the way." The elderly man

-The longest freight train ever handled on the Baltimore and Ohio was brought into Grafton, W. Va., last week with one engine, in

Grande in Texas. They were painted by the ndians, and represent a series of batties be tween two tribes. The paintings are eight in number, and the work shows evidence of a skillful hand. The stone was nearly covered with sand, but the paint, a bright red, was ap-parently as fresh as when first put on.

-The hangman in New South Wales is coked upon with such horror that he recently found himself completely boycotted on reach-ing Wagga-Wagga to perform an execution. The cabmen refused unanimously to drive him from the railway station, the porters also de-clined to carry his luggage, and the unlucky executioner was obliged to trudge off on foot,

struggling with his various traps. -There are in Chicago, says a paper of that city, a set of ghouls who should be sup-pressed. Each day they scan the death notice columns in the daily papers and then they

and at once awakened the warning notes of and as once awakened the warning notes of a rattlemake. By the flickering giare of his torch he saw that he had trod upon the reptile, but fortunately had planted his foot on its neck just back of the head, and though it folded its alimy coils around his ankle and struck out with its fangs with lightning-like rapidity, it was unable to turn its head to do mischief. The lad had presence of mind enough to keep his foot firmly planted upon its neck, while with the ax in his hand he severed the head from the body. -Henry Wood, a farmer near Beach City, Stark county, O., welcomed a plausible young stranger, claiming to be a son of a decease

treasure. -A reporter witnessed an extraordinary scene in the vicinity of Biddleville, N. C. In front of a small cabin a pulpit had been erected. In this stood a negro, "preaching" at the top of his voice. There was no one except

PRACTIONAL CURRENCY.

ions)-Do you think I would do for a Juliet? Manager (anxious not to hurt feelings)-Um-er well, you'd look very pretty in the tomb-New Sweets to the Sweet.-Fenwick-Allow

Circumstantial Evidence.-He-I swear t, Maude, you are my first love! She-1 believe you, Harold-nobody but the merest novice in matters of the heart could ever

on does not move.
Young Lady (coldly)-He moves, Mr. Pipsley,

Recitation of a class in natural history. The professor is nottled at the inattention of his pupils, and exclaims:

"Gentlemen, I demand your attention. I am giving you an interesting lecture on the personal pseudiarities of the monkey. The least you can do is to look at me."—New York Ledger.

"Is marriage a failure?" asked the elderly

galiant named Cobb met a maiden named

sive?

Binks—Very.

"The pura white kind costs more man other kinds, doesn't !!!"

"No, my son; the white is a dollar, the red two dollars, and the bine five dol-Q, yes, I guess is

ried in North Carolina have just been united in Davis county. The groom is 13 and his bride two years younger. -A man and woman are traversing Dela-

ple to believe that he exploded a blast in a

was the superintendent of the road, and when he turned around the baggage man crawled be-hind a trunk and kicked himself.

charge of Engineer Mat Frazer, of Keyser. There were 98 freight cars and a caboose, and the train was a few feet over a mile long. -Several remarkable pictures have recently been discovered on a rock on the Ric

they are pleased to term in their accompanying circulars "a beautiful memorial of the departed." They fill in the "memorial of the departed." They fill in the "memorial of the departed." They fill in the "memorial of the departed." They fill in the "memorial" with the name clipped from the papers, and add some doggerel poetry to fit the age and sex of the deceased. This they mail to the beaved wife, parents or children, together with their price list for the cards by the hundred or thousand.

A letter from Secretary Blains ject of the Nicarass.

-A buried treasure is being sought in Northwest Bengal. A poor Brahmin at Monghyr possessed an amulet which had been in his family for generations, and, as he was in his family for generations, and, as he was almost starving, he took it to a goldsmith for sale. The goldsmith broke it up to test he metal and found in the bollow center a scrap of paper covered with minute writing. This being deciphered by a learned pundit, the Brahmin learned that close by the shrine of Pir Shah Nepal is a well dating back to Mahomedan times, and at a certain distance from the well are hidden 14 lakhs of rupees. The Brahmin has obtained Government synchion to excavate the ground, a rich neighbor furnishing the fands on condition of receiving a share of the treasure.

the top of his voice. There was no one except the reporter and the preacher near, and the former stood and listened, but was not noticed by the speaker. On inquiry it was found that the preacher was Robert Bell. Two years ago he was fired from the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Biddleville because he would go into his church barefooted. He was warned against this offense, and, heeding it not, one Sunday, as he attempted to ascend his pulpit shoeless, half a dozen good, blous deacons seized him and fired him from the church. On that day Bell declared that he would preach three times every day in his own yard, and he does it, although no one goes to hear him.

-Billie Mustard is an eccentric old man, well known among the farming community of Hanover and St. Clair townships, in Butler Hanover and St. Clair townships, in Butler county, O. During the summer and fall months he worked as a day laborer among the farmers, being a good man wherever he was put. He was saving, and when winter approached he resorted to Four Mile creek, where he dug a hole in the bank and there constructed a cot of straw and such other materials as he could gather, and spent his nights there. During the continued ramy spell his domicile caved in, burying the led man to the waist, and in this position he was compelled to dig himself out, which occupied two days. Billie has led a queer life, but has through all his vicissitudes borne a name for honesty and sobriety. A few days ago some of the neighbors had him removed to the County Infirmary, where he will probably end his days, as he is far advanced in years.

The man who works like thunder for four or five years in order to get a mother-in-law, and then begins to kick sgainst her as soon as the victory is won, is no gentleman .- Kearney Enter-Fair Young Creature (after some recita-

me to congratulate you, Ed. That young lady of yours has the sweetest disposition in the world. Ed-Well, I should hope so. It costs me \$5 per week to keep her in confectionery .- Kearney Es

have acted as awkwardly as you have for the last Young Man (with a glance at Johnny who has remained in the parior all evening)—I see the Rev. John Jasper is mistaken. Miss Bylo. The

when the right Joshua comes along. -

Splikins of a former flame, who had been a party to a May and December marriage.
"No," she replied, with a glance toward her husband in the nextroom. "Not a failure. Only a temporary embarrassment."—New York Ledger, A MATRIMONIAL COBWRE.

Webb, And straightway he sat down beside her And quickly proposed in a manner so glib

That he won her as soon as he spider.

- Chicago Herald. Johnny Binks-Pa, is ivory very expen-

tous V'-Beng York Hung