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that the negroes as a race are giving themselves over to the ancient philosophers we should suspect it to be merely a phenomenon like that of the recent Browning club, which were more noted for their ambition than for their understanding.

IMPORTANCE OF THE ROAD QUESTION. In addition to the experience of the San Francisco road expedition, which has found good, wide roads in Erie county, poor ones in Warren, notwithstanding the quest to keep them in repair, and still worse in Forest, with the exception of a street macadamized with blue flagstone, will be found elsewhere a thoughtful letter on the importance of the whole subject.

PEOPLE OF PROMINENCE. Mr. W. C. PRIME is building a summer home at Franconia, N. H. The King of Holland is now practically blind, and his death is hourly expected.

CHARLESTON'S ADVANTAGE. It is a rather interesting fact that while, in the past, Pittsburg has tried to secure the patronage of a belt line of railroads, which all competing railroads could gain access to different parts of the city, and failed in the attempt; and while Philadelphia is making a similar attempt to secure free access to her water front, with rather dubious chances of success, Charleston, S. C., has just granted the franchise for a line of that sort which will furnish perpetual access to its wharves for every railroad that is ever laid out in that city.

FAMOUS LITERARY TREASURE. The Fisher Library of Mexican Pamphlets by a Resident. SANTA FE, N. M., April 28.—There arrived at Santa Fe last week a new owner, Mr. Thomas B. Catron, one of the most valuable libraries ever found in America.

DEATH BY ELECTRICITY. The time draws near for the first actual execution by electricity in New York. The expectation is that during the present day Kemmler will have undergone that dread experience and the inability on his part to communicate it, will leave the world just as well as informed on its relative merits of the new form of legal death as compared with hanging.

LITERATURE AND THE NEGRO. The discussion as to the future of the negro and his capabilities has developed a rather remarkable dispute to the literary tastes of the colored race. A correspondent of the Nation at Washington reveals the astonishing discovery that the negroes, as a class, are reading more of the highest and most improving books.

THE DISPATCH EXPEDITION. One of the Many Enterprises Started and Carried Through by This Journal. THE DISPATCH entered Meadville Tuesday noon, coming in from the Franklin turnpike. It consists of a two-horse covered wagon.

A DOUBLE WEDDING TO-MORROW. Two McKeesport Young Men to Marry the Same Girl. SPECIAL NOTICE TO THE DISPATCH. MCKEESPORT, April 28.—An important society event at which this place is deeply interested is a double wedding to take place at the residence of Alexander McClure, of Big Run, Jefferson county, on Wednesday next.

TO WORK FOR HASTINGS. Counties to be Convulsed and an Address Issued to the People. From the Philadelphia Record. The Committee of One Hundred will have an opening prayer, preceding a lecture of Max Bell, on the subject of the "Work for Hastings" that the audience might be able to fully appreciate the points of the lecture.

DEATHS OF A DAY. Martha M. Umbastetter, wife of the late Theophilus Umbastetter, of the formerly well-known firm of Theophilus Umbastetter & Co., died at the female seminary, Steubenville, O., at 6:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

THE 24th Annual Encampment to be Held in Cincinnati, May 1st.—The twenty-fourth annual Encampment of the Department of Ohio, Grand Army of the Republic, begins here to-morrow, and will be signified by a parade of the veterans of the war.

FORECAST FOR MAY. Dr. Ir. Hicks, who works in the forecast for May predicts a cool, frosty week, reaching the Atlantic about the 3d, frost from the 6th to the 8th, a dangerous storm period from the 10th to the 15th, and another from the 22d to the 25th.

ACCOUNTS WHICH REPRESENT FOURTH avenue as "excited" over the fact that a large number of people, both white and black, find the present satisfaction of their appetite for reading, in sensational trash. It is better to read detective novels than not to read at all; and that the younger colored generation are able to read the literature which has furnished the material for two generations of their own race, is an evidence of progress.

THE PLAYERS' LEAGUE has reduced the price of admission to their games to 25 cents. We say that competition does not bring down prices!

CHARLES W. WALKER, of the firm of Walker & Co., has been elected to the position of president of the National Association of Manufacturers.

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