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#### PITTSBURG, SUNDAY, MAR. 30, 1890.

#20n or about April 1 the BUSINESS OFFICE of THE DISPATCH will be removed to Corner of Smithfield and Diamond streets.

#### THE DECREASING DEATH LIST.

The reports from Louisville yesterday justified the hope expressed in the last issue of THE DISPATCH that the estimates of : thousand or more lives lost in the Louisville evelone were exaggerated. The deaths in Louisville are now put by the best authorities there at from 100 to 150, with the hope that the total will be nearer the smaller than the larger sum.

This is of course a fearful loss and joined with the destruction made by the storm in its course from near the Mississippi to Central Kentucky, it indicates the most destructive of the cyclones ever experienced in this country. But after the report that the loss of life might be counted by thousands it is a decided relief to find the mortality reduced so materially. The destruction of property is probably on a much larger scale; but houses can be rebuilt, and, if they could not, it takes many thousands of dollars worth of buildings to equal the value of a human life.

The reports indicate that Louisville is at present able to afford relief to all the sufferers from the calamity. Only a small portion of her population have been deprived of their homes, and business is going on as usual. If that city should need outside aid in relieving the sufferers, her neighbors will be quick to give assistance.

A CONTEST FOR CONGRESS.

bribe the employes of rival concerns to betray contributed by the Mexican Government. The Post wants to know why Washington the business secrets of their employers. The cases in which that has been done by the Standshould not have the big hotel it needs as ard are somewhat notorious; and a parallel to badly as does the City of Mexico, at the them has just been disclosed by the discovery nation's expense, when we can readily spare that two of Claus Spreckels' employes at his \$30,000 to \$100,000 apiece for country postbig concern in Philadelphia were doing the offices; vote millions year after year to be same thing. The fact that their reports were swallowed up in the floods of the Mississsent to a tobacco concern in New York will not ippi; even think seriously of spending \$77,-000,000 for colored school houses in the South; have already expended many millions in subsidizing railroads, and may be induced in

time to grant subsidies for the improvement There is only one reason, that need be stated, why Washington should not get a clothing for the masses will not make a very big hotel built with the public's money.

The reason is that Washington has no more United States Treasury than a man has to steal a bar of silver out of the Treasury vaults. In these days of public steals of all sorts we do not wonder at the one proposed. We only wonder at a newspaper

# STREET RAILWAY MATTERS.

Movements in the affairs of the street railway companies are getting interesting. In Pittsburg the dispute between the Duquesne Traction Company, on the one hand, and the Pittsburg Traction Company on the other, with their subsidiary corporations used for the purpose of litigation, has opened up in the local courts after the Attorney General expected must be named. The courtesy of re- had refused to take part in the matter. It ning rejected manuscripts will be extended | was hardly to be expected that the Attorney General would take any steps in a matter

where it is difficult to see how the public interest is more on one side than the other; and the issue between the corporations can be fought out in the courts.

The question to be decided by the courts is briefly whether the Councils can select out of the corporatious desiring to use the streets the one to which it will grant the privilege and has the power to exclude the others, or whether priority in taking out a charter line of African fever. gives a corporation a right which Councils

cannot ignore. If any one should raise the contention that no power can grant to a corporation the exclusive privilege to use a certain kind of vehicle on any street, then there might be a public principle which the Attorney General should contend for. But neither

of the disputing corporations is likely to raise that issue-for the present at least.

In Allegheny the rumored move is of an entirely opposite nature, being that of consolidation between the two corporations now furnishing transit to and from that city. The reported move is based on a variety of the desire to exclude competition between the two existing corporations and the pos

sibility of shutting out new enterprises by the occupancy of all the routes. This will probably prove more desirable for the corporations than for the public, and should, if the report prove well-founded, be viewed with disfavor by every representative of the public interest.

In both these matters on either side of the river, one important principle is ignored. That is, that the streets belong to the people, and that every right of use granted in them must be subordinated to the public benefit.

THE LESSON OF TAMMANY. The recent exposures of the corruption hold their positions by the gift of the Tammany organization, naturally stimulates reflection as to the influence of that society on municipal government. It turns the mind back to the corruption of the Tweed ring, THE TOPICAL TALKER

The Future of the Carnegie Library in Allesheny-What Some Good Citizeus Propose for It-A Center of Intellectual

vv cussing the question of what salary the Librarian of the Carnegie Library shall receive,

create much doubt as to who got them in the end. The curiosity of the trusts with regard to the business of people who undertake competition with them, is something remarkable, IT is not very discreet for some of our leaders of protection sentiment to insist that the tariff on works of art must be removed. ional schemes. Cheap pictures for the millionaires and high

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effective campaign plank. IT begins to look as if the Central Pacific

lobby, which looks after the interests of that orporation "in the legislative, executive and judicial departments of Government," has got its work in very successfully this year. That is the natural inference from the action of the House committee putting the Union and Central Pacific settlements in the same bills. This expresses the opinion of that body that the corporation which adopts the policy of defiant

dishonesty must be given exactly the same treatment as the one which makes a show of decency in the attempt to discharge its obligations to the Government.

THE U. S. cutter on the Oregon coast has caught another sealing schooner. This is in-discreet. Having succeeded in letting the same schooner go once before, it now has to call in the aid of the administration to help in letting it go this time.

THE energy of the tourist sgent is shown by the fact that one of the class is advertising in Brussels a round trip to the Congo at the rate of \$600, with hotels and hack hire thrown in. How much of these features of civilization is guaranteed is not stated. Whether the pleasnres of the trip will be worth the money is a natter of individual opinion; but unless arrangements of an extraordinary sort can be made, it is more than probable that the trip will aclude a large amount of experience in the

EVEN with the enthusiastic reception of Patti in Italian opera at New York the box holders could not be induced to stop talking. It appears to be the platform of the New York millionaires that money talks as loudly as Patti sings.

THE certainty of a new and first-class theater for Pittsburg's next theatrical season, as announced elsewhere, will be welcome news o theater goers. The large crowds that are to be seen in our places of amusement prove that there is room for another first-class house. Under the intelligent and liberal management of Mr. Henderson, of Chicago, it can be taken pleas, none of which are more cogent than as a foregone conclusion that the new Penn avenue theater will be a credit to the city.

> THE complaint of the Kansas farmers hat Senator Ingalls has never done anything for the agricultural interests will inspire that statesman with renewed activity in the distribution of seeds.

AMONG the qualifications of the youngest Gould for financial operations, it is stated that he has been known to draw his check for \$600,000. With the paternal Gould off on a pleasure trip, the young man may be able to beat his former record by drawing his check for as many millions, and yet not win the approval of the old man when he gets back.

PROBABLY it is not a matter of extrem dissatistaction to John Sherman that while he practiced by officials in New York who is pushing his bill against the trusts, the withes of Blaine and Alger will not go unwrung.

to a report of consolidation of all the railways.

In both cities the fact that the public owns the

PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT.

streets is in danger of being overlooked.

GENERAL SIE JOHN ROSE, comma

months' journey around the world.

"From Pharaoh to Fellah."

Franklin, are registered at the Girard.

gaining her health.

killed at New River.

CTADS.

Egypt,

stantly

seek social diversion.

From the Detroit Free Press.]

THE State Treasurer of Maryland turns out to have adopted the regular methods for making a hole in the public funds. Poker and speculation, applied to a State Treasury, are which was fostered and shielded by the same sure to cause a deficit. The Maryland defaulter political organization, and is calculated to is now reported to be very ill; but he is not so strengthen the belief that the very nature of sick as he has made the Treasury.

PITTSBURG DISPATCH. SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 1890.

Culture-Wisdom From the Tombs. WHILE the Councils of Allegheny are dis-

good many citizens of high standing in the community are considering how the usefulness of the library may best be fully developed. It is fortunate for Allegheny that she possesses a number of public spirited men who are deternined, if their efforts can secure it, to make the library the center of a number of educa-It is argued, as it seems to me with perfect truth, that a library in itself does not insure

the creation of a reading public among the masses. A tuste for reading, and particular tastes for reading in certain directions, may be cultivated in a community. People must be attracted to the library by specific appeals. Those who read already of course may be left to themselves, but the great majority who do not now read, especially the young men and young women, will have to be drawn to the library by some general scheme of attraction. How will you reach the men and women

Mr. Carnegie especially wishes the library should reach? It has been suggested by some of the gentlemen, of whom I have spoken as taking a deep interest in the library and the great work laid

out for it, that a great deal might be accomplished by giving courses of lectures or readings in close connection with the library. The physical conditions are all favorable. There is room at the disposal of the library authori nes where 200 or 300 persons could be seated. There short talks upon literature, the arts and

ciences could be most conveniently given. Who will the professors in this unchartered iniversity be? That is where a difficulty might arise; but happily it doesn't. There are lots of

good men for the work. It would surprise a rood many of us to know how many menawyers, doctors, divines and others-in these two cities have made special study of certain departments of study of certain departments of literature for example. There are among us specialists in literature; this man knowing all that there is to be known of Thackeray: that man learned in the history of Shakespeare, full of quaint facts about follos and various

s, dates and circumstances of the great reading Bard's work; yet another, who is enamored of Goethe and the German school, and another who has at his fingers' ends all that is worth knowing about Washington Irving, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Longfellow, Poe and the rest of the tiants stalking in this new country's literature. know many such men, and I have no doubt that they could be prevailed upon to bestow a

share of their knowledge upon their fellows in the way suggested. THEN in another direction there are men who would take a keen delight in leading the

way into the fields of science. Mr. Brashear, it is safe to say, would be giad to help along those who have a longing to know more of the celestial bodies. What better help to the be-Mr. Brashear?

The object primarily of these lectures, to use the common but somewhat forbidding name, would be to encourage and direct reading, to develop and cultivate the special tastes and aptitudes of the readers. When a man has

had his curiosity excited he seeks for means to whet it. MERELY a suggestion of what might be done is all that I have attempted to give. It is not my suggestion, either; it originates with a small band of intellectual masters who have the interest of the people at heart, and a full

appreciation of what may be worked out for the people through the library. The suggestion s worthy of serious thought. But if the library is to be a center of intel-

ectual culture and practical knowledge it is absolutely necessary that the librarian should be in sympathy with the great purposes and possibilities of the library. A fellow who can

catalogue books, stow them away in shelves and take them out again, is not the ideal librarian or the man to have charge of the Carnegie Library in Allegheny. He should be a wel read man, of course; a man of some depth of learning-but more than all else he should be a broad-guage man of the world. He must know

#### A FAYETTE COUNTY ORPHAN. The Humorous Colonel Picks Up Some Is Career of John Hinton, Who is New One of the Foremost Men of Asia.

IWBITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH.1 John Hinton was born near Masontown, Fay ette county, Pa., about 40 years ago. The death A CTORS tell more stories than any other class

of his parents made him dependent at an early age upon the charitable families of Fayette and Westmoreland counties. Arriving at man's estate he enlisted for the Indian War from South Huntington township, Westmoreland county. At its close he helped to escort the Cherokee beyond the Mississippi. From Indian Territory he went to New Orleans and shipped as a sailo on a vessel bound for the East Indies. At the Bay of Madris, on the western shores of the Bay of Bengal, he left the vessel and enlisted in a British regiment. He served many years, and a British regiment. Its served many years, and during the memorable Sepoys' rebellion was noted for his daring bravery. At his discharge he was presented with a gold medal by the Governor General himself. He is next heard of traveling in a caravan

He is next heard of traveling in a caravan from Delhi westward across the Indus river through Afghanistan and Persia to Turkey and back. In time, from trading he became im-mensely wealthy, and was the owner of five caravans, containing 13,000 horses and camels and 50 elephants. In 1873 he visited Cabul, the capital of Arghanistan, for copper, great quan-titles of which are there mined and smelted. His magnificent retinue attracted the attention of the Ameer, and he was invited to an andi-ence, a favor never before bestowed upon a Christian. A present of a hundred of his best horses and a three-tusked elephant made the Ameer his eternal friend. Then yearly it was followed by similar presents, beside camels and merchandise. John Hinton gained the supremacy of trade from the summit of the Hindoo Kosh Mount-

ins to the confines of the Belloochistan, and in real power he is now second only to the Ameer himsel'. About 1880 he was made Mili-tary Commander of the District of Herat in tary Commander of the District of Heratin which capacity he suppressed a local rebellion to the great satisfaction of his sovereign. His meritorious conduct raised him high in the es-timation of the people of Afghanistan, and his reputation has spread throughout Asia. The Ameer is becoming famous for his enlightened policy, is building telegraph lines and promises railroads, electric lights and all the improve-ments of the age. For all this, how much Afghanistan is indebted to John Hinton the world may never know.

#### Another Individual Made Happy. WASHINGTON, March 29.-Attorney General

Miller to-day appointed John P. Cameron to be Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio.

# SICKLES FOR SHERIFF.

NEW YORK Tribune: Governor Hill's appointment of General Sickles as Flack's successor in the Sheriff's office is surprisingly good. The Governor will probably gain noth ing politically by this move: but the people will be the gainers if General Sickles accepts the appointment.

NEW YORK World: Governor Hill has appointed General Daniel E. Sickles to the office of Sheriff, made vacant by the resignation of Flack. While General Sickles is a Democrat he has no affiliation with the various factions of the party in this city. He is understood to be a believer in civil service reform, and if he ac-

cepts the office we may expect him to conduct it upon strict business principles. General ginner in astronomy, could there be found than | Sickles is a man of great wealth, and he will series of short talks from such a man as not be likely to squeeze the office for what it is SPRIGHTLY SPRING SAYINGS.

> Observations Apropos of the Senson and Otherwise by Our Philosopher. [WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH.]

#### As I Should Be. Sometimes the lover who is fired with passion for the daughter is put out by the father.

Peculiarity of the Fair Sex. Harry-When a woman is mad with you, you are likely to hear some plain truths from her.

Barry-Yes? H.-I have observed it. Moreover, careful as she is about keeping from you the knowledge o how old she is ordinarily, it seems she is not so cautious when in a passion. B.-No? H.-No. When she is thoroughly mad she never

seeks to conceal her rage. The Test Was Too Strong. "And you say you would die for me?" "Darling, I would with delight." Darling, I would with delight." Then give me t hat test of your affection and I will never wed another. Thus far there has been no announcement of his

"I must run to catch my train now. Bye-bye," and off he went. "That's all right sir," said the druggist in a

#### "Oh, I don't mind," said I, "but where are KNOX AMONG THE ACTORS. "Ma? Oh. I drive, you know," replied Wil-

A Veritable Mirs, Malaprop.

charge of setting the scene, 'didn't you hear the stage manager tell you to set that bank opaque?" J. ARMOY KNOX.

STANDS PRE-EMINEST.

Nothing of Importance in This World Es-

capes the Eye of the Disputch.

Among the numerous papers that find their way into this State none can surpass and but

few can begin to equal THE PITTSBURG DIS-

PATCH, whose Sunday edition stands unrivaled

would be no surprise to see it some day giving

the news of the next. Its daily edition is a news

encycolpiedia, from which newspapers all over the country draw largely, some of whom are

honest enough to give credit, while others are not. Taken all in all, THE PITTEBURG DIS-

Lay It to the Soot.

In the Midst of Life.

prominent contractor, died suddenly this after-

noon while the guests were assembling for a wedding reception to his son, who had just re-

STATE POLITICS.

ALTOONA Times: From the "handwriting o

the wall" we are inclined to think Mr. Dela-

the Gubernatorial nomination-is going to have

a hard road to travel in getting the nomination.

and in case he is nominated, a still rougher one

CLARION Republican Gazette: Major Mon-

candidacy of Governor visited Clarion on Tues-

It Would Settle the Question.

THE AUCTIONEER'S GIFT.

and years;"

poor, dead baby's chair!

"How much? how much? come, make a bid: is all

Just then a sad-faced woman, who stood in silence

ware:

"One cent."

mortgagec,

away a tear:

little baby's o

Democratic, has recently become a

in securing his election.

iding reception to me some ned from his wedding trip.

effect that Sunday shaving is a of necessity, says: "Yet Pittsburg

PATCH is the model paper of the country.

From the Pawtucket, R. I., Times. ]

kins. "Drive, you drive the stage?" "Yes, I'm stage director of the Standard," he answered with a chuckle. "Don't you see the name painted on the side of the 'bus?" Sure enough, there were the words, "The Standard" in big letters on the stage coach. I grapped the situation, the joke, and the fact that I had been made a fool of, but I did not return to the civin that conversance. I just teresting Yarns From the Lips of Billy Florence, Maurice Barrymore and Manager Hill-Roach's New Story. WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH.

of people. Whenever ap actor hears a return to the city in that conveyance. I j took the next train and kicked holes in mys all the way back." ood story, or originates one, he is consumed by burning desire to tell it to his friends. So when two or three actors are gathered togethe there is sure to be one of them telling a story. F VEBYBODY knows what a Mrs. Malaprop Soon every one in the profession knows it, and if it is worthy of publication, it gets into the John Stetson is," said Maurice Barrynewspapers in a short time. Therefore it is more. "You know he is always catching on t new words which he does not understand, and dangerous to take a story from an actor and using them in the most extraordinary and mispublish it as new, for by the time it gets into using them in the most extraordinary and mis-taken way. There is an old story about him, how he heard the stage manager instruct the stage hands to place a green hank in an ob-lique direction across the stage. Stetson came in just before the curtain went up, and found that the green baize grass had been placed at right angles to the footlights. "See here,' said he to the man who was in charge of setting the scene. 'didn't you hear print half of the bright people of the country may know it.

I was talking about this yesterday to J. M. Hill, Maurice Barrymore, W. J. Florence and many others.

"It is not even safe," said Hill, "to offer as 'new,' a story that you have created yourself five minutes before you tell it. Let me give you an illustration. When James C. Roach was playing under my management he, myself and others were standing on Union Square one day. Some one told the story about how the man who, referring to the prowess of George man who, referring to the provess of Ocorge Washington, said that as an evidence of his strength the Father of his Country once threw a silver dollar across the Potomac, and how an-other mau on hearing of this 100 years after-ward, said. Yes, it was a good throw, but you must remember that a dollar went a great deal must remember that a dollar went a great deal further in those days than it does now,' Roach replied: 'Yes, that was quite clever, but the man should have added that General Washing-ton gave a greater exhibition of his prowess on another occasion when he threw a British Sov-ereign across the Atlantic.' in the whole country. In the whole realm of news THE DISPATCH stands pre-eminent, both for quality and quantity. Nothing of impor-tance in this world escapes its eye, and it

#### Off to Try His New Joke.

"HIS last witticism was original with Roach. He knew it and was proud of it. While the laugh was going around at his repartee ] slipped away and went down to the office of the lawyers, Howe & Hummel, where I knew Mr.

lawyers, Howe & Hummel, where I knew Mr. Roach was expected in less than halt an hour. I told Roach's story to Howe, to Hummel, and also to their clerk, and suggested that when Roach came in and started to tell the story, as he undoubtedly would, that they anticipate him. Mr, Roach came into the lawyers' office, and in about two minutes led the conversation around to Washington. "He began: 'You know the old story about George Washington throwing the silver dollar across'—when he was suddenly interrupted. 'Oh, Roach, for Heaven's sake don't give us that old chestnnt.' Yes, but wait; of course I know that that is a chestint,' said Roach, but From the St. Paul Pioneer Press.] THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH, commenting upon the ruling of a Cleveland justice to

work of necessity, says: "Yot Pittsburg has got along without it for sev-eral years and has not yet experienced any very deleterious consequences from its absence." But in Pittsburg a man accused of carrying too many days' beard on his face can lay it to fur-nace smoke and foundry soot.

Oh, Roach, for Heaven's sake don't give us that old chestnut,' Yes, but wait; of course I know that that is a chestnut,' said Roach, but you see I have to refer to that first, so as to introduce an improvement on the old story.' "What? You don't mean the appendix to the silver dollar story about George throwing a British Sovereign across the Atlantic?" "Mr. Roach almost fainted. He could not understand how it was that they could know the 'British Sovereign' story which he had only half an hour ago evolved out of himself. He went into the inner room in an angry mood, and began telling the story to Hummel. Before he had got half through the silver dollar part, Hummel said, 'Roach, I have known you for years as one of the brightest and most original of story tellers, but if you are going to give me that decrepit old chestnut of the red sandstone period, about George Washington throwing a British Sovereign across the Atlantic, I shall certainly ask you to desist; otherwise, we shall not speak as we pass by.'" The Unexpected Always Happen From the Baltimore American. ] When lovely woman first invited herself into the field of public action, and demanded the right of suffrage, one objection to her was that would introduce sentiment into politics. The pretty typewriter was invited by the tyrant man himself into the field of labor, and speedily did introduce sentiment into business. Thus it s the unexpected that always happens. ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DIAPATCHA not speak as we pass by.' MANSFIELD, O., March 29 .- William Bloor,:

Que of Dewolf Hopper's Stories. DEWOLF HOPPER told this on John R. Rog ers. Minnie Palmer's manager.

Calcraft, who used to act in the "Dog Star," owed Rogers \$50, and the latter had a judg-

ment for the amount. "Now I am tired of waiting," said Rogers, a In Williamsport ex-Representative John "Now I am tired of waiting," said Rogers, as he met Calcraft some time ago on upper Broad-way, "and you've got to pay the money right away or something will happen." "Why, really," said Calcraft, with a bland smile, "I haven't got the money on me, my boy, but," as if struck with a sudden inspira-tion, "Til tell you what I'll do. I'll get it for you if you'll come with me." Vanvorce and Seth T. Foresman, both Democrats of the Jacksonian school, have already gone into training for the legislative nomina-THE Williamsport correspondent of the Lock Haven Express thinks that the Hon, R. P.

you if you'll come with me." "Where to, and how far?" Allen would make a good compromise candl-"Where to, and how far" "To the drug store, about three blocks from here. The owner is a friend of mine and will lend me the money, but we'll have to hurry, as I want to catch that 450 New Haven train." Conciliated with a prospect of getting his money, the creditor readily accompanied Cal-craft to the drugstore, which they found on their entrance to be fairly filled with custom-ers. "Confound it," said Calcraft, "just my luck, and I am in a burry, too. I must see Mr. Smith and explain my errand." He stepped forward and went behind the prescription desk, where the proprietor received him with a cor-dial smile. Calcraft held a whispered conver-sation with Mr. Smith, frequently indicating the patient creditor by a motion of his hand. Then he called Rogers up to the desk, as he hurriedly glanced at his watch. "Mr. Smith will fix that with you," he said, "I mote much couche me then now." Brabwa " date for the Democratic nomination for Gov-Arnor CHAIRMAN KISNER declines to take any part in the discussion of a Democratic candi-date for Governor. He says it is not his business to nominate candidates, but to elect them after they are nominated. PHILADELPHIA Times: Downingtown has two postmasters. There are lots of would-be postmasters in other towns who would only be

too happy if the Downingtown solution of the toffice problem might be given a general apleation ERIE Dispaich: Later returns from the Craw-

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-The ground on which Helena, Mont., is built vielded \$30,000,000 in gold when it was mined. -A herd of 47 elephants was recently

captured in a single drive in the Garo Hills in

-There are six counties in Kansas which

-The table upon which Oliver Cromwell

are without regularly organized Sunday school

signed the death warrant of Charles I, was sold recently to a London antiquary for \$710.

Isaac Gioer, of Bowman, Ga., consisting of himself, wife and four children, is 1,330 pounds.

-A father and son, of Williamsport, Pa.,

umbrella menders and have traveled all over the State.

-Moses Wasser, of Schwenksville, Pa.,

ate 42 oranges and a half pound of sugar, drank

two tumblers of water and smoked three eigars

-An educated, accomplished young lady

in Petoskey, Mich., has split 20 cords of wood

with her own hands, and has it piled neatly to

-A fine specimen of an Indian arrow

head was uncarthed recently on Dr. Dutcher's

-George Oles, a violinist in Muskegon,

played "Nearer, My God, to Thee" on a fladle

the audience went wild with enthus

n the Methodist Church Sunday night until

-A cat in Millville, N. J., finds pleasure

in swimming and often catches fish in shallow

water with its paws. It has been known to swim, in pursuit of a dock rat, clear across the

-A man and woman left American Hill,

Sierra county Cal. last Wednesday for Down.

ieville to get married. They went on snow-shoes and packed their wedding clothes in a

-Thomas Lloyd, of Richmond, Mo., took

his spade and dug under the rotten sills of an

old smokehouse, where he discovered giass jurs filled with money aggregating \$1,800 in gold and \$50 in silver.

-A man named Hogue, living near Tina,

Mo., attempted to descend into a well 200 feet deep with a lighted torch. Gas in the well ignited and Hogue was burned to death before assistance could reach him.

-A well that James Mackem bored near

Flint, Mich., tapped an almost fathomless sub-

terranean cavern from which there is a great flow of natural gas, and Flint people will have some gas experts examine the place.

-A rat which attacked a brood of chick-

ens at Pottstown was killed by the hen, and

after the battle the barnyard reester, who had viewed the battle from a safe perch on the fence, celebrated the victory by crowing lustily.

-A family in Whatcom, Wash., not lik-

ing the taste of the water they were drawing

-A general suspension of payments for

one year has been found necessary in the Ar-

rentine Republic to allow the commercial and inancial men to get over the results of the wild speculation in which they have been in-lulging of late.

-At a newspaper office a day or two ago

machinist, wanting to reach some shafting,

jumped up on a barrel of printers' ink standing close by. He didn't notice that an old paper was serving as a cover, and he sank up to his waist in the ink.

-The other day a Minnesota clergyman

traveled 30 miles, made six calls, visited two

schools, gave an afternoon lecture and shot seven jack rabbits, all between sunrise and sunset, and he said it wasn't a good day for pastoral work either.

-It is a curious fact that the Currach of

Kildare, which is a common just outside of the

and for which no rent is paid. It is used by all the residents of the locality as a feeding ground for cattle and goats.

-The table upon which Prince Bismarck.

signed the preliminaries of peace with Thiers

souvenir of the campaign which the Iron Chan-cellor bore back to Germany with him, He paid his Versailles landlady 24 francs for it.

-Dudley Foster, of Billerica, Mass., hale,

hearty and in his SIst year, was elected for his

at Versailles in February, 1871, was the only

village, is the only piece of real estate in Ire

from their 90 frot deep well, sent a man down to inspect its depth. The well was in tolerably good condition, but a dead Indian was hoisted

farm, near Tulars City, Cal. He had it mounted as a shawl pin for his wife.

in about two hours

gripsack.

eason for summer use.

have walked \$1,000 miles together. They

-The aggregate weight of the family of

Hon, George Shiras, who has already attained political fame as State Representative from one of the Allegheny districts, is formally announced as a candidate for the Republican nomination to Congress in opposition to Colonel Bayne, Mr. Shiras is an active politician and comes of a family in which brains are hereditary. But, although political ramor credits him with strong backing, it must be regarded as a decidedly ambitious undertaking on his part, to oust Congressman Bayne from the stronghold which the latter has held for seven terms, and during the past few years almost without opposition. The campaign between the ambitious young politician and the veteran leader, is expected to be a lively one. While everyone will have his preconceived ideas of the outcome of the contest, the Northsiders can be sure that the result will ensure them a good Congressman. If there is to be a contest THE DISPATCH will heartily interpose the hope that the best man may win.

#### SIDEWALKS FOR THE PUBLIC.

Expressions of opinion among the legal profession, with regard to that sidewalk question, are strongly in support of the position assumed by the Department of Public Works. The recent decision of the Supreme Court is construed to carry the meaning that no property owner has the right to occupy the sidewalk either for steps or areas.

There is no question as to public policy in enforcing this legal view. The need of the public, especially in the down-town streets, for all the sidewalk space that can be gained is paramount, and private interests cannot be suffered to override that need. Of course it should be recognized that the general belie! in the right to occupy three feet of the sidewalk for steps and areas, has made this an almost universal offense; and plenty of time should be allowed for the changes in buildings necessary to remove the obstructions. But if the law is as stated there is no

question of the correctness of compelling all new buildings to conform to the rule, and of strictly prohibiting the erection of any fresh obstructions.

## MUCKLERAT'S FLAG.

It is satisfactory to learn that the American Mechanics got the national flag action to their general purpose of forcing the cepted and put up on the Mucklerat school, true religion on the world by fire and sword, they have a definite object which they hope without any difficulty or disorder. The enthusiasm which led some two hundred to accomplish. They intend to free Africa and fifty members of the order to take a long from the curse of rum. The Mahometan remarch through the mud, for that purpose, may not have been wholly pacific in its nature; but the steps taken were entirely orderly, and the result so far as is apparent was creditable to the patriotic and lawabiding citizens engaged in it. The determination of the order to rely upon the law for the punishment of any illegal acts is | to furnish to the savages in unlimited quanquite commendable. It is to be hoped that no such proceedings will be necessary. We Christianity might be impelled to ask itself can hardly conceive that any same man in this country will take upon himself the odium of attacking the national flag; and it would be interesting to learn under what the Mahdists will substitute the curse of the delusion the objectors were led to oppose it slave trade for the curse of rum; and bein the first place.

#### THE SURPLUS TOO TEMPTING. There is something deliciously cool about

the proposal of the Washington Post that while Congress is trying to find ways to get rid of the surplus it could not do better than give a million or so toward a new and gigantic botel in the Capital. This modest suggestion is occasioned by the report that the City of Merico is to have a two million dollar hotel, half the cost of which is to be | tactics that seems to make it a necessity to

that society is hopelessly dishonest. This is a not wholly unnatural conclusion, but it does not cover the entire field. It fails to take into consideration the fact that other flagrant cases of corruption have occurred in New York which cannot be charged to Tammany. The Squire and Flynn scandals were que to the County Democracy, while the Broadway railway steal was confined by no party lines, the bribe-takers in that infamous affair having only the preponderance of Democracy that is natural to the majority of that party in New York. In fact, if we examine the political government of that city with regard to its succession of scandals and corruption, the conclusion is nearly justified that no political organization can be trusted to keep itself clear from fraud and public robbery.

This brings us very close to the real Brunswick. trouble. It is not that the occupation of politics is necessarily dishonest; for the

reverse is actually the case. But the trouble lies in giving the work of national politics for a certain city or section into the hands of a special organization or elique, with the tacit or expressed contract that for keeping up the party fight on national issues it is to be rewarded by the control of local government. The result of such an arrangement, which is widespread but has its most signal illustration in New York, is almost sure to

be demoralizing. The clique or society is not judged by its honesty or efficiency in local government. It must have funds; and tion of Emperor Francis Joseph. the temptation for plunder is entirely out of proportion to the penalty. When national politics are kept out of local elections, the frequency of such scandals will be decidedly diminished. cotia There is nothing essentially dishonest in

polities; and organization for political work is a necessity. But when a political club, to work in national elections, undertakes to run local government, it is time to expect the development of scandals that inevitably arise from local irresponsibility.

TEE MAHDIST MISSION.

The statement comes from Khartoum that the followers of the Mahdi are about to start out on a fresh crusade. This time, in addi

ligion on this point takes the stand of constitutional prohibition. In this respect the Mahdists are a long distance ahead of civilization, whose Krupp guns are not more destructive to the Africans than the liberal supply of run and gin which Christian not at all increase the number of untruths told nations appear to regard it as their mission upon the stand. tities. If the issue was solely on this point whether the Mahometan savagery is not more genuine in its religion than Christian commerce. But there is also no doubt that tween being the slaves of the Soudaness and the slaves of rum, the Africans will unanimously choose the latter thraldom.

William B. McKee. aged 72 years, was struck b a cable car at the corner of Twenty-first and Penn avenue last evening and died shortly afterward THE indorsement of ballot reform by the Mr. McKee was the father of James M. McKee Democrats in various States puts a new con-Past Commander of Post 230, G. A. R., and was struction on David B. Hill s declaration, "I am a Democrat." The question arises, whether the ballot reformers are not Democrats, or Hill makes a mistake about himself.

## Andrew Robertson.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

William R. McKee.

known Orangeman. No funeral arrang

MONTREAL, March 29.-Andrew Roberts Chairman of the Board of Harbor Commissione It is an interesting feature of the trust and one of Montreal's most prominent busine men, died suddenly to-day.

the people, not the small minority who alread DRY holes are reported from various new read books and patronize libraries, but the oil ventures. This may be for the purpose of masses of workers and doers of deeds who do saving the petroleum market from the mire. not realize very well now the advantages of

If Allegheny can find such a man, and find THE quarrels of the street railway comhim at \$2,500 a year, she will be very fortunate. nanies in one city as to which of them own the ----streets are avoided in the other city according GENTLEMAN who has been wandering

among the graves in several cemeteries bly to counteract his perennial che fulness and chronic good nature, forwards to me two choice specimens of the epitaph.

I was well I became sick I took medicine and Here I am MRS. ROSE TERRY COOKE is gradually re-PROFESSOR JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL is not yet well enough to resume literary work. The other comes from farther afield. On : GOVERNOR TOOLE, of Montana, it is an tomb in a Blairsville cemetery may be read

presuma

ounced, is to wed a daughter of General Rose this chaste and apologetic effort: "A. B--- was a good son, a loving busband, a fond father, an able lawyer, but an honest man."

the British forces in Canada, is at the Hotel -:--THREE weeks ago it was asserted in this col umn that if a competent company would give Pittsburgers a series of Gilbert and Sulli-SENATOB QUAY brings back from the South skin of a gigantic rattlesnake which he van operas it would be profitable to all con-cerned. Mr. Duff is the happy man to take up ME. C. C. BRAGDON, principal of Lasell Sem this gage, and he rides out of Pittsburg in nary, will sail on October 1 next for an eight Pullman car to-day, richer by several thousand ollars than he came in. It is pardonable, per L. M. PLUMEE, a prominent lawyer from Pittsburg, and Samuel Plumer, a banker of haps, to congratulate oneself upon a correct udgment, but in this case the public of Pitts burg and Mr. Duff are entitled to all the con-MORERLEY BELL the new manager of the gratulations going. The public as soon as it knew Mr. Duff was offering something un-London Times, is the author of two volumes on namely: "Egyptian Finance" and usually good, stepped up to the box office in quick time. Mr. Duff deserves congratulations because of his pluck in venturing so much, and THE ex-Emperor of Brazil will pass the early part of the summer at Aix-les-Bains, and in his sense in seeing where a profitable venture

August will go to Austria on the earnest invita-Mr. Duff told me yesterday that he intende THE prize winners in the annual Freshn carrying out his programme as to the Gilbert & rize essay contest of the American Whig Lit-Sullivan operas. Next season he will add erary Society, Princeton College, are: First "Iolanthe" and "Patience," possibly yet another William F. Tyson, of Pennsylvania; opera, to his present repertoire. He intends second prize, James D. Cameron, of Nov playing the full repertoire in one week stands, o that Pittsburg will not be slighted. By the AN American who recently returned from way, Pittsburg ought to be a two-week stand for not a few of the first-class attractions now. Paris says that Amelia Rivers-Chanler has made a sensation in that city. Not only has an It will be soon, no doubt.

artist committed suicide for love of her, but AND as to the new theater? It is too early to there are several impassionable young Frenchnen who seem inclined to do the same thing." splinter the ceiling with our bats, but we may smile quietly and decently as befitting the day and the occasion. No city in the country IT is often remarked that Senator Fassett's name does not appear in the lists of guests at social gatherings at Albany. Yet he is conneeds a new theater more than Pittsburg, and besieged with invitations. He visits the gentlemen who bring it here are entitled to Albany, however, to do public work, not to order moderate-sized halos to be worn by them in their capacity of benefactors to a long suffering public. The newspapers of the city, and among then

A Sensible and Proper Ruling. THE DISPATCH, have not neglected the inter ests of the public in this matter. The need for The Philadelphia Judge who sustained a new theater has been so plainly stated in witness in her refusal to kiss a particularly these and the columns of THE DISPATCH'S dirty Bible upon taking the oath was sensible otemporaries that it had to come. It is fortu and proper. The way in which the oath is adnate that a first-class man-he was a newspaper ered in the average court is almost nan once, and that is saying a good deal-and blasphemously business-like, and is at the best a first-class manager is to preside over the new only a form sufficient to bring an untruthful ome of the drama. Mr. David Henderson i witness within the penalties provided for perjury. Any other form provided by statute just the right sort of caliber. As a matter of ourse Mr. Jackman is to be congratulated HEPBURN JOHNS. equally effective in this respect, and .001 it may be set down as reasonably certain that the removal of the Bible from this use would

# WHAT THEY SAY OF HIM.

PHILADELPHIA Ledger: Senator Quay has evidently returned from Florida in good condi Pennsylvania Will Respond. tion. His friend, John F. Dravo, was yesterday From the Philadelphia Press.] A great disaster has befallen Pennsylvania' appointed Surveyor of Customs at Pittsburg, although he was opposed by candidates in-dorsed by Secretary Blaine and Congressman ister State of Kentucky. If help is needed and it must be-should any State be permitted Daizell. to get ahead of the Keystone in giving it?

PHILADELPHIA Times: Senator Quay's return to Washington was signalized by the ap-pointment of his henchman, John F. Dravo, as Surveyor of Customs at Pittsburg. This is a sentia intimation to the boys in the West that business is still carried on at the old stand, and still has his eye upon them.

From the Philadelphia Press.]

Good for Hon. William L. Scott and his \$5 000 check for the relief of the idle men at his coal mines! The faults of Colonel Scott, the politician, are lost sight of in this generous act of Mr. Scott, the citizen.

A Poor Cook. she could not boil, nor roast, nor fry, Nor make a mess of pork and tripe; The only time she e'er made pi Was when she went to setting type. Cool.

### Father (shouting down stairs)-Has George gone

et, Jennie? Daughter (sweetly)-Not yet, paw. F. (testly)-Well, I want to go to bed. D. (sweeter than before)-All right, dear. hink it's the best thing you can do, for you've t get up early, you know. Good night, dear paw,

He Wished It. of would I were an angel!" Thus to her beau sang she. "I would you were, " he said, "for then, Love, you might fly with me." It is So.

"Man, know thyself," says Pope, and truth to tell, Some men there are who know themselves too well.

Two Auroras.

Aurora, goddess of the dawn, Appears in all her rich adorning, Soon as the sunbeams gild the lawn, And Sol announces golden morning

But my Aurora, malden fair, Who every other maid surpasses. In paper curis comes down the stair, At nine, to fritters and molasses.

The Sealskin and Plush Sacque. At last the winter days are o'er, No more we wade through seas of slush; The question will be asked no more, "Pray is that real seal or plush?"

Hope for the Race. Minister (sadiy)-I'm afraid that the Mongolia rill never absolutely give up his gods and allow self to rest permanently within the sheepfold

f the beneficent influences of Christian civiliza-Stockbroker (a member of the minister's flock)

Oh! come off. Here's a Chinaman cloped to Can-ada with another Chinaman's wife, the pair taking other Chinaman's wife, the pair taking with them \$5,000 belonging to the deserted hu band. M.-Is that so? S .- It is indeed. M .- Then there is hope for the race yet.

O Tempora, O Mores!

John Boyle O'Reilly says poetry flourished in Ireland 3.000 years are. Oh the times and the man-ners! Foetry does not flourish to-day. It is the editor who flourishes-a club when the poet takes in his poetry. Too True. "The seasons are changing, " said one tramp to "Yes, " was the sad reply, "we get winter now

when we were expecting spring." "Xes, but after all, that's what we need." "What! winter in spring?" "No. Change." Yes, indeed (slapping his pocket), what we do eed is change.'

More Than He Wanted. "Hall spring!" the poet sang in glee, As through the sky the white clouds salled; gate came from the Arctic Ses,

vird, and the spring rained, snowed and hailed. The Green Thing.

"Is there anything green about a grass widow?" "Opt you think so. What is it, please?"

·Th fellow that haugs around her. ' He Loved Her Still. ce was harsh and she jawed all day, Till her husband was crazy, as one may say; From morn to night it was chin, chin, chin, And people who couldn't help hearing the din Knew well that the man had a cross to bear, And he cried in the depths of his wild despain 'I've loved. I've loved her through good and ill,

with all her faults I love her still. Jilted. Behold his woful mien, His eyes so lusteriess; 'Tis plainly to be seen The youth is in distres His gloomy port displays The sorrow in his breast; He walks in lonely ways, He seeks, but finds no rest.

Oh! what has changed him so? How has this come to pass? Who brought on him this woe? Aias: it was a lass. kindly tone to the creditor, "just sit down a few minutes and I will settle that affair of A Slight Misunderstanding. JOHN R. ROGERS sat down with a sigh of re tief and waited 10, 15, 20 minutes. At the end of that time the druggist joined him and motioned him to follow into a private room where, after closing the door, he told him to be seated. "Now sir." he said cheerily, "how long has

day, and was accorded a welcome by our citithis affair been going on?" "Oh, I guess it's over a year now." "Over a year? Well for heaven's sake why didn't you come to me before? I could have zens. The Major is an affable, courteous gentleman, and undoubtedly would fill the Guber-natorial chair with honor to the Republican

fixed you mighty quick. Anybody in the busi-ness could have given you advice." "Advice be hanged. I want money. I am party. SEVERAL members of the Knights of Labor "Advice be hanged. I want money. I am tired of advice." "But haven't you got money enough to pay for advice?" asked the druggist cautionsly. "Certainly, I have. But what's the use of throwing good money after bad? I have a judgment against him and that's enough." "Against whom?" "Against Caleraft, of course." "What for?" "What for? Why for the \$50 you are to pay me." organization will seek legislative nominations in Fayette county. They do not all represent one party. The county, although formerly very close one, and a few votes may turn it

Remarkable Condition of Affairs. "Me to pay you?" ejaculated the astonished From the Philadelphia Inquirer.! "He to pay you?" ejaculated the astonisted druggist, rising from his chair. "See here, what are you talking about, man?" "I am talking about my \$50," thundered the now wrathful Rogers, "and I heard you dis-tinctly say that you would settle that affair of That is a somewhat remarkable condition of affairs in Perry county, where an associate judge sitting on the bench was an applicant for

a hotel license, and, in spite of a strong remon-strance, himself granted his own application. President Juage Barnett revoked the license, and an effort will be made to retire the offending judge. In the Southern States a car con-

mine," "Listen," gasped the druggist, "are you mad er am 1? I don't know that man from Adam. He confided to me that you were suffering from sleeplessness and hypochondria, and needed advice and medicine. He never said a word about money, but I understood from him that you would pay well for treatment." ductor is called "Captain," a hotel keeper "Colonel" and a barkeeper "Judge." The Perry county Judge seems to be of the Southern type,

How Billy Florence Was Sold. WHILE I was in London." said Billy Flor-From the Baltimore American.] ence the other evening, "I had a great indness for going out to the old historic

to a year's imprisonment for calling the Emplaces in the suburbs. One day I was out at peror a hog. If the calling of names was an offense punishable by law in this country, it lampton Court, where, I may say, any fellow with a taste for the beautiful in art and nature can enjoy himself. The weather was warm and would settle the question of pure elections at once, for, at the end of a vigorous campaign fine, and the roads were somewhat dusty, so I was nothing loath to turn into one of the many "inns," with which the palace is surrounded, and quench my thirst. I ordered a foaming of "bitter beer," and sat down at a little table in a all the voters would be in jail. "bitter beer," and sat down at a little table in a small and very dingy room. The only other oc-cupant of the apartment was a somewhat mili-tary looking gentleman, long past middle age. After scanning my features intently for some little time, the gentleman left the table at which he sat, and drew his chair up to mine, at the same time remarking: 'Have I not the honor of addressing Mr. Florence, the Ameri-can comedian?" The auctioncer leapeds on a chair, and bold and loud and clear He poured his cataract of words, just like an auc-An auction sale of furniture, where some hard mortgagee Was bound to get his money back, and pay his can comedian?" "You have," in friendly tone, "but you have the advantage of me, for I do not remember to have ever seen you before." "No," answered the stranger, "I don't think you ever met me, and the fact is I only knew you ever met me, and the fact is I only knew lawyer's fee. A humorist of wide renown, this doughty aud His joking raised the loud guffaw, and brought the answering jeer.

you through a photograph in the possession of a professional friend ot mine." "You are in the profession then?" I asked, perfectly ready to fraternize with a fellow actor. scattered round his jests like rain, on the unjust and the just: Stoeman said he "laffed so much he thought thet he would bust.

'I am stage director of the Standard," he an He knocked down bureaus, beds and stoves and swered readily. "Ob, indeed," I responded. "Let us shake then, and have a friendly glass together, Mr. clocks and chandeliers. And a grand plano, which he swore would "last a

"Wilkins," put in the stranger He rattled out the crockery, and sold the silver-At last they passed him up to sell a little baby'

Nothing Too Good for Him. WELL, Mr. Wilkins, my afternoon is my

own and I suppose you have time to spare. Suppose we have a little lunch to gether, eh? What do you say?" "With all my 'art," said Mr. Wilkins, "I your money spent?" And then a cheap, facetious wag came up and bid,

don't start back to town until 2:30." Accordingly I ordered in a sumptious lunch

Broke down and cried, "My baby's chair! My and a bottle of port, to which Mr. Wilkins and myself did ample justice, chatting abo "Here, madam take your baby'r chair, " said the

myself did ample justice, chatting about various topics, but horses and horse racing I found was Mr. W.'s chief forta. After a glass of grog and a cigar, my new ac-quaintance got up, looked at his big silver watch and said, "It's neraly time to start. Will you ride back to town with me, Mr. Florence?" "Have you a conveyance, then?" I asked. "Oh, yes, a beauty, just come outside and see it. I think everything is ready for the back trin." softened auctioneer. "I know its value all too well, my baby died last and if the owner of the chair, our friend the Objects to this proceeding, let him send the bill to

trip." Delighted at the prospect of a drive home-ward through picturesque Surrey lanes, I fol-lowed my friend out to the courtyard, where a lowed my friend out to the courtyard, where a Gone was the tone of raillery: the humorist and tioneer Furned shamefaced from his audience, to brush

Time's up!" said a rugged faced man in the yard, "and there is six insides and two outs," "Are you going to ride inside or out?" asked Wilking of me.

ford county primary election on Monday for thirty-sixth year as Clerk and forty-first year as town meeting in that place a few days ago. He declined to be a candidate, show that a little less than 2 300 votes were cast. but was elected to both offices by a handsome instead of 3,500 as first reported by the enthumajority. siastic backers of Senator Delamater

-Charles McRoberts and wife who lived two miles south of Northville, were born on Saturday, married on Saturday, celebrated mater-he whom Senator Quay has promised their golden wedding anniversary on Saturday, took their last sickness on Saturday, and died ast Saturday. Sunday they were buried in one grave.

-On February 12, James Barton, of Springport, Jackson county, died, leaving a widow and seven children. Saturday the adtooth, one of the Republican aspirants for the ministrator, while looking through Barton's safe, found \$5,000 in moldy hills, which had been secreted years ago. The bills are good and will go. -Queen Victoria, who has started on a

continental tour, has taken along 3 coachmen, Sprooms, 8 horses, 1 donkoy, 3 carriages, 72 trunks, 3 special beds, a special cooking stove, wine, 2 doctors, 1 surgeon, 1 surgeon accouch-ear for the Princess Beatrice, 3 ladies-in-wait-ing, 9 women servauts, 1 lord, 2 equerries, 7 docs dogs.

-A 14-year-old boy confined in a Paris either way. It gave a Republican majority in 1888, but went Democratic again last year. prison for attempted murder, being put into a straight jacket as a punishment for violation of the rules, managed to free himself by rubbing off the fastenings against a corner of his cell door frame, and then made out of his clothes a rope with which he strangled himself from the bars of his cell.

-A curious phenomenon is reported from Batoum, on the shores of the Black Sea. During a complete calm the sea is said to have suddealy receded from the shore, leaving it bare to a depth of ten fathoms. The water of the port rushed out to sea, tearing many of the ships from their mehorage, and causing a great amount of damage. After a short time the sea resumed its usual level.

-The will of a prominent attorney in Cincinnati is a peculiar document, and two of the provisions have attracted considerable ment. "I desire that no bar meeting be held for me, for such occasions are utilized by A saloonkeeper in Beriln has been sentenced lawyers to explode their eloquence without cause. I desire that no crape be worn by my family for me, but if any member chooses to do

to the same shall be charged to his account. -The mourning costumes in different countries are very curious. In England a

widow walks looking like a moun tain of crape. In America she is less oppressive; in France she soon becomes coquettish. The most elabo-rate mourning cloak heard of has lately been made for the Duchess d'Aosta. It is of heavy silk, trimmed with flat bands of ostrich plumes, and having all its edges finished with fringes of plumes that have a jet band as their heating. -An exceedingly cheeky thief made his

appearance in Boston one day last week. He was dressed in overalls. He went into the office of a life insurance company, and, while whistling one of the latest tunes, began to unscrew from the walls of a toilet room on the fourth floor a mirror valued at about \$20. Fully 20 occupants of the building saw the man at work, and everybody thought he had been hired either to repair the glass or clean it. They did not suspect anything was wrong until after he left. Then it was learned he was a thief. He walked down the four flights of stairs and left be meaned of the from them. by means of the front door

CURRENT TIMELY TOPICS.

IF tight lacing kills a monkey the dudes will

have to dispense with the luxury. BISMARCK will be 75 years of age Tuesday. Born on All Fool's Day, he has kept them all dancing to his music for many a day.

THE date and location for the World's Fair has been settled upon, and all that is lacking now to make it a howing success is the soap. Chi-cago's Aldermen will probably put up that

REV. P. SANDERS REED preached a sermon in San Francisco on the "Abolition of Poverty," and said that poverty would be lessened if a law was passed prohibiting marriage among the poorer classes. What an excellent feature Mr.

Reed would make for the World's Fair P. T. BARNUM now declines to become a can

didate for the Mayoralty of Bridgeport, Conn. Too busy with the other canvas, so to speak. THE price of ice in Philadelphia has been fixed at \$1 per hundred. As coal sells for 15 cents per 100 pounds, it will be much cheaper to keep

warm than cold. THE Republican press throughout the coun-

e laughing crowd was awed and still, no tear-less eye was there en the weeping woman reached and took her little back of the state of try are praising William L. Scott for his liberal donation to the famished miners. They don't even mention the fact that he is not looking for -S. W. Fose, in Yankee Blade. votes. Great Scotts

Praise for Mr. Scott.

-George Russell Jackson

hat though the Senator may go a fishing he