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PITTSBURG, SUNDAY, AUG. 31, 1890.

MR. CLARKSON'S RECORD.

First Assistant Postmuster Clarkson Isid down the powers and responsibilities of office vesterday. He retires to private life and the presidency of a pneumatic railroad. In his new calling he will find it difficult to beat his record as executioner in the Postoffice Department. Even with a pneumatic railroad Mr. Clarkson can hardly hope to make the speed that has characterized the removal of Democratic postmasters under his direction. In conventional style, Mr. Clarkson doubtless points with pride to the twenty-six thousand changes he has made in fourth class postoffices since he went into office a year and a half ago. It is officially announced that he best the record in this field. More removals have also been made in the Presidental postoffices during the same period than have ever been made in a like space of time before, Mr. Clarkson and the President having spared only 400 postmasters. There is something refreshing about the candor of Mr. Clarkson. He has never made the smallest pretense of concealing his determination to Republicanize the Postoffice Department. Now that all headsman departs in peace.

ing as it may be to him personally, may not prove a source of unmixed comfort and joy to the Republican party when next it appeals to the country upon the same old platform of conscientious civil service reform. The President may have forgotten his promise to be guided in appointments and removals by none but considerations of the public good, but the people have not. And Mr. Clarkson's record is an ugly reminder of how that promise has been

A CREDITABLE DECISION.

at the Exposition, and the return of the men to their work, proves that the labor organizations involved in that dispute have been actuated by more moderation and for- they have been this year, it would command bearance than they are usually credited with. Their determination to lay aside the strict enforcement of the union rule against working in the same building with nonunion men, rather than imperil the success and it should be placed to their credit that they perceived it would work public in-

Of course most people will agree that to where a score of different employers let entirely separate contracts for work, would enforced might be construed to forbid union men to work in the same square with nonunion, or order a strike on all the houses in the plan was being built by non-union workmen. The workingmen themselves have perceived the hardship of the case. and have come to the sensible and liberal conclusion that a bard and fast application of the rule shall not be required in this

With this satisfactory adjustment of the difficulty, it may be hoped that work will now be pushed so as to permit the second opening of the Exposition with all the exhibits in complete and attractive shape.

ASTRONOMICAL ACHIEVEMENTS: The progress of astronomy, the secrets which it has penetrated, and those which may be hoped to be near discovery, are brought out in an article by M. Camille Flammarion, the French savant. The especial theme, is the progress made in the manufacture of telescopes of high power, and the information obtained through them. Starting with the fact that Galileo began the scientific investigation of astronomy, by introducing the use of the telescope, in that science he marks the progress of the science by stating that three great telescopes are now in use, anyone of which "would have seemed a fantastic dream to our predecessora." Of these, the two in Europe are the smaller, having leases about 30 inches in diameter with a length of 50 to 60 feet. The observatory at Mt. Hamilton in California has a telescope with thirty-six inches of free aperture and a length of fifty feet.

What has been affected by the use these magnificent instruments is shown by some photographs obtained through the latter instrument, of the moon, Saturn and a race or preserve the hation from disinte Mars. "On one of these latter," says M. gration, was misplaced devotion when it Fishmarion, "a heavy fall of snow is perceived which in twenty-four hours covered vast as the area of the United States. The further observations on this planet, and the fact that astronomy seems to be close to greater discoveries, are set forth as follows: For example, we have Mars before our eyes. | son lost his life to attend, charged with such | revenue only.

All the observations made thus far lead us to think that this planet must be inhabited as is our own, and, perhaps, even better inhabited.

Of politics that while, as we have already We see in it continents, seas, coasts, capes, bays, rivers, waters, snows and clouds. We witness all the effects produced by the seasons. We see distinctly rectilineal lines extending from seas to seas, and, putting them in communication, which seem to be canals. It has have been for the sake of professed and even been thought that brilliant points, geo-metrically arranged, have been observed, which may be intended as signals from that planet to ours. How, then, is it possible not to wish for complete conquest and to attain at last to a partisanship. It is made so entirely the solution of the enigma?

To pursue these investigations further M. Flammarion points out that it is demonstrated by the progress already made that it is necessary not to be satisfied with these achievements, but to go still further. The work is being kept up by the construction of another lens of 40 inches diameter for the observatory of the University of California, near Los Angeles, and with this M. Flammarion thinks a new and gigantic stride forward can be made. But the French savant looks still further for complete triumph, to the time when money and skill shall combine to construct a telescope of sixty inches diameter and over eighty feet length with a magnifying power of four or five thousand fold. Of the results that could be attained with such an instrument M. Flammarion says:

To what unexpected discoveries would this supreme effort of your great nineteenth con-tury lead? This is a question which it is im-possible to answer, but we have the right to dwell on the word "unexpected." It must not be forgotten that it was when searching for the limits of the colors in the solar spectrum that Fraunhofer discovered spectral analysis, and that it was while seeking the parallax of the stars that Sir William Herschel discovered the rbits of double stars, and it was when seeking for Asia that Christopher Columbus discovered

In any event, such a telescope will enable us to see for the first time the seventeenth maguitude stars, which must be scattered over the depth of heaven in a carpet of \$18,000,000 stars, while the moon will be brought, so to speak, within touching distance.

This is a vast subject the interest of which may be said to transcend the bounds of humanity. The advance of this most disinterested of all sciences to new and startling discoveries is a matter that will attract the attention of the whole world. As Pittsburg under Langley took a prominent place in the astronomical investigation of the past two decades, and under Brashear is obtaining equal prominence in the manufacture of enses, the achievments which have been made and which may be expected in those lines are of especial interest to our city. It is to be hoped that the successes to which M. Flammarion looks forward may be attained, with unexpected disclosures of the secrets of other worlds; and that Pittsburg may take an honorable part in making those iscoveries possible.

ICE AND PRISON LABOR.

The statement that the County Work house has been using its stock of surplus labor in the manufacture of artificial ice, as brought out in our news columns, indicates a new field for the employment of prison labor. From the report it appears is the inability of her poor millional raise the money for Grant's mountment. that the 'experiment at the workhouse has been very successful, and has accomplished the economic service of supplying a great many people with ice who would have found it hard to get otherwise.

In this case it looks as if the employment of convict labor in making ice might be a fair prospect for sticking at it. free from most of the objections to the use of such labor in other industries. No labor at all is employed in the making of natural the heads have been chopped off the tired | ice; and so convict labor cannot bring down | has failed of a renomination after having served wages there. The labor that is used in other six terms in Cougress. It is not by any means ice manufacturing establishments is ver small in comparison with the demand for ice; so that there is no probability that this employment of the workhouse labor will influence wages unfavorably. Of course this labor does not at all come into competition with the men who load and deliver ice: al- is yet to be heard from though it may be hoped that an enlarge ment of the ice supply would mitigate th rule of the absolute ice man who deposits on your doorstep a sixty-pound lump of ice, and makes a hundred pounds by the force of

So far as the present condition of affairs is concerned, the departure of workhouse The abandonment of the carpenters' strike | labor into this industry is to be commended. Indeed, if it could increase the supply of ice so as to make the bills of the average consumer about half as imposing as

the endorsement of the public. OUR EXILED BRETHREE

It is not such great fun after all to cross the Atlantic, even to hob-nob with princes of a public enterprise, deserves recognition; and swap stories with patented nobility, if and swap stories with patented nobility, if the November elections should take the trouble one cannot get back again when the soul to see that their names are properly registhey have suspended an iron-clad rule where | sighs for the only true land of the free and the home of the brave. There are about a thousand free born American citizens in London alone, the apply a rule of that sort at the Exposition, | cable tells us, who cannot for love or money get transportation back to this country. The continent of Europe is full of involunwork a decided injustice. Such a rule if tary exiles in the same fix. This is a terrible state of things. Here is election day coming on and all sorts of good times and a host of our countrymen can only yearn and a certain plan of lots because one house in sigh for home on a foreign shore. How would it do to send the famous new fleet over to bring back the exiles? The navy

could do that nicely anyhow. AN UNNECESSARY SACRIFICE.

The statements which have been made as o the cause of the death of Congressman Watson, show a remarkable devotion to duty on the part of that gentleman, and at the same time raise the question whether the intensity of party spirit which cause such sacrifices is not wholly misplaced. It is asserted that Mr. Watson was killed by his attendance at certain critical votes in the House, when in a very precarious state of health. Three times-on the first con tested seat, on the federal election bill, and on the agricultural bill-Mr. Watson came to the House because he was informed that his vote would be absolutely necessary. Each time his action was contrary to the orders of his physician, and each time showed a terrible inroad on his scant surplus of vitality, until the third time resulted in his death.

There may be cases in which the sacri fice of life and health by a legislator in order to be present and cast his vote at some critical juncture, will be as truly an act of patriotism as the more dramatic ones of Leonidas or Winkelreid. But it should be a certainty that the object is great enough to demand the sacrifice. While we cannot withhold our admiration, from Mr. Wat son's high ideal of outy, it is hardly possi ble to ignore the fact that the sacrific which would have been well-placed devotion if the purpose had been to enfranchise was made simply for the success of purely partisan measures. It was not well to throw on the planet Mars an extent of surface as away, or even imperil a life, in order to unseat a Democrat by a vote which Speaker Reed himself declares to have been governed not by the evidence but by party feel ing; were any of the votes which Mr. Wat-

of politics that while, as we have already said, such self-immelation may, in great legislative junctures, be an act of duty, the actual cases in which the sacrifices have been made, both in England and this country,

rather petty partisan objects. Such a result furnishes one of the gravest indictments against the prevailing spirit of sole rule of politics that those who are subject to it lose all sense of proportion. From what we know of Mr. Watson's character it may be doubted whether if left entirely to himself he would have deemed voting a Republican into the seat occupied by a Democrat, or the passage of a bill to perpetuate Republican supremacy in the House, worthy of being made party measures. But the party rulers decreed that they must be carried at any cost, and the partisan law, as Mr. Watson construed it, called upon him to imperil his life if necessary to secure their passage. The consequence is that a useful and honorable public life has been cut short in order that partisan measures may succeed, which future history will

be likely to recognize as unworthy. The loss of a life like Mr. Watson's in the way it was lost certainly indicates the necessity of the modification of the partisan spirit. It may not be singular, when party leaders call upon a member to disregard the orders of his physician and hazard his life in order that they may carry a contested election case, that they should disregard such lesser considerations as impartiality and fairness in the prosecution of their plans. But such partisanship furnishes its strongest condemnation when it calls for the sacrifice of life or health for a totally inadequate object.

SHOCKING THE SOUTHSIDE. The vagaries of electricity on the Southside are somewhat too startling for the comfort of man and beast. Electricity is a good thing, no doubt, but nobody relishes being subjected to its shocking force involuntarily. The electric railroad across the Monongahela became a gigantic battery yesterday, which operated upon pedestrians and horses with extraordinary effect. What the cause of this demoralizing manifestation was nobody seems to clearly understand, and only the results, some of them serious enough, are visible. It is clear that the perils of the streets will be augmented to a terrible extent if electric locomotion entails a free distribution of the mysterious current from time to time. A thorough investigation of the Southside accidents is called for.

THE press comments indicate a sarcastic onelusion that there must be a general condition of poverty in New York City, from the fact that there are only 14,000 people there, or about I per cent, who are assessed for taxation or personal property. This scarcity of per-sonal property for taxation is not peculiar to New York, a similar dearth of chattel possessions being noticeable among what are sup-posed to be the solid men of other places. A more unique evidence of New York's poverty

THE New York Board of Arbitrators nov promises to inquire into the New York Central strike this week. If the strikers would have put off their strike until the arbitrators had

HON. JOHN A. ANDERSON, of Kansas. the stubborn fighter of corporate aggressions in general, and of the Pacific railways in particular, life is ended. He was defeated of a renomina tion by the efforts of the Union Pacific agents in the Republican convention four years ago but he declined to be beaten so easily and, on running independently, was elected by more than the usual party majority. Mr. Anderson

THE scene of last week in the House is de ared by the New York Sun to produce a necessity for the immediate expulsion of Joseph G. Cannon. In other words the Sun thinks that Cannon ought to be fired.

A DENVER paper states, as a claim for popular approval of the present Congress, that its silver bill "has already brought silver nearly to a par with gold." This is extremely advantageous for the silver mine owners of Colorado butjexactly how it will benefit the people of the rest of the country, who wanted silver legislation on the ground that the gold standard of values is too high, does not quite appear. If silver is raised to a par with gold, we will still be on a gold standard, and all the profits of the rise will go into the pockets of the silver pro

By the way, people who wish to vote a day.

THE reports on the labor cost of producing pig iron brings out an interesting fact. The total cost of producing pig iron averages about \$14 per ton in the Northern furnaces, and about \$10 75 in the Southern. But, while wages are higher in the North than at the South, the cost of labor at the furnaces per ton of iron pro-duced is \$1 40 in the North and \$1 66 in the Bouth. The higher-priced labor is apt to be the

MR. MCKINLEY has got back to the House; and it is understood that he will put a prohibitory tariff on any more remarks of the

THE fact that Gilbert and Sullivan, whose uneful sarcasms on other people's follies have furnished amusement to the English-speaking world, are now going to take their quarrel into the courts, ought to furnish the theme for new version of "Trial by Jury." Possibly however, the jokers will object to being made the subjects of their own style of joking.

THE reason of the Senators for declining to close their bar appears to be the unusual but comprehensive one that they do not drink,

IF Speaker Reed gains his re-election by disfranchising a lot of Democratic votes on the ground that the Municipal Court of Biddeford, Me., where they were naturalized, is not "a court having a clerk," because its clerk is called a recorder, he may well ask himself, whether hat kind of vindication is worth having.

LIVING WITH A BROKEN NECK. His General Henlth Good, but Has Retires

From Business. SEDALIA. Mo., August 30 .- F. J. Woodward a former conductor on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad, who had his neck broken in a wreck July 10, arrived here to-day on his way to St. Louis. As far as known he is the second person who ever lived after having his neck broken. He wears a brace or cage to keep his head in position. His general health is good, but he has retired permanently from railroading after having followed it 30 years.

Had His Bearing Restored. CRAWFORDVILLE, IND., August 20.- While sleeping on the floor three years ago a cockroach crawled into the ear of Joe Mou aged 18 years. He suffered great pain, and finally ame deaf in that ear, all efforts to remove the insect proving unsuccessful. Last night the roach came out of the ear unassisted, there being reveral pieces of it, and the boy can hear as well to-day as ever he could.

A Good Word for Ohle Democracy. From the Philadelphia Ledger. The Democrats of Ohio are to be credited a

least with courage—for they start their cam-paign in one of the great wool States with an

THE TOPICAL TALKER.

A Superatition That Bars Deadheads-The Ominous Yellow Clarlonet -How a Grip-man Missed a Fortune-Bottles Not Barrels-A Newsboy's Knowledge of Human Nature.

WAIT a minute, young man," said Colon Sam Dawson to a florid youth with lav-ender colored trousers and a silk hat, "wait a minute! You've got a pass and it's all right, but you can't be the first man to enter this house

o-night."
Colonel Dawson was standing at the parquet door of the Bijou Theater when he said this, and it was in his little office under the stairs that he explained himself thus: "You see that gray youth had a pass and when he presented it not a soul was in the theater. He would have been the first to enter it if I had not stayed his footsteps. And then the Bijou would have been hoodooed for the rest of its existence, sure as eggs. I'm not a superstitious man, but as long as I'm running a theater I'll never let a deadhead be the first man in the house at any performance. It's the worst kind of luck; never knew it to fall. Standing order at the Bijou is that the first man in the house at any performance, it's the worst kind of luck; never knew it to fall. Standing order at the Bijou is that the first man in the house ways with the matthew must nay his every night or at the matinees must pay his way. Every theatrical man knows this. I've had to keep deadheads waiting often for this reason. I'm not superstitious, barring yellow clarionets, though when I slept in No. 15 at a St. Louis hotel my show was burnt out at Kalamasoc—but I can't stand a deadhead inside the

"AND are yellow clarionets evil omens?" "Evil?" repeated Colonel Dawson, "well, I should smile. You can bet that if Mr. Gardner were to come down to the footlights now and see a yellow clarionet in the orchestra he'd have the curtain rung down before you could say 'Gesundheit!'

And an actor who was standing by took up the topic with: "I shall never forget the run of bad luck that followed our show after we played at a small town in Michigan three years ago and a fat man in the orchestra-played a solo between the acts on a yellow clarionet. He'd been beating the base drum all through the first act—it was light opera. all through the first act—it was light opera, very light, with lots of drum to eke it out. None of us suspected him of any evil intentions, and we didn't catch sight of the yellow clarionet till the curtain went up on the second act. It was too late then. We were only playing one night stands. The next night the Treasurer skipped with the receipts; and the night after that the comedian filled up on rye till he couldn't see a friend in his mother, and he shot the tener through the fieshy part of his shot the tenor through the fleshy part of his right calf—and of course he couldn't sing after that. A week later the company was stranded Don't let me see a yellow clarionet?'

IT was a true bill the story THE DISPATCH had the other day about the stuffed pocketbook," said a Fifth avenue cable gripman yesterday, "and something of the same sort happened to me not long ago. I wasn't taken in, but it was aggravating all the same. It was as we were coming along by the convent at Oakland that I saw on the track a wallet, a leather wallet. It was a fat wallet, with a prosperous look about it, I'd have stopped the car, I was so dead sure that wallet held boodle, if The Colonel had not been sitting behind me. I didn't feel like gambling my bread and butter, you know But there was a little newsy on the car, and I told him to drop off and get the pocketbook—Til pick you up as I come back, says I, and you can tell me what the wallet's worth. The boy got off—but on the return trip he wasn't to be seen, and I've never laid eyes on him since. Guess he's retired on that wallet."

couldn't resist the temptation to cele-brate. You'd have thought he'd struck whisky instead of oil if you'd met him when night fell. He was "boiling full" as the wicked say. Some one who did not thoroughly comprehend his condition asked him for particulars about the

"How many barrels is it, old man f" "Barrels ?" said the oil-and-whisky-stricker man somewhat thickly. "Barrels, d'ye say? I don' know-wha's the diff'rence how many

"ALL about the robberee!" sang a small newsboy on Fifth avenue yesterday, till an elder and more experienced vender said to him: "What yer saying robbery fer, yer chump? Why don't yer say murder; robbery's HEPBURN JOHNS.

And the corrected cry resonnded,

SOME WELL-KNOWN PROPIE

GOVERNOR HILL was 57 years old on Friday. MR. BRADLAUGH, besides being a good angler, plays the game of chess to perfection. THE people who occupy the cottage next to Mr. Cleveland's at Marion have felt it neces sary to put out a placard on which are in scribed the words: "Next door is the place. Four people at Long Branch who are well

carriages are the most enthusiastic pedestrian Hoey, President of the Adams Express Company; A. J. Drexel, the banker, and Danie Dougherty. It is a rare sight, indeed, to see any of these men in a conveyance of any kind. F. P. SARGENT, the head of the Brotherhoo of Firemen, was a calvaryman during the latter days of the war.

SENATOR STANFORD'S fruit farm in Callforms is the largest in the world. It contains 80,000 acres, and the grapes raised and the wines made there are famous where Stanford himself is unknown.

JOHN DILLON, the famous Irish agitator has a brother who is an obscure lawyer in a little country town near Denver. He is a graduate of the University of Dublin and well ducated in the classics. MR. E. W. FAY, the new professor of Greek

Latin and Sanscrit in the University of Michigan, is only 26 years old. He was recently graduated with high houors from Johns Hopkins University, where he received the degree

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY, the Hoosier poet was in Chicago the other day, looking "neat and spruce as an Alderman." His cheeks were rosy and he appeared to be the picture of health. His work this summer has embraced Christmas story and several poems of length. SENATOR INGALLS has built a new and bandsome house on a site overlooking the city of Atchison, Kan, to replace the one which was burned some time ago. his new home will be finely furnished, but he cannot replace the library which he tost in the fire, and which he had spent a lifetime in collecting.

DYING FROM A SNAKE BITE.

Little Five-Yenr-Old is Attacked as I Goes to a Spring. EASTON, August/80.—A little five-year-old son of David Hawk, residing in Bushkill township, in this county, was bitten by a snake this morning and lies in a critical condition. His

Trecovery is unlooked for.

The child was on its way to a spring near the house to get some water when the reptile attacked him and caused three wounds with its deadly fangs in one of the child's legs near the ankle. The limb is greatly swellen and dis-colored. The snake is said to be of a species more deadly than a rattler and quite numerous in that locality. They are small in size and spotted, not unlike the reptile known in Ger-many as the "bastard snake."

From the Philadelphia Record.1

The November election will not be conducted under the provisions of the force bill, but it will be held with the force bill suspended over the heads of voters. They will vote under threat of revolutionary methods, and their re sponse should be so energetic as to strike ter-ror into the hearts of the force bill con-

DEATHS OF A DAY.

William J. Wenzel. PA. August 30.-William J. Wonge oldest son of Elias Wenzel, who is Democratic candidate for County Commissioner, died yesterday at 11 A. M., at his sate residence in New Sowickley to wastip. He was in his 30th year, and had been all for six years. Funeral from his late cometery at this place.

A STRANGE FOWL

The Peculiar Pet Kept in a Butcher Shop.

Fred Deppe, a butcher at Thirteenth stree and Franklin avenue, has in his shop a peculiar cooking fowl, which he has kept there as a pet for the past three weeks. The fowl, he thinks, is a cross between a chicken and a turkey. But it has the head and beak of an eagle, the back of a hawk or crow and the breast and legs of a chicken of the shanghai order. In fact, it is an ornithological nondescript. It is a female and slightly larger than an ordinary hen. It is and slightly larger than an ordinary hen. It is somewhat ungainty in form, having a large head and large feet and wings. The color is chiefly red, interspersed with white feathers, and its feathers covering is quite heavy. When standing or walking its position is almost erect, very similar to that of a crow, but its head is extended far forward, with an arched neck, giving its upper portion much the appearance of an eagle. When standing its tail feathers extend forward between its legs in a ridiculous manner.

manner.

The apparent hybrid was brought to the city with a coop of chickens from Warrenton, Mo., and was observed by Henry Deppe, a brother of the butcher, who is employed in the produce commission house of Miller Bros. He was attracted by the curious appearance of the fowl, and gave it to his brother, who is keeping it as a pet. He has had an offer of \$5 for it by a specific man but refused it. It seem that sporting man, but refused it. It is very tame and permits itself to be handled by the em-ployes of the butcher shop.

CURRENT TIMELY TOPICS.

His Illinois constituency should send Congressman Cannon a corn cob to swab out his nouth.

THE Exposition will open next week. A great influx of visitors to our city will be the natural result and it is to be hoped that country

PHILADELPHIA is not particularly proud of her present Congressmen, and yet their votes count as much in a roll call as their fellow mem

ousins will receive a right royal welcome.

JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY left \$150,000-and a

THE Lard bill raised as much trouble in the House of Representative as the hog raised across the Atlantic Ocean. The American hog is cutting a wide swath. Mrs Stanton of this State has lived to

the age of 115 years, and never used tobacco or whisky. She should give to the world the stimulant that she did use. +++

PEOPLE who have imagined right along that Becretary Blaine was not feeling any too good, will certainly change their mind after reading his Waterville speech. He is still in the ring. REPUBLICANS of Arizons demand the immediate admission of that Territory into the Union. Their request will be granted without a doubt if they file affidavits that the Territory will

GRONGE PECK, of Milwaukee, has tickled

the farmers of Wisconsin for years with his funny stories, and he expects now that they will tickle him with their votes. Perhaps when the votes are counted it will be discovered that Wisconsin farmers don't reciprocate worth a cent. † † † has been nominated for ALBERT GALL has State Treasurer by the Indiana Democrats. If there is anything in a name the gentleman will probably be elected, as money and gail has a good deal to do in carrying an election, more especial-ly in Indiana.

Ir it keeps Mr. Delamater jumping from one section to another at this early stage of the cam-paign, what time he will have to himself later

on is past finding out. Perhaps he has read the story about the boy killing snakes, and the Craw-ford gentieman feels like following suit. BEAT the tom-toms, fire the cannons, burn red powder and shout with a loud voice: Baby McKee is living on the fat of the land in the grand

STRANGELY AFFLICTED.

A Man Struce by Lightning Becomes Stiff as Though Petrified.

DAYTON, August 80.—A very peculiar and horrifying malady has befallen Henry Mort, of don' know-wha's the diffrence now many barrels-whar I wan' ter know's how many bottles it's good for-that's the stuff," and he bottles it's good for-that's the stuff," and he current, he recovered and went about his the current.

the current, he recovered and went about his work. He has been engaged at teaming up to last night, when all of a sudden, while seated in his residence, every muscle in his body became as stiff and solid as stone. His jaws became as et, his fists clenched, and he acted like a man with a spasm.

Physicians were called to attend him, and to their surprise not a joint in his frame could be bent. The man's entire frame was like iron, and one could take hold of his legs or catch him back of the neck and raise him from the floor. His mouth could not be opened, and no medicine could be administered only hypordermically. This appeared to do no good, and the man is lying still and rigid as ever. The physicians think he will not survive long, as he will become exhausted or die with the lockjaw or some kindred complaint.

The State on a Father.

From the Chicago News 1 On the 1st of September there goes into effect n New York State a law making it a misde-meaner for boys under 16 to use tobacco in any form on the streets or in public places. This form of paternal governmentalism may be all right, but it will never quite equal in efficiency the paternal knee and the shingle.

WOMEN OF NOTE.

THE first woman to be admitted to the prac-tice of law in Minnesota is Mrs. Mary L. Mewho prepared herself for examination in her husband's law office. QUEEN CHRISTINA, of Spain, has telephonic communication established between her room and the Madrid Opera House, in order that she

may enjoy the opera without having to appear before the public. MRS. LIVERMORE during two hot August weeks traveled 3,500 miles and gave 11 lectures at Chautauqua assemblies. She also attended uring the same time several "conferences" on temperance, woman suffrage, nationalism, and

MRS. CLARA LOUISE KELLOGG-STRAKOSCH is building a summer home in the heart of the high hills near New Hartford, Conn. The region is quite wild, and is a favorite resort of

camping parties. The woods abound in game and the streams are alive with fish. MME. DE BARRIOS indignantly denies the story of her engagement to King Milan. She never even met the man, and says, moreover, that "royalty without morality is nothing to her." Bhe is going to Europe soon to look after

the education of her four sons. MISS MINERVA PARKER, Philadelphia's only woman architect, has received a fitting recogni-tion of her ability in being selected to design the Queen Isabella Pavillion for the World's Fair in Chicago. Miss Parker is only 22 years old, and is a graduate of several noted art

THE Empress of Austria is building a magnificent Pompellan palace at Corfu, to cost nearly £500,000. It is being constructed of Carrara marble. The gardens will be elaborately ornamented with terraces, fountains and electricity. Corfu is, perhaps, the most bea spot on the globe.

TEMPUS FUGIT. (WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATOR.)

It was at the first ball of the season And her coming-out party, as well, that my heart broke a lance with my reason Because of this dear little bells; For that night I was pained to discover

That I wanted her all for myself— And yet I, in the role of a lover, Had long since been laid on the shelf. So I watched her, like coveted treasure, And held back the words on my tongue, For I said, "Do not spoil her fresh pleasu You are old, and her heart is too young.

It was well toward the end of the season Ere I saw her once more, in a throng; and she gally demanded the reason I had kept out of sight for so long;

She had had the "best time," she asserted, Though her face had lost all its fresh bloo And she filrted—ye gods, how she filrted!— With half of the men in the room. I no longer adored her so madly, And was glad that my love was untold,
For I thought to myself, rather sadly,
"I'm too young for a heart grown so old?"
Secure Charge. MURRAY'S MUSINGS.

The Shoringe of Berths on the Ocean Steam ers is Only Part of a Speculative Schome -The Slot Machine to Play Poker-Pittsburgers for Hills

(FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)

HE migratory portion of our metropoliti population are now flocking home. The tide of foreign travel has turned. Every ocean steamer brings more people than it takes away. With this comes the usual autumn cable news of the difficulty of obtaining berths homeward and the fabulous tips necessary to secure ac-commodations. This corner in steamship pas-sage tickets for this country at this season of the year is, as everybody knows who has ever been subjected to the squeeze, largely a matter of speculative manipulation. It is made possi-ble by the annual anxiety to get home and the ignorance of travelers. A lot of London and New York sharpers work this scheme for all it is worth. They buy up all the staterooms they can handle financially and engage all they can without paying for them. Then an they can without paying for them. Inch they diligently spread the news that no berths can be had for a month. The big steamship companies are in the deal just as certain New York theaters are in league with the ticket speculators who handle large blocks of the choicest seats in the house on popular nights. As soon as these steamships begin to give out that everything is engaged it sets Americans half fractic to go home. They begin to offer all sorts of premiums for places, from £2 to £10 each. The late "American Exchange in Europe," under Mr. Henry Gillig, that lived by swindling American travelers in various ways, saving on this homeone averaging. Long. carried on this business extensively. I once personally saw this being done under the pres personally saw this being done under the pressure of telegrams from steamship companies to the effect that everything was taken, and say Americans in Loudon paying from \$10 to \$5 extra for single berths. The telegrams were also shown to me with a view to fleeding me is the same way. I ran down to hiverpool and go a first-class berth the next morning on one of these very same ships without any difficult whatever. The scheme cuts both ways for the steamship companies; it enables them to throw over those Americans holding return ticket who haven't secured berth, as well as to shar the extras with the speculators.

Working Theater Squeezes.

SPRAKING of theater ticket speculators reminds me that at least one theater in New York has made reientless war on them—the Casino. It has recently adapted additional safeguards. If you buy a seat before 7:30 you safeguards. If you buy a seat before 7:30 you must give your name and you will receive a little yellow slip or printed order which reads to the effect that your toket will be delivered to you after that hour on presentation of the order. The ticket is placed in a little envelope with your name on it and is handed to you when you come up in the evening. This scheme has laid out the solitary speculator who has long traded in Casino tickets in spite of the injunction placarded on the walls that tickets purchased on the sidewalk would not be received at the door. He operated on a court decision that regular tickets could not be refused by the theater issuing them no matter where or of whom purchased. At Nibio's the speculator works one end of the line at the box office window while the regular ticket seller runs the other. The former is a noisy kapper and displays a diagram of the house and holds a roil of money between his fingers, sometimes underselling the box office and sometimes charging a premium of from 25 to 50 cents, according to demand.

A Poker Playing Machine.

THE new famous slot machine is to lose what The now famous slot machine is to lose what
little morals it ever possessed by being
made a gambling arrangement. A patent has
been applied for one that will deal a poker
hand and act as "Kitty" at the same time. It
also shuffles and cuts. You just drop a nickel
in the slot and the machine deals you a hand
imparitally, the next player does the same and
gets his hand, and so on. With this machine it
is claimed that the "skin game" of poker, dealing from the bottom or middle of the pack
while a few choice cards find their way up the
dealer's sleeve, will be a thing of the past. It
will also be used in the Sunday schools for
dealing out scripture cards to the children who
have nickels to invest in missionary work. So
its morals, come to think of it, need not be so
very bad after all.

The Hotel Room THE new hotel business in New York is likely to be overdone. A few years ago just such a spurt occurred and a good deal of hard money was sunk. For the last two years, how-ever, all of the New York hotels have done pretty well, and just now any kind of hotel property here is worth a big percentage on the investment. The Vanderbilts don't propose to investment. The Vanderbilts don't propose to be outdone by the Astors and ever since the splendid edifice to be erected by the Astor estate between Broadway and Fifth avenue has been talked of the Vanderbilts have had an itching for similar enterprises. They propose to build no less than three hotels uptown, all to be constructed in the highest style of the art and to be very exclusive. Nobody will quarrel with such a commendable disposition of individual surplus millions. In the meantime the Hoffman has incorporated all of its places under a stock company with a capital of \$1,000,000, and will extend its hotel and restaurant operations.

Pittsburgers for Hill. SAW a batch of Pittsburg Democrats the other day who had just returned from a visit to Governor Hill at Albany. From their visit to Governor Hill at Albany. From their account of their reception by the Governor and that astute politician's daily intercourse with the many who "drop in" just to see a real live New York Democrat, I should say he was getting in some superfine work for D. B. H. The Pittsburgers elected him to the presidency before I2 o'clock that night with comparatively little opposition.

Demand for Newspapers.

IT is customary for business men coming down town on the elevated to give their papers to the conductor or guard. What these men do with them nobody knows. That they are valua-ble to them is evidenced by the fact that they consider every newspaper left on the seats or floor by passengers as their property, and do not hesitate to demand any such paper of any body who chances to pick it up. Occasionally this leads to some friction, as an innocent pas-senger now and then will pick up a paper next to him, get immersed in its contents and inadto him, get immersed in its contents and imadvertantly attempt to carry it away with him. If he is detected by the trainman in charge of that car the probability is that he will be plumply requested to give it up as he goes off the platform, at least be pointed out as a newspaper thief. With the best newspapers here selling at 1, 2 and 3 cents a copy—an armful for a nickel—one would naturally suppose such a thing impossible. Yet on several occasions this matter has led to blows, and once to the Police Court. There are big boxes on the platforms of the downtown stations, asking by signs for castaway papers for the various hespitais, and they are chucked full. Uptown evenings one is confronted by ragged newsboys and girls at the foot of the elevated stairs and begged for surplus papers, and some of these bold and dirty urchins are disposed to rob you of your evening paper if you show no disposition to give it away. They resell them at a clear profit. It looks like a small thing, but with half a million male passengers daily on the elevated and surface road, nearly every one of whom has a paseless paper or two to dispose of some way, the aggregate represents a tidy sum of money.

THE very popular bar in front of which two well-known actors got whipped recently at 5 o'clock in the morning has a conspicuous sign up on Sundays. It reads: "No intoxicating inquors sold here to-day." While the four bar-keepers are busy lading out liquor to a thirsty crowd all day Sunday, from 12 midnight to 12 crowd all day Sunday, from E midnight to 12 midnight, this sign is very entertaining. The place is never closed. It employs eight barkeepers who divide the time day and night. On the corner outside are usually two policemen, before whom people go in and out. The Sunday entrance is through the hotel, about five feet from the every week day saloon entrance. Talk about "pulla."

Realism on the Stage. A NOTHER tankelrama is in course of prepare

A tion. The success of this sort of realis in the "Dark Secret" and "The Paymaster

has encouraged more ventures of the same kind. Both Sullivan and Kilrain are entered

kind. Both Sullivan and Kilrain are entered as valuable stage properties this season. Another new play, "The Hustler," has the little Brooklyn negro puglista. All three of the latter new plays have been moided to fit the muscular business. The Sullivan combination will have a lively time of it the first time the Boston boy goes on a jamboree. A couple of real policemen with real nightsticks and real nippers would draw well in this connection. The new tank drama is to have "real water" and ice on it. The ice is not real—that costs too much money, though it might be broken up and sold every day for ice cream and soda water purposes—but is a base imitation. The heroine will break through the ice every night and Saturday matines into the real water, and the hero will skate out to her and fall in, also, both to be rescued by the entire company and rolled hero will skate out to her and fail in, also, both to be rescued by the entire company and rolled over a real barrel. It is believed the barrel will be a decided hit, it being the first time it has been introduced for this purpose. The presumption in this play is that neither the heroine nor her lover can swim, which would pubbably be the case in real life, and this fact brings out the daring sacritee of the leading man. The real barrel will wring tears from

the audience in such quantities as to keep the

Systematic Robbery.

It is as much as a man's goods and chattels are worth for him to go off any length of time and leave them unguarded night and day in New York. This, no matter whether they are left in private residence or flat. The robberies reported in the newspapers, bear but a small proportion of the whole number committed. The system of thievery of this sort is about as perfect as that of any legitimate business. Every large flathouse seems to have a kind of an advance agent for burglars. It may be a private servant, it may be the grocer's or burcher's boy, or milkman, or loeman—it is some person intimately acquainted with the internal arrangement of the house and the character of its inmates. If any family in that particular house is out of town, every one of these people know it. It is also known where that family is and how long it will be gone, because these servants of the tradesmen have been duly notified by the family itself. The other day a flat opposite my place was totally gutted of everything that could be carried out through the roof, even to the bedding. A dozen such robberies have occurred on the block during the summer, not one of which was noticed in the papers.

CHARLES T. MURRAY.

NEW YORK, August 30.

PRIZES AND BALLOTS. HOW THE DISPATCH WILL ADD A FEATURE TO THE EXPOSITION.

THE DISPATCH has perfected arrangem 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.

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. giring it a frontage on two sistes 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 8 o'clock. The Bulletin of Ballots and the Tonic 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 Gentlemen voters. 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 voters. FRIDAY'S VOTING TOPIC. should the Allegheny Wharf be transfor 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. How 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 Poil 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 Rook 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 Prize Easny Contest. topic to be chosen and announced, so as to give ample time for their preparation. The Prise Essay Contest for the opening week will be open only to Amateur Writers, professional newspaper and magazine contributors being barred. All Amateurs in Western Pennsylva

nia can contest for the Prizes. OPENING WEEK'S PRIZE TOPICS. For the opening week THE DISPATCH will offer the prizes announced herewith for the best DESCRIPTIVE ARTICLE ON THE EXPOSI-TION as a whole. Articles must be general in character and deal with the instructive and unique reatures of the displays and attractions. No puffing in the line of designating by name the exhibitors will be permitted. The features and attractions can only be referred to in a gen-

eral and interesting way.

The Prizes. 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

Year.

THE CONDITIONS. Each article must make at least 800 and not nore than 1,000 words. Competitious must be written legibly, on one side of the paper only, and must be labeled,

"THE DISPATCH Prize Essay Contest, Expo sition Descriptive Article; closing Saturday, September 6, 1890," Contributions must be left at THE DISPATCH Headquarters, Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co.'s

space, Exposition Buildings. Correct name, address and age of contestant must accompany MSS., name only for publication if successful, THE DISPATCH reserves the right to publish

any contribution, whether it be awarded a prize 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 Ballot Bulletin. THE DISPATCH has secured neat little Souvenins for presentation to all Lady Voters during next week's balloting. One will be a handy addition to the work-basket, the other

will be appreciated during the long winter

evenings soon to come. Ladies can choose from A PERTINENT QUERY.

How MSS, in the Opening Prize Resay Contest Will be Judged. To the Editor of The Dispatch:

A 10-year-old boy who contemplates contest-ing for your Exposition descriptive prizes, put the question. "Who will decide as to the best written article." When told that one of the staff would likely be the judge, he answered that "He may not know a good descriptive article when he saw it, or would likely have some friend whom he would favor."

To set his mind at rest and spur him on to

write a description, please advise how the de-cision will be arrived at. C. S. THIRTY-SECOND WARD, CITY, August 80. THIRTY-SECOND WARD, CITY, August 30.

[The Specter of Favoritism need not alarm any of the contostants. The editors of THE DISPATCH will be the judges. The articles will be carefully weighed in the newspaper scales, and newspaper men should be the best judges. The editor of THE DISPATCH will guarantee fairness. It would not be good policy to select outsiders to read and pass upon the competitions, any more than it would be wise for medical or law students to pass examinations before boards composed of men who never read law or studied medicine. Watch for the prize essay and topical voting amouncements, and enter the lists with the assurance that all will be fair and equal—and may the past one win.]

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-Ten ordinary eggs will weigh a pound. -Billiard cloth makes the dryest case for

was 200 years ago.

-An old crock found buried at York contained the body of a child. -A' second crop of raspherries is being

picked at Schnecksville, this State. -Thirteen cantaloups raised by a farmer near Bridgeton, N. J., filled a barrel. -Seven out of every eight loaves of bread eaten in London are made from foreign wheat.

and. There is none better than wrapping i -A sign over a clothing house in the New York Bowery bears the appropriate title, "Taylor, Cutter & Co."

-Edward McDonald, of Allentown, Pa., thinks become the smallest dog. It is 5 mont old and weighs four ounces.

-Among the new settlers in Oklahoma are a man and his wife who are respectively 7 feet 7 inches and 6 feet in height.

-Within the last few weeks, over 1,000,-000 ounces of silver have been bought for ship-ment to London in the New York market.

—A Bohemian living in Bridgeport, Conn , had cut out of his leg on Tuesday a builet that he received in the Franco-German war. -A Chester lady staying at Bellefontaine

-Florence (Mich.) justice is swift. A

-It has been calculated that there are about 200,000 families living in London on about a pound a week, and they are in a large measure the people of one room.

who is a Lake shore fireman. Every day she ties a bouquet to a stick and hands it to her lover as he flies by her home in his cab. -A New Hampshire dentist has put up a

-The Presbyterians of Spokane recently sold their church to a man who at once started

-Farmer Cross, of Santa Ross, Cal. turned a valuable mare into a field last Thursday in which was pastured a Durham bull. The animals got iato a fight and the mare was killed. She was worth \$500.

-The distance traveled by Stanley in the interior of Africa is estimated by him at 5,400 miles, of which all but 1,000 were on foot. The expedition occupied three years, and res 300 persons, at a cost of less than £30,000.

and lasted until September 2. The aggregate of killed, wounded and missing on the Union side was 14,462, and on the Confederate 9,197. -The army of the United States consists of 2,167 commissioned officers, and a little over 20,000 real private soldiers, exclusive of these performing civilian duties. In other terms one-tenth of the military force consists of its officers.

attacked by, or in fear of, the disease dust sit for some hours in a garment scaked in paraffin, which irritates the skin, producing a healthy reaction, and kills the cholera microse. -The Pinkerton Detective Agency,

in Chicago. Hardly half a dozen men were employed by the agency at that time, but to-day the detectives in its service form a small army. -Rev. E. B. Carroll, of Albany, Ga., has found some interesting relies on the battlefield of Jonesboro. They consist of the barrel of an

In the province of Perm, in Russia, there Stefan Aberjew by name, in his 110th year The village priest, who has known the old man for the last 30 years, states that he had never seen him sober since his 80th birthday. Toward the end of his life he drauk over a quart of corn brandy a day. He was never ill in his

-Prof. Charles A. L. Totten, of Yale. who recently announced his identification of Joshua's "Long Day," now claims he has placed exactly the only other stoppage of time recorded in the Bible. This is the reversion of recorded in the Bible. This is the reversion of the sun's shadow upon the dial of Ahaz. Prof. Totten identifies the day upon which it happened as the 1:202.74th for the creation, which was Wednesday, the 18th day of the first civil (seventh sacred) month of the year 3238 A. M. -The municipal statistics for the Paris Exhibition year have just been published, and present many points of interest. The General Omnibus Company transported 217,335,755 passengers, the Northern Tramway Company 2,631,690, the Nouthern 29,101,000, and the boats on the Seine 32,835,000 persons. Over 48,000,000 travelers arrived in Paris at the different railway stations, and 49,000,000 left it. The St. Lazare station alone shows a total of over 15,000,000.

-The fight at Fredericksburg, on December 13, 1862, was a bloody one. It lasted all day long, and at night 27,000 dead and wounded men lay upon the battlefield, 7,000 of them being Confederate soldiers. The morning after being Confederate soldiers. The morning after the battle H. B. Treadwell, now a resident of Brunswick, and who was a member of the Tenth Georgia battalion, commanded by Major Emeory Rylander, of Americus, went out on the battlefield. Near two Federal soldiers, who appeared to be father and son, he found a JAZOT, a rasor strop, a shaving brush and a small piece of soap. These he took, and, having used up the other portion of the outfit, still uses the razor when he wants to shave,

FUNNY MEN'S VANCIES. writes your funny column is a trump.
"You bet! But the little joker always is, you

Poor Insect.-What a useless life the mo

quito leads.
..Yes, poor thing: it's work is all in vein.--

which Desdemons was put to death was Othella's mother-in-law, or, as Punch would say, (smother-Slight Difference .- "Prograstination is the

A Brave Boy .- You dassent set off a fire-

eracker in your teeth.

"Maybe I dassent, but I'll go in and get my
pana's teeth and do it with them."—Thad Bucks-Lost Opportunities.-The river Nile has

Withered and Dry .- She doesn't look well in the daytime. She seems withered and

An Eloquent Hint.-I just love the lan ciers, said Heien.

**But you never dance it."

**No, but I sit on the stairs with my partner.

An Old Chestnut Has a New Sprout .- By

"What's the matter?"

An Argument.-Do you believe there is any virtue in inertia?

"I do, indeed. Look at the people in the peni-tentiary; suppose they had been inert, do you think they would now be convicte?"?

An Enterprising Person.—I have received your bill for 25, Mr. Brief, but I do not remember the services you rendered.
"Have you forgotten Von Bibber's dinner?"
"No." "Don't you remember that I advised you not to frink any of his wine?" - Carlyle Smith. -Cartyle Sm Musical Item .- Lady Visitor-How I wish

-Devices for saving ice are in de-

flahed a visiting card from the bottom of the lake, and it bore the name of Charles E. Mo-

robber there recently began a 30-days' sentence within 45 minutes from the time he committed the theft.

-A Three Rivers (Mich.) girl has a beau

sign, "Teeth pulled while you wait," and draws much extra patronge from neople who do not stop to think that teeth cannot be pulled in any other way.

a saloon in the basement, and now there is seen a beer sign on the corner of a fine structure with a tall steeple on it.

-The famous battle of Manassas, the second Bull Run, began 28 years ago Thursday.

-A remedy for cholera has been discovered by a Frenchman from Cette. People either

which is attracting so much public attention just at present, has been in existence since 1852, when it was founded by Allan Pinkerton

old mustle-loading musket that was pulled from the breastworks in a dilapidated condi-tion, a bayonet, that has been placed on the muzile of the barrel, and several bullets, bat-tered by their contact with obstacles on the field.

No Exception.-That little Bronson who

A Shakesperean Note.-The law under thief of time."
"Except when time is money—then Littigation
is the gentlemanly crook who does the business."

"That's possibly why she lights up so well a

"Bee that messenger boy?"
"Yes."
"He is fast for once—fast asleep."

could sing like your wife. Husband of the Lady at the Plane—I daresty my

wife would give you lessons if you ask.

Lady Visitor—Then you may be sure I'll ask her! What fan I'll have worrying my husband after I've learned to sing like your wife.—Aim, R. Seest,

even mouths.
"What wasted opportunities," said Soak,
"Seven mouths, and every one of them devoted to