OUR SHORT STORIES.

HE ONLY WANTED THE EXERCISE.

is the privilege of exercising a little in your woodshed. Have you a woodpile and saw out

"You will have no objection, I dare say, to

"Thanks. There are times when I feel the

need of doing something to give play to the

flexor and extensor muscles of my arms. For

asking any remuneration. As to the testimo-nials of appreciation on the part of the individ-

uals owning the saw and woodpile," he added,

leave that to their generosity. Such is my in-variable habit, mum."

He went out to the woodshed, closed the door

behind him, and the sound of a man actively

exercising his flexor and extensor muscles at

the sawbuck reaches the ears of the lady. There

is a bewitching music in the melody of a wood-saw. It rests the careworn mind and soothes

the nerves when the listener stands at a dis-

"It must be a tremendous stick he is working

at," she said to herself, "I don't hear any wood

"May I sit down on the step and rest

"Pretty hard work, isn't it?" she inquired.

"You've got it down pretty fine; why don'

you set up as a ventriloquist?"
"Madam," said the tramp, "if you think o

esenting me any-ah-testimonial I must

ecline it. I could not accept anything from

person who stoops to watch me when I am at

And he rose up, put his hat on the side of his head, and walked away with the appear-ance of a man whose feelings had been deeply

hurt, but whose personal dignity was un

THE DEADLY RAILROAD JOKE.

F VERY railroad has its regulation jokes, s

Some of them are puns that travelers delight

make upon the names of stations. The

jokes so-called are apparently always in season.

stance, it is pretty safe to say that a Fort

Wayne train never stops at Dixmont but some-one says facetiously to his neighbor: "Ah!

country cousins to the Pittsburg Exposition.

When the brakeman opens the door of the car and yells more or less melodiously: "Digsmon"

or "Xmont," or any other railroad equivalent

for Dixmont, you will see at least one or two

humorists playing the changes on this venerable witticism. You may not laugh over the

iest now, but you must remember that it was

HER FOLKS AN' HIZ'N.

HE maird her cause she had money an' som

An' said the worst things 'at the town ever

Property left from 'er husband's income But both of the fam'lies was awfully stirred,

new and funny to you once upon a time.

En her folks an' hiz'n.

Never spoke to each other

His tolks they begun it, an' jest said 'at she

Was the worst actin' thing 'at they ever did

An' ought to be ashamed fer a bein' so bold,

From what I can learn.

En her folks an' hiz'n.

Never spoke to each other

Her folks they all set up 'at he was no good,

Then all of her kin, every blessed relation,

Never spoke to each other

From what I can learn.

Said she'd lowered herself in their estimation

The sisters they told—this is 'tween you and I-

'At they thought 'at she wanted her husband

An' they whispered around—but don't you list

The awfullest things that a soul ever heard.

They said that a travelin' man er a drummer,

Who stopped at the hotel a long time last sum-

That he-no-it wasn't that now-let me see-

That she-er something like that seems to me.

So her folks an' hiz'n.

Never spoke to each other

From what I can learn.

Well, her folks an' hiz'n,

Never spoke to each other

I hear 'at the fam'lies keep up the old fight,

A reastin' each other from mornin' till night:

But the young maird couple, they've moved to

Where gossip don't go; but I think it a pity __

BAD GLASSES.

I DON'T know that I ever heard of a clearer

of the Peace when a negro had been arraigned

"I doan see how you make that out, sah," the

"You don't? I will explain. You were pass-

ing a grocery store and snatched a bunch of

"You'se wraung dar, sab. I wuz gwine laung

by de sto' an' on er suddent I foun' de 'nanas

in mer han' an' shet down on 'm an' walked on

er way. Pusson's got er right ter shet down on

"Yes, but he has no right to reach over and

grab something that does not belong to him.

How do you account for the fact that the

"Well sah, it is cu'is, but it wuz all on e

"I'll tell you dat-tell you right now. Some

time er go I 'gunter lose my eyesight an' I got

deze yere specks caze er white man lowed da would fetch things clost ter me. Da did, sah. W'y, sah, ever'thing I'd look at would come

right up ter me, an' while I wuz standin' in

front o' dat sto', I looked at dem 'nanas an' de

specks da drawed de things right up ter me. Kain't blame er pusson fur whut his specks does, kin you? Ef you wants tel hol' de specks

'sponcerble, yere da is. You may break 'em ef

"I think," said the judge, "that I should re-move you from danger. I don't want to rob

you of your glasses, so, rather than dread that

you may draw some great trouble up close to

you, I will send you to jail awhile. Staying in

the dark awhile may improve your eyes to such

in extent that you may not need your glasses."

Opened the Twenty-Seventh.

CHICAGO, September 16.—The twenty-seventh

innual meeting of the United States Veter-

Physicians Meet.

you wants ter, aldo da cost me money."

teber he fin's in his hand'

bananas were in your hand?'

count o' deze yere specktikles."

"What have they to do with it?"

case of theft," said the Southern Judge

From what I can learn.

That her folks an' hiz'n,

From what I can learn.

Never speak to each other

An' hiz'n an' her'n

Er hiz'n an' her'n,

Er hiz'n an' her'n,

From what I can learn.

So her folks an' hiz'n,

Er hiz'n an' her'n

to die:

a word-

the city.

negro answered.

Er hiz'n an' her'n,

Er hiz'n an' her'n,

to speak, Jokes that are racy of the rail.

tance from the scene of the performance.

looked in through a crack.

then she went back into the house.

sented himself at the back door.

He sat down as if tired out.

'Hard on the jaws, I presume."

"Not at all."

"Certainly."

"Hey-what?"

There is no "close"

heard.

"Yes'm."

coughing behind his hand, "I am content to

such mere recreation I am not in the habit of

my using that saw a little while merely for ex-

"We bave."

"No.

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THE PRODUCERS' REMEDY.

The oil situation, as it has been set forth in the columns of THE DISPATCH, is fraught with the gravest results to the oil producers, and at the same time contains a promise of remedial measures. The actual effect of the elimination of competition by absorption is set forth in the tersest manner by Mr. David Rirk's communication in yesterday's paper. Although consumption exceeded production last month, the reduction of prices for crude and the removal of premiums which the Standard has made, decreased the returns to producers for last month \$878,000, or at the rate of \$10,536,000 per annum. This is a decidedly heavy penalty for the producers to pay for the loss of competition in piping and refining petroleum.

Whatever hair-splitting and fine-spun hypothesis may be advanced to explain this showing, one fact exhibits the real cause of it beyond dispute. The fluctuations of the price of certificates may be due to other causes than the control of the monopoly, such as a gain in production, or a diminution of demand. Mr. Kirk shows that such causes are not at work in this case, because the consumption has exceeded production by 1,640,000 barrels in the past nine months; and refined oil is practically at the same level now that it was last November, though crude has declined over 25 per cent. But beyond the cogent bearing of this fact one unvarying and almost universal proof exists of the value of competition to the producers. This proof has been furnished by the Standard itself, and consists of the fact that wherever and whenever competing pipe lines or independent refineries have succeeded in reaching the producers, the Standard has paid a premium of from 8 to 25 cents on the oil thus reached by competition. When that competition has been bought up or stifled by the Standard, the premium has disappeared, as it has done in the southern district during the past year.

This is the Standard's own valuation of the worth of competition to the producers. and it demonstrates two important things. The first is that the breat share of the burden which it is able to impose by its monop ely, falls on the producers. Take Mr. Kirk's estimate of \$10,000,000 as the annual amount which it has been able to take from the producers by the absence of competition, and it is not difficult to account for a great share of the wonderful wealth which that monopoly has accumulated in the past seventeen years. What is more to the present point, it shows beyond dispute the true and permanent remedy for the evil. It corroborates what THE DISPATCH has always urged, that the only way to loosen the grip of the Standard on the petroleum situation is to establish and maintain competing pipe lines and independent refineries. This was the original purpose of the Producers' Uniont and it was the vital mistake of that movement in permitting itself to be switched off to support the Standard's suggestion of a shut-down, that is largely responsible for the present situation.

As for the method to alleviate the present burden. Mr. Kirk stands upon solid and impregnable ground. His only error is in too liberal a statement as to the amount of money needed to create competition. It may be true, as he claims, that \$10,000,000, or the annual loss to the refiners, might be required to build a plant that will do the present work of the Standard's \$90,000,000 of watered capital; but a much less sum will estublish pipe lines and refineries that will call competition for the purchase of crude oil into active force again. Judging from the value of the independent concerns bought up last year \$2,500,000 ought to establish pipe lines and refineries that will restore the premium in the lower field, and \$5,000,000 judiciously distributed in pipe lines throughout the region would call into existence new refineries that would make it impossible for the Standard to depress the

market for crude by its fiat. In other words, if the competing pipelines and refineries should not earn a cent by their own operations, they would pay for themselves in six months by the saving to producers. With such a showing there should be no question as to the course to take. If it is objected that the Standard will buy up these competing concerns by bidding higher prices for them, the answer is plain that the roducers can afford to sell the works at a profit, and to build new ones with the proceeds until the Standard has its fill of that sort of property. The remedy is plainly in the investment of all the money that can be raised in competing pipe lines and refineries. If the producers act unitedly for that end they can break the power of the Standand within two years.

LEGI-LATION ON FOOD IMITATIONS

The Wholesale Grocers' Association has prepared a circular to the United States Senate in opposition to the compound lard hill in which, among other things, it is received, THE DISPATCH said that comurged that retailers shall not be made subject to its provisions, except so far as to dis- | before deciding that an international wrong play a sign, "Compound Lard Sold Here." net. The greatest deception in the sale of rights in the claim that a steamer, while in food imitations is in the retail trade. To port, was subjected to the laws of that Govleave a retail merchant the liberty to represent that the particular article he may sell is not compound lard, when it really is, would open the door for the deception which the act wishes to prevent.

In this connection it is interesting to noland class as "sumptuary legislation," on toward internal polities that is the first duty the ground that "sumptuary" comes from a of a United States Minister in foreign coun-Latin word meaning "expense," and "a tries.

straining or limiting the expenses of the middle ages the common people were forsumntuary laws; but they have an objectionable feature, in the levving of unnecessary taxes on trade, which are only justified by their purpose of preventing deception.

It is noticeable that both the Wholesale Grocers' Association and the Globe, while admitting that this deception should be forbidden, fail to suggest any thorough means of preventing it, except laws of this class. The Dallas, Tex., News is equally denunciatory of the bill, but shows a better appreciation of the necessities of the situation by urging that when compound lard is plainly labeled and branded as a mixture of cotton seed oil and beef fat or lard, it should not come under the operation of the act. This is practically the principle which THE DISPATCH has always maintained, that when the product is put up in such a form as to notify the consumer exactly what! it is, and render deception impossible, there is no need for the law to apply to it. The labeling and branding of the retail packages of compound or imitation lard is sufficient to prevent deception in that trade, and such a provision inserted in the compound lard bill would be entirely in accord with its legitimate object.

The same principle ought to apply to the oleomargarine act. Let the manufacturers a shape that every purchaser at retail will such shape from the operation of the law.

THE BATTLE FAIRLY ON. The aggressiveness of the Democratic the peculiar features of the State campaign. Ex-Governor Pattison addressed the Democratic societies, and his general statement of the issues at stake was supplemented by Mr. Hensel's very direct and particular attack upon Mr. Delamater. Both speeches indicate that the Democratic campaign is to be conducted on the offensive. Mr. Pattison's speech is a lucid amplification of his letter of acceptance. There is nothing in it with which the public at large is not already acquainted, but it will serve, as it was intended to serve, as a general base of operations for the Democratic forces and their Independent allies.

Mr. Hensel did not deal in generalities. He confined himself to one personal issue. This was Mr. Delamater's use of State funds in his capacity of banker, while be was serving as a State Senator. Mr. Hensel contends that in this Mr. Delamater was guilty of amisdemeauor rendering him liable under a specific provision of the Constitution to disqualification for holding any State office for a term of five years. If Mr. Hensel's charge is borne out by facts, and apparently it is, the position of Mr. Delamater thus early in the day is decidedly embarrassing. The personalities of which complaint has already been made by Mr. Delamater and his friends seem to be on the increase, and the character of the accusations is painfully specific. The battle has begun with a fairly heavy fire from the Democratic batteries.

WASBING KENNEDY'S WORDS,

The unparliamentary language of the shullient Rob Kennedy will be quietly removed from the Congressional Record. The House vesterday committed the job of expunging the improper portions of Congressman Kennedy's speech to the Judiciary Committee. This practically ends the incident, for the committee may be relied upon to report resolution of which Speaker Reed and the leaders of the majority will obtain the summary passage. Mr. Euloe's motion was properly defeated, for its aim to prolong the embarassing episode, by dragging the Senate into a consideration of Mr. Kennedy's speech, was apparent. The committee which has to purge the speech will find it hard to avoid reporting the whole of it as unworthy of record in the Congressional

THE LOTTERIES OUTLAWED.

The leaders of the Republican party in Congress can fairly claim credit for one good piece of work in the passage of the antilottery bill, which went through the Senate yesterday and now goes to the President for his signature. This action puts the Government on record as pledged to do its best for the suppression of a national scandal. and will receive general approval. It is to be hoped that it will be effective in putting a stop upon the depredations of the lottery sharks.

The lottery evil has been one of long standing as concerns its holding out to its silly victims the chance to throw away their money. But it is only within the past year that the bold attempts to purchase State Legislatures, in order to give the Louisiana lottery a new lease of life, has shown the immense revenues enjoyed by that wholesale gambling concern and called attention to the necessity of stopping it. One State proved able to resist the bribes of the lottery millionaires. Another found that the immense sums which the concern offered were too strong for its integrity. The only resort left for the suppression of the national swindle was to outlaw it from the use of the mails, and that step Congress has taken, with gratifying promptitude considering the pressure of other matters on its

time and attention. With the law on the statute books for the exclusion of lottery matter from the mails, throughout the land, it is to be hoped that it will have such a rigorous enforcement as to wipe out the immense revenues of the lottery gamblers. The situation illustrates what THE DISPATCH said yesterday on the subject of enforcement of the laws. The only hope of the lottery sharks is in their ability to prevent the enforcement of the law. If their wealth and political relations cannot accomplish that result the lottery evil is under sentence of death.

MR. MIZNER'S FALSE STEP.

When the first reports of the shooting of Barrundia, on the steamer Acapulco, were plete and impartial reports were required had been committed. It seemed clear that This would defeat the main purpose of the there was no violation of international ernment; and it was possible that the representations of Mr. Mizner's activity in secur ing the arrest were distorted and unfair. The fuller reports justify the first position; but they also make it necessary to say that Mr. Mizner took a part in signing an order tice that the Boston Globe denounces legis- for General Barrundia's arrest which was lation of the oleomargarine and compound entirely inconsistent with the impartiality

sumptuary law is a law which is designed to It certainly was not a part of the Ameriadd to the expenses of the people." If the can Minister's duty to issue an order to the esteemed Globe would study its dictionary captain of the Acapulco to give up Barrun- the con-

more closely, it would learn that while the | dia. If Captain Pitts had appealed to him Latin word sumptus means "expense," it would have been in accordance with his sumptuary legislation means legislation re- public duty to give instruction as to the legal power of the Government, in whose people, instead of adding to them, as in the port the ship was lying; and it would not have been inconsistent with his diplomatic bidden to wear velvet. These laws are not duty to have sent that instruction in time to let Barrundia seek some other refuge. It was a violation of his duty to take what seems to have been a rather active part in securing the arrest of a purely political offender

What was the reason of his taking this course, is not authoritatively stated; but it is not hard to guess. Mr. Mizner has been active in restoring peace among the Central American republics, and has doubtless come to regard himself as personally interested in the stability of the governments there. Under these circumstances he was probably betrayed into ordering the arrest of a partisan who threatened to disturb the stability of Guatemals, just as he was before betrayed into making a speech offensive to Mexico, which evoked the censure of the State Department. The censure is much more urgently needed when the United States Minister identifies himself with the internal politics of Guatemala so much as to order the arrest of a politician who threatens to disturb the stability of the Guatemalan Government.

THE EXPOSITION'S RETURNS.

The Exposition has been open two weeks, and its beneficial effect upon trade in Pittsburg is very positively apparent. There is of that product present their staple in such | no guess work about this statement; the interviews with leading merchants which THE know what he is buying, and it will be DISPATCH publishes to-day give solid right for Congress to exempt products in facts. In spite of bad weather the business done in the principal stores shows an improvement of from twenty-five to fifty per cent. This may be safely attributed to the presence of visitors in the city speakers at Reading yesterday emphasizes from near-by towns and country districts. The stores are thronged with strangers, and September, a month which is usually rather dull, is this year lively in all branches. We are glad to see that Pittsburg merchants recognize the value of the Exposition to them. The trader who admits that his subscription for Exposition stock is one of the best-paying investments he has ever made, states the naked truth.

The Exposition has done a great deal for this city already, and it can do much more. Some of the direct benefits are exhibited in our news columns to-day, but there are others equally substantial, which will be discovered later on. There is hardly an individual in this community who is not in some way indebted to the Exposition. Before the Exposition closes, it will have placed a large balance upon the right side of Pittsburg's ledger.

IT HAS been suggested that the function of legislation which the House leaders were disposed to assign to the rank and file of the Republican members in that body was not very exalted; but no statement of the theory that their only province is to do as they are told, has been more decided than that of Hon. Joseph G. Cannon. "We don't want the absentees to come here and tire themselves by thinking." said Mr. Cannon, according to the authoritative and organic correspondence of the Philadelphia Press. "All we ask of them is to come here and do the work that a wooden man might do by sitting in their seats and allowing them selves to be counted." The House Republi cans will please take notice of what is wanted and fulfil their duties as the wooden men of

THE venerable conductor of the Great Western Band, Mr. Balthasar Weiss, will celebrate to-day the twenty-fifth anniversary of his leadership. The services of Mr. Weiss to the cause of instrumental music in this city are deserving of the heartlest recognition.

SINCE the return of Chauncey M. Depew good many esteemed cotemporaries of the East have been breaking out in admiring a torials like the following: "What a man he is. To hear him talk one would think he had been sobnobbing with all the crowned heads of Europe and giving them good advice." Yet none of the eulogists remember to call attention to Dr. Depew's greatest demonstration of versatility, in being able to declare at one time | An' if 'twasu't fer her-well, he'd have to saw that no corporation should discharge its men for belonging to a labor organization, and then seeping safely out of the way in Europe, while his own corporation was doing that very thing

SOME of our esteemed Democratic cotem poraries are commenting on Senator Ingalls' peech in a tone that takes that oratorical effort to be an indorsement of Senator Quay. This is a pretty good proof that they have not ead the speech carefully.

A NOVEL law suit has just been terminated over the ownership of an aerotite which tell on an Iowa farm. The possession is adjudged to elong to the owner of the land;as against the tenant who found it, and the Minnesota State University which bought it from the tenant, In view of the multiplicity of claimants, it may be well to wait and see if the United States Treasury does not seize it as a mineral of oreign production which has come into the United States without paying duty.

WHEN it is proposed that the painters in one labor organization shall make war on the painters of another by refusing to work where hey are employed, it looks as if they were in discreetly playing into the hands of the nonanion people.

"THE scoundrel who fires a crowded tenenent house at midnight ranks second in infamy only to the villain who tries to derail a passenger train." The sentiment of the above paragraph in the New York Tribune is unexceptionable; but the classification is questionaole. Why second? Are not the lives of the tenement house dwellers as well worth saving as those of the travelers by rail? Both offense are equally diabolical.

IT is alleged that Speaker Reed "will throw his whole weight against reciprocity." The Speaker is a man of great avoirdupois. But there is a good deal of weight on the side of reciprocity, as well.

SENATOR FARWELL says the treasury should deposit its funds in the national banks But it is only two years since the Republican party fought a national campaign in which the mocratic administration was attacked for doing that very thing. It seems to make a great deal of difference who distributes the funds among the banks,

WITH 18,000 less inhabitants in Nevada than 10 years ago, the one-time bonanza State is traveling on the road which will, in time, make it a rival of Old Sarum

CONSIDERING that it is now six months since Chicago got the World's Fair and the site is still partially unsettled while there is talk of going to Congress for a \$5,000,000 appropriation, there is much truth in the warning to that city that she is dangerously close to the point of converting her victory of last spring into I

Reformed Presbyterian Seminary Opening The opening exercises of the Reformed Presyterian Seminary were held in the Alleghen; Church, on Sandusky street, last evening Prof. J. K. McClurkin lectured on the subject "Is Anything Settled?" His talk was interest-ing and instructive.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Mrs. Margaret Woods. Mrs. Margaret Woods, who had attained the ripe old age of 83 years, passed away at the resi ence of her son-iu-law, Mr. William Schroal, of McKee's Rocks, on Monday last. The funeral

Popular Topics for Visitors to Yea or Nay-I DON'T ask you for cold victuals," he said Ballot and Primary Election Reformbumbly, removing the greasy fragment of once glorious hat from his head. "All I ask How Do You Stand on Consolidation-J

875 Inducement to Promoters of Pittsburg's Greatness and Prosperity. The topics chosen for Exposition visitors to rote upon at DISPATCH Headquarters, Brunswick-Balke-Collender Billiard Company's space, during the first three days of this week should attract everybody. You are asked to cast your callots to-day on the following topic: WEDNESDAY'S VOTING TOPIC.

are you in favor of the Consolidation 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 Prives Offered for the Rost Fanns on a Splendld Topic.

The Price Essay Contest this week will be pen 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 Presperity of Pittsburg.

dropping,"
She went softly out to the woodshed and THE DISPATCH offers the following Prizes for the three best essays on the above topic: The tramp was sitting on the sawbuck in a First Prize......850 attitude of ease and comfort. By breathing hard in and out through his teeth he was making Second Prize..... Third Prize..... an exact imitation of a saw going back and forth through a stick of wood. She watched Subject to the following conditions: him as he imitated the sound of a saw catching

1. The essay must not exceed 2,000 words, in a splinter and forcing its way through, and 2. It must be legibly written on one side of In about half an hour the wood-sawer pr the paper only. 3. It must be original, "I am much obliged to you, mum," he said.

4. It must be received at the office of THE DISPATCH or at DISPATCH Headquarters, Exposition Building, not later than 9 o'clock P. t., Saturday, September 20. 5. Correct name, address and age of contest

ant must accompany MSS., name only for pubication if successful. 6 THE DISPATCH reserves the right to pub lish any contribution, whather it be awarded a

Stop at THE DISPATCH Headquarters Brunswick-Balke-Collender Billiard Company space, vote and secure a souvenir.

DEATH OF CHAL DICK.

prize or not.

Conspicuous Figure of the Johnstown Flood Has Gone Forever.

JOHNSTOWN, September 16.-Chalmers L. Dick, whose name figured conspicuously in the newspaper reports from this place just after the flood, died rather suddenly at 1:30 this A. ., aged 34 years. He was a leading attorney of the Cambria county bar and counsel for the Pennsylvania Railroad Compacy. His wife and three children survive him. Mr. Dick was burgess of Johnstown borough in 1888. He was one of the brightest members of the Cambria county bar. The funeral will take place Wednesday morning. Mr. Dick's death is a shock to the community and is universally re-

wednesday morning. Mr. Dick's death is a shock to the community and is universally regretted.

Chal Dick was perhaps the most familiar figure in Johnstown during the dark days of the flood. Mr. Dick was then constable of Cambria county, and as such he distinguished himself in more ways than one. On the Saturday following the fatal Friday, when sight-seers, relic-hunters and crooks of all descriptions were pouring into the devastated district, "Chal" Dick made his appearance in the town mounted on a grand bay charger, with a Winchester rifle sinng over his shoulder and a small arsenal at his belt. In this picturesque costume he took up his station at the big stone bridge, and single-handed and alone kept from the stricken city all save those who had the right to enter in the name of humanity.

Personally, "Chal" Dick was a man of iron nerve, but tender heart, and while many criticised his methods, they were the only winning ones that could have been employed at such a time. Dick was at one time Mayor of Johnstown. Shortly after the flood he moved temporarily to Greensburg, where his wife was stricken down and almost lost her reason as a result of the horrible scenes through which she had passed. here's your station!" or asks with fine irony: "Don't you get out here?"

This particular joke—for it is a joke, of course—is made with frightful frequency at such seasons as this, which bring crowds of

AMONG THE INDIANS.

Missionary Work Reported at the Canadinn Conference.

MONTREAL, September 16 .- At the Method ist General Conference last evening Rev. Dr. Sutherland presented the missionary reno which deals with the whole work through Canada. He spoke of the work among the In-Canada. He spoke of the work among the in-dians and entered fully into the details of the various missionary efforts.

The question of the federation of the uni-versities was debated, and the decision of 1886 was reaffirmed, recommending the federation of the Victoria University with that of Toronto, by a vote of 171 to 76. An amendment offered in favor of the independence of Vic-toria University was lost by a vote of 165 to 83,

NOTED WEDDING TO-NIGHT.

Well-Known Irou Manufacturer to Enter the Army of Benedicts.

The marriage of Mr. R. W. Carroll, manager of the American Tube and Iron Company, Miss Sarah Stevenson, a popular young elocutionist of Allegheny, will take place this evening at the Second U. P. Church, Allegheny, wrening at the Second C. P. Church, Aliegheny, Mr. Carroll is a well-known young manufacturer, having been connected with the American Fube and Iron Company for over ten years. The newly wedded though will leave after the ceremony for an extended eastern tour.

PEOPLE YOU READ ABOUT.

COUNT TOLSTOI, the well-known Russian at thor, is seriously ill. REV. C. C. WHITNEY, of Cincinnati, ba

cen extended a call by the Universalist parish of Milford, Mass. MR. JOHN RUSSELL YOUNG, who has been quite ill for some time past at the Astor Hous New York, is able to be about again. MRS. JAMES R. POLK, the widow of President Polk, has just completed her 87th year

She lives on the Polk place, near Nashville, Tenn. ir is understood that Consul General John C. New, of Indiana, is coming home, not to fix his own fences, but to aid in a general log tolling and fence-repairing for Benjamin Har

THE church in Boston in which Edward Everett Hale entered upon his first pastorate and in which Bishop Huntington began his career as a preacher in that city, is about to b

DAVID FULLER, one of the clerks in the office of the United States Consul General in Paris, a mulatto, has been connected with the office for more than 30 years, and is said to be a painter of considerable talent. LIEUTENANT BROWNELL, who shot Jack

son, proprietor of the Marshal House, in Alex-andria, Va., after the latter had killed Colone Ellsworth for hauling down his secession flag is now in the Pension Department, in Washington. HARVEY WATTERSON, the hale old fathe of the Kentucky editor, is a privileged member of the Courier-Journal staff. He has a well-

knit frame, a ruddy face and earnest gray eyes. Everything in his appearance indicates that he is good for many years of life yet. MLLE. LOUISE GAUTIER, a young lady wh was born deaf and dumb, but taught by the Grosselin system, was able to go through suc cessfully all the examinations--both writter and oral, of the National School of Fine Arts, at Paris, has been appointed teacher of design in that institution.

aire three times, and three times reduced to poverty. Cruse did not despair, however, and is now worth \$5,000,000, with good prospects of retaining his wealth as long as he will require it, as he is now an old man. He made his money in gold and silver mines. LITTLE ELSIS CONDON, of Darlington, wh was bitten by a vicious dog about two months

TOM CRUSE, of Montana, has been a million

ago, died Friday of hydrophobia, after 12 hours of the most terrible suffering. Immediately after she was bitten her parents took her to the madstone at Terre Haute, and it adhered t the wounds for two hours, but, as it seems As he grows older, Mr. P. T. Barnum sect to become more interested in theological and religious questions. He has just had a lively

mary Medical Association commenced this morning in the Auditorium, about 100 surgeons controversy with a Bridgeport Methodis BUFFALO, September 16.—The Fifteenth an-nual meeting of the Gynocological Society was dergyman in regard to the proper mode o keeping Sunday. The clergyman says he has come out ahead, but Mr. Barnum won't have it that way at all; the parson simply had no case, called to order at 10 o'clock this morning in the lecture room of the library building by President John P. Reynolds, of Boston.

VOTES AND PRIZES. SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON.

A ROLLING stone may not gather moss, but

We humbly anologize for the weather. It is earth and playing hide-and-seek with the clouds. It's poor satisfaction to know that their upper sides are silvered while their under sides are leaking. But this is our only consola tion, except what can be drawn from gum coats and umbrellas. And how the rain does come when it isn't needed! No wonder we grumble It's no use, though. The weather will ever be prankish. It's a child of Nature, you know. So let's make the best of the matter. If it's hot, keep cool; if it's cold, don't help to make it colder by withholding your sunshine from others; if it's wet, don't growl and make it uncomfortable for those you rub against, "Neve mind the weather, but get over double trouble, is a line from an old ditty. Paste it in your

THE Beaver saw men are showing their teeth, and the lawyers are doing the filing.

THE signs in the Alleghenv Parks will not eep the dew off the grass.

MAY the sun shine brightly on the Boys in Blue to-day. IT is freely rumored in the clubs that Candidate Deiamater was quietly informed that he had better send Andrews out here with a roll

instead of wasting time in idle talk and handshaking. Smirks and smiles won't blockade the slide this time. IT must cost big money to furnish paint and

powder for a troupe of colored burlesquers, There's a unique study in black-and-white work at the Academy this week. THE fountain and the band are playing at

the Exposition. One pleases the eye and the

other tickles the ear. Now keep the drill dancing in the oil well. THIS is great weather for catching cold.

FIGURES may not lie, but many communities re vigorously disputing the census count

Probably the figurers have lied. WHO wouldn't be a railroad President? The Reading has decided to pay its figurehead \$40,-000 a year. This is the fattest salary of the sort in the land, with the exception of that paid Dr. Depew. Chauncey rakes in \$50,000 every twelvemonth. Why make such a fuss

when the boys who do the work ask for a slight TIME quickly furrows faces that are fertilized

WHEN a sightless beggar is arrested with \$100 in his clothes it is safe to conclude that gen-Parkersburg Celebrates the G. A. R. Reerosity is going it blind.

THE rubber coat and umbrella makers

THE Russian refugees are rushing to America. Over 8,000 have already passed through the nation's keyhole, the New York barge office. The latchstring is always hang-

THE dude disfigures the face of nature. Brush him off.

It's easier to run a bill than to pay it, SEVENTY-ONE ice making concerns in this

ing on the outside of Liberty's door.

country are on the ragged edge. Jack Frost can knock them all out in one breath. It will e a cold day when they get left, however.

SATAN could not work in a glass house. The glory holes would scare him off.

CHARITY is on the free list. RELIGION is often used as a cleak for crook-

edness. That Y. M. C. A. young man who con-fesses himself a thief committed his first crime when he stole the livery of heaven masquerading purposes. NATURE is God's loom, and humanity should

be satisfied with the product thereof.

MAILING clerks give Kings, Queens, Presidents and Statesmen a black eye every day in LIPE is made up of little things, including

A COSTLY frame sets off a poor picture, and handsome attire makes a plain woman attractve-and she knows it only too well.

DISTINGUISHED SPECIALISTS PRESENT navigable rivers.

PORT WINE should be the sailor's favorite

THE anti-lottery bill awaits the President's sutograph. Now you will have to patronize the express companies instead of the mails,

SARAH BERNHARDT proposes to produce 'Cleopatra" in a more realistic manner than Mrs. James Brown-Potter. She will introduce a live reptile in the death scene. If the serpent is any size at all it will be hard to tell the snake from the star. Neither will have any

THE Jersey pair who wedded after two minutes' courtship must have been struck by Jer sey lightning.

THE Beaver-Lawrence conferees don't seem

to confer worth a cent. FAIR woman is the truly original package.

"REFRESHMENT for the human soul" is a big line on the posters of one of the shows billed this week. It is served in skirts by high

A PEACH stone set in aluminum makes costly wedding present. THE fellow who buys tips on horse races los

more than the fellow who trusts to luck and WHY does a bright actress turn her back upon the public in her lithographs? Bareback

exhibitions only graw in a circus-or in the

drawing room.

"TULLE makes a pretty hat," says a fashion writer. If for the theater, don't make them too tall.

THE Board of Health should suppress the sickly smelis emanating from cheap cigarettes.

CHARACTER is the club which guards you You cannot preserve beauty by painting it

THE American four-legged hog seems to b eiving better treatment in the royal courts than the two-legged one. Some of the creatures who haunt communi

ties are worse than ghosts. THE fellow who kites checks is a high-flyer,

New York's rich men began life penniless They were all born before Boss Tweed wen into business, you know, and had a chance to share in the profits, Poor men of the pre have not such golden opportunities. THE hands that have smashed noses are now

A WRITER has figured that 99 per cent, of

THERE are 32 cities under the starry flag with a population over 100,000. This is a great coun try, in spite of the politicians and the growlers.

PEOPLE can lose their heads and live. AND now the reformers have tackled At lantic City. It's a fruitful field. A tidal wave le about the only thing that can absolutely purify it, though. A moral wave is hardly equal to the tosk. It will have no more effect than a gentl

seem to draw well in Pittsburg. Colored bur

ers are a novelty destined to be cultivated.

DEVILED crabs are on the lunch counters. Direct f aces, soft voices and shapely form Everything goes now in the pursuit of pleasure

prietors there will have to shut up shop.

A cough generally ends in a coffin.

lumbers of the just and the unjust.

PRIVILEGES REQUESTED.

ome Men Who Will be Asked to Deliver

Free Lectures in Carnegle Hall.

The sub-Committee on Lectures of the Alle

gheny Free Library Committee met last night

to consider the question of holding free lec-tures in the hall during the winter. The ques-

tion has already been the subject of talk in the

city for some time, everybody appearing to be

of the one mind as to their usefulness. The

matter was formally considered last night, and

it was resolved after some discussion that the

popular fancy might be satisfied with one lec-

ture every week, provided the lecturers chose subjects not too technical for the

ordinary run of humanity. Several

ability to entertain an audience were suggested by different members of the committee, and the clerk was instructed to communicate with

ing the winter.

Among those suggested are Prof. J. A. Brashear, Rev. W. J. Holland, Dr. W. T. English, W. D. Moore, Esq., W. C. Moreland, Esq., George P. Hay, Rev. W. R. Mackay, Chill W. Hazzard and Hon. J. W. F. White. The lectures will all be free.

The committee considered requests for the use of the small lecture room by Mr. Beveridge Webster and Prof. Theo. Wettach. The former desired it for "analytical" lectures on music for the benefit of his pupils and not the public at large, and the latter's request was of

music for the benefit of his pupils and not the public at large, and the latter's request was of a similar nature, but provided that the public could attend if it so desired. Prof. Westach's was favorably recommended to the general committee, while Mr. Webster's was laid over until the public, a petitioner can be more lenient with the pub ic, a petition of a number of society women was also considered. The petitioners included Mrs. Dr. Fleming, Mrs. Lewis Irwin, Mrs. Joseph Albree, Mrs. George Griscom, Mrs. O. D. Thompson, Miss Rhodes, Mrs. John H. Ricketson and Mrs. Walter McClintock. They have been associated for the past three years in the study of art and architecture, and desire to continue it this winter. Believing the

years in the study of art and architecture, and desire to continue it this winter. Beheving the donor of the building to have intended it for the advancement of such branches, they desired to encourage other circles to patronize it by holding their morning meetings there on Saturdays from 10 to 12 o'clock, and so requested the use of the small lecture room. The committee, however, have not the power to grant the free use of the room, and the petition was referred to the General Committee.

IN GLORIOUS ARRAY.

union in Grand Style.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

of the Army of West Virginia began its four

teenth session here to-day. The proverbial

hospitality of Virginia and its sons and daugh

ters are exemplified by the reception of the

boys in bine by the citizens of this pretty little city in the Mountain State. The city was decorated with flags, banners, festoons, arches, shields, evergreens and all manner of beautiful designs. The

principal thoroughfares were long, glimmering

hking occasion. In the evening General

At the Opening of the Dunt Medical Con-

PHILADELPHIA, September 16,-The fourth

annual convention of the American Orthopæ-

dic Association and the American Association

of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists opened

simultaneously here to-day in the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Distinguished spe-cialists in the three branches of medicine from

cialists in the three branches of medicine from all parts of the country were present when the two conventions were called to order. Dr. De Forest presided over the Orthopædis Society. Papers were read by Dr. Arthur J. Gillette and Dr. Ap. Morgan Vance. Both as-

ociations will remain in convention for two

A REMARKABLE DROP.

Hard Coal Importations Into Canada Fall

Off Cons'derably.

OTTAWA, September 16,-In view of the dis-

ussion now going on at Washington in refer-

ence to the coal trade between Canada and the

Inited States, it may be interesting to give the fficial figures of the Canadian imports—during

the past two years:
Of hard coal, in 1888, Canada imported 2,134,764

tons and last year 1,276,085 tons. Of soft coal, Canada imported 1,226,211 tons in 1888 and 1,221,810 tons in 1889. The falling off in the im-portations of hard coal in 12 months is remark-

WANT MORE TIME.

The Allegheay School Library Committee

The Library Committee of the Allegheny

nttee was appointed to fix up the new rooms

Secretary Scandrett was authorized to send

a communication to the City Property Commit-tee of Councils asking for more time in their present room in City Hall, which they have been requested to vacate by October 1. They

cannot get into the new place by that time.

A Series of Revivale.

The Rev. Joseph H. Smith, the celebrated

evangelist, of the Philadelphia Conference,

ing Association, began a series of revival meet-ings last night in the Liberty Street M. E. Church. The attendance was very good and a great deal of interest was manifested in Rev. Smith's talk.

Half a Huadred Preachers Present.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAN TO THE DISPATCH, 1

CANTON, September 16.-The Mahoning Pre-

ytery began its annual session here to-day.

There are over 50 ministers in attendance.

Rev. Wesley Hyde, of New Waterford, is mod-erator, and Rev. D. W. Vance, of Kirsmore, clerk. The sessions will continue for three

Surpassed Anything of the Kind.

QUEBEC, September 16 .- The banquet given

ast night in honor of Prince George, surpassed

in its splendor anything of the kind before at-tempted here. Among the guests were admiral Watson, Lieutenant Governor; Aulger, the offi-cers of the men-of-war, now in port, Govern-ment officers and Cabinet ministers.

ember of the National Holiness Camp-meet

Fixing Up the New Rooms.

School Controllers met last night. A sub-com-

for the library in the Sterrett building, corner of Ohio and West Diamond streets.

days longer.

vertion in Philadelphin.

PARKERSBURG, September 16 .- The reunion

speakers, well known for their

WILLIE WINKLE.

make them get a move on.

GIVE the corner loafers at least 60 days, o WHEN Satan quits the seashore, hotel pro

Mich., is preparing for a second crop this -Two Americus, Ga., farmers succeeded

killing nearty 100 rats in one day lately on THE mince pie will soon be disturbing the

March 17, has laid 12 eggs and hatched from

-The latest device for attracting attention store windows is a swarm of bees making oney in a glass box from syrup.

of \$100 each are to be imposed upon persons letected drinking malt or alcoholic liquors in -The demand for Saginaw valley salt is

began. It is impossible to obtain cars enough to fill the orders. -A young man walked in his sleep one night this week, at Slaterville, Ga., and when he awoke he found himself at a grindstone sharpening his knife.

-Young men who do not like to be seen carrying a luncheon basket in the street may now have a case made like a kodak camera. that will hold just as much.

-The total number of passengers carried

in the United States during 1889 was 472,171,343. One passenger in every 1,523,133 was killed, and one in every 220,424 was injured. -A strange freak of nature in connection

with the recent tornado appears in South Law-rence, Mass. In the district torn by the storm lilac and pear trees have begun to blossom. -There is an inmate of the Georgia State lunatic asylum who imagines, in his insanity, that he is a grain of corn. He will not go into the yard, fearing the chickens will eat him.

-A careful estimate made by the Maine Central Railroad states that 100,000 pleasure

Georgia Superior Court, thas in his possession a little calleo frock which his mother made for him 45 years ago. He wore it before he was able to walk. -Rev. E. B. Carroll, of Albany, Ga., bas

the breastworks in a disapidated condition, a bayonet, that has been placed on the muzzle of the barrel, and several bullets, battered by their contacts with objects on the field. -George W. Davis, of Morgan county,

-Joe Brown, colored, was bitten by a mad dog in Robinson county, N. C., in 1872. On the same day the same dog bit a white man and a horse, both of whom died the same day,

declare that they have seen the reptile many times during the past few months. On more than one occasion, it is said, chase was given, but the snake escaped. It put in an appear-ance again last week, and those who then saw it estimate that it is more than 18 feet long. "Its body is as big around as a bootleg." -Iowa has passed a stringent tramp law.

or over, who is physically able to work, who is wandering about begging or idle and who cannot show reasonable efforts to secure employment, shall be deemed a tramp, sent to jail and put at hard work. While in jail he shall not be allowed tobacco, liquore, sporting or illus-trated newspapers, cards or any other means of amusement. Tramps will give Iowa a wide -A Pomona man came up recently fro

handsahking occasion. In the evening content W. H. Gibson addressed a large audience at the tent. To-morrow the grand parade, military and civic societies will take place and be reviewed by Governor Fleming and staff. was a corpse in the baggage car, Arrived in Los Angeles, he reached into his coat pocket for his handkerchief, and found five or six fish, which he had carefully placed there three days before, to be used for bait. They were of

> that these birds were in the short space of two years practically exterminated. All of the suipe family were also in great demand; even the little ox-eye did not escape, for a single or-der was placed for 600,000 of these at three cents each to fill an English contract." -A widow lady living in Jacksonville, Fla., was badly stung about the head by waspe while working among the plants and shrubbery but in her agony and confusion she added to

> gone into spasms. The acid raised numerous blisters on her face. -The wife of John Beam, of Mitchellville, N.Y., aged 65 years, gave birth to twins on who lives in a neighboring township, presented her husband with twins the same evening. Mrs. Stratton's daughter Eva was married a year ago, and lives in Bradford. The friends of Mrs. Stratton and her mother were not yet through ougratulating them over the interesting natal oincidence in their families, when Mrs. Strat-

rain without your hat on. "Mamma, my head can't get wet, I've had it shingled!"-New York Herald. It is not yet known what title Sir Edward

Guinness will assume, but "Marquis of Ayles-bury" would shed a stoat appearance of propriety, as it were, upon his peerage .- Philadelnhia Ledger. Drawing Teacher-Now, this' is a sym-

Jimmy Scanlan-Plaze, sorr, it do be a place where they buries dead papie!-Light, Schwartzbrod-Say, you vaiter, dot roast

ium altogedder. Bring me some dot vas not quite so medium .- America, He-Shall I see you in the city?

She-Then I shall not be able to recognize you.

The Tilemakers' Scal-. NEW YORK, September 16.-The Nationa Tilemakers' Union of the United States, now in session in this city, to-day fixed a scale of prices which the men belonging to the union will present to the bosses. Class A are to receive \$4.50; class B, \$3.50, and class C, \$3.20.

Thousands in the Poluce. OTTUMWA, IA., September 16.-The coal palace and industrial exhibit was formally opened Governor Boies this afternoon. Eleven usand people were in the audience room in palace at the time.

Fourteen Stories High. NEW YORK, September 16.—Plans for the Western Union building have been filed in the building department. They call for a building of brick and stone 25 by 67 feet and 14 stories CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-There are many cases of la grippe in -A blackberry bush at Grand Lodge,

-A Kansas bantam, which was hatched WHEN money is pinched the shorts scream

-Jersey City has a law under which fines

larger than at any time since its production

-An old prospector bought a piece of ground near Nevada City the other day for \$300. He went for gold, and soon struck a deposit that will pay him \$5,000.

-An old chief gave his experience of Indian agents this way: "Spose agent heap bad man, heap swear, steal half Injun blanket, Injun flour: spose agent lovum Jesus, steal

seekers have entered the State this season -J. W. Grover, clerk of Thomas county,

found some interesting relics on the battlefield of Jonesboro. They consist of the barrel of a muzzle-loading musket that was pulled from

Georgia, has a white hawle whith measures four and a half feet from the to tip of his wings. Mr. Davis says he had seen the bild in his neighborhood for several years, but hell never had an opportunity of shooting it before. The hawk was slightly wounded and Mr. Davis speaks of sending it to Grant Park Zoo in Atlanta.

The negro, Brown, was attacked with hydrophobia, but did not die. Periodically, at the same time every year since, he has a return of the disease. He is now suffering the most excruciating forments of a well developed case of hydrophobia. -A monster snake has succeeded in stirring up quite an excitement among the more timid people of Essex, Mass. Some of them

and all manner of beautiful designs. Inseptincipal thoroughfares were long, glimmering avenues of coloring. At the camp hundreds of army tents were erected for the accommodation of still other thousands. The great tent in which the speech-making was to take place has a capacity of 20,000 in itself. Before morning several thousand visitors had arrived by boats and trains. Ex-President Hayes, who had remained over night at Marietta, O., came in at 8:30 A. M., and was taken to Mr. William Bentley's, General B. F. Kelly, wife and grandchild arrived on the accommodation from Grafton. Governor Fleming, of West Virginia, arrived on the Ohio River Railroad train from Charleston. General Kennedy, I. H. Duval, W. H. Powells, W. H. Glöson, C. H. Grosvenor, W. M. Enochs, W. W. Averlli, Hon, John W. Mason, Colonel Thayer Melvin, Colonel George R. Latham and wife, Private Dalzell, Colonel Vance, Captain N. R. Warwick, Hon, William McKinley and many other notables have also arrived or will be here during the evening. It declares that any male person 16 years of age

notables have also arrived or will be here during the evening.

The re-union was opened by ex-President Hays, who was introduced by Mayor Gibbons. The great tent was filled, notwithstanding the wind storm and rain. General Haves, Senior Vice-President, postponed his address until to-morrow. General B. F. Keller was introduced and made a few remarks. Mrs. Kelly, who is a great favorite with the veterans, was given an enthusiastic reception after which the afternoon session resolved itself into a grand handsahking occasion. In the evening General Redondo. He changed his seat very often opened the windows, squirmed about uneasity and finally kicked because he supposed ther

the variety known as smelt, and they were "true to name." -"The disappearance of the mackeral gull from Maine waters is que", according to the Biddeford Times, "to the merciless work of the men who supply the milliners with plumes, For the mackeret gull they paid ten cents each, a price so remunerative to professional gunners

in her yard. The stines were painful enough, her misery by rushing into the house and applying hurriedly to her wounds what she supposed was laudanum, but which was carbolic neid. For a few minutes her pain was intense, and had not remedies been applied by neighboring ladies she would have, it is believed.

Monday evening. Her daughter, Mrs. Stratton, on received a letter from her son-in-law announcing that her daughter had given birth to

ALLEGED TO BE FUNNY.

"Johnny, you shouldn't run out in the

metrical figure. Can anyone tell me what sym-metry is? Ah! There is a little boy with his hand up! What is symmetry, little boy?

beef vas not right. Take it avay. Waiter-You said you wanted it medium-done, Schwartzbrod-I know dot; but dis vas too me-

She-Shall you wear your blazer there? He-Why, certainly not.

I am very near-sighted, and the somber cotors of winter do not catch my eye,—Frank Lesise's Butcher-What can I send you up to-day, Mrs. Styles? Mrs. Styles-Send me up a leg of mutton, and be sure it is from a black sheep.

Butcher-A black sheep! Mrs. Styles-Yes; we are in mourning, you Moderu-"Aren't you afraid, Fritz, to go nto company with so many to whom you owe so

much money?"
"Oh, not at all. Why not? I visit only the floest restaurants, the first-class cafes, always at the theater sit in the stage boxes, and travel in my private car on all the railroads. How can my creditors dare to touch me?"-Fliegende Blastter. Mrs. Jinks-O, Thomas, Thomas, what shall we do with our daughter? I heard her talk ing to herself in her room, just now, while she was dressing, and she said d-damn twice!

Mr. Jinks-Let's see. She has begun wearing boiled shirts like a man's lately, hasn't she. "Yes, but what has-"
"Everything! She probably lost her collar button down the back of her neck."-Laurense