

that a public building for Sioux City would mean one less for them.

A second bill was presented to the next Congress asking for a \$300,000 building, but this failed to pass.

It is a rather gigantic example of the dog-in-the-manger policy, and shows very strongly the desperate condition into which that unfortunate project has fallen.

This argument would prevent the fair being located anywhere—except possibly at Washington, against which place there are fewer local jealousies.

It should be a fearful humbling of our national pride in the project which was so warmly championed last year.

As a matter of fact, it need hardly be stated that all the bitter invective and vituperation of the canvass has probably altered the minds of those who were so widely known.

It will be the contest in Pittsburgh has been hot and clamorous, it is only a summer heat when compared with the eleventh hour volucres which has arisen in Allegheny.

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It is a little far-fetched. To argue that because the Government order to the Governor of the island of Saghalien, that certain male political prisoners, consigned to his care were to be subjected to the same punishments as those to which a convict in a prison in the mines of Kara was authorized to flog.

A city contemporary, after the public has been studying the question of the Erie Canal for the larger half a year, proposes as a poser the question: "What advantage Pittsburgh would be able to derive from an eleven-foot canal emptying into a six-foot river?"

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Generally there is lots of fun for a city when it starts out to get a Federal building. Local politicians as a rule start the ball rolling, out to pure patriotism of course.

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been four years on the docket. There is practically no dispute among those best qualified to judge in this matter that the plan embodying the essential features of the intermediate tribunal is the one that should be adopted.

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THE TOPICAL TALKER. An Actress Does Not Wish to be a Woman of Weight—Enthusiasm is the Paragon—Society on Strike—The Un-Irish Stage.

To an actress there is hardly a more important matter for consideration than her weight. Marmata, it is to be presumed, never watched her scales with greater anxiety than the actress regards the one upon which she weighs every now and then.

Mrs. Margaret Mather has reason to congratulate herself whenever she contemplates the rounded lines of her beautiful figure. Why? Last year she was much stouter than she had been the year before, and many people thought that adipose tissue was going to interpose an obstacle between Mrs. Mather and her ambition.

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The United States Courts decide that the jurisdiction of the United States extends over Behring's Sea and the Canadian courts decide that it does not.

A CASHIER in New York took the liberty of ordering that the main office of his bank be kalamooned without consulting the Board of Directors, and now a court has decided that he must pay the bill out of his own pocket.

THE "plain living and high thinking" which Emerson recommended to the American people has been amended by the wealthy people of New York. They believe in high living and no thinking at all.

A MAN out in Indiana has been sent to the penitentiary for two years for swearing that he did not have any money, when sued for an account, and when he actually had more than he could carry out on his person.

THE Philadelphia Press defends the House of Representatives against the charge of idleness by declaring that the "best work has been done" in establishing rules which will clear away obstruction.

THE Washington people are proposing to raise a row in Congress over the not entirely novel practice of assessing rich men's property by means of the lectures which are annually composed of small properties.

THE halcyon days when the politicians fill the columns of the papers and say for the privilege are happily ended for a season.

THE report that a gang of desperados near Colorado Springs have been plotting to kidnap Senator Tabor and hold him for \$50,000 ransom indicates that the initiators of the Italian brigands had adopted the proverbial road to fortune.

THE value of public spirit exhibited in the prosecution of public enterprises in Chicago and the lack of it in New York points the contrast between the qualities which create great cities out of unprosperous material and those which act like barnacles on the natural advantages of cities that are great in spite of them.

THE results of these qualities should be an example to other cities. The public spirit of Chicago has created a great city where the natural advantages were by no means pre-eminent.

THE new era thus promised warrants the highest hope for Pittsburgh's future; but our people should be reminded that the salary to frequent ally enforce the lesson that the largest returns are to be gained from united enterprise in forwarding all projects that will bring business to the city or increase its attractions.

THE plan for the relief of the United States Supreme Court recommended by the American Bar Association is that which has heretofore been pointed out in these columns as the most practical method of disposing of the question.

REFORMATION AT HAND. Margaret Mather on Gretchen—Dixey's Welcomes and Other Plays. Miss Margaret Mather cannot complain of the welcome she received last night from a very large and appreciative audience at the Bijou Theater.

From an urbane furnishing goods dealer it was learned yesterday that Pittsburgh men are to be reformed. Jenness Miller has "bobbed up serenely" in a new field. Hildebrand she has confined her reformation to the fair sex, but now—think of it!—she has commenced her process on the male population not only of Pittsburgh, but of the United States and the world.

Nellie Hildebrand, the world, and Jenness Miller, the United States, are the world, the world with the United States. It is not on the market yet, it is the late edition of it—but will be soon.

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CURIOS CONDENSATIONS. A Polk county, Fla., hunter has taken a novel contract. He has agreed to capture the animal that had made a set of teeth for a lady who had failed to pay for them.

A few weeks ago a Dodge City, Kan., dentist who had made a set of teeth for a lady who had failed to pay for them took them out of her mouth in a crowded store in that place.

An Emporia, Kan., girl wrote to Jay Gould and asked him to give her a blank silk dress, as she was about to be married and her folks were too poor to buy her one.

A 15-year-old negro boy was bitten by a rattlesnake in the vicinity of the plantation, six miles east of Tallahassee, one day last week and died from the effects of the poison.

Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, of Philadelphia, recently received a rather curious present from a young lady who had rescued from nervous exhaustion by following his directions to live an open-air life in the woods.

About a year ago Miss Kate B. McLaughlin, of 231 Monroe street, Chicago, was made a notary public. Since that time her name has been on the list of notaries in Chicago.

The London correspondent of an English paper alleges that the custom of weighing both the coal and the paring guest at Sandringham Palace, at the first opportunity after his arrival, is being abolished.

Ethan Allen, a Pitkaway county, O., farmer, has had a \$2000 rafter on his farm. When he came to settle with him the rafter told him he had not realized a cent off the property in six years.

The Loch Leven trout was recently introduced into this country. It is indigenous to Loch Leven, Loch Sween, Loch Lomond and other lochs in Scotland.

A fisherman who was desirous of catching a specimen of the stereolepis, a gigantic fish somewhat resembling a black bass and which weighs 500 pounds, was successful in his purpose in the summer of 1899 off the island Santa Catalina, in California.

A queer story is told of Mrs. H. H. Burpee, of New York, who, when she was a girl of 12 years, she dreamed that the day of her death would be February 12, 1861.

Mr. William W. Williams' Academy. CUB HILL'S "World of Novelties" comprises a better aggregation than the famous cub swinger has of late been in the habit of bringing to this city.

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