LESS BUSINESS DONE

A Noticeable Decrease in the Volume of General Trade Caused by

THE HOLIDAY AND HOT WEATHER.

Lessened Speculative Interest at Leading Financial Centers.

WESTERN CROP PROSPECTS GOOD.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR. NEW YORK, July 4.- Special telegrams to Bradstreet's indicate that the volume of general merchandise, while large, has decreased perceptibly, as is to be expected at this season and the week, practically two days short, has rather tended to restrict operations. San Francisco, Kansas City, Memphis, Cincinnati, Philadelphia and Boston all report a restricted distribution, and many Western cities note a check to trade to the prevalence of prolonged and severe hot weather. Iron and steel are steady and anthracite coal is really in better demand at improved prices. At the West hoga are in free movement to interior markets, and prices are weak and lower. Cattle are dull. Products barely hold their own as to prices. Wheat is up 11/2 on less encouraging reports from abroad and a heavy de crease of domestic stocks. Corn and oats

are fractionally higher.

In California the outlook is for a heavy wheat crop. Our Melbourne cable states that wheat stocks in Australia and New Zealand out of tarmers' hands July 1 equal 4,973,-000, against 2,391,000 bushels one year ago. The holiday interruption causes duliness in the stock market, but prices tend to advance on investment buying and prospective amelioration of the railroad rate attuation Bonds are in fair demand.

EFFECT OF LABOR TROUBLES. There were 84 strikes, involving 33,909 strikers, reported to Bradstreet's in June. For the six mouths there were 681 strikes, involving 174,263 strikers, against 349 strikes, Involving 93,358 strikers last year and 436 strikes and 172,432 strikers in 1888. Bank clearings for June at 51 cities showed the effect of lessened speculative interest at leading markets and quieter gen-eral trade throughout the country in a deerease of 13.6 per cent, from the May total. But they are larger than in June last year For the six months the clearings at 37 cities aggregate \$29,538,050,-815, a gain over last year of 9.2 per cent., over 1888 of 26 per cent, and over 1887 of 14 per cent. The New York clearings, which aggregate \$18,789,627,149, or 63.6 per cent. of the total, show a gain over last year of 7.7 per cent. The daily average of clearings at New York for aix months aggregates \$123,615,968, which is nearly 7 times that at Boston, 10 times that at Chicago or Philadelphia, and 50 times that at Balti-

STATUS OF THE GRAIN MARKET. At this, the close of the crop year of 1889-90 Bradstreet's reports point to 52,000,000 bushels of wheat carried over, against 37,-000,000 bushels same week of last year. Farmers' stocks are 7,000,000 heavier on July 1, 1880, and so-called available stocks 8,000,000 bushels. These totals point to the wheat crop of 1889 having been 470,000,000 bushels instead of 490,000,000 bushels. Stocks of Indian corn (available) carried over are 19,251,938 bushels, against 12,361,565 bushels a year ago; stocks of oats 12,301,305 bushels a year ago, stocks of oats are 7,287,424, against 7,470,989 bushels; of burley, 637,255 bushels, sgainst 454,167 bushels, and of rye, 908,702 bushels, against 986,345 bushels. Stocks of wheat flour at lending points of manufacture and accumulation in first and second hands (exclusive of New York City) equal 1,429,378 barrels,

a first 1,317,800 barrels one year ago. sale for actual lots, with rates practically unchanged, though the current month's contract is 10 points higher on the week. Raw sugar is 1-16c lower on increased supply and anticipated smaller takings during the ensuing holidays. Refined sorts are steady and unchanged on fair demand.

DRYGOODS HOLDING FIRM PRICES. An average midsummer trade is reported by agents. Stock-taking has engaged job-bers' attention. The cotton goods demand is stendy with firm prices. Woolens are being delivered in good volume, while some lines of new business are more active. But the outlook for the woolen goods trade, as a whole, is unimproved and a large amount of machinery is idle. Raw wool is very dull, and the outlook is for lower rates than higher prices. Cotton is 1-16c higher on

Copper holds steady at 16%@17c per pound. A further diminution of the visible supply is reported. Production, on the other hand, is increasing, Reports to Bradstreet's of mercantile failpres throughout the United States during six months of the current year show a total of 5,466, against 5,918 in the first six months of 1889. The aggregate liabilities of (ailing traders are \$62,667,962, against \$67,411,-

711, and actual assets \$30,025,116, against \$32,803,940 in the first six months of 1889. HORSES ARE DEGENERATING.

The Tendency at Present is Toward Sprinters, Not Enduring Racers.

Bt. Louis Globe-Democrat. 1 At the present rate of affairs on the tur! it will not be long before we get back to the quarter races that years ago were the attraction at the country fairs. What with three furlongs, and half miles, and five-eights, and only once in awhile a mile race, the horses of to-day are only "sprinters," not racers. What has become of the four-mile heat racer, the three-mile and two-mile

In those days there were horses with staying qualities. I believe turfmen will agree with me that no son is ever as good as sire. Where now are the stallions to breed horses with endurance and speed combined? There are no Longfellows in these days. A good mile horse may get a good five-eighths horse; he in turn may get a half-mile won-der, but the result will be that they will keep on breeding so fine that in years to come a horse that can run a very fast quarter mile will be looked upon as a marvel of speed and endurance.

CRAZY OVER CRICKET.

The Natives of Samon Neglect Their Crops to Play the English Game.

Pall Mall Budget.] A cricket mania has broken out in the sunny isles where Robert Louis Stevenson has established his home. "Cricket," writes a colonial newspaper correspondent from Samon, "which was introduced here a few years ago by some of the more energetic British residents, has now become a nuisance, owing to the manner in which it is played by the natives. It is no uncommon thing to see a game being played in which the players number from 80 to 150 a side, and which lasts for ten days or a fortnight. The natives have become so crazy over cricket that they neglect their food crops during the whole of the season, and the consequence is that during a great part of that year they are in a state of

No wonder King Malieton is seriously considering the absolute prohibition of the English game within his dominions.

Quoted at a Premium. BUENOS AVRES, July 4 .- Owing to the suspension of payment of dividends, National Bank shares fell almost to par, but on account of purchases yesterday on be-half of London speculators they rise, and were quoted at 45 cent premium

OVER 16,000 physicians endorse Platt's Chlor

THE MARKET BASKET.

A Backward Senson and Few Early Home Raised Vegetables for Sale-Good Trade at the Market Stalle-Frogs in Big Demand.

In the line of garden stuff the features of the week have been the windup of straw-

berries and the heavy supply of home-grown raspberries. Our nearby gardeners are also bringing to market their first installment of cabbage, and by another week home-grown tomatoes and potatoes will be in fair supply. In ordinary seasons Western Penn sylvania gardeners are permitted to partake of home-grown potatoes the Fourth of July. This season is behind the average, owing to a cold, wet spring, and not many will be able to eat the home-grown potato this Fourth. At the Diamond market fruit and vegetable stalls a good week's trade is re-

In the line of dairy products the supply exceeds demand and prices of last week are barely sustained. Eggs are firmer, and ancy stock will bring 25c per dozen without difficulty.

In ocean products it is to be remembered.

that this is the quiet time of the year. The supply of Eastern fish, however, is not up to demand. In accordance with Ohio laws, nets are now out of Lake Erie, and the Western fish now on the stalls are from Port Huron, and other fishing stations where Ohio laws are not in force. There is a big demand for frogs and soft shell crabs, and prices are moving upward The supply of frogs is far below demand.

Florists are entirely satisfied with the week's work. Demand is good and prices are a shade higher for all things in floral lines. The patrictic sentiment, which was never deeper or stronger than on our 1890 national birthday has made strong demands on floral offeri gs.
Following are the latest retail prices o market basket materials:

Staple Ments. The best cuts of tenderloin steak range from 20 to 25c, with last figure for very fancy; sirioin, best cuts, from 15 to 18c; standing rib roast, from 15 to 20c; chuck roast, 10 to 18c; best round steaks, 12½ to 15c; boiling beef, 5 to 8c; sweet breads, 20 to 50c per pair; beef kidneys, 10c aplece; beef liver, 5c a pound; calf livers, 25 to 35c aplece; corned beef from 10 to 12c per pound. Veal for stewing commanus 10c; roast, 12½ to 15c; cutlets, 20c per pound; spring lambs, fore quarter, 10 to 12c; hind quarters, 15c. A leg of mutton, hind quarter, of prime quality, brings 12½c; fore quarter, 8c; loin of mutton, 15c; giblets, 5c per pound.

Garden Stuff. fancy; strioin, best cuts, from 15 to 18c;

Garden Stuff. Cabbage, 10 to 20c; new potatoes, 25c per half peck; choice tomatoes, 20c a quart box; bananas, 15 to 20c a dozen; carrots, 5c a bunch; lemons, 20 to 30c per dozen; oranges, 55 to 50c; cauliflower, home-grown, 15 to 25c a head; lettuce, 5c per bunch; beets, 5c per bunch, nead; lettuce, 5c per bunch; beets, 5c per bunch, 35c per dozen; green onions, 2 bunches for 5c; cucumbers, 5 to 10c apiece; asparagus, 5c a bunch; new seas, 30c a half peck; new beans, 25c a half peck; black raspberries, 15c, 2 for 25c, red, 15 to 25c; blackberries, 15 to 20c a quart; currants, 20c a quart; gooseberries, 15 to 20c a quart; pineapples, 10 to 15c apiece; eggplant, 10 to 15c apiece; squash, 5 to 15c apiece; watermelons, 20 to 50c apiece; cantaloupes, 15 to 40c apiece; California apricots and peaches, 35c a quart box.

uart box.

Choice creamery butter, 20c. Good country
butter, 12 to 14c. Fancy pound rolls, 15 to 20c.

The retail price for fresh country eggs is 20c.

The range for dressed chickens is 75c to \$1 25

Ocean Products. Following are the articles in this line or Following are the articles in this line on the stalls, with prices: Lake salmon, 10 to 123/c; California salmon, 35c per pound; white fish, 123/c; herring, 4 pounds for 25c; Spanish mackerel, 25 to 80c a pound; blue fish, 15c; halibut, 20c; rock bass, 26c; black bass, 15c; lake trout, 123/c; lobsters, 20c; green sea turtle, 20 to 25c. Oysters: N. Y. counts, \$1 75 per gallon; clams, \$1 25 per gallon; frog legs, 75c a pound; soft shell crabs, \$1 25 to \$1 50 per dozen; frogs, \$2 a dozen; brook trout, 75c a pound.

Plowers. Jacks, \$1 25 per dozen; La France, \$1 25 dozen; Mermets, \$1 25 per dozen; Brides, \$ llow and white, 75c r per dozen; yellow and white, do per dozen; Bennetts, \$1 00 per dozen; Beauties, 25c api Harrison lilles, 25c apiece; pansies, 10c dozen; hellotrope, 50c per dozen; carnations, per dozen; peonies, \$1 per dozen; Mads Plantier, 75c per dozen; Gabrielle Luizet,

Domestic Markets. Domestic markets furnished few items of

importance yesterday. Shippers recognized the fact that the national birthday was here. and witheld their stuff for a more convenient season. Produce commission men kept open for a few hours to dispose of what little perishable stuff arrived. About all in this line were raspberries and blackberries. Demand was fairly good for all that appeared.

While trade was quiet, as it uniformly is on a holiday, prices were well sustained. The Grain Exchange and wholesale grocers are celebrating the birth of the Republic hence there is nothing new to report in these departments of trade.

THEODORE MOSS'S PET SPIDER.

The Singular Occupant of a New York Man agerial Hat.

Theodore Moss, manager and proprietor o the Star Theatre, and member of the Board of Electrical Control, is nourishing a pet spider, which sends shudders through his friends when he exhibits it, as he does whenever he can find anybody to look at it, and inspires him with thrills of joy, because he regards it as a harbinger of good luck. Mr. Moss appeared recently in a white beaver hat. That was not unusual, as he always wears a white beaver in summer; but it was unusual to see him take off his hat whenever he met an acquaintance, point to the interior, and then to note the long and apparently interesting conversation that took place between him and his friend. The mystery of these frequent sidewalk confer-ences was explained yesterday, when Mr. Moss met a New York Times reporter. The manager and Commissioner promptly took off his hat and held it in his left hand, while he grasped the hand of the reporter with his right. The sun had just forced his way through the clouds and best down upon the unprotected head of the manager, but he needed it not. Pointing to the interior

the hat, he said: "Do you see that, my boy?" "That" was a diminutive specimen of the genus spider, which swung contentedly from the middle of a web which he had spun about half way up the hat, covering the en

tire space from rim to rim.

"Five or six days ago," he said, "I found that this little spider had built him a home in my hat. How he came there I don't know, for he is the first or his kind that we have seen at our Seabright cottage. There he was, however, safely ensconced, and I escued him and his house from destruction when Mrs. Moss and the children proposed to annihilate both. I told them that it was bad luck to kill a spider, and good luck to carry one around with you, and I put my hat on my head, spider, web, and all. There the spider has remained, contented and

happy, ever since.
"Has he brought you good luck, Mr. Moss?" the reporter asked.
"Well, was the slow response, "I am not superstitious, as you know, but within two days after that spider took up his abode in my hat I was paid an old debt of \$1,900 that I never expected to get." And the manager and commissione

walked solemnly away, leaving the reporter staring after him in blank amazement. AMERICAN FLAGS FLYING

The National Holiday Appropriately Ob

served Montreal. MONTREAL, July 4 .- It was not forgotten here to-day that this was the American national holiday, and there was a noticeable increase in the amount of buoting displayed, as compared with other years.

Flags were flying from all places of business, whose proprietors or partners are Americans, and the streets presented almost as gay an appearance as on a Canadian holi-

ALL-WOOL French challis 50c a vd. The largest and most desirable assortment shown in this city. HUGUS & HACKE

IRON TRADE REVIEW

The Local Duliness Usual at This Season Now Manifest.

A STRONG, CONFIDENT UNDERTONE.

The Signing of the Scale Gives

Basis for Operations.

OTHER MARKETS IN THE EAST AND WEST

Changes in the iron and steel situation have been very slight. This is the season of the year when the mills ordinarily close a result transactions have been light. Most of the milis laid in large supplies in the latter part of May and early part of June. There is not much inquiry at this time, nor is there any special reason for buying. It has been the rule for these many years for manufacturers to express fears as to labor troubles in the month of May, and their custom has been to buy heavily in that month. Now that the Amalgamated Association has signed the scale for the year before us, there is a strong undertone of confidence in the future of iron and steel markets. Though midsummer's quiet is fully on, there is a healthy tone to markets and out-look for a good fall trade was never better at this season of the year.
Some of the mills now closed down will no doubt start up next week, and in a week or two more all are expected to be down to work. Unless all signs fail the balance of

the year will show great activity in iron and steel products.

Our hardware dealers show no disposition to push fall trade, as their faith is strong that higher prices will be reached. Following are latest quotations:

Structural Iron - Angles, \$2.15; tees, 2.80c; beams and channels, 3.10c; sheared bridge plates, steel, 2.60c; universal mill plates, Iron, 2.35c; reflued bars, 1.95c card.

bars, 1.55c card. Barbed wire fencing, galvanized, \$3 :0; pla wire fencing, galvanized, \$3 :0.
Neutral mill
All-ore mill 16 00@18 50-ca
No. 1 foundry, native ore 16 75(2)7 00-ca
No. 1 foundry, lake ore 17 00@17 25-ca
Bessemer 19 00@19 25-ca
Charcoal foundry fron No. 1 21 00@23 00
Charcoal foundry iron No. 2 20 75@22 75
Charcoal cold blast
Spiegel 82 75@33 50
Muck bar 28 50(2:9 00
Steel blooms 21 00@31 50
Steel slabs 31 00@31 50
Steel billets 31 00@31 50
Steel R. C. ends 24 00604 50
Steel bloom ends 21 50
Steel ralls, new \$2 50@33 00
Old rails 25 00@28 00
Bar iron 1 85@ 1 90
Steel nails, per keg, usual dis 2 0. @ 2 15
Wire nails, per keg 2 25@ 2 30
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SIMPLY A REPETITION.

Very Little Change in the General Mark at St. Louis.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE. Sr. Louis, July 4.-Rogers, Brown and Meacham say: This week's report of local business is simply a repetition of preceding. The abnormally hot weather, combined with the holiday season, has temporarily lessened the consumption of iron whilst foundry men show no desire to make further purchase. Although the strike in Alabama is hardly likely to materialize at present ow-ing to lack of organization and ready resources amongst the miners Southern fur-

ams,	naces maintain prices and thin or are
soft	figures in the fall. We quote for cash f. o.
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	Hot blast coke and charcoal:
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NEW YORK CLUB SCANDALS.

The Gastronomic Recklessness of Member is Causing Much Trouble. New York World,]

The scandal occasioned by the public con

sumption of a ham sandwich by a member of the Calumet Club at the window of the club house has traveled further up the avenue. A member of the Knickerbocker Club is now undergoing a discipline for indulging in a light luncheon of cherries in the brazen publicity of the big bay window. To add to the enormity of the offense the cherries were contained in a vulgar brown paper funnel, in which they had bee vender at the clubhouse door. The offender in view of the deep contrition be expresse for his crime, has been let off with suspen sion from the privilege of the bay windo until the fruit season is over. If the barrow man who tempted him to his tall is discovered the miscreaut will, if the club can compass it, be sent to State prison for life. The case of this misguided young aristo-erat is more than paralleled by one which has given the Governors of the Union Club frequent disturbances of mind. There is member of this club who combines with somewhat mature age and a fortune which two-thirds of the other members envy him a predilection amounting to a positive mania, for dried herring. He carries a supply of this desiccated delicacy in his vest pocket and consumes it in association with his juleps, sours or cocktails to what many members of more exacting gastronomic tastes consider an offensive degree.

A WARRANT OUT FOR HIM.

An Alleghenian Accused of Secreting Property to Defraud Creditors. C. F. Linepensel, Jr., is charged before Alderman McMasters, with secreting his personal property for the purpose of defrauding his creditors. W. C. Erskine, Esq., attorney for the M. A. Hunt Manu-

facturing Company, is the prosecutor. Line-pensel formerly was proprietor of a large furniture store at No. 48 Federal street, Allegheny. He got into difficulties, and several suits were brought against him, it is said, which caused him to go out of business.

The Hunt Manufacturing Company has

bill of \$152 50 against Linepensel, and has entered this suit for the purpose of forcing payment. A warrant was issued for Line-

ANOTHER OIL GUSHER

The McKown Farm at Forest Grove Again to the Front. The Fourth was gloriously celebrated at the McKown farm at Forest Grove by the bringing in of a well that promises largely, No. 3. The caliber was not ascertained, but she made a considerable flow as an earnest of what might be expected.

The well at the Redburg well was a dis-

appointment. It was so dry that Fourth of July booze could not wet it. The McKown No. 3 is northeast of the original gusher on the A. B. Young farm. Accused of Larceny. J. W. McCreedy, Justice of the Peace at Mansfield, yesterday sent George Willise to jail, in default of bail, for a hearing on a

charge of larceny from the person. Daniel

Yager is the prosecutor in the case. NEW YORK, July 4.-Bishop Wulfuigh, of Surinam, will sail hence to-morrow on the steamship Rotterdam. The Bishop has made a study of leprosy, and is on his way to New Guinea, where he intends to found

a hospital for leprosy. Marvin's Carty The finest molasses cake made. Try it. TTS

BURKE'S BAGGAGE.

AN IMPORTANT CLEW DISCOVERED IN THE CRONIN MURDER MYSTERY.

An Accomplice of Burke's is Traced From Winnipeg to the West-He Left Two Hours After Burke's Arrest-Mysterious Actions of Implicated Parties.

WINNIPEG, July 4 .- Detective McKensie, the officer who discovered Martin Burke a year ago, and undoubtedly prevented the escape of the notorious Cronin murderer, has struck a clew to an important bit of evidence that may eventually remove the veil of mystery from the Cronin case. At tae time Burke was acrested through some mischance or stupidity the police torgot to look after his baggage. It was not until Chicago detectives went to Winnipeg that the subdown for repairs and stock taking, and as | ject of the baggage was broached and then it was too late to get any trace of it. Subsequent developments proved that Burke not only had a big tounk which he brought from Chicago, but that he had been careful to dispose of it as well as his railroad bag-gage check. All efforts to find the trunk which is supposed to contain positive evi-dence of Burke's connection with the murder have so far tailed. While the trial was on in Chicago detec

tives from that city made periodical trips east and west on the Canadian Pacific in search of the missing trunk, but they were never able to get any trace of it, and finally concluded that it had been taken by friends the fugitive murderer. The finding Dr. Cronin's clothes and instruments in an Evanston avenue sewer while the murderers were on trial put an end to the search for the trunk so far as the Chicago police force was concerned, but Detective McKenzie has never lost sight of the fact that it may yet prove an important factor in the famou case. He has found out that when Burke came to Winnipeg he was accompanied by a mysterious friend, who left here for the West within an hour after Burke's arrest He had to purchase new tickets, recheck two trunks which had been checked to Montreal, and he also made an effort to dispose of a ticket calling for transportation to the latter city. It is now believed that one of

the trunks was Burke's.

This assumption is based on the fact that on Friday, June 21, 1889, there arrived in this city from the South a man who registered at one of the hotels as "James Mc-Carron, — street, Chicago." The street number was first written by the guest, but a few minutes afterward was erased with a penknife. The man made himself acquainted with one of the regular boarders in the house and through him was introduced to the police and some business men, pretending that his object here was to establish an agency, though in subsequent interviews he unwittingly acknowledged that if Burke had not been arrested he would never have been in Winnipeg.

It was noticed that he carefully watched

all trains from the West, and after he had been here six days he met a party that alighted from the Atlantic express. A mere nod of recognition passed between them at the station, but the new arrival proceeded up Main street, followed at a respectable distance by McCarron. Turning into one of the hotels the two men selected a side room, where they were alone and in consultation some time. Notes were com pared and some papers exchanged. Mc-Carron paid his bill and announced his intention of returning to Chicago next morning, The supposition is that the stranger from the West came through with Burke and proceeded on his way, taking his trunk with him, while Burke intended to have

THE CENSUS IN GERMANY.

One Day Suffices to Get the Population the Whole Empire. In Germany they have a different way o taking the census than the one in vogue in the United States. There they take the of \$800,000,000 this year. census every five years, and cover the whole empire in one day; but only questions in reference to domicile, name, sex, age and ocial position are asked.

Several days before December 1 the enum

rator goes around in his district and finds out how many persons live in each house For each person he leaves a card containing the questions, and on each card is written the number of the house and district. A duplicate of each card so filled out is kept in the central station. On December 1 the enumerator goes around and collects the cards, the heads of the families, agents or owners being under penalty to fill out the eards, or have them filled out, and to return them. By the duplicate a check is kept, so that the enumerators cannot skip a house In that way the exact number of person living in the German Empire is secured on the first day of December.

A DUEL WITH HOWITZERS.

How Two Army Officers in Mexico Settled Quarrel at Long Range. A strange duel was fought in a sparsel settled part of Sonora, Mexico, about 15 years ago. Captain Villenueva and a lieutenant of a battery of light artilery belonging to one of the posts had some trouble about who was the best shot with the mountain howitzer.

They quarreled and agreed to settle it with the howitzer at 500 yards. They took neither seconds nor assistant gunners, but from the top of small hillocks they explosive shells at one another. The cap-tain was wounded by a fragment of a shell, but they fired ten shots before either was disabled, though each was covered with

Finally the captain landed a shell under his adversary's gun and the explosion so mangled the lieutenant that he died before they could remove him to the post.

WORKINGMEN'S MARRIAGES

In Spite of Lord Derby's Opinion He Had Better Take a Wife Early.

In the debate on sweating yesterday, Lord Derby was eloquent about the wicked ness of early marriage among the working classes. But is it not about time that some one should point out to critics of the upper and middle classes the plain fact that for a workingman the improvident thing is to marry late. The workingman does not. like the commercial or professional man, earn more at 40 than at 22; on the contrary, he is apt to earn less, because young men are pre-ferred to him. If he marries young, he has a reasonable chance of earning his highest average income during the years that his children are dependent on him. If he defers his marriage till 35, the chances are that his income will begin to diminish when his eldest child is not more than 10 years

THE GOLDENROD BEATEN. Country Maidens Prefer the Rose for Amer ica's National Flower.

New York Sun.t School children in this city who recently voted with such unanimity for the goldenrod for America's national flower are very much chagrined to find that they are likely to be outvoted in the rural districts. So fa as the returns from the interior of this State have been heard from, the vote is almost entirely in tayor of the rose. The goldenrod is nowhere. City children who admire goldenrod so much will, no doubt, be pained to learn that their country cousins regard it as a commonplace weed, the growth of which in some instances is destructive to crops. The rose is the country maiden's favorite flower.

SICK HEADACHE_Carier's Little Lyler Pills. SICK HEADACHE_Carter's Little Liver Pills SICK HEADACHE_Carter's Little Liver Pills

SICK HEADACHE_Carter's Little Liver Pills.

FORWARD AND BACK.

Glance at the Wonderful Progress

of the Country Since It SET UP BUSINESS FOR ITSELF.

Pittsburg's Evolution from a Hamlet on the Verge of Civilization.

FAIRY TALES BEATEN BY COLD FACTS A glance at the material growth of Pittsourg and the country since the establishin this time of anniversary rejoicing and recollections. When the Declaration of Independence was promulgated, the number of States was 13, occupying a narrow strip of territory on the Atlantic coast. All else was primeval wilderness, occupied by savage Indians and beasts. Pittsburg was a

rier against the encroachments of the In-The first census-that of 1790-showed a otal population in the 13 States and the territory on each side of the Ohio river, of 3,921,326. In the Northwest Territory the Zanzibar, is also to be constructed on this population was so small that no return was made. The great central States of the Union had not even been explored. The census of the present year will show a population apwater, proximating 70,000,000. Commercial Progress

The commercial progress of the country has been equally rapid. It has kept step of the nation the manufacturing interests were of little importance; but since then there has been an amazing expansion in every department of industry. The little wills are sold or iron basket work, the framework is filled with stones. If a solid casing is deemed desirable, perforated blocks of concrete or stone can be slipped over three or more of the rods, down which the solution of the rods, down which the solution of the rods of the rods, down which the ramework is filled with stones. If a solid casing is deemed desirable, perforated blocks of concrete or stone can be slipped over three or more of the rods, down which the ramework is filled with stones. If a solid casing is deemed desirable, perforated blocks of concrete or stone can be slipped over three or with the vast increase in population and the

United States was the Quincy Railroad, in 1826. The second was the Mauch Chunk country since that time presents a striking evidence of the activity and enterprise of the people and the civil progress of the nation. The number of miles of railroad now in operation is about 125,000. The first line of telegraph was erected in 1844, between Washington and Baltimore. From this small beginning a vast-system of telegraphic lines has been constructed, by means of which all the great centers of trade and population in the world have been

ought into instantaneous communication. Pittsburg is no longer in-ular nor isolated. Now and Then. That the pioneers of Pittsburg builded etter than they knew is too apparent for argument. In 1800 she had a population of 1,555. In 1890 it will reach 250,000. In 1804, a citizen writing to a friend in Philadelphia said: "Do not be surprised when you are informed that the value of the articles manufactured in Pittsburg last year amounts to upward of \$350,000." From the best estimates at hand the capital invested in 1889 in the nearly 4,000 industrial estab-lishments of the city and vicinity, approxi-mated \$200,000,000. The value of the iron

and steel output was about \$250,000,000, and of glass \$8,000,000.

The first bank, a branch of the Bank of Pennsylvania, was established in 1804. There are now more than 70, 26 of which are

The founders of the city paid very little attention to real estate. It had no fiscal valve, and not much of any kind. In 1792 the square on the west side of Smithfield street, between Diamond and Fourth avenue, was sold by the Penns for \$60. It is now worth several millions. In 1810 the grandfather of a prominent bank officer sold lot on Fifth avenue for \$100 a foot front. It is now worth \$5,000. At that time the outlying districts were wildernesses. They are now covered with handsome houses and

thickly populated. Onward and Upward.

Both Pittsburg and the country are in the full swing of progressive development, and while their growth since the Government started upon its career has been upparalleled in any other part of the world, they are destined to accomplish still more wonderful fore the New Zealander will be given the opportunity to sit on a broken pier of one of the river bridges and lament the downfall of Pittsburg. She has brains, energy and wealth enough to keep her going for another century at least.

Movements in Real Estate. James W. Drape & Co. sold a house and lot in the East End for \$2,100; also a property on one of the main avenues of the East End for a figure approximating \$22,000 cash; also a transaction embracing two houses in the city and a property in the sub-urbs for \$20,000; also placed a mortgage on a farm of \$2,200 at 6 per cent; also gage on two houses and lots on Washington street of \$4,500 at 6 per cent; also four mort-gages on properties in McK-esport and Du-quesne of \$13,000 at 6 per cent.

EASTER ISLAND RELICS.

The Monoliths of Haman Shape, Idols and

Other Wonders in Stone. Mr. Walter Hough contributes to a recen number of the American Noturalist a paper in regard to the monoliths of human shape found on Easter Island, in the South Pacific. One of the idols is in the National Museum, together with smaller stone images, painted slabs and other evidences of the curious civilization of the islanders. The deep, wide eye-sockets of the big stat ues were carved for eyes of obsidian, and doubtless one reason for the extreme rudeness of the sculpture consists in the fact that the statues were once decorated so as to conceal their defects of anatomy. The quarry whence the monoliths came is 12 miles from the spot where the largest num ber has been found, and the way is difficult Many are in the quarry, half finished. Others are abandoned on the way, yet one in place weighs about 50 tons and is 60 feet high. The islanders had no metal tools and were ignorant of the wheel. Yet they built small heavy-walled houses of stone, lined and roofed them with slabs of stone, on which figures of animals of eccentric form were painted. Doors are very narrow and the roofs are covered with turi For writing they used very curious and

beautiful letters, carved with sharks' teeth on slabs of wood. These letters are not alphabetic, of course, but are condensed pictures which recall the past events, like the "talking sticks" used by the medicine men of North American tribes.

COLOR OF HOT STEEL.

The Influence of the Composition and the Duration of the Temperature, Engineering and Mining Journal. Messrs. Schwerkers have demonstrate in an experimental way that an increased hardness of steel necessitates an increased heat to produce the same annealing color and that the composition of the steel affects the conditions of the appearance of the dif-ferent colors in a still higher degree than

the hardness.
In another series of experiments it wa etermined that the duration of the temperature exercises an enormous influence on the results, a Pland-hard piece turning light' yellow after 20.5 hours' exposure to 1770 cent, dark yellow after 27 hours, orange ar 56 hours, and purple after 193 hours.

A NEW BREAKWATER SYSTEM.

Novel Use of Iron to Check the Force of the Ocean Corrents. Newcastle Chronicle.

The necessity for constructing works to gaged the attention of engineers from the days of the Ptolemys, but it is remarkable how little advance we have hitherto made on the science of the ancients as applied to such structures. The oldest breakwater known is that of Famagusta in Cyprus, and simply consisted of a mass of rocky material thrown into the sea and allowed to shape itself to the beating of the waves. On this plan, which is known as the "talus" system, have been constructed the breakwaters at Portland ment of the Government, should be in place and Plymouth, while at some places in this time of anniversary rejoicing and the talus deposit is merely used as a foundation for a superstructure of masonry. A great objection to this method is that the interieres with the entrance to the harbor, while walls of vertical masonry are very costly, and not always permanent. But after following in practically the same rut for so many centuries, a novelty is at length suggested, and the War Secretary has apvillage remote from the center of civilization, and of no importance except as a barpointed a committee to inquire into the efficacy and practicability of the suggestion. The new method is to be tried in the Bristol Channel, where the "bore" is as trouble-some as the waves of the sea, and the harbor

The new system consists in lowering a number of iron rods vertically into the water, and tying them together by crossties and rack bearings. The roughness or smoothness of the bottom of the water does not affect the principle or the application of this system. When the rods are placed in position and braced together, so as to form a kind of iron basket work, the framework is partment of industry. The little village at the "lorks of the Ohio" has become the chief forming a sheath for the framework. The manufacturing city of the country.

Railroad development has kept pace with the increase of population and expansion of commerce. The first line constructed in the specific gravity of the material used is of importance, and stone would be better than to water and air, does not rust when beneath the surface of the water at a greater rate Railroad, in Pennsylvania, in 1827. The than a quarter of an inch in three centuries. rapid growth of the railroad system of the The advantages of the new method are that its cost is about one-fourth of the talus sys tem, and that it gets rid of the objectionable spreading base of the old style of break-

of Mombasa, our new port to the north of

THE STAGE AND THE LEPERS. Play at Madras Which Makes an Advance

lo Trenting the Sufferers. The Chautauquan.] We hear of a theatrical entertainment given not long ago by lepers to lepers, at a nospital in Madras; one of the plays was called "A Side-Splitting Farce." Dr. Cook, the surgeon, placed one of his wards at the disposal of the amateur actors, who got up by their own efforts a fine stage adorned with a curtain, which last was painted by an artist who had only a thumb

nd half of a finger left him by the inexorable destroyer. A time of horrible experiences comes to nearly all, before the end; meanwhile, lepers are men and women, and so far as practicable should have the pleasures, even the cares, of healthy men and women, with as few reminders of their physical doom as ossible. In this respect there is a marked

advance upon the mediæval charity. Until a protective virus is discovered to reduce the last traditional horrors of leprosy, any maid or matron who at a safe distance sees a glimmer of romance in the There are now more than 70, 25 of which are working under the national system. Exchanges last year reached a total of \$654, career of a nurse to lepers, either in or out of a religious order, would do well to scrude of a religious order, would do well to scrude of a religious order, would do well to scrude of a religious order. tinize severely her own motives before em-barking upon such an undertaking. No transient glow of enthusiasm, no skyrocket impulse, will suffice to light the path of duties that are inconceivable in advance her torch must be kindled at an altar when the love of our common humanity burns as steadily as the watch fire of the vestals, a in the Holy of Holies of an individual

> PHOTOGRAPHS IN MID AIR. Small Camera Sent Up by a Rocket and

Then Made to Tuke Pictures. Philadelphia Press.] A curious form of photographic apparatus is being developed by a French inventor, M. Denesse. It consists of a photographic camera attached to a rocket. An umbrella like parachute is also fixed to the rocketresults and achieve still greater triumphs in civil progress. It will be a long time beit opens out and the whole returns grace fully to the earth. In this the camera is cylindrical in form, and has round its circumference 12 lenses—a sensitive plate in the center. The lenses are provided with a shutter which opens and closes instantly on the camera commencing to descend. It i then drawn back to the operator by a cord

RIVER INTELLIGENCE.

attached be ore the firing of the rocket.

usiness Quiet on the River Yesterday o Account of It Being a Hollday. Despite the fact that the rain dampened the rdor of a great many people and prevented them from going out on contemplated trips : large concourse of people wended to the whar and took the boats to some place along the river to spend the day in some quiet sectuded place where the noise of the festive cracker would not be continually heard going off. Outside of the excursion business little was done. in the town to join in the general celebration of the day. Some coal barges were brought up the day. Some coal barges were brought up from down the river and will be sent to the upper pool to be loaded.

The river continues to rise slowly and if the expected rain comes the river will probably enable the coal men to make shipments. The enack at 5 P. M. showed 4 feet 6 inches, a rise of two inches since yesterday. Reports from up the river to-day lead the rivermen to believe that there will be higher water within the

Driftwood.

THE Twilight arrived at Cincinnati. THERE will be no packet to Cincinnati to-day. THE Germania left at 8:30 A. M., yesterday, for THE Twilight passed Pomeroy, Thursday night, on the way down.

THE Hawk left Cincinnati for here last night

with a tow of empties. THE Hudson will leave Cincinnati for this port this afternoon at 5 o'clock. THE Flaine stopped over at Wheeling yesterday. It will be here next week. THE Keystone State had a brass band on board THE Elizabeth took out an excursion party from stead yesterday to Morgantown THE towboats Tom Reese and Samuel Clark

passed Middleport on the way up Thursday THE Adam Jacobs left for Morgantown yester-day morning. It carried a large crowd of excur-THE Andes left Cincinnati for Pittsburg, yester day afternoon, in charge of E. B. Cooper J. Slaven.

underwriters, will be here shortly to inspect a number of steamers. THE Keystone State will be the first boat in from Cincinnati, it will arrive Monday morning and leave in the afternoon. and leave in the afternoon.

THE Scotia left for Cincinnati last evening ut 7 o'clock, with no freight to speak of, and passengers, on account of it being a holiday. C. R. HUNTER, of the Commercial Nation Bank, was a passenger to Marietta on the Sc He was accompanied by his wife, Mr. and Mrs Hunter will visit friends at Marietta, THE Bedford arrived from Wheeling yesterday morning. They carried a large party of young ladies from East Liverpool to Pitisburg. The Bedford left again at 7 P. M. for Wheeling.

L-nden Wool Sales LONDON—At the wool sales to-day 11,721 bale were offered. The assortment was good, the attendance fair and the bidding more decided Good qualities sold readily. Good New South Wales and Tasmania merinos and finer cross breds were in good demand and actively competed for. Snow white capes were offered but were mostly faulty. Prices mechanged.

ROYALTY NEVER CHANGES.

The Queen's Organ Blowers Report for Duty Regularly, but Water Does the Work. Pall Mall Budget.]

Royalty seems to be the same in its funda keep in check the fury of the ocean has en- mental characteristics all the world over Every one has heard the story of the Russian sentinel who was placed to keep watch and guard over some wet paint in a palace at St. Petersburg, and remained in station at fixed hours for 50 years after the paint had dried. Similarly, at Windsor Castle, there was a time a sew years ago when the Queen's private organ required two men to blow it. The organ is now inspired by hydraulic pressure, which can be put on or shut off by the simple manipulation of a tap-in short by a push of the organist's fingers. Yet these two men still continue to honor Mr. Parratt with their daily presence at the old hour. They are like the black buttons on gentleman's dress coat-survivals of a former stage of evolution.

TOILET TABLE COVERS.

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New York Tribune. The daintiest covers for the toilet table are made out of linen and hemstitched on the borders and wrought in drawn work and darned stitch. The finest of this work comes from the Faval Islands, though the Indian peasant women do some very pretty needlework of this kind. They generally finish it with long netted iringes tied in myriad fancy styles, a work in which they

The "spachtel" work of the Germans is simple cutwork, the patterns being cut out and buttonholed around with the needle. Very pretty if not new bureau and toilet table covers are made of scrim bons, beginning with a very delicate shade and ending with a very dark one.



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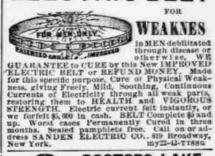


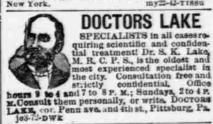
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