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PITTSBURG, TUESDAY, SEPT. 16, 1890.

FOR ANOTHER GRAND JURY. them. Judge McMichael will have the per cent between 1880 and 1890 it would approval of all honorable men in ordering afford a fair presumption that the increase the presentment of the indictments against of 60 per cent given us by the census does Attorney Wallace and the three men he is | not tell the whole story. alleged to have bought to the next grand | The matter is worthy the attention of citijury. In view of the prima facis case made | zens. Pittsburg has in the past been rated out against the men implicated in the dis- | below her true importance, simply because graceful proceedings at the congressional her citizens have not taken the trouble to convention, Judge McMichaels had no claim her proper position. An illustration choice but to order as he did. The grand of the effect of that policy is furnished by jury at the December term may be relied the cartoon in last week's Puck, which repupon to investigate the whole business resents the agents and boomers of various thoroughly. It is unfortunate that the cities, loudly calling attention to the magjudicial inquiry cannot now take place till nitude of their communities, while New after the election.

TOO MUCH OF ONE KIND.

The convention of Kansas Republicans, in layer of resubmitting prohibition to a popular vote, declared: "We believe that too much legislation is a curse." They would have hit the mark more clearly in the center by adding: That too much legislation that is not enforced is the curse of this country.

The deliverance, of course, was intended to bear upon the prohibitory law. There is reason to suspect that if the Kansas prohibatory law were not enforced, the resubmissionists would not be bothering about it. But it is nevertheless the fact that the vice of this nation in its efforts to reform corrupt abuses, is the disposition to pass all sorts of position she is entitled to, we should decide laws, and to leave them on the statute books dead letters.

This should be amended, not only for the sake of giving good laws their full effect, but also for the safeguard against the enactment of bad laws. Enforcement is the supreme test of legislation. If a law is not tion in the future.

On the other hand, the stupidity of passing needed laws and letting them lapse into of the public evils of the day. Wherever law conflicts with some mighty interest. was lutended to remedy go on unchecked.

THE PROBLEM OF IRRIGATION.

Teriention as a means for creating fertility for the arid lands of the West is very gen erally appreciated; although the majority of people have not a full comprehension of the ceived is the vastness of the economic issues involved in this method.

When we perceive that territory the size farmers can at least subsist on their crops come to a trial of strength-wipe out the over. farms and crops altogether by withholding the water upon any colorable pretext. It is a common to all propositions for Government would transfer the power from the corporations to the politicians. Instead of creating a financial oligarchy it would set up a politof the irrigation supply, to make farmers dependent on it vote as he dictates, need not be described. It is enough to say that it would be more absolute and far less intelligent than any rule of the corporation.

It is true, as generally recognized, that corporations can conduct such enterprises more economically than the Government, and that capital will be ready to take hold of the work as soon as it is shown to be profitable. But in permitting corporate capital to assume that tunction, we should see by our experience of the railway system how easy it will be to repeat the abuses of that system. Indeed it will be possible to reproduce, in alightly altered forms, all the evils which present corporate system. Suppose at the start that it takes \$1,000,000 in irrigation works to make 250,000 acres of land worth \$10 an acre. Then the charges necessary to remunerate the capital engaged in irrigation will take two-fifths of the productive value of the land. But if the officers of the corporation should contract with themselves to build the dams and dig the ditches for \$2,000,000 it would take twothirds of the remaining value of the land to pay the charges on the fictitious capital. Thus at the very outset, the problem of water in the capital, as well as water in the ditches, comes up. The ease with which the abuse of discrimination could be beought into existence if not completely guarded against, should also be borne in mind, the ability to give water to the friends of the corporation at one rate and to the disfavored public at another, or the more common and far-reaching abuse of favoring

the largest customers, could, more promptly than the railroad evils, wipe out the small farmers and concentrate wealth in the hands of a favored few. The abundance of pretexts on which a water supply could be withheld from those not in favor with the management, or diverted to others whose interests were allied with those in power, make it clear that the enterprise is one that cannot be placed in any hands without complete safeguards against the evils of stock watering, discrimination, or partiality

PITTSBURG'S PLACE IN THE CENSUS The arguments of the New York papers arging a recount of that city, should have interest for Pittsburg as furnishing a criticism by which to judge of our claim that the census does not give us the full population to which we are entitled.

in any shape,

The New York papers rely on their vital statistics in connection with the school enumeration and the vote, to prove that the census is inadequate. The argument has a good deal of force. By itself any single one \$ 5 00 good deal of force. By itself any single-onless authority than the census. But when DAILY DISPATCH, Including Sunday, Iyear. 3000

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of an increase greater than that shown by WERDAY DISPATCH, One Year. 123
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The DAILY DISPATCH is delivered by carriers at the census, the proof is strong that the census has not included the full population. The same logic applies to Pittsburg. The vote in elections of similar importance close to 1880 and 1890; the enumeration of school children; the number of names in the directory at each period, together with The re-opening of the bribery cases in other and perhaps minor standards, are in-Beaver county was inevitable. The accused, dicative of the increase of population. unless they were guilty, could hardly have Neither of them would alone be ground for been content with such a very thin coat of disputing the census. But if they should whitewash as the grand jury gave all unite in showing an increase of say 75

> York is asleep in a chair. The position of Pittsburg in this illustration of the enterprise of various cities is correctly described by a slang phrase. She "is not in it." Cities of a third our population and a quarter our industrial magnitude are there; but Pittsburg, perhaps by the oversight of the artist, and perhaps by the conservatism of her people, does not appear in the picture, either asleep or awake.

> It is time for Pittsburgers to make up their minds that they will claim for their city the full credit of its population and industrial importance. Personally we may be bound by the limitations of modesty; but with regard to the standing of our city, modesty is not a requisite. As one of the first steps toward securing Pittsburg the that if there is any reason to believe that we have a population of 275,000 we will not rest satisfied to be credited with only 240,000.

THE LAW ON STRIKES.

The latest development in the Beaver Falls Saw Works strike is somewhat startgood, its enforcement will exhibit the fact ling. Judge Wickham granted yesterday, and be the promptest method of bringing at the request of the saw company, a temits repeal. Beyond that, a little experience porary injunction against a hundred or of having to repeal harmful laws would be more of the strikers restraining them from the surest safeguard against similar legisla. | interfering with the non-union men emploved at the works. The junction was granted upon the strength of affidavits presented by the a dead letter is so obvious that it should not saw company's officers, describing sundry require argument to stop it. Yet it is one acts of violence and coercion perpetrated by the strikers and their sympathizers upon the workmen hired to take the strikers' places. either is finance or politics, it is found that The suit will be watched with great interinfluence enough can be brought to have it as it is evident that a point at issue very left on the shelf unused, while the evils it often in the conflicts of capital and labor is to be decided. The violent interference of strikers with so-called "scabs" has been de clared illegal, but a broader injunction is

AN IMPORTANT VISIT. The visit of the British Iron and Steel Institute to this city next month will appeal vasiness of the territory which can be thus to the local pride of all our manufacturers. converted from a desert to a fertile country. Every sentiment of hospitality and interest But what is still more unlikely to be per- | will insure that Pittsburg shall present her industries in their best form.

here sought to be obtained.

The visitors are the great rivals of Pittsburg in the iron and steel market. But the of several States will depend on the irriga- rivalry is one which permits the warmest tion ditches for crops, it is not hard to see friendship and the heartiest personal relathat those who control the water supply will | tions, beyond that the visitors will comhold command of the situation more com- prise the greatest authorities on iron and pletely than the railroads do the means of steel in the world. That makes the occasion getting the farmers' products to market. If the best opportunity for extending the fame a railroad should attempt to shut off an of our industries. If our resources, our agricultural community from market, the products or our methods impress the members of the institute favorably that impression until relief comes. But those who control | will extend to the capital and enterprise the irrigation of arid lands can-if it should embarked in similar industries the world

There are possibilities of expanding our industries and increasing the population of perception of this terrible power that has in- | Western Pennsylvania. Under the proof spired the movement to have the Government | lately brought out of our large reserves of undertake the work of irrigation. But that | natural cas there is no reason why such a measure of State socialism has the objection | visit should not be utilized to revive the movement of European industries to this railways and Government industries. It point, which was checked by the belief that the supply of natural gas is limited. If we can show ample reserves of fuel and eligible manufacturing sites, the visit may bear the ical one. The power which a managing fruit of a cluster of new manufacturing supolitician could exert through the control burbs like Wilmerding, Jeannette and Charleroi.

> THE FIRST OF THE SEASON. The fall season in pictures opens at Gillespie's beautiful little gallery this week,

> with a bright and pleasing collection o paintings, exhibited by Mr. Collins of New York, Mr. Collins is well known here, having already brought some of the best pictures which hang on Pittsburg walls. There are famous specimens by Corot, Delacroix, Troyon and Detaille in his present exhibit; also a couple of beautiful heads by Piot.

the best local buyers and judges of pictures legislation has been struggling with in the | are for the most part not yet home from their vacation; but later in the week they will be arriving, and Mr. Collins cannot fail to do well. THE declaration of the House that it will

The season is yet early for art sales, a

not take the trouble to discuss the Senate amendments seriatim, but will disagree to them all, no matter what they are, is sweeping; but it is the quickest way of getting down to the real business of settling what the bill shall be, in conference committee.

Novel intermation about the new tariff bill continues to come in from all parts of the country. The Alla California has learned that "the iron and steel industry of New England is destrored by a tariff increase of \$4.75 a ton on foundry iron: forge iron, \$8 50 per ton; scrap iron, \$4 54 per tou; Bessemer iron, \$5 50 per ton. If the esteemed Alfa can designate the sections in which these increases of the tariff are made, it will demonstrate itself to be in possession of exclusive and important infor

HAD Mr. Ingails deemed it advisable to

go into State issues he would doubtless have expressed his conviction that the purification of Pannsylvania politics is an irridescent

A CORRESPONDENT excuses the very slim Democratic vote against Congressman Boutelle in Maine by saying that his opponent was sick and not able to make a vigorous can-vass. Judging by the absence of Democratic from the polls, sickness among the Maine Democrats must have been epidemic on the day of the election. It certainly was the

THAT frost did not come to time, In view of the lovely weather of the past two days, the Signal Service can rely on the public pardon for its last slip.

IT appears to be a fact that Prince George of Wales got into the Montreal lock-up: but when we are asked to swallow the rest of the story about the way in which the scion of royalty knocked out five roughs and put a sixth to flight, with only one assistant, we are obliged to give more admiration to the loyal imagination of the reporter than to the prowess of the

THE Grant monument design is on paper. It pleases the people of New York so much that they are still undecided whether they will not keep it there.

THE means of influencing Congressional nominations in the Lawrence district excited no surprise on the part of the Lawrence Grand Jury. What astunished the jury was that anyone had the hardihood to prosecute in a case of acknowledged bribery; and for this audacious presumption Doctor McKinney was

PEOPLE IN GENERAL

BISHOP BECKWITH, of the Episcopal Church in Georgia, is out in Minnesota hunting prairie chickens.

law partners, says there is no truth in the re-port of the latter's intended removal to Massa-

R. D. BLUMENFIELD, late editor of the New York Evening Telegram, sailed for England Saturday to take charge of the London edition of the New York Herald. THE Lord Mayor of London receives an al-

owance of \$50,000 a year, but as his annual reception alone costs him \$25,000 he complains hat he is one of the poorest men in the town. MAJOR JED HOTCHKISS, of Staunton, has eccepted the invitation to deliver an address efore the Virginia Press Association, which convenes in Richmond in October. His subject will be "Virginia's Industrial Future." WILLIAM LOWERY, who died at Williams-

burg, N. Y., last week at the age of 81, was engineer of the first steam ferry boat built by old commodore Vanderbilt. He afterwards entered the service of the Collins Steamship Line. CHARLES W. BUCHHOLZ, engineer of bridges for the New York, Lake Erie and Western Railroad, denies the story that the famous Kinzua viaduct on that road is to be abandoned. He says the structure is as safe and strong as 90 per cent of the railroad bridges

now in use. BISHOP JOHN J. KAIN, of the Roman Catholic diocese, of Wheeling, W. Va., has returned from his visit to Europe. When he was at Brindisi a little girl refused to believe that he was a bishop because he had legs. He was not clothed in his cassock, and she had never seen a priest otherwise clad.

HOW DAVID FIGURES IT.

What Mr. Kirk Says the Standard Took From Producers in One Month.

To the Editor of The Dispatch: Since talking to your reporte: the September report of production and consumption has come to hand. This shows the same state of

Barrels. The world needed and took from us Consumption over production.....

For the same amount of oil the Standard and Joe Craig in Novempays..... 2,434,690 40

Difference..... ..\$ 878,735 00 While she buys at this reduced price she charges the world the same for the product. Thus she steals from the producers in one month \$878.735. DAVID KIRK.

PITTSBURG, September 15. Iron and Steel Institute.

To the Editor of The Dispatch: I have been informed that there would be held in your city some time in October a convention or meeting of parties interested in the iron and steel industry. Can you give me through THE DISPATCH, further inform

DENVER, September 12. [The American Institute of Mining Engieers some months ago extended an invitation to the Iron and Steel Institute of Great Britain to hold its annual sessions simultaneously with their own on this side and the sessions open in Chickering Hall, New York, on the 29th of this onth, and the members of the British institute will give their annual meetings on the 1st of October. The first joint international sec. sion of both bodies will be held in Carnegie Hall, in Allegheny, on Friday, October 10. The visitors will be here four days.]

Can Set the styles.

From the Philadelphia Record.] Speaker Reed has vindicated his right to wear a sash or surcingle as he shall please, to ornament his feet with russet shoes, and eke to paint his face vermilion if his fancy runs that way, He is a big Injun from Passama

Cannon's Mode of Fighting. From the New York World,)

A thick-and-thin Republican organ at the West says that Congressman Cannon "fought the Democrats with fire." For fire read fifth. It will then not appear strange that "he put them to flight."

PENNSYLVANIA POLITICS.

ERIE Dispatch (Rep.): One of the leading issues of the State campaign in Pennsylvania is the equalization of taxation, with a view of relieving real estate from the unjust burdens which it now carries. The Republican platform is frank and outspoken upon this point, and if elected Governor Mr. Delamater will do everything in his power to assist in a proper adustment of local taxation.

HARRISBURG Patriot (Dem.): If nine Democrats can be found in the State who will not vote for Pattison they should immediately get together and form a baseball club. As a curisity, they would be an immense drawing card. BRADFORD Star (Rep.): It is said that Dick Quay is very much like his father, Matthew S., and that it is very likely that the mantle of his father will fall upon him. We trust that this

does not mean that the father will bequeath to the son his seat in the Senate, after the Cam-eron plan, unless the result is productive of nore visible benefit to the State and the party. BRADFORD Era (Ind.): Our Republican friends around Pittsburg and in some of the eastern portions of the State are working for Pattison with an enthusiasm that should enourage every Democrat to put forth his bes efforts in behalf of the ticket everywhere and all the time. If the Democracy is ever to win gain in this State, the coming election must

e the accepted season. PHILADELPHIA Press (Rep.): There is noth ing in the present situation to give the Repub-lican party any concern. With a majority of 80,000 to show for its campaign of 1888, and 60,-00 for that of last year, it is ridiculous for the wildest dreamer to assume that it can be beaten now. It will move forward, entirely confident of keeping Pennsylvania in line with its recent great majorities.

The Race Problem Indefinitely Postponed

From the Detroit Free Press.] The race problem was on the way to a solution in Reading, Pa., when an untoward event checked its progress. A young white girl of that place was beloved of two gentlemen of color, and would undoubtedly have married one of them-as soon as he could have gotten a divorce from his wife. Unfortunately a flero quarrel broke out between the two rivals, and in the conflict one of them was slain. As the other one goes to prison the girl is disconsolate, and the settlement of the race difficulty is in-

OUR SHORT STORIES,

WAS BENEVOLENT. IN ANSWER to a vigorous ring at the bell, a woman went to the door, and addressing a man who stood on the steps, asked: "Do you

wish to see anyone?"
"Yes. Does Dr. Bonesett live here?"

"Yes, but he is not at home." "When will he be in?" "I can't tell; he's is Europe now." "Well, I swed him \$5 and told him that I rould bring it round to-day."

You may leave it with me and I will give it o him when he returns." "No. I won't do that. I can't flirt with a man that hasn't enough earnestness to stay at home and attend to his business. I told him posiand attend to his business. The day. Now you House last night. It is a perfect piece of art see what he has lost by his loose way of doing business. By the way, would you mind giving me a little something to eat? I have traveled

o power, not even that of hunger, can force me to squander it. I supposed at first that you were a Christian woman-but we will let that pass. If you have nothing to eat handy, madam, ould you mind letting me have a quarter?"

"No. I'm not engaged in charitable work." "Oh, you are not. Well, you are one of the ladies I am looking for. The truth is, a cry has gone up that the women of this city are not charitable, and the newspapers are trying to charitable, and the newspapers are trying to find out the names of those who have so declared themselves. I do not need a quarter. I do not owe the doctor a cent, but have come here as a reporter. The twenty-five cent pieces which I may collect are to be placed in the hands of a benevolent committee. I do not this era in Sinkercourse life save. "To this this car in Sinkercourse life save." To this hands of a benevolent committee. I do not care to ask any further questious concerning yourself. Any additional facts I may wish to know with regard to you I can learn from the woman next door. Good day." "Hold on," said the woman. "I am not op-

posed to charitable work, and the newspapers need not say so. Here is a quarter."
"I thank you, madam, and I will see that your name does not appear on the black list."

HOW IT IMPRESSED THEM THEY stood on the American shore and gazed in wonder-struck slience at the majesty and beauty of Niagara. The personification of confidingly on the arm of her husband-her ideal of manly strength and chivalry. The glowing sunbeams danced in the spray that rose like fairy mountains before their eyes, radiant with the gorgeous hues of the rainbow, and the falling waters sounded their eternal monotone in the ears of the listeners, whose hearts beat responsive to its deep and stirred the profoundest depths of their

The young husband pressed the little band that lay confidingly on his arm, and smiled on the sweet face upturned to his, "Gwendolen," he said, the rapture of his emotions thrilling his voice and shining out through his dark eyes, "does it stack up to

your expectations?" "Launcelot," and her eyes, seemed about to overflow with excess of pent-up feeling-"it's just the cutest thing I ever struck!"

WASN'T QUITE READY. DURING a revival in one of the Southern States, the minister noticing that a young named Hank Boyd had begun to sink down under apparent conviction, approached him and asked, "How do you feel?"

"Oh, middlin'." "Don't you feel that your life has been sin ful, and that it is time to turn from the certain struction that awaits you?"

"Yas middlin"," "Well, won't you come up now and kneel down at the altar?" "No, don't believe I will right now."

"But now is the accepted time. How much danger do you suppose your soul is in this very "Middiln' danger, I reckon,"

"Come with me," the preacher urged, taking hold of his arm. "No, not right now. I'll see you after a while." "Do not let anyth ing stand be

..\$3,313,425 40 | the cross, my dear boy. "Won't ef I kin hep' it." "Well, then, come along with me."

"No, not right now." "Don't you know that it is dangerous to wait?"

"Yes, reckon thar's middlin' lot of danger in "Then, for heaven's sake, come." "No, I kain't till I do one thing. I've got to whup Abe Bender befo' I kere to profess re-After that's done I'll be on the Lord's

side. "Ob, you must not think of whipping him." "Kain't he'p it when he has done me so nean."

"What did he do?" "Wall, I war away frum home tuther dayoff on the county road ten mile from a house, an' I wanted a chaw terbacker wus'n a houn pup ever wanted a hunk o' liver, an' I war powerrul nigh dead an' war a slobberin' like a hoss entin' white clover. Just then I met Abe. I axed him fur a chaw, an' he grinned at me, a showin' a mouthful of long green, but 'lowed he wouldn't give me none. I war too weak to whup him then, but I'm pearter now, an' l think I kin fetch him; an' after I have tried w'y, I'll come into yo' flock."

"My son," said the preacher, as he bit off a chew of long green, "I don't blame you, and more than that, I'll help you whale him."

BOUND NOT TO GET LEFT. I E had come from the West to see Boston. One evening a moment or two after leaving his lodgings he was seen to take a knife from his pocket, cut a deep gash in a tree, and walk on. He repeated this at intervals along the

street Cautious as he seemed to think himself, his mutilations had not escaped 'he notice of several citizens who felt a sort of "woodman spare that tree" veneration for the tall maples. "Say mister," said a burly citizen, approach ing the stranger, "don't you think you had better let them trees alone? Too early for sap, you know."

"I don't care for sap," was the reply. "Then what in the deuce are you driving at with that toad-sticker?" "Well, what do yer suppose? Here I've been in this ere town three days and haven't beer

able to find my way home once. I walked around the Common three times last night, and then I had ter hire a cab. Why don't you strike it. I'll feel my way by those nicks in the An humble apology for the streets on the part

of the Bostonians followed. Finally a map of Boston was presented to the stranger on condition that he would spare the trees.

NOTHIN' TER DO WHY are the depot platforms crowded down in this country?" asked a passenger of a Memphis conductor on a southbound train that was speeding along through the Ozark region of lower Missouri.

"Ob, I don't know," responded the official, "but the people always turn out down here in good shape every time the train goes by." At a little place a few miles north of the Arkansas line the curious passenger got off and addressed several of the hatives, "What brings all these people down to the

station?" he asked.
"Tain't nothin'." was the response. same as this every day. People ain't got nothin' ter do down hyar 'cept haul in er little cotton an' watch th' keers go by." "But why do they put on their best clothes

and come down to the depot?" "Nothin' ter do, I told you." "But how do they find the time to get away?" "From what?"

Why, their business, of course." "Lawd, man, how many more times'll I tell yer that that ain't nothin' ter do down hyar," The train moved on through this moder Utopia, leaving the people standing on the platform with "nothin' ter do" but watch the disappearing cars and wait for the upbound

Irish Americans. From the Philadelphia Record.1 The Democratic party is much indebted to reland for some of its most redoubtable and accomplished champions. The Democratic nominee for Governor of Minnesota, Thomas Wilson, was born in Ireland in 1827. He is

SHAKESPEARE STILL REIGNS. Twelfib Night Admirably Played-Siberia Revived-One of the Finest-Variety

Shows in Plenty. The charm of such a performance as that which graced the Grand Opera House stage last night can hardly be properly described. In comparison with the usual production of Shakespeare by traveling combinations is is as a well-cut diamond to glass chip with a backing tin foil, or as a peach with the bloom upon i beside a counterfeint presentment in worsted wax. "Twelfth Night," as Marie Wain wright and her admirable assistants play it, would delight the author as much, we do not doubt, as it did a large audience at the Opera not only in the playing, but in the circum stantial details of scenery, costumes and stage me a little something to eat? I have traveled quite a distance to keep my appointment and am somewhat hungry."

"Don't you think you had better take the \$5 that you were going to give the doctor and buy something to eat?"

"Madam, would you counsel me to be an embersler? I owe this money to the doctog and hungry to the and her managers deserve the gratitude of the public for this practical and daring innovation, for treating the Shakespearean drama with more respect than a brass monkey or a wooden horse comedy from the pen of a nineteenth century genius receives at the hands of a modern manager.

Perhaps no comedy of Shakespeare better deserves sympathetic treatment; that is, gives better returns for pains spent upon it. With "Much Ado About Nothing" and "As You Like It," "Twelfth Night" represents the fruit of Shakespeare. this era in Sinkespeare's life, says: "To this stage belongs the special faculty of faultiess, joyous facile command upon each faculty required of the presiding genius for service or for sport. It is in the middle period of his work that the language of Shakespeare is most limped in life fullness, the style most pure, the thought most transparent through the close thought most transparent through the close and luminous raiment of perfect expression." Shakespeare possibly played in "Twelfth Night" himself when it was given for "the first time on any stage in the hall of the Middle Temple. We may be sure that he had no such subtle and persuasive aids to the actor's art as the scene painter, the costumer and the gas man furiter, the costumer and the gas man fur-ned Miss Wainwright and her companions

nished Miss Wainwright and her companions last night. The bower of roses was probably distinguished from the scaport and the quay by moonlight positively, but plainly and solely by a sign announcing the fact. Perhaps the new screen of wood, curiously chased and carved, at the end of the lawyers' banquet hall was used as a background, but not much else. Nor was the audience which had the glory and delight of the first laugh at the humors of Sir Toby enriched by the presence of the illustrious Elizabeth and her court. No doubt the comedy surred in them the same feelings that respond thereto in Pittsburg to-day.

To come back to facts and the present, the Viola of Miss Wainwright is a delicate and delicious embodiment of one of the tenderest and truest pictures of good women in Shakespeare's

licious embodiment of one of the tenderest and truest pictures of good women in Shakespeare's gallery. Marte Wainwright's Viola is worthy to be classed with the Rosalind of Miss Neilson, the Porta of Ellen Terry. There issomething of Rosalind in Viola's saucy self-congratulation at Olivia's love, but on the whole Viola is more like Julia in "The Two Gentlemen of Verona" retouched with brighter colors and placed in more poetical surroundings. The tenderness of Viola, her soft, loving heart are admirably brought out by Miss Wainwright, and the character serves, as it should, as a foil to the noisy mirth of Sir Toby, Maria and the rest. She is a star of course, but Maria and the rest. She is a star of course, but Miss Wainwright does not attempt to o'ercloud the brilliancy of her associates. That they are the brilliancy of her associates. That they are able to shine, and by right do shine, makes up the artistic roundness of the performance. Every actor deserves to be praised by name, but we must content ourselves with but a tithe of them. The "yellow-legged stork" Maivolio is very well played by Mr. Barton Hill, and if there is a better Sir Toby or could be than Mr. Owen's he has not been revealed in this latitude. Miss Louise Muldener is the perfection of the frollo-Muldener is the perfection of the frolic-some below stairs, and Miss Blanche Walsh should have been mentioned before this as a graceful and spirited Olivia. Miss Walsh's elecutionary powers are remarkable. Mr. Backus, Percy Brooke, as Sir Andrew, were exceedingly well cast, and no exception can be taken to the rest of the company which

were exceedingly well cast, and no exception can be taken to the rest of the company which seems to be very nearly the same as last year in its make-up. The newcomer, Mr. Granger, as The Duke, is an improvement.

The scenery is exquisite. The garden scene is particularly pretty, but it is all perfectly in harmony with the play. The costumes are accurate and handsome, and the incidental music next only does credit to the arranger. music not only does credit to the arranger, Mr. Frank Hawson, but was played exceed-ingly well by Mr. Schwartz's orchestra, and yet last night's was the first performance of "Twelfth Night" this season,

Bartley Campbell's "Siberia" is not a novelty in Pittsburg, but its popularity does not appear to diminish as time goes on. A large audience laughed, went and applauded over it at the Bijou last night. Mr. Maurice Drew as the hero, Nicolai Magoff, was as manly and impressive as of yore, and Mr. Charles E. Gotthold in the role of Ivan Nordoff, showed marked ability and great improvement in his methods. Mrs. Frank Drew also deserves praise. Sara, the heroine of the play, gave Miss Adelaide Fitz-Allen plenty of chance to display her remarkable histrionic powers. She captured her audience at the first and stirred their emotions continuously. Miss Fitz-Allen's progress in her art has been very great. Miss Eadcliffe and Miss Ulmer did very well, and, in fact, the company as a whole is very competent. The scenery and appointments are first-class.

Academy of Music.

It is extremely difficult for a manager to "catch on" to something new in the variety business, but Harry Williams has a show this week destined to play to crowded houses every performance. The originality is due to Sam Jack whose skillful, artistic hand can be seen all through the diffierent "acts." Manager Jack is trying to forget his recent affliction in the loss of his wife, who, it will be remembered, died in this city last March, by hard work. He first begins with the announcement that it is a Creole Burlesque Company, and there is not a white man or woman in it. Where he got such a combination of octoroons and skillful colored men would be lard to imagine. The perform-ance begins with the Tropical Revelries, introducing the whole company. The act is in three editions and is a burlesque on a first-class minstrel show. A feature worthy of special mention was a tableau—a beautifu. Freole wrapped in flags of all nations—hidder behind a large gilt fan, that parted in the middle and displayed the subject, at the conclu sion of each verse of a recitation by the end men. The stage setting and costuming of "The Beauty of the Nile," an ancient Egyptian bur-lesque, was magnificent and displayed excel-lent taste. Several of the ladies were a lattic weak in their expressions, and but for the ex-cellent work of Eilly Jackson, a clever artist unknown in this city, it would have lagged. Jackson's act is to make people laugh, and h straighten your streets? But I don't mean to get left to-night; I'll know this street when I Mr. Lucas song, "In the Graveyard," is new and gives him many opportunities to ring in good-natured humor. Miss Florence Hines captured the hearts of the boys in the gallery with her drinking song, which was an admirable "take off" of a drunken man.

Harry Williams' "Meteors" opened the season last night in Montreal, Canada, to a big house. It will be here October 6. house. It will be here October 6.

Those who saw "One of the Finest," as pre sented in this city last season, would scarcely recognize the version of it this week to be see at Harris' Theater. The company has been strengthened throughout, by means of an entirely new one being engaged. The members most worthy of mention are Edward M. Ryan, whose John Mishler is excellent; Harry S whose John Mishler is excellent; Harry S. Duffield, Daniel J. Hart, Frank I. Frayne, Jr., Marion Gray Hassau and Miss Phosa McAllister as Ruth Hickman, Of the play itself nothing need be said at this day, it being a Pittsburg favorite. The scenery employed is good and the rule at Harris' this week will undoubtedly be "Standing Room Only," unless early application is made for seats.

The Clipper Theater.

The Cyrene Vaudeville Company, with which Manager Peet reopened the Clipper Theater yesterday, contains some very fair talent. Cyene herself is a tall, agile young woman, who can kick pretty high and is very much at home on a slack wire. She dances in long skirts, and the details of her costume show that she has no concern for propriety. On the slack wire it is also evident that suggestiveness is what Cyrene aims at. Miss Kitty Burke's Irish songs were highly appreciated, and she was encored again and again. Messrs. Hatch and Campbell played on a score of curious instruments, and George and Maud Ricketts, Mathews and Bulger, Bel-tac, Mile. Catherine—the female pressident and Mand Ricketts, Matnews and Buiger, Bel-zac, Mile. Catharine—the female prestidigita-teur—Walter Pignmer and Earle and Ward contributed songs, dances and variety business of the regulation out. All in all, the Clipper Theater has an amusing entertainment.

Davis' Fifth Avenue Museum The Venetian lady troubadours continue nake uncommonly sweet music in Davis' Fifth

Avenue Museum. They made such a distinct hit last week that Manager Davis retained them. Among the ferns and fountains of the roof garden M. Devere, to all appearances burns his wife alive on a griddle. The illusion is clever enough. Miss Della Bock, the 450 pound beauty from Westmoreland county is the star curiosity. In the theater the pro-gramme has been entirely changed. There is considerable fun of one sort or another, and the musical act of Smith and Ellis in particu-

ar deserves praise. The audiences yesterda The World's Museum. The wonderful feats of Mr. Lewis Hanson and Miss Millfe Mazie continue to be the chief attractions at the World's Museum, in Allegheny. Miss Maizie rides over a plank placed on Hanson's chest on horsenaus jury to the muscular cowboy. The human serpents, Be Bora and De Bar, are curious con-servents, and attracted much attention. The

VOTES AND PRIZES.

torionists, and attracted much attention. The specialty performance in the theater is given by a select company of clever people.

Popular Topics for Visitors to Yen or Nay-Ballot and Primary Election Roform-How Do You Stand on Consolidation-A \$75 Inducement to Promoters of Pitts burg's Greatness and Prosperity.

The topics chosen for Exposition visitors to rote upon at DISPATCH Headquarters, Brunsrick-Balke-Collender Billiard Company's space, during the first three days of this week should attract everybody. You are asked to cast your callets to-day on the following topic:

TUESDAY'S VOTING TOPIC. ere you in favor of party nominations by direct vote of the people in place of delegate conventions? Open to masculine voters only.

WEDNESDAY'S VOTING TOPIC. are you in favor of the Consolidation of the Cities of Pittsburg and Allegheny? Open to Lady and Gentlemen voters. The Poll Book will open and close with the Exposition each morning and evening.

TO PROMOTE PITTSBURG. Handsome Prizes Offered for the Best Essay

on a Spleudid Topic. The Prize Essay Contest this week will be open to all writers except those directly or indirectly connected with the Press of Pittsburg. The topic chosen is: What Public Undertakings will best and most

speedily promote the future Greatness and Prosperity of Pittsburg. THE DISPATCH offers the following Prizes for the three best essays on the above topic:

Second Prize..... 15 Third Prize..... Subject to the following conditions: 1. The essay must not exceed 2,000 words. 2. It must be legibly written on one side of

the paper only. 3. It must be original. 4. It must be received at the office of THE DISPATCH or at DISPATCH Headquarters, Exposition Building, not later than 9 o'clock P. M. Saturday, September 20.

5. Correct name address and age of contestant must accompany MSS., name only for publication if successful, 6. THE DISPATCH reserves the right to pub-

lish any contribution, whether it be awarded a prize or not. Stop at THE DISPATCH Headquarters, Brunswick-Balke-Collender Billiard Company space, vote and secure a souvenir.

C. L. MAGEE ABROAD. He Gives a New York Reporter His Opin

ions on Several Subjects.

From the New York Press.1 Chris Magee, of Pittsburg, has some notions about politics which he expresses forcibly at times. I was chatting with him a day or so ago, when he said: "What I cannot understand is why some of our friends in the United States Senate have or pretend to have such a of the legalized bayonet at the polls, but have no feeling of abhorrence of the illegalized shotgun at the pells. They seem to think that the bayonet would ruin the country, but are willing to let the shotgun make certain of the destruction of the most important feature of our government-the sacredness of the ballot. I have no patience whatever with men who sit in the Senate, and, in face of the united sentiment of the Republican party, refuse to pass aw which will enforce the freedom of the ballot, while they wink at outrages like tho in Arkausas. The Republican party never had so much vitality as when it has stood upon questions of great principle. When it was demanded that the elections bill should be laid

manded that the elections bill should be land over in order to pass the tariff bill it was putting aside principle for money getting. The voters in Tom Reed's district have shown what they think about the matter by giving him a majority that says both the tariff and elections bills should be passed. In talking with Mr. Magee he told me some In talking with air, Mages he told me some things about Congressman John Dalzeli, of Pittsburg, who has made an enviable record in the House and attained a mational reputation. He is the son of a shoemaker, who expended all his savings in scuding his son to college. When Dalzell went to Congress first in 1886, he was making \$50,000 to \$60,000 a year as a practicing lawyer in Pittsburg. He was attorney for the Pennsylvania Railroad, and the labor troubles which had occurred had left so much bad blood between the road and the laboring men in Pittsburg that there were many Repub-licans who thought it inadvisable to nominate Dalzell. Magee, however, said he would take his chances on Dalzell getting the labor vote. He added that the corporations always got the best men their money would hire to conduct their law affairs, and consequently that any their law anairs, and consequently that any district which could secure in Congress the services of a man like Dalzell for \$5,000 a year ought to jump at the opportunity. The result of the campaign was a vindication of Magee's views. Dalzell went among the labor men and told them of his ancestry, his toil, his success in securing an education, and got so many of their votes that he had the largest Republican majority that had been east in his district is years. He was renominated for a third term

unanimously. WRECKS IN CANADIAN WATERS.

The Record of Life Saving Includes One

From This Country. OTTAWA, September 15,-The supplementary report of the Marine Department, which has ist been issued, shows the number of wrecks n Canadian waters during the year 1889 were 61, 57 being total wrecks. Eighty-nine lives were lost. Forty-seven per-sons received recognition for their services in saving life, 38 from the Canadian, 6 from the British, and I each from the United States, Spanish and Italian Governments.

From the Cleveland Leader.; "What is the matter with this ticket for 892: For President, William McKinley, Ohio; for Vice-President, Thomas B. Reed, of Maine?" asks a correspondent. Well, that would be a ticket with two heads. It is one of

make. Natural Gas Expectations From the Buffalo Times.] The big supply of natural gas in prospect from anada ought to solve the smoke problem to the satisfaction of factory owners, Stop pol-

several first-class tickets the Republicans could

nting the atmosphere! THE OLD YELLOW PUMPKIN.

How dear to this heart is the old yellow pumpkin, When orchards are barren of stuffing for pies When peaches and apples have both been a fail-And berries of no kind have greeted the eyes.

The fruit that our children are taught to de The old yellow pumpkin, the mud-covered pump The big-bellied pumpkin that makes such good

Oh, golden-hued pumpkin, you surely ar You joily old rascal, so recently spurned ask your forgiveness for thus having wronged you, When from your dear presence we scornfully turned,

Come rolling down hill 'till we meet you and

greet you. Your bulk is a feast to our fruit hungry eyes

We love you, old pumpkin, so well we could eat you, For you are a 'dandy'? when made into ples.

SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON.

WHEN a man falls from grace he shatters

IF you want to see how we live to eat make a tour of Laberty street in the morning. From end to end of the commission house quarter rocers' vehicles fill the street, and the gong of the cable car pilot is constantly clanged for right of way. The cars seem to zig-zag through the line of horses, wheels, bobbing heads and drivers' cries, instead of running on the straight track. How casualties are avoided only the gripmen and the teamsters can tell. It's a sight to make you hanger, for all that. Piles of produce grown in field and garden North, South, East and West swiftly disappear from the pavement and fill clean, gaily-painted covered rigs of grocerymen. Load after load departs to every quarter of the city-to minia-ture markets which lighten the good housewife's labors and saves her shoeleather. It's an animating scene on a sunshiny morning. It rives you some idea of the demands of the table, of the requirements of life, of the capacities of our stomachs, of the curiosities of our cookery, of the bounty of our farms and the peculiarities of our climate. It's a living

WHEN a brick falls fre m on high and strikes

a pedestrian it's a trifle heavier than air. THE fellow who bunts a fight is usually ac-

TEARS too often choke the voice of hunger. IF churches were wicked the congregations rould be larger.

FIRST impressions of fereigners are frequent funny. After the little parade Saturday night a young gentleman asked what it meant, He was informed that it was a political demonstration, but only a baby affair as compared with blowous during a Presidental year; that this was an off year. When asked what he thought of American politics, he remarked: "Well, I'm over only a few months. I never saw lights in a parade or dusky torchbearers before. I'm reading the papers, though, and from what I can judge the Presidency seems to lie between Mr. Reed and John L Sullivan!" This is a fact. Foreigners cannot fathom Amer-

A WHISKY bottle is chuck full of ideas. THE only thing the State Department should consider is the fact that poor Barrundia was shot under the folds of the flag. The stories of the tragedy should be an after consideration.

THE ways of the world must be cross-ways to cross-eyed people. THE member who jumped up in Congress the other day and sarcastically yelled, "What's Butterworth, anyway?" cannot be blamed for his ignorance, as the Record does not carry

market reports. In Pittsburg it's worth from

25 to 30 cents. HOME IS a splendid winter resort.

DEATH rides on the gale, After a blow nearly all the sailors on a ship off Patagonia the scythe must be doubling the Horn.

THE pantaloons of corner loafers never bag at the knees. How they whip the devil around the stump, to be sure. The Leary lumber raft gets in duty free under the guise of a foreign vessel built in

American waters. This is decidedly leery. Junging from some of the matrimonia afterelaps, Cupid must be a hypnotizer.

what schemes could be uncovered and what little games would be spoiled. THE higher the grain the smaller the loaf.

IF mind-readers could be utilized in politics.

WHEN the McKinley bill goes into opera tion the tax on wine and bariey will take a jump. Perhaps water is destined to become a lavorite beverage after all.

Give us, oh, give us the man who sings a his work! wrote Carlyle. If Carlyle had worked in a newspaper office he never would have

THE Kentucky man who clubbed the reporter ready for the cold, cold ground. THE Johnstown church elder who said 'Madam, you are a liar," is evidently reading Congressional Record closer than the

Isn'r it about time for Mr. Delamater to take day off and write that letter of acceptance. COLD weather has a bad effect on gas meters t makes them too fast.

A POLICEMAN on the Hill yesterday put two shots into a very small dog, then clubbed it, then dosed it with lead again, then some more club. A big crowd of children, women, and the few men in the neighborhood who had nothing to do, were in at poor doggie's death. Why not stop this cruel practice? If a dog bites be merciful in enforcing the death penalty. Street scenes of this sort will not teach the little ones to be humane. That dog's death agony will haunt the slumbers of the children who looked on,

Russer cider now takes the place of the rus set shoe. Touch it lightly, though. The cider

of to-day is not the cider of our daddies.

THE bowlers have their inning now, There are no Sallies in the Pittsburg Allies, however. It's fine, healthy sport, girls, and you should try it.

JACK FROST and Old Sol meet on debatable ground in this neck of the woods. FROST helps the oyster. There's an "r" in it.

DESK room is at a premium in the school ooms. Put wings on the houses, gentlemen, and let the young idea soar.

FRUIT dealers are nervous. They have to can their small change closely now on account t the counterfeit \$100 bills in circulation. WE have the legitimate in undress this week

at one theater.

WHEN a young man rings a society belle the whole neighborhood hears it, and everybody expacts to go to the wedding. Ir you want to see nature in her autumn

suit run out to Schenley Park. STEEL trinkets will be the rage in London next winter. They should catch on in Pittsburg. WHEN the Harrison's have to cook their own

meals over a log fire they will conclude that life in a mountain cottage is a delusion. A Lany's fan agitates the hearts of her snites as well as the air they breathe.

THE man who wraps himself in thought and

forgets his overcoat will catch cold these cool

Money seems to be in great demand. Where's that surplus? WHEN Eve grew inquisitive Adam ordered a

BLAIR'S speech on the Educational bill conained 273,000 words. He simply talked his

AMBITION is all right, but don't sacrifice the mail things of life for it. SEVERAL aditors in Cannon's district have eided to unload him. They're not for Joe

any more. JOE HOWARD says It costs about as much to die as to live. But the fellow in the coffin on't have to settle the bill, Joseph. Let the

living enjoy themselves,

THE Sultan is a barem-scarem chap WILLIE WINELE. CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-There are 3,117 insage persons in the Visconsin asylums, -An Apalachicols, Fla., resident killed

rat that weighed 734 pounds.

-Rev. Mr. Arney, the Michigan horseracing paraon, has acknowledged his error and promises not to do so again. -A trotting race for oxen, single and

double, will be a conspicuous feature of the Cheboygan, Mich., county fair. -A six-year-old boy, while fishing in a Wisconsin stream, was pulled out of a boat and nearly drowned by an immense fish. -Henry Walker, of Waylonza, Fla., is

the owner of a pig that has six feet and 24 toes, while a neighbor has one with only two feet. -J. H. Salmon is a Brunswick, Mich., antiquarian. He has a valuable collection of coins rauging from 6 years B. C. to A. D. 1422. -The Atlanta, Ga., Fair Association offered premiums for rat scalps, and one farmer brought in 4.800, killed on his farm, and got the first premium.

-The explanation of the peculiar density of thunder clouds is said to lie in the fact that the vapor is partially condensed into drops by

-As early as 1853 a Bristol and Exeter broadgauge locomotive, carrying a light load and running on a falling grade, developed a speed of 80 miles an hour. -At Astoria, Ore., there is an original

and unique sign which reads: "Jeff's Restaur-

ant. The Place to Live Well While You do Live. You Will be Dead a Long Time." -Three years ago G. E. Gordon turned locse two wild turkeys on his stock farm near Jefferson, Wis. Now there are great numbers of them on the shores of Lake Koshkonong.

-Fred Babner, of Reading, suddenly experienced a loss of weight from 156 to 86 pounds, and a few days ago found the cause of it to be five lizards that had been living in his -A census of fruit-bearing trees has been taken in Los Angeles county by Messrs, Mitch-

ell and Smith, who devoted three months to the work. They report the total number at 10,365,375. -- The gold medal awarded Michigan for her educational exhibit at the Melbourne, Australia, exposition in 1888 has just been re-ceived at Lausing. It is of Australian gold, ceived at Lausing. It is of A and weighs nearly two ounces.

county. Ga, She is 47 years old, weighs 500 pounds, is 5 feet 8 inches in hight, 7 feet 2 inches in circumference around the bust, 6 feet 4 inches around the waist, and 30 inches around the arm near the shoulder. -A fruit stand in Palatks, Fla., sells for s nickel all the coacoanuts that a person can

-Annie Brown, colored, lives in Houston

take away in his pockets. Several, who thought they saw a good thing in this tried it and lost their nickel. The nuts had the shells on and would not go in any pocket. -For some time the little town of La Grande, Ore., has been infested with tough characters. One day last week the people decided to clean the town, and they made a raid on the saloons. The round-up included four faro banks, four poker games, a whoel of for-tune, and a chuck-a-luck lay-out.

-A big moose made its appearance in Levant, Me. A citizen who forgot it was close time, and seizing his rifle shot the animal in a neighbor's yard, has just paid the fine of \$100. It was quite costly sport for him, but he consoled himself with the thought that a moose doesn't walk up to the muzzle of a gun every day.

-It is not generally known that excessive

palpitation of the heart can be promptly stopped by bending double, with the head downward and the arms pendant, so that temporary congestion of the upper part of the body is produced. If the breath be held at the same time the effect of this action is hastened. -Judge D. C. Dawkins, of Jacksonville, has a unique Masonic souvenir sent to him by a friend in Delaware. It is a square, compassed and letter G s.muetre.ily molded and habeled. "Made of United States national band notes, redeemed and m corated at the United States ir asury Department, estimated \$15,000."

-J. D. Smith is a crippled tax collector of Charleston, Me. So great is the sympathy of his neighbors for him that although he's un able to move about, the taxpayers all help him to perform his duties in an effective manner, and men have been known to actually take bim in their arms and carry him to where he could attach their propert -As a Belfast lady was combing her hair in a room in the second-story, a little bird flow in at the open window and alighting on a wash-

a bath. When it had completed its ablutions in bird fashion, it shook off the superfluous moisture and flew out of the widow, paying no attention to the occupant of the room. -Sawtell, the supposed slayer of his prother, seeks to escape from the burden of his thoughts as he lies in jail by making out of bits of different kinds of wood, a trinket box, which is really quite a meritorious bit of handiwork. It is lox10 inches in size and Sinches high, and is very prettily inlaid. The inside is lined with velvet, and contains one tray, supplied with the usual partitions. As the lid is lifted a mirror is disclosed.

bowl which contained water, proceeded to take

-There is a conductor on a Cincinnati street car who was recently appointed, who is heir to an estate in England valued at \$150,000. The young man visited the home of his ancestors some time ago and arranged to convert the property into cash. While awaiting the money he is putting in his time manipolating the bell punch. It is said he has arranged with some of the stockholders of the railroad company to invest his money in the company,

-The city of Berlin, Wis., boasts of num

bering among its population one of the oldest people in the country. The lady, Mrs. Rose

Woodworth, was born in the State of Maine in

the year 1788, so that she is now 102 years old. She is feeling better now than she did two years ago, retains all her mental faculties, and doctors inform her that she will live for ten years longer. She has seen every President of the United States elected, and remembers well the day when George Washington died. -Of the novel applications of electricity here is no end. Bakers are now using the electric motor as a bread-mixer, and are thus enabled to do in four or five minutes an amount of work that would otherwise require hours of hand labor. A writer in a medical paper says he has frequently obtained much relief from facial neuralgla by applying an incandescent light to the part affected. He suggests that

the lamp could also be used in poulticing advantageously. It could be laid over a flaxeed or other form of poultice and constant heat could be thus secured.

A FEW GOOD LAUGHS. Sanday school teacher (sternly)-Where do boys go who fish on the holy Sabbath Day?

Very small Johnny (trinmphantly)-1 know. Down to McCullom's Cove. - Washington Post. Banker-Are you not a burglar? Hanker-No; a friend. Banker-What are you doing in my bedroom at nidnight? Hanker-Keeping watch.-Siftings.

tion day-Dear papa, I went through the war of the rebeilion without a scratch.

Practical Father-My dear child, apply for a pension immediately under the new law. New York Tribune. "Didn't she return your love?" asked

Happy Northfield student after examina-

friend of a disconsolate young man. "No," was the disconsolate young man's reply, "but she returned my letters yesterday, together with all the presents 1 had ever given her."-

Benedict-I understand you are going to narry Miss Cuttem, the tailor's daughter. Singleton-Yes. "Ah, er, do you think she's just the girl for "Why, yes. Her father suited me for a long

time, so I think the daughter will,"-Munsey Fair entertainer (to young operator)— What side of the market—is that the way to put 11?-are you on this week, Mr. Brokaw? Young operator (at other end of the sofa)-I am what they call a "bear," Miss Kajones. Fair cutertainer-Indeed! You-you don't not the least bit in the world like a bear, Mr. Brokaw.

ctor a day or two ago. "Yes."
"Where are they located? Are they in the parquet?"
"Yes, " ne answered, absently, "some of them are in Park row and some of them in Jackson

"Have you theater tickets for this even-

ing?" inquired the wife of a World's Fair

Park,"-Chicago Tribune, Wife (to her husband)-When you are down town, John, step into the store and buy me some scouring scap; there isn't a bit in the house. Little Johnny (tooking up from a newspaper he is reading)-Wouldn't posse be good in place of

"Posse! What do you mean?"
"Why, the paper tells about a train robbery,
and says a posse is scouring the woods for the robbers. - Siftings.