THE TOPICAL TALKER.

Sooms Are Not Liked Here-A Western

Man Likes Pittsburg's Style-San Diego'

WESTERN man said to me the other day

talk of a 'boom.' There is enough foundation for such talk according to most Western stand-

ards. If some cities I know out my way were

doing as well as Pittsburg the State wouldn't

hold them. They'd be crying out, Boom! Boom!

told the truth. There is an abounding pros-perity here founded on solid natural causes;

yet there is no attempt to exaggerate good for

tune, no attempt to make wild speculations in

real estate. Prices of real estate are stiffening

steadily, and the volume of investment in this

"WHEN I was in San Diego recently, for ex-

boom in that California town there now, but

mine in San Diego saw an advertisement in a

paper one day stating that six new eight-room

let. He went out to look at them that morn-

ing. He found two old women sitting in a

vacant lot waiting for the owner of the houses

to appear. Of the houses themselves not even the foundations were laid. The land was there,

"But that was nothing unusual in San Diego

during the 'boom.' Business blocks were laid off on paper, the stores and offices were rented

before the contracts had been let for the build-

The conscription or military draft delusion

HAVEN'T found any lady yet who objected

rectly," said another enumerator, "but one or

two have got mad when I asked them if they

DISCONTENT.

(A ballade with a double refrain.)

But he'd rather have this or that, you know;

Or be somebody else, like so-and-so— And fortune's favors may pour and pour, And the zephyrs of fame propitious blow, But the average man wants something more!

In love, war, polities give him a show, And when he wins he's sure to repent— He'd rather have this or that, you know!

And the average man wants something more!

Though he bitterly growls at the frost and snow, The seasons to worry him all are sent, And he'd rather have this or that, you know.

To Congress no longer he wants to go-

or the girl he used to love and adore, Won and his wife, seems a little slow-

Not the winter alone brings discontent,

When the mercury's high he wants it low:

Some feature or other he's sure to deplore; The pessimist pines for an unknown woe,

And the average man wants something more.

ENVOL

And he'd rather have this or that, you know;

But the average man wants something more.

CURRENT TIMELY TOPICS.

Two consus enumerators have already con

mitted suicide. Superintendent Porter will have a good deal to answer for in the world to come.

FRANKLIN, Pa., will have the free delivery

service on July 1. As soon as the population will warrant it Oil City will be ranked as a free deliv-

Ax Indian has just been elected a member

of the Canadian Parliament as an Annexationist.

GOVERNOR HILL has signed the bill exemp

ing newspaper men and reporters from jury duty. Intelligent men will now have a chance of earn-

In all probability President Harrison will

IF the Pennsylvania Democracy should

spring a dark horse upon an unsuspecting people perhaps the Blacker he is the better it will suit.

Ir is reasonable to suppose that Chicago will

refuse to pay 860,000 for Cleopatra's bones, for the simple reason that she has more old bones lying

around loose now than she knows what to do with

With a little ingenuity and a small amoun

of charcoal, a man handy with a hammer car

make a refrigerator out of a strawberry box, large enough, at least, to hold the ten-pound cakes of ice left at your doors these mornings.

Is appearances are not deceptive, McKin-

ley's bill, after it leaves the Senate, will resemble the Kansas farmer who made a rapid trip through

a threshing machine. He wasn't as hand-ome after the trip, but he knew more about the in-

A "moow.seal.en" preached about the com

ing annihilation of the world at Bumble Bee

Ariz., for two days, when the Sheriff lit on him

and sent him to an asylum as a lunatic. Arizons

Sheriffs may be intimidated by stage robbers, but they will not put up with foolishness from doom-

THE RUDE AWAKENING.

There summer's gentle lulling breath luvades with sweets replete; There only shines the glorious sun

A solitude akin to death

Pervades my choice retreat;

With kindly tempered rays:

Peoples earth with eifin fays; There only falls the summer rain, Whose rhythmic, pattering drop

Some other duck'll work the vales,

Enhances all—but stop. While speaking thus of sylvan dales We'll have to bear this fact in mind,

While we keep up the blooming grind.

A RUSH FOR A BRIDE.

In Illustration of the Way in Which Syrian

Courtships are Conducted.

At the Seventh United Presbyterian Church

E. Barakat gave an illustrated lecture of life in Damascus, Syria. He enlightened the audience

which filled the church to its utmost capacity on the customs of the natives of Damascus

He illustrated, by the aid of several gentlemen and ladies, the manner in which the gallants of Damascus court the fair damsels. The manner

in which it was done evoked considerable laughter from the audience. The way in which

dushing order, when an and wife.

Prof. Barakat talked interestingly of the habits of the natives of Syria, of which countries of the natives of the native of the native

MOZART CLUB ELECTION.

Officers Who Will Manage the Pamons

Musical Organization.

The annual election of the Mozart Club was

held last evening with this result: President, H. C. Frick; First Vice Presiden

W. H. Corle; Librarian of Chorus, A. H.

Forty-fourth street, last night, Prof. Elias

-Oit City Bit

Attunes its fall to music's strain,

There Luns fair, Celestial nun,

noble red man is deger

reck speed.

The harvest lacks something whatever he sow,

You may give of all things good galore,

had any lunatics, etc., about the house."

It is not in man to be quite content,

Indulge a man to the top of his bent,

to giving me her age-and, I judge, cor-

uses in a certain desirable location were to

direction is swelling.

and that was all

ings.

agoin."

seems to be widespread.

Soom! Boom!"

And the Chicago financier, for such he was,

"I like the way Pitisburgh steers clear of

Ballade of Discontent.

Inflated Tricks - Census Sidelights-A

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APT The BUSINESS OFFICE of THE DIS-PATCH has been removed to Corner of Smithfield and Diamond Streets.

THE NEW R. & O.

The telegraphic advices from Baltimore that the Mayor of that city will sign the ordinance for the sale of the city's stock to the syndicate that has bid for it indicates that the transaction is practically completed. This, if we are not mistaken, marks the close of the last large ownership of railway stock by a city, county or State. Baltimore has been more fortunate than most governmental investors in railway stocks, by getting par for its holdings, with good dividends for a great portion of the time that it has owned the stock. Yet it may be doubted, if something of the experience usual in such cases, has not been repeated here, both by the reckless management which caused the suspension of dividends as well as by the influence which has prevented their resumption.

The experience of public proprietorship in railways, gained by such instances has been so generally unsatisfactory that the majority of States now forbid investment of either the funds or credit of the people in that way. This is based on the principle that it is not within the proper province of taxation. Yet, of late, a school of thought has argued in favor of the governmental ownership of railways. In connection with that the unsatisfactory results which have resulted where city, county or State governments have been part owners in railways, would be made all right, if the Government had been the sole owner. But the logic which makes that conclusion is decidedly weak. If public ownership in conjunction with private interest cannot insure careful, intelligent and honest management, is there any likelihood that public ownership unaided by private interest would do any

With regard to the results of the deal in Baltimore and Ohio stock, while they are still largely a matter of guess work, there is every reason to believe that they will be of acquiring the stock tell of important extensions and the erection of new through routes; and the connection of Mr. H. W. Oliver, whose interests are all in Pittsburg, point to the Pittsburg and Western, under his presidency, as one of the important links in a direct route from Baltimore to Chicago. The steady and successful work which has been done in building up the business and improving the facilities of the latter road prepare it for closer relations with the Baltimore and Ohio, which would make the importance of that combination here more pearly a balance to the Pennsylvania Ratiroad than has yet been the case.

Of course such a reorganization of the Baltimore and Ohio would be fraught with great benefits to Pittsburg, and the shipping public of this city will watch with interest for further developments.

A MOVABLE DAM WANTED.

The action of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday with regard to the class of dam to be erected in the Allegheny river at Herr's Island is undoubtedly based on good reasons and should receive the favorable consideration of the Government officials. A movable dam at that point would be an unalloyed benefit to commerce; the other kind will contain dangers, as set forth in Colonel Roberts' resolutions, which will largely, if not entirely, offset the benefits received from it. The sole purpose of the construction being the improvement of the harbor and the benefit to the manufactures lining the rivers, the considerations involved should be decisive with the Government. From the expressions of the Government officials in charge of the work there is every reason to believe that the change called for by the Chamber of Commerce will be made.

THE UNPARLIAMENTARY PEANUT.

How can Select Councilmen expect to retain the confidence of their constituents if they est peanuts? Not only do they devour the degrading nut, but they crunch the shells on the floor in the Council chamber. The crash of contract-letting is often lost in the pulverigation of peanut shells. The debates are also punctuated, if not sprinkled, with tobacco juice, and the Chairman's majesty can hardly be seen for the toby smoke! Are these things worthy of such an august chamber? Are they Select?

President Ford is opposed to the peanut. He rules that it is not parliamentary. It must be crushed-but not inside the chamber. The tobacco chewing and the odoriferous toby are out of order, and they will be ordered out. Internal Revenue Collector Warmeastle has also taken a virtuous stand against the peanut, the quid and the toby. The superb courage which nerved Speaker Reed to shut the House bar and expel several old apple women is contagious. President Ford has caught it, Mr. Warmcastle has caught it, and the other members of Select Conneil may expect to catch it-or its effects-next. Down with the unparliamentary peanut!

CORPORATIONS IN LEGISLATION. The defeat of a bill in the Massachusetts

of a railroad sell above par, any issue of new stock must be offered for sale to the highest bidder, is arousing the criticisms of the Boston press. The Herald in an extended article points out that the measure was intended to prevent one method of stock watering; that it was supported by the trade organizations and press of the State almost unanimously; and that its defeat was a decided example of the influence of the corporations in legislation.

We have no doubt that these criticisms of the Legislature are well founded; and it is somewhat gratifying to find that such papers as the Boston Herald are beginning to perceive some portion of the public injury that can be done by legislative bodies under the dictation of corporations. That journal has been foremost in disapproving of those who have agitated against corporate evils beside which this issue of new stock to favored cliques is a mere drop in the bucket, and to denounce as demagoguery the protests against the growth of corporate influence with legislature and courts. It is now beginning to see that such abuses threaten the small investor equally with the farmer and small manufacturers and merchants.

The perception of such facts as these is the first step in the creation of what the Herald 125 has heretofore regarded as the obnoxious class of anti-monopolists. As it has seen the use of corporate influence in legislation for indubitably corrupt purposes, there is hope that it may in time be ranked in that body.

THE POWER TO MAKE WILLS.

The recent decision by the higher New York courts setting aside Mr. Tilden's will creating a trust for the establishment and maintenance of public libraries in New York City renews attention to the difficulty of fulfilling the testamentary dispositions of millionaires. The members of the legal profession are wont to descant on the folly of people who draw up their own wills; but certain signal cases brought out more plainly the futility of trusting to the most skillful lawyers to draw up a will that can defy the criticism of the courts.

Mr. Tilden was one of the first lawyers of the land, and his will is now found to be worthless. The legal adviser who drew up Mrs. Fiske's will was one of the foremost of his profession; and Cornell University mourns the loss of \$3,000,000 which it was to get by that document. Commodore Vanderbilt employed the best legal talent in making a will that would stand; and William H. Vanderbilt, his heir, had to make a compromise. The list might be continued indefinitely if it was worth while: but these cases sufficiently illustrate the fact that no perfection of legal talent is sufficient to insure the will of a great millionaire against the assaults of the will-smashers.

Another point is worthy of notice in this espect. The theory of the law is that a man is entitled to dispose of the wealth he has created; and unless that right of disposition is extended beyond his life, his control of his own property is abridged. But that is an abstract theory only, and while professing it, the practical operation of the law in the line of will-breaking begins to create a doubt whether any man of great wealth can make a binding direction as to the use of his wealth after his death. The past experience this is equivalent to saying | Tilden and Fiske cases are enough to create a decided doubt whether people can create libraries or endow universities by will; while a score of less prominent cases create the doubt whether a man can select his own heir even among the members of his family.

With this hiatus between the theory and the actual results of the law, the question becomes pertinent why the profession should not be amended to conform with the practice. In other countries the right of absolute testamentary control has been limited with results good or bad according as the limitation was intended to prevent or preserve the maintenance of a privileged class. Such limitations have not been found to weaken the sacred rights of propgreat importance to Pittsburg. Rumors as erty, nor has that result visibly followed to the intentions of the capitalists who are the will-breaking record of our own courts. With the theory of absolute testamentary control reduced to mincemeat by the practical results of the law, why should not s statutory limitation be substituted for the expensive and haphazard method of break-

> ing wills now in vogue? In the practice of the courts we have a very valid argument for the usefulness of laws directing the division of great estates, with limitations of the amounts that can be bequeathed, either to direct or collateral heirs. Such legislation would remove the phenomenon, now becoming quite frequent, of vast wealth kept in a single bulk from generation to generation, and would be the most effective correction of the tendency toward a permanent wealthy class, It would also provide a definite and well-known limitation, in place of the indefinite lottery which is now dignified by the term of con-

testing will. While such legislation is maturing, it is pertinent to offer the advice to rich people, who wish to endow charities or found public institutions, that they had better take warning by the cases of Tilden and Mrs. Fiske, and follow the example of Mr. Carnegie and Mr. Pratt, by doing it during their lifetime.

A NEW MANUFACTURING TOWN.

The town-builders have taken hold of Parnassus, as will be seen by the facts published elsewhere, concerning the recent large purchase of land in that heretofore rather somnolent village. One of the prominent features of the present business prosperity has been the creation of new manufacturing towns in Western Pennsylvania by syndicate operations. Jeannette, Wilmerding and Charleroi have already presented striking examples of that sort; and the Parnassus operation follows in the same line. So far as can be judged from the points which are made public, the new enterprise presents a superior advantage over its predecessors, in that each of them is dependent for prosperity on a single large industrial establishment; while at Parnassus it is understood that a variety of industries will be located. This will give the prosperity of the new place more stability and prevent the town from being overshadowed by a single corporation. Where will the next new manu-

facturing town be located? THE London Society for the Abolition of Vivisection has protested against the experiments of the physician who applied the fash-ionable corset to several female monkeys, with the result of killing the poor things. The protest is tolerably well-founded; but the fact that the same torture is applied daily to millions of females of the human race ought to evoke some protests from societies for the protection of weak-minded slaves of silly fashions.

THE last order of the reformatory police in Philadelphia forbids smoking in the public Taken in connection with the aboli ion of street bands, this foreshadows a sterr determination of the Philadelphia rulers that here shall be no more cakes and ale.

THE sugar dealers are booming the mar ket on account of the reduced stocks that were held in anticipation of the passage of the tariff bill, and the subsequent delay in the enactment of that measure, with re-Legislature, providing that when the shares | ports that the Senate will only make a third or

a half cut in the duties. Yet some of our Demo cratic cotemporaries have been claiming that the McKinley bill would enable the Sugar Trust to keep up prices!

THE fact that a Denver crowd ran ar mpire out of town for his pernicious activity in giving the game to the wrong club proves that there is one corner of the land where th popular interest in basebell maintains its old 'booms.' Whenever I come here I find that Pittsburg is prosperous, her people working like bees, and the solid honey going to all quarters of the land from her hive. But there is no

THERE is a certain volatility in the policy of the Emperor of Germany. A few months ago he was talking of disarmament, and now he is urging the increase of his army on the peace footing by 49,000 men. The only defense against inconsistency in this respect that is possible is that William is so determined to have Europe disarm that he is increasing his army in order to make Europe do it.

THERE is a striking paradox in the nouncement that pension payments have been so increased that the funds in the hands of agents are becoming exhausted and pensioners are in danger of not getting their money.

THE acquittal of the Chester scho teacher who was indicted for switching an unruly child is a gratifying indication of a turn in the tide of public opinion. There was beginning to be ground for fear that no one was to be taught obedience in this country, except members of Congress, by the discipline which awaits them if they disobey the dictates of the

THE decision of a New Jersey court that fex hunting is not cruel sport is evidently pased on the evidence that it amuses the hunter and doesn't burt the fox.

THE fact that Pittsburg uses more water in proportion to population than any other city in the country is a gratifying one; but the fact that she also wastes more water, calls for remedial measures. The water meter and a low rate by the hundred gallons of consumption s the obvious cure for the waste.

FASTNET ROCK has got another whack at one of the ocean racers, without causing a great disaster. It may be the third time that

THE correspondents who at once blame England for not suppressing the slave trade in Africa, and charge the responsibility upon her for the destitution along the Upper Nile, caused by the wars which grew out of her efforts to suppress that trade, should strive to give a little more consistency to their logic.

PERSONAL MENTION.

THE President and family returned to Wash ington on the United States steamship Despatch at noon yesterday from Fortress Monroe. SIR JAMES MILLER, owner of Sainfoin, th winner of the Derby, is but 26 years of age.

He paid 7,500 guineas for his fleet-footed POSTMASTER GENERAL WANAMAKER'S life and accident insurance amounts to \$1,300,000, the largest insurance carried by any individual

MISS ELSIE HALL, aged 13 years, is the latest prodigy in a musical way. She is an Australian production, and plays anything and everything at sight.

THE Egyptian Government has paid to Captain Carsati, in behalf of Emin Pasha, more than £5,000 as Emin's salary for seven years' services as Governor of the Equatorial provinc in Africa. EMPEROR WILLIAM has had an electric railway built for bringing dishes from the kitchen

MRS, MACKAY'S recent dinner and dance to Count Formelli, the Italian Ambassador, at her house in Buckingham Gate, was an elegant event and drew together many of the foremost people of London,

into the state dining room. This innovation would be a popular feature in the American

MAJOR WISSMAN, Imperial German Comnissioner to East Africa, has arrived at Suez, from Africa, on his way to Berlin. He reports that Emin Pasha, when he started for the interior of Africa, was enjoying fine health. MISS VIRGINIA LONG, granddaughter General Sumner, the biographer of General

Lee, is one of the distinguished beauties of Charlottesville, Va. General Sumner is quite blind, and dictates all his matter to his pretty daughter. Among the passengers on the steamship La Bretagne at New York was Miss Gwendo Caldwell, of whom much has been printed in

connection with the breaking of her engage nent of marriage with Prince Murat. She was accompanied by her younger sister. THE National line steamer Denmark, which sailed from London June 8 for New York, has on board a notable consignment of hackney horses for Dr. Webber, of New York, brother-inlaw of Mr. Vanderbilt. There are also on board six French coaching horses for one of

THE EQUINE PARADOX.

the Vanderbilt's.

Bartholemew's Wonderful Horses-A Ne Face in an Old Play.

Prof. Bartholemew has worked wonders with the equine nature. He has done what nobody that delighted a very large audience at the Grand Opera House last night are probably the smartest, most cultured coterie of quadrapeds in existence. If you have not seen the Paradox you can have no idea of the curious and delightful charm of the entertainment. It is all said to be the result of kind, persistent and patient training, and the demeanor of the horses would certainly confirm this assertion. The 24 horses, all colors, but mostly of the graceful Kentucky breeds, first cross the stage on their way to school, and their arrival at the school is an amusing tableaux. One horse takes the pedagogue's hat, another his coat, another brings a chair, and then the tasks begin. There is hardly a thing a schoolboy does that these horses do not make a pretty effort to imitate, from writing figures on the blackboard and rubbing them off to shamming sick or mis-chievously disturbing the class. The intelli-gence of a deaf horse, named Casar, is espe-

gence of a deaf horse, named Cæsar, is especially remarkable.

It is unnecessary to describe all that the horses do; the programme is a big one. But the bell-ringing performance and the tester-totter act stand out as almost inexplicable marvels. The picnic scene and the military drill, with its strong climax, are full of extraordinary horse-feats. The horses are the actors entirely in this show, Mr. Bartholemew being simply a master of ceremonies to all appearances. Of course he is really more; it is his training which has had this unique result, and through his well-directed labor that these two dozen horses furnish such proofs of their possession of reasoning power. session of reasoning power.

For children hardly a more amusing or profitable entertainment can be imagined. We advise all who love horses to see the Paradox.

As "Lightning Lew, the Boy Scout," Miss Ethel Tucker yesterday pleased two large au-diences at this popular all-the-year-open house. Her supporting company is capal

of the members having supported N. S. Wood in the repertoire now being presented by Miss Tucker. Next week Managers Harris and Starr promise their patrons a rare treat in "Monte Cristo," to be given with Horace Lewis in the title role. Mr. Lewis made a hit here saveral weeks ago at the Rillian is "Monte Cristo," here several weeks ago at the Bijou in "Mr.

Moonlight and Theatricals. The Theatrical Social Club will go down the iver to-night on the steamer City of Pitteburg. William Black, of the "Fantasma" Co pany, has completed all the arrangements and promises a delightful evening to all who go. The Clipper Quartet and the International Jubilee Singers will wake the echoes in the river hills, and the dancers' feet will keep step to the music of the Mozart Orchestra.

WORK FOR THE NEEDY.

What the Society for the Improvement of the Poor is Doing.

The semi-monthly report of the Association for the Improvement of the Poor shows that W. J. Mustin; Second Vice President, E. H. Dermitt: Secretary, J. Boyd Duff; Treasurer, for the Improvement of the Poor shows that there were 8 new applicants, 477 families visited, and 198 aided; 939 visits were made to the poor, and 84 for the poor: situations were obtained for 12; days' work for 36, and 5 children were placed in Sabbath schools.

There was distributed 501 loaves of bread; 172 pounds of rice, 154 pounds of oatmeal, 221 bars of soap, 24 quarts of corn meal, 76 pints of beef tea, 277 pints of milk, 50 pounds of tea, 149 pounds of sugar. One hundred and forty sux garments were given out, 55 pairs of rhoes, 296 grocery orders, 9 hats. W. H. Corle; Librarian of Chorus, A. H. Brockett; Librarian of Orchestra, W. J. Mo-Elroy; Executive Committee, D. M. Bullock, A. H. Brockett, W. H. Corle, E. H. Dermitt, J. Boyd Duff, W. C. Lyne, Thomas Neeley, A. J. Simpson, Lou Himmelrich, W. M. Leatherman, E. S. Morrow, W. J. Mustin, W. T. English; Music Committee, C. C. Mellor, W. B. Edwards, E. H. Dermitt, Paul Zimmerman, J. Boyd Duff; Conductor, Jas. P. McCollum; Pianist, John Pritchard.

PRETTY GIRL GRADUATES.

Annual Commencement of the Pennsylvania Female College-A Brilliant Audience Present-Able Essays Rend by the Young Ludies.

Dilworth Hall, the annex of the Pennsylvania College for Women, was radiant last evening with its audience representing the high social and intellectual circles of the city in the beauty of full dress toilets and the charming misser and young ladies who have spent the past year its walls, of which six received diplomas it being the eighteenth annual commencement of the college. The young ladies, students of the school, in their dainty costumes and bright, youthful faces, formed a pretty picture seated en masse on one side of the hall with the exception of the fair graduates, who the exception of the fair graduates, who
presented a picturesque tableau amid towering
palms on the platform ciad in sweetly pretty
graduation gowns of soft silk, in the class
colors of pale pink and silvery gray that in the
brilliant light assumed a delicate blue tint.
Miss Pelletreau, the principal of the school
robed in a handsome trained costume of
black lusterless silk, wonderfully becoming to robed in a handsome trained costume of black lusterless silk, wonderfully becoming to her stately presence, was seated with the young graduates, and after several selections by Teerge's Orchestra and prayer by Rev. W. J. Reid, announced the first paper "Quid Proximum," by Miss Jennie M. McCance, who received the second honor. In a pretty manner, with pure accent and intonation, Miss McCance allowed her fancy, full scope in the latin tongue regarding the class and their future, in all advocating higher education which best fitted them for becoming representative women in public life or loyal true helpmates, in case, as the young lady modestly suggested, any of them should love and prefer private life. Miss Heien T. Brown read the next essay "Without Sound of Hammer or Ax," and in it referred to the wonderful achievements of Mother Nature, accomplished so silently, but the greatest building known to man, according to Miss Brown, is the building of character, which requires neither hammer or ax, but looms up at the day of judgment, either in beautiful, pure stone, or with black, unwholesome walls.

Miss Helen Ducan in "The Spirit of the ample," continued the Chicagoan, "I saw what evil this 'booming' of a place to excess can do. The bottom's fallen out of the

beautiful, pure stone, or with black, unwhole-some walls.

Miss Helen Ducan in "The Spirit of the Age" proclaimed herself quite a thinker on political and social economy. She said that restlessness, selfishness, activity and energetic endeavor were the spirit of the age, and dis-coursed quite freely on strikes, monopolies, trusts and combines, but concluded by calling it the golden age of science, literature and re-herion. A CENSUS enumerator told me yesterday that he was having trouble with some of the colored population in his district. One gentle-man refused to answer any questions, "Dose you think you'se gettin' me foh der wah, sonny?" he asked indignantly, "'cause I'se not

it the golden age of science, literature and religion.

"American Aristocracy" received at the
hands of Miss Lillian G. Hill a very scathing
rebuke for its presumption and assumption
with an appeal to America as a nation to
moid an aristocracy that would have
courtesy and honor for its foundation
instead of wealth or birth.

After the presentation of diplomas Miss
Elizabeth A. Hillman, who carried off first
honor, read a very interesting and ably written
paper on "A Nation's Vitality," which was of
course its education and the results of education and enlightenment. Miss Elizabeth R. Robinson, who bore the English honor titte, had

tion and enlightenment. Miss Elizabeth E. Rob-inson, who bore the English honor title, had "Ancient Superstition" for a subject, and handled it very creditably.

This evening the year will be closed by a reception that the graduates will tender to their friends, and at which Miss Pelietreau will be an honored guest, though her mourning garb will prevent her assuming the role of hostess as in previous years. hostess as in previous years.

The graduates were addressed by Rev. Henry T. McClelland, D. D., who interspersed good advice for future government, with many amusing anecdotes of school life, and bade them commence life in earnest, with firm convictions, to which they should adhere till death.

death.

At the conclusion of the evening's exercises the graduates entertained their friends for a short time in the parlor.

ONLY GOOD WEATHER NEEDED

To Make the West Penn Hospital Entertain ment a Great Success.

The sale of seats for the West Penn Hospital entertainments began yesterday at S. Hamilton's music store. The indications are that the entire house will be sold by Thursday or Friday at the farthest. They are being bought in lots. One man from Sewickley bought 20. Some of the G. A. R. posts are buying in 25 and 50 of the G. A. R. posts are buying in 25 and 60 lots, and selling them to their members at half price. Arrangements have been made by which parties from the country can order tickets either by mail or telegraph.

Mile. Marie Decca, who is on the programme for two solos, is spoken of by the European and American press as one of the most brilliant of American sopranos. She is of Scotch birth, was three years under the instruction of the world-renowned Marchesi, of Paris, and has met with distinguished successes before Paris.

world-renowned Marchesi, of Paris, and has met with distinguished successes before Parisian and London audiences.

Of course the Marine Band is the great attraction, and it is principally to hear this great American musical organization that there is such a rush for seats. It is worthy of notice that at the recent official reception of the Pan-American delegates in Washington, the band with the direction of Lohn Phillin Lousa did

under the direction of John Phill what no other band, either in this or any other country, could have done. The national air of each of the 16 countries represented in the congress were played. Prof. Lousa has done something in addition to that which will relect credit on himself. His collection of na flect credit on himself. His collection of na-tional airs were published and sent to every naval band, so that whatever port an Ameri-can war vessel may visit, its band may be able to salute the colors with its own national airs. Arrangements are completed for the mili-tary fete and drill, and good weather is only needed to make the affair a grand success.

MISS ANNA NEWBURN WON.

Contest of Musical Graduates at the Pittsburg Female College.

The first of the two contests that precede the ment exercises at the Pittsburg Female College was given last evening in th cosy little chapel of the college building, which was filled with a cultured and musical audience that congregated to enjoy the piano per-formance of the young ladies that would decide who should be awarded the McKee gold The programme opened with "Tarewtella-G

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The programme opened with "Tarewiella—G min.." Liszt, rendered by Miss Grace Medbury.

"Valse—A flat, op. 42," Chôpin, by Miss Ola Lockwood followed and "Hungarian Rhapsodio" No. 6, Liszt, "Spinning Song." Wagner-Liszt, Miss Anna Newburn. "Polonaise—A flat," Chopin, Miss Mamie Leak. "Scherzo—B flat min.," Chopin, Miss Carries Beall. "Valse Caprice—E flat," Rubinstein, Miss Minnie Dawson. and "Erl-King." Schubert-Liszt, by Miss Elsie Hall concluded the contest. The decision rendered by the judges, who were Messrs. Gldeon R. Broadberry, C. C. Mellor and Leo Cehmler, commended the general planistic abilities of the contestants, and awarded the medal to Miss Anna Newburn, of Ballevue, with special favorable mention of Miss Mamne Loak, the daughter of Rev. Dr. Leak, of Allegheny.

The elocution contest for the E. P. Roberts & Sons' gold medal will take place this evening.

STAUFFER-KEISER WEDDING.

Invitations Issued for a Pleasant Event at Zephyr Glen. Invitations have been received in the city to the wedding of Miss Fannie Stauffer to Mr. Andrew L. Keiser, which will be celebrated Thursday, June 19, at 7:30 o'clock, at Zephyr Glen, Scottdale, the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Stauffer. The bride-elect Joseph R. Stauffer. The bride-eleog is a handsome and talented young lady who has availed herself of the privileges afforded by the great wealth of her father to attain a high degree of educational perfection. The groom, to be, is a young man of sterling worth and occupies the position of train dispatcher at the Union depot.

The wedding invitations are accompanied by cards bearing the following inscription: At home after July 15, corner Amber and Baum streets, East End, Pittsburg.

A WHITE ROSE LAWN FETE.

Flowers and Refreshments at a Successf

Church Entertainment. The white rose lawn fete given last evening by the Ladies' Aid Society of the United Brethren Church at Wilkinsburg was one of laughter from the audience. The way in which the marriage ceremony was performed was then shown. After the engagement was duly sanctioned by the parents of the groom and bride, the bride was supposed to have been out waiking under a canopy, carried by four maids of honor. As soon as the groom caught sight of the party he made a rush and seized the blushing bride, and then they were considered man and wife. the most enjoyable at fresco entertainments given this summer. While flowers predominated in the booths as well as in the dominated in the booths as well as in the corsages of the guests, other elements of pleasure were not wanting. There was ice cream, strawberries, lemonade and mune. There were games of all kinds among the children, while their elders enjoyed themselves in a quieter way.

So, well attended and successful was the fete that it will be repeated this evening. The proceeds are for the building fund of the new church, and it is evident that a very large sum will be netted for that purpose.

Miss Anderson's Gradentes. 'Mid daisies and ferns in the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church last evening was given the closing exercises of Mrs. Lizzie Pershing Anderson's school, and five diplomas were granted, in the elocution course to Fannie were granted, in the elecution course to Fannie Edith Eggers and Frances E. Graham, and in the English course to Frances E. Graham, Clara B. Hays and Emma C. Voegtly. The exercises throughout, including recitation and yocal and plane soles, were very enjoyable one, and thoroughly appreciated by the audience that packed the chapel to its utmost capacity.

arrow Lake, in Canada, will be despoiled of

its base and muskalonge this year by the members of the Iron City Fishing Club, which had such a delightful time during its three weeks' camping there last season that it was unanimously decided at a meeting yeaterday atternoon to revisit the scene of so much pleasure. The club consists of 50 members who are privileged to invite a limited number of guests and generally swell their number to about? before starting out on their annual picuics. The first week in August will see the exodus of the party northward bound, supplied with 20 tents and supplies for three ed with 20 tents and supplies for weeks in the forest.

Social Chatter. An entertainment will be given by the pupils of St. James' R. C. school, Williamsburg, in the old school building, on Thursday, June 19. The

proceeds are for the benefit of their library and eading room. THE nuptials of Miss Cora B. Nolen, of the

East Eng, and the Rev. James H. MacDonald, of Boston, will be celebrated to-day at the bride's home, on Larimer avanue. A STRAWBERRY and ice cream testival will be given this evening in the Park Place Mission Chapel. The proceeds are for the benefit of the Sunday-school.

THE wedding of Miss Lillie Connell and Mr. Dred C. Arlington will occur at St. Peter's Church Wednesday evening. MISS ALICE MAUDE OGDEN and Mr. Charles

G. Richardson will be married to-day in Se THE vocal contest for the Mrs. Bissell gold medal at Curry Hall this evening.

Sabbath School Convention.

ALL EARNESTLY AT WORK.

Interesting Items of the Progress of the

This afternoon at 2 o'clock the ladies of the resbyterian churches who have been apointed to wait on the tables at the Expositio he first day of the International Sabbath School Convention will hold a meeting in the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church on Wood street to organize. At the same hour the ladies of the U. P. churches will meet in the hall of the Y. M. C. A. on Seventh street. To-morrow at 2 P. M. the ladies of the Methodist churches will meet in the chapel of the Y. M. thurches will meet in the chapel of the Y. M. C. A., and the ladies of the other churches com-C. A., and the ladies of the other churches com-bined will meet on Thursday at the same place at 2 P. M. Members of the Entertainment Committee will be present to explain to the young ladies what will be expected of them and to assist them in organizing. The ladies in charge each day are expected to provide salads, pastry, flowers, etc., and to vie with each other in making the tables look handsome. Messrs. Bryce Bros. have kindly agreed to furnish all the glassware required for the tables during the convention. he convention.

Bouvenir badges have been provided for the ladies who are to wait on the tables, and the same will be presented to them on the days on which they serve. The cafe badges are in the hands of Mr. L. T. Yoder, Third avenue. Ohio will send 92 delegates to the convention. The Entertainment Committee will meet at 3 P. M. Tuesday in the recention room. City Hall. uesday in the reception room, City Hall. hurches and Sabbath schools which have not Churches and Sabbath schools which have not yet contributed should at once send their money to A. A. Horne, of Horne & Ward, Treasurer. The blanks asking members of churches to entertain delegates should be returned to the chairman of the Entertainment Committee, Mr. S. E. Gill, 95 Fifth avenue, not later than Monday or Tuesday of next week. Any congregation or Sabbath school not having received circulars relating to this matter are requested to at once communicate with Chair-

ARRANGING THE DETAILS.

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Committees on the Big Temperance Con vention Now at Work, A meeting of the general committee of ar-rangements for the National Convention of the

Catholic Total Abstinence Societies of America, to be held in this city, August 6.7 and 8, was held last evening in Duquesne Hall on Penn avenue. About 40 delegates from the different societies in the Diocesan Union were

Penn avenue. About 40 delegates from the different societies in the Diocesan Union were present.

Rev. Father Sheedy, pastor of St. Mary of Mercy Church, presided, and M. J. McMahon was secretary. The following-named gentlemen were appointed chairmen of the different sub-committees: On reception, James Fitzmorris; on ushers in church and hall, James Rooney; on printing and badges, W. H. Griffin; on entertainment, Joseph A. Weldon; on music, Alex McBride; on parade, P. W. Joyce. Mrs. A. T. Plunkett was appointed president of of the committee to entertain the lady delegates. A reception will be tendered the latter in Duquesine Hall.

A letter was read from Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, stating that he would be present at the convention. Special invitations have been extended to all the Archbishops and Bishops throughout the country, and many of them will be at the convention. It was also decided to have a field day at Silver Lake Grove, but the date has not yet been fixed. It will probably be held Saturday, August 2.

The convention will represent about 75,000 persons and will be attended by about 400 delegates and as many more prominent visitors. The meetings will be held in the Grand Opera House, and after assembling the delegates will march to the Cathedral, where they will attend high mass. The sermon will probably be delivered by Archbishop Ireland, after which the delegates will adjourn to the Opera House. Essays, reports from the different unions, etc., will occupy most of the time of the convention the first day, Among the reports to be read will be one from the committee on the endowwill occupy most of the time of the convention the first day. Among the reports to be read will be one from the committee on the endow-ment of a Father Mathew chair. In the evening the reception to the lady delegates will be

held.

On the second day, the reports of the treasurer and other officers will be read. The election of officers will also be held on this day and in the evening there will be a public meeting in the Opera House. On the third day, an excursion will be given up the Monongahela river. A special invitation has been tendered by General Manager Schwab, of the Edgar Thomson Steel Works, to visit the immense plant, and it will be accepted.

MARRIED FIFTY YEARS

An Aged Couple of Mount Joy to Celebrate Their Golden Wedding.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.] MOUNT JOY. PA., June 9 .- Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hergelroth, aged and respected residents of this place, will celebrate their golder wedding anniversary next Saturday, the 14th wedding anniversary next Saturday, the 14th inst. They have resided in Mount Joy for 40 years. Mr. Hergeiroth was born below Lutiz on April 12, 1816, and Catherine Peters, his wife, was born December 22, 1816.

They were united in marriage on Sunday, June 14, 1840. They have 4 children living, 1 dead, 14 grandchildren living, 10 dead and 4 great grandchildren.

From the Philadelphia Press.]

Mrs. McGinty has been arrested in the west ern part of Pennsylvania for conspiring to procure the murder of a banker. It has been the impression for a long time that the McGinty family would turn out badly, and it is perhaps unfortunate for the woman that she did not accompany the late Mr. McGinty when he disappeared so mysteriously that they haven't found him yet.

Pittaburg Tinsmiths Surprised.

From the Boston Globe. 1 amazed last Wednesday to discover their em-ployers on a high roof helping out one of their brother bosses on a deserted job. When The striking tinsmiths of Pittsburg were brother bosses on a deserted job. When wealth y employers pull off their coats and are willing to head off a strike with the sweat of their own brows it certainly looks like business.

From the Oil City Derrick.] Pittsburg has a boom. Elegant buildings ar

It's the Same Old Boom.

going up on all sides, real estate is in demand and the town wears a busy and busting look that is born of prosperity. The Smoky City is growing wonderfully and everybody is happy.

DEATHS OF A DAY. Rev. Father Brandtstaetter. Lying in state with the full vestments of his

priestly office, lay the remains of Rev. Father Brandtstaetter, who for many Brandtstactter, who for many years had been connected with the St. Philomena's Church, in the pastor's residence, on Liberty street, last night, while crowds poured into the room to view the remains. Father Brandtstaetter belonged to Order of the Redemptorists, and iversally liked by all with whom the Order caine in contact. He was a man of scholarly attainments, and came to this country from Air is Chapelle in 1855, the year he was ordained a priest. He was engaged as Professor of Philosophy at the Catholic Seminary at Camberland for a number or years. The deceased had been affected with liver trouble for ten years, which was caused from a runture he received when quite young. The malady was so serious of late that he was unable to do any active work, and for the past three years he was in such a condition that he was prevented from saying mass. About two years ago he visited New York and underwents severe surgical operation. Father Joseph Weinsell will arrive from the East to-morrow, and will deliver a sermon over the deceased. At 10 o'clock solemnigh mass will be sung in the church, aiter which the body will be literred in the new cemtery in Ross township, high priests from the different congregations will act as bonorary pailbearers. Eigut laymen of the congregation will bear the come from the residence to the church. Feter Roth, John Schweinhart, Lawrence Wirth, J. Markmeyer, C. Heimer, Gabriel Waisser, Bernbart Giockener and Anton Specht will act as pallbearers.

A FAMOUS CASE SETTLED.

he Sterling Austin Claim at Last Disposed Of-President Grant's Land Proclamstion Legal-Personal and Political Notes From the Capital. Washington, June 9.—The Court of Claims

to-day settled the famous Austin cotion claim. This was a claim for about \$60,000 for cotton seized in Louisiana and Texas, cotton seased in and rested upon the loyalty of Ster-ling Austin, deceased, father of the claimants. It also involved the question claimants. It also involved the question whether the general ammesty act of 1868 removed his disabilities in case he was proved to have been disloyal. The court decided the latter point in the negative, and dismissed the petition on the ground that the loyalty of Sterling Austin had not been established. A supplementary opinion was, however, given, fixing the value of the property seized at 509,287.

The Secretary of the interior to-day rendered an important decision on the question of the legality of the President's action in issuing on May 23, 1870, a proclamation offering certain lands in New Mexico for sale at public auction. In pursuance of this proclamation the said lands, in August following, were offered as stated, and those of them remaining undisposed of were treated as subject to private stated, and those of them remaining undis-posed of were treated as subject to private cash entry under the act of April 24, 1820. In 1886 Commissioner Sparks disputed the legality of the President's order, and recently the pres-ent Commissioner decided that the offering under the President's proclamation was not au-thorized by law. The Secretary overrules the decisions, and concludes that the President's proclamation was legal, and that the question must be accepted as finally and legally deter-mined.

Editorial Excursionists in Town.

A PLEASURE excursion party, consisting of A about 85 members of the Minnesota Edi-tors' and Publishers' Association, many of whom were accompanied by the ladies of their families and invited friends, arrived here at 5 families and invited friends, arrived here at 5 o'clock this evening on a special train over the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The party will make the Ebbitt House their beadquarters during their stay, and under the escort of the Minnesota delegation in Congress will visit all points of interest in and about Washington. To-morrow evening they will be given a reception by Secretary and Mrs. Windom, and by Senator and Mrs. Davis. Wednesday the excursions's will visit Mount Vernon, and on Thursday they will be entertained at lunch by Senator and Mrs. Washburn. The party will leave here for home next Friday evening.

A Tippecanoe Memorial.

REPRESENTATIVE O'NEILL, of Pennsylvania, to-day reported favorably to the House, from the Library Committee, the bill appropriating \$50,000 for the erection of a monument on the battlefield of Tippecanoe, Indiana, to commemorate the heroism of the men who fought and died there under the leader-ship of General William Henry Harrison. This afternoon Senators Allison and Farwell and members of the House from Illinois and lowa appeared before the Senate Committee on Commerce in support of the appropriation of \$500,000 to begin work on the Hennepin Canal project, contained in the river and harbor bill. The item was retained in the bill, only one vote, that of Senator Vest, being against it in the

committee.

James Brooks, ex-Chief of the Secret Service
Division of the Treasury Department, was today placed in charge of the division in place of
Acting Chief Cowie. It is understood that the position will not be permanently filled before July I. The Knights of Labor are very friendly to ex-Chief Bell, and will, it is said, support him for Congress in a New Jersey district.

Settlers Sufficiently Protected. SENATOR PLUMB to-day reported adversely from the Public Lands Committee a bill to protect land claimants within railroad limits by ermitting them to purchase the land from the permitting them to purchase the land from the Government at 25 50 per acre whenever it is held not to be within the land grant to the railroad company. Accompanying the bill is a letter from the commissioner of the general land office, recommending that the bill be not passed, for the reason that the interests of bona fide settlers are sufficiently protected under the present laws.

HERRON HILL CONCERTS.

The Central Traction Road Asks Chief Bigelow to Build a Grand Stand. Messrs. Gitlespie and Flinn, representing the Central Traction Company, had a conference

with Chief Bigelow yesterday afternoon in reference to the traction company's plan of hav-ing band music at Herron Hill Park on Saturing band music at Herron Hill Park on Saturday evenings. The company desires to have the Great Western Bandgive a free concert every Saturday evening during the summer months, and they want Mr. Bigelow to erect a band stand and furnish seats for the people. Mr. Bigelow said he was already making preparations for seating the park grounds, and he would probably be able to erect a substantial band stand out of his appropriation for Herron Hill Park.

Mr. Bigelow will visit the park with the Central Traction officers this morning to see

Central Traction officers this morning to see what can be done, and if any agreement is reached the first concert will probably be given next Saturday evening.

BALLS OF FIRE IN THE HOUSE.

ning's Mad Pranks. LOCKPORT, N. Y., June 9 .- A most remarkable phenomenon is reported from the outlying country districts regarding the electrical display during the recent severe rainstorm. A farmer named Jasper Bacon and his family, residing 15 miles north west of this city, were singularly affected. The house seemed to be enveloped in a bluish, hazy light. The air was pregnant with the electric fluid, and balls of fire danced along the tops of chairs and slid over mantels or chased each other up and down a

Family Terrifled and Paralyzed by Light-

langing lampshade.

It was a terrible sight to the members of the household. There were no lights in the house, and the terror of the inmates was greatly in-creased by the total paralysis of their muscles. they were unable to move, and sat like mummies, fearing that their end was near. The storm lasted four hours, and as it departed the electricity vanished and the use of their limbs and arms returned.

A BALLOON AT SEA. Sallery Discover an Air Ship Floating in the

Ocean. LONDON, June 8.-The Swedish bark Architect, Captain Lindh, at Queenstown, from Fer-nandina, reports that on May 24 she saw a large calloon floating on the ocean. The bark attempted to reach the balloon to ascertain if any-body was in the car, but darkness set in, and the balloon was not afterward seen.

A New Dwelling House Building Society. The Dwelling House Building and Loan Asociation organized formally last night by electing the following officers: President, Leonard Weaver: Vice President, S. H. Gilson; Secretary, T. F. Flint; Treasurer, Thomas Fitzpatrick; Directors, Prof. C. B. Wood, Charles A. Larkin, William Victory, John Call, Henry Fitzpatrick, J. A. Kramer, C. Eichenlaub, George Becker and M. W. Selferth. The association will meet hereafter at 241 Wylle avenue. The next meeting will be held next Tuesday night.

STATE POLITICS.

ertainty whether Stone, of Allegheny, is a eling-stone or a free-stone. THE Eric Dispatch is authority for the statement that Hou. W. L. Scott is using his induence to defeat Senator Delamater in his Gubernatorial aspirations. HON. SAMUEL M. WHEREY will be a mem-

PHILADELPHIA Record: It is still an un-

ber of the next Legislature, the Democrats of Cumberland county having renominated him, a bonor which he richly deserves. SAVANNAH (Ga.) News: Senator Quay is reported as still having faith that the next Congress will be Republican. In November next it will be announced that he has experi-

ced a faith cure.

MANY good things and many that were not quite as good have been said of Mr. Andrews since he received the Senatorial nomination in Crawford county. If you want to read all the good things said of him get a copy of the Meadville Republican.

EDITOR PLUMB, of the Corry Flyer, since his withdrawal in favor of Mr. Griswold, has been as dumb as an oyster. That his action was the right course to pursue, is attested by the fact that Mr. Payne, of the Blade, can't find an pening to thrust a lance at him. HARRISBURG Call: With the Republicans

is still a free-for-all race, with Mr. Delamater vell in the lead, and the chances in his favor. On the other side of the fence it appears to be neck-and-neck race, the frier didate claiming their tavorite to be ahead. ERIE Dispatch: Surprising events chase each

other in the Twenty-third Pennsylvania Congressional district, Colonel Bayne's declination of the nomination in favor of Colonel W. A. Stone aroused so great a storm of public censure that the latter has "declined" and another primary election will be held, in which Mr. Shiras, who was Colonel Bayne's chief opponent fore, will take a hand, as will also other

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-Phinney Ives, 3 years old, fell into a dry well at Jackson, Mich., and although the body was standing upright when found the

-A dentist of Kingston, N. Y., recently it somewhat inconvenient, because he couldn't keep his head still. pulled eight of his own teeth. He says he found

-A deposit of black slate 1,800 feet wide and two miles long has been found near Pine Grove, Pa., on lands belonging to the Gettys-burg and Harrisburg Railroad.

-Prof. Hebra, of Vienna, used often to express himself in this wise: "It is necessary that there should be surgical geniuses, but don't ever let a surgical genius operate on you. -Pineapple juice is the latest discovered domestic remedy for diplatheria. It is said to be used with great and unfailing success by the negroes of Louisiana and other parts of the

-The street cleaning department of New York has appointed three physicians to examine all applicants for positions on the force, to de termine whether they are physically fit to do termine whether the

-Dr. John Laidler, of Elba, Ga., has a patient who is in a trance. The patient is a negro woman. She has not been sick. At last unts she had not eaten, drank, spoken or noved for about 56 hours. -Horses could not stand the compressed

air which the men breathe while working in the Port Huron tunned and mule power was substituted. The mules get fat and slock on it, and do not seem to mind the pressure. -An order has been issued at the press ensors department in St. Petersburg that

telegrams can be either received or sent by the papers between 6 in the evening and 3 in the morning. The only reason is that the officials of the bureau object to remain on duty at night -Two young miners in the Empire and Hollenbark collieries at Wilkesbarre completed a rat killing contest lately. They were

at the work one month, and \$50 was the stake. The result is as follows: McQuade killed 3.510; weight, 4.375 pounds. McIntyre, 3.219; weight, 5.828 pounds. -A lady of St. Paul, Minn., the mother —A lady of St. Faul, Alinh., the mother of three young children, after trying about a dozen nurse girls with very unsatisfactory re-sults, advertised for a boy to take care of her children. She obtained one, and he possessed more good qualities than all the nurse girls

ombined, giving perfect satisfaction -Henry Melick, a rich farmer of Harmony, known all over New Jersey as the "blue man," died suddenly on Thursday. The neighbors report that, when a young man, he was almost drowned in the Delaware river. His skin ever afterward, they say, had a deep blue tint. Physicians were unable to account for the

-In the year 1706 the average weight of fatted steers in the London and Liverpool mar-kets was but 310 pounds! This, too, at the average age of 5 years. In 1785 this average weight was increased to 482 pounds. In 1830 the weight was 500 pounds, more than double that of 1706. The average weight of the fatted steer to-day is four times what it was in 1706 only 184 years ago.

-A genuine palm tree is in bloom in

Hartford, Copp. The tree has been owned by Senator Silas Robbins for 23 years, and has been carefully guarded during that period. Not until this season, however, has it put out a bud of any sort. The blossom appears at the top of the tree, resembling an exquisite selection of fern, and is buff in color. There is no fragrance. Under the flower itself is the green fruit in its earliest stages. -The plague of rats continues unchecked, says a London cable, and is indeed increasing in Lincolnshire, although hundreds of thou

sands have already been killed. The rodents are killing poultry and eating the corn and mangolds in spite of the efforts of professional rateatchers, who say the worst is to come. Some of the rats are said to be as large as rab--While grading for a site for a new building in Nevada a large stump was up-rooted. The wood was partially decayed, and bore no signs of anything unusual, but as soon as darkness had settled down upon the earth,

the stump became a thing of beauty. Every particle of the fractured wood glowed with phosphorescent light, and at a distance of three feet fine print could be read by this light. Phosphorescent wood is not uncommon, but it is not often that it is found to throw light any distance. ight any distance. -Some very interesting facts of grime are revealed by a Scotch Sheriff. He knew of one woman who, between the years 1844 and 1865, was committed to prison 167 times for being drunk, and when drunk her invariable practice was to smash windows. A man when di stole nothing but Bibles, and was transported for his seventh theft. Another man stole nothing but spades; a woman stole nothing but shoes; another nothing but shawls, but the

queerest theft was one who stole tubs, and was sent to penal servitude for his seventh tub. -A Wrightsville, Pa., hunter recently saw a pheasant and blacksnake fight. It lasted for quite a while. The bird moved with such rapidity that the snake was unable to encircle it. The blacksnake retreated once for several feet, but it turned and rushed at the bird with As the two met the pheasant darted forward and planted its beak square in one of the snake's eyes. She kept up the battle and finally killed it. When the hunter examined the snake its head was almost severed from its

-Curious how perfumes are one day the fashion and the next forgotten. A few years ago "Jockey Club" had many adorers; now it seems to be given over to elderly beaux and ladies, who are a little bit nervous when the question of age comes in. Following it there was a rage for Opoponax; then white rose received all the attention; after that we sufficiated un-der tuberose; this was succeeded by an occan of violet; now we are all perfuned with white lilac, although the coming odor is said to be vervain, a most delicate scent, and one that at its best is really difficult to procure.

-A curious case came up before the Supreme Court in Providence last week. The Fifth National Bank loaned \$5,000 to a produce dealer named Alserson, taking 392 cases of eggs as security, and stored them with the Providence Warehouse Company. Alterson redence warehouse company. Alverson re-placed the eggs from time time with fresh ones. At last he failed, and the bank is now suing the warehouse company for the eggs, alleging that they were to be kept in safety; and the warehouse company replies that the eggs are unbroken and therefore safe, but that they could not keep them from spoiling.

SEVERAL GOOD LAUGHS.

Feedem-Send over six pounds of tes, will you? Sandham-Certainly. Green or black? Feedem-Blackest you've got. I'm catering for big colored wedding on the west side. - American

Ned-I wonder why the governor calls a DOOK & 10MO?

Ted—Give it up Ned. Perhaps it's because the reader buries himself in its pages.—American

Mr. Havseed (stopping at door of statuary

room, Museum of A rt)-I wonder what's in here?
Mrs. Hayseed (hastily)-Hush! Come on! They
ain't got them gals ready for exhibition yet, -New

Wife-Is my hat on straight? Husband-Yes. Wife (a moment later)-How do my crimps look? Husband-They're all right. Wife (a moment later still)-Do these glove Husband-No. (Then after a pause)-Is my

"Papa, what's Volupuk?" "Do you hear the pedler crying outside, my

"Yes, paps."
"Well, that's Volspuk."—Boston Courier. "James, dear, I'm sure there is a burglar in the house. I hear a noise in the pantry. Per-haps he is at my pies."

"Do you think so, darling? Well, let him alons. I will call the city undertaker in the morning."—

Sustan Courier. THE SUMMER GIRL. Oh, the summer girl is coming; so the dickie birdies say. You can hear her banjo tumming in the old fa-

miliar way. From her sea blown hair so curly to her dainty She intensely girly-girly, and she's

But beware of all her graces and her fetching

little wars, Though her net of filmy lace is, yet it's quites tangled maze.

Once her eyes so brown and mellow bring you to her slippered feet

You will find some other fellow thinks she's