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THE GAS SUPPLY.

The talk of a failure of the gas supply which has been given an unpleasant promi nence by the action of the Philadelphia Company in raising rates for glass factories, is shown by a local article elsewhere to have done what is generally done in that connection, exaggerated the unfavorable symptoms far beyond their legitimate importance.

The repetition of that old error may be regarded as rather fortunate in this case, since it brings out a positive statement from David B. Oliver, Esq., showing an exactly opposite condition from that which was reported. With regard to the report that the Oliver works had gone back to the use of coal on account of a gas failure, Mr. Oliver that the gas line owned largely by his company has such a surplus of was that they are selling it to other manufacturers; and that, having made the contracts, they resorted to the temporary use of coal in their works until connections with other wells are made, in order not to diminish the supply of their customers.

There are, of course, instances in which diminution of the pressure arouses fears of a gas shortage; but this statement of Mr. Oliver's shows that there is still a supply of fuel for our manufacturers, with every prospect of its indefinite continuance. Con currently with this is the taking out of s charter for another \$1,500,000 plate glass company, whose works are to be located at Irwin. We may be certain that an enterprise of that magnitude has not fixed its location without definite assurances of a permanent gas supply.
Pittaburg may rely with confidence on the

continuance of its unrivaled fuel for many years. If it should ever give out we may also be sure that the coal and oil fields, of which our city is the center, will furnish it with artificial gas fuel, which, for cleanliness and economy cannot be surpassed in the known world.

A FEATURE AT THE EXPOSITION.

The features of interest which THE DIS-PATCH proposes to add to the attractions of the Exposition, as announced elsewhere, are designed not only to attract attention and subserve the wider purpose of giving expressions of popular opinions and the elaboration of popular ideas on matters of gen-

umn, it will be seen that the first feature will be that of a ballot each day on subjects of popular interest. All visitors to the Exposition will have the privilege of voting on these questions, which will take the range between the future of the Point blockhouse to questions of National import. It is on local questions, however, that the greatest interest will center, and the expression of public opinion through these ballots will have the greatest weight. It is the purpose, therefore, to have the largest number of ballots on local issues, as will be seen by the announcement of questions for the first

The weekly prize-essay contest, which is to be an accompanying feature, will, of course, require more work on the part of those participating, and will, therefore, probably engage a smaller number in the actual competition. But the general interest in these essays, as careful elaborations of general opinion on subjects of current interest, will make this feature a valuable

The full announcement of these features, as they will be presented by THE DIS-PATCH, appears in another column.

A PLEA FOR PEACE.

The settlement of the Westinghouse strike seems to be in sight. The strikers yesterday appointed a committee to wait upon Mr. Westinghouse with a view to discussing the questions raised by the strike. It is hardly necessary to say that THE DISPATCH is glad to assist, if it may, in the adjustment of a difference of this kind. There is no need to discuss the matters in dispute here, they essentially are for the determination of the parties concerned. But we may approve heartily the resolve of the men to confer with Mr. Westinghouse. In such a conference the issues at stake will surely be understood by both sides, and the truth is the best payement toward reconciliation, if we may use that word.

In another place will be found a temper ate and manly letter setting forth the injury to the Exposition resulting indirectly from the strike of the Westinghouse employes. The preparation of the Exposition for the opening next week is practically paralyzed by the action of organized labor. The merits of the Westinghouse strike are one matter, the building and beautifying of the Exposi tion booths are another. Labor in Pittsburg is as much interested in the success of the Pittsburg Exposition as espital, and in this department of the difficulty at all events some settlement should be reached at once. The managers of the Exposition are innecent of offense, and it is not fair that they should suffer because organized labor has a dispute with an individual exhibitor. Some way should be found to extricate the Exposition from this unfortunate position, and the best way possible would be the termination of the Westinghouse strike.

The old announcement is made, this time in a very positive manner, that the relations between the Baltimore and Obio and Pitts burg and Western railroads have reached a degree of union that amounts to practical consolidation, and that the superintendent of the Pittsburg division of the Baltimore and Ohio has taken charge of the practical operations of the latter road. Re-

ports similar to this have been frequently made and denied, but this time the report appears to be well substantiated,

Indeed it must be said that a union of some sort between the two roads in some white people are a needless expense. It is gratshape was simply a question of time. Their interests were brought into unison by commercial forces almost as irresistible as the dynamic forces which hold the world in place. They are not only natural connecting lines, but each furnishes something that the other cannot do without. The Baltimore and Ohio is the only possible Eastern outlet for the Pittsburg and Western, and without the latter the former's route to Chicago is round about and unsatisfactory. While individual ideas of the future may revive and outdo the glories of railway policy may have caused clashing between the two companies their interests were bound to bring them together.

The result of the reported union will be to bring about the realization of the hope which has been held before Pittsburg for nearly twenty years, of placing the city on There is much virtue in this "if," which is not the direct line of the Baltimore and Ohio from Baltimore to Chicago. This connection not only makes a new trunk line, but it makes the line thus formed the most direct one that the Baltimore and Ohio has to Chicago. It also shortens its connection with DAILY DISPATCH, including Sunday, I month 90 the lakes and raises to a high power its

> vania Railroad for Pittsburg traffic. With such a union the attitude of Pitts burg opinion toward the new arrangement will be that of friendship and good wishes Active competition in railway transportation means increased prosperity for Pitts

> > AN ATTEMPT AT PEACE-MAKING.

The report which came in the special Washington correspondence of THE DIS-PATCH yesterday, that the fight between Emery and Delamater will be smoothed over by making Emery the Republican Cougressional nominee, may be taken as evi-dence that the powerful junior Senator from this State has become convinced that it will be wise to extend his policy of conciliation from national to State politics. The evidences that this report represents only the willingness of Senator Quay to hold out the olivebranch are carried on its own surface. Mr. Emery has no headquarters or authorized epresentative at Washington, while Sensor Quay is located there. Therefore, the appearance at Washington, on the very day f Congressman Watson's death, of a plan to settle matters by making Emery his suc essor and hushing up the charges which he s making against Delamater, sevidence that Senator Quay is desirous of placating Emery and has permitted the publication of this

Senator Quay's willingness to adopt the conciliatory policy when it is necessary instead of relying on the policy of force majeure s some of his predecessors have done, is a new proof of what THE DISPATCH has often said of his clear sightedness and superior ability as a political tactician. It also affords evidence that the hysterical assertion of some of the Republican organs, that Emery's attacks are an actual benefit to the Republican ticket, does not receive the indersement of Senator Quay. But it must be said that the presentation of a plan for compromise of this sort, on the part of the Senator, evinces a lack of perception in the line of political morals, which must be entirely ignored to suppose that after maters have reached the present stage such a compromise would be possible. The imossibility of such an agreement with any preservation of the credit of either party to it appears in a double sense.

The most manifest inability to accept such an agreement is on Senator Emery's feet at the base and including a hotel with 4,000 eral and interesting way. proposition will be promptly rejected by nim, because he clearly sees that to do so would be wholly destructive of his public reputation. It is just a week ago that he gave the best proof of his comprehension of this fact by an open letter in which he asserted that his function in this campaign, is to prove the corruption and subservience to the corporate interests of the Republican nominee for Governor. He clinched that position by declaring: "My acceptance of a nomination for Congress, from any source however laudable, would impair the force of my effort to defeat Delamater who in my opinion is a corrupt man." If, after repeatedly and in the most public manner taking this position, Mr. Emery could permit himself to be bought off by the bribe of a Congressional nomination, his public reputation would become a thing too light and vain to be weighed by any known standard. There is no danger that Senator Emery will commit any such act of suicide. While he may have earned an eccentric reputation, no one has ever been able to accuse him of a disposition to sell out so cheaply.

But the impossibility of any such com promise on the part of the Republican or ganization, with a decent regard for public norals, constitutes a still more vital weakness in the proposition. Here are two men one of whom has repeatedly and persistently declared that the other is corrupt and a corporation agent in politics. It is evident that either Delamater is corrupt or Emery is a persistent vilifier of an honest and worthy reputation. Yet it is brought forward as a satisfactory adjustment of this trouble, that both of them shall be nominated to positions of the highest and most responsible character. It is impossible to give that idea in any other meaning than that, for the sake of preventing further ventilation of the charges, the Republican management is willing that two men shall go into high public position, one of whom by the very nature of the case must be completely unworthy of public confidence. There is no escape from this dilemma. The attempt to exalt Mr. Emery's sincerity at the cost of his intelligence, by the idea that he is unable to distinguish between bogus affidavits and bona fide evidence, can make affidavits and bond fide evidence, can make mont, A. J. Cassatt, D. D. Withers, Frederick no difference on this score. Either he is Hoey, John Hoey, J. B. Haggin, William Goadtotally unfit to be a Congressman or Delamater is entirely unworthy to be Governor. The indication that the Republican manage ment has reached the pass where it is willing to quiet an ugly quarrel by an arrangement which puts either a corrupt man in the Governorship or a reckless vilifier of public reputation in Congress, is the last proof of the absence of principle from practical polities.

It is hardly necessary for Senator Emery to deny his adhesion to any such political sale as this; but the denial will be undoubted ly prompt and conclusive. The report represents the strait of the Republican management rather than the peccability of the Reanhlican insurvent.

CHICAGO lost one of her handsomest the aters yesterday by fire, and still worse several firemen were badly injured by falling walls. McVicker's Theater was one of the finest in the country-a model in many respects. But a time goes on the prime necessity of making theaters fire proof, we hope, will become ap-parent. Fortunately, most theater fires have curred of late in the absence of the audience.

THE alliance between the Pittsburg and Western and Baltimore and Ohio roads was an inevitable result of the forces which bound the interests of those lines together. They are natural connections, and their closer union will

strengthen the competing through route for

THE Dallas News has arrived at the point ifying to observe that progress is carrying Texas opinion beyond the point where white people consider that their dignity depends on adopting Sir Anthony Absolute's platform, and forbidding the colored people to breathe the same air with them.

THE picture of the old-time activity of the river trade which THE DISPATCH exhibit to-day, makes the dwarfed returns of the pres ent rather melancholy reading. With a canal connecting the Ohio with the lakes, however, the past.

THE possibilities of the New York stock market are illustrated by the Stockholder with the prediction, "If the latest bond circular success, and there are no strikes, stocks should recover the losses lately sustained entirely dissimilar to that contingency on which the ability to catch larks is predicated.

In connection with the demand for an eight-hour day for manual labor, the venerable Charles Gayarre thinks that brain workers hours should be reduced to four. If there are any brain workers who are paid by the hour power as a competitor with the Pennsyl- they can take the subject into consideration,

> MR. PLUMB verified the opinion of THE DISPATCH by withdrawing his objection to the Senate agreement. He reserves the right of free comment and may probably add some interest to the proceedings between now and September 8. But the tariff bill will be voted on at that date, and then trouble will commenc veen the House and Senate.

> An ocean steamer is to be named "The Spree," and the Baltimore Herald thinks that she may not be popular. Yet reports say that a great many men think that just the thing for an ocean voyage.

> A PARLIAMENTARY investigation shows that 27 people died of starvation in London last year. That would not seem a very great num-ber for a city of four millions, if there was any assurance that it includes all the people whos death was caused by insufficient nourishment such a cause in a civilized city.

M. FLAMMABION says that the recent lestructive storm in France was not a cyclone but an electric storm. It wrecked buildings and killed people just as effectively under one name as the other.

ADMIRAL SYMONDS, of the British navy, declares that 42 out of 77 large British pronclads are either dangerous or useless. This leaves this country in the position of having to build only 35 such vessels to catch up with England-provided we find any way of guarding against the same proportion of wasted work in building our big vessels.

THE House of Representatives contrived to waste yesterday in trivial controversy. The desirability of adjournment is emphasized by such exhibitions,

THERE has lately been a decided shrinkage in the value of diamonds. Fay Temple-ton's stock, which was appraised at \$50,000 by the newspaper reports, came down to a pitifu \$8,500 when it became necessary to pay duty on them. The contracting influence of taxation on valuable property is one of the social phenomena of the day.

WE have had a hot spell and a cold snap and a rainy term in August-nas the Signal Service anything new in the shape of weather

Ir is stated, on the authority of a Peoria paper, that the Chicago Exposition will have a tower 1,500 feet high, with a diameter of 500 and attractions can only be referred to in a genproject will be verified at Chicago to the extent of finding a site to put the tower on, in the

Ture Senate debate on the tariff seems to be in line for conclusion-although it is out of

IT is the fashion to legislate nowadays on the slightest prevocation. An incident in this city's life yesterday suggests that a law is needed to prevent bakers from sleeping in their wagons to the detention of cable car traffic. A city ordinance prescribing eye-openers for bakers would be popular.

THE patched-up peace between Guatemala and San Salvador is very like war.

PROMINENT PROPLE

QUEEN VICTORIA has gone to Scotland. PRINCE BISMARCK is in robust health and exuberant spirits. BARY BEATRICE, who was a conspicuous figure in the Hamilton case last year, is visiting Atlantic City in care of a nurse. GENERAL LONGSTREET is underst

engaged upon a history of the Civil War, and specially of the campaigns in which he had a An old carriage in which A. H. Stephens used to drive around Georgia on his speech-

making tours is to be offered for sale at Crawfordsville this week. THE evangelist, George F. Pente sail three weeks hence from New York for Europe, on his way to his mission in India. He will leave his family in Florence.

MISS GRACE KING, the Louisiana novelist, is described by one of her friends as a woman of stately figure and striking features. Her hair and eyes are brown, and she is 27 years old. Tfin wealthiest young woman in Chicago now is Miss Bessie Ross, who inherited through her other the vast fortune left by Tutbill King.

She is a pink and white beauty, with blue eyes COLONEL ELLIOTT F. SHEPARD has recently ourchased a tract of ground at White Plains, N. Y., overlooking the Hudson, for which he paid ex-Mayor Grace \$63,000. He intends to erect a handsome residence on it for himself.

SENATOR INGALLS has just finished a hand

some home on a hill overlooking Atchison. It is an imposing brick building, containing 15 rooms, and has been christened "Oak Ridge." The Senator has been a resident of Kansa since 1558. SENATOR GEORGE HEARST, August Be

by, Eugene Kelly and Pierre Lorillard, of Hollywood, have given \$100 each to the Memorial Hospital at Long Branch. MISS MERTENS, who is now an actress at the Eden Theater, in Paris, and one of the most beautiful women in Europe, was an obsoure Vienna girl a few years ago. Then she won t

\$5,000 prize in a beauty show and became the rage. She is tall and graceful, rather stout and her skin is of a dead white hue. THERE was a great similarity in the man of death of the late John Boyle O'Reilly and his compatriot, the late Charles G. Halpine tter known as "Miles O'Reilly." The latte died in 1868 from an overdose of chloroft taken to alleviate pain and induce sleep. Mr O'Reilly died from an overdose of chloral taken with a like intent.

EXTRAORDINARY TYRANNY.

tary Rule and Porced Loans.

CITY OF GUATEMALA, August 26.-The ween the ages of 18 and 50 shall present then elves, within 24 hours after the publication the decree, at the different military posts in their respective deparaments, or they will otherwise be declared traitors. Many who come within these lines are leaving the terri-

Great indignation is caused by another de dree of the Government, directing tary of the Treasury to effect a for \$1,000,000 to meet war expenses.

PRIZES AND BALLOTS. HOW THE DISPATCH WILL ADD A FEATURE

TO THE EXPOSITION Chance for Amateur Writers to Win a Prize Every Week-Voting on Popular Topics a Pleasant Amssement-Watch for the Weekly Bulletins to be Announced Beforehand in the Saturday and Sanday Editions-The Prize Offer and Voting

THE DISPATCH has perfected arrangemen whereby it will be enabled to add a pleasant feature to the varied attractions of the Exposi tion from the opening to the closing day.

List for the Opening Week.

Here are the preliminaries: Room for headquarters at the Exposition has been secured in the commodious and attractive space occupied by the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company's billiard table display. The DISPATCH booth will be located on a corner, giving it a frontage on two aisles, the whole space being surrounded by wide passageways, making it conspicuous and easy of access Here all the Ballots and Prize Essays of the voters and contestants will be received and accurately recorded.

Opening Week's Balloting. The Exposition will open WEDNESDAY EVENING, September 3, at 80'clock. The Bulletin of Ballots and the Topic for the Prize Essay Contest for Wednesday evening and Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of the opening week follow. Vote Aye or Nay on the topics

WEDNESDAY EVENING'S VOTING TOPIC. Should all the Suburban Street-Car Lines run All-Night Cars? Open to Lady and Gentle-

THURSDAY'S VOTING TOPIC. Should the Old Block House at the Point be removed to Schenley Park, or should it remain where it is and the Point pe turned into a Park? Open to Lady and Gentlemen vo PRIDAY'S VOTING TOPIC. Should the Allegheny Wharf be transforme

into a Promenade and Park? Open to Lady and Gentlemen voters. SATURDAY'S VOTING TOPIC.

What is your choice of Sites for the Main Building of the Carnegie Free Library? Open to Lady and Gentlemen voters.

Bow to Vote.

In order to accurately test public opinion on all the topics to be balloted for during the Exposition. THE DISPATCH has decided to open a Poll Book for recording the Ayes and Nays, thus avoiding "tissue ballots" and "repeating." Voters will be expected to give their names and addresses for entry in the Poll Book, and their vote will be set opposite, thereby ensuring accuracy at all times. The Poll Book will open with the Exposition each morning and be closed when the lights are turned off at night. Ladies will be permitted to vote on all popular topics in which they as well as their fathers and brothers, are interested.

THE DISPATCH each week will offer Prise for the best Essays and Contributions on topic to be chosen and announced, so as to give ample time for their preparation. The Prize Resay Contest for the opening week will be open only to Amateur Writers, professional newspaper and magazine contributors being barred. All Amateurs in Western Pennsylvania can contest for the Prizes

OPENING WEEK'S PRIZE TOPICS. For the opening week THE DISPATCH will offer the prizes announced berewith for the best DESCRIPTIVE ARTICLE ON THE EXPOSI-Trow as a whole. Articles must be general in character and deal with the instructive and unique teatures of the displays and attractions. No puffing in the line of designating by name

For the best contribution on the above topic THE DISPATCH will award a prize of a

TWENTY DOLLAR GOLD PIECE. For the Second Prize THE DISPATCH WILL award a Five Dollar Gold Piece. For the Third Prize THE DISPATCH will forward by mail to the winner a copy of the Sunday issue of THE DISPATCH for One

THE CONDITIONS. Each article must make at least 800 and not

more than 1,000 words. Competitions must be written legibly, on one side of the paper only, and must be labeled, "THE DISPATOR Prize Essay Contest, Expo sition Descriptive Article; closing Saturday,

Contributions must be left at THE DISPATCH Headquarters, Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co.'s space, Exposition Buildings, Correct name, address and age of contestan must accompany MSS., name only for publica-

tion if successful. THE DISPATCH reserves the right to publish any contribution, whether it be awarded a prize

or not. The Prize Essay Contest for the first week will close with the Exposition on Saturday night, September 6. Watch for Second Week's Prize Topic and

CATHEDRAL PICNIC TO-DAN.

Big Time is Expected by the St. Paul's Congregation.

A big time is expected at Silver Lake Grove to-day. It will be the occasion of the annua picnic given by St. Paul's Cathedral congrega tion for the benefit of the church. The dancing pavilion and stands have been tastefully decorated for the occasion, and there will be nothing lacking to make the picnic an enjoyable one.

The music will be furnished by the Cathedral
Band and orchestra, and there will be all kinds
of games to amuse the young folks. Everybody
will undoubtedly be there with their families.

DEATHS OF A DAY,

Hon, J. B. Shanafelt.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR BELLAIRE, August 26.-Hon. J. B. Shanafe tied at his home in this place last night, aged 7. near Hagerstown, Md., and when young began building railroads. He was one of the prominent contractors and builders of the Central Ohio Railroad. When the war broke out he went to the front immediately, and was there to the end, being wounded twice, once at Freeman's Ford while trying to save the life of his Captain, and again at Gettysburg. He was a member of the Board of Equalisation in 1890 from his diatrict, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SPECIAL TELEGRAN TO THE DISPANCE. CANTON. August 25.—Intelligence has just been received here of the death by consumption of John N. Kelly, formerly manager of the Canton Electric Light and Power Company, who died at his old home at Stonington, Conn., aged but 32 years. The deceased was for a long time a sufferer from consumption, and it was in hopes of recovery that a year ago he gave up the management of the electric light plant and moved to California. After five months' residence in that State he found himself no better and returned teast to die.

PEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. ALTOONA, August 25.—A. J. Greer, the veteran editor of this city, died this morning aged 64 years. He was a writer of rare ability, and for many years was editor of the Altoona Tribune. many years was editor, of the Astrones Prions. His newspaper work was known to many in Pennavivania and in the State of Ohio. He was a soldier, and served in Company H. Third regiment, Pennaylvania Volunteers Infantry, and was a member of St. Potts Post 2, G. A. R., of Altoona, His funeral will take place on Thursday.

Robert T. Grove. John and James W. Grove, of this city, yester-day received the sad news of the death of their brother, Hobert T. Grove, near York. Deceased was about 25 years of age, and in every respect an exemplary young man. CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS.

The Laws in Different States Governing the

From the New York Star. 1

The law against carrying concealed weapons is supposed to be in force in nearly all the Northern States east of the Mississippi. Though it is generally known and understood, it is en-

forced only in rare cases.

"It is a peculiar law, anyhow," said Charles Hammond, a young traveling man who has drifted all over the country, yesterday. "It is designed to operate against desperate characters, and cannot be strictly enforced without doing injustice to many respectable people who have to be armed in case of self-defense. Mer have to be armed in case of self-defense. Men who have the handling of large sums of money, or whose duties call them into dangerous localities among all sorts of people, often need to be armed. It is often a good law for the police. It gives them, in many cases, ground on which to arrest and hold a snapicious character when there is no other charge at hand. It this city one rarely hears of an arrest for carrying a weapon, although hundreds walk Broadway with a pistol within reach. If a man gets in trouble and is arrested for anything, the weapon

with a pistol within reach. If a man gets in trouble and is arrested for anything, the weapon is confiscated and may be used as evidence against him. Philadelphia is very strict about the matter. There a man is arrested and fined with no other charge against him than carrying a pistol. But that is the only city in the country, I guess, where this holds true.

"In Pittsburg a man is safe unless he is arrested. Then a second charge for carrying a concealed weapon is pretty sure to face him if a pistol is found in his pocket. In Chicago the system of police permits giving persons permission to carry a concealed weapon has long been in vogue. But the courts have just dended that such permits are illegal. Now the police are making a great silr over suppressing police are making a great stir over suppressing concealed weapons, yet there are 20,000 men in Chicago who carry them, and who have never thought of getting any permit. Through the far West and South the law, if there is any on the subject, is rarely enforced."

CURRENT TIMELY TOPICS.

THE sear and yellow leaf chestnut is about MR. WANAMAKER is credited with the in tention of providing a mourning postage stamp. They will be fashionable in 1802 when navigation

pens to Salt river.

opens to Salt river.

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To a disinterested person it would appear
that Third Vice President Webb writes too many
letters. He is liable to put his foot in it before
Channey's return to his native heath.

It is considered quite vulgar for one person to call another a chump, and yet no less a promi ment man than Senator Ingalis refers to New York's junior Senator as a "vascular chump." THE busy little candidate

Is pulling every string
While waiting for the caucus
And marking to begin. He is the people's choice

And hastens to relate How on a decent platform But when the votes are counted The other man's elected

THE people who favored the force bill are now picnicking with those who were in favor of the boycott. They are not flaving what may be salled a "bang up good time," however,

DISTINCTION is what most people crave, and

THE reign of the ice baron draws near, only to be succeeded by his monopolistic brother, the iron king. MANT people complain because they pay from 10 to 15 cents per pound for fish, and yet some men will lose a day's work, pay from \$2 to \$3 for

car fare, \$1 to \$2 for snake antidote, walk several miles, sit under the broiling sun all day, capture one or two little innocent fish and return in the evening tired and worn out, and yet not enter a complaint at the cost of the catch. Have you ever An Indian recently married a white woman

in Wyoming and now pronounces marriage a fail-ure. Instead of his wife getting up in the morn-ing and building the fire and doing all the work, she compels him to do the hustling act. He is so utterly disgusted with his pale-face wife that he is raising sufficient money to secure a divorce. In his bill of complaints he claims, among others,

non everyday American citizen who is Presidenti -Aurora (2ex.) Chronicle. None whatever, un-

A QUEER TALISMAN.

Crooks Always Carry Their Little Pieces of Hangman's Rope. From the Detroit Free Press.I "Better than a rabbit's foot,"

"Better than finding a horseshoe." "Or a four-leaf clover." So spoke a number of hangers-on at the police

ourt, yesterday.
"What were you referring to?" asked "To a bit of hangman's rope. It's the best talisman in the world. Every crook carries a piece. It's for good luck. About every third rook arrested has a bit of rope in his the would rather loose \$1,000 than part with that piece of rope. If he did part with it his luck would turn. The sergeant always returns

it when the crook gets out of jail and demands his property. HIS DEPARTURE DEFERRED.

do 'bout dat?" The President Will Not Leave for Wash-"Humph! I reckon you'd better tell the Sheriff to summon Gabriel at once." Ington Until Thursday.

ISPECIAL TELEPRAN TO THE DISPATCH. CAPE MAY, August 26.-The President has deferred his departure for Washington from to-morrow morning until the afternoon or Thursday morning. Colonel Henry W. Saw-yer, Commissioner of the New Jersey Sinking Fund, and daughter, Mrs. Dr. Samuel F. Ware, of Washington, in the absence of Mrs. Sawyer who was invited with the Colonel but unable to enjoy the dinner because of illness, dined with the Presidental family this evening.

Pinkerton's Fighters. From the Seattle, Wash., Telegraph.)

The plan of permitting the idle and reckless to be grouped in bands by a private detective and organized to fight for hire is a bad one even though it be given a quasi legality by get-ting some Federal Marshal or limber-backed Sheriff to swear them in as deputies. They are an ugly blot on the American way of preserving the peace. Their employment should be pro No Occasion for Bourbon Joy.

From the Philadelphia Press.'
The Federal elections bill has been postponed—not defeated. Statesmen who imagine that it is dead will discover long before the robins nest again that it is the liveliest corpse they eve sat up with o' nights,

NEWS ABOUT THE STATE

RESIDENTS of Fogelsville, Lebigh county were surprised recently by a regular snow squall which lasted about three minutes. MRS. JULIA FRANKENFIELD, of Bethlehe and fractured her skull. She cannot recover A NUMBER of ladies have organized them selves into the York Oycle Club Auxiliary. They will hold a bazar and concert for its ben-

G. B. BRENEMAN, of Mt. Joy township, Lan caster county, who is over 68 years old, enjoyed his first car ride last week when he visited the Grangers' picnic at Mt. Gretna. MRS. HANNAH MILLER, aged 78, widow of Rev. Moses Miller, German Baptist minister, died very suddenly from a stroke of apoplexy

THE Schuylkill and Lehigh Valley Railroad Company has now about completed its work, so far as the engineering department is concerned, and the office at Schuylkill Haven will shortly CONTRACTS for all the fron and steel work

Contracts for all the Iron and steel work have just been given the Phonixville Iron Company for the new ten-story Crocker building at San Francisco, which is to cost \$1.250,000, and for the ten-story structure of the Washington Loan and Trust Company at Washington. FRANK SCHWENZER, JR., who disappeared mysteriously during the early part of June, has returned home at Allentown. While on his way from Grand Crossing, Ill., it seems that he be-came bewildered, and leaving the train at New-ark, O., wandered about antil the authorities of the town took him in charge and sent him home.

OUR SHORT STORIES.

A BRIEF EMBARRASSMENT.

A VERY petite woman, who seemed somebow to suggest modesty in all sorts of ways, from her silver-gray dress to her deep blue eyes, got oner silver-gray dress to her deep blue eye, got into a Fifth avenue car yesterday morning at Oakland. She seemed ridiculously juvenile to be the mother of the little girl who sat beside her, but the child called her mamma. They were a pretty pair, and even the old banker in the corner let out three reefs in his habitual frown as he looked over his paper at them. The seats in what are known as the parlor cars of the Fifth avenue line are somewhat higher than ordinary, and it was a fact that the small matron's feet did not touch the floor. It was no matter, for she had particularly pretty feet. But her little daughter noticed it. It seemed to tickle the child, and she exclaimed with great glee: "Why, mamma! You are not long enough

to touch the floor!" What a blush it was that covered the little woman's face, while a half-suppressed titter went down the car and the stern old banker disppeared behind his paper.

THE TERMS EASY. THE pastor had given out the closing hymn.

"While we are singing this hymn," he said enignantly, "any persons who wish to unite rith the church are cordially asked to come rward. All we ask of them is to subscribe to our doctrines, promise to try to live up to them, and he reasonably faithful in attending the services of the church. It is not expected of the members of this church," he continued, push-ing his frayed shirt cuff up out of sight inside ing his frayed shirt cuff up out of sight inside his coat sleeve and buttoning his vest tighter to relieve the sensation of geneness within, "that they shall contribute anything to the support of the preacher unless they feel inclined, and I will do most of them the justice to say," he added, pushing his ancient-looking hat further into retirement under the pulpit seat, "that they don't feel inclined very often. the good world on the most economical pl will find congenial company in this church. "Blest be the tie that binds,"

"Please sing to the well-known tune of Den-

WHEN WHEN a man's born his trouble begins: YV When a man's grown he aburdened with sins: When a man's married his fate may be twins! When a man dies, who knows what he wins?

HER BOY CAME HOME. CHE was a little old woman in black, with the least bit of white ruching about her neckjust such a creature as it takes to bring one down to the real thought of humanity, out of the hurly-burly of every day existence to the little sorrows and little rays of sunshine that go to make up life as it is. Everybody noticed

her as she came in the car. Her sweet old face didn't have many wrinkles in it, and the passengers wondered if she wasn't the prettiest girl in her crowd when she was young. The little old lady had two letters in her hand and after she had given the conductor er nickel, she opened one of them, at the same time adjusting a pair of steel-rimmed spectacles to her nose. As she read the letter a smile gathered all over her face and then broke into a laughing chuckle that everybody in the car noticed. Another smile came, then a laugh and more smiles, and the letter was finished. The little old woman was the happiest person on the car and she seemed to want to say some-thing to somebody. As she put away the first letter and began opening the other one, she turned to a lady sitting by her said:

turned to a lady sitting by her said:

"That letter is from Johnny, my boy I mean.
He's been gone a long time now, and every
Saturday I get a letter from him. He never
forgets his old mother, John doesn't, and some
day he will come back to see me. You don't
know the comfort of such a son, young lady."
The record letter ways taken from the The second letter was taken from the en-velope and the little old woman began reading. In a moment she started and then jumped to her feet, staring widly at the sheet she had in

"No, no!" she screamed. "No, it is not soit can't be so." home-going laborer caught her in his arms. She was taken from the car, accompanied by a number of the passengers, and lifted to a drug-store. When she was finally laid down one of and then rising, shook his head,

The little old woman had died! In one of her hands a letter was clasped, and in the other she clutched a rumpled sheet. The bit of paper was taken by one of the passengers, who read aloud to the others: "Dear Madam-It is with pain that we disclose to you sad news concerning your son. As he was returning to the mining camp from the

a rock, and be never spoke again. He died A GOOD WITNESS TO HAVE ON HAND. A TALL, lank country judge was walking

lice last night his horse threw him against

from the village tavern in a Virginia coun "Say, Jedge, hole on dar er minit."
"Well, Bob, what do you want?" asked the udge as he turned his quid over.
"Jedge, you's got my brother Jim dar in jail

"Hit's jes' like dis. De angel Gabr'l come ter me las' night an' he zez ez how my brother didn't stole no sheep. He say he jes' ez inner-cent as new-born baby. Now, w'at you gwine

THE TURN OF THE TIED. T HEY strolled last month upon the shore, Whene'er the tide was out;

And now at home they stroll some m And wish—with Towser at the door— The tied were in, no doubt,

QUICKEST ON RECORD A Walk on Atlantic City's Boardwalk Ends

in a Wedding. BALTIMORE, August 26.-A rom in which a Washington man plays a leading part comes from Atlantic City. While Mr. William B. Perkins, a successful commercial traveler for a large notion house in Washing-ton, was strolling along the boardwalk with a lawyer from Philadelphia the other evening. lawyer from Philadelphia the other evening, they met two young ladies who proved to be friends of the legal light from the Quaker City. Mr. Perkins was introduced and strolled off with one of them. It is said that it was a case of love at first sight on both sides. And it was no ordinary case either, for after their short acquaintance, acquired during the progress of their promenade, they went to a magistrate and were married.

The young lady was a Miss Nettie Dahl, of Germantown, Philadelphia's pretty suburb. She is a remarkably pretty blonde, vivacious and entertaining, and declares that she will never regret her hasty and romantic act. She will accompany Mr. Perkins on his next trip to purchase goods for his Washington house.

A ROSY OUTLOOK.

Findiny Glass Manufacturer's Opinion the Oil and Gas Pields.

from the Washington Post.1 "Natural gas shows no sign of giving out in country as yet," said Mr. R. E. Miller, a prominent glass manufacturer of Findlay, O., stop-ping at the Metropolitan. 'There are 12 glass manufactories in Findlay, including plants that make only window glass. It is destined to ecome a great manufacturing city, and new adustries are being constantly opened. We think another bonansa has been struck in oil fields near Findlay, and several fine wells have lready been discovered.

"With gas and oil combined, our future prosperity is assured. There is great excitemen over the oil, and many believe it will be devel-oped to an extent equal to the celebrated fields

Transatiantic Steamship Races From the Boston Advertiser. Perhaps nothing less than the drowning 1,500 human beings at one time in consequence of efforts to break the record will break the spell of madness which incites to such con-

Lighting the Fires of Sinety-Two From the Louisville Courier-Journal.;

The cigars distributed among the Grand Army boys by the noble General Alger may be the means of smoking Dr. Harrison out of the White House. GOOD GYSTERS PROMISED.

Fat and Delicious Bivalves Predicted in Long Island Sound Orchards. SAYBROOK, August 24.—The outlook is very fine now for a grand crop of excellent oysters in the Long Island Sound orchards this fall,

in the Long Island Sound orchards this fall, and market men are gleeful, hoping to make a lot of money. They deserve good luck, too, for the past two seasons have been very unprofitable ones. The oysters were poor and flavor-less, there were not many of them, and in some instances a big sea cabbage wrapped its suffocating leaves about the finest beds, and all the oysters were destroyed. The sea cabbage is about as destructive to oysters as is the starfish. In one instance a big Norwich grower found out early that the great cabbage was getting after his fine orchard, and he promptly dredged up all the oysters and replanted them in the Thames river. They had already become very lean in the bosom of the encompassing cabbage, and some of them were dead.

dead.

Along the Sound the cyster growers lately completed the work of damping the old cyster shells in the Sound for the young set to grow on, and it was while they were at the job that they discovered that the fall crop will be an enormous and very fine one. It is estimated that from 500,000 to 500,000 bushels of shells have been planted this year, and about 200 men with a degree mail steamers, were energed for have been planted this year, and about 200 men with a dozen small steamers were engaged for five weeks in the work. It is not often that so much time is spent in the job. About the mid-dle of next month New York will begin to have some very fat and delicious systers. He took off his spectacles, wiped them on his coat sleeve, and closed the book in fro nt of

ONLY A PIECE OF GLASS.

Yesterday.

wallowed Fourteen Years Ago and Cut Out

CINCINNATI, August 26.-Miss Saunders is a young lady of 21 years of age. She resides on Central avenue, between Fourth and Fifth. When she was a little girl 7 years of age, while playing with some children, she swallowed a piece of window glass about half an inch long. It occasioned Miss Saunders no annoyance un-It occasioned Miss Saunders no annoyance until a week ago, when her right foot gave her considerable pain at the instep, between the foot proper and the ankle. A swelling followed, and the pain grow more intense,

Dr. Maley was called, and at once decided that there was a foreign body of some sort in one of the large voins. Making an incision about an inch and a haif long and haif an inch deep, he picked out with his forceps the identical piece of glass swallowed when Miss Saunders was a girl. The glass must have entered the stomach, passed through the large intestines and worked through some of the smaller ones out into a vein, and then, gradually working downward, after 14 years of travel at last makes its exit.

ECLIPSED THE RECORD

Heavy Increase in the Pig Iron Production of the Country.

PHILADELPHIA, August 26.-This bulletin of the American Iron and Steel Asso ciation will say: We present in this issue an-other notable advance in the production of pig fron in the United States. The total production of pig iron in this country in the first six months of 1890 was 5,169,787 net tons or 4,615,-837 gross tons, an increase of 734,563 net tons over the production in the last six months of 1889, when we produced 4,415,084 net tons. Each half year, except one since July 1, 1885, has witnessed an increase, in most instances a very heavy increase over the production of the preceding half year. But the increase in the first half of 1890 over the last half of 1889 has colleged all previous half yearly increases. Each important pig fron production State shared in the increased production in the first half of 1890 over the last half of 1889, except Michigan and Tennessee, but Michigan made more pig fron in the first half of this year than in the first half of 1889. The proportion of Pennsylvania in the total production in the last half of 1889 was 49.0 per cent; Ohio, 14.0 per cent; Alabama, 2.6 per cent; Ohio, 14.0 per cent. In the first half of 1880, the proportion of Pennsylvania was 49.2 per cent; Ohio, 13.2 per cent; Alabama, 2.9 per cent, and Illinois, 6.8 per cent. Each half year, except one since July 1, 1885,

BARKIS IS WILLING. Pannaylvania Farmer Looking for a Helpmeet Among Immigrants.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. NEW YORK, August 26.-James Watson, blonde-bearded farmer of Shoholo, Pike coun-ty, Pa., called at the Barge Office to-day to find a helpmeet. He says his farm is not big, but is valuable and that he has a bank account of He looked at a fair young Irish immigrant and separated from a young woman who came over with her. She would readily consent to have the ceremony performed if Mr. Watson would get another bridegroom for her friend. Mr. Watson said he did not know of any likely wid-

IDAHO'S POPULATION.

in Increase of 51,619, or 158,29 Per Cen for the Past Ten Years. WASHINGTON, August 26.—The total count of the population of the State of Idaho, as nade by Mr. W. C. Hunt, the population clerk and announced by the Census Bureau to-day, is 84,229. In 1880 the population was 32,610. Increase 51,619, or 158.29 per cent. The count by counties: Ada, 8,384; increase, 3,690, Alturas, 2,623; increase, 2306; encrease, 2,816; Boise, 3,306; increase, 92. Cassia, 3,140; increase, 1,828. Idajo, 2,872; increase, 3.149; increase, 1,323. Idajo, 2,822; increase, 921. Kootenal, 4,107; increase, 3,583. Lemhi, 1,912; decrease, 318. Nez Perces, 2,843. decrease, 1,122. Oneida, 6,782; decrease, 180. Owyhee, 2,018; increase, 692. Shoshone, 5,376; increase, 4,907. Washington, 3,825; increase, 2,949. Bingham, 13,550; Custer, 2,174; Elmore, 1,869; Latan, 9,166; Logan, 4,166.

In view of the fact that a list of the several States and Territories, together with what purchase 1,000.

States and Territories, together with what pur-ported to be their respective populations, has been published and accredited to the Asso been published and accreance to be ciated Press, Mr. Porter, the Superintendent of the Census, desires it stated that no such list has been furnished to or sent out by the Associated Press, and that such publication is

THE LATE CONGRESSMAN WATSON. BUFFALO Express: A popular and a useful Congressman passed away yesterday when Representative Watson, of the Warren (Pa.)

district, dropped dead in Washington. PHILADELPHIA Times: While a fairly in dustrious Representative, Mr. Watson did not rank among the leaders of the House as did his of service in the House was fragmentary, of course, as he had never been able to be elected

for two consecutive terms.

PHILADELPHIA Record: The sudden death at Wushington of Congressman Lewis F. Wat-son closes an honorable career of usefulness in Watson was highly esteemed by his constitu ents of the Twenty-seventh district, and his un timely taking off will be sincerely lamented. PHILADELPHIA Ledger: Colonel Watson, who died suddenly yesterday, had been a mem ber of Congress for three terms, but not con the presence of that man. You acted as if you were afraid of him. You're not usually so defersecutively. He was a good representative of Pennsylvania's great industries, being a large lumber dealer, the owner of great forests and a pioneer in the development of the oil wells of

MEADVILLE Republicant Lewis F Watson is dead, but he will long be remembered as the faithful friend, the safe counselor, the ener getic and progressive citizen, the tried and true advocate of the rights of the down-trodden and lowly; his countrymen regret his death, and utter words of sympathy and condolence to his mourning family and friends.

PHILADELPHIA Inquirer: Mr. Watson represented a district remote from Philadelphia but he was well known throughout the State as an able business man and a careful legislator. He was elected three times to Congres and, though never prominent in debate, he was a hard worker and an honest and conservative

PHILADELPHIA Press: Congressman Wat PHILADRIPHIA Press: Congressman Watson, of the Twenty-seventh district, who died
suddenly in Washington yesterday, had never
filled a very large place in national legislation,
but he had been a useful member. In the
Northwestern section of the State he had
achieved prominence as a business man engaged in large enterprises. He was a man of
great fortune, built up entirely by himself. BRADFORD Era: The news of Congressor

BRADFORD Era: The news of Congressman Watson's sudden death yesterday produced a feeling of profound regret throughout this community. Those who were not of his political faith, as well as those who belonged to his party that elected him a Representative of this Congressional district, forgot their differences and united in voicing the general sorrow that was felt over his death. He was a man, who throughout a long and active career, was guided by sound business principles and an excellent judgment.

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-Krupp guns cost £170 per ton. -There are seven millionaire editors in

lew York. -Nine water companies supply London

with water.

-Whisky was first made in Ireland by an English monk. -Over 10,000 Irish people settle in En-

gland overy year. -There are 100 dear forests in the Highands of Scotland.

-There are 17 registered sects of Wesley--The Paris Figuro pays yearly a divi-

end of over £100,000. -The Chinese endure change of climate tter than any other race. -People est 20 per cent more bread when

-A shoe firm in Macon, Ga., has been onducting business at the one stand for 6 -The number of diamonds known of the reight of 36 carats and upward does not ex-

-Chelses man put his patent incubator over a duck's egg and hatched a duckling with four eyes and two bills.

-William I., of Germany, served 10 the army as a full private before he had attained his 7th year. At 17 he was in action. -A Benton Harbor man has a musket which was used to kill Frenchmen 200 years ago, and a powder flask older by a century.

-In the year 1319 sugar is said to have been sold at Is 914d a pound, and was consid-ered a very luxurious article till the eighteenth -What is considered the finest and largest nelon patch in Warwick, R. I., is lighted by

lanterns through the night and guarded by an armed watchman. -An English geologist predicts that

within 50 years a convulsion of nature will sink the whole or New Zealand 50 feet below the surface of the sea. -A Polander woman living at Salananca, one day last week, picked and marketed over 20 quarts of blackoerries, and in the after-noon gave birth to triplets.

67 every minute, 97,799 every day, or 35,630,835 every year. The bi.ths amount to 100,000 every day, and 36,792,000 every year. -A watch for blind people has been inrented in Switzerland. In the middle of every

-The mortality of the globe is said to be

figure is a small peg, which drops when the hour hand reaches the figure. -The use of india-rubber for erasing pencil marks was first suggested in or just prior to 1752 by an academician named Magellan, a descendant of the great navigator. -In Alpine county, Cal., near the Nevada

State line, according to the census taker, there is no church and no minister, but four liquor -In 1860, when the population of England and Wales was a little below 20,000,000 there were over 800,000 pangers. Now, with an esti-mated population of 29,000,000, the number has fallen to 685,000.

condemned to die stands on the ground with a rope around his neck, and at a given signal he is pulled off his legs to remain struggling in the air until he is strangled. -A new kind of lance has been introduced into the German cavalry regiments. Its peculiarity lies in the fact that it is constructed wholly of steel, the necessary lightness being secured by making the shaft hollow.

-The Austro-Hungarian convict who is

-Experience has shown that an electric street car can be comfortably heated by the expenditure of one horse power of electrical energy. The electrical heaters do not reduce the seating capacity of the car, which is kept clear of coal dust and cinders. -The Heligolander has a singular dislike

to being a soldier, either on land or sea. In the course of five years, in spite of tempting high pay, only four islanders have entered the British navy, and one of these, stricken with homesickness, soon left the service. -In certain British regiments a pet has become quite an institution, as in the case of the South Wales Borderers, whose gilded-horned

goat is familiar to many as it marches proudly along at the head of the regiment, under the guidance of a pair of drummer boys. -A remarkable proceeding is reported from Chicago, where a father-Jacob Lanfield -was arrested for not taking out a theatrical license for a little theater which his children ran in the cellar, charging five pins admission. He was arrested on a warrant sworn out by a

-Dr. Leonard J. Gordon, President of the Jersey City Board of Health, has made a suggestion that all telegraph poles on which live electric wires are strung be painted red, that the public may be able to distinguish them. Dr. Gordon will bring the subject up for discussion at the next meeting of the board.

duced in 1830, and the harvest of the present year is expected to be 13,000,000 pounds, at an average local value of 10 cents a pound. A 10-year-old tree is capable of yielding 20 pounds of cloves: trees of 20 years often yield upward of -It is stated that the English War Department have now definitely decided to have a permanent balloon depot at Lidsing near

-The chief industry of Zaugibar and

Pemba is clove growing. The tree was intro-

Chatham. The proposal is an important one for the district, as, in the first place, it means an expenditure of £9,000 or £10,000 upon build-ings, and afterwards the maintainance of astaff there. It is expected that the works will be ced at an early date. -A Dexter, Me., man scratched a match on a convenient pane of glass and to his surprise it lighted as readily as though the glass had been sand paper. To those who have been accustomed to seeing people search for a rough surface on which to scratch a match, it would be rather startling. Not only ordinary

would be rather startling. Not only ordinary matches but even the safety matches, usually unlightable except on the box in which they come, can be lit on glass. -A French doctor has been giving some advice to persons who are unable to give up the pernicious habit of taking a book to bed with them and reading themselves to sleep. In the first place, he says, they should every evening bathe their eyes with salt water-not salt enough to be painful, however. The reading should be done in a reclining position, but sitting up, as reading on one's back is burtful to the sight, almost as much as a feeble light, which should be carefully avoided.

LIVE ENGLISH JOKES.

Mrs. Fangle-I am sorry for our Queen for one thing.

Mr. Fangle—What is that?

"Everybody knows her age, you see."

Artist-You seem to be very humble in

Journalist-Hush! he might hear you. That's the compositor who sets up my copy. Little boy-I say, mister, do you know why you are like water?
Fat man—No, my little boy, 1 do not.
"Because neither of you can run up a hill,"
(Fruitless chase of small boy by fat man).

A man came to a country editor the other day with the complaint. "Your paper says that I hanged myself, and I want you to correct it."
"No," replied the editor, "we are not in the habit of doing toat; but we'll say that the rope

Daughter, aged 33 (facetiously)-Papa, found a dozen gray hairs in my head this morning and palled them out. Don't you give me away, though.
Father (sighing heavily)—Give you away,
Emily? I've abandoned all hope of it.

"What is a man-of-war?" said a teache o his class.

'A cruiser, '' was the prompt reply.

'What makes it go?'' "Its serew, sir." "Who goes with it?"

Tommy-Are you going to take the cat with you when you go to see grandma next Mrs. Figg-Of course not. What makes you ask uch foolish questions?
*Cause I heard pa tell Mr. Braggs that the mice would have a high old time while away next week, that's all.

Lucy-So you refused him? What did he poor fellow say? Manel—He said he knew a girl who would marry

Manel—He said he naew a giri wao ilim, and be glad to.
"I conder who be meant?"
"I condered, too, so I asked him."
"Who was is?"
"Yourself."