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EIGHT MONTHS' BUILDING.

The resume of building operations remarkable continuance of the work of don and back in the hope of getting a new residences and rebuilding the business trance, and then say to the reporters that section with new and imposing business they have succeeded in their mission if they growth of building operations has been a | what it would realize if sold at retail in city naturally to be expected that a diminu- value; and the fact that Mrs. Schenley has tion in the rate of growth must be ex- not been exactly avaricious and Messrs. perienced; but a total of 2,094 permits is- Scott and Bigelow are not habitually foolwith an aggregate cost of \$4,524,905 show that | been getting warm over that \$300,000 story the activity of building operations gives no to recognize as the merest street rumor. indications of cessation for some time to

reported to the Building Inspectors the \$2,200. This is not only above the previous fact that the reported value is likely to average about two-thirds of real value, indicates that the people of Pittsburg are putting up very good houses. In the number of new structures, it will be seen that seven-eighths of the new buildings are wants exceed 25 per cent of the total teenth and Twentieth in the cost of their buildings. These indications of the localities where the greatest growth is going on can be pursued still further by a study of the table published elsewhere.

The building operations of the city have had a fortunate freedom from interruption by strikes this year, which has doubtless helped in providing this good showing. It is to be hoped that the same activity in the building trade, and a similar harmony between the employers and employed may enable the gratifying exhibit to be improved upon next year.

THE MONONGAHELA VALLEY.

The history of the Monongahela Valley. like its scenery, is intensely picturesque. The mineral wealth of the river hills is no greater than the richness of legend and story prosperous towns, its boundless resources of the labor organizations is an offense and romantic history is given in THE DISPATCH to-day. The hundred years of which account is taken have worked miraculous changes in the valley's appearance. The chain of cities and towns bound gation to Pittsburg has no equal in the tewn as Charlerol but faintly indicates. The Monongahela rises far awar but the valley seems to share the brilliant prospects. as it has the past and present, of Pittsburg.

INDEMNITY FOR BRIBERS.

It would be pleasant if it were possible to ministration of justice in Lawrence county in the ignoring of the bills against the people engaged in that bribery scandal; but the facts in the case do not permit of any con- repudiated by the representatives of the clusion except such as are entirely discreditable either to the grand jury itself or to

While the proceedings of a grand jury can only be guessed, one or two things are be- good wages, it must be understood that the youd dispute. Either the evidence making agreements made in their behalf and by out a prima facie case of bribery was laid their authority will be scrupulously carried before it, or it was not. In the first case, out. What possible inducement can an that body deliberately took the attitude of employer have to meet his men half-way in giving idemnity to political bribery and a wages negotiation, if it is to result in an addling a heavy penalty on the complainant agreement which will be binding on for trying to punish it. In the second case, the | him, and which they can repudiate at members of the grand jury are excusable; pleasure? Such a state of affairs would but the responsibility must be located on the throw away all the progress that has been officer who failed to bring in the evidence. made in labor matters for the past ten years; The confessions of the people engaged in and would turn labor back to the stage the scandal constitute prima facie proof. where the employer who refused to recog Their sufficiency might or might not be a nizelabor organizations, occupied the strong matter of question on the trial; but when a est position. Yet because the employer car man says under oath that a bargain for be forced to keep his contract and the mer bribery was made and that he got the cannot-except by some such onerous course money, the officer who fails to bring that as already referred to-is the very reason why it should be understood that an agreeevidence before the grand jury deliberately assumes the responsibility of shielding the bribers against the danger of an actual

When such a position is taken by the ministers of justice the quarrels of factions, and the success or failure of political leaders sink to utter insignificance. Any issue that may be involved in that way is of the lightfarthing to the public, it must be ready to punish influential offenders as promptly, and to stop the corruption of our politics as rigidly, as it does when dealing with much less vital offenses. What is our sys- that when the coke-workers see how the saw the light.

tem of law but a mockery when it practically announces that bribery can be practiced with impunity when it is to the interest of influential politicians to hush it up; but that the citizen who has the indiscretion to try to bring the matter to the cognizance of the criminal law must be

muleted with the costs? It is hardly possible to ignore the rather irresistible conclusion as to the desire of Lawrence county to encourage the home industry of buying and selling delegates. As to politics, the only inference in that line, is that the party which can only treat charges of corruption by ignoring them, is in a very bad way.

PREMATURE AGITATION.

A report fixing at \$300,000 the price named in the option given by Mrs. Schenley for the land to be used as an entrance to Schenley Park, has aroused very inimical comments from some of the city papers. This adverse attitude to a transaction which would give Mrs. Schenley three times as much for a nineteen-acre tract as she asked for one of a hundred acres would not be unnatural-if the report had any basis or authority worthy of credence.

But as the naming of that sum is evidently a matter of pure gossip, we would suggest to our esteemed cotemporaries and the public that it is hardly worth while to work up a tempest over it. If they will stop to think a little they will, perhaps, perceive the evidences on the surface of the matter, which will justify our prediction that no such sum will be found to have been asked. In the first place, Mrs. Schenley, in DATLY DISPATCH, including Sunday, I month 50 | the business of the park, has not shown a disposition to squeeze the city; and after having given the city a park it is not probable that she would ask an exorbitant price for the land needed for its entrance. In the next place, whatever criticisms may be made of Messrs. Bigelow and Scott, not even their worst enemies would charge them with an utter absence of good sense and discrepublished in our local columns, as obtained | tion. It is not hard to venture the assertion from the Building Inspector's office, shows a that these gentlemen would not go to Lonbuilding up the suburbs of Pittsburg with favorable arrangement about the park enblocks. For over four years the steady only had an option on the ground at about matter of pleasant congratulation. It was lots. Personal records ought to have some sued in the first eight months of the year, ish, should enable our friends who have

The official statement concerning the option will be laid before Councils next Mon-There are very many interesting features | day; and those who have Been getting into in the table which is given in the article re- a fever for fear the city is going to be gouged ferred to. One fact that is of gratifying by this transaction, should be able to reprominence is the high average of the new strain their wrath until they know what the buildings. Upon the very low valuations proposition really is. In the meantime we hope to aid them in preserving their equaaverage cost of all the new buildings is over | nimity, by pointing out to them that from the surface facts it is tolerably certain that averages, but when we take into account the | the price named in the option is not \$300,-000, and it is doubtful if it is one-third that sum.

THE MAINTENANCE OF AGREEMENTS.

The statement that the strike at the Standard Coke Works will result in a suit for located outside the Old City or the first | breach of contract, on the part of the H. C. twelve wards. The business part of the Frick Coke Company against the members city furnishes about four per cent of the new of the labor organization who have struck, buildings in number, but their high charac- with a possible retention by the company of ter make the cost of the buildings in the first | \$27,000 of wages due these men, in case a The Thirteenth, Fourteenth and element in the labor question. It brings Twenty-first wards lead in the number of out the question of the maintenance of the structures; the Second, Fourteenth, Nine- agreements made between employers and employed, and it indicates a course which may be taken to make such agreements as binding on the workingmen as on the em-

ployers. Taking the last issue first, it must be said that it is one which ought to be unnecessary. and therefore impossible. It can be very little satisfaction for a concern of the wealth and enterprise of the Frick Coke Company to impound \$27,000 of the wages of its workingmen, because they have violated their agreement. Such a course would be of questionable propriety; and the employers who resort to it should first be certain that they do not put themselves in the wrong as clearly as their workmen do by failing to live up to their contract. But speaking solely in the interest of wageworkers, the fact that such a course appears to be a protection against a breach of agreethat tell of the pioneers in the Monongabela ment on their part should make it plain Valley. A birdseye view of the valley, its that such a breach of agreement on the part

against the interests of labor. This is really the vital point in the dis pute at the Standard Coke Works. The employing company made an agreement with its men last February for a scale of by river and railroad from the head of navi- wages for the ensuing year. Unless a very different explanation of the paragraph giving country. What yet may be in the Monon- the management "the right to employ any gahela Valley the magic growth of such a person or persons they desire to employ than appears on its face, it distinctly covered the point at issue. It is hardly possible to place any different interpretation upon the letter of the committees notifying the company of the strike than that of a violation of the agreement. It is much to be hoped that the representatives of the discover a significance creditable to the ad- coke-workers may be able to put matters in a different light; but in default of any explanation, the prima facie case is that an

agreement made in good faith has been

This is not only a breach of good faith the officers of the law, charged with the but it is ruinous to the interests of labor. If duty of laying the evidence before that any benefit is to be gained by reasonable negotiation with the men, and by meeting them in their organized efforts to obtain

ment once consummated is inviolable, and is to be upheld by the united honor of organized labor for its benefit and protection. In this case the violation of the agreement is peculiarly inexplicable because the scale fixed under it was recognized when it was established as a very liberal one. If we are not mistaken it established higher wages est weight beside the impartiality and vigor | than had been known in the coke industry of the justice provided by the courts. If since it attained its present proportions. To the administration of law is to be worth a throw such an agreement to the winds, and to punish the employer for making a liberal bargain, is not only wanton but it is infatuated, as destructive of the utility of organized work on behalf of labor. We hope

question of good faith is involved in this matter they will promptly rectify their mistake.

THE PRESIDENT AT CRESSON.

President Harrison arrived at Cresson last night. The journey from Washington was made in a commendably quiet fashion. The Presidental party made itself comfortable in a section of an ordinary Pullman car, in a regular train. Mr. Harrison doubtless enjoyed the absence of fuss and feathers. It is certainly true of the Nation's Chief Executive that his tastes are simple and his manners plain. We sincerely trust that the bracing air of the Allegheny Mountains will refresh and invigorate the President. At Washington there is wind enough of a certain sort, but the occupant of the White House does not usually thrive upon it. The mountain air is free from miasma, and Cresson seldom sees a politician. Mr. Harrison's stay in Western Pennsylvania, therefore, is likely to do him good. We hope that no attempt will be

less will take care that his rest and recreation are not infringed upon by the dear, disinterested politicians.

nade to draw the President into the arena

of State politics, and Mr. Harrison doubt-

MAKE IT THE DUQUESNE PARK. Everybody would like to see the Allegheny wharf turned into a park. The voting resterday under THE DISPATCH'S auspices at the Exposition shows this. It the community is in favor of this civic improvement in the proportion of sixty to one, as the voting indicates, there should be no difficulty in engineering a popular movement with this object in view. To head this movement would be a politic stroke for some energetic popular leader. We commend the subect anew to the attention of the Chief of the Department of Public Works. Duquesne Park would be a grand transformation of

Duquesne way. THE position that the House Committee cannot stop short of going to the bottom of the Raum investigation is taken by the New York Press and is a sound one. The discovery that one of the members appointed on the Investigating Committee is a stockholder in Raum's corporation, the sale of whose stock to em-ployes in the Pension Office forms the leading illegation, is sufficient to leave the House managers in a very uncomfortable position, if the investigation is incomplete or partial. It is an evidence of progress that one Republican organ has the intelligence to perceive the fact.

THE St. Louis pooling concern, which tried to get a court to enforce its illegal contract, will now have the valuable information that their lawyers who advise them that such contracts are valid are more anxious for fees than the enforcement of the law.

THE rather bad grace with which the Senators take Mr. Blaine's prescription indicate that the former leader is still a greater power in the Republican ranks than the more recent

rulers of the caucus. LORD SACKVILLE-WEST had an unfortunate experience in this country by being betrayed into the undiplomatic action of telling an indiscreet truth about the political idiosyncrasies of the Government to which he was accredited. He is now doing his best to show that the misfortune was not undeserved, by ex-hibiting himself, in his attempt to assert the right of charging rent on the Shakespeare Memorial at Stratford-on-Avon, as the pion mean man of England.

THE general expression of Republican oninion of Kennedy's attack on Quay is to the effect that it is highly improper. What a pity also that it is highly untrue!

THE Coroner and all his men were kept busy yesterday. The fatalities were numerous and many of them, contradictory though it may appear, singular.

REGRET that Gladstone cannot come to this country is based by the Chicago Tribune on the belief that he is the only Englishman who would come to this country without writing a book on it. And yet, if the Grand Old Man hould visit the United States, the enterprising interviewers of the Tribune and other papers would insist on extracting enough from him on his views of our country, to fill several vol-

AND now the Republicans of one class of opinion are arguing that the sugar duties must be retained, because if they are surrendered there will be a deficiency in the revenue. What a commentary on the fulfillment of the promise to reduce taxation!

FOUR and a half million dollars worth of new structures in the first eight months of 1890, shows that Pittsburg's building boom has no

Now that Senator Gibson's amendment to the sugar schedule has outlined the Democratic policy, we may expect our esteemed Democratic cotemporaries to still further enlarge on their claim, that a duty which gives a margin to refiners of 1 3-10 cents per pound is a reve nue duty, while one which makes it only 6-16c per pound is a protective duty.

To the failure of the peach, apple and otato crops is now added a failure of the hop crop, which some gloomy pessimists predict will make high-priced beer. But what have hops got to do with the price of modern beer?

Ir is officially approunced that Congress man Kennedy will not stump Pennsylvania for Senator Quay's Gubernatorial candidate.

THE House decided vesterday that Mr. Breckinridge was not entitled to a seat. The susted member appears to care very little about the action of the Republican majority. Probably when Arkansas sends him back to Congress Mr. Breckinridge will find many more Democrats there to welcome him.

A TWENTY per cent loss in the Republican vote, which is the shape in which the Vermost returns put the result in that State it should extend throughout the country would mean a landslide.

WHAT will not money or influence buy n the Twenty-fifth district?

PEOPLE WORTH READING ABOUT.

THE Nun of Kenmare, the Catholic deserter Miss Cusack, is a patient at the Battle Creek

JUDGE CHRISTIANCY can barely swallow easponful of milk and is taking no food. Death omes on slowly but surely. JOHN W. KEELY, the well-known Philadelphia inventor, completed his 53d year in this sinful world yesterday, and his motor has not

J. W. PATTERSON, the tallest man known except Chang, will settle down in Oklahoma with his wife. He is 7 feet 8 inches high, and his wife is over 6 feet. F. EDWIN ELWELL is at work at his studie

at Sandwich. Mass., upon a model for the bust of Vice President Morton, which will occupy a position in the Senate chamber. As gerrymandered, Mr. McKinley's district looks like a faucet in a barrel and after the election Mr. McKinley himself may be a fair representative of the bunghole. COLONEL LEBEL, inventor of the French

nagazine rifle, has retired from active service on account of ill-health. He is 52 years of age. and has been through eight campaigns. THE guests at the summer hotel on the west side of the Catskills are accustomed to take in Roxbury and its surroundings, and never fall to visit the farm house where Jay Gould first

OUR SHORT STORIES.

POLLY'S MARK. How did you get that scar, Bob?' the pe "Waitin' down to der Sunflower restaurant," said Bob, a tall, shambling fellow, whose fore-head was seamed with a deep cut, hardly

"How did it happen?"
"See, I wus tossin' out grub at de Sunflower,
when a big bloke come in an' wants oysters.
He wus all-fired partic'lar 'bout'em. Cussed
to all-fired partic'lar 'bout'em. Cussed me fer bein' slow. Then he wanted crackers, He'd a nose like a eagle—the biggest I ever saw an' when he called fur crackers I sung out to der cook: 'Polly want's a cracker!' That's all I said. Don't reck'lect nothin' after that. Polly left his mark "

ONLY A HALF.

"ONE day ten years ago," said a Western millionaire, "I stood without a nickel and without the door of a restaurant in San Francisco. I was indulging in an optical feast, gazing at the display of uncooked roasts, chops and steaks, garnished with water cross and altogether lovely in the window. The song-or rather its refrain-"Thou art so near and yet so far," was whispered to me by the giant brownie of hunger. Then a prosperous-look-ing man, who was flipping a half dollar in his hand, dropped the coin, which tinkled through

'groundhog case.' I was 'out of meat'-also bread. I spoke to the proprietor of the place. Told him I had dropped a five-dollar gold place through the grate and asked if I might go and retrieve it. 'Certainly,' he said and gave me a Ticket Brokers Convene in Chicago for hatchet with which I might remove a wooden bar that had been nailed across a door leading from the basement to the opening under the

"There was much litter and dust down there and searching for the lost coin I found many other things which had been dropped in a similar way. Thus I cleaned up \$8 from that prospect drift. The amount supplied me with place to put the able-bodied appetite which I had concealed about my person. It also gave me the entree to a clean shirt and a proportionate supply of self-esteem and self-reliance. I visited men of influence whom I had not been sufficiently courageous to meet in the immediate heretofore, and I have not been seriously insolvent since that date. Thus you may see on what a slender thread oft hangs a chance in

who dropped that half, and have several times requited him from ancient vintages of champagne, and he will never become so hungry as was on the day I first saw him-not while the Gunsight lode does its duty."

NOT THE SONATA.

pers, Century, Scribner's, Harper's Weekly, Puck, Judge an' Life, an' the Cruiser ater!" chanted a newsboy on a Fort Wayne express yesterday. A young man with yellow hair and a meek face looked up through his spectacles, clutched the boy's arm, and said in sepulchral whisper-for he had hav-fever: 'Have you got the Kreutzer Sonataf' "It's all here, sir," said the boy, dropping the North American Review into the meek young man's lan. The young man handed over a half iollar and promptly sat down on the Review.

review of Tolstol's work seemed to make the meek young man angry. Why? IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG.

The meekness went out of his face a little

later. The discovery of Ingersoll's innocuous

A BIG man who looked like he might be Senator or a rich merchant, a retired banker or something of that sort, walked down the street a few evenings ago, and, stopping under a lamp post, looked intently upward. A policeman saw him and stepped over to that ide of the walk to see what it meant. The next man who happened along also stopped and after catching what he thought was the proper range, began to look. Another man that they cannot strengthen that indictment of came up and did the same thing. Pretty soon a young fellow and his girl caught sight of the starers and they began to see what there was to be seen. Presently some one in the rapidly increasing party spoke up: "What's all this mean?" he asked the police

> "Git along wid yez," responded the official. Just then the big man turned around. "My goodness!" he exclaimed, "what on earth is this crowd here for?" "What are you looking at?" asked one of the "Looking at?" echoed the gentleman, "why,

oless me, I was only absorbed in figures." "About what?" "I was wondering how long it would take me to block the sidewalk by saying nothing."

ALWAYS IN SIGHT. ONE of the directors of the Chicago Exposi tion is visiting friends in a suburb of Pitts burg. Yesterday he went to the railroad sta

tion to buy a ticket to go to town. "Exposition excursion?" asked the agent. "What's that?" said the Chicagoan. "Combination ticket admitting you to Expe sition, great sight;" explained the agent. "It's atrange," mused the Chicagoan as he bought the excursion ticket, "that go will the Exposition site pursues me.

BOBBY'S MISGIVINGS. BE still, Bobbyl' whispered his mother.

But Bobby couldn't sit entirely still. He fidgeted uneasily in his seat, and drew a long breath when the clergyman had finished the opening invocation. "He was a long time reaching the Amen part wasn't be mamma!

"Be still, Bobby!"
"Yes'm." Bobby was quiet for a little while, and then he leaned over and whispered:
"Mamma, do you think they have services like this in heaven?

"I think it is quite likely, Bobby." "Just right along, reg'lar thing every Sun-"We are told that heaven is an eternal Sab

"Be an awful long service, won't it?"

"Yes'm." Bobby was quiet again for a few moments He was in a brown study. Presently he leaned over again and asked:
"If we're good, will we go to heaven,

"Yes, my son," "Then don't let's go 'till the first prayer i

over, mamma." DEATHS OF A DAY.

Wolfgang A. Martin.

Wolfgang A. Marrin died yesterday afternoon, at his residence in this city, after an illness of three weeks, aged 72 years. Mr. Martin was born January 14, 1818, in Obermannstadt, Bavaria. After traveling through the principal cities of Eu rope, pursuing his trade, he came to America in 1850, engaging in the grocery business at No. 18 Center avenue, this city. He retired from busi-ness about five years ago. He was the father of 12 children, five of whom are dead. Funeral will be held Monday afternoon at the Holy Trinity Church, corner Center avenue and Fulton street.

Maximilian Fielechmagn, Maximilian Fielschungs.

NEW YORK, September 5.—Maxmilian Fielschmann, a weil-known manufacturer of yeast, doing business at 701 Washington street, and residing at 115 Madison avenue, died at sea on September 1, on board the steamer Columbia, from Hamburg, which arrived here to-day. Mr. Fleischman. who was 45 years old, suffered from Bright's disease. Last February he went to Europe with his family for his health, and had been traveling there since then. His body was on board the vessel on its arrival.

CHICAGO, Sptember 5. - Alexander H. Morriso CHICAGO, Spicement S.—Alexander H. Morriso for many years a well known citizen of S Joseph, Mich., where he conducted a lar geodenware business, died at the residence of heaughter in that eity yesterday from a stroke paralysis. He was for a long time prominent Michigan politics and in 1881 was a member of ti National Republican Committee.

Alexander H. Morrison

Springer Harbaugh Bradley, aged 18, son of James A. Bradley, the Allerhony wool manufacturer, died yesterday afternoon, after a lingering filmess. The sympathy of a large circle of friends is extended to the bereaved parents. Sarah M. Rogers, Sarah M. Hogers, wife of James E. Hogers, of the County Treasurer's office, died yesterday afg-ernoon at her late residence, 6315 Station street, East Liberty. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

AN INCIDENT OF THE WAR.

A Reunion in Cleveland Brings Together

Two Long Lost Comrades. SPECIAL TELEPRAN TO THE DISPATCH. CLEVELAND, September 5.—At the encampent and reunion of the Twenty-ninth Oh Infantry at Lakeview Park, near Conneaut, O., on Thursday, a very interesting incident of the war came to a happy culumination. At the commencement of the war John Hodges and Silas Neff were too young men'living in Warren, O. They enlisted in the army and shared the ardships and dangers of the battlefield together. At the battle of the Wilderness, while loing picket duty, they were surrounded by the Confederates and Neff was taken prisoner, but Hodges escaped to the Federal lines. When Neff was exchanged he left the army and settled in Alpena, Mich. Hodges fought till the end;of the war, then returned to Warren, where he has

the war, then returned to Warren, where he has since lived. He was always under the impression that his old friend Neff, had died in a Confederate prison, and Neff believed that Hodges had been killed in battle.

Thursday afternoon, a black-haired, pleasant looking man with long whiskers and wearing a Grand Army hat was sutting on a bench overlooking the lake with half a dozen comrades who were listening to an adventure which he was telling concerning himself and a soldier named Neff. When he had finished the story, one of his hearers arose excitedly and said: "Why I heard the same story not an hour ago over at the grandstand, and the narrator said that himself and a soldier by the name of Hodges were the principals."

an iron grate and fell into the subway below.

The man gave an almost unconcerned glance in the direction the coin had gone, and then walked away humming a popular tune.

"I have always possessed some resource and I was determined to possess that coin. The eccasion was what is frequently spoken of as a broadlast of the black-haired man, "it must be Neff. My name is Hodges. Hunt the man up."

The man was found and a minute later Neff and Hodges were twisting each other's arms and smilling happy smiles with something on their cheeks that glistened very much like

EXCITEMENT AREAD.

Lively Session. CRICAGO, September 5.-A meeting of the Guarantee Ticket Brokers' Association is called to be held in this city to-morrow, and : very exciting session is anticipated. Its Presi lent is J. Claude, of St. Louis; Secretary, J. R. Fleishman, of Buffalo, and Chairman of Ex ecutive Committee, L. Meyer, of Detroit. Mr. Claude's side of the row in the association which has led to the calling of the meeting

this:
The officers of the association, including the Executive Committee, were elected iast November to serve for one year. Mr. Meyer, as Chairman of the committee, has assumed supreme authority and has carried matters to the extent of not only deposing members of the committee and appointing another man in his place, but has declared Mr. Claude's office as place, but has declared Mr. Claude's office as President vacant. In this he is sustained by Secretary Fleishman, who refuses to recognize Mr. Claude. The meeting is called to depose Meyer and Fleishman. They in turn have issued a circular to the members, warning them that if they attend the meeting they will be suspended from membership. The grounds on which Mr. Meyer bases his action have not been learned.

A DELUSIVE BELL KNOB.

It Was Only Ornamental, and Was Not Intended for Use.

Dr. Alexander Hill, the genial Coroner, of the central part of the city, had a little exper ence in Wyoming street on Tuesday last that made an impression on him not soon to be forgotten. He was called at the house of some colored people to investigate the death of a child which had died suddenly. Upon reaching the neighborhood, where numbers are out of style, the Coroner hunted for the house bearing the crape, and finally found it appar ently suspended from the bell on the sash of the door. The doctor, in his usual dignified manner, walked quickly up the steps, tool hold of the top of the crape thought to be cov ering the bell, and gave it a good jerk. The Insignia of mourning gave way under his grasp, together with the supposed bell knob, and the Coroner found himself in a heap several yards

In the street.

When he gathered himself together he was still holding on to the crape and knob, but instead of the regulation china ornament, it was one built from thoroughly original ideas—an Irish potato with a nail driven through the center, forming the stronghold for the crape.

BAPTIST DISCUSSIONS.

Zonr Auniversary.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. MARTIN'S FERRY, O., September 5.—The sixty-third anniversary of the Zoar Baptist Association began here to-day and will continue until next Monday. There is a large attend-ance of old members and two Interesting sessions were held to-day. The discussion was or Sabbath school subjects, and was participate

Sabbath school subjects, and was participated in by Rev. G. G. Boyd, Rev. C. G. Sedgwick, Rev. C. M. Conway, Thomas Allen, A. W. Collins and J. L. Cunningham.

To-morrow the "Best Plan to Cultivate the True Spirit of Missions in our Schools" will be discussed in the morning, after which reports from churches will be made and the election of officers will be held. The balance of the sassion will be devoted to the appointment of committees. About 50 delegates were in attendance. A large number of visitors were also present.

A Presbyterian Centennial. PEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. WEST ALEXANDER, PA., September 5.-Ar rangements have been about completed for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the Presbyterian Church, of this place, or September 17. The services will be very inter esting and will last all day.

A. H. Helsey in Philadelphia. From the Philadelphia Inquirer.) A man in the lobby of the Girard House las night, whose snow-white mustache and imperial was sure to catch the eye, was A. H. Helsey, glass manufacturer of Pittsburg, who is also extensively interested in mining.

STOLEN RHYMES.

THE FUNNY ACTOR. Under the spreading chestnut tree

The funny actor stands. An opera-comic man is he, With long and sinewy hands. And the surface of his brawny check Is strong as iron bands. He loves to give an old-time joke And hear the audience roar, And what cares he that you and I Have heard it out before! So, when the summer-time is come.

He wanders gay and free, And seeks for inspiration 'neath The spreading chestnut tree, - Tid Bits.

AN INCIDENT IN CAMP, He was a brave militiaman; A soldier born was he

And bound to grow-in peace, you know A general to be. His ways were so magnetic-like

He drew all men to him, And once in a year he drew too near The sparkling wine-cup's brim and so it was that August night

When the boys were all in camp; The corks popped out, and there's no doubt The stuff behind was damp. For when our soldier-boy went home At something after three. With many a grope he tried to ope
The tent-flap with a key.
—Columbus (O.) Dispatch.

A LITTLE FURTHER ON. The things we've sought for all these years, The phantoms we have chased, the pow'rs
That nidden ite, the glit'ring gold,
The things we've sighed for shall be ours

The gods shall smile on us and come To lay their trophies at our feet, And atter all our valu attempts, The joys we've sought so long we'll meet A little further on. The cherished hopes of bygone years,

A little further on.

The castles reared high in the air,
The long-lost friends we too shall meet,
And rest in peace from toil and care
A little further on. -Burt Fowles, in Texas Biftings, THE WISDOM OF YEARS. The plump little oysteriet shivered in fear And cried to its mother: "Oh, dear!

This world is so hig and so bright, my mammi That I'd like to live out my first year. "Oh, where can I hide to take in all the show, And myself not get 'took in,' you know? I am juicy and tender, and fear I will be The first of our family to go. "

Then the withered old crone gave a wise litt grin,
"Its the tenth year I've reveled in tin,
We'll jump into this cap, for it goes to the chu
And the soup we will never get in."

SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON.

PITTSBURGERS have a great many irons in

Some truth and much fiction has been spread over the newspapers concerning English syndicates. I learned something about their operations the other day which may be news to some folk. The source is reliable. A gentle-man who helps pull the string in New York which loosens fat money begs in London says his house has placed about \$900,000,000 in this country within the past two years. He states iso that £800,000,000 sterling of entailed estate and trust fund accumulations are stowed away and trust fund accumulations are low integestin English bank vaults awaiting low integestin English bank vaults awaiting low integes offers. It cannot be placed in England at me than 2 per cent, and it is good investment America at 3 or 4. The money his house handled went into investment, not speculation, They buy outright if the books of the concern guarantee fair profit. They will take all the business risks attached to the investment. They simply have faith in America and Americans. By the way, they don't call it syndicat-

MOONSTONES do not come from the moon. They come high, though.

Some of the cobblestone covered streets need cobbling.

AN emphatic Yes went up from the topical roting stand at THE DISPATCH Exposition eadquarters in favor of beautifying the Block House grounds and preserving this birthnark of Pittsburg. Carry the news to Madame

A BRICK in time saves a sidewalk paving bill. You'LL never miss the water till the main

MRS. FRANK LESLIE says the dear Marquis shot her name into a board with a revolver once. He also shot her name into the newspapers with his mouth, and the public have een bored ever since.

MOSQUITO bars will soon be closed

IF wine is a mocker an empty champagne bot le must be a hollow mockery. FALL skirts, like ivy, cling to the limbs.

THE best flavored melons are not the best ooking.

ONE of the vaudevillists at the Bijou this week made a bass hit. VISITORS are praising our Exposition. They cannot do otherwise, but we thank them for

their kind words just the same.

BEER often brews trouble. EDITOR BREEN'S Truth is on the newsstands. It is full of color, cleverness, cartoons and pithy localisms. It is not out-classed by elders n the same race, and needn't blush in their company. Its pages bristle with Breenlets, which, like bees, sting and honey in the same breath. Truth will catch on. It only costs a

BABY's cry should be the first squall on the matrimonial sea.

HAY fever is not to be sneezed at. Neber, SOME of the alleged Gaity girls skirting the

footlights look anything but gry. They lead the dudes a merry dance for all that. BEAUTY must pay a penalty. If gold fisher

were not pretty they would have a pond ins of a glass tank to swim in. THERE are knobbling departments in our ron mills. Perhaps this accounts for labor

WHEN time is called on Actor Sullivan the

dime museum will be his sole refuge. GENEROSITY of times breeds tramps

FAITH may move mountains, but it will not nove the Hump. process Messrs. Elkins and Widener swear they will lose nickels. But would it not be wiser to divide some of the profits with the cable crews ustead of carrying the public for nothing? competition permanently benefits the publ but rate wars are only a temporary relief, and losses are made up after the rivals make up or one gives up. The public may be d-d put it

will not be deadheaded by force.

GREEN corn is turning yellow. HIGH time is furnished by the observatory at

THE anchor signifies Hope, and it's a good thing to tie to. SPRING lambs are mutton now.

IF you want to study smiles linger around a billiard room and watch the faces of the players when they make a "scratch." You need not be a physiognomist to be amused by this

FRESH French sardinds are coming in from the New England factories. They are packed in olive oil from the mills run by the Cotton seed Trust. What's in a name, anyhow? THE Exposition managers pay more atten-

tion to turnstiles than to fall styles. Has the band played "Annie Laurie" yet? THE country girl will soon be looking for the red ear at the husking bee.

THIS is ironing day in Pittsburg. SPONGE off the City Hall belfry. THE Sixth street connecting link between

Pittsburg and Allegheny promises to be a bridge of size. THIS should be the Exposition's big night. LIGHTNING didn't knock a cable car off the track yesterday. Conductors should be fired during thunderstorms, for lightning might

strike them, you know, THE earth smiled after the heavens wept resterday. CANDIDATES would give big money to have

the same pull on the public as the gripmen LARD has been legitimatized. SHERMAN'S free coal measure

ceived by the coal men.

PERHAPS the roar of the big gasser struck Thursday will scare off the croakers, who are crying about going back to coal. Ir Mrs. Schenley should put land on the market at prices quoted by guessing cotempora-ries the city debt could give the census returns

couple of yards start and come out shead.

Guessers who grope in the dark, however, are apt to go far astray. Wait for the official figures, my boy. DEAF and dumb people are speak-easies.

efore the ice-cutting season sets in. ALL the street contractors are hustlin They must fill up the trenches before the frost-

A GREAT many people will be eating crow

STREL watches are pretty souvenirs of Pitts-SCHOOL children are not speculators, but the shoot bell is their morning call. NOAH surely loved fun. If he didn't he

would not have taken a pair of monkeys along when he started out with his great moral show. WILLIE WINKLE. Intexicated With Joy. From the Hawisburg Telegraph.
They have added 25 letter carriers to the Pittsburg force. And the Iron City editors are drunk with thinking of the increase in popula-

rom the Harrisburg Independent.] The competing traction street railway com-panies in Pittsburg have out the fare until the people are riding for 3 cents.

VOTES AND A GRAND PRIZE PROGRAMME FOR THE OPENING DAYS AT

THE EXPOSITION NEXT WEEK. Cast Vone Ballets on Panalar Tonics-Three Prizes for Writers-A Chance for Thinkers to Make Some Pin Money and Go on

Record. The Topical Voting inaugurated by THE DIS-PATCH at its Exposition headquarters in the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company's billiard exhibit space, has met with popular favor. For the opening days of next week THE DISPATCH suggests the topics given herewith for the suffrages of the visitors. Vote Aye or Nay on

the following: MONDAY'S VOTING TOPIC. Do you favor or oppose the repeal of the Blue Laws so far as they interfere with the sale of soda water, lemonade, milk, cigars and tobacco on Sunday? Open to lady and gentle-

TUESDAY'S VOTING TOPIC Do you favor or oppose a reasonable dog tax, and the creation of a pound under city supervision for the detention and care of vagrant curs, as a solution of the dog problem? Open

to lady and gentlemen voters. WEDNESDAY'S VOTING TOPIC, Do you favor or oppose a law compelling tele graph, telephone, electric light and electric car companies to place all wires underground? Open to lady and gentlemen voters. Register your vote for or against in the Poll Book at DISPATCH Headquarters.

Watch THE DISPATCH for topical voting an ouncements in which you are interested. Next Week's Priz - Essay Offer. The Prize Essay contest next week is open to

all writers except those regularly employed on the staffs of Pittsburg newspapers. Prizes will be awarded for the best article upon "THE BENEFITS OF THE EXPOSITION TO PITTS-BURG."

For the best contribution on the above tonic THE DISPATCH will award a prize of TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS. For the Second Prize THE DISPATCH will award a TEN. DOLLAR GOLD PIECE

For the Third Prize THE DISPATCH will award a FIVE-DOLLAR GOLD PIECE. THE CONDITIONS. Each article must make at least 1 200 and not

more than 1,500 words. Competitions must be written legibly, on one side of the paper only, and must be labeled, "THE DISPATCH Prize Essay Contest." 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

columns for future prize offerings and topical

or not. The Prize Essay Contest for next week will close with the Exposition on Saturday night. September 6. Souvenirs for Lady Voters. Watch these

voting. OUR MAIL POUCH.

Some Congressional Joking. To the Editor of The Dispatch: Will you please answer the following que tions: First, in counting a quorum did Speaker Reed ever count a hat or umbrella as a member present when said member was not visible? Second, did Speaker Reed ever entreat President Harrison, by letter or otherwise, to use his influence to persuade or compel members of the House and Senators to do their utmost to have the Federal election bill passed, giving as a rea-son for his anxiety in the matter that the Re-publican party was doomed to defeat in case said bill should fall to pass? E. C. T.

[The joking Congressional correspondents

Speaker is not guilty on either count.] How to Enter Business. To the Editor of The Dispatch: With a view of opening a butter and age stand, I would ask: Am I required to take out

license in any form? If so, where must I apply and what is the cost? How is the business tax CHAS, DILLINER. PITTSBURG, September 4. [No license. A business tax of one mill on all business done, payable in July and assessed in May. Apply at the City Treasurer's office.]

An Old Newspaper.
To the Editor of The Dispatch: Please tell me how much a paper would be worth dated April 8, 1728. It's a New England snakes about the size of a lead pencil and eight weekly journal.
Pittsburg. September 1. [If any person has the files of this journal referred to and this issue is missing, some value

attaches to it. Otherwise it is not worth much,] They Have Corners To the Editor of The Dispatch: Please inform me in order to decide a bewhat the shape of a \$50 gold piece is: whether t is round of has corners. HOLMES HARE. [Fifty-dollar gold pieces were coined in Califorms from 1850 to '55. They are octagonal.

Coin collectors pay a premium for all of them.] The Metropolitan Opera House. To the Editor of The Dispatch: Which is the largest and finest Opera House (or theater) in New York City, and in which

PETROLIA, September 4.

STATE POLITICAL NOTES. CHESTER News: You can't serve the devilwe mean the Democracy—by voting against Delamater, and he a Republican.

CHAMBERSBURG Repository: The Demo crats will open the State campaign this year in Reading. According to this they must be fearful of even old Democratic Berks. WILLIAMSPORT Sun: When the miners of the State make up their minds to vote for their own interests by voting for Pattison, they

cannot be bought off with promises that they

HARRISBURG Independent: There will no be much cider drank in the pending political canvass in Pennsylvania, but what is lacking in the juices of the apple will be made up in the abundance of the brewing of barley. HARRISBURG Call: August has come and gone, but Senator Wallace, who was to be here before September in the interest of Pattison. Scott & Co., still loiters about London. Per

haps Harrity will have to go after him, as But

ler suggesed.

HUNTINGDON Globe: Mr. Miller, the Pro hibition candidate for Governor, is one of the grand meguls of the Standard Oil Company. This circumstance does not exactly harmonize with the Prohibition platform, it is true, but it ought to secure a substantial campaign fund. JOHNSTOWN Tribune: It is announced by telegram from Washington that Major Mc-Kinley and General Hastings will both be present at the opening of the State campaign in Pittsburg on the 13th inst. It is probable that Senator Ingalls will also be on hand. With such a trio to start the ball a rolling, the en-

GREENVILLE Advance Argus: There is nothing new from the Twenty-fifth Congressional district. Both party and faction are awaiting developments. The faction are begging for a candidate to lead them, they know not where. The party is satisfied with the nomination of Major McDowell. He is a strong man before the people, and when elected will represent the district with credit.

THE Alleghenian: Some silly cavilers object to Shiras on account of his age. They do not seem to know that he is older than was Henry Clay when he entered the Senate and bega his glorious career of American state-manship Older by several years than Washington when he rescued the flering hosts of Braddock; older than Napoleon when he crossed the Alps, won the glorious field of Marengo and became

The Cold Shake. From the Philadelphia Ledger.] Raum's refrigerator can't be the failure it is alleged to be. A small block of the stock froze Congressman Martin Luther Smyser right off the investigating committee in short CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-Brooklyn schools opened Tuesday with 60,000 pupils.

-More than 5,000 men in New York do iness under the protection of their wives

-A Genesee, Mich., Supervisor sends in his report to the County Clerk of a person dy-ing of "information of the brain."

-The Mayor of Boston receives from the West End Street Railway Company 5,000 free ickets weekly for charitable uses. -The 18-year-old daughter of Swaine Kite, of Madison county, died from lockjaw, superinduced by the pulling of a tooth.

-Cyrus W. Field raises an acre of cultivated sunflowers on his estate, Ardsley, near Tarrytown, on the Hudson, for chicken feed. -Mrs. Jacob Benton, of Lancaster, N.

H., has learned five languages while an invalid in the last five years. She speaks and writes Volapuk fluently. -Jake Kilrain is going to star. His play is founded on an episode in Senator Conkling's life, where he was knocked out by a profes-sional sparrer disguised for the occasion.

-A Cobbville, Ga., man tells of a pig which has been adopted by an old car. She had four kittens besides, and the old cat was as much attached to the pig as if it had been one -A scientist computes that with the aid

of a machine constructed on the principle of the boring, drilling and pumping apparatus of the mosquito, a hole could be bored to the cen-ter of the earth in less than a day. -It is a curious fact that when the police-

men in Central Park. New York, undertake to drive the public off the grass they dispose of the old women and children promptly, but somehow the pretty girls are undisturbed. -Rev. Mr. Gould, the Unitarian Ludington preacher, has a wife as is one. He was

sick Sunday and the good lady preached for him, and now the congregation is thinking about calling her regularly if he remains ill. -Rather a touching incident occurred at the Boston and Maine depot in Biddeford, Me.

A man had been visiting his family there and, though he intended to return in two weeks, cried like one who was to be absent for year. -Alexander Sorden, of Harrington, Md., who died a few days ago, had long been a source of wonder to physicians because of a peculiar physical shrinking that followed sickness, caus-ing his stature to become one foot less than it

-The Russian Government has ordered that all medical and pharmaceutical students shall be henceforth accustomed to the decimal system of weights and measures, with the view to making this system the only legal one for prescriptions to be written in after the lapse of five years.

-At the General Grant cottage at Mount

McGregor, is kept a register of visitors, and

among those who have within the past few

days affixed their sign manual may be seen globetrotters from England, Scotland, Sweden, Belginm, Egypt, France, Germany, Hunrary, Canada, Mexico, Brazil and Southern -"Our next issue will be our last," write a Georgia editor. "We are satisfied the people of this town can get along without us, for we have been getting along without the people for six months past. There are some subscriptions owing, but we will not collect them, as the citizens will soon need the money to defray the funeral expenses of the town."

-The country people for miles around Danville, N. J., are arranging for a great double birthday celebration at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vreeland. The two old people were born within one day of each other and are now in the nineties. They have been married 63 years. Both are still bearty and active, and anticipate the approaching anniversary glee day with much pleasure. -Bill Moore, an Atchison, Kan., farmer,

the oats, observing the spots that showed the greatest moisture. Finally he selected a spot and sank the well. At 24 feet he had a fine stream of water. It is said to be the best water in the country. Other farmers in the same neighborhood have failed to find water at 200 feet. -While plowing up the ground for the new Central shops at Columbus, Ga., one of the heavy plows struck a six-inch water main and broke it. The water spurted up in a solid

wanted to dig a well, so he plowed a lot of land

and planted in it oats. Every day he watched

the ground around with great force. The water ran for several hours, flooding the ad-jacent space, until the Superlateadent of the water works company went out and, with assistance, repaired the break. -It was developed at the hearing in Chicago of a lad of only 11, arrested for theft, that he belonged in Arkansas and had run away from home and traveled all through Mexico, Lower California and the greater part of this country. His little brain had evidently been set afire by sensational literature, for, when brought into court, a hig revolver was peeping out of his hip pocket. When arrested he was boarding a freight train for the West,

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-On returning from church a Lafayette Ga., man saw what seemed to be two small to ten inches long. They were barely moving On closer examination, instead of a snake it On closer examination, instead of a snake it was a mass of little measuring worms, each about three-sixteenths of an inch long and each traveling on the layer of worms under it. By moving in this manner they escaped the dust which would have been fatal to them if they had separated.

-A heavy horse is all that saved a Lapeer.

Mich., widow from changing her name to Mrs.

Butler and not to Mrs. Clam. Both men were promised her hand and had secured their icenses, but Clam had a quarter horse and won the stakes. The race down the country road was terrific, and just when Butler was congratulating himself that he was a winner his old horse stopped to cough, and Clam sailed by and had been gone 10 minutes with the bride when his rival dashed up to her house, and was safely wed at a nearby parson's. -Of taste, a medical journal savs that it is not equally distributed over the whole surface of the tongue. There are three distinct regions of tracts, each of which has to perform

its own special office or function. The tip of its own special office or function. The tip of the tongue is concerned mainly with pungent and acid tastes: the middle portion is sensitive to sweets or bitters, while the back or lower portion confines itself entirely to the flavors of rich, fatty substances. This subdivision of faculties in the tongue makes each piece of food undergo three separate examinations, which must be successively passed before it is about itself in participation in the human admitted into full participation in the human

A FEW MINUTES WITH BUMORISTS. "See here, there are only 5,000 Indians on

"That's all right. Some of 'em have had re-lations visiting them."

Wife-So they returned your manuscript

It is too bad. Husband (who thinks he can write)-Yes: that what the editor said about it .- Boston Her "Rock-a-by, baby!" began the new nurse in a Boston family. "Desist!" exclaimed the infant, imperiously,
"I am aware that the vibration of the atmosphere will cause a cradle suspended in a tree-top

Stranger-Where do the Highminds reside? They are one of the old families of this city, I believe.

Mrs. Forundred—They used to be, but Mr. High-mind failed last year.—New York Weekly. Farmer Haighseed (warningly)-There be hornets' nest in that tree, young ladies:

Miss Metropole (just arrived from New York)-Oh, we won't disturb it; we both love birds.-She (nervously)-What do you think of my biscuite, dear?

He-H'm! I don't care exactly to give an offhand opinion on weighty subjects.—Harper's

Julia Fiftyseventhstreet-Grandma, Emma told me that you and grandpa kept a corner greenery years ago. Grandmother-Well, she was mistaken. Julia-Yes, I knew it-that's what I told her. tirandmother-We used to keep a grocery, but it was in the middle of the block .- Munsey's

Father—Have you succeeded in finding the owner of that knife you found, Johnny? Johnny-No, sir, but I think I know who loss "Who do you think?"
"Tommy Green." "Why con't you ask him if he did?"

"Cause I'm afraid he'll say yes." - Fanker "Is the doctor in?" asked a tramp at th

door of an Arch street physician resterday. A few minutes later an eldish female came to the door, "I jist wanted to see if the doctor wouldn't give me a pair of his old pants," and the tramp. 'I'm the doctor," replied the lady.

Thetramp had several attacks of vertigo as he