ALIVE AND THRIVING

Beaver Falls Folks Too Busy to Take an Interest in Politics.

COW INSURANCE SOCIETY DEAD.

A Co-Operative Association That Co-Oper-

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN PROGRESS

ates and Makes Money.

Beaver Falls is not making much noise these days, not half so much as she did in the days when the heathen Chinese came to make knives at the cutlery works, but she is forging ahead at an astonishing rate nevertheless. The town is interesting to Pittsburg and Allegheny people from the fact that most of its population is a collection of busy hives or colonies that have swarmed from time to time in this city. The shovel works, file works, saw works, Hartman's wire fence works, and in fact all the mills and factories in the town are running full head, and the shovel works are on double

One of the most interesting experiments of the past decade has resulted successfully in Beaver Falls. The Enterprise Glass Company was organized in March, 1879, and began to till orders in June of the same factory which was burned the 24th of last October, has been rebuilt and the blowers began blowing again last Tuesday week.

The company has ever since it began work, in 1879, been unable to fill its orders; its stock sells away up, and outsiders cannot get any of it. When a member dies, or retire, the company absorbs his stock. It may eventually become a grasping, soulless corporation, but up to the present time it is a shining example of co-operation, that has really co-operated, and that not on the communistic plan. Its members mix their religion, politics, etc., to suit themselves and are only communists in a business sense. They were originally glassworkers who were disgusted with the result of frequent and long strikes

CONCLUDED TO BE PROPRIETORS. Their new factory is perhaps the finest of its kind in the United States. It is an iron-clad, two stories high, and with a large basement and covers, independent of out-buildings, 132x200 feet. The whole building is heated by steampipes, and can be thrown open on all sides, so as to be cool in hot weather. The partitions are also iron hot weather. The partitions are also fron, so there is little danger of fire. Its present capacity is ten-pot, which will be increased to 24, as orders cannot be filled with the present rate of working. The little Pittsburg colony is compact, and almost all the members have bought and paid for homes out of their earnings in the last ten years, and their capital is intact. The secret of success in this case has been, and yet is, that while each member of the company is just as large socially and generally as Manager J. C. Weigel, his managerial capacity is respected by all, and each feels that he is something more than a cog in a machine, and that his interest is that of all, a thing that is but rarely perfectly understood in co-operative enterprises,

WOULDN'T KNOW IT NOW. Could Marcus Tulliers Cicero Gould, James Patterson, the elder Bradford, Townsend, and the other spirits that in olden time led the van of progress in Old Brigh-ton and vicinity revisit "the glimpses of the moon" they would not know Beaver Fails. When the Enterprise factory was built a mile above Brighton station, on the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railway, it was in the outskirts of the town, and now it is about central. Economite money gave the impetus, and natural gas and position have

Progress, however, has killed one branch The Cow Insurance Company no longer exists. A year ago an anti-common-cow-pasture Council was elected. Kine no longer graze on the out-lots, and roll their great soulful eyes at passeng rs as they whirl by on the three railroads that skirt the town, and . insurance society found its occupation gone. The Cow Society, however, still holds its weekly meetings, and the members enjoy themselves as of

Liquor setlers expect a more liberal distribution of licenses this year than for several years past, and this is about the only bone of contention the people have to wrangle about now, and they are too busy generally to give even that question much

Preparations are in progress for the building of another dam this season which will give a mile of a splendid sheet of water for ensure boats and aquaties generally. William Scharff, the ex-oarsman, however, is more interested in glass blowing now than in rowing. There is more money and infinitely more satisfaction in the former than

in the latter occupation. ADVOCATES OF THE DAM.

The McKnight Fishing Club members are ardent advocates of the dam, which will be utilized for power as well as pleasure. The town is already furnished with electric light produced by water power, but there is some complaint that the source of the power is not as well regulated as it might be. Dick Myers, who has been at death's door for some time past with typhoid fever, is thought to be convalescent now. His critical condition has cast a shadow over the

Cow Society lately.

*All but the approaches to the new Tenth street bridge have been finished. It is expected to be a dividend payer almost from start.

The population of all the towns from Vanport, Beaver, Rochester, New Brighton, Beaver Falls and the galaxy of other boroughs is sighing for an electric railway that will connect them ail. They argue that there isn't a particle of doubt that the venture will pay. The solitary horse car line which runs from New Brighton station to the upper part of Beaver Falls was a 6 per cent payer from the start, though the company laid the track amid much foreboding.

LOST ITS GRIP.

The old-time Quaker element has lost its grip, or at least its conservative spirit, which half a century ago had the credit of preventing that valley from being the Fall River of Pennsylvania. A few people deplore the political corruption that they say is growing faster than population, and sigh for the simplicity and peace which reigned when every family kept a cow and the professional dairyman was unknown, but the majority are satisfied with the change that has raised the price o land from \$50 to \$5,000 an acre, even though vice may have kept pace with

WILL POWER IN SICKNESS.

The Desire to Live Has Brought Many

Man Through to Health. A recent writer says that persons who earnestly desire to live can keep a mortal disease at bay much longer than those who are comparatively indifferent to their fate. A resolute determination not to succumb is, as every army surgeon knows, the salvation of many a wounded soldier, who without it would assuredly die. In the Crimean war the mortality among the wounded Turk was much greater than among the wounded French and English. The latter wrestled stoutly with death and often baffled him when their doom seemed inevitable; but the predestinarian Massulman, when danger-ously injured, said "Kismet," turned his face toward Meeca, and gave up the ghost. Love of life and strength of will, have, beyond question, been the means of restoring to health thousands of patients who but for these inevitable qualities must have per

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THE CHIMERA AND PHOENIX.

A Mythical Mammal and a Bird That Figure Largely in Mythology. Newcastle (England) Chronicle.

A living chimera caused great jeopardy of life and limb in a district of Cyprus in the time of the Crusaders. Cour-de-Leon is mentioned vaguely as having encountered one there. The chimera possessed the head of a lion breathing flames, the body of a goat, and last, but not least, the tail of a dragon. The most famous chimera was that slain by Bellerophon, who was mounted on the winged horse Pegasus, a mythical mam-

mal of some small note. Nothing more is known about the monster.
Unlike the chimera, the phonix is of a mild and retiring disposition. In appearance it resembles an eagle, but its plumage is much more beautiful. This once famous and revered bird has now descended to a mundane and inglorious association with insurance companies and iron foundries. The phonix lives 100 years, and then, having found that life is not worth living, constructs a funeral pyre, and burns itself upon it, having always recognized the benefits of cremation. From its ashes a new phonix arises, and so on ad infinitum.

Herodotus first brought the bird into notice, and it is also mentioned in the Bible. In the consulship of Quintus Plancus, the phonix arrived in Egypt, was caught and brought to Rome, as related by Piny. However, the real home of the phænix is in Arabia, though some authorities support Ethiopia and India. Again, its duration of life is doubted, some affirming that it lives 15 centuries instead of one. Altogether, everything is very vague about the habits of the phoenix.

A DRUMMING FISH.

The Little Animal Has a Very luteresting Musical Machine in It.

eweastle, Eng., Chronicle.] At a recent meeting of the Berlin Physioogical Society, Prof. Mocbius described a peculiar fish-Balistes aculeatus-which he had met with in Mauritius. While on a visit to that island, last year, he observed a bright blue-colored fish in the shallow waters of the harbor, which, when caught and held in the hand, emitted from its interior a most striking noise, like that of a drum. A careful examination of the animal failed to reveal any obvious movements, with the exception of one part of the skin, lying just beyond the gilt-slit, which was

in continuous vibration. The portion of the skin which vibrates stretches from the clavicle to the bronchial arch, it is provided with four large bony plates, and lies over the swim bladder, which in this fish, for the most part, pro-jects out of the trunk muscles. Behind the clavicle is a curiously shaped long bone, which is attached to the clavicle at one point in such a way as to form a lever with two arms. The long arm of this bony lever s embedded in the ventral trunk muscles, and is capable of easy movement to and fro. The short arm slides during this movement over the rough inner side of the clavicle, and gives rise to a crackling noise. This noise is then intensified by the swim bladder, which lies in close proximity to the short arm of the lever, and acts as a resonator.

THE GROWTH OF AN ISLAND.

What Was a Shoul in 1867 is Now a Piece of Land a Mile Square.

Newcastle, Eng., Chronicle.] In 1867 H. M. S. Falcon reported a shoal in a position about 30 miles west of Namuka Island of the Friendly or Tonga group. Ten years later smoke was reported by H. M. S. Sappho to be rising from the sea at this spot, and eight later, in 1885, a volcanic island was reported by a passing steamer, the Janet Nichol, to have risen from the sea. In 1886 the United States steamer Mohican visited the new islands-which had emerged from the ocean during a submarine eruption on October 14 of the previous year—when its length was found to be one and four-tenths of a mile and its height 165 feet. Last year the island was thoroughly examined, and the surrounding sea sounded by Her Majesty's surveying ship Egeria, when it was found to be one and one-tenth of a mile long and

nine-tenths of a mile wide. A little steam issuing from cracks in the Southern cliff was the sole sign of activity, but there were many proofs existing that the island still retains considerable heat near the surface. From the condition of the flat, it is apparent that it has neither risen nor subsided during the past two or three years. Unless there be a hard core, it seems probable that its existence as an island will be short. It has been named Falcon Island, and soundings between it and Namuka show that they are separated by a valley 6,000 feet deep.

WEARING OUT SHOES.

A Long Walk in the Wet Will Destroy the Very Best of Footwant.

A writer, in answer to the question, "Are more shoes worn out in wet than in dry weather?" says there are more actually worn out, particularly at the bottoms, when the walking is fine; but the destruction of shoes is at least 25 per cent greater during wet spells. In the former case the shoes have not the protection of the rubber, and they grind out rapidly; but then again, in stormy seasons hundreds of pairs of shoes are caught in drenching rains without overshoes, and they are more injured then than they would be in a month of walking in dry weather. A long walk in a thoroughly soaked shoe causes it irreparable damage. The straining motions of the foot in this soft mass wreak damage that could never be possible in the same shoe when dry. Even the soles of shoes worn much in the wet, especially those of the poorer grades, have their term of usefulness considerably curtailed.

CHINESE SHAKESPEARE.

An Incident That Shows the Celestial Car Understand William.

Brooklyn Eagle, 1 A friend of mine has made quite a study of the Chinese who come to this city. He not only studies their habits as exemplified in the laundry, but through the kindness of a charming young lady Sunday school teacher has been able to follow John Chinaman into the school room. One of these Celestials, the particular one who attends to my friend's linen, has taken up the study Shakespeare along with that of the Bible. Auxious to ascertain if the China-man understood sufficient English to read Shakespeare intelligently he said to him, 'What do the words 'go to' in this sentence mean: 'Go to, i' faith, an' thou wilt needs

thrust thy neck into a yoke."

"Go to," said the Chinaman, "that is allee same as Come off." My friend is convinced that many actors less of Shakespeare than does the

laundryman.

A Carious Epitaph. Newcastle, Eng., Chronicle, 1 A gravestone in Ettrick Churchyard was erected by the Ettrick Shepherd, and the ollowing inscription was composed by him:

Here Lyeth Wm. Laidlaw. Wm. Laidlaw,
The far-famed Will o' Phaup;
Who for feats of frolle, agility, and strength,
Had no equal in his day;
He was born at Craik, A. D. 1891,
And died in the 8th year of his age.

Held Over to Court.

Arthur Knight was arrested in New Castle yesterday and brought to this city on a warrant issued by Magistrate McKenna, charging him with a serious assault. The information is made by a girl named Lizzie Foster, who lives at 1627 Liberty street. Knight was committed to jail to await a hearing.

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HOW TO GROW THIN

A Prominent Physician's Interesting Lecture on Obesity.

THE FOOD THAT MAKES ONE FAT.

A Very Easy Method of Getting Rid of Superfluous Flesh,

WITHOUT FASTING OR USING DRUGS.

NEW YORK, March 3 .- At a meeting of the New York Academy of Medicine the paper of the evening was read by Dr. Walter Mendelson. His subject was "The Physiological Treatment of Obesity." The most recent investigations show clearly that the albumen in the food is the principal source of the fat formed in the body. This albumen, after it has reached the cells of the tissues, undergoes certain chemical changes by which part of it is converted into fat, and part goes to the nutriment of the tissue cells. Many experiments have been made which prove this conclusively. Thus dogs fed on lean meat accumulated considerable fat. One fed on lean meat and palm oil, which contains no stearic acid, stored up fat, having the usual amount of stearic acid normal to dog's fat.

It is not asserted that all fat deposited is formed from Albumen. A certain amount of that taken as food is stored up. But the increase of body fat occurring after eating much fat, though in part a direct result, is chiefly brought about indirectly, the food the state of fat shielding from oxidation that which has previously been formed from the albumen. Thus, when a dog is fed on meat and mut-ton suct the dog gets fat, not because the mutton suct is changed into dog's fat or is deposited as suet, but because the oxidation of the suet prevents the fat proper to the animal's tissues from being destroyed by the various activities of the animal.

FOOD THAT MAKES FAT. It is in the same way the starches and sugars act. They are not ordinarily converted into fat, but are so converted only when taken with the ordinary food, they are more easily oxidized than the proper fat of the body, and so the proper fat accumulates

instead of wasting.

The sources of fat in the body were found to be three: First, the splitting up of the albumen of the food; second, the transfer of that fat ingested as food; and third, fat torned from starches taken in too large quantities. A man need not be a glutton to grow stout. A slight excess will gradually load up the body with fat. An excess is not even necessary if certain contributory causes become operative. Thus any one of the causes that tend to diminish the powers of the cells—a too free use of alcohol, life in a hot, close room—will promote the accumu-lation of fat, even though the quantity of food consumed daily be diminished. The tendency to become obese is also very often inherited.

In treating obesity, the individuality must be kept in the mind, but in general the aim must be to make the consumption of fat exceed the production. In the great majority of cases, in spite of what fat people say, the cause of the fat is the eating of either too much food or food of an improper quality, combined with a lack of exercise. It remains, therefore, suitably to regulate the diet and exercise, bearing in mind that the change must be gradual to be benefi-cent, and that anything approaching to starvation must be avoided.

A DIET FOR THE OBESE.

It must be a general plan to give much albumen and relatively little fats and sweets. This is done in order that the cells, from the abundance of nourishment brought to them, shall be capable of great chemical activity; and further, that the tissue fat formed from the albumen shall not be preserved from exidation by the presence of the more readily exidizable fats and starches. For a diet list for a corpulent person the doctor recommended the following:

Breakfast—One cup (6 ounces) tea or coffee, with milk and sugar; 2 or 3 slices (2% ounces) of bread; butter, half ounce; 1 egg, or 1% ounces

Dinner-Meat or fish, 7 ounces; green vegetables, such as spinach, cabbage, string beans, asparagus, tomatoes, beat tops, etc. 2 ounces; farinaceous dishes, such as potatoes, hominy, rice, maccaroni, etc., 3½ ounces, or these may be omitted and a corresponding amount of green vegetables substituted: salad, with plain dressing, I ounce; fruit, 3½ ounces; water sparingly.

. pper or Luncheon—Two eggs or lean meat, Supper or Lunchson—Two eggs or lean meat, 5 ounces; salad, three-quarters of an ounce; bread, I slice; fruit, 3½ ounces; 2 ounces of bread (2 slices) may be substituted for the fruit; tea or coffee, 8 ounces; no beer, ale, cider, champagne, sweet wines, or hard liquors must be taken, but claret and hock are permitted in moderation; milk, save as an addition to tea or coffee, want by taken rarely. coffee, must be taken rarely,

STOUTNESS EASILY CURED. It is important to remember that as the fat becomes reduced the diet must be modi-fied somewhat, giving more of the sweets and fats, lest the albumen, as well as the fat of the body, be consumed. Under a proper diet the patient feels better instead of weak or in any way worse. A feeling of lassitude is an indication that the muscular tissues, as well as the fat, are being reduced. It is imperative that the patient should not be impatient or in a hurry to get lean. It is only by slow degrees that the cells can be habituated to a mode of action in harmony

with the welfare of the whole system.

In the discussion that followed the read-ing of the paper Dr. S. Baruch called at-tention to the value of cold baths for overfat people, A simple cold bath was not sufficient. A swim in cold water was the best method of application, but a douche from which the water was impinged under pressure of two or three atmospheres on the flesh was nearly as good. A vanor bath was better than either. It had been demonstrated by actual experiment that the increase of temperature incident to a vapor bath promoted tissue metamorphosis to a very marked degree. The vapor bath tol-lowed by the cold douche would afford results that could be secured in no other way.

It was commonly agreed that with a proper regulation of the diet and the application of cold baths with friction after, and the avoidance at all times of the sorts of liquors objected to by Dr. Mendelson, the reduction of superfluous fat was certain and easy of accomplishment.

FOUNDATIONS IN SAND.

A German Scientist Has a Process to Make

it Solid as Rock. Accessions to the number of devices by which man will ultimately be able to conquer the forces of nature are constantly being made. No sooner has the practicability of overcoming the obstacle presented by the flooding of shafts by mesns of a freezing process, been established, than a German scientist patents a process of preparing foundations, the object of which is to make loose sand firm and resisting as solid rock. At present the universal method of doing this is, if under water, to remove all loose material and then make a beton or other similar substructure. The process under consideration, which is applicable mainly to clean siliceous or calcareous sand, aims at consolidating the grains by covering them with a film of cement, which is forced into the spaces between the particles by compressed air, steam, or water under pressure. Sheet piles are employed to prevent the spreading of the cement over more ground than is necessary.

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ORIGIN OF THE WAKE.

Far Eack in History it Was a Popular Religious Festival.

Newcastie, England, Chronicle.1 The wake is the popular English equivalent for the ecclesiastical term, vigil. The 'wake" or "revel" of a country parish was, of old, the day of the week, and, afterward, the day of the year, on which the church had been dedicated. On these occasions the population gave themselves up to wholesale revelry, and the people disported themselves in all kinds of games and athletic exercises. These amusements occasionally drew together large crowds, and the large crowds attracted a legion of hawkers and merchants, until the "wake," or dedication festival, degenerated into a common fair, without any re-

ligious elements in it.

To remedy some of the more glaring evils Edward I, in 1285, passed a statute forbid-ding them to be held in church yards; and in 1448 Henry VI enacted that no display of wares and merchandise should be allowed n the great festivals of the church. A further attempt was made to regulate them in 1536 by Henry VIII, who appointed that the "wake" should be held in every parish on the same day, the first Sunday in Octo-ber, but this was never generally observed. In the "Book of Sports" of Charles I. "wakes" are expressly mentioned among the leasts which should be observed, and though the custom, since the Restoration, has gradually declined, it still holds good in

some rural parishes.

A "lyke" or "liche wake" is a watching of a corpse all night by the deceased per-son's friends. It is now disused except in parts of Ireland.

BEES AS WEATHER PROPHETS. An Observer at the Hive May be Able to Beat the Signal Service.

Newcastle, Eng., Chronicle.? A new use may possibly be found for bees. Not only are they honey-givers, but it appears that they may be recognized as weather-harbingers; but how far ahead the bee may be able to look may be an open question. A nice observer by looking at them in the early morning during the working season will very soon be able to form an opinion as to what the day will be, and that almost to a cer-tainty, for they will sometime appear sluggish and inactive, although the morning is very bright and showing every appearance for a fine day; but the sun soon becomes clouded, and rain follows.

And again, the morning may be dull and cloudy, and sometimes rain may be falling; still the bees will be observed going out in considerable numbers, and as sure as this is seen the day becomes bright and fair. Are bees, then, destined to take the place of the weather plant, the failure of which is now an accepted fact?

TANNER STRIKES IT RICH.

The Corporal is on His Wooden Feet Again and Making Money.

I heard from Corporal Tanner yesterday through a mutual friend who saw him recently in Washington, says Carson Lake in the New York Press. It will be pleasant for his friends to know that he "struck it rich" at the capital. When he left the Pension Bureau, things looked pretty dark for him financially. His law buisness in Brooklyn was broken up, he had changed his place of residence at considerable expense, and he was in debt with no ready money on hand. But he found friends who advanced him capital to open a law office at Washington and encouraged him to make a specialty of pensions. I suspect that General Alger, the head of the Grand Army, could tell who helped the Corporal if he would. The movement was a success, and the Corporal now has a force of 12 clerks as busy as they can be, while he has been obliged to engage a fellow lawyer to assist him also. His practice will amount to \$20,000 or \$25,000 this year.

INGALLS' HANDWRITING.

One of the Railroad President's Letters Used

Cincinnati Times-Star.J M. E. Ingalls, the unbane, gentlemanly and genial but hard-to-get-a-pass-from President of the Big Four Railroad Company, writes a hand which under some circumstances is difficult to unravel. Somebody who thought he ought to have a pass applied for one and in time received an answer written in a hurry by Mr. Ingails. Nobody could read any part of it but the signature, except by hard work. It was a pleasant, courteous refusal. The applicant was stumped until the idea struck was stumped until the idea struck him to use the re-usal for a pass. He argued that he couldn't readily decipher it, the probabilities were the conductors would not be able to do so. He tried it. It passed and until the deception was accidentally discov-ered he rode in chair cars by day and sleeping cars by night.

THE EXPENSIVE CIGARS. It is Impossible to Crowd 25 Cents Worth

of Tobacco Into Ope. New York Evening York Sun.] The costliest eigar smoked in New York is said to be a Havana Henry Clay, which is usually sold wrapped in gold or silver foil and which costs \$1 25 apiece at retail. As to the cost of manufacture of such a cigar a manufacturer says that it is wholly impossible to make a cigar whose actual cost, with the use of the choicest and most costly material throughout can exceed 25 cents. The cigar retailed in the market for \$1 costs the manufacturer about 15 cents. There is a small added item of expense in stamping, and the boxing may be made more or less costly; but even with these added it will be seen that the profit on the higher grade of cigars is immense.

MOLLIE GARFIELD'S HUSBAND.

J. Stanley Brown Isn't as Well Pleased With His Title as Formerly.

New York Evening Sun. ? Mr. J. Stanley Brown is said to be very averse to being spoken of, as he usually is in Washington, as "Mollie Garfield's husband," and to have insisted recently that he hoped to be known for himself. Verily, times and tastes are changed with him who marries, as our shrewd philosopher, Mr.

Stevenson, somewhere remarks.

Three years ago, when Mr. Stanley Brown was the confessed but unaccepted lover of pretty Mollie Garfield, the whisper which usually ran after the mention of his name
"Mollie Garfield's fiance," was enough to
send a look of ecstatic bliss over his face,
and to an apology once offered him for an inadvertent expression of that kind he over-heard he replied with warmth: "Madam, you have only given me the one honor in the world I covet."

A BANK CASHIER'S VERSES. Some Very Bright Ones Floating About Credited to Eugene Field.

Current Literature.

Some of the delightful sonnets and bits of verse floating about just now on the sea of newspaperdom credited to Eugene Field in the Chicago News, are really the work of Mr. C. G. Blanden, a young bank cashier of Fort Dodge, Ia. The original publica-

tion in the News were properly credited, and by the courtesy and appreciation of Mr. Field appeared in his own column, Sharps and Flats. Mr. Blanden is a clever and most promising writer. He has recently gathered into a book—Tancred's Daughter—his best work in verse done for the newspapers and periodicals, and critics have Boston. mentined at approvingly.

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A TALK WITH BLAINE

dial Manner to a Pittsburger

BRING BOTH JOY AND SATISFACTION

An Old Soldier Begins a Southern Journey

With a Double Purpose.

FLORIDA'S BEAUTIFUL HIGHLANDS.

[CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH.]

ORLANDO, SOUTH FLORIDA, ? EN ROUTE, February 28. "I intend to do something in that direction," observed Mr. Blaine in his pleasantly positive way, during a recent interview with Mr. Dalzell, in the interest of your correspondent's aspirations in the diplomatic service. For almost a year I had been one of the G. A. R. of office seekers that are besieging the capital. I wanted to go to some foreign land as a consul-to any place at all-the more foreign the better, and had filed letters of indorsement by the peck, but seemingly no attention had been paid to the strong indorsement of the best of men. I was indeed disconsolate, until Mr. Dalzell, probably with a hope of getting me out of the country, suggested: "Well, Mr. Blaine is again at the department. Let's go up

there and find out just what we can do.' As usual, we found the long corridors of the State Department full of promenaders, anxiously waiting their opportunities to see the Secretary. It is generally conceded that Mr. Blaine is more difficult to reach than the other Secretaries, but once admitted to his presence, all come away apparently satisfied, even if they fail in their mission. Though Senator Sawyer and one or two Western Congressmen and some ladies were seated in the ante-room, Mr. Dalzell was at once invited into the office.

A MOMENT OF ANXIETY. Mr. Blaine, seemingly immersed in a flood of papers before him, rose and gave the bright little member from Pittsburg a cordial handshake. There was some earnest conversation in an undertone. From my seat on the other side of the room I strained all my faculties as a newsgatherer, but could only hear a few such words as "We went to school together in Pittsburg," "He never had any office but that of a soldier and officer in the war," and "He only asks some unimportant place in South or Central America, the primary object being to afford facilities for visiting the canals—i. e. Panama, Nicaragua and Tehuantepec-as a disinterested newspaper scout and to gather some cold facts about the business possibil-ities of those countries for the press."

I had been expecting to get some cold water down my backbone, but when I saw the genial Secretary looking over the top of his gold eye-glasses toward me, I felt somewhat hopeful, but when he at once spoke, half aloud, the words at the head of this column, I felt as if the matter had pre-viously been canvassed, and it only required the personal attention of Mr. Dalzell to clinch the rivet while it was hot.

Mr. Blaine subsequently stepped over to me, shook my hand cordially, and in that magnetic way one never can forget, said:
"Oh, yes! Mr. Kerbey, I know you very
weil. You were the telegraph operator in
the House, with my secretary, Tan Sherman,
while I was Speaker." while I was Speaker."

The recalling of the past seemed to take the recalling of the past seemed to take the great man's memory back to his happ'er days. He sighed deeply, as if his heart were now almost broken by his recent be-reavement. In my efforts to thank him I could only say: "Everybody is sorry for you, Mr. Blaine."

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

"I presume you are the right man to send out there. You can, no doubt, make good use of your earlier experience as a war scout, and your more recent training as use of your earlier experience as a war scout, and your more recent training as a newspaper fiend would enable you to look after matters of general interest, and to intelligently report your observations, but the telligently report your observations, but the facts are we have more pegs than places to put them in. But I'll try and find a hole

to stick you in. With the Secretary's kind words and nanner in my mind I stepped briskly down the State Department steps and felt so light that I may say I "walked Spanish" around town all the afternoon. It is now proposed to take the 200,000 daily readers of THE DISPATCH along on this trip to the Spanish We shall try to find something to interest all-by traveling in an independent way, out of the beaten paths of the tourists —and tell, in an unpretending way, just what a Pittsburger would write in a per-sonal letter to his friends at home.

This is dated from "Away down South in Dixie," a delightful stopoff on the backbone of South Florida enroute to Tampa, where it is the purpose to take a steamer to Havana and Kingston, Jamaica. Florida has already been so well and thoroughly advertised that it does not seem as if anything more could be said, but this section of the State is entirely distinct from that usually

visited by the tourist. IN THE LAKE COUNTRY.

To those who have traveled over miles of the low sandy country it seems odd to men-tion a backbone, but in fact there is a very clearly defined divide and South Florida is entirely different from the upper section.
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WILL BEGIN EARLY. The Building Interests Getting Ready for 1

Big Season. The office of the Inspector of Buildings yesterday gave evidence that the building season will begin early this year, and the number of new buildings promises to be very large. Fifteen permits were issued, omething very unusual for one day in early March, mainly for small houses in the outlying wards.

The most important ones were one to Rob-inson, Rea & Co. for an iron-clad foundry building, 64x107 feet, to be erected between the Smithfield street bridge and South First street, to cost \$6,000. Mrs. Floyd, of Smallman street, got a permit for a two-story brick dwelling, on Baum street, Twentieth ward, to cost \$5,000.

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Mr. James Moore, a resident of Redmond's Mills, Pa., during a recent interview with the writer, had the following to say about his successful treatment with Drs. Copeland and Blair:

"When I called at the office on Sixth aveue, I found Dr. W. H. Copeland personally in charge of his extensive practice, not an assistant or substitute, as is the case in many other offices in the city. I was in a very serious condition at that time, and had been suffering greatly for over six weeks.

My trouble had grown on me until I was so
weak and miserable that I felt as though life had become a burden. My head would stop up and my nostrils become clogged, first on one side and then on the other. There was a constant dropping from my head to my throat. This was especially bad at night. I would often have to sit up in bed for hours. When I would lie down the mucus would gather in my throat and cause a smothering sensation. I would get up in the morning feeling more tired than when I went to bed the night before. I was constantly hawking and spitting during the



Mr. James Moore, Redmond's Mills, Pa.

"There were ringing and buzzing noises in my ears. My throat became worse, and for three months I was unable to take anything three months I was unable to take anything but liquid nourishment. I was advised to go to Drs. Copeland & Blair. I found their charges even lower than patent medicines, so placed myself under their care.

"I had not been under their treatment more than two weeks when I noticed a decided change in my condition, and I now feel as well as I ever did.

"The dropping from my head has stopped. My throat is no longer sore, and I can eat without difficulty. My head is clear, and the ringing in my ears has ceased. To state it briefly, I am now free from the symptoms I name, and owe my recovery to Drs. Copeland & Blair."

Mr. Moore lives, as stated, at Redmond's Mills, Pa., and this interview can be readily verified.

As has been stated in previous issues of this paper, Dr. W. H. Copeland has made this city his permanent home, and is personally in charge of his extensive practice.

HOME TREATMENT. Mr. William Barnes, of Hickman, Pa., in speaking of his catarrhai trouble, said: My head was stopped up. My throat, chest and lungs affected, and I had lost all sense of taste and smell, when I was advised to try Drs. Copeland & Blair. The result was a surprise to me, I rm now perfectly well, and owe my recovery to their treatment.

Some time ago Mr. Harry Phillips, of Hulton, Allegheny county, Pa., commenced a course of home treatment for his catarrhal trouble, under the care of Drs. Copeland & Blair.

At that time his trouble had assumed a very aggravated form, He stated to the writer as follows:

"My nostrils would clog up. My head ached."

would palpitate rapidly, and be followed by a slow, irregular beating and feeling of faintness. I was daily growing weaker. The slightest ex-ertion tired me and I was unfit for work." "How do you feel now?" "Like another being. All the symptoms I have described to you have disappeared, and I feel as well as I ever did in my life."

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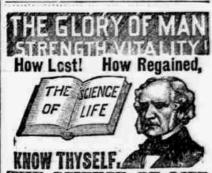
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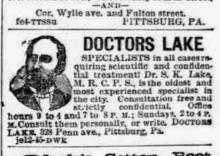
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