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PITTSBURG, SATURDAY, MAR. 8, 1890. FOREIGN CAPITAL HERE.

The old cry about "British gold," which has done good service in many a political campaign, is coming to have a far more real | is thought to have a reasonable chance of and important meaning in commercial election. Dr. Depew is expected to use his affairs. Hardly a day passes but the arrival power and patronage as Mayor to put him channel of trade is reported. Making allowance for the exaggeration and sheer romancing incidental to the reports of this invasion of alien capitalists, it cannot be doubted that there is a genuine movement of English money toward investment in this

Following upon the heels of the authorized announcement of the organization of a less a corporation candidate. In politics, gigantic British-American syndicate to as in other things, it is impossible to exoperate in a multitude of ways, involving a punge yesterday's record, when it becomes capital of many millions, comes the news from the Chester Valley in this State, that | in his lot with the corporations, and the a number of cotton manufacturers from mere fact that he will resign a certain place London, Edinburgh and Birmingham, En- in the pay of one of the largest of them to gland, are going to erect there a large num- take a more potential position in the peober of cotton mills, and a small town out of hand for the operatives. The outward sign | what the West thinks-and a good bit of of this great transaction at present is con- the East, too. fined to the obtaining of a number of options upon several farms, including a thousand acres or more, by an Englishman who says he is empowered to buy the land for the site of the proposed mills and town. Perhaps the people of Lenover, Chester county, had better wait a little while before they rejoice over what may be a great windfall of fortune for them.

The English cotton factors are said to be bent on this transfer of their capital and enterprise for the sake of avoiding the duties which keep their manufactures out of to note that while capitalists of this State cotton mills in the South, foreigners are stepping in to raise factories for the same purpose in the East.

A NEW GAS.

place at once we are not informed certainly. made anew by Mr. M. V. Smith and the Pittsburg Metallurgy Company.

secured the final patents on his process of the public will be none the worse for being making the cheap artificial fuel gas, and the thoroughly informed of what is being done. Pittsburg Mettaliurgy Company is ready to make the generators after Mr. Smith's designs. The company guarantees that it can erect plants and make gas so that it may yield the producers a profit if sold at five cents per thousand feet. Our readers need hardly be told how much cheaper this would be than the natural gas. The difference in favor of the artificial article would be fully a hundred per cent.

In order to introduce this gas at once, the capital of the company which will make the generators was yesterday raised from \$10,000 to \$100,000. This is the encouraging sign to which we have alluded before. We trust sincerely that the process and the product will be all that is promised. The advantages of a cheap artificial fuel gas as an ally of natural gas, or some day as its successor-though no such event is probsole for years to come—are many and great for Pittsburg. Additions to the great endowment of Pittsburg, naturally and arti- some men may be disgruntled at the apficially, as far as uel is concerned, will pearance of winter at this late day, more make the c tv's material progress more rapid and substantial than ever.

FOR STATE LIBRARIES.

there was no uniformity in laws governing State libraries and regulating exchanges of public documents, and that it was desirable to bring about by legislative enactment an approximately uniform system of laws, usages and rules for their management.

A State library should not only be complete reference library for all branches of the Government, executive, judicial and legislative, and the repository of all materials for local history and biography, but it should also contain and furnish abundant facilities for using all desirable books of information re lating to special industries and pursuits of the State or calculated to lead to the introduction of industries and pursuits suited to it but hitherto neglected. In short, it should be fitted to serve all interests of the State by infusing into their conduct the highest intelligence and skill,

With these high aims in view the associa tion, which has for one of its officers by the way the gifted and diligent librarian of this State, Dr. W. H. Engle, is making an attempt to interest State and national officials, legislatures and members of Congress in the improvement of the libraries of all the States. Uniform legislation regulating the publication of State documents, statutes, law reports, etc., is to be sought from each State and territory. From Congress sundry reliefs and privileges are sought, such as free transportation by mail between State libraries, lower postage on books, and the exemption of foreign books for State libraries from import duties.

THE DISPATCH recognizes the importance and practical value of having in the State libraries legislative and Governmental records of other States and of foreign countries, standard writers on public finance, public charities agriculture, manufacturing industries and other topics which come before Governors and legislatures for action. The effort of the State Library Association has our indorsement.

SPRING-TIME BOOMS.

President Harrison has been in office

year and several tender little booms have been set out already to catch the first beams of the Presidental sun, which will come to its zenith in 1892. The hardy annual, Mr. Cleveland, seems to divide the attention of the Democratic party with that rather rank weed, Mr. Hill. But the Democrats, being out of office, are not so eager to begin to make garden as their opponents. Consequently we are treated to the interesting spectacle of a floral display in the Republican pasture before the night frosts are out of the way. The principal blossom to put forth a bud or two among his leaves is Chauncey M. Depew. The first bud is to be, when it bursts, the Mayoralty of New York, the second the Governorship of the Empire State and the third and greatest is the nomination for the Presidency THE DAILY DISPATCH IS delivered by carriers at it, no hope of its winning favor in the West Recents per week, or including Sunday edition, at 20 cents per week. of the Presidency of the New York Central they intend to run him for Mayor of New York next fall. Because the Democrats of that city are at odds over the spoils, the

> in the Gubernatorial chair. The precede established by Mr. Cleveland is thought to augur favorably for Dr. Depew's elevation to the White House from Albany. Without examining the situation in the city and State of New York, we can see a flaw in this lovely scheme. The removal of Dr. Depew from his position at the head of a great railroad will not make him any the inconvenient to-day. Dr. Depew has thrown

A PARK IN QUESTION. No one will question for a moment the de-

ple's gift, will not alter his record. That is

sirability of giving this city breathing places in the shape of parks, but a little more information is desirable about the three ordinances passed by the Councils Committee on Finance, vesterday, authorizing Chief Bigelow to buy twenty-six acres of land adjoining the Highland avenue reservoir, to be added to the new park. We have no doubt that Chief Bigelow thinks that the purchase of this American markets. It is somewhat curious land is good policy, and there are good reasons for believing that the city is getting and of other States in the East are building | them at a very reasonable price owing to the good offices principally of Mr. Bigelow. But the talk about buying the land to square off the property already held by the city in that neighborhood-which seems to have been square enough already-and It is no new thing for Pittsburgers to be of purchasing the land to stop a told that they are to be supplied with an leak in the reservoir, is not likely artificial fuel gas at a far lower price than is to impress the public favorably. asked for natural gas. The novelty in this The ordinances are recommended for direction would be to produce the artificial enactment, and there is still time to have fuel gas, to offer it for sale at a low figure. the matter discussed and its history made That the wonderful and novel is to take plain. It will be just as well for Councilmen to consider whether the expenditure of All that can be said is that there are divers this sum-\$39,215—is advisable at the presreliable signs of vitality in the promise ent juncture. The park at the Highland reservoir is greatly to be desired. The question now is, Is the enlargement of the park These promises are that M. V. Smith has as proposed advisable? We hope it is, but

ICE IN SIGHT.

The specter of an ice famine in the com ing summer has been effectually laid by the cold weather of the last few days. The chuckle of the iceman is no longer heard in the land. There is small prospect now of ice driving diamonds out of the market in the dog days. The reverberation of schoolgirls' ecstatic joy can plainly be heard, and the groans of the young men who were looking forward to a season of affluence, without ice cream, are louder still.

Generous, philanthropic Maine will not be forced to stint herself in order to supply her sister States with ice. Prohibition cocktails will have the usual quantity of cracked ice in them in the Pine Tree State, Senator Edmunds will not have to go to the North Pole to find a congenial atmosphere-New Hampshire has lots of ice. In fact while will smile the smile of contentment as they

look forward to a summer well-iced. But we trust that none of our readers will allow the sanguinity of their new-born We have received from the Association of hopes to influence their financial estimates State Librarians some interesting and timely for the coming summer. Blizzards may resolutions passed at a recent convention of come, or blizzards may not come, the lakes that body. This association had its origin | and ponds may ripple with unfrozen faces, or | force of letter carriers.

in a widespread conviction that the proper shine with ice three feet thick, but the icescope and dignity of State libraries was not man in the gold and ivory salon of his yet fully recognized in most States; that | palace will figure to the same purposes. Be assured, whatever happens, the lordly purveyor of ice will be able to give chapter and verse to account for the usual increase in the price of the shrunken cake of ice which he will leave beside your door in the sweltering morns of summer. Do not forget this: put your pennies in the bank against the delivery of the deadly ice bill!

> GROSS carelessness had a good deal to do with the terrible railway accident at Hamburg. A strict investigation should be made

THE refunding of the direct tax will shortly come before the House of Represent-atives. The Senate has already approved the bill which Mr Cleveland vetoed. The prospect of a veto is dim, but a sharp test of the new House rules is likely to be made during the debate if the Democratic contingent which opsed it before do so again. The trivial sum of posed it before do so again. The \$20,000,000 is all that is involved.

LORD SALISBURY can hardly hold or much longer. The tide of popular disapproval is overwhelming him.

SENATOR BLAIR and his good old bill had the floor again in the Senate yesterday. The Anostle of his Own Ideas was comparatively mild in his remarks, excepting a prophecy of the Republican party's ruin if it did not make his bill the law of the land. Senator Hale unkindly opposed the bill and invited ruin for his party.

THE jingle of sleigh bells mingling with the clamor of car gongs make Pittsburg streets strangely musical.

THE quality of the performances of "The Rivals" is a great way beyond anything that the younger comedians are able to give us. They wrote better comedies a hundred years ago, and the men of an elder generation play them bet-ter, than authors and actors of to-day can do.

RUSSIAN Nihilists who emulate"Jack the Ripper" will not obtain the approval of civilized nationalities.

A VERY interesting contribution from a valued correspondent upon the proposal to connect the Chesapeake and Ohio canal with the Monongahela at Morgantown, appears in another column. The arguments and facts adduced deserve careful consideration.

THE ice machine's nose is out of joint. Jack Frost can beat any device of man at making ice.

THE inhabitants of the remotest parts of the earth are eager to know Mr. Carnegie's address. Letters addressed Andrew Carnegie, United States of America, will reach him.

PEOPLE OF PROMINENCE.

PRINCE CAROLATH SCHOENAICH has been elected Grand Master of the Freemasons in Prussia. SENATORS CAMERON and Butler left Friday

morning for Beaufort, N. C. They will be ab-sent for two weeks. MRS. CLEVELAND was asked by a schoolgirl friend if her husband intended to run again for President. She diplomatically said that Mr. Cleveland was not in politics.

JAY GOULD pays \$2,500 a year for his pew in Dr. Hall's church. Although fairly regular at the morning service, he never appears in the evening. Russell Sage, on the contrary, is in his slip at both services. ROSCOE CONKLING said of Jay Gould: "Had

he not gone into business, but instead had taken up politics, he would have been the mas-Tammany tiger having been as greedy as ter politician of the country, and, I think, the greatest diplomat in either continent." usual, the Republican candidate for Mayor CLAUS SPRECKELS, the sugar refiner, has and speaks enthusiastically of them. He

> quantities. DOCTORS, as a rule, are reticent about their ees, but Dr. Willard Parker was paid \$100,000 for the successful removal of an excrescence from the face and neck of the son and heir of one of the wealthiest families in the vicinity of

> SENATOR DOLPH, of Oregon, who is in a great state of mind over the fact that the secrets of the executive session have leaked out, described as "a handsome old gentleman with poetic face and the beard of a viking, but nosessing no sense of humor,'

> THE home and office furniture owned by Abraham Lincoln has been purchased by a firm n Chicago and is now on exhibition there. The only office desk he owned is there. It is a plain able surmounted by an old-fashioned case, with the first law books Lincoln read,

AN INDEPENDENT JOURNAL.

The Dispatch a Necessity in All Well-Regnlated Households. From the Tionesta Republican.]

In toese days of extreme radicalism and hot partisanship, ft is quite refreshing to pick up a ecidedly independent journal and read the news from an unbiased standpoint; a journal which can and does deal calmly, yet forcibly, with the great issues of the day in an unpre-RURG DISPATCH one of the very first papers of the country. THE DAILY DISPATCH has secome an actual necessity in this office, and the mammoth Sunday edition is a decided wonder, and its great growth has been one of the astonishing features of journalism. The literary columns are supplied by the best writers of the country, while its special cable letters, sporting and business reviews, are catures that are greatly appreciated by its nore than 53,000 readers. THE DAILY DIS-ATCH prints the news as it finds it, and it has a knack of finding it that gets away with all its great cotemporaries, making it the newspaper f Western Pennsylvania.

Representing the greatest fron city in the United States as it does, its market reports are trictly reliable: likewise all its news pertain ing to that great industry. Politically, indeent, yet never wavering in its support of he great question of protection to American tustries. Those who would be well informed of the world's doings must have it. No paper mjoys greater popularity with the people and no paper deserves to.

ROUGH ON RATS.

Iowa Citizens Waging a War of Extermit tion Against the Rodents. MILTON, IA., March 7 .- The citizens of this ity have suffered so much from the ravages of rats that a grand rat hunt was organized. 'Captains were chosen and they selected side Each side consisted of 105 men and boys over 15 years old, while boys under 15 were allowed 1 cent for their rats. The hunt began Friday, February 21, and is to close to-morrow with a grand street parade and supper, which is to be paid for by the side showing the least number of rats killed. At some barns as many as 175 were killed, while one man killed about 500 on his premises. Saturday, March 1, the rats killed up to that time were counted and it was found that the total taily was 3,676, and that William Crockett's side was ahead of Dave George's forces by 112 rats.

Lectures, Past and Coming. Mrs. Margaret Shepherd lectured vesterday afternoon to a number of ladies at Lafayette Hall on the "Celibacy of the Priests," which Hall, on the "Celibacy of the Priests," which she ciaims is only alleged. In the evening she talked to a mixed assemblaze on the subject, "Shall America Become Catholic?" a reply to Archbishop Ireland.
"Nellie Bly" made a great hit in her lecture in the Quaker City last evening. She wore her famous blue cloth gown and had her hair plaited and tied with black ribbon. The lecture to be given in this city nextFriday evening by the little lady will afford her many admirers an opportunity of listening to her adventures in her trin around the world.

Bound to Have a Dandy Force. From the Philadelphia Inquirer. ?
The new postinaster of Pittsburg has ordered

that the letter carriers must wear white neckties and polish the buttons on their uniforms. But why polish the buttons and let the boots go unblacked, or why have the neckties whit and the hands which hold the letters dirty Postmaster McKean is bound to have a dandy

THE TOPICAL TALKER.

Sir Lucius O'Trigger Hears a Recitation and Gives Thirty Cents and Some Good Advice-Women's Ways-The Price of Rab-

BILLY FLORENCE, the genial, big-hearted actor, likes a joke. Victim or victimized, it's all the same to Billy. It's the fun of the thing he enjoys, you know, and he welcomes a diversion of this sort at all times and under all circumstances, Billy called on some young friends yesterday afternoon, and during his re-cital of the mishaps of "The Rivals" during the journey to Pittsburg and the good nature of the fine audience that greeted them, a tap on the door of the audience room out short the narrative. He who answered the call returned with a

twinkle in his eye, and asked Billy if he would grant an audience to a female aspirant for honors thespian, who took great pride in her ability to roll off Shakespeare by the yard and minor authors by the perch. "Certainly," said O'Trigger, "show the lady in." A comely, though antiquated, woman glided over the threshold and faced the great actor. He turned his blue orbs ceilingward, and a soft sigh escaped him. To relieve his embarrass ment the usher turned to the lady and said: "Are you going to see Jefferson and Florence to-night? "No. I'm not. I'm going to see Nellie Bly when she comes, though." This, in a rich feminine brogue, that caused O'Trigger to face

"An' is this Fiorence-Billy Florence? Are you an actor whe plays Shakespeare?"
"Not Shakespeare, my good woman—not now, at all events. I like William and his works, but the dear public didn't agree with me. Shake didn't go, you know," mournfully replied

"Now would you like to hear some Shakespeare? Just close the door and I'll show you what I can do. I understand you want to hear me, and I would like to get your opinion of my powers. I'll just speak a little piece for you to

RILLY glared at the small company and then struck an attitude. With one hand upon a table and the other resting between the buttons of his coat he calmly awaited the agony. Without further ado the Shakespearean fiend cut loose, Billy evidently expected a scene from "Hamlet" or "The Merchant of Venice." When the first lines glided from between the set teeth of the awful example of the power of drama he was startled. She had evidently forgotten her cue, and, instead of tragic blank verse, she galloped through the jangle of "Alonzo, the brave, and the fair Imogene"—not the parody but the original in its entirety. Moments grew into minutes and the ceaseless monotone continued, broken only by the groans and sighs of UTrigger, who frequently interjected such comments as: "Oh, the dear, pretty creature;" "Heaven help us; what cruelty;" "How does it come that Alonzo, and even I, should have to endure such torture;" "Good woman, this calls for tears." etc.

Sudden as the shock from an electric light wire on which a dead companion has settled, the woes of the fair Imogene were brought to a close with "Well, Florence, my lad, what do you think of that now?"

WELL," said Billy coolly, "to be honest with you, my good woman, I don't think much of it at all. I thought you wanted me to see you act, not hear you trot through a jingle without any action at all, at all. I get paid for acting, not for racing through long speeches or monotonous posy. Seriously, my dear woman, you should throw acting into your work. Don't stand with your hands crossed on your apron, and no more expression in your face than a book agent. Now when you come to the part about the horse, you should have acted like a horse. Where the awful lines about the worms crawling through the skull of the fair Imogene occur, you should have acted like a worm. Demostkenes and others like him advocate action not words. Action is the mainstay of oratory, my good woman. Remember this in future. Good day, not goodby." "Twenty-five cents, please," piped the shrill

voice of the elocutionary artist, "Well, this is a go?" said O'Trigger; "twentyreturned from Florida. During his absence he examined the lands reclaimed by Mr. Disston, thirty. Boys, chip in. Think of the fun you've had!"

> were the words walted through the doorway as the elderly stage-struck woman departed. This is the joke on Billy: It cost him 30 cents. The others were let off for 25.

Nor many weeks ago a leading retail dry goods store in this city received a con signment of spring dress goods. They were the latest styles, and a ready sale might have been expected. But though they were displayed upon the counters of the great store to the best advantage, and a great many ladie turned them over, worried the salesmen and saleswomen about the price, and so on, at the end of the week very few yards of them had The manager of the store was equal to the oc-

easion, however. He took the goods and cut them into dress patterns-the term applied to sufficient material for a single dre them, and displayed them cautiously to good customers. In two days every bit of the stuff was sold.

Why? Every woman who bought a dress pattern imagined she was buying something her sisters could not get. My fair readers will not deny their weakness for a dress that cannot be duplicated.

A LADY who had vivid recollections of helping her brother eatch rabbits when the snow lay on the ground thought that the snowfall of the last few days ought to have glutted the market with rabbits. She asked her butches yesterday what rabbits were selling at. "Fifty dollars each, ma'am," was his answe

"Fifty dollars! What do you mean?" "Just what I say. If you will pay the penalty of \$50 for killing a rabbit out of season, which the game law imposes, I'll get you a rabbit,

EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

econd Day's Session of the Pennsylvani Conference at York.

YORK, PA., March 7 .- The second day's se sion of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical Church was opened by Chairman M. J. Carothers. A half hour's devotional services followed. Rev. B. J. Smover. Presiding Elder of the East Pennsylvania con Presiding Elder of the East Pennsylvania conference and Rev. J. Max Longsdorf, of the same conference, were received as advisory members of this conference. Reports of committees on church affairs and on delinquent missionary assessment were heard. A letter from Bisliop Duts, of Chicago, the reading of which caused much display of emotional feeling, together with other letters, was referred to a committee of 13 tor action.

Bishops Esher and Bowman, it has been learned, will not visit this conference.

To Solve the Tramp Question

From the Philadelphia Press.] Judge Sadler, of Cumberland county, pro oses to solve the tramp question in his district by putting the vagrants to work at breaking mestone, under the supervision of the sheriff This plan may work well as a local treatment but unless it is made general the result of it application will probably be fewer tramps in Sumberland county and more in the countie

Queer Incident of the Flood. From the Altoona Times. 1 A queer incident of the Johnstown flood was

the finding on Wednesday of a \$5 greenback lodged tightly in the twigs of a bush a few miles below that place. It had been washed lown by the water and lodged in the bush, and strange to relate, notwithstanding all the rain ince the flood, it was still in a pretty fair stat

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Representative McGrengor. Only a youth, SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. ZANESVILLE, March 7.—Representative Mc-Greagor, Reuding Clerk for the Ohlo House of Representatives, died at his home in this city at noon to-day of diputheria. His wife and four children have died of the same disease, and his youngest son and his father are tying in the house with the same aliment. Mr. McGreagor came here to care for his son, but has himself been stricken with the malady.

ispecial telegram to the disparch.1

Carlisle March 7.—Mrs. Henrietta Ege Watts, wife of ex-Judge Watts, of this district, who for many years was President of the Cumberland Valley Haliroad Company, died here to-day after a brief illuess, aged 71 years.

A YOUTHFUL PRODICY.

Master Otto Hegner and His Wonderful Musical Abilities-A Large Audience Surprised-His Murvelous Execution of Difficult Selections.

Within the past few seasons musical centers in Europe and America have been aroused to an extraordinary degree over the piano playing of two boys possessed of talents so precocious as to be quite generally compared only with each other and with Mozart. Jozio Hofmann, who came first to this country and created an unprecedented sensation, was booked for Pittsburg, but could not get away long enough from the clamorous crowds on the seaboard. Otto Hegner, who came second and of course could ot make the same popular sensation but whom many of the best critics con sider the musical superior of his Polish rival, has at last come here to show us of what stuff these century-plant prodigies are made. The goodly audience gathered in Old City Hall last evening evidently appreciated to the full the exemplification of prodigy-playing given by the little Swiss lad, who presented, with the assistance of Miss Mamie Reuck, the following programme: owing programme:

.. De Beriot .. Chople 4-Violin-Cavatina. Ran
Miss M. Renck.
(a) Rondo Capriccioso, op. 14...Mendelssohn
(b) Spinnerlied (Flying Dutchman). Wagner-Liszt
Rubinstein

(b) Spinner. Rubinst (c) Valse Caprice. Rubinst A theme or air surgested by anyone present will be taken up and developed into beautiful piece of music.

Otto Heguer.

In listening to this graceful boy's playing you are quickly led to forget the impression left by the whole brood of callow fledglings that have been palmed off hitherto as pianistic prodigies; presently you have to rub your eyes and pinch yourself to be assured that it is in sober verity a mere boy, clearly not older than the 13 years admitted, who sits there making that grand piano eloquent with the voices of the masters.

On the authority of several connoisseurs present from the beginning, it can be said that the Beethoven sonate received a smooth and surprisingly mature interpretation, one enthusiast even saying that he really preferred Heg. siast even saying that he really preferred Hegner's conception of the work to that of Eugene D'Albert, who played it here some weeks ago. In the Chopin polonaise there was a too great eccentricity of movement and a tendency to slide all too nimbly over detached phrases here and there; but op the other hand, there was a remarkable vim and dash in it, combined with a rare degree of delicacy and finish. The final passage work was taken at a lightning pace, and with all the dazzling distinctness of the lightning z flash.

The group of three pieces was well night.

The group of three pieces was well night faultless in execution. To search out faults in them would be like scanning the sun for spots. Nothing could exceed the pearly daintiness of the scherzo part of Mendelssohn's rondo; its the scherzo part of Mendelssohn's rondo; its reposeful introduction, also, was beautifully played, the pure, full tone of the melody being especially notable from such tiny fingers.

Perhaps the most nearly perfect number of the evening was the familiar Wagner-Liszt "Spinnerlied." Its normal tempo was breathlessiy rapid, giving fine display of the lad's technique in that direction; and yet there was an easy, wanton swaying in the movement that well avoided the music-box style. A better performance of this piece could not be asked. The Rubinstein walts was given with electrifying energy and abandon, without for an instant losing control of its entire content; the inner voices are not often so well brought out.

Mr. Gittings then announced that an original

Mr. Gittings then announced that an original theme just handed up by Mr. Ad M. Foerster would be first taken as the subject for extemporization. It was a diabolically knotty theme of two measures in F minor, 3/2 time, syncopated and ending abruptly on the point of a rather remote modulation. For any player to be able at all to retain such a theme through the course of extemporization implies a large degree of musical implies a large degree of musical talent. While certain stereotyped cadenzas and passages were freely used, that boy's improvisation on that theme was more free and sustained than one had any right to expect. The air of the "Suwanee Ribber" was then taken up and handled by little Hegner with surprising variety and coherence.

Miss Mamie Reuck quite surpassed herself on this occasion: her increased freedom and mastery of style betrayed faithful study. The andante of the concerto and the lovely cavatina andate of the concerto and the lovely cavatina were simply exquisitely played, arousing the audience to enthusiasm.

Arrangements have been hastily made whereby little Hegner will be heard at a matinee at Old City Hall this afternoon, playing Beethoven's sonate, Op. 90, & MS. Toccata of his own, and compositions by Chopin, Godard and Liszt. Mr. Harry B. Brockett will assist, C. W. S.

THE LINCOLN OBSECCIES.

Funeral Services Held Over the Remains of the Minister's Son. Lownon March 7 -The services over the remains of Abraham Lincoln, son of Minister Robert Lincoln, were held to-day at the residence of Mr. Lincoln, and were conducted by Ray J. Monroe Gibson. The coffin was hidden beneath a mass of flowers. After the services were concluded the body was placed in the catacombs in Kensal Green Cemetery. catacombs in Kensal Green Cemetery.

Among those present were all the members of the American Legation and the Consulate, except Major Post, the military attache. They were all accompanied by their wives,

PASSING EVENTS.

Now that Ben Butler has got two good Sunday eyes an anxious public would like to know which optic he will wink when he wants a stick in

A BAD penny always returns. If there are no fatal collisions on land or sea George Francis Train may be backere the bluebirds are singing in the parks again. Still, accidents are liable to happen, but why anticipate?

ONCE in a while politicians, like lawyers, are known to tell the truth. A couple of Representatives called one another thieves during the past week. CORNELIUS PARSONS, after serving as Mayor

of Rochester, N. Y., for 14 consecutive terms, was tefeated on Tuesday. A clear case of going to the

Ir is believed now that Silcott and Tascott are looking for Stevens, who went in search of Stanley. MANY a man believes he could best the

editor running a newspaper. After he has squan-dered several hundred thousand dollars in his en-deavor to prove it, and is panhandling for a drink, he will discover, when too late, that the uccessful publisher knowed a thing or two. Iowa is not worried over a short ice crop or a

shortage in water. The supply that is cut off by law is what is bothering the Legislature at the MRS. SEYMOUR HOWELL was greeted with a

very large audience at Warren on Tuesday even-ing, but the collection only amounted to \$14, just a third less than enough to pay her expenses. Waren is a "dry" town. ONE Senator says that either the Senate or press gallery must go. If it should ever come to a vote of the people it is a moral certainty a large majority would be east for the former to adjourn

BUFFALO BILL has made "Rome howl," and s now ready to return home and take a seat in

CAPTAIN R. F. KOLB, candidate for Gov ernor of Alabama, is the inventor of a choice variety of watermelon. The negroes will support him to a man.

THE SEVEN STAGES. Only a baby. Kissed and caressed, Gently held to a mother's breast.

Only a child. foddling alone Brightening now its happy home Only a boy, Trudging to school,

Governed now by a sterner rule

Full of promise life now seems Only a man. Sattling with life. Shared in now by a loving wife.

Living in dreams;

Only a father, Burdened with care, Silver threads in dark brown hair. Only a graybeard, Growing old and full of pain.

niv a mound. Dreams unrealized-rest at last.

GREAT WATER ROUTES.

Useful Even in These Days of Ratiroads A Big Enterprise in England-How Government or Private Capital Could Connect Pittsburg With Seaboard Cities. To the Editor of The Dispatch:

THE framers of the Constitutions of Maryland

and Pennsylvania made a vital mistake when they failed to embody a clause providing for the perpetual management and control of the canals by the State, as is the wise provision in the Constitution of the State of New York which is now legislating for the enlargement of its canals, while Maryland is endeavoring to nact a law which will crush out of existe its water route, which, by improvement and exension, could be made the most immensely in portant artificial waterway on this continent. There are numerous localities throughout the world that are seeking the advantages of navigable water at enormous cost. For one in. stance, Manchester, Eng., located 40 miles inand, as a remedy for its commercial salvation against Liverpool, is constructing a deep water ray to the coast. This project is being prose cuted at the expense of a private stock com-pany, at a cost of \$50,000,000. The construction f this canal suggests a pertinent question in comparison with that of the proposed Cumber-and-Morgantown caual; that is, if the pro-lectors of the Manchester canal, after careful calculation and investigation, determined that they were justified in a monetary sense in incir millions in a waterway that is to vesting their minions in a waterway that is to connect only one city with the ocean, how much more would our State and national Gov-ernments or a private corporation be justified in completing a waterway that would join the numerous cities and landings on our Western rivers with those on our Atlantic seaboard, in-cluding also all the foreign ports of the world?

THE construction of the proposed tunnel water-route should not be considered a great engineering feat. Such work is going on ever day. It would be unparalleled only in regard to its length and perhaps also as to its height, which would be 40 feet to the top of the arch, and the cost would be trifling when the benefit are considered. The expense of constructing large tunnels is considerably less in proportion to the excavation than small ones, as there is more bench, which can be quarried at about the same expense as surface rock and could be sold for building and other purposes. The prosecution of work on this tunnel would furnish employment for boats on the present canal east of Cumberland, in transporting stone to Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and other points, and likewise on the Monongahela river. Its completion could be hastened by first driv-ing an ordinary sized railroad tunnel, which could also be hastened by sinking shafts at in-tervals to the tunnel level, and working two gangs toward each other on each section. After this small tunnel was cut through there the bench could be lowered gradually. The shafts could be preserved and maintained as ventila-tors for the tunnel.

As THE Monongahela river flows at right A angles to the proposed water route, the west terminus of the latter could be at such a point on the river as would insure a continuous level pool to Cumberland. The water supply would be furnished at both ends by backwater from dams, therefore there would be no cur-rent. Aside from the model barges, without power, there could be long, easy model, screw propeller freight barges, built expressly for navigating between Pittsburg, Washington and Baltimore, via the Chesapeake Bay, Chesa peake and Delaware Canal and Delaware rive to Philadelphia—all inland navigation. It could be so devised that it would not be necessary to use the steering gear of these fast freight barges after they enter the tunnel by placing wheels on projecting braces, one on each side, fore and aft of the barge. These wheels would be about six feet in and would roll again the smooth sides of the tunnel and keep the boat in position in center of the canal, which possibly would not be possible by using the rudders in conse-quence of the high rate of speed. The tunnel should be straight between the termini.

GOVERNOR JACKSON claims that the Penn sylvania Railroad Company lost \$150,000 last year in keeping open the canals under its control. This is no argument against canals, as we admit that only a small proportion of the original 880 miles of the Pennsylvania Canal system were worth preserving. We know that not one mile of canal (excluding improved ivers) in Western Pennsylvania was worth keeping, as in consequence of their routes, rail-roads are superior. But our ancient built canals should not be compared with our modern built railroads. The canals, to meet the require ments of the times, should also be impr enlargement. His Excellency cites an instance of his having been in the lumber business nea Norfolk and transporting his product by means of his own tugs and barges to Baltimore, there-by saving 23 cents per ton, and lastly that the railroads came and offered to carry it at the same rate. In this case the available water route was the cause of the decrease in rail route was the cause of the decrease in rail rates, and it still remains as a scarecrow against the railroads returning to the old rates. The Governor refers to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal causing Maryland to lose \$250,000 a year. We claim it pays the State to lose that nount by preserving it, even in its miniature condition, as a scarecrow against railroad ex-cortion. The first railroad built West from Pittsburg, the Ohio and Pennsylvania, ended in the backwoods of Ohio. It lay dormant for years. Some wideawake men conceived the idea that it was favorably located for becoming a good paying investment, they bought the stock low, then extended and connected it with other roads to the West, and we now have a great trunk line, the Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne and Chicago Railroad, and the men who engaged in the enterprise are millionaires.

Now the above is the exact condition, posi tion and situation of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. It is admirably situated for beoming a section of a grand trunk water way by enlarging and extending it west to the Mississippi river system, when the charges on the transportation of coal from the Monongahela river to New Orleans, a distance of 2,000 miles is 52 cents per ton, or about 1-5 of a mill per ton per mile. It is absurd to attempt to compare railroads with the cheap rates afforded by our natural and modern artificial water ways. Anyone who attempts it will be knocked out every time by the presentation of facts to the contrary. The Manchester, England, Canal Company is now spending \$50,000,000 against the position taken by Governor Jackson. The contractor, Mr. Walker, is doing the whole work, and has an army of 12,000 workmen employed and dredging and other machinery that save the labor of ten times as many men. The save the labor of ten times as many men. The contractor has not sublet any part of his contract, but conducts it all limiself. He will complete his contract in 1891, and will then have been engaged about four and a half years at the job. The contractor has built, at intervals of five miles along the route of the canal, cottages, chapels and gymnasiums for the use of the workmen, and schools for their children. This canal is intended to float the largest teamships direct from the ocean to Manchester. chester. NEW YORK State as a measure to save its commerce from the free canals of Canada,

made its canals free also, and is now maintain ing them at great expense as a protecti against exorbitant freight charges by the railroads. The New Yorkers are now legislating for the enlargement of the Erie Canal. They think, as a great portion of the products of the State, west of New York, passes through this canal, that the general government should be at the expense of enlargement. As it was the original object of the projectors of the Chesa peake and Ohio Canal to continue it through to a connection with our Western water ways, and as Pennsylvania and our United States Government subscribed over \$1,000,000 to the project with that object in view, leads us to think that it is a point of inter-State law whether the Maryland Legeislature possesses the legal power to injure or make such disposition of the Chesapeake Bay and Ohio River Canal, as would obliterate the desired expectations and designs of its projectors. We will estimate that the cost of the Morgantown and estimate that the cost of the Morgantown and Cumberland tunnel would be the same as the Manchester, England, canal, \$50,000,000; that the traffic through it would be \$30,000,000 tons (a low estimate). This at 10 cents per ton (toll through Weiland Canai is said to have been 40 cents per ton), would be \$3,000,000 or 6 per cent on \$50,000,000. It is evident that the tcaffic tonnage that awaits the completion of this proposed water way is inconcelvably great. The coke traffic on the upper Monongahela river alone would be immense, proably greater than Manchester will feed to its costly canal. It therefore would surely prove a paying investment for private stock company, which would be subsidized by the general government and the States benefited.

In respect to bearing all our waterway im provements to a perfect state, it is suggested that our National Government issue perpetual low interest bearing waterway improvement sonds to any amount necessary not exceeding our national debt. These bonds could be 18sued in large denominations for use as the

foundation of our national banking system in place of the present bonds, which are being called in gradually. These bonds could be issued also in small denominations for the ac-commodation of the bone and sinew portion of our people who would likely gladly purchase them as a safe investment for their idle ears them as a safe investment for their idle earnings. The advantages to be derived by the people would be manifold. They would provide our Government a remedy for perpetually securing all bank notes through the medium of its national banking system; people would receive a small interest on their idle savings and our Government would be in a position to permanently imprayed our great commencial water our Government would be in a position to per-manently improve our great commercial water routes, which would return benefits after the investing of money in the improvement just as the crops are returned to the farmers after he has scattered seed for growth.

THIS proposed water route would be of national importance as a means for the strategic movement of the monitors to our Western rivers and great lakes during war in dependent of its national character as a high-way for commerce, the transportation facilities for which are becoming more cramped as the age of our nation progresses. Let us be taught by the experience of cities in older countries, as Manchester, Eng., for instance, although it possesses all the rail facilities that can find space, discovers they are inadequate and is now constructing its great canal as a last resort for its commercial salvation. RIVERMAN. rits commercial salvation. PITTSBURG, March 6.

AN OFFICIAL BALLOT.

Hon. Chauncey F. Black Favors a Movement for Genuine Reform. NEW YORK, March 7,-The following letter From the Hon. Chauncey F. Black, of York, Pa., President of the National League of Dem-ocratic Clubs, was received too late to be read at the ballot and electoral reform meeting of

the Young Men's Demogratic Club of Brook

lyn last Monday evening. Mr. Black is a son of Jeremiah Black:

Yo Ek, PA., February 28, 1800.

My Dear Sir.—I have just received your letter relative to the work done and proposed to be done by the Young Men's Democratic Club of Brooklyn toward the achievement of genuine ballot reform. I agree with you and with the club that a real and complete reform is impossible without the exclusive official ballot. Personally, and after very serious reflection, I am convinced that the Australian system, specifically and explicitly, without excisions or additions, is the measure for which every ballot reformer should steadily and uncompromisingly contend, and they should comtend for it, not merely until they have compelled opponents to meet them half way, but until they get it—straight, complete, entire. Tried long and severely, not only in Australia, but in England, and now again in America, there is no question remaining of its perfect adequacy. It will produce pure and free elections, and so far as we know nothing else will, in countries where corrupt political machines and great monopolies, in parinership with Government, stand ready to bribe and to terrorize.

In Pennsylvania the Australian ballot cannot be had, because our constitution requires the ballots to be numbered by election officers. But such is the force of public opinion in this State in favor of the Australian ballot unimpaired by subtraction or addition that many of our people are even now seriously considering the wisdom of calling a constitutional convention for the soic purpose of placing it in the constitution itself, beyond the chances of ordinary politics and above the reach of partisan Legislatures.

I wish the Young Mer's Democratic Club of Brooklyn speed and success in its timely and patriotic undertaking. And I remain, very truly yours,

Chauncey F, Black.

Freederick R, Lee, Esq., Young Men's Democratic Club, Brooklyn. lyn last Monday evening. Mr. Black is a son of Jeremiah Black:

NORMAL SCHOOL REUNION

Celebration of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Southwestern College.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.] CALIFORNIA, PA., March 7 .- On the 11th of April the California State Normal School will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of its opening under the charter name of the "Southwestern Normal College." The occasion will bring together a large number of the old students and friends of the school. The exercises will take place in the spacious normal chapel at 10 A. M. and at 2 and 7:30 P. M., April

Among those who will be present and speak are the first two principals of the school, J. C. Gilchrist, a prominent educator of Iowa, and C. L. Ehrenfeld, of Ohio, formerly State Librarian of Pennsylvania; Hon. Henry Houck, of Harrisburg; City Superintendents Geo. J. Lucky, of Pittsburg, and John Morrow, of Allegheny; J. J. Miller, Esq., of Pittsburg, a former student of the school, and Colonel Chill W. Hazzard and Hon. Geo. V. Lawrence, of Monongahela City, two of the normal trustees.

A JOURNEY ENDS IN A WEDDING.

C. Morrison at Los Angeles. ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.1 MANSFIELD, March 7.-The marriage Miss Elva Belle Galbraith, daughter of E. Edgar Galbraith, formerly a prominent Pittsburg attorney, to Mr. D. C. Morrison, will be sol emnized at the Bethany Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles, Cal., Wednesday evening, March

The groom to be is a law partner of his pros-The groom to be is a law partner of his prospective father-in-law, under whom he studied for the past two years. He is a nephew of the late 'Squire John Moorhead, late of Ceeil township, Washington county, and Young Morrison became heir to a considerable portion of the large estate. He met Miss Galbraith on the train which carried the Galbraith family to their home in Los Angeles. The bride-elect is not yet 19 years of age. She attended Curry Institute and graduated from the Normal Department in 1887. She is highly accomplished in music and social attainments, and is wellin music and social attainments, and is well known in Pittsburg and vicinity.

Uncle Jerry's Wenkness.

From the Boston Herald.] Uncle Jerry Rusk appears to be assuming concurrent jurisdiction with the House in the matter of contested seats in that body. He has omitted to send to the Democrats occupying seeds for distribution among their constituents Jerry ought to be above such picavune busi-

Mr. Vilas' Heroic Effort.

From the Washington Post.] Hon, William F. Vilas is engaged in a heroic effort to convince himself that the Democratic party has been greatly strengthe the loss of power. Does Brother Vilas mean through another 24 years of strengthening pro-

No Truth in the Rumor. From the Harrisburg Patriot. Captain Thompson, it is said, will not get the McKeesport postoffice because he plays poker. In other words, the powers that be have called the Captain, and have found him in possession of a poor hand.

STATE POLITICS.

MEA DVILLE Tribune: Ex-Senator Wallace s sailing the high seas these days on his way nome from Europe. He will open up his campaign as soon as he reaches Philadelphia. ALTOONA Tribune: If William L. Scott really has asked Mr. Black to retire in favor of Mr. Pattison, it looks as if Mr. Cleveland taking a hand in the fight for Governor in this PHILADELPHIA Inquirer: The Wilkesbarr

Leader has been interviewing the Democrats of that city in order to find out their political favorites. Eckley B. Coxe seems to be the popular favorite for Congress. BRADYORD Star: Hon. G. B. McCalmont. of Branford, McKean county, hopes to be ap-pointed a United States Circuit Judge of Okla-homa. Mr. McCalment is a lawyer of ability

and stumped New York State in 1888.

MERCER Dispatch: Hon. Samuel M. Wherry, of Cumberland, has formally announced himself a candidate for the Legislature. Evidently Hon, Samuel M. thinks a Legislative bird the hand is worth a whole flock of Guberna torial birds in the Democratic bush. ALTOONA Tribune: We do not think the

some judicial decisions which have rendered him decidedly unpopular with a very considerable element in the Republican party. PHILADELPHIA Press: The Hon. Scott, of Erie, is devoting half his time nowadays to completing arrangements for strengthening his monopoly of the coal trade in the lake region ning nis and the other half to fluding a man to run as the anti-monopoly candidate for Governor on the Democratic ticket. The versatility of that

Paxson gubernatorial boom is a very substan-

tial affair. Judge Paxson has recently fathered

man is amazing. CLARION Democrat: An interesting contest is going on in Clarion county now between Quay and his adherents on one side and the friends of General Hastings on the other, to Convention. We will venture the prediction that the State boss will come out ahead, and Delamater, his caudidate, will have the votes of the Clarion county delegates in the State

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-Children are punished for coughing in chool in Brooklyn.

-At McKinney's station, Lake Tahoe, up to the 6th inst., there was registered 15 inches of rain and 442 inches of snow.

-A North Carolina man got the names of 69 of his relatives on his petition for a post-office, and presented it to the President. -The spread of the English language is ndicated by the fact that it was used in the

framing of a recent treaty between Russia and -A court at Kansas City, Mo., has decided that a colored man can be refused admittance not only to a theater, but to hotels, public balls, etc.

-Two boys of La Harpe, Ill., engaged in a banana-eating contest. One of them ate 161/2; the other closed with 16, and is now under a physician's care.

-Eight varieties of leprosy are recognized in China and the disease is regarded as contagious, infectious and hereditary, but is said to disappear in four generations.

-A London confectionery store gives to every purchaser of a shilling's worth a ticket entitling the purchaser to have one photograph of herself taken at an establishment upstairs. -Martin Corcoran and Mike Monigan went out deer hunting a few days ago near Ver-non, B. C. Before the day was over the former was taken for a deer and shoudead by Monigan.

field near White River, Kern county, last Thursday, when he turned up an old-fashioned flint-lock musket. The barrel was nearly ruined by rust. -An English naval officer has invented

-Henry Zimmerman was plowing in a

a pneumatic line-throwing gun, very light and portable, which fires a hollow shell, bearing the cord to a wrecked vessel, or into burning build-ings on dry land. -Runaway marriages are so common in Georgia, an exchange reports, that many parents deposit injunctions with the licensing officials forbidding the issuing of marriage licenses to their children.

-A Parliamentary investigation into the running of trains on railroads entering London from the south shows that upon an average only about 60 per cent of all the passenger trains enter the city on time.

-Some Bay City young men have forme World's Fair club. Their scheme is to pay 30 cents a week each into a general fund until the fair is held, when the money will be used by the club to attend the big show. -An English traveling harpist has been discovered cheating the railroads by carrying

his little girl done up in the green bag with his harp. He had traveled so all about England, and had paid no fare for the child. -The sudden appearance of a mouse on the floor of the English House of Commons, a few nights ago, upset the dignity of the emi nent gentlemen near it, and led to a little panic that made it necessary to drop busine -A wooden vase, charred by fire, that was

taken from the burned residence of Secretary Tracy in Washington, is an object that attracts considerable attention in the window of George L. Weber's crockery store, 197 Gration -Tobacco smoke quickly contaminates lelicate fruit of all kinds. A few whiffs blown

upon a box of raspberries will entirely destroy the delicate flavor of the fruit and render it un-palatable. The same may in a degree be said of strawberries. -A native movement to break up certain Hindoo customs has been started in Bombay. By it no sons are permitted to marry under 16 and no daughters under 10. No man is to marry after 50 or marry a second wife during the life time of the first.

-M. Nicolai, the engineer at the head of the commission that has been investigating the question of a Siberian railway for the Russia lovernment, has reported that the whole in an be completed by 1900, at an expense about \$130,000,000. -The old-time practice of red ink cancela-

ion in the matter of back tax entries has re-

ceived a severe set-back in Detroit. The City Clerk has discovered that the taxes on six lots for 1882, 1883 and 1884 have been canceled by me interested party. -Many Mormons do not accept their defeat very gracefully, as several respectable gen-tile families have been notified to get out of their houses, and in several cases they have been notified they would be thrown out if they

did not get out in time. -There are 100,000 conveniences which the traveler through older portions of the State uses, and hardly appreciates, but at Atlanta, Montmorenci county, every man, woman and child knows that the first hotel register ever -As an instance of the growth of the

Australian colonies, it may be noticed that

during the last seven years the land unde tillage in Victoria has increased by 1,000,000 acres, and the ratable value of country la has increased from £55,000,000 to £95,000,000. -In Siam you can get good board for 45 cents a week, and this includes washing, the use of two servants to run errands, tickets to

shows, three shaves and all the cigars you can smoke. This sounds delightful until you learn that it is almost impossible to earn 45 cents a -Monday was washday for two gangs of tramps who have established winter quarters just outside of Belleville, Mo. They live in dugouts and keep big bonfires blazing day and night, and are well supplied with food, includ-ing chickens, eggs, etc. On Monday they hung out their clothes lines and the variety of their

-Secretary Balfour, while in Dublin re

cently, met a Catholic priest who did not belong to the Nationalist party. "Are the Irish people as bitter against me as certain newspapers say they are?" asked Balfour. "Since you have asked me I will tell you the truth," answered the priest. "If our flocks hated sin half as cordially as they hate you there would be no use for priests in Ireland." -William Mason, of Bluchill village, Me., thinks he has a gold mine on his farm. He keeps ducks, and the ducks spend most of

apparel attracted the attention of all

their time in a certain newly-deepened pool of water not far from the farm house. Several ducks killed this winter have had bits of gold in their crops, and William thinks this rich food comes from the pool, so he is going to dig it out this spring. -A Fairfield, Me., pastor took for his text last Sunday the words: "Gold and silver have I not, but such as I have I give unto you." One of the pillars of the church listened attentively to the discourse, and when the box was passed found that the text exactly described his financial condition, so he wrote it on a slip of paper, signed his name and put it into the contribution box.

-A farmer in Ludington, Mich., owns a pig which is a marvel in its way. "The animal is of the razor-back variety, fleet as a gray always follows its owner on his rabbit shooting trips and will chase the game with as keen a scent and round it up within gunshot with as much skill as any dog a huntar ever shot over."

FUNNY MEN'S FANCIES.

Capitalist-I've concluded to rent no fore of my buildings for saloons.

Prohibitionist—Glad to hear it!

Capitalist—Yes, you see the saloons cannot pay as high rent as other lines of bu

this?" kindly asked an old man, as he viewed a negro through the grating of a cell door. "De train, boss, fetch me hea"h, but ef I kin ges out I'll promise yo' dat yo'll nebber ketch me in dis State ergin. "-Atlanta Constitutio Platform Crank-I tell you, my friends, If all the eigarmakers in this country struck to

"What brought you to such a state as

morrow, the poor man could live! Auditor-Come off! Why the poor man couldn't support his family a week. You ost of real Havana cigars. - American Grocer. "I see you've got a new man in your em-

"Is he trustworthy?" "I should say so. He'll stick to say kind of a story you may wish him to tell."- Washington

Watts-I've got a good one for you, Potts, me boy. What is the marked point of resemblance between a Broadway blockade and a barrel of your Potts-Because your an ass.

Watts-No: because they both make a hundred wait. See?—American Grocer.

Hoffman-I don't believe a word of that nalicious story the fellows are telling on Adonts reatshape. Madison Squeer-What is it?.

"Why, they say that at the last club entertain-ment, when the speaker quoted the words, 'Beauty unadorned is most adorned,' Donny ripped off his coat and called out, Taxe my closhes, there, mister, I den't want 'em?'"