

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.

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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.

Will the contest in Pittsburg have been hot and clamorous, it is only a summer heat when compared with the eleventh hour volucres which has arisen in Allegheny.

It is not likely that if they should take such a course, any jury could be found to convict them on a charge that would imply a severe or degrading punishment.

But it can hardly escape notice that Missouri justice takes a more stern and unbending course toward the women than toward the men.

THE VALUE OF PUBLIC SPIRIT. The difference between the 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.

THE CANAL AND RIVER. 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 Pittsburg would be able to derive from an eleven-foot canal emptying into a six-foot river?"

It is a question like that which the most serious obstacles the railroads can induce are to be overcome in the way of the project, it prospects are bright.

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.

THE SUPREME COURT'S RELIEF. 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.

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.

THE Washington lodging house keeper who advertises handsome rooms "suitable for Senators, Representatives, or members of Congress," is not a man to be trifled with.

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THE new era thus promised warrants the highest hope for Pittsburg's future; but our people must be ready to enforce the law, and to insist upon the highest quality of work.

THE necessary business of a Congressional or Legislative session could easily be handled in a month, and the country relieved from great expense and vast anxiety.

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. Merit, it is to be presumed, never weighed 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.

It is pleasant and it is unpleasant to sit at the play in front of a man to whom the theater is a novelty, to whom no joke is stale, and whose approval takes violent form.

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REFORMATION AT HAND. Margaret Mather on Gretchen—Dixey's Undergarments for Men as Well as Women—A Discard on Dress and Decorations.

From an urbane furnishing goods dealer it was learned yesterday that Pittsburg men are to be reformed. Jenness Miller has "bobbed up serenely" in a new field. Hildebrand 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 Pittsburg, but of the United States and the world.

Nellie Hildred grided the world, and Jenness Miller, in a state normal to attempt a world tour with the "United States." It is not on the market yet, it is the late edition of it—but will be soon. And Pittsburg men will have an opportunity of selecting their favorite from a very large assortment.

Besides this reformation, the vest is to be discarded for full dress, and in its place will appear the "Gordon sash," a harmless looking little affair, without any loops, tassels or knots, as the name suggests. It is generally manufactured in some instance by a tailor, but it is deep folds on a firm foundation that is fitted to the form, and it looks in the back.

THE advent of a drop scene at the Grand Opera House last night was highly amusing. After various minor misdemeanors, such as trembling violently over the heads of the audience, and the like, the scene was in tumult, it finally fell, in the midst of a speech by the immortal Shakespeare, cutting the Bard of Avon quite short in his eloquence.

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CURIOS CONDENSATIONS. A Polk county, Fla., hunter has taken a novel contract. He has agreed to capture the largest snake in the world for the Smithsonian Institution.

Mrs. Mary O'Brien, of Chippewa Falls, Wis., having been ill some time, has been undergoing a voluntary fast. She has been without food 23 days. Although her weight is looked for, it will not be due directly to the fast.

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. The teeth were too good to buy her one, although she has written four melting epistles to the dentist, but she still has no black silk.

An 11-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. He ran his hand into a hollow log to catch a rabbit. The snake was coiled round his arm, and with its poison fangs and death soon followed.

Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, of Philadelphia, recently received a rather curious present from a young lady who had rescued from nervous exhaustion by the doctor's hands. She had chopped down and saved up by her own hands, and sent as a testimonial, evidence of the health he had gained 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 the city. She is now writing to the Secretary of State asking if her former notary commission is still in force. She says that she has never performed the duties of a notary public under her former commission, and she asks if she is still in the status of this kind which has arisen in the State.

The London correspondent of an English paper writes that the custom of weighing both the coal and the paring guest at Sandringham Palace. At the first opportunity after his arrival he is weighed, and his weight recorded in a book. The next morning he is weighed again on the morning of his departure. The weight is recorded in a book, and the difference between the two weights is considered by good authorities a variety of the German brown trout, now becoming scarce in this country.

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. Its back is of an olive green color, and its sides are marked with large dark, almost black spots, some round, some shaped like an X, and some like a Y. Its peculiar habit is to fight under water, never rising to shake itself out of water like the wild trout. It is a very hardy fish, and its eggs are considered by good authorities a variety of the German brown trout, now becoming scarce in this country.

The pony is the horse of hardihood, says a horseman in an exchange, and one that has sprung from some poor country where he has been bred, and he is the best of the breed. He is not a distinct race, as many would seem to suppose. He doubtless sprang originally from the wild horse, and he has been known of at the time, and his present reduced condition is due to the fact that he has been bred, and he is the best of the breed.

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. His success was due to the fact that he was a very expert fisherman, and he was able to catch the fish in a net which he had set in a cove. The fish was captured, ranging in weight from 75 to 300 pounds. The stereolepis is migratory, and only comes to the surface in the winter. It is a very hardy fish, and its eggs are considered by good authorities a variety of the German brown trout, now becoming scarce in this country.

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Wickwire—I am glad Mudge is about to marry. I hope it will change him. He has been going down hill for some time. "What?" "Why, he is a 'Dear Sir'." "Why is it that your friend always ends his letter with a 'Dear Sir'?" "Oh, that's because he is a 'Dear Sir'."

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A woman may be very ill and fill her friends with fear. The doctor even may declare that death is drawing near. But just as he is advertising a million-dollar display of new spring hats, she'll feel them all and go down town that day. —Chicago Tribune.

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