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THE INDIAN AGITATION.

The last reports from the Indian agencies are to the effect that the danger of hostilities, which had been previously exaggerated, is nearly over. The excited Indians have been restored to their senses by the approach of winter, the majority of them have come in to get their rations, and their pacification until spring is now almost assured. By incompetence if full precautions to prevent an uprising are not taken.

The crisis being past there are intimations at the implication of Government agents. Exactly how the officers of the Government tion is not plain; but it is a singular fact that the old agents who were displaced to make room for the appointees of the present markante influence in the pacification of the

the facts unsparingly made public. There certainly could be no mor commentary on the spoils system of politics than the displacement of the men who have under their successors the army has to be called out and the old agents appealed to. in order to avert the danger of a savage out- secure that position; but we do not apprebreak.

### WANAMAKER'S REPORT.

The annual report of Postmaster General Wansmaker, which THE DISPATCH publishes to-day, shows that the Postal Department is in a satisfactory condition. The growth of the mail service during the past year has been remarkable, as the increase of five million dollars in gross revenues and the addition of over five thousand new postoffices sufficiently attest. Mr. Wanamaker is justified in taking pride in the practical evidence of economy in the administration of the Department which he is able to produce, and it is pleasant to learn that his ardor is unsubdued in the perfection of improvements in the handling of mails. The opposition of the anti-lottery bill appears to have had good results already, and the public will echo heartily the Postmaster General's joy on this score. The report contains recommendations and plans for the further improvement of postal facilities, both domestic and international, which with Mr. Wanamaker's renowed advocacy of a government telegraph deserve careful consideration.

### OUR ANTIQUATED CAPITOL.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth, in his report to Governor Beaver, prior to laying down the office for a Congressional career, calls attention to the disgracefully inadequate Capitol building at Harrisburg. As the Philadelphia Times says: "It is a striking comment on the peanut politics that have so long disgraced Pennsylvania, that the books and documents of the State Department can find no other resting place than a loft that must be reached with a ladder when the documents are wanted and in which they are entirely without protection from fire."

It is true that Pennsylvania, the second State of the Union in wealth and population, has a Capitol building which would be inadequate and discreditable for a fourth or fifth-class State. It was erected when the wealth and population of Pennsylvania were about equal to those of Wisconsin or Minnesota at the present time; and it is one of the singular features of our politics that the opportunities for political spoils afforded by the construction of a new and costly Capitol have never been utilized by our politicians. This suggests that it may be better to get plong with the shabby and inadequate old building than reproduce the scandals that have attended the building of State capitols in other States. The example of New York is, to people who have a desire for honesty in public administration, a decided deterrent from advocating the construction of such a State building as would be in accordance

with Pennsylvania's magnitude and needs. If our legislators and State officials can rise to the height of devising a plan by which a new capitol of architectural merits and adequate accommodations can be built on ne husiness like a basis and with as entire freedom from jobbery, as the Allegheny county Court House, the public would willingly indorse the policy of building such a and foreible judicial denunciation of them

embellishments of jobbery and dishonesty.

THE PIG IRON INDUSTRY.

The declaration of the turnace proprietors While prices were by no means inflated, they iron and coke interests in common.

It has been obvious, however, that the margin above cost of production in the pig | purposes. iron industry was not so great that any material reduction of prices could be borne without a corresponding reduction in the a pity that he cannot have a chance to apcost of production. The pig iron producers | ply that principle to some of the gigantic ciaim that the time has arrived when these factors of cost must be calculated on a closer scale. It is evident that such a claim is not one to be lightly made or contemptuously refused a hearing. If it is properly rely on the pig iron producers. The railblast furnaces are not enabled to run, the railroads and coke manufacturers will lose may be, more, in the obliteration of a part of their market, than they would by moderate concessions in their charges.

But there is ground for suspecting that that announcement is aimed more especially at an object not specified than at those that are. The railroads getting a remunerative business from the pig iron interests can doubtless pay expenses, fixed charges and dividends, much more easily out of reduced rates than they can by keeping up the rates and losing traffic. The same can be said of the coke interests. But a factor in the cost of pig iron manufacture, as important as railroad freights and coke put together, is the price of ore. It is also the fact that the increase in the price of the ore necessary to make a ton of pig iron, on account of the improvement a year or more ago, was greater than that in railroad freights and ore. Under those circumstances it is possible to think that, although the blast furnace managers do not say so, their movement will be be more urgently levelled in the direction of a reduction in the price of ore than on that time it will be nothing but singular the price of coke or the railroad freight rates.

This opinion is strengthened by the talk of an agreement to shut down on the 1st of of investigation into the trouble which hint January. If the pig iron business were absolutely at a losing level, no agreement to shut down would be necessary. The furnace could be connected with this general agita- that shut down first would lose the least, and get in the best shape for resumption when the market revived. On the other hand, if there is any profit on production such an admissistration have been able to exert a re- agreement would be valueless, simply because it would not be kept. But the agree-Indians. If there is any suspicion of dis- ment might be well suited for negotiations honesiv or injudicious treatment on the part with the ore companies, which are generally of a y efficials who have charge of agencies | made at about the first of the year, and the the investigation should be thorough and presentation of a united front by the large buyers of ore might be of decided influence on the price in the contracts of 1891.

Naturally if the furnacemen can get moderate concessions on the cost of ore, kept the Indians quiet and contented, while freights and coke, they will very much improve their position for the coming year. No one can blame them for earnest efforts to hend that either their efforts or the necessities of the case, will require the general suspension of production that is talked of.

### SOLVENT BUT SOUEEZED.

The failure of the Philadelphia banking firm, B. K. Jamison & Co., which occurred vesterday, is a regretable result of the pres ent financial stringency. The revelations as to the causes of the failure are not at all alarming; they show nothing more than the inability of a conservative firm to realize their assets in the face of an emergency which could not have been foreseen. The firm has enjoyed a high reputation, and at one time were the fiscal agents of this city. It would appear that circumstances favor Jameson & Co.'s resumption, and the failure in point of fact ought rather to prove a temporary resumption. With the improving condition of the money market there is no reason to tear any extension of the financial disturbance in this State.

GOOD ANTI-TRUST DOCTRINE.

The decision by Judge Gordon, of the Philadelphia Common Pleas, on an application for a charter of an alleged retail coal company adds another to the long list of judicial declarations against combinations in restraint of transit, under circumstances which bring into strong relief the contempt with which the strongest and wealthiest combinations are treating the unanimous declarations of the bench as to their illegality. The application in this case was for a charter for a retail coal company, in which the retail coal dealers were to be combined, and the statement of its purpose was "to promote the business of such retail coal dealers as may become members thereof, and to protect them from unwarranted increase in sales and prices." The remarkable object of protecting the retail coal dealers against the calamity of an increase of sales, rightly attracted the judicial attention; and in his opinion, Judge Gordon made the following pointed characterization of the prevalent combination policy:

As a matter of fact, beneath all its bungling disguises and half-disclosed purposes, it is obvious that the intention of this proposed con poration is to commit acts that are not only injurious to the community and against public policy, but also indictable as a criminal con-

spiracy. "Whether it be termed a 'trust,' a 'pool." 'combination' or a 'trade organization,' it is still an unlawful combination in general re straint of trade, and for the purpose of regulating the price and controlling the supply of what, in effect, is a necessary of life. All com binations of this character intended to inter fere with trade in its natural and ordinary movement, as governed by supply and demand are unlawful. Such criminal compacts are not infrequently heard of in our modern life are more often suspected to exist, and are some-times disclosed in the courts, but this is the first time we have known judicial sanction with corporate powers and privileges to be asked for

This is sound and commendable doctrine but it is one of the ironies of the fates, which appear to preside over this whole subject of monopolistic combinations, that this pointed

buildings; but it cannot afford to have nor curat lez, the greater and more farbuildings of even half the cost put up with reaching combinations rise serenely above the principles of law and justice. It is a notorious fact that the whole anthracite coal trade is under the control of a combination which limits production and orders the enof the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys, tire industry of a district to stand idle, and that they must shut down their establish- is not disturbed by law simply because it ments at the beginning of next year unless | does not take the trouble to ask the authorthey can obtain material concessions in ity of the law for anything it does. On the freight charges and the price of coke, in other hand, this proposed combination is troduces an interesting and important one of the smallest retailers in the business, question. For the past year or more the and could hardly have controlled the maractivity of the iron trade has been such that ket in any way. Indeed, the attorney for the interests which turnished the furnaces | the applicants says that the purpose of the with transportation have enjoyed good rates. | charter was to run a coal yard at which the applicants, who are peddlers of coal, could permitted the makers of pig iron to pay fair get their stock in trade at cost. In that prices for their fuel and remunerative rates | case, the applicants are to be commiserated for the transportation of their raw material on their bad luck in not employing an atand product. The result has been a season of torney with sense enough to state clearly prosperity and activity for the railroad, pig the legitimate purpose of an organisation instead of shrouding it under mysterious and incongrous professions of illegitimate

Judge Garven's decision was, of course, based on the principle of the thing, but it is combinations instead of one of the smallest.

THE JAIL DELIVERY. The Western Penitentiary lost two of its inmates last night that the community can founded in the course of the market it will ill afford to gain. The murderer and the compel the attention of the interests which burglar, it is to be hoped, will soon be returned to their cells, and it is hardly posroads and coke companies have shared the sible that they can remain at large long, for prosperity of the pig iron interests, and it is | the alarm followed close upon the heels of no more than fair that, if for the steady pro- their escape. The possibility of a human duction of the industry a contraction of the tiger getting loose in this fashion is one of elements of costs is necessary, they should the best arguments for capital punishment. share that also. Not only is this fair, but If the hangman had attended to McGraw there is a compulsion in the fact that, if the his career of uselessness would not have been indefinitely prolonged, as now it

A GOOD SIGN.

The latest accounts from Oklahoma indicate that the ameliorating influences of civilization are doing their work there. The telegraphic account of a controversy between two members of the Legislature states that they went outside of the House and "clinched," but refrained from coming to blows. This is encouraging. In the early day of Oklahoma, a difference of opinion would result in the disputants getting out their field artillery without leaving the floor of the House. But in less than two years they have reached the stage of good order where they do not even come to blows. This rapid progress warrants the hope that in a short time the Oklahoma Legislature will be more orderly than the National House of Representatives. It can never be as dignified-or as dull-as the Senate.

WE find in the Philadelphia Press the following as an example of the desperate condition of the English under the system of taxation in this country: "In free trade England, where the blessings of direct taxation prevail, a man cannot keep a dog-cart, light vehicle o carriage without a license." It is neither sur prising to find this presented as an example of the oppressive taxation in England, inasmuch as protectionist Pittsburg has exactly the same sort of vehicle license tax. It may be an antiquated form of taxation, but the people of Pittsburg had not found out that they were ground down in the dust by it before the Press told them.

IT IS reported that Speaker Reed is apprehensive that he may not bave a working quorum for business when the House meets, next Mon day. The Speaker seems to have become con vinced from recent events that the policy of counting a quorum anyhow is liable to run

AFTER the goose bone and oyster-shells, and various other inanimate weather prophets | Who when looking into their glas have got in their full work for a hard winter, calculated to restore the cornstalk to popularity to learn that it predicts that the back-bone of the coming winter will be broken before it begins to have an existence. With gas at 15 cents a thousand and still going up, the cornstalk will merit public gratitude if it can bring about a verification of its prophecy

THE appearance of White Caps in New England indicates the need of that as well as ther sections of the country for a vigorou administration of justice which will set the ruffians who undertake to regulate their neighbors by mob law at useful work in the peni-

tentiary. THE statement that while the Louisians lottery's circulars are stopped in the United States mails, those of foreign lotteries are carried by international postal agreement. If we suppress our domestic gambling shops, we need not feel any especial responsibility for the foreign variety. But international postal agreements which permit foreigners to violate our laws, should be subject to amendment.

AND now West Chester, Pa., discover, that her consus is nearly 60 per cent short of a full enumeration. If Pittsburg would take the same course that West Chester did, namely, straightforward recount by the local author ties, she might make a similar discovery.

WHEN it was learned that the Charley Ross discovered by the New York Police De partment and the World did not wish the discovery to be made public, because he expecte to go to Chicago when the World's Fair is opened and do a big business on the strength of the announcement at that time, it was plain that this was not a good enough Charley Ross to last until after the election

WINTRY weather like that of vesterday is a vast improvement on the fall weather which preceded it. If the winter keeps on the way it has begun we may have some compen sation for the wet season of 1890.

A CONFERENCE which took place th other day between Governor Hill and Colonel Dan Lamont is thought by the New York papers to be pregnant with political results Possibly, however, it may be more pregnant with results to the New York corporations which Colonel Lamont has been industriously exploiting since he retired from public pos

THE death of the King of Holland affords a new example of the princely lines which began gloriously and ended by a complete peter ing out of mental and moral qualities.

THE spaniel "Yip," one of whose bone has been utilized in a New York hospital for grafting upon the leg of a boy has been rechristened "Charity." The sentiment of the new name is appropriate; but if the spaniel's on could be consulted the char that it would be decidedly to the effect that charity begins at home.

IF the gas shortage continues much longer it may provoke an inquiry whether companies have adopted the favorite corporate method of limiting the production of gas.

Now that Mr. Jay Gould has shown his financial ability to buy up various railroads it would seem a good time for the Govern ment to request him to pay that little bill which the Union Pacific owes the Government, By so doing he would add undoubted value to his recently acquired property.

Africa's Distribution. From the New York Times.

So much of the contention over Africa I made by England, Germany, Portugal and Italy that comparatively few people may know that France has a larger part of the Dark Continent under her control than any of these countries and than any other power. The figstructure for the benefit of the State. Pennsylvania can well afford the cost of attractive and honestly constructed State munity. On the principle of de minimus 1,036,000 for Great Britain,
1,036,000 for Gremany, and 775,000 for Portugal. SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON.

THE sins of women occupy more pages in

DID you in your young days live where the winter came earlier than it does here? If so the first snowflake made your eyes dance and your heart jump, didn't it? When you awoke early in the morning and saw frost on the window panes and snow on the ledges and hedges you didn't tarry long in the warm bed, did you? Visions of a smooth, white roadway up the long hill, bright ice on the big pond and the slow running river, huge balls rolled in the covered meadows, rude white fashioned by mitted sculptors, redcheeked merry maidens-sleds, skates, snowshoes, toboggans-came with the tracery the pane and the flakes on the trame. In your ears echoed the jingle of silvery bells, the joyous cries of a merry company, the laughs that go with a romp in the snow, a slide down the hill, a race on the see. The chill warmed the heart, the frost freshened the blood, the snow sunned the sorrow. children of the Northland where winds out and frosts sting, where the air is dry, the snow crisp, tae drifts high, winter is hailed with thi dish carnest joy. Mitted and muffled they roam over the ice-coated stream and through the snow-covered fields-tireles and tearless. They see not the shivers of the aged, the low fires of the poor, the frost-bitten fingers of the gloveless, the sweller feet of the shoeless. The chill that creeps into the chinks of the cabin warms before it reaches the nest under the thatch. The frost that means a frolic for the youth means a struggle for the elders, of course. But the happy little broods sleeping on feathers and straw are snow-blind to the orrows and the trials that come with the wintry blasts. And surely their merry laughter breaks through the white woe which settles on some. The sparkle of their bright eyes, the vapor of their hot breaths, the roses on their chubby cheeks shed light and heat in the frost-bitten homes. The chill, too, makes all charitable. In the winter we visit the abodes of the weepers. In the springtime we visit the graves of the sleepers. Sunshine for the one, flowers for the other.

PLUCK can give luck cards and spades and

THE woman who wears a leveled off hat to he theater is very level headed.

SHE is a King's Daughter, she lives o'er the water, Her home is in Allegheny; My heart's in a flutter, I love no one but her. And we will be married some day.

LEATHER balls are crowding out the leather overed books in the colleges. THE soldiers seem to be the only ones on the

warpath out West. THIS is splendid weather for the great human

andicap. THE deeds performed in Africa seem to be darker than the country or its people,

TO THE GIRL IN CHEAP CALICO. You can sing of your silken-clad fair ones. And rave bout the jewels they wear: You can tell us the cost of the rare ones That sparkle on fingers and hair. Choicest flowers that bloom in fine vases Fade sooner than others, you know; Hollow hearts can beat under the laces. True hearts 'neath the cheap calico.

You can talk of the joys and the pleasures Wealth brings to the fortunate fair, Who can toy with the earth's richest treasures, And seemingly live without care. To the world they present joyous faces-In secret their tears only flow; Surely some of them long to change places

With girls who wear cheap cali You can drink to the health of the beauties Who keep step with Fashion's advance: Who are foremost in all worldly duties, Who lead in Society's dance, When Pleasure robs eyes of their brightness,

Do they long for the bloom and heart lightness Of girls dressed in cheap calico? So I sing to the blooming sweet lasses Who gaily life's burdens endure. See faces health-tinted and pure. May they never know heart-breaking sorrow As onward and upward they go:

With faces no longer aglow,

And some day-that coming To-morrow Wear a veil over cheap calico. IF children have pets they are less liable to

become pettish. MR. ACRES gave away Cleveland's letter bout Ingalls. Grover is now sorry he cultivated Acres' acquaintance.

TWELVE per cent of England's industrial lasses are women. The men are needed for the army.

THE eagle has once more resumed his place at the head of the procession. BREECHES of promise-The young heir's first

pair of trousers. JUDGING from the number of marriages at present there will be a pig demand for house for residence purposes this winter.

THE Yale lock seems to prove as effective on the football field as on the houses. In the sunshine of affection woman reaches

HEALTHY people are happy, hence the pursuit of health also means the pursuit of happi-

Women prefer plain speaking to plain dress-IF some one could patent an ink warranted to fade out of sight a few days after the letter

was written breach of promise cases would be THE only thing Sarah Bernhardt cannot

grasp in "Cleopatra" is the beauty of the In the correspondents were called off the Indian war would terminate.

JAY GOULD says he never owned a gun in his life, and never went gunning for anybody. Surely he manipulated a squirt gun when he watered some of his stocks.

PHILADELPHIA has 200 undertakers. No

ronder it's a dead town. HE who smiles and looks at ease When grief is in his heart, More people manages to please

Because a genial smiling eye And jovial mien, forsoo Is, like a cunning pleasant lie, More relished than the truth Ir begins to look as if the Indian scare wa

Than he who shows pain's smart,

tten up to draw attention to the army. Don Cameron has decided to succeed him self. He holds a tight mortgage on the Sen-atorship, and the newspapers talking about it are only wasting space.

THE bottom has dropped out of one of Uncle Sam's cruisers. Fortunately she settled on the ottom of a dry dock. THEY are arranging for the marriage of the

)-year-old Queen of Holland to a 36-year-old chap. The Powers should forbid the banns. Tur Indian Messiah is an artful dodger.

Canes are the only signs of support some well dressed young men show. apt to be engaged sooner than her less favored

POVERTY may make us gentle, but hunger nakes us brutal.

Mariah McLane Short died yesterday at ne of Incurables, Eighteenth ward, at the syears. The funeral will occur to-day at THE wolves in sheep's clothing are the ones that fleece their fellows. WILLIE WINKLE

Peter Miller's Advertisement for a Wife Brings Him an Answer. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE. NEW YORK, November 28 .- There is a letter at the Barge Office for Peter Miller, who is oking for a wife from among the immigrants. Peter's matrimonial request has been written about in the papers, and a letter was received to-day, of which the following is a verbatim

CATASAQUA. November 27.—Dear Sir: 1 have seen a advertisement in the Philadefia Rekord about a Man by name of Peter Miller in search of a wife i would be very Pleased to hav him Send me his Photograth this is all 1 have to Say at Presents Miss May McKeever, Katasaqua, Lehigh County Pa.

swamped beneath the flood of inquiry.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. C. P. HUNTINGTON began life as a tin

This letter will be sent to Peter Miller for

Call for Football Shoes

The demand for football shoes at present is

(Mc.) Journal Manufacturers say that the

call has trebied since 1885. No shoe called for

must be so tough and elastic as the article worn

by those who play football. A favorite style is

to make the upper of light-colored French calf, made with or without the ankle pad, as spikes

or rubber soles are not allowed in football

tremely useful and popular.

Leather cleats running across the soles are ex-

mething unprecedented, says the Lewiston

SHE WANTS TO WED.

A LATE estimate of John D. Rockefeller's ortune places it at \$125,000,000. SENATOR INGALLS is arranging to build a arge business block in Atchison.

LORD BALTIMORE'S portrait in oil has been offered to the city of Baltimore for \$750. J. C. RICE, of Mechanicville, N. Y., who is ale and hearty at 84, was present when the water was let into the Champlain Canal, and met the water from Lake Erie in the Erie Canal, in 1823.

TEDDIE GOODWIN, 6 years old, of Camella Ga., is a little hero. The gown of his 2-year-old sister caught fire, and, with commendable presence of mind, he tore off his jacket and smothered the flames.

THE Tichborne claimant is at present engaged as a barman in a public house in Birmingham. He makes himself generally useful, and in the evening he lectures in the smoke room. It is said that he gets £12 a week and all found. IT appears from the souvenirs of the Baron de Barante, which are about to be published, that Talleyrand fled to America menaced by the

Reign of Terror, his worldly wealth consisting of 25 louis-d'ors, and that Magame De Stael prevented him from committing suicide by obtaining for him a post. MR. STEAD writes of Mr. Morley that he neither rides, nor skates, nor bicycles, nor goes a-fishing. No one ever heard of him playing at cricket, or rowing, and his interest in lawn tennis is solely that of a spectator. It has been so from his youth up, his pleasures being those of the intellect. He revels in long walks across that extremely cold weather usually thins out.

the bills, or solitary meditations in country lanes. But, on the whole, he is probably happrest if you give him a book and a shady seat in a quiet garden. Give him a favorite book and a familiar garden seat, and he has all that can most minister to his pleasurable content. MAJOR GENERAL MOLINA GUIROLA, the recently appointed Minister of Salvador to the United States, is a man of distinguished appearance, was educated in the Salvadorian Military Academy, and has fought in the battles of the

republic for 20 years. His present appointment was conferred by President Ezeta in recognition of his services during the recent war with Guatemala, when he acted as General Minister, olding for a time all the Cabinet portfolios. In 1876, while fighting against Guatemala, he lost a leg. General Guirola intends to bring his family to this country soon, and have his sons educated

## SALES OF MILLETS ANGELUS.

A Statement of Its Different Sales and In-

creasing Valuation. From the Pall Mall Budget.] Here is a table setting forth the strange ventful story of the appreciation of Millet's 'Angelus." The picture has been bought, by the way, not for the Gallery of the Louvre (as has been stated), but for the private gallery of M. Chauchard, who was formerly a director of d by the painter to M. Feydaau....

Who sold it to M. blane (of Monaco). Who passed it on to Mr. Stevens, who sold When, after passing through several hands, it was bought by M. Wilson ... At whose sale M. Secretan bought in.
At whose sale the American Art Associa22,000

While M. Proust for the French Govern-#2, 120 

#### Chauchard for ..... THE BRAZILIAN PLEET

NEW YORK Herald: We have a goodly show of armed vessels in the Hudson just now. and their black and white hulls give the river a decidedly picturesque appearance. They are not exactly graceful, it must be admitted, but they have a certain bulldog look which gratifies

our pugnacity. PHILADELPHIA Press: The Brazilian fleet met in New York yesterday a naval and official welcome, which is, after all, but a faint expression of the cordial feeling in this country toward our great neighbor in the south. No the world has greater undeveloped resources than Brazil, and none is more interested in seeing them developed than the United

NEW YORK Press: The greetings which have been extended to the Brazilian fleet in New York harbor, the banqueting and the kind expressions to our visitors have been some-thing more than the formal courtesies of American to Brazilian naval officers. They are the heartfelt greetings of the oldest republic on this continent to the youngest, and they mean that 63,000,000 people in the United States

are unanimous in welcoming Brazil to the growing sisterhood of republics. SPRINGFIELD Republican: Never before in our naval history have United States ships of war gone out to Sandy Hook to welcome the ships of a foreign power. The invariable rule has been to await their salute of our forts in the harbor. But the Yorktown and Dolphin Tuesday were sent out to return the rare compliment paid our squadron at the Brazilian capital. These violations of precedent are not ill-advised. The closer and more friendly our relations with South American nations, the better for all of us will it be.

## SOME CHINESE STATISTICS.

Interesting Facts Concerning Land Values and Family Holdings. Tsheng-Ri-Tong, in Asiatic Quarterly Review. ?

Statistics are often very valuable aids to the proper understanding of the actual state of affairs in a country. The following statistical figures will speak for themselves; and though they are only approximate, they are not ex-The total value of our cultivated land in

China now exceeds the sum of £72,000,000,000; this sum, divided among 400,000,000 inhabitants, leaves to each individual the sum of £180, single family, on the average, consists of six to seven people; this would give the family a capital of £1,080, and as money is at least six times as valuable in China as in the West, and without even considering the great domestic economy where there is joint family life, the sum of at least £6,000 would, according to Western ideas of value, represent the average capital in land at the disposal of a family of six members.

### DEATHS OF A DAY.

Mrs. Margaret M. Hutchison. Mrs. Margaret M. Hutchison died vesterdaafternoon at the age of 63 years. She was the wife of David Hutchison, a wealthy and influentia resident of the Sixth ward. The funeral will oc-cur Sunday evening at her late home, corner Stevenson and Sluff streets. Wrs. W. K. Woodwell.

K. Woodwell, of the weil-known firm of Joseph Woodwell & Co., died yesterday at 12:15 P. M. The funeral will take place from the family residence on Penn avenue, near Lang avenue, Monday 51:2 P. M. Mrs. Mariah Short.

THE TOPICAL TALKER.

A Sign of Impatien

A GOOD many people ask for David Hender-son or his brother Wemyss during the day at Murray & Hammond's office, opposite the Duquesne Theater. The Hendersons have made the office of the bill-posting firm a sort of headquarters, nominally perhaps, for they might declare, as a certain general on the Union side did-to his own discomfiture-that their headquarters has been "in the saddle" for the last three months. About a hundred messenger boys, theatrical people, and others bent on business, including a good showing of reporters, asked big Mr. Murray or his equally urbane partner, Mr. Hammond, yesterday to tell them when the Hendersons would be in, until the business of bill-posting bade fair to be

About 8 o'clock, when the two hundred and seventh person, by actual count, had opened the door, letting in a blast of cold air from without and getting a hot blast from within in answer to the query: "Where is Mr. Henderson?" Mr. Murray arose and directed an artistic genius, who happened to be within call, to paint a sign to order. A sheet of fair, white paint a sign to order. A sheet of the artist paper was produced, and upon this the artist painted in red letters, beneath a floral design painted in red letters, beneath a floral design n black and crimson, representing the last rose of summer in an advanced stage of decay, this touching legend:

> MR. HENDERSON Will be in When He Comes Back. Yours Truly,

This sign now awaits anxious inquirers and has already given great satisfactin to its projectors.

MURRAY AND HAMMOND.

The Hunters Were Happy. E NOUGH gunpowder to blow this community to-next Thanksgiving, say-was burnt by the sportsmen of Pittsburg on Thursday. At one establishment which makes a business of

loaning guns by the day or week, every available shotgun had been lent when Thanksgiving Eve came, and the total number of requests for small artillery reached the astounding number of \$00. If the stories of the hunters who turned up lame and more or less disfigured, yesterday, are to be accepted as samples of the general experience, all the quail, rabbits, pheasants and other small game in Allegheny county are dead. It was a pretty good day fo hunting, everybody agrees, and it may be taken for a fact that more game dinners have been eaten here in the last day or two than for many years past. The abundance of quail continue to be a source of wonder and rejoicing where ever Johnny gets his gun in Western Pennsylvania. The open winters that we have enjoyed in this latitude for two years have brought some sort of a recompense to the hunters by ensuring the survival of quail and other birds

Freedom or Death. On Thanksgiving night when the train stopped at Freedom, a station about 20 miles down the Fort Wayne road, two stalwart girls, weighing about 300 pounds net, did not dis cover that they had reached their destination till the conductor reached for the bell con to give the signal to start. They were panicstricken, of course, and as heavyweights of the feminine genderare apt to do, they stood not upon the order of their going. There were a good many standing in the car when this heavy brigade of two made its charge, but few were tanding a minute later. Pickett's charge or that of the light brigade were nothing to it,

As the train pulled out leaving the pair of Amazons in good order beside the track, a stout man who had fallen in the confusion against the stove remarked: "That must have been the wild rush for Freedom I've so often heard about."

A Sovereign Remedy.

"COULD you give me something," said a young man whose face was long enough for three men and a boy and as cheerful as a map of the Dark Continent, yesterday, to a clerk in a downtown drugstore. "Could you give me something that would blot out the last chapter of the past, obliterate yesterday, inthe Magasins du Louvre (hence the confusion). spire me with charity, make the world seem to

120 dyspepsia, and bring my tongue and my head back to something like normal size?" "You have been giving thanks I see," said the philanthropic compounder of drugs, as he poured out about three fingers of a dark fluid under the counter, "and need a dose of hair

restorer." "Hair restorer?" echoed the invalid.

"Yes-hair of the dog that bit you!"

How His Word Went. COME Pittsburg parties were drilling a well last month in the Brush Creek field, and a farmer whose land adjoined the well agreed wanted it. They had the derrick up and the

well had been drilling for a good while when

an oil scout representing another firm got hold

of the honest farmer and tried to induce him to let him have the lease. "No, I can't do that," said the farmer; "I've given my word to them fellers drilling over there. I wouldn't have no peace with my con science if I broke my word. My neighbors all know my word's out; 'twouldn't be right, an' my old woman'd take on terrible if-"See here, my friend," said the tempter, "you've given your word, you say-do you know what they'll do with you? That well's

nearly down, and if it's a duster they'll not give you a cent for your land, but if it comes in you'll not get anything like what your land's worth-not half what I'll give you, "If the well comes in big," the farmer repeated slowly, shutting one eye, "oh, wellwhy, then my word ain't guilty-my word ain't

THE DISPATCH to-morrow will hold 24 Pages. Just think, 192 columns of reading

#### tter for 5 cents. AN ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION.

It is Supported in Australia and Will b Scientific in Nature.

A generous Australian, who has already don much to promote the exploration of the South-ern Continent, says the Pall Mall Budget, has offered to contribute \$5,000 toward the pro-posed Antarctic Expedition, provided it is got to laughing as "Mrs. Partington," in the Bosup and equipped on an adequate scale. He has a strong hope that the various Australian Governments will come forward and share in the enterprise, and he does not think it would be expecting too much that the home Govern ment should also vote a sum for the very desirable object. The gentleman in question is confident that little can be accomplished with o small a sum as £10,000, and he guite disar proves of the proposal to combine commercial inquiries with scientific investigation. He is confident that in this, as in so many other cases, the interests of commerce will best be served by giving at first exclusive attenti

#### tion of data which will be useful to science THE NEW TELEGRAPH CABLES.

Important Communication by Cable With Southern Points.

From the New York Sun. 1 The preparations for laying a telegraph cable from Australia to British Columbia, across the Pacific Ocean, are advancing in an orderly way, and there are prospects of success in finding a suitable bed for the cable. The work of laying the new cable between Guatemala and the United States is making fair progress, and there is good hope that we shall so graphic communication with several countries of Central America. The two new cable enter prises here referred to are of great importance to the commerce of the world. We trust that both the telegraph lines will be in working order before this time of next year.

#### AN INDIAN CARRYING PLACE. The Spot is a Rich Field for the Gleaner

Curious Indian Relics. Between Phipsburg and Winnegance is an old carrying place, says the Kennebec (Me.) Journal, and the ground about there is still

covered with arrow heads, spear heads, gouges, hammers, tomahawks and numerous other mementoes of the stone age. It is a rich field for antiquarians. In fact, it is one of the most interesting spots in Maine, which is becoming the beauty of the most interesting spots in Maine, which is becoming the beauty of the most interesting spots in Maine, which is becoming the beauty of the most interesting spots in Maine, which is becoming the beauty of the contract of the most interesting spots in Maine, which is becoming the contract of the most interesting spots in Maine, and a massive physical frame, and a teresting spots in Maine, and in connection with which nearly all his life outside his own doors was passed. Bear antiquarians. In fact, it is one of the most interesting spots in Maine, and in connection with which nearly all his life outside his own doors was passed. Bear antiquarians. In fact, it is one of the most interesting spots in Maine, and a massive physical frame, and a market phy

A COMPLETE SUCCESS.

Brilliant Opening of the New Union League Club House-Lectures That Were Given and Are Yet to be Heard-Card Parties

and Receptions. The Union League Club donned its most estive attire last evening, and made its formal ow to the public in its cozy new club house on Penn avenue. As early as 8 o'clock everything was in reception order for the expected 50 guests. The chony-hued 'gentlemen's gentlenen" were in waiting at their posts of duty, the ebony-hued maids were anxiously awaiting the fair ladies, whose wraps they were to care the fair ladies, whose wraps they were to care for, and the committee in full dress and broad smiles meandered round their new possessions, and with pardonable pride viewed the beautiful floral decorations, when the electric lights, by condescending to shine, permitted such feasting of the eyes, and congratulated themselves and each other upon the fact that the initial reception of the Union League promised to be a grand success. Later on, the guests began to arrive, and Guenther's orchestra, stationed in a room on the second floor, that seemed designed especially for them, began the musical programme that added so much to the enjoyment of the evening.

Before 3 o'clock the rooms, so fresh and attractive in their artistic furnishings, and so fragrant with the profusion of cut flowers, were made even more enchanting by the throngs of handsomely attired ladies and gentlemen that filled them. Refreshments were served by Hagan, in the comfortable dining locm.

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The club is a new one—only about six weeks old—but claims already 125 members, all young men, and begins its career with pleasing prospects. The patronesses for last evening were: Mrs. Robert P. Duff, Mrs. John A. Mvler, Mrs. Edward A. Kitzmiller, Mrs. John E. Davidson, Mrs. Asaph T. Howand, Mrs. Hugh W. McKee, Mrs. Alexander M. Voigt, Mrs. Frank E. Moore; and the committee, F. E. Stewart, F. S. Carmack, H. C. Myler, J. T. Hughes and J. N. Cooke.

#### MELODY AND RHYTHM

To Distinguish the Twenty-Ninth Free Organ Recital This Afternoon. Melody and rhythm will distinguish the music of the twenty-ninth free organ recital at Carnegie Hall this afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock. The vocalist of the occasion will be Miss Ada Scandrett, the charming Northside singer. Her selections are unusually good, and she will be remembered especially as the singer

f popular concerts.
In instrumental numbers the programme is In instrumental numbers the programme is rich in high-class dance music, notable examples being Strauss' "Morgenbtatter Waltzes." and Gottschaller's "La Scintilla Mazurka." That pretty gavotte, "Loving Hearts," which Innes played as a trombone solo, will also be rendered. A potpourri of "Boccaccio" is also upon the programme.

at the first of this remarkably successful series

THE CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT. rranged for by the East Liberty Y. M. C.

A .- A Sunday Lecture. Tue Young Men's Christian Association of the East End have already prepared for their Christmas cutertainment. It will be given on Christmas night and will be a musical and literary entertainment. The programme inciudes the names of some of the best local members and their friends.

A special meeting of the fassociation will be held Sunday afternoon to hear Rev. S. A. Taggart's address on the subject: "The Work of the Association in the United States and Canada," This lecture begins at 4 o'clock P. M.

### WORK FOR THE DEACONESSES.

Mrs. Lucy Rider Myre to Talk on the Subject

Next Week. Mrs. Lucy Rider Myre, of Chicago, Manager of the Deaconess' Home and Training School, will be in the city next Tuesday and make two will be in the city next Tuesday and make two addresses on the subject of "Deaconess" Work in American Towns and Cities." In the afternoon at 2:30 Mrs. Myre will speak at the Christ M. E. Church on Penn avenue, and in the evening at the Smithfield Street M. E. Church.

The work of the deaconesses and city missionaries is just begun in Pittsburg, and this lady is the first to speak on the subject.

A Graceful Speaker.

Rev. P. S. Henson, of Chicago, in his lecture last evening at Old City Hall, sustained his reputation as a pleasing, graceful and interest ing speaker. "The Golden Calf" was the subing speaker. "The Golden Calf" was the sub-ject of his discourse, and the wit and humor for which Dr. Henson is noted, as well as his sound logic, pervaded the entire address. The lecture was the second of the Y. M. C. A.

A FAIR by the King's Sons and Daughters of the Shadyside Select School was held yesterday afternoon in Miss Ward's schoolrooms, on Ellsworth avenue. The proceeds will assist in furnishing a bed in the Homeopathic Hospital. THE Rt. Rev. John Watson, D. D., of Columbus, will lecture at Lafayette Hall, on the

evening of December 4, on the subject, "The Papacy." The lecture is to be given under the auspices of the Columbus Club. REV. DR. T. J. LEAK delivered a lecture

last evening, in the Walton M. E. Church, or Through Palestine on Horseback," which he made very interesting. THE advanced class of Thuma's dancing academy will give an evening reception on Monday evening, December 1, 1890, from 8 to 12

and, gave a very pleasant card party last even

MISS BIRDIE FINK, of Buena Vista street, THE DISPATCH to-morrow will hold 24

### matter for 5 cents.

MRS. PARTINGTON'S DEATH, BROOKLYN Eagle: In the quiet, almost un bserved death of Benjamin P. Shillaber in Boston yesterday, a death so like that kindly modest life, our noisy age loses a humorist it can ill afford to remember carelessly. NEW YORK Press: Alas! "Mrs. Partington" is no more. The genial Benjamin P. Shillaber has passed away and left a great big niche vacant in the temple of American humor. There

is nobody ready to exactly fill it, if there ever PHILADELPHIA Record: Unlike many of our modern humorists, who go up like a rocket and come down like a stick, Mr. Shillaber's work possessed the element of vitality; and

much of it, outside of its humorous conceits had a vein of tenderness running through it. NEW YORK Commercial Advertiser: As it has been more than 40 years since Benjamin ton Post, his name is naturally more of a household word with elderly people than with those of the rising generation. But his death will be felt as a loss by the whole country. SPRINGFIELD Republican: The creator of Mrs. Partington, who had been for years confined to a wheeled chair in his home at Chelsea,

events, died yesterday. A more bri genial spirit, one more filled with the milk of luman kindness, cheerful under the burdens of advancing years and strict confinement, is not often encountered. NEW YORK Star: The present generatio searcely knows Mrs. Partington. It was back n the forties that the good, motherly old lady, unconsciously funny and always lovable, made her debut. A quarter of a century and more ago she had a firm hold upon the affections of a

large and appreciative public. If the new lights of modern days have caused her to be over-

and yet kept the keenest interest in passin;

ooked, they have not obscured her lasting fame, for she has a permanent abiding place in American literature. PHILADELPHIA Bulletin: The death of B. . Shillaber, which occurred last evening, removes one of the foremost of American humorists. He was a pioneer in his line, and his unique creation, "Mrs. Partington," has be-come a household name throughout the land. Her queer ideas and highly original misuse of words have never been equalled by any of her numerous imitators. Even Dickens failed to make "Sairy Gamp" as good as "Mrs. Parting-ton," and "Peck's Bad Boy" is very far behind

"Ike" in point of fun without malice. Boston Herald: Mr. Shillaber was among the most gentle of humorists. There was no sting in any of his jokes. His wit always played about his subject without wounding. He had a refined taste, and was particularly at tracted to poetical composition. . . His heart had the warmest spot in it of all for the rethren of the printer's craft, in which he was bred, and in connection with which nearly all his life outside his own doors was passed. Ben

#### CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-The Greeians had songs appropriated to

the different trades. -In 1674, in England, the women extensively petitioned against the use of coffee.

-The two scourges of human communities are war, in its widest signification, and

-lu China less than 30,000 officials suffice to rule, in a most perfect manner, one-third of the world's inhabitants.

-Confucius teaches that the perfection of ourselves, and the perfection of others, consti-tutes the true human ideal. -It is said that Norwegians, on the first

sight of roses, dared not touch what they con-ceived were trees building with fire. -Prof. S. Keat has at last found & satisfactory origin of toboggan in the Micmac word tobankun, accented on the au, meaning a sled. -During the year the United States Gov-

sons and \$5,451,843 worth of property from 38 -For about 20 years after the introduction of coffee into England, there was a series of continual invectives against its adoption, both for medical and domestic ourposes.

ernment life-saving stations rescued 3,159 per-

-From the very earliest times in China great importance has been attached to encour-aging agriculture, and to rendering it more profitable by extensive systems of irrigation. -A Wyoming man raised 974 bushels of

potatoes on one acre of virgin soil this year. There were 22 800 hills. His profits were 5714, exclusive of the first prize of \$500 offered by the American Agriculturist. -Under two exceptional cases divorce is allowed in Chiua. The first is: Disobedience

accompanied by insult to the parents of the bushand; the second: Failure of heirs after the wife has reached a certain age. -In China man is attached to the soil, which returns to him a hundred-fold; in other countries large tracts are often acquired by

individuals, through marriage or otherwise and are left nearly uncultivated. -There is no clear proof of the use of tea in England before the middle of the seventeenth century, and yet one hears of Oliver Cromwell's tempor being in the possession of some over-zealous and credulous collector.

-It is authoritatively stated, as a great tribute to the industry and success of the Chinese in husbandry, that their ordinary workman earns on the average five times as much as he with a small family need to expend. -The ink of the ancients had nothing in common with ours but the color and gum.

Gallants, copperss and gum make up the com-position of our ink; whereas soot or ivory-black was the chief ingredient in that of the an--Fleet street journalism has increased by leaps and bounds in recent years. In 1866 there were 35 newspapers and periodicals published in Fleet street, three of them dailies; in 1890 there are more than 300, and 11 of them

-A curious French memoir says that we can only trace the rise of feux de joie, or fireworks, given merely for amusing spectacles to delight the eye, to the epoch of the invention of powder and cannon, at the close of the thir-teenth century. -The continual increase of the Chinese

the supplies the soil can yield; but as yet the contrary takes place; and apparently with the ncrease of workers a more than corresponding increase in yield is obtained. -Tradition has it that the natives of Virginia, the first time they seized on a quantity of gunpowder, which belonged to the English colony, sawed it for grain, expecting to reap a plentiful crop of combustion by the next har-vest, to blow away the whole colony.

population might, perhaps, eventually exceed

-The East Indian pipe of red clay-the worst and roughest material in use anywherelooks to the eye more like a bad imitation of a teapot than a pipe. In point of fact, it belongs to the hookah species, and it is constructed ac-cordingly, as a vessel for holding water. -The duties specially relegated to the

Chinese wife are the supervision of the household and the care of the old parents. There are no workhouses for the old and weak in China: the family quite replaces these benevolent institutions of the highly civilized West. -A service of carrier pigeons between Zanzibar and the more important posts of the interior of Africa is being organized. Preliminary trials have given every satisfaction, and is is intended to establish a chain of posts, 30 miles apart, between Lake Nyassa and the coast,

-In Handkow, China, which, with the

probably 2,000,000 inhabitants, there is on the average only one case of murder in 34 years. The Province of Tshill, with 25,000,000 inhabitants, had the maximum of 12 executi--The one part of the world in which no native pines and no native smokers have been

found is the Australian mainland. Its one solitary specimen of a pipe, formed out of the foot of an emu, is not of aboriginal workman-ship, but is the product of the higher intelli-gence of Malays or of Chinese immigrants. -A farmer of Alpharetta, Ga., has an cre of cotton, every stock of which is a deep red color, leaf, boll and bloom. This novel crop is the product of seed derived three years ago from two stalks of red cotton found in a cotton field. If this variety can be perpetuated it will likely mean a fortune for the successful

MRS. R. S. WIGHTMAN, of Craig street, Oak--In China an official is at once dismissed if a member of his family has committed a breach of the law. Consequently, it will be readily believed, that every official is exceedingly anxious to well regulate his family and to let it form a shining example of virtue to the people. According to Confucius he only can

govern a nation who knows how well to govern his family. -In the case of crimes of a particularly heinous character-parricide for instance-neighbors, local magistrates, and even whole villages in China are overwhelme grace, and suffer punishment of some kind. It is reasoned, that if the community had exercised sufficient salutary inducence, or if its moral tone had been as it ought to have been, such a crime could not have happened in its

-If a criminal act is committed by a family member in China, even distant relations are condemned to bear a share of the punishment: for it was, in some measure, their duty to ment; for it was, in some meaner, their duty to see that the delinquent was brought up in a proper manner; they should have used their in-fluence, or at least prevented the act by all means at their command; not having done so, they are rightly punished for culpable negli-

TIMELY WITTICISMS.

Indian summer being over the trouble with the savages out West may be that they want to go a-slaying .- Philadelphia Times, Notwithstanding Congress reassembles next week, the celebration of Thanksgiving Day was general and hearty.—Philadelphia Ledger. The largest thing you chance to find may not be a great prize; You cannot judge a lover's heart entirely by its

"Do you know why they call the Republican party an oblate spheriod now?"

"Certainly. Because it was flattened at the polls.—New York Sun. The pamphleteers are after Dr. Koch with sharp sticks, but the doctor, wishing to bag larger game, continues his pursuit of the microbe. New York World.

-New York Herald.

Proprietor of Cigar Store-I like enterprise, Jim, but you're carryin' things a little Assistant-How's that Proprietor-Why, that sign you've got up, "Beal Imported Havana Cigars Made While You Walt," It won't hardly do, ... New York Heraki.

Husband-The marks on my collars are getting so faint I can't read them.

Wife-Then I wish you would get another bottle
of that indelible ink. - New York Sun.; How persuasive politics are! Even a wish-bone can't be worked without a "pull!"-

She-That was a funny story you told me yesterday about a donkey, Mr. Griggs. He-Do you think so? She-Yes, indeed! After this, whenever I we a donkey it will remind me of you .- Munsey's

Wentman, "I sought that woman to be my wife, I believed her congenial, light-hearted and beautiful. Has our married life been pleasant "No? Why not?" asked Wentman. "Why not! Because she declined to marry me rse!" - American Grocer

ALAS! YES. Strive as we may, we never can

Tell who are the happy, who forlors;
The cutest little shoe of tan
May hide a very painful corn.
— Zenouche's Sewa

"Five years ago," began the stranger to