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ALLEGEDLY MAYORIAL SCANDAL. There is a prospect, as we have said before, of a very highly flavored mess of politics being set before the citizens of Allegheny.

BLAIR'S BILL DEAD. It is not at all certain that Senator Blair, of New Hampshire, is happy yet. His Education bill was defeated yesterday at third reading in the Senate by a vote of 37 to 31.

IDEAS ABOUT GOOD ROADS. The Hon. W. H. McCullough, of the State Commission on the Improvement of Country Roads, contributes some interesting ideas in another column upon the subject in which all Pennsylvanians are concerned.

BISMARCK. The resignation of Bismarck is really the abdication of an Emperor. The imperial spirit of Germany has a far greater reverence in Bismarck than in the throne.

A CURIOUS RIFLE TRADE. A curious reason for Germany's vigorous colonial policy has been discovered. It is said that owing to the numerous changes made in the armament of the Imperial troops since 1870 millions of rifles of various kinds are lying in the arsenals.

THE NEW TARIFF BILL. NEW YORK Press: The tariff bill as reported is the best and most satisfactory measure of the kind ever introduced into Congress.

DEATHS OF A DAY. Mrs. Sarah E. Hastings. The death of Mrs. Sarah E. Hastings, which took place suddenly on Wednesday morning, was a severe shock to a large circle of friends.

ADVICE TO YOUNG MEN. The First M. P. Church has probably never (unless Bob Burdette has lectured there before) selected so many such startlingly dissimilar pairs of laugher as made it ring last evening.

FINER THAN A QUEEN. Some of Emma Abbott's Toilets Not Surpassed by Any Sovereign's. Between the acts of the opera, last evening, a reporter of the Post and Courier, desiring to see some of the exquisite robes worn by Emma Abbott, and ascertain, if possible, just how much money they represented, sought to see them in the dressing room.

REMARKS OF THE LATE. The death of Mrs. Sarah E. Hastings, which took place suddenly on Wednesday morning, was a severe shock to a large circle of friends.

THE PRICE OF PORK. The price of pork has not been appreciably affected, although the President has been shooting for several days.

GOVERNOR BEAVER. GOVERNOR BEAVER has designated two Arbor Days, April 11 and April 23. Probably he is right in thinking that more trees will be planted in two days than one.

THE TOPICAL TALKER.

Be Sure a Man Gets Your Name Right When You're Introduced to Him—Telegraphic Drafts Hard to Cash—Odd Moments of the Stage.

OPEN happens, you have doubtless no doubt in introducing me to each other the names are not pronounced clearly and neither man has a clear idea of the other's name.

THE LICENSE CONTRACT. The license contract is being conducted this year with dignity and strict justice—but comparisons are odious.

JUDGE EWING ought to announce that his remarks are sometimes ironical. It is truly difficult to see applicants for license basking in the Court's outspoken approval of their enterprise in obtaining United States licenses.

PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT. MRS. HURST was an accomplished linguist and was of great assistance to her husband, Bishop Hurst, in his educational and church work.

WILLIAM H. ANDREWS was a few days in getting ready to start for New York City, where he will spend in Philadelphia. They are the guests of the Continental.

MRS. JOHN DREW, her daughter, Mrs. George D. Drew, and her son, Mr. John D. Drew, were in New York City on the 20th, in four of the best known theaters of that city.

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MUSIC AND ART.

Lovers of Both Receive a Treat—The Royal Arcadian Musical and Frederick Keppel's Lecture—Other Entertainments.

Last Evening—Social Chapter and Items. The wealth, beauty, fashion and talent of the Pittsburgh Club Theater and Carnegie Hall.

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TUNNELS AND THEIR COST.

The Feasibility of a Level Canal to Cumberland—How the Mountains Could be Bored—The Probable Expense of Such a Great Work.

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OUR MAIL POUCH.

What Former Pupils Think of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Blind Under Its Present Management—Searching Investigation Demanded.

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CURIOS CONDENSATIONS.

A Buffalo man has wagered \$500 that the World's Fair will not be held in Chicago.

A one-legged man in a Louisville hospital claims to have once been the husband of Belle Starr, the female outlaw.

Bourgeois is one of the members of the new French Cabinet, but M. Brevier and M. Mion are left out, as is also M. Fica.

The Tallahassee, Fla., merchants have got a boy out on Warramaker. They say they are with Georgia, Haiti, and Soul.

The London County Council have cut out from their theatrical license bill the provision requiring each actor to take out a license.

The perfect figure of a human body has been found in a large elm tree trunk that was being cut up in a timber yard at Scarborough, England.

French wine growers have a superstitious appreciation of comets, and expect good crops because four comets will be seen during the year.

Search for diamonds is being made by the French Government at the peral colony of New Caledonia. Machinery to bore down 1,500 feet has been procured.

A Thomas d'Arby tried to take out a warrant for another brother for "conjur'g" his mate, and was much disappointed. When told that no such outlaws were in the country, he said: "The Toledo Blade speaks of Frank as 'the leader who is nearest and dearest to the hearts of Ohio Republicans.' It is thus they speak always of the dead.—Hilliard Democrat.

A Georgia editor recently devoured three dozen eggs on a wager, and now some of his brethren are wondering where he got the eggs, and what other chances like that are open to them.

People are laughing at a doctor in a little village in Pennsylvania, who in filling out a bill for a patient, had written under his own name in the blank space reserved for "cause of death."

They are cutting wood along Lake Champlain, and a thousand dollars' worth of wood is being sent to the Rockland line. All the available wood around Rockland went into the factory during the winter.

There is a plague of locusts in the province of Gizeh in Egypt. In five days the authorities destroyed six tons of them. In following quantities of their eggs are turned up. Exposure to the sun destroys the eggs in a few days.

John Brand, who died in Van Buren county, Ind., a few days ago, weighed 600 pounds and measured nine feet across the chest. It could not be carried into the house.

Six brigands in Rome captured Baron Zorlo and his son in broad daylight and sent the father to prison. The son was being held in a room at the Hotel de Ville. The father, after considerable bargaining, got \$40,000 ransom and the brigands set his son free.

A real crown of pure gold studded with a thousand diamonds and valued at \$500,000 is to be put up at auction at Singapore. It formerly belonged to the Malay Sultans, and is being sold by the estate of the late Sultan of Perak.

Mr. B. M. Hardeman, of Freemansville, cut a board tree January 1, 1882, and to his surprise he found a hive of bees in the tree. He was told that no such thing was known out of the old country. He has got a cake of the bees.

LESSONS IN SPANISH.

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SOMETHING TO LAUGH AT.

Sick Women—I'm so apprehensive, dear doctor, about being buried alive.

Doctor—You shan't be if I can prevent it.—The Doctor.

Many a man is supposed to be spoiled by success, when he has only enough merit to last out his life.—Pack.

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