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PLAYGROUNDS FOR CHILDREN. If Pittsburg is to continue her career of high state of polish, the rising generation must be looked after. Yesterday THE DIS-PATCH pointed out the need for more schools. To-day we call our readers' attention to the need for playgrounds for the children. The education of the young idea is a good thing, the recreation of the young body is no less a good thing. Children in the lower wards of the city have no play ground but the streets. How dangerous these playgrounds are the constant chronicling of accidents to children-under the wheels of cable and electric cars-is evidence

But playgrounds are coming. Real lawns of grass in Schenley Park-with incidental sand heaps and mud-ple bakeries-especially set apart for romping youngsters. Mr. Bigelow will see to this. Then there is that melancholy strip of nothing in particular, called Second Avenue Park, which a tightfence would make a proper sporting ground for the little ones. But Mayor Gourley, Sheriff McCandless and everybody in fact, seems naturally to have thought of the Bedford avenue basin as a breathing spot par excellence for the children. Steps ought to be taken to put this piece of city property to such an excellent use as soon as possible. One of the beauties of making playgrounds for the babes of this great city is that the taxpayers will not be asked to contribute wast sums to carry out the plan. Very Room enough to run and jump and play, nauts and horses' hoots-that is all we ask

JUSTICE TO VAUX.

The movement in Philadelphia to replace Mr. Vaux, who was elected to fill Mr. Randall's term, by State Senator McAleer, attracts much attention, especially from the Republican managers. On the principle of not giving your opponent what he wants it might be supposed that the Democrats of which the Senate can be commended. That the district would perceive the inadvis- it was not caused by a recognition of the ability of throwing overboard a popular and creditable representative before he has had more than a single session in which to prove his capacities. The Republican managers Plumb's amendment providing for the susand organs fairly bubble over with jubilation at every indication that McAlcer will displace Vaux; but there is a Democratic element that has a weakness for doing what the Republican managers want done, and forced the removal of binding twine the question is whether they will be success- to the free list is shown by the fact that ful in this instance.

politics when a man of such popular strength | the sugar duties for the benefit of the Sugar that no opponent was put up against him on his first election has made a good record on by the House will cost the farmers over the short term, to give him a renomination. The Democrats of the Third Philadelphia district will be wise not to break over that rule at present, Mr. Vaux has been a unique but entirely creditable figure as a of many interests to get what they could out Representative in Congress. His popularity of the bill. and strength were sufficiently demonstrated by his first election without opposition, and as that election was for only a part of the term, it is no more than good party management to give him a chance to show his legislative qualities in a second term.

REED AND BLAINE.

In an article on the respective status of Blaine and Reed, the New York Sun remarks: "There has been no direct conflict between Mr. Blaine and Mr. Reed in either of the victories which they have respectively won. Mr. Blaine's success in the Senate was not necessarily a defeat for Mr. Reed. The Speaker's triumph in his district was not distinctly a rebuke to Mr. Blaine. But the direct conflict is now imminent, and

the two champions are face to face." This is perhaps true, speaking by the card. But there is every reason for the belief that the adoption of the Secretary's reciprocity policy by the Senate was a dose which had a bitter taste in the Speaker's mouth, second only in acridity to the chinchonslike postponement of the Federal elections bill. On the other hand, after the Secretary made but one speech in Maine, and that carefully placed and framed so as to do Mr. Reed no good whatever, it is not likely that, to use the expression of the bridegroom elect to The Begum, Reed's doubled majority would cause Mr. Blaine to "fill the surrounding atmosphere with wild whoops of delirious joy."

It would be correct to say that, in the opening conflict between the two big Maine men, each has won a fight for position; and neither has enjoyed the victory or the other. That they are more clearly face to face, than ever before, is only the case, because each in turn has made a success in what he undertook. Against the broad policy, magnetic personality and old enthusiasm surrounding the Secretary of State, are the unvielding fighting qualities and strong appeal to the partisan spirit that constitute the Speaker's chief characteristics. Which qualities contain the best promise of ultimate triumph is an open question. So far United Labor, puts himself and the order as the appeal to Republican Congressmen in the right attitude concerning all such and Republican politicians is concerned, the criminal efforts to revenge private wrongs Speaker's exaggeration of partisanship, by public disaster. After declaring that

likely to secure the greatest support. But the contest between Blaine and Reed will not stop until it reaches a popular verdict of the Republican party. When the people, even acting in a partisan capacity, are reached, they will probably be found to give full weight to the fact that the Secretary's policy looks to the extension of trade and the increase of prosperity; while the Speaker is unable in any issue to see beyond

The more immediate question as to how the Speaker's triumph-we will not insult him by calling it a "vindication"-will affect the issues between the House and Senate, is still more problematical. That it should give the House leaders a great deal of back bone in insisting on the leading features of the McKinley bill as it went up from the House, is more than likely; and it would be well used if it should cause the restoration of the House sugar schedule in the place of that sop to the Sugar Trust, which both the Republican and Democratic leaders voted for in the Senate. But it is not likely to stop there; nor indeed is it by any means certain that it will especially affect that issue. Suppose, as seems to be possible from vesterday's proceedings, the House should put the tariff bill in committee, and let it stay there, with private out when the latter body has taken action on the Federal elections bill. That would be a stroke not at all inconsistent with the character and methods of Mr. Reed, and it would open up a remarkably lively fight, which would probably result in making the present session continuous up to the beginning of the second session.

The most obvious result of the Reed vicry is that it will strengthen the hands of the Reed policy in Congress. As that policy has brought the session of Congress up to the middle of September without completing tariff legislation, it would not be strange if progress, if her glory is to be kept in a | the reinforcement of it should develop new teatures of snarls and muddles. Perhaps the Speaker may yet add to his triumphe one which as between himself and Mr. Blaine would be a Pyrrhic victory.

Speaking of the tariff bill as it was passed by the Senate, the Philadelphia Press says: "Clearly, there is no logical reason for putting binding twine on the free list, and thereby destroying an important industry.' The Press has lately shown a remarkable consistency in insisting upon all changes in the tariff bill that were favorable to the trusts, and in opposing those that might weaken these combinations. But it could not put its predilections into language more clearly at variance with the reason of the case than the sentence just quoted. The logic of the case is entirely on the side of just such action as the Senate took on the binding twine question.

The logic of protection is based entirely on the encouragement of domestic competition. Every protective feature in the Mc-Kinley bill has been supported on the avowed expectation that it would so increase the competition among domestic producers as to eventually lower the prices. While there may be some dispute as to the degree or promptness of the protective policy in accomplishing this result, there is not the slightest question that the logical little more than the ground is asked for. basis of protection is the increase of domestic competition. When the members beyond the reach of rapid transit jugger- of a protected industry therefore combine to suspend the competition and prevent the refor the children. While we are planning duction of prices, as all trusts seek to do, grand parks more especially for grown they try to defeat the object of protection. folks let us not forget the little ones pent up | When they succeed they not only nullify in tenement houses, in narrow courts and the legitimate purpose of protection, but the funds for building the monument are still convert it into an instrument for enriching the members of a monopoly, at the cost of struction in Baltimore to the effect that whatthe masses. In the face of such a result the repeal of a duty, the protective purpose of

logical penalty for such combinations. The fact is that the repeal of the duty on binding twine was about the only change, besides the reciprocity amendment, for logic of protection is evident from the fact that other duties protecting trusts and combinations were retained, and Senator pension of duties when domestic products are increased in price by trusts was deteated. The utter lack of logic on the part of the Senators from the agricultural States who while that action may save the farmers some It is both good public policy and good \$200,000 on binding twine, the increase in Trust made by the Senate over those fixed \$2,000,000, to say nothing of the rest of the population. Like too many of the tariff votes the change was simply a successful movement of a single interest in the conflict

> But the logic of the case calls for some such action as that proposed by Senator Plumb. The defense of the protective policy requires a general notice that where its purpose of increasing domestic competition is defeated by trusts and pools, the duty will be removed, and the opposition to its beneficial effect will be made to recoil on itself.

MORE GASES THAN ONE.

There is not the slightest likelihood of the failure of Pittsburg's natural gas supply in the near tuture. THE DISPATCH'S investigation of the subject has proved this. But supposing that natural gas should fail, does t follow that our manufacturers must return to coal? Not at all. In our columns to-day it is shown that an artificial fuel gas, a substitute for natural gas, is already in use in several large mills. It is not a theory but a fact that confronts us here. Gas can be made from coal to compete with the natural gas, and to take the latter's place should it fail. The system of pipeage now in use for natural gas could be adapted to the service of artificial gas, and Pittsburg will continue in any event to enjoy the advantages of a cheaper and bette

fuel whether the gas wells give out or not.

THE RIGHT COURSE. The frequent attempts at train wrecking on the New York Central Railroad, in the past lew days, have not unnaturally been used as proof of the desperately crimina purposes of the strikers. Some of the strikers have been charged with complicity in the acts and have denied their guilt. Or the other hand, assertions have been made that officers of the New York Central have been engaged in getting up sham attempts at train wrecking, especially for the sake of bringing discredit on the Knights of Labor. No evidence on either side has yet been made public, and the popular opinion will be likely to be held in reserve until it is

known what the proofs are. In the meantime it is worthy of notice that Mr. Powderly, in the Journal of backed by his stubborn determination, is "we cannot believe that any Knight of

Labor was concerned in this deviliah deed,' the article goes on to indicate the duty of the K. of L, in the following outspoken paragraph:

What is the duty of Knights of Labor then? Clearly to do everything within their power to assist in the discovery of the culprits. If, as we believe, it turns out that no member of the order is among the guilty ones, then the strikers will be cleared of even a doubt. If, on the contrary, it should be proven that any Knight of Labor is implicated, none are more interested than the members of the order in clearing themselves of all suspicion of sympathy with lawlessness and crime by assisting in bringing the perpetrators to justice. Ours is not a criminal organization and it cannot afford to harbor criminals. Let us urge upon the men on strike and all who sympathize with them, to do everything in their power to assist the authorities in ferreting out the flends in human form who have been guilty of this deed of

This is the right sort of talk. It is not alone the duty of the Knights of Labor as citizens to aid in the discovery of heinous crimes against public safety; but it is to the interest of the order to put themselves on record as ready to punish such offenses, whether they are perpetrated by members of the order or not. If their efforts to detect the guilty parties locate the crime outside of the order, the accusation will recoil on those who make it. If It is found that members intimations to the Senate that it will come of the order have been guilty of such acts, the participation of the order in their detection and punishment will clear it of complicity.

Let the policy stated above be vigorously followed out by the striking members of thes Knights of Labor, and it will put an end to accusations that they seek to revenge their defeat by criminal acts.

THE story that Emery is to secure the arrest of Delamater on criminal charges just before the election is the purest campaign rot. It is intended to cover the fact that Delamater has not secured the arrest of Emery, which he had the best chance in the world to do. But Delamater seems to be aware of the fact that

MR CHAUNCEY M DEPRW holdly states that he will not permit his Presidental prospects to sway his action as President of the New York (lentral That was the conclusion from the very deliberate way in which he journeyed toward home, when by hastening be could have settled the strike in accordance with his avowed principles. But there have been times when his cultivation of the Grangers, and his declarations that no railroad ought to discharge its men for belonging to a labor organization, indicated that he was moved by residental aspirations. Possibly Chaunce has arrived at the just conclusion that he has

THE failure of the potato crop in Ireland together with the shortage of wheat in this country, foreshadows a terrible year for the of that country. God save the Irish people, if he cannot save Ireland.

THE discovery of a school principal in Connecticut that he could not adhere to a contract that he had made with a young lady, as a teacher, because she is too homely, opens up a erious social question. As beauty has long een deemed an essential quality for successful marriage, and as the pretty typewriters are crowding out the plain ones, this indication that comeliness is a necessary qualification for teaching leads up to the conclusion that the only thing that can be don- with homely girls is to adopt the Chinese method and drown

THE Republican managers and organs are now vigorously engaged in the effort to discount Emery's campaign ammunition and to suppress Kennedy's.

NOTING the fact that the New Yorkers have at last adopted . plan for the Grant ever the force and cogency of a statement, the use of a classical term, does not, even as much as in the vernacular, permit the rules of gramwhich is defeated, is plainly the natural and

> ONE hundred and thirty millions increase in the ordinary appropriations since 1880 make it no wonder that the surplus is losing

> SPEAKER REED and Major McKinley are evidently of the opinion that the tariff is in more danger at Washington from the aggres sions of the Senate than it can possibly be in a governorship campaign in Pennsylvania. Conequently they elect to stay at the Capital and do not find time for the opening rally of the campaign in Pittsburg to-night.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

THE house that the Clevelands have boucht on Monument river is greatly out of repair and has a deserted appearance MISS ELIZABETH BISLAND, celebrated for

her flying trip around the world, has taken up manent residence in England. SENATOR EVARTS, it is reported from Washington, is suffering from an affection that seriously threatens his eyesight.

PROF. ALBERT B. PRESCOTT, of Ann Arbor. resident-elect of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, is the first representative of chemistry honored by such appointment since 1872.

THE marriage of Lord Lawrence Petre to lennie Williams, the soubrette, will take place on September 29, and will be private. The ceremony will be held at Lord Petre's residence, Furness House, Copsfold Hall, Igna-

CHARLES P. LINDLEY, of St. Louis who i now 72 years old, began his career as a com-mercial traveler at the age of 18 for a Meriden (Conn.) factory, It is believed that Mr. Lindley's claims as the pioneer drummer cannot be

H. W. ELLIOTT, of the Treasury Department, and William Palmer, of the National Museum, have returned from a tour of inspection to the seal islands in the Behring Sen, and report a falling off in the seal crop which points to a total extinction before many years. H. H. BROWER, of the Western Division of the Pension Office, testified that he had not been promoted by Commissioner Raum nor solicited to buy stock. He believed that the completed files order was a good thing; more cases were adjudicated than before; there were

THE Rev. Dr. C. H. Parkhurst, of New York, ecently distinguished himself by scaling the datterborn, the most dangerous peak of the Alps, This feat is seldom performed. In fact, terhorn was not scaled by man until 1865, and of the company which climbed to the top three were killed.

THERMOPYLE

This is the place—the mountain bay Is wild and stern and grand. As when the Lion held the way That barred his mother land.

Long years and change and earthquake sh Have wrought upon the scene, Where once the sea waves lapped the rock Are mendow lands grown green; But Octa still looms vast and gray To hide the setting sun, And still the mountains bar the way, And every way but one: he sulphur springs still fume and floy Along the rough hillside, And far-off Othrys velled in snow

There is a spirit haunts the place Where mighty deeds were dared, Though time and change have left no trace, And not a grave be sparred; And climbing up the grassy hill Where Sparta's Lion stood, The heart still answers to the thrill That marks the hero mood. And as I read the page again,

es where the Spartan died

That quickens from the dust That quickens from the dust.
The tale of those three hundred.
Who died to keep their trust,
I knew the fire was not yet lost.
That nerred my younger age—
The shadow of an eagle crossed. along my page! meli Rodd, in Hurray's Magazine. OUR SHORT STORIES

A SHREWD FLATTERER. DETER RAGLAND, the whitewasher, was ar rested on a charge of having snatched a lady's pocketbook. "The proof," said the justice, "is so plain that further investigation i

"No, it ain't, sah," the negro replied. "Dar' visit the Exposition can vote for or against this imes when suthin' dat dun looked like proof shrivels up might'ly when you fling de fire light o' reason down on it." hould Electrocution be Substituted fo "Well, but what fire-light of reason can effect the proof that you met this lady on the The Topical Ballots for the opening days nex

street and snatched her purse?'
"Now, jedge, lemme tell you suthin'. I win comin' laung de street, an' yere come dis lady. She come er laung, she did, er holdin' out her money bag disser way (imitating), an' I thought dat she wuz offerin' it ter me, an' I tuck it, I did. I allus takes everything dat is

offered ter me, sah."
"But why did you think that she was offering "Wall, you see my little daughter hes bee sick fur some time, an' de white folks hes been

powerful kind ter me—gibs me suthin' putty nigh ever day, an' I thought dat dis lady yered er bout hit an' wanted me ter git some med

"That's all very well, but what made you run fast after snatching the purse?"
"Who, me?" he asked, shuffling to gain time

"W'y, jedge," he exclaimed, with the bright ess of a sudden idea, "I wanted ter hurry or home ter carry de good news-wanted to tel my po' wife dat ne puttiest lady I eber seed in my life dun gib us money er nuff ter git all de edicine we want. Oh, no, sir, I ain't no han ter poke er laung when good news is er stirrin been sent atter er doctor poke er long, but it ain't datter way wid me, fur when I thinks de putties white lady I eber seed has dun gib me money I ain't gwine let er crap o' grass grow under my feet. Jes look at that lady, jedge Ain't she putty? Fo' de Lawd, she dun put me in mine o' my young mistis laung fo' de wah Oh. I knows 'em. Ole marster uster say to me beauty ez vou is, I wouldn' do nothin' but stan young men.' Now, jedge, I has dun gib my 'splanation, an' you mer sen' me ter jail ef you wants ter."

"Judge," said the woman, coyly holding her head to one side and "tittering" just enough to be girlish, "perhaps I was to blame. Indeed I believe I offered him the purse, not thinking of what I was doing at the time. I think you ought to let him off."

room. The justice said that the purse snatche

IT MUST BE FATIGUING THIS man on silver speech relies; On silence that man stands; But Delamater thinks it wise To keep on shaking hands.

USED TO THEM, THE thoughtful foreigner laid down the new paper he was reading and looked out at the cultivated farms and green meadow through which the vestiblue train was speed ing at the rate of 40 miles an hour.

"It has always seemed the strangest thing in the world to me," he observed, "that in a country so highly civilized as yours, and so full of resources and expedients, some way has not been found of preventing the frightful train robberies we read of so frequently. Why is

"I suppose it is because we are so accust to them that they don't seem frightful to us,' replied the American traveler as he turned asid a moment to hand the colored porter hal a dollar for blacking his boots.

THE CHAUTAUQUAN MAID. (Foss Up to Date. 2

CHE had studied every 'ology-Sar had studied every longy.

Ichthyology, zoology, and more;

Knew the bone of every mammal

From the mouse up to the came, and the moliusks and crustaceans that

To think her up in history Was not at all a mystery; She could name you any ruler from old England What she said about Aspasia,

She had studied Greek and Latin. Hebrew, Sanscrit (please put that in), Read Xenophon and Horace, Ovid, Virgil and the She didn't say: 'I'll learn yuh,'

But teach you that Calphurnia Sewed fifty-seven button holes in Julius Casar's She loved to pull the petals
From a flower. The baser metals
the doted on their study, and for nuggets she

would bone vuh. She loved the dromedary, And the docile cassowary and the feathers of the emu she had stuck in her She could scan philacian meter

And she knew each Roman pretor And surprised me when she told the way the Em pire came to fall. The Huns sneaked in the forum, And the Romans tried to floor 'em

But they Goth 'emselves in trouble, and, o course, got whipped by Gaul BOW HACKLEY. PUZZLED THE LAWYERS.

(IT was a wise suggestion to pay a bounty t the maple sugar men," said a well-known steamboat Captain to a knot of old time friends in the lobby of the Monongahela house resterday; "for if there is one thing more than another that has been subjected to wholesale adulteration, this pure saccharine product of nature is that thing. The man that will fur-nish a jug of the delicious stuff they used to oil in the camps along the Ohio river back in the 40's is entitled to the biggest kind of a

"Right von are. Captain." spoke up one o the company whose remembrances of the primitive days of buckwheat fiapjacks and naple syrup were so vividly recalled by the old teamboat-man's remarks. "Speaking of maple syrup," resumed the

Cantain, "reminds me of the time when steamboating was in its experimental stages, and be fore railroads were so plentiful as now. In those days we would round in and lie at the bank for as much as three hours at a time to wood up' or take on freight. On one oc we landed at a town a couple of hundred mile below Pittsburg during 'court week' and, as was the custom, I went up the bank where a group of lawyers and judges and others drawn there by the term of court were sitting after adjournment enjoying the breeze from the river and talking in a good old neighborly way about crops and current topics of the day. Among the group was an old fellow who appeared to be one of the unique and interest baracters of the town. After contemplating our boat for a few minutes a lull in the conver sation ensued, and the old gentleman ventured to break the silence by saying: 'Gentiemen, you see that 'ere maple grove acrost yonder?' Wal, there's about 150 trees in thet orchard and every one of 'em is good for a thousand gallons of water in a season. Now, I cak'late t takes seven gallons o' water for a good pound o' sugar. On them conditions how much sugar you recken the owner o' that grove made last year, which was an uncommon good year for the sap? The guesses were varied and numerous, ranging from 100 to 100,000 pounds, but the ods, ranging from 100 to 100,000 pounds, but the old man shook his head as the answers were announced. One of the company finally made bold to say he gave it up and appealed to the querist himself for information.

"Not a dad binged pound—the scoundrel was too lary to tap the trees," said the old man proceedings?

A CYCLONE FROM KANSAS

L ook out for erat'ry to-night, For words that burn and thoughts blister. The tiger's tall curls up with fright, When this bold elephant's the twister; And many a check already burns and tingles Anticipating slaps from Mr. Ingalis.

Works, and Miss Aggie Harvey, of Newcast Ind., were married at the home of the brids parents, and arrived here last evening. Among the presents received by the your couple was an elegant remembrance from Ca tain F. A. Chadwick, general manager of ti National Galvanizing Works.

Joseph Bell. CINCINNATS, September 12.—Joseph Bell, aged 71, died to-day suddenly of apoplexy. He was distinguished as a builder of machinery and for being the first to lake a steamboat across the Guif of Mexico. He introduces ateamers in the rivers of Mexico. His nither was an English lieutenant, who, in the war of 1812, espoused the American side and was made drill inaster to the troops at Ft, Washington, in this city. ELEGANT WEDDING PRESENTS Handsome Gifts Presented to Mr. Lynch and Miss Harvey of Their Marriage. ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. McKEESPORT, September 12. - Harry B. Lynch, chief clerk at the National Galyanizing

ing, and when they are put into the hands of a good teacher, have to begin over again. Watch them at practice, quizz them occasionally, and He Belleves He Has Struck a Streak of Pay above all, see that their teacher knows some-Dirt on His Farm. thing. Would it be a bad idea to compel ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR. music teachers to pass examinations?

mebody think it over

ions, Messra Commissi

tainly have an ice time.

would not munch peanuts,

OLD Monongabela, thy name is Mud.

of the man behind the prescription counter.

plans. Don't be niggardly about the dime

met the flaring eyes of the model, which stood

FROM the chipper way in which Dr. Depew i

announcing that he has just landed it is safe to

THE weather is a regular old soak.

obles and parts his hair on the side.

lows who are wabbling on the fence?

WHEN the rain falls the rivers roar.

ance of Messrs. Delamater et. al. at the Opera

House says: "All Republicans are earnestly

of the campaign discussed." Why, my dear managers, do you not invite the Democratic

sinner to partake of the feast of campaign

cause by arguing the issues with your own

THE Delamater combination does not seem

How do you expect to help your

Or are you simply fishing for the fel-

ik about is the Central strike.

all right!

SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON.

WHAT'S the matter with Nat Gas? Oh! he's

Do you ever test the little ones of your house

hold who are taking music lessons? Do you know that you might profitably try the experi-

ment? There be music teachers and music manglers. I have heard about several who

know as much about the first principles of music as a mule does about leading an orchestra.

SCOTTDALE, September 12.—Jeremiah Stauf for has again commenced work in his mine in which he thinks minerals are to be found in abundance. The alleged mine is situated about five miles from this place, and is said by different persons conversant with the facts to abound in rich minerals of various descriptions. Stauffer, who is an old California miner while digging around his ore mines the other day, unearthed a rock which glittered with some sort of minerals. He telegraphed for a geologist named Richard Stanton, who arrived geologist named Richard Stanton, who arrived
yesterday and made a thorough examination
of the rock. In an explanation, Stanton says
that the rock contains the ingredients of gold
and silver, and he is fully convinced that the
mine, if thoroughly probed, will be productive
of valuable minerals. He says the rock is of
the same vein which reaches into the gold
mines of North Carolina.

Mr. Stauffer asserts that he will work the
mine thoroughly and to that end a number of

TO-DAY'S VOTING TOPIC.

The People Who Visit the Exposition Asked

to Ballot on Electrocution.

For the closing day of the big show this week

THE DISPATCH has chosen an interesting topic

for the suffrages of the visitors. The Poll Book

will be open all day and evening, and all who

Hanging in Pennsylvania? Open to Lady

week, together with a big Prize Essay an-

nouncement, will be published in the Sunday

AN OLD MINER'S DISCOVERY.

and Gentlemen Voters.

ssue of THE DISPATCH.

Mr. Stauffer asserts that he will work the mine thoroughly, and to that end a number of men have been set to work. Geologist Stanton says he is satisfied there will be encouraging results, and will remain to superintend the work. Stauffer's late find has rather excited the community. He has declined several good offers for his farm, and has determined to test the hills at any cost.

STATE POLITICAL NOTES.

HARRISBURG Patriot (Dem.): The Phila delphia Press seems sorry because it called on Candidate Delamater to answer Emery's charges.

HARRISBURG Call (Rep.): Now if Quay were only a candidate for something or other, his majority in Pennslyvania, judging from the effect of Democratic mud-throwing in Maine, could not be expressed by less than six figures. ERIF Dispaich (Rep.): After the November election the Democrats in Pennsylvania will be kept busy explaining how the "unexpected abturned away with the remark, "Oh, what a hor-rid representation of a woman! Such a figure sence of Mr. Wallace in Europe" prevented him from making those able speeches that might have elected Pattison. should never have been chosen to show off such a pretty sack!" She looked backward and

WEST GROVE Independent (Ind.): If our next Legislature will but solve the road ques tion their neglect of almost every other duty can be pardoned. There is no one subject that concerns the great mass of the people more directly than their means of commercial and

BUTLER Democrat (Dem.): The movem among independent Republicans is gaining ground at a rapid rate in many sections. There evidently are a great many people in the wealthy State of Pennsylvania who entertain too high an estimate of independence to be possed about like cattle in the pen.

ALTOONA Times (Dem.): The Republican Congressional conference of this district will be held in Ebensburg on the 16th of September, next Tuesday. Mr. Scull will come up smiling for a third term and will be antagonized by J. D. Hicks and John Cessna. There is a good deal of power behind Scull, but it is questionable if he will be able to secure another nomina tion, not even considering the subject of elec-

PHILADELPHIA Press (Rep.): The Phila delphia Mugwumps, who call themselves "Lin-coln Republicans," have adopted a title which brings into bold relief the ragged edges of their own political inconsistency. Lincoln was not a Mugwump, a sore head, or a bolter. He took his republicanism straight, and if ever he had wearied of it he would have gone right over to the Democracy instead of knifing the Repubcan ticket in the back while still claiming to be a member of the Republican party.

PHILADELPHIA corres ndence New York Sun: "During my 30 years' experience in Pennsylvania politics I have never known the Democratic party to enter upon a political campaign for important State officers with such promising prospects of success as in this conest which opened at Scranton with the nomin ation of ex-Governor Pattison, and I have never witnessed such an apparently studied effort to turn a seemingly assured victory into defeat as that which has characterized the management of the Democratic campaign in Pennsylvania up to this hour. '

nessee and Alabama.

NASHVILLE, September 12-Captain Han

days' trin through the cotton counties of Mid

die Tennessee and Alabama. Mr. Hangock said to-day that he had never seen better pros

pects for a large yield than at present. The

planters are jubilant over it. Cotton is very

MRETING OF METHODISTS.

One Hundred Ministers Attend the Obic

Conference at Mt. Corry.

INPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

FINDLAY, September 15.—The Ohio conference of the Methodist Protestant Church

began its annual session at Mt. Corry, thi

county, this morning with about 100 ministers and lay delegates in attendance, representing

every section of the State.

To-day the work was largely of a preliminary character. The conference will be in session until next Wednesday.

Missionaries Meet.

PRECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.I

FINDLAY September 12.-The annual co

Onio met in this city to-day, and will remain in session over Sunday. Every county in the State is represented by delegates.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Rev. Jeremiah H. Johnston

PEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

WASHINGTON, PA., September 12.—The Rev. Jeremiah H. Johnston, D. D., died at his residence on Wade avenue to-night at 7:30 o'clock, after a prolonged illness. He leaves a wife and two adult children to mourn their loss, Rev. Mr. Johnston was born near Mercerville.

Mrs. Harrison Jones.

PAPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

are left to mourn her loss. She was very well favorably known, and there is great sorrow pressed at her death.

William Breck'e.

to be drawing heavy houses in the grand old State of Allegheny. But, then, this is an off JOY IN THE COTTON FIELDS. Fine Prospects for a Spleadld Crop in Ton

GREEN doctors make fat graveyards. PEOPLE who have just returned from Europe and suffering on a rolling ship must feel squeamish when they ride a few blocks on an electric car.

Ir you tickie a woman's fancy she will smile. If you tickle her vanity she will laugh all over WHISPERS are drawing room wasps.

Ir is rumored that the turnstiles at the base graph the groups on the grand stand and the will count noses correctly,

planters are jubilant over it. Cotton is very fine, and with favorable weather and a late frost the yield will be exceptionally large. The averages are larger than for several years past. The cotton merchants here report larger sales for bagging and ties for the past few days than for the same period in several years. This is an indication of a very large crop. A SOCIETY writer says Mrs. William Astor perfumes her note paper. This is a waste of the Astor millions. All note paper is sent, you

You curb your temper when you bridle your INDIAN summer and pumpkin ples are

mong the luxuries on the autumn schedule. Two New Yorkers decided to divide hotel expenses by agreeing that one pay the bills, the

ther tip the servants. The tipster got the worst of the bargain, to be sure. THE flirt breaks a match when she fixes the

THE man who borrows a talephone and then ticks about the beastly bad service, belongs to rention of the Christian Missionary Society of the same class as the fellow who borrows the

> Edison's speaking doll will probably fill a great society need. They can be loaded with the Lord's Prayer, and the poor little pampered pets of the piush parlors will not be obliged to ay it any more.

A NEW YORK set indulges in cigarette flirtaons. They will end in smoke or the ceme-

A TRANSITION period is always a painful one. Many girls wear out their old clothes be tween the last summer day and the end of antumn, and what they must suffer is sad to

A SHIP can break a record without straining

You can buy chickens in coops, but neve buy a pig in a poke,

Rev. Mr. Johnston was born near Mercerville, Pa., March Il, 1836. He graduated from Westminster College in 1839, and was licensed to preach by the Big Creek Preshytery, April 16, 1831. Twenty years ago he was ordained by the Chartiers Preshytery, to the pastorate of the United Preshyterian Church at this place. Since that time he has been a faithful and efficient pastor, and up to a few weeks of his demise, aithough hardily able to stand, he was to be found at the post of duty. He was one of the most popular ministers in the Preshytery, and made friends with all whom he came in contact with. Buring the latter part of his lite he spent most of his time in writing magazine articles on United Preshytery theology. He leaves a host of sincere friends who will feel his death most keenly. CANNOT capons be bred in or around l'ittsburg? They are sometimes found on the bill of fare, but when sampled are a delusion and a snare. Pittsburgers are not averse to paying a ALLIANCE, September 12.—The wife of the Hev. Harrison Jones, chaplain of President Garbeld's regiment, died this morning at the age of 74 years. She was married in 1895, and nas lived with her husband, who survives her, for over 54 years. Mrs. Jones was quiet and unassuming in manner, but was a woman of remarkable force of character. Besides her busband, seven children where the mourn her loss. She was zerv well and good price for a rarity, but will kick on sw.indles in food lines as well as against frauds in any other direction. Some of our chicken cultivators should try their hand on capons. They would sell like hot cakes if anywhere near the Jersey standard.

McKinley is too busy fixing up his own fences to help Mr. Delamater put up the bars

the mannish girl. IF you do not crush a rose the thorn will not ing you.

THE baseball boys will soon strike out. BLARNEY TWRED is the name of a new PHILADELPHIA. September 12. — William Brockle. President of the Maritime Exchange, and well known in shipping and mercantile direles in this city, dropped dead on Chestaut street this morning from heart disease. cloth for men's wear. Lightning rod, life in-surance and book selling flends should get

OUR MAIL POUCH.

A Reminiscence of the Great Fire. To the Editor of The Dispatch:

Anything relating to the great fire in Pitts-burg of April 10, 1845, is always of interest to those who witnessed it and mayhap suffered from its effects; and the "old inhabitant" is apt to become garrulous if he can command your attention while he details some of his own doings on that occasion.

I am not aware that it has ever before been

They simply plant your little learner before the publicly stated how its ravages might have piano and tell he or she funny stories instead of teaching them how to handle their tiny een prevented, if those who had charge at the fountain head of the city's water supply, had fingers in running a scale. Music teachers do not require to hold certificates. Little children done their duty promptly. In a recent conversion with Mr. J ... E ..., he told the write are not liable to complain, and fond parents are apt to be satisfied with discord instead of that at the time or the fire, being then a young man of 19, he was employed (this being his first day) at the warehouse of Sidney G. Von Bonnharmony during practicing hour. So the children go from bad to worse, musically speakhorst, on First street (now avenue), between Ferry and Market streets. When the alarm was given, and before a bell was rung, he, with few companions, who, like himself, were embers of the Eagle Engine Cempany, burried to the engine house on Fourth street, hoping that they might be able themselves to get the hose carriage to the spot and put out the fire be fore any other persons had reached the place This would have been a tall feather in their hats! In those days many a man's great est ambition was to "hold the nozzle;" theirs THE only thing Chauncey M. Depew will not est ambition was to "hold the nozzle:" theirs was a nobler one—to prevent, if possible, what proved to be the greatest catastrophe that ever occurred in Pittsburg. By considerable effort these few men got the hose carriage to the corner of Ferry and Second streets, where they made a double male screw attachment, by that means preventing any other hose from getting water at that plur, and thus enabling them, as they fondly hoped, to be the heroes of the hour. But alias! they were disappointed: when the water was tursed on they found that there was not a sufficient pressure to lift it to the roof of the burning building.

At this time the Vigilant hose carriage came on the scene, the members clamoring for a V attachment to the same plug. This was resisted by the Eagle's men, on the reasonable ground that if there was not enough water for DEATH is always grinning over the shoulder IF Pittsburg possessed a hall capable of seating a large congregation she, could capture some of the big gatherings which other towns reach out for. The Carnegie Library folk should keep this in mind while supervising the

COLD cream gives girls a milky complexion. THE Prench adventurers who are going to attachment to the same ping. This was resisted by the Eagle's men, on the reasonable ground that if there was not enough water for one there would certainly be no use for two wasting what little there was. During the controversy Robert Hague, who afterward became our efficient High Constable, put in an appearance, and was dispatched with all speed to the basin on Prospect street, with directions to have a larger supply of water passed through the pines. This was refused by the watchful guardian (his name is now as forgotten as that of "the youth who fired the Ephesian dome,") on the plea that if this was done a plug might be blown out at another place in the city where repairs were being made. Mr. Hague returned with his reply and was sent back again, but by the time he reached Seventh street, he ascertained that a full head of water had been turned on. But it came too late! The fire that was no larger than a man's hand at first had now spread to adjoining houses, and fanned by the stiff breeze of that April day, had assumed such proportions that bunt for the North Pole in a balloon will cer-It is needless to remark that dressmaker illiners are up to their eyes in business. THE girl and the boy from the country, including Washington and Butler counties, is coming to town. Their sun-burned, healthy and happy faces would look better if they 1F all chickens were ducks hens would surely SHE was inspecting the furs displayed in one of the Exposition exhibits, and had glued her eyes to the seal skin sacque fitting none too well the frame of the model, which, instead of standing, was doubled up in a commodious chair. Of course she thought it was a dummy April day, had assumed such proportions that all the engines of the city and all the water that could be most layishly furnished were not suf-ficient to curb its onward and destructive with a wax face. After calculating the cost of the furry finery she sighed a deep sigh and

course.

As the official had ample means of knowle that a fire was raging in the lower part of the city—his elevated position giving him full vie of the entire town, no excuse can be offered to of the entire town, no excuse can be solved in the great opportunity afforded him of being a prime factor in the prevention of the loss of human lives and of the millions of dollars' worth of property that went up in smoke on that eventful spring day. J. F. M. beside the rail trembling with anger. They do not speak as they pass by. Moral: Never think aloud.

THE man who worms himself into society is PITTSBURG, September 10. apt to be trod upon.

A Water Gas Coundrum This cowcatchers on the locomotives are To the Editor of The Dispatch:

After water gas goes through a cupola, ther THE man on the fence and the colored indithrough brick checker work, does it go back to through brick enecker work, water afterward or is it a fixed gas? SUBSCRIBER. vidual in the woodpile are annoying the poli-ticians North and South this year. PITTSBURG, September 12.

[The water gas does not go back to wate after passing through the brick checker work; infer that he did not give up anything to the frisky dolphins of the deep. but it becomes, not a "fixed gas," but a semi fixed gas, for as a matter of fact, the naphthat which is involved in the process, is liable, when BUYING oysters to get a pearl is like pur-chasing a lottery ticket to secure the first the gas is cool, to condense in the pipes.]

> What Josiah Proposes to Do. To the Editor of The Dispatch :

Please do me the justice to correct mistake o IF you saw the same faces every day, life your reporter in yesterday's issue wherein he says that "I intend to destroy the Christian Church wherever found." It is a mistake, for A DEAD tree casts as long a shadow as the In ever said so, nor do I now say so. Nearly all my people are Christians. There were 14 of us in all—8 brothers and 6 sisters. I did say and do say now that I mean to lock the orthodox hell and throw the key into the sea of oblivion.

JOSIAH KING WILSON. one in full bloom, and the fellow who smokes cigarettes and bangs his hair takes up just as uch room on the earth as the man who smokes PITTSBURG, September 12. THE advertisement announcing the appear-

Our Mary Not Dead. Please answer the following to decide a vager: Is Mary Anderson, the actress, dead? If so, when and where did she die? Rather, is she not lately married and living abroad? PITTSBURG, September 12.

[She is married to Mr. Nevarro, and is now living abroad].

Beaver Did, Not Partison. To the Editor of The Dispate A says Pattison vetoed the Mercy Hospital appropriation bill and B says Beaver. Decide. ALLEGHENY, September 12. J. H.

Who Con T. Il Him? To the Editor of The Dispatch: Will you please tell me what States and Territories have no pharmacy law?

PITTSBURG, September 12. A SNAKE IN HER SHOP

An Estimable Old Lady Bitten on Her Thumb by a Huge Copperhead.

SEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. PARKERSBURG, W. VA., September 12sueer and probably fatal accident happened at Central Tuesday. Mrs. Ann Clemens, an old lady about 70 years of age, got out of her bed in he morning and began to put on her shoes. Just as she was in the act of pulling on the first one a big copperhead snake, which had taken up its lodging in the shoe, shot its head out and

up its lodging in the shoe, shot its head out and hit the old lady on the thumb of the right hand.

Her arm and hand began to swell rapidly, and she suffered intense pain. Medical aid wis called in and every possible remedy applied to prevent serious results. Mrs. Clemens is atill alive, but her friends entertain slight hopes of her recovery. How the reptile got into the house is a mystery. The old lady is well known and very popular in that neighborhood, and great sympathy is felt for her in her great suffering.

ALL THROUGH THE STATE.

CANADA thistles have secured a firm foot A LINESVILLE, Crawford county, farmer

aised 32 lambs this summer from seven ewes. Ir has cost Crawford county \$600,000 during he past 25 years for the support of the poor. THE firemen will meet in State convention at Chester on the 18th. They will parade over an eight-mile route.

A CLINTON county judge has instructed reporters not to mention his name in their papers inder any circumstances. An eagle with a bell around its neck fre quents Lebanon county. It is probably looking for the long-lost sea serpent.

THE newspaper men of Chester threw dull care and grinding toil to the winds long enough on Thursday to enjoy a feast. Two Crawford county farmers who never abscribed for a newspaper have been taken

nto camp by a couple of swindlers.

SEVERAL Conneautville people have ceived checks in payment for the right of way for the canal railroad through their land. CITIZENS of Reading stoned to death a supposed mad dog. Many valuable dogs were bitten before the stones got in their work. THE Pittsburg Exposition is in at least one respect very different from the ordinary mustard plaster. The longer it lasts the better

it draws. A ONE-LEGGED veteran of the war obbed of his value at Lancaster on Thursday, containing a new suit of clothes, four shirts speuders, neckties, etc.

ELLIN M. Du Tunk, aged 9 years, climber apon the wall at the side of the at Reading, and becoming dizzy, she fell to the ground, striking upon her head. She was able to walk to her home, but in a few minutes afterward she suddenly expired.

THE Warren county fair was billed for its annual exhibition last week at Warren, but THE damp days have taken the starch out of owing to too much rain it didn't take place, and as a consequence there is a very mad lot of directors and exhibitors. Warren is not uch a dry county as some people think. BERKS COUNTY is numerically the stronges

component of the old Fennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran Church. It has 19,000 communi-cants, 6,000 of whom are at Reading. North-ampton comes next with 12,500 members, 2,250 of whom live in the Bethlehems and 2,100 at measured for suits off the same piece.
WILLIE WINKLE.

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-The State of Panama demands the exsion of the Chinese.

-The estimated yield of wheat for Michigan this year is 24,000,000 bushels.

-Mr. Mudd is a real estate dealer in one of the towns of Southern California. -Two of the albums sent to the Inter-

national Exhibition of Stamps at Vienna are insured for \$12,800 and \$15,600. -A bolt of lightning recently struck a

house in Kansas, setting it on fire and at the same time touching off the fire alarm. -A large amount of ammonia escaped from the Fort Wayne ice factory into the St. Joseph river, and thousands of fish were killed.

-The Humane Education Society of Bos-

ton offers \$250 for the best essay in favor of

vivisection, and \$250 for the best essay against

-It has been proposed to put the regular London cabmen in semi-military uniform. The Jehus are very much opposed to the "biarsted

-Of 50,000 guesses of the weight of a big cake of soap on exhibit in Detroit only fou strange to say, were correct. The weight was

-James Jeffries, of Ruseell county, Ky., has 19 children, including 7 pairs of twins. Ho also has 10 brothers married, and the 11 families have 37 pairs of twins.

-An average of 5,000,000 glasses of beer is consumed in Chicago every day during this hot spell, and that means \$250,000 or \$7,000,000

-A woman who died lately at St. Martin. near Montreal, at the age of 92, was married when 12 years of age, and had 17 children, 145 graudchildren and 286 great grandchildren.

miles from Canterbury, the following curious notice may be read: "Traction engines and other persons taking water from this pond will be prosecuted." -The famous Hindoo god, Lingham, is now owned by an English gentleman named

sale in London in 1888. This curious relic stands but 1234 inches high. -Judge Beach decides a town has a perpetual and everlasting interest in a factory it bonuses, and consequently tells H. Dutton, of

Port Austin, that he has no right to move his grist mill, and so enjoins him forever. -The locomotive telephone signal enables two trains approaching each other to commu-

apart. The ringing of a gong warns the engineers, who can converse with each other over the telephone. -The acting Mayor of Montreal has received a letter from a woe-begone bachelor in Bismarck, Dak., who writes for himself and a number of other miners, asking that marriage-able young ladies be sent out there. The miners have from \$1,000 to \$5,000 to commence house-

-Mr. Bodeen, at Lamanda Park, Los Angeles, has 15 acres in peaches, apricots, pears and similar fruits. He has paid all the labor incidental to curing and shipping his fruit, has sold it all and has \$7,000 as the net profits of the growers are the people this year. -Councilman Study, of Tyrone, electro-

was applied to him. Wet sponges were placed on his head and at the base of his spine and 500 volts applied through the death dealing wire. The dog died so instantaneously that he hadn't time to even think what hurt him,—Clinton Democrat. -There is a curiosity in Carrolton. Ala. in the way of an eyeless mule colt. The colt is three or four months old. It is very well developed in every other respect, but it has no

-Two policemen, at 3 o'clock Monday morning found one of the doors of the post office in Newark, N. J., open. They entered the building, but found nobody. One of the

officers went to the house of Postmaster Conk-lin, who proceeded to the office, and, after searching through its departments, found the night watchman sound asleep in a locked room. The watchman was discharged. -A "good" story is told about a certain farmer living near Orlando, Fla., who was badly a fflicted with rheumatism. One day he went out to his stables and stepped between a

omes in, he has not since suff rheumatism.

-Such filthy water was furnished the tanks by the Michigan State Fair management that the Fish Commission have lost about 300 of their fine exhibit. All the fine specimens of

cently passed by the Legislature of New York are full of absurd blunders and contradictions. They are a disgrace to the first State of the Union, and will, no doubt, result in costly litiation. A specimen blunder is an amendment the charter of Saratoga, which declares: "No contract for sprinkling shall, however, be made for a longer period than four years, ex-cept horses and more than six sprinkling carts."

RREAKFAST TABLE LAUGHS.

Parson-Don't you know it is very wrong ers in your paper?

Editor-Perhaps it is: but I don't know how I can manage to pay the bills they have against me

\$2 present .- New York Weekly. Applicant (to proprietor of great newspaper) - Have you a vacancy on your staff, sirt's
Proprietor - I need a circulation-affidavit editor,
but I don't know that you would suit.

Clarkson-Well, I got discharged to-day by old Saunders.
Father-Why, I thought that you and Saunders got along first-rate.
Clarkson-Weil, we have until to-day, when saunders gave me a bill against Tom Hendricks and told ms not to come back to the office without the money. You know Tom.—New York Weekly.

there is a proposition to put a duty on beans.

Miss Emerson (of Bostou)—A duty on beans al-

Mrs. Baldhede-Why, Thomas, I declared There are a lot of fine hairs on top of your head. You are getting a second growth of hair. I never noticed it and you didn't say anything about it. Baidhede (sadly)-No, Matilda. I wanted to give them a chance to grow. - West Shore.

Editor-A man who was brought up in the back woods and wouldn't know folding doors from a three-volume novel, or an evening dress from a tennis blazer.

-By the side of the main road, about four

Spencer, who naid \$13,000 for it at an austion

nicate by closing the circuit when two miles

-Stephen and John Cumming are a twain of twins 85 years old. They both live at Wixom, and Stephen is strong and healthy, while John is feeble. Stephen is the man who has used tobacco 70 years, and John has always been re-ligiously temocrate, which makes this an in-temperance lecture.

cuted his big black dog the other day. He had outlived his usefulness and the Kemmler mode

eyes and no place for them. The face where its eyes should be is as smooth as its jaws, yet it has eye muscles, for the hide contracts regu-larly as if batting its eyes, but it has no eyes

herse and mule for the purpose of bridling them, whereupon the aforesaid horse kicked him, hitting his hip, the afflicted part. Strange to say, and here is where the good part of the

-Bricks impregnated with tar are said to be hard, durable and perfectly water-proof. The process of impregnation is extremely simple, ordinary bricks, or, still better, machine brick, being boiled in coal tar for 24 hours, Bricks thus treated are claimed to be especially well adapted for paying workrooms, depots, etc. They are also recommended for the con-struction of sewers, cesspools, the insulation of foundation walls and similar purposes.

brook, brown and rainbow trout were lost brook, brown and fainbow though the has after being a few hours in the water, together with numbers of grayling, carp, goldfish, pike, blue gills, sunfish and perch; everything, in fact, except the dogfish, catfish, eels and bull-heads, and even some of the latter were killed. -Through the stupidity of an engrossing clerk, unable to write the English language grammatically or spell correctly, the laws r

"You ought to have seen Peterby eat at the wedding breakfast. I'll wager he put away \$5 worth of stuff." "Yes, and then sicked because he had to buy a

unless I let them take them out in advert

"I think I would, sir. I have been a census enumerator at Minneapolis."

"The place is yours."—Munsey's Weekly.

Miss Bleecher (of New York)-I see that

ready exists.

Miss B.—Indeed: What is it?

Miss E.—To bake them to a delicious brown

Ethel (who is studying addition)-Mamma, why do they say the "two bears" of mar-Mamma-Why, my dear, the two bears of marrings are bear and forbear.

Ethel-Well, mamma, don't bear and fourbear

The public—Who writes your "sixter" and general "pop-the-question" jokes?

Editor—A meek basisful, little man, who couldn't summon up the nerve to propose to a blooming widow, even it she looked on him as her last chance.—Unafter,

make five bears?-- West Shore The public-Who writes your society