

The Dispatch.

ESTABLISHED FEBRUARY 8, 1858.
Vol. 25, No. 262. - Entered as Second-Class Matter, November 14, 1862, as second-class matter.
Business Office - Corner Smithfield and Diamond Streets.
News Rooms and Publishing House - 75, 77 and 79 Diamond Street.

Advertisement rates for this paper are as follows: For one square, 10 cents per week; for two squares, 20 cents; for three squares, 30 cents; for four squares, 40 cents; for five squares, 50 cents; for six squares, 60 cents; for seven squares, 70 cents; for eight squares, 80 cents; for nine squares, 90 cents; for ten squares, 1 dollar. For a full column, 3 dollars per week. For a full page, 10 dollars per week. For a full page, 10 dollars per week. For a full page, 10 dollars per week.

PITTSBURGH, WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1, 1890.

NOT PERTINENT CONSIDERATIONS.

On the face of it, the objection made in Council yesterday against spending \$75,000 for a park entrance, while people were wading in the mud, seems to have a good deal of force. If the money for the park entrance was to be diverted from necessary street improvements, the argument would be a cogent one. But if the people offering that matter a little, they would have seen that this is not the case.

There has been a good deal of mud in the streets of the suburbs lately, but the cases in which it was due to any lack of expenditure, so as to have a bearing on this appropriation, are lacking. The mud has been due because the liberal expenditure of money on improvements has caused many streets to be torn up during a very rainy season. If there are any streets which have been muddy because no work was done on them, the fact that their grades are being paved would be paid for by the abating property is a sufficient answer to the idea that the payment for the park entrance would make people walk in the mud.

This matter is given a singular interest from the report that the fight over this ordinance, the Duquesne Traction ordinance and that for the regulation of the passenger brokers, are really the manifestations of the rival factions in the Republican party. The rival leaders of Republicanism should keep a close watch on each other, salutary. But if it comes to the point of blocking the necessary improvements for Pittsburgh simply in political fights, the people who embark in that sort of politics may find out their mistake. When it is perceived that politicians, to gratify their political enmity, or satisfy their political revenge, undertake to decree that Pittsburgh's new park shall be left without an entrance; that street railway privileges shall be granted or refused as a matter of political favor; or that Mr. Carnegie's library donation shall be delayed for lack of the site which the park entrance would afford, the people may take the earliest opportunity to express their verdict on the importation of factional fights into municipal business, by their votes at the nearest election.

THE TARIFF BILL PASSED.

Congress is at its last breath. The Senate showed plenty of vitality all the same yesterday, and Messrs. Carlisle, Aldrich and others took a hearty farewell walk at the tariff. The passage of the tariff bill took place without the smallest sensational feature. Exactly as had been foreseen by Senator Plumb, of Kansas; Senator Pettigrew, of South Dakota; and Senator Padonok, of Nebraska, were the only Republicans who voted against the bill. The final division otherwise was strictly on party lines and showed 53 votes for and 27 against the bill. The passage of the tariff bill will have a good effect upon the country's trade, and the measure of gladness will be felt to the brim if Congress adjourns, as it probably will, to-day.

THE SHADOW OF A GREAT FUTURE.

The shadow of a great future is impending once more over Ireland. We publish to-day an appeal to the American people from prominent American patriots who have united for the relief of Ireland. The Irish leaders had not asked for help, because they deem themselves bound by the pledge given when last Ireland was thus afflicted in 1880 that they would never call upon America for aid again. But it would be the height of cruelty to stand upon a mere formality. The failure of the potato crop is known, the absolute dependence of thousands upon that crop is known, and a famine is inevitable. The awful scenes of poverty and distress which are now being enacted in every Irish village, are of a large and generous, must be given, and at once. America will respond to the appeal with heart and purse.

IMAGINATION ABOUT PITTSBURGH.

The esteemed New York Telegram has discovered some remarkable things and ascribes them to Pittsburgh. It notes that not long ago it was "compelled to kehualh Pittsburgh's restaurants for charging an extra nickel for a clean napkin," and then proceeds to relate that the manager of a Pittsburgh theater has issued an order that no barefooted person shall be permitted to enter the dramatic foundry over which he presides." Upon this basis the Telegram proceeds to read the dramatic profession a lecture on the rights of the bootblacks and newboys to enjoy the delights of the theater from the gallery, whether they have shoes and stockings or not.

This new addition to the bill of rights is an interesting one. But, so far as it applies to Pittsburgh, its cogency is destroyed by the fact that there is no such law in it. We believe there was an item of news a few weeks ago that an eating house in another city made an extra charge for a napkin; but the allegation can be as well made of New York as of Pittsburgh. Here one class of purveyors furnish napkins without extra charge; while those of a cheaper class permit their patrons to wipe their mouths on their sleeves, and neither party makes any trouble about it.

As to the great American privilege of going to the theater barefooted, it may be one which the independent newboy would assert if it were not for one thing. The dra-

matic season extending through the winter months, the Pittsburgh newboy is smart enough to obtain covering for his feet. The temperature restrains him from trying to force the barefooted issue. Perhaps New York leaves its newboys and bootblacks barefooted during the winter; but Pittsburgh has a fashion of seeing them provided with such necessary articles. The fact is that the slender foundation on which our New York contemporary has built its assertion of newboys' rights is a story recently told of Manager Henderson, of Chicago, concerning an actress who, for a wager, appeared barefooted on the stage, thus evoking a rule that the actresses should be fully dressed before appearing on the stage—with the usual spectacular exceptions.

KEEP UP THE STANDARD.

The conference of steel workers at the Navy Department next week is for consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury over that, according to a statement which is being made by the newspapers, is a very singular complaint. The assertion is that the requirements of the Board of Construction of the new naval vessels placed such a high standard of quality upon the steel to be used that no works in the country, except those of Carnegie, Phipps & Co., of this city, can supply the orders. It is stated that the same trouble arose during Secretary Whitney's administration, the specifications being so strict that no one but Carnegie, Phipps & Co. could supply the orders. The shipbuilders therefore refused to make bids; and after a conference Secretary Whitney ordered the specifications to be modified. The complaint is that the old strictness has been restored, and that shipbuilders, being unable to buy steel which will meet the specifications of any other works but those in this city, are on the point of withholding proposals.

The first thought such a statement evokes is that Carnegie, Phipps & Co. should present the dismantled shipbuilders and their rivals in the steel trade with a valuable record in the splendid advertisement. It is here set forth as a matter which is likely to arrest the construction of our new navy that no firm in the country can make steel to rival the high standard of our manufacturers. The steel trade is open to competition. Carnegie, Phipps & Co. have no way of preventing competitors from making just as good steel as they do. But it is asserted that no one does so; and in order that there may be competition the Secretary of the Navy is called upon to modify the specifications and lower the standard. So far as Carnegie, Phipps & Co. are concerned, it seems as if they ought to be willing to surrender a part of the naval business in return for this effective method of calling the attention of the country to the unequalled standard and quality of their product.

But with regard to the naval interests of the country the case is not so clear. The importance of using none but the best materials in the construction of the new navy is clear at all times, and has been made especially prominent of late. The armor plate tests have developed the fact that the inferior quality of English armor plate has rendered a large share of our navy practically worthless, and has made the millions spent on those vessels a virtual loss. If the "modification" of the standard should make our naval vessels inferior in strength, the loss to the nation, when the fact was discovered, might be greater than the cost of the vessels. Of course the specifications should not contain fanciful and needless conditions as to processes, which confine the work to one firm and shut out just as good steel produced by other processes. There is no direct allegation that such is the case. The complaint is that the standard established by the Seward Board is so unreasonably high that no one but Carnegie works can meet it. To such a complaint the answer is obvious that no attainable standard can be too high in the construction of vessels on which the safety and honor of the nation may depend for their preservation.

Beyond this it is not clear what prevents firms who desire to compete from entering upon it so as to make their product fulfill the requirements. If their plants are not suited to the production of the requisite class of steel, the large amount of naval construction that Congress has authorized would justify them in remodeling their plants. No manufacturing firm ever loses anything by fitting its plant to do the best work; but no industry in that direction has ever been in the statement of the difficulty. The gist of the affair seems to be stated in the case of a firm which had 200 tons of steel rejected for not coming up to the standard, and now says it will not furnish any more material. If it is not willing to furnish the best material, it should be allowed to adhere to that determination.

The Navy Department must give to manufacturers an equal chance to furnish vessels for the navy, but it should not be persuaded to lower the standard of quality, in any essential respect.

HYMEN'S CHEERFUL BULLETIN.

The perils of the married state may be many, but it is evident that Pittsburgh stands little in awe of them. We are averse to saying that there is a boom in matrimony hereabouts, for that would imply the possibility of a reaction, but the returns of the marriage license offices show that Hymen is doing a highly prosperous business in this country. The license law has been in effect five years, and all things considered it has done good. It opens the doors of marriage wide enough to admit all who should enter, and bars not a few who should not. The former class has been numerous enough, for twenty-three thousand couples have been licensed to marry in the last five years. These figures are cheerful for several reasons. They show that the greatest institution in the world more than holds its own here; they are an index of Pittsburgh's growth—since last year the five thousand marriage licenses were issued, an increase over 1885 of 36 per cent; and they contain the promise that Pittsburgh's population is in a fair way to be increased still further.

THE LIE CIRCUMSTANTIAL.

It is not an entirely unsatisfactory indication afforded by the heated declaration of the *Pittsburgher*, the new Clarkson organ, that "John E. Russell lied, and knew that he lied, when he said there was no surplus now owing to Republicans extravagance." Of course no one will trouble himself to take exception to little outbreaks of unparliamentary language from the organ of rabid "statism," which proposes to expel America from the party. Such expressions are to be expected from that brand of political journalism. As to the assertion, in the form given by the *Pittsburgher*, that there is no surplus at the present time, the denial of it is textually correct. But as to the assertion which Mr. Russell probably made, that the appropriations of this Congress are such as to destroy the excess of revenue above expenditure for the fiscal year, the *Pittsburgher* must extend its fiscal year, the *Pittsburgher* must extend its fiscal year, the *Pittsburgher* must extend its fiscal year.

A LETTER has been received from Dr. Oscar Brown, of the African explorers, telling of his trip over the Pare Mountains. The letter was written at Ugooga, and says that the journey, which was made in 1874, was through territory which has since been traversed by a civilized man. Dr. Brown says that he is in Northern Ugooga, a district that has not hitherto been explored by a European.

MORE THAN ENOUGH MONEY.

A Nice Surplus Left Over From the Sunday School Convention.

OUR SHORT STORIES.

DID HE STEAL IT OR WIN IT? THREE were three newspaper men—Bob, Jim and Carl. They had a passion for the unique. They used to meet nearly every evening at the corner of Smithfield and Diamond streets, where they drank salted beer and ate sugared pretzels. They called themselves the Oddities.

"I like to gamble," said Carl the other evening, as they were seated at an octagonal table. "Let's play pool because it's so common. 'We've put up \$5 apiece, each follow to let the meanest thing be ever done in his life. The one that tells of the meanest thing takes the bundle."

"I'm glad to hear of it," said Bob. "The meanest thing I ever did," said Bob. "I was younger. Three of us, wild ones, caught a little offensive boy, hid him in a box and set fire to the box. If a policeman hadn't happened along, we'd have burned the boy to death."

"Some years ago," said Jim, "I had a counterfeit party. Meeting a beggar, I told him I had to go to the city hall to get a license. He asked me for five cents. I gave him five cents in gold money. 'You've been pretty hard citizens in your time,' said Carl, as he deposited the stakes in a pocket which he had hidden under his coat.

"But what did you do?" inquired the others. "Oh, the meanest thing—why, the meanest thing I ever did was to rob two newspaper men."

EMPLOYER—I notice, Mr. Blinks, that you have taken great interest in the business, and—CHIEF (smiling)—You have, but I don't think you are so too good. EMPLOYEE—As I was saying, Mr. Blinks, we have had our eyes upon you for some time and have concluded that you take more interest than we can afford to pay. You are discharged, Mr. Blinks.

CANDY IS COSTLY. HOW does it taste to be Annabel—Her name is Miss Annabel—The candy man alone can tell: She does you mean mallow! H. J.

THE BOY WAS AVENGED. YOU have seen these wire slings which some ingenious fellow has contrived for carrying small stones, and you know that they are in a very interesting fancy comedy the other day. Two men starting from their several homes at opposite ends of the town, one on the morning followed the other across the town, every minute bringing them closer together, and at high noon they met at the corner of Smithfield street.

CLERICAL error in the river and harbor bill reduces the appropriation for improving the Illinois river from \$50,000 to \$30,000. It is stated that the bill is likely to arrest the construction of our new navy that no firm in the country can make steel to rival the high standard of our manufacturers. The steel trade is open to competition. Carnegie, Phipps & Co. have no way of preventing competitors from making just as good steel as they do. But it is asserted that no one does so; and in order that there may be competition the Secretary of the Navy is called upon to modify the specifications and lower the standard. So far as Carnegie, Phipps & Co. are concerned, it seems as if they ought to be willing to surrender a part of the naval business in return for this effective method of calling the attention of the country to the unequalled standard and quality of their product.

"MR. PATTERSON is going west this week in search of an issue," says a Delamater organ of Philadelphia. The Republican organs do not have to come West in search of an issue. The issue that candidates who in official positions are engaged in the promotion of their personal benefit, are not worthy of the votes of the people, has hunted them out where they are, despite their dodging.

SHOULD Chicago keep up her present rate of progress the child born in this decade may cherish, as an incentive to longevity, the ambition of seeing the World's Fair of 1922.

CALIFORNIA has done a good work toward making up for the fruit deficit by shipping four million pounds of fruit to the Atlantic States. Sending up that class of products will do much toward atoning for California's work in sending to the East corporation Senators and boozing kings.

THE Independent Republican organization of this county is fortunate in its officers. Their representative business men and Republicans of Pittsburgh.

MOBLEY gives the English people more information about what is going on in Ireland than the Tories have any stomach for. Perhaps Bailiour cherishes a silent rage that the people should be so well informed, and heander over the head hard enough to silence him.

IF Huntington and Sinaloff have really fallen out there will be a chance for the public to realize the truth of an old proverb, for the public advantage.

IF the Republicans determine to circulate that picture of an empty House, the Democrats may respond with the picture of an empty pocket. Mr. Sinaloff has been more emptiness in the House than the Treasury might have been fuller.

THE savings way in which the Delamater papers keep up attacking Emery, is evidence that he is regarded as a factor in the canvass.

PROUD SUMMER'S FALL. PROUD summer's gone, the autumn's here; The roses have withered, the leaves are dry, As they landscape grows and dreads, That pride must leave a Fall, H. J.

CLOSING THE SALOONS. "IF everybody follow my example," announced an enthusiastic temperance advocate recently, "very saloon in the city would close before the end of the week." "How?" he was asked a rubicund-faced auditor, who had not before spoken. "They would close for lack of patronage, sir. I never drink."

"You can go on one better, though, if everybody followed my example every saloon in the city would close before next Saturday night." "How?" he was asked the temperance advocate, eagerly. "They would run out of stock."

PUZZLING. HAROLD FITZGERES (still in his knees), "How do you make out, Mr. Blinks, in regard to that young man you were talking about? What is his name?" "YOUNG FITZGERES, Harold, that your brother Walter proposed to me yesterday evening?" "How do you make out?" "He is a very nice fellow, and I'm sure I'm promised to be a sister to him—and your brother's sister can't marry you, you know."

A WOMAN ON THE TICKET. Mrs. Bellinger, Nominating as Chicago's Superintendent of Schools.

CHICAGO, September 30.—Congressman Frank Lawler was to-day unanimously nominated for Sheriff by the Democrats. On the ticket with Lawler are Congressman James H. Wray, for Probation Judge; Mrs. M. E. Mulligan, for Superintendent of Schools.

MRS. MULLIGAN, the widow of the Union Trust Company's cashier, was educated at the University of Lexington, and was afterward mortally wounded in battle while leading the Irish Brigade.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Edward Oxnard, of the firm of Warden & Oxnard, oil商人, and proprietor of "Elixir," died at the residence of his wife, 1110 Chestnut street, yesterday afternoon. Mr. Oxnard was a native of the American Sax in Marietta, France, about 1817. His father was at that time United States Consul at that place. Mr. Oxnard was a citizen of this country when a young man. He went to New Orleans, where he was married to Mrs. Oxnard. There he engaged in the business of real estate, and was successful.

SUPPLIES FOR TUCSON.

A Substantial Box Packed for the Mission at That Place.

A very interesting meeting was held in the church of the Second Presbyterian church, yesterday, at which a substantial box was packed to be sent to the mission school at Tucson, Ariz. The school is under the auspices and is managed by the Presbyterian Mission Board of New York and is for the education of the Indian boys and girls of the Western country. The school is under the auspices and is managed by the Presbyterian Mission Board of New York and is for the education of the Indian boys and girls of the Western country.

MADE MANY FRIENDS.

The office of Probationary Bradley yesterday afternoon was the scene of a pleasant occurrence which resulted in the making of many friends. Mr. McDonald, Esq., M.D., entered the office as a boy 15 years ago, and worked up to the position of doctor clerk. In the meantime he had obtained a medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and was recently appointed United States District Attorney.

HELPED HIMSELF. EMPLOYER—I notice, Mr. Blinks, that you have taken great interest in the business, and—CHIEF (smiling)—You have, but I don't think you are so too good. EMPLOYEE—As I was saying, Mr. Blinks, we have had our eyes upon you for some time and have concluded that you take more interest than we can afford to pay. You are discharged, Mr. Blinks.

CANDY IS COSTLY. HOW does it taste to be Annabel—Her name is Miss Annabel—The candy man alone can tell: She does you mean mallow! H. J.

THE BOY WAS AVENGED. YOU have seen these wire slings which some ingenious fellow has contrived for carrying small stones, and you know that they are in a very interesting fancy comedy the other day. Two men starting from their several homes at opposite ends of the town, one on the morning followed the other across the town, every minute bringing them closer together, and at high noon they met at the corner of Smithfield street.

CLERICAL error in the river and harbor bill reduces the appropriation for improving the Illinois river from \$50,000 to \$30,000. It is stated that the bill is likely to arrest the construction of our new navy that no firm in the country can make steel to rival the high standard of our manufacturers. The steel trade is open to competition. Carnegie, Phipps & Co. have no way of preventing competitors from making just as good steel as they do. But it is asserted that no one does so; and in order that there may be competition the Secretary of the Navy is called upon to modify the specifications and lower the standard. So far as Carnegie, Phipps & Co. are concerned, it seems as if they ought to be willing to surrender a part of the naval business in return for this effective method of calling the attention of the country to the unequalled standard and quality of their product.

"MR. PATTERSON is going west this week in search of an issue," says a Delamater organ of Philadelphia. The Republican organs do not have to come West in search of an issue. The issue that candidates who in official positions are engaged in the promotion of their personal benefit, are not worthy of the votes of the people, has hunted them out where they are, despite their dodging.

SHOULD Chicago keep up her present rate of progress the child born in this decade may cherish, as an incentive to longevity, the ambition of seeing the World's Fair of 1922.

CALIFORNIA has done a good work toward making up for the fruit deficit by shipping four million pounds of fruit to the Atlantic States. Sending up that class of products will do much toward atoning for California's work in sending to the East corporation Senators and boozing kings.

THE Independent Republican organization of this county is fortunate in its officers. Their representative business men and Republicans of Pittsburgh.

MOBLEY gives the English people more information about what is going on in Ireland than the Tories have any stomach for. Perhaps Bailiour cherishes a silent rage that the people should be so well informed, and heander over the head hard enough to silence him.

IF Huntington and Sinaloff have really fallen out there will be a chance for the public to realize the truth of an old proverb, for the public advantage.

IF the Republicans determine to circulate that picture of an empty House, the Democrats may respond with the picture of an empty pocket. Mr. Sinaloff has been more emptiness in the House than the Treasury might have been fuller.

THE savings way in which the Delamater papers keep up attacking Emery, is evidence that he is regarded as a factor in the canvass.

PROUD SUMMER'S FALL. PROUD summer's gone, the autumn's here; The roses have withered, the leaves are dry, As they landscape grows and dreads, That pride must leave a Fall, H. J.

CLOSING THE SALOONS. "IF everybody follow my example," announced an enthusiastic temperance advocate recently, "very saloon in the city would close before the end of the week." "How?" he was asked a rubicund-faced auditor, who had not before spoken. "They would close for lack of patronage, sir. I never drink."

"You can go on one better, though, if everybody followed my example every saloon in the city would close before next Saturday night." "How?" he was asked the temperance advocate, eagerly. "They would run out of stock."

PUZZLING. HAROLD FITZGERES (still in his knees), "How do you make out, Mr. Blinks, in regard to that young man you were talking about? What is his name?" "YOUNG FITZGERES, Harold, that your brother Walter proposed to me yesterday evening?" "How do you make out?" "He is a very nice fellow, and I'm sure I'm promised to be a sister to him—and your brother's sister can't marry you, you know."

A WOMAN ON THE TICKET. Mrs. Bellinger, Nominating as Chicago's Superintendent of Schools.

CHICAGO, September 30.—Congressman Frank Lawler was to-day unanimously nominated for Sheriff by the Democrats. On the ticket with Lawler are Congressman James H. Wray, for Probation Judge; Mrs. M. E. Mulligan, for Superintendent of Schools.

MRS. MULLIGAN, the widow of the Union Trust Company's cashier, was educated at the University of Lexington, and was afterward mortally wounded in battle while leading the Irish Brigade.

DEATHS OF A DAY. Edward Oxnard, of the firm of Warden & Oxnard, oil商人, and proprietor of "Elixir," died at the residence of his wife, 1110 Chestnut street, yesterday afternoon.

DEATHS OF A DAY. Edward Oxnard, of the firm of Warden & Oxnard, oil商人, and proprietor of "Elixir," died at the residence of his wife, 1110 Chestnut street, yesterday afternoon.

DEATHS OF A DAY. Edward Oxnard, of the firm of Warden & Oxnard, oil商人, and proprietor of "Elixir," died at the residence of his wife, 1110 Chestnut street, yesterday afternoon.

DEATHS OF A DAY. Edward Oxnard, of the firm of Warden & Oxnard, oil商人, and proprietor of "Elixir," died at the residence of his wife, 1110 Chestnut street, yesterday afternoon.

DEATHS OF A DAY. Edward Oxnard, of the firm of Warden & Oxnard, oil商人, and proprietor of "Elixir," died at the residence of his wife, 1110 Chestnut street, yesterday afternoon.

DEATHS OF A DAY. Edward Oxnard, of the firm of Warden & Oxnard, oil商人, and proprietor of "Elixir," died at the residence of his wife, 1110 Chestnut street, yesterday afternoon.

DEATHS OF A DAY. Edward Oxnard, of the firm of Warden & Oxnard, oil商人, and proprietor of "Elixir," died at the residence of his wife, 1110 Chestnut street, yesterday afternoon.

DEATHS OF A DAY. Edward Oxnard, of the firm of Warden & Oxnard, oil商人, and proprietor of "Elixir," died at the residence of his wife, 1110 Chestnut street, yesterday afternoon.

SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON.

You cannot judge the dead by the height and flash of their tombstones.

How domesticated animals amuse us, to be sure. What would a menagerie amount to without monkeys and the elephant? What would a circus be without horses and the trick rider? Old and young—girls, boys, maidens, mothers, all really and truly enjoy their exhibitions of agility. In fact, they elapse the human actors, and call forth hearty applause. And the dog—the household pet, the true friend—how his outcrops catches one. In ring or on stage he outshines his master. Every trick is observed, every movement closely noted, every acrobatic feat hissing with enthusiasm for the dog-actor. He is sure of a warm welcome at all times and under all circumstances. A bad actor with a good dog to help him during the "curt" is covered with the stare of the audience. The profession seem to know this, too. A clever stage dog is usually accompanied by a very poor partner. But everything goes, and doggie keeps the audience in the best of humor. And what rare intelligence many of these four-legged footlights favorites do exhibit. They know their cues and seldom blunder in their act, and evidently understand the nature of the scenery, fully appreciating the applause. The dog truly elevates the stage. He furnishes an object lesson of affection that touches the hardest heart. The most brutish nature warms toward doggie. Perhaps it is fellow who kicked him yesterday will follow his foot to-morrow. If the dog drama can accomplish this much, its mission will be fulfilled. What the strange dog does, your dog can do. So be kind, patient, forgiving. Talk to him as you would to a child. You will be surprised when you find what an astute and sagacious animal he is, but a friend that will stick to you through thick and thin.

REPUTATIONS are the heavy stakes in the game of life.

PEDDLE takes a fall when the dunde slips up on a banana peel.

THREE are plugging times—stone plugging times.

NATURAL gas promises to hurt the faith of the world. A Southern cripple, shocked by a little explosion, threw away his cane and walked. Self-preservation is the first law of nature, to be sure.

THE bursters who want to bounce London follow out of the schools will probably object to the Bible before the crusade is over.

THE baseball players will not make a ton of world next winter. They will be left on bases, so to speak.

AFTER giving Europe Buffalo Bill and the tariff bill America should feel satisfied.

THE painters are engaged in a brush between themselves.

CHINA proposes to make a naval display off the Pacific coast. We are not afraid of Chinese crocodiers, but her fleet is not so meagered.

THE photograph cannot reproduce the voice of Nature.

"WHAT becomes of the girls?" is an oft-asked question. Well, a good many of them are on the way to the end of their tether in burlesques in which shape counts instead of speech or song has almost cornered the female help market.

IRON manufacturers are first-class organizers.

It's easier to find natural gas than pipe it. Let it remain in the generator until the mains are down, gentlemen.

THE tariff bill will gold plate tin plate.

JOHN JARRET says Pittaton is no friend of labor. When you tell the coal miners this, John, you are liable to be laughed at.

IF the Delamater managers want to identify X. Y. Z. all they have to do is to see Emery for a stander.

CONGRESS will clean up before it adjourns. The job will not be through unless the Record is burned.

MR. PATTERSON seems to be drawing bigger crowds than a country fair.

"Don't spoil the park by quarreling over the entrance seats, guardians."

JUSTICE does not travel with a leaden heel in Canada. Brehal has been tried, convicted and sentenced to the gallows in less than time it takes to secure a jury in this country. If Canada is annexed don't disturb the court machinery.

THE straw hat shooting season is here to stay—also the straw vote feud.

COLORADO CONGRESSMAN MILLER is getting there with a vengeance. It is a long introduction, a resolution asking for a quarter of a million to build a monument to the colored soldiers who went to sleep on a battle field. Mr. Miller utterly forgets that the surplus melted while his contest hung fire.

STAGSTREET girls are disillusioned when they strike light houses.

OVER a week ago a special cable to THE DISPATCH told about a Kentuckian forcing an insistent London hotel clerk to publicly apologize to an assemblage of Americans. It happened yesterday. The Kentuckian was contemporaneous. It is old enough to wear whiskers now. If you want the news before it's over-ripe, read THE DISPATCH.

How does the busy candidate improve each riding hour. As so of the State his riding is in state. On his great soft-soaping tour.

MORE plants than preserves will be potted by good homesteaders this season.

THE lights of the sea shore will not produce hydrophobias.

The record of the Johnson food fund promises to be as sensational as the Congressional Record. This charity should be treated by the breach of scandal.

DEAD men, like all bad conductors, are always knocking down.

RHODE ISLAND'S cotton cotton could be appropriated in a ball.

CHICAGO has chosen a site for the Fair. New York has chosen a monument planned. The tariff bill hangs by a cord in the air. While Congress prepares to disband.

THE sad things of life disappear one by one. And happiness reigns over all. But our euphonia won't fill until John gets his gun. And shoots people who pay for baseball.

EXPRESS YOUR OPINION.

On Topics of Interest in Pittsburgh by Voting at Dispatch Headquarters.

The Exposition has entered upon its fifth week. The local voting inaugurated by THE DISPATCH has touched a popular chord, and voters have been anxious to express their views on important matters through its columns. Ever since the opening the headquarters of THE DISPATCH, in the commodious space occupied by the Brunswick-Balk-Collender Billiard Company, have been surrounded by throngs anxious to ballot upon questions of the hour. This week some vital topics have been selected, and all are requested to vote yes or no to the questions. The box, which opens and closes with the Exposition every day and night.

WEDNESDAY'S VOTING TOPIC.

Should an Iron Tower, Glass Palace and Coal and Coke Dome be erected to advertise Pittsburgh's Resources? Open to voters of both sexes.

On account of the interest attaching to the essays setting forth the best means to promote the future greatness and prosperity of Pittsburgh, THE DISPATCH has decided to publish these essays in the course of the week. They are as follows: "What the State University," "Should a Coal and Coke Dome be erected to advertise Pittsburgh's Resources?" "Should an Iron Tower, Glass Palace and Coal and Coke Dome be erected to advertise Pittsburgh's Resources?"

MR. SCOTT'S CONDITION.

The Impression Prevails That He is Far Worse Than Has Yet Been Stated.

The condition of Hon. William L. Scott, of Erie, is still critical. Although his physicians have expressed some hope that he may recover, the impression generally prevails that he is far worse than has yet been stated. Dr. Pepper, of the State University, was summoned to Erie on the 29th inst. to consult with Dr. Brewster, his Erie physician, and this seemed to confirm the impression that he was badly injured. It is stated that he has been taken to the sea coast early in the month current. Mr. Scott has long been a victim of dyspepsia, and at times has been much tortured by it. His condition has been made known to the public at some time, but he has not been in the habit of making a public display of his ailment.

Then, he always has a fight of some sort or other on his mind. He has been engaged in some of the most important financial and political work of his life, and he has been very