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CHRISTMAS COMING.

And Church Fairs and Bazaars Are Now

Very Much in Order-Several That Re-

sulted in Financial Successes-A Pleas-

The new Shadyside Presbyterian Church

night, would have smiled complacently over

he prospect of very handsome furnishings,

judging from the abundance of specie that rolled into the coffers of the various apart-

PLEASURE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

A Friday Evening Party That Was Made

Highly Enjoyable.

Friday evening is the accepted one for social

events among the misses and masters who are

not yet out of school, for Saturday morning's

leep need not be disturbed, and the youthful

dissipators may indulge drowsiness until the luncheon hour if inclination so prompts, thus

insuring clear minds and sweet tempers. It is

THEIR SECOND BANQUET

Seventh Avenue.

Seventh Avenue Hotel last evening. Most of

those present came in from the suburban town, and they made quite a large crowd as they congregated for a moment in the Union depot. About 90 persons sat down at the feast, which was well prepared and much appreciated by

he guests.

John S. B. Mercer is President of the asso-

clation and acted as toast master. Mayor Gourley made a very pleasing speech and war followed by City Solicitor W. C. Moreland

Two recitations were well delivered by E. S. McClelland, Miss Margaret A. Crouch sang the "Cavatina" and "La Giocondo." Both the

feasting and literary part of the programme were very enjoyable.

BATTERY B'S BIG BAZAAR

To be Opened by an Address by the Mayor,

Monday Evening.

Battery B's fair opens at the Fifth Avenue

Market House on Monday night, when a special

programme of music and song will be given by

The Stanley Lecture.

The uniform price of tickets for the Stanley

ecture will be \$1, and the statement that they

were to be sold for \$1 and \$1 50, and that alone

while reserved seats are held at \$2 and \$3, and in addition there are to be 150 seats on the stage at \$5 each. The interest displayed in Mr. Stanley's coming, as evidenced by the many inquiries for tickets, indicates that standing room will be at a premium.

Theater Party at the Duquesn

A theater party to which Mr. J. G. Kaeller, the General Agent of the Western Electric

A Semi-Monthly Dance.

Social Chatter.

THE quarterly meeting of the County W. C.

T. U. will be held at Elizabeth on Tuesday next. The delegates to the National Conven-

tion recently held at Atlanta, Ga., will both

NEXT Monday, at 10 o'clock A. M., Prof.

Byron W. King will present the subject of Elo-cution before the M. E. Ministerial Associa-

CARDS will soon be issued for a very large

"OUR Country's Possibilities and Perils" is

the subject upon which J. DeWitt Miller will

lecture at the Third U. P. Church, Monday

An open meeting that is expected to be of

and elegant reception to be given next Friday evening by Mrs. John Hays, of Sherman ave

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EXTENSIVE RIVER IMPROVEMENTS.

The outline of the plan for river improvement set forth in the series of articles in THE DISPATCH, is given in the second of the series, published in this issue. As will beseen by reading it, it does not propose only the storage of surplus water in reservoirs at though that is the characteristic feature and the starting point, as it were, of the entire system. It adds thereto the use of caissons and jettics to deepen the channel and reto preserve an even depth of water where they are ready; of docks and harbors for the unloading of vessels and their safety during floods; and of cut-offs to shorten the navigable distance wherever practicable. By the combination of these methods of imriver steamers; and the smaller ones for seems to us varied, far-reaching and barges and light draft steamers.

The merits and demerits of this plan from the engineering point of view can be judged more clearly as its details are brought out has been the neglect of its water transporwhole train of corporate abuses, a great to be brought here. share of which would have been impossible if the competition of water transportation had been maintained as a live and constant commercial force. As the writer of these so much as the public apathy which has the sure road to great fortune and unlimited

No greater public work and no more found, than one which will restore water transportation to the vast territory of the to monopoly absolutely impossible. On the Mississippi. The further details of this face it seems to be charitable rather plan will be charged with the highest in- than a money-making project. Yet several terest and importance.

THE LEGISLATURE'S VIEWS. The views of the members of the State

Legislature upon the Erie Ship Canal, which will be found in another column, are on the whole favorable to the project, although there are signs of pronounced opposition in some quarters. The majority of the Legislators heard from express a desire for information about the canal, which will be satisfied in due time when the commission's report is published. The Allegheny county delegation and the Representatives of Western Pennsylvania generally will be practically a phalanx for the canal when it comes before the Legislature.

DEATING OF STREET CARS.

The subject of heating street cars is agitating some of our exchanges in other cities, notably the Buffalo and Rochester press. One party opposes the street car stove on the ground of the vileness and impurity of the air produced by it, while the argument of one paper on the other side is to the effect that people have contracted colds by leaving the warm rooms of their homes and sitting for 10 to 25 minutes in cars, the atmosphere of which was often far below freezing point. The Buffalo Courier re-inforces this assertion by saying that some of the Buffalo routes are an hour long, which gives us a novel idea of the illustration of time and eternity furnished by Buffalo transit. The same paper also asserts that the temperature of

the air has nothing to do with its purity. That people should not be expected to sit still in extremely cold weather during pro- property is so valuable that it would be a tracted street car rides without some artificial warmth has long been a generally lines. This fact would make it much more accepted proposition in Pittsburg. But it economical to run each line through the is pertinent to say in connection with these suburbs on grades which will carry the assertions that many more colds are caught by reason of overheated cars and rooms, than from those which are underheated. This is often illustrated in our suburban electric roads on the streets; but, as Mr. accommodation trains where fires are kept up with such a sublime disregard of the road can give the speed required. The point temperature outside, that people going from | which is worth recognizing in this connecthem into the open air of even moderate tion is that where real rapid transit is deweather are more apt to take cold than if sired, the combination of sunken and Indian will cost the Government in case a war

there had been no fire at all. Likewise while such a thing as pure, warm air is possible, it is no less true that many of the appliances for heating cars seem to be built on the principle that to heat the atmosphere in-

volves its utter vitiation. Cars should be heated in cold weather; but there is still a vast room for improvement both in the means used to furnish the heat, and in the intelligence employed to suit their use to the natural temperature.

A SEASON FOR ACTION.

When industries are prosperous, trade active, and the means for the execution of great enterprises abundant, then is the time for cities which have the opportunity, to set their future upon firm and unshakable foundations. This applies directly to Pittsburg, and the ship canal project. That project approaches maturity at a time when the city and the kindred interests surrounding have been realizing the benefits of great volume and uninterrupted activity in business. It is seen how the whole community prospers when the mills and manufactories are running. Any feasible project that will enlarge their work and lend to their greater profit becomes at once a vital business matter to all classes. That ample water communication with the

lakes, by which cargoes could be sent there or brought here unbroken, would in the present state of crowded railways and high freight charges be of great permanent benefit to the leading industries of Western Pennsylvania no one can seriously question. Some who are naturally doubtful about all undemonstrated undertakings satisfy an indolent disposition by questioning whether a ship canal can be built; but the assurances of the engineers who have specially examined the route so far as they have got, set these doubts aside. Others do not exactly see how the money can be raised; but if the enterprise gives promise of large benefits, the means, we doubt not, will eventually be found if they are earnestly enough sought.

At first sight it might seem to the superficial observer that the railroads would antagonize the ship canal; but, of all the interests concerned, the railroads doing business with Pittsburg would be the greatest gainers by the addition to the general traffic of the place. The real estate of the two cities which is now valued at nearly three hundred million dollars, would, similarly, DAILY DISPATCH, Including Sunday, 1 year. 10 00
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With its vast supplies of coal, this region will doubtless always have pre-eminence as the manufacturing center of the continent. But the more reason why it should be up and stirring to take advantage of whatever tends to make the favorable situation doubly secure. Because a project is a little larger than any undertaken hitherto is no reason why it should fail of earnest support, if the benefits promise to be commen the head waters of the various streams, alattention for the details of the ship-canal problem as the State Commission will unfold them before the Legislature this winter. If, as we think will be the case, they commove shoaling; of movable tocks and dams | mend themselves to the business judgment of the community, we trust everybody will take a hand and go in for all the benefits that can be gotten from water-communication with the lakes. In proportion to the size and importance of the interests now to be affected, the idea relatively is hardly provement, the originator of the plan aims more difficult of execution than was the at the high mark of making the principal slack watering of the Monongahela or the rivers navigable for sea-going vessels; the building of the railroads in the old days.

CRUEL FRAUDS IN BERLIN.

very inviting.

The frauds and fleecing under cover of in subsequent articles of the series. But as to | the excitement caused by the Koch discovthe importance of the aim it is pertinent to | erv of a cure for consumption are just what say that it cannot be over estimated. The might have been expected. The cable news colossal blunder of this country during the to-day contains a warning picture of the last half of the century so giganiic as to scandalous overcharges of the Berlin docmake it nearly if not quite a public crime, tors and the deceits practiced by swindlers upon the consumptives who have flocked to tation. By permitting railway policy to Berlin in the hope of procuring some of the close up canals and force the disuse of the precious lymph. Americans in particular rivers we have laid ourselves open to the will be wise to wait for the new treatment

THE WORD MISAPPLIED.

The disposition of the unthinking public articles well says, we are not to blame the to call everything a "trust," is unfortunindividuals who have inflicted these abuses ately illustrated by the wide application of the term to the recently chartered organizapermitted conditions to grow up that make | tion in the East to start cheap lodging manipulation, stock watering and favoritism houses. From the very nature of this organization it not only was entirely free from the feature of attaining the establishment of an irresponsible monopoly, by putlegitimate use for Government funds, in the ting all the productive property of inwork of internal improvement, can be dustry in the hands of trustees; but the very nature of the business makes any approach newspapers are calling this certainly harmless project a trust, meaning a monopoly, while entirely neglecting the great combina tions, or treating them with undisguised

> PRACTICABILITY OF SUNKEN WAYS. Among the interesting abstractions with which the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Commission is occupying its sessions, was the presentation at its last meeting of the views of Mr. George B. Roberts, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad, on the engineering aspects of rapid transit. Mr. Roberts' opinion was in brief that the high rate of speed required for real rapid transit cannot be attained on the surface of streets with safety to other street travel. Underground or elevated roads are therefore required, but the cost of either is so great that in most cases it is necessary to put up with the ap- chine, proximation that is to be got most cheaply for low grade lines, by electric roads. His preference in the abstract would be to have the railways put underground with electric wires and sewers; but while it might be done in the thickly populated districts it | the patient. would be a financial impossibility in the

This last statement of Mr. Roberts indicates that he has mistaken the object to be aimed at in getting rapid transit lines below the surface. It is not necessary that such lines should be made continuous tunnels shut out from the light of day, from terminus to terminus. The practical purpose of putting lines below the surface can be attained by sunken ways, except where good investment to erect buildings over the | dealer now listens to the supplications of cusstreets crossings over the railroads than to elevate the roads for the entire distance. Of course such a line will cost far more than Roberts has pointed out, no street surface

suburbs "

underground roads is more economical in the long run than elevated roads.

The best evidence of the practicability such sunken roads is to be found in the actual condition of things on some of the lines under Roberts' own management. The Fort Wayne road through the Allegheny parks and from the outer depot to Superior station is practically such a sunken road. The Pennsylvania Railroad line from Twenty-eighth street to East Liberty, with the exception of one crossing that could be changed at slight expense, is a very favorable example of the same sort; and the Panhandle road from Sheridan station to Idlewood only falls a little short of the standard. The Fort Wayne road at very little more expense than the cost of an elevated road could be made a continuous sunken way from Verner station to the bridge over the Allegheny; the Pennsylvania Railroad at even less expenses could extend the same penefit as far as Brushton or Wilkinsburg The effect of such an arrangement on the public is shown by the fact that the land in the vicinity of the sunken ways is among the most elegible residence property of this section; while the neighborhoods where tracks are elevated above the surface, as along Liberty street on the Pennsylvania or the Fort Wayne from Anderson street to the bridge, are among the most ineligible.

As for the respective advantages of sunken and elevated ways to the corporation building a line, it may be that the former would cost more under some circumstances, although through suburban sections that seems improbable. But even if the first cost was greater, the fact that its road bed rests on terra firma and the enduring nature of its track more than compensates any saving that might be made by elevating the track on a structure that must wear out, under slow disintegration and the effect of vibration, and where any mishap either by decay or by carelessness would be attended with fearful possibilities, will in the end be proved false economy.

We think that a careful and impartial study of the subject, both as regards rapid transit and the admission of ordinary railroads in the cities will show that in the vast majority of cases it will be a more economical, satisfactory and permanent improvement to elevate the streets above the railroads than to elevate the railroads above the

THE DELAMATER FAILURE.

The failure of the banking firm of Delamater & Co., in Meadville, attracts more attention than it naturally would because of the defeated Gubernatorial candidate's connection with the bank. The causes of this untoward event and in a measure its probable effects are shrouded in doubt. The State and Crawford county are said to be among the bank's creditors, and for considerable sums, but the reputed wealth of the Delamater connection renders a satisfactory liquidation probable.

THE NECESSITY OF SAFEGUARDS.

The fact that on two successive nights fires in the lower part of the city have resulted in the loss of human life, contains a most impressive lesson on the necessity of better construction of buildings in order to guard against fatalities. It is satisfactory to note that these casualties occurred in buildings of a past style of construction, and therefore convey no arraignment of the better class of buildings that is now erected. But the disclosure of the bazard to life as well as property in the older style of buildings, suggests the question whether the inspection that is designed to prevent danger secondary streams steadily navigable for The vista of benefits for all classes here in buildings of late erection is not of equal necessity in the structures that were put up in earlier times.

The two fatal fires of this week illustrat the disregard of two rules of vital importance. One is that there should be ample exits for all buildings above the size of an ordinary dwelling; and the other is that walls of the larger buildings should be built so that they will not fall with a fire. There is reason to hope that both these objects are measurably obtained in the modern structures; but it is a question of vital interest how far the same dangers may be reproduced in the vast number of structures erected twenty or thirty years ago. As to those of even older date, it may be taken as a practical certainty that a majority of them are death-traps.

There may be a question as to the power to enforce the improvement of such buildings, but there can be no question that as a matter of public policy the power should be lodged somewhere to prevent the recurrence of these disasters.

An example of the "reforms" which the Gould management is going to establish in the Union Pacific is furnished by its continued dis charges of men from the employment of that mpany. It was very well known that, under the Adams management, the road had its facilities fully taxed, and Mr. Adams was trying to increase the value of the property by increase ing its facilities. Mr. Gould is evidently will ing to reform this policy altogether, and repeat the course of the Central Pacific management by letting the Union Pacific go to pieces while the Missouri Pacific does all the business.

MR. MCKINLEY is quoted as saving that "patronage is always an element of weakness to a party in power." THE DISPATCH said that long ago. Perhaps it would have been more useful if Mr. McKinley could have im pressed it on his associates before the elections nstead of reserving it as an explanation of what hit him.

WE are gratified to observe our esteemed cotemporary, the Philadelphia Inquirer, energetically inforsing President White's idea that municipal affairs should be reformed by keep ing them separate from the machinery of na tional politics. We hope that the esteemed Inquirer will be so thoroughly convinced of the truth of this principle that the next time it is proposed to disregard party lines on local issues it will not consider itself tied to the party ma

Now It is alleged that the Brown-Sequard elixir will cure consumption. Perhaps it may but from the experiments at the time of its greatest vogue there remains the doubt whether t will not do so by the heroic method of killing

JUDGE BARRETT, of New York, has decided that an income of \$15,000 for a Judge is only sufficient for his support; that none of it can be set aside to pay his debts. The necessaries of New York judicial life seem to be so costly that our Democratic friends may be expected to remark that the McKinley bil has been getting in its fell work once m

THE lordly iceman ruled the roost during the heated term, but he was hardly a marker on the lofty height from which the retail coal tomers for a few loads of coal.

THE movement in favor of high license in Massachusetts evokes the approval of the New York World, which avers that "prohibition is hypocrisy." But is not high license hypoc risy also, when illicit liquor selling is per-mitted to flourish unchecked. The hypocrisy reed laws is about as glaring in case as in the other

An estimate of the sum which each dead

should break out may demonstrate the fact that it would be cheaper to feed the savages,

Among the expressive demonstrations that there are limits beyond which endurance ceases to be a virtue, are the figures of John La Sullivan protesting against the lowering of the dramatic profession by making Eva Hamilton a star, and Jay Gould expressing his dis approval of the stock-watering and manipulation of the trusts.

PROMINENT PERSONALS.

CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER will sail with his family for Havre by the steamer La Champague, which leaves to-day. BUFFALO BILL was born in Chester county. Pa., and comes of good old Quakerstock. Both his father and mother were Quakers.

Ir is said that Minister Reid expends \$27,000 per annum for the rent of his house in Paris, which is \$10,000 more than his total salary. THE Sultan of Turkey looks much like Jay Gould, except that he is somewhat taller than the Wall street wizard and his nose is a trifle

more prominent. MR. STANLEY has recently become a member of the English Society for Psychical Research, a branch of which is to be organized in New York City next Monday.

ISBAEL L. LANDIS, of Lancaster, Pa., an inventor of some note, has been honored with a corresponding honorary membership in the Inentors' Academy of Paris. HENRY GEORGE announces that he will re-

der to gain freedom for what he regards as more important and permanent work. Ir she is not taking so well as she used to with the London public, Mrs. Langtry is being taken more extensively than ever in a photographic-way. She recently sat for pictures in 60 different positions, a feat, the photographe declared, that had never before been accom

tire from the Standard, of which he is editor

and proprietor, at the close of this year, in or-

plished. Ir is said that the President regards the custom of distributing consolation prizes in the way of fat offices to members who have been beaten at the polls while striving to carry through great issues, as vicious in the extreme. He thinks it weakens the Republican hold upon the districts and sets a bad example for future campaigns.

QUEEN EMMA, of Holland, who will be Regent during the minority of the Princess Wilhelmina, has greatly endeared herself to the Dutch people by her domestic qualities She has been a most attentive nurse to her hus band, and is a singularly wise and devoted tion upon politics, and is well fitted to fill the position she will soon assume.

DR. EDMUND J. JAMES, Professor in the University of Pennsylvania, has been offered the Chair of Political Economy in Harvard University. Prof. James, one of the best known of the young American economists, was born in Illinois in 1855. After an extensive course of college and university study in the West and East he went to Europe, where he took the doctor's degree at the University of Halle, in

PLEASED A LARGE AUDIENCE.

Hearty Welcome Tendered the Favor Fisk Jubilee Singers. It is refreshing, a genuine pleasure, to hear once again those ringing and pleasing gospe

songs of the Fisk Jubilee Singers. At Old City Hall, last evening, this corps of nine colored students rendered a very acceptable pro-gramme, composed of such songs as "Rise, Shine and Give God the Glory," "Old Ark a Movering," "Hard Trials," "Swing Low, Sweet Movering," "Hard Trials," "Swing Low, Sweet Charlot," and other selections of a similar character, so popular a dozen years ago, when this band of young men and women made a tour of the leading colleges of the North. At that time their object was to raise money for their University down in Tennessee, and so nicely did they catch favor with the many who love the quaint, weird harmony of negro melody and songs, that, having successfully carried out the object of their earlier efforts, they reorganized in their own behalf.

The company, as now composed, contains but few of the original members, Their first pianist and their tenor, who introduced the hymn "Almost Persuaded," are the most notable absentees. The entertainment was given as

by all Almost Persuaded," are the most nota-ble absentees. The entertainment was given as one of the series in the Pittsburg Star Course, and a large audience was in attendance, whose frequent and vigorouse applause gained many an extra number. The next entertainment will-be on December II, and New York's great Shakespeareau reader, Mr. Hannibal A. Will-iams, will appear in a recital of "Julius Cæsa."

A SUCCESS IN EVERY WAY.

The Christmas Market at Semple's Hall Closes Satisfactorily

The success of the "Christmas Market" on the opening day was greatly augmented yesterday afternoon and last evening, and the ladies are congratulating themselves this morning, as they sip their coffee and read the accounts their affair, that it is over, and that a snug little sum of cash in their possession remains as tangible evidence of the successful reality as well as weariness and bodily fatigue. There is no use denying the fact that a church bazas and supper for two days means any amount exertion and worry, and this one, especiall meant considerable of both, for it was of suc eant considerable of book, and agnitude and perfection, The new Westminster Presbyterian Church is

A LONG LOOK BACKWARD

John A. Brashear's Lecture at the Academy of Science and Art.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Academy of Science and Art, last night, John A. Brashear entertained the members with a paper entitled "Fifty Years of Astronomical Photograpy," a subject that handle more cleverly.

Iliustrations from Mr. Brashear's private collection of astronomical photographs, with lantern slides by the most eminent astronomical photographers in the world, were shown, with pleasing effect, by Mr. Brashear in connection

Opera at the Duquesne. "L'Africame" was given at the Duquesn Theater last night before a very large audience The ater last night before a very large audience in a most artistic manner. Verdi's ever popular and melodicus opera, "Il Trovatore," will be given at the matines to-day with Madame Januschowsky, Miss Meislinger, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Stormont and Mr. Knight in the leading roles, Richard Wagner's "Flying Dutchman" will be presented in the evening with Miss Juch in her famous role of Senia and with Miss Juch in her famous role of Senia and with Miss Meislinger, Mr. Rattyens, Mr. Vetta, Mr. Clarke and Mr. Stephens also in the cast. This performance will be the most interesting of the week and will be a fitting finale of a grand series of operatic productions.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Captain E. H. H. Stackpole. HARRISBURG, Dec. 5 .- Captain E. H. H. Stack HARRISBURG, Dec. 5.—Captain E. H. H. Sizekpole, Superintendent of Public Grounds, died at
his old home in McVeytown at noon to-day after a
long illness. Deceased represented Mifflin county
in the Legislature in 1877–78. In 1881 he was connected with the State Treasury, and in 1881 was
made Superintendent of Public Grounds. He
was aged 54 years, and his grandparents were
among the first settlers in the Juniata Valley.

Dr. George F. Larimer. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.1 BRADDOCK. Dec. 5.—The death of George F.
Larimer occurred at his residence in North Braddock this morning at 5 o'clock, very suddenly.
Mr. Larimer had been ill for about one year with dropsy and heart trouble. This morning he got up to obtain a drink of water and fell over dead. The deceased was the son of Colonei James T.
Larimer and nephew of the late General William
Larimer.

Mrs. Margaret Watson, Centenarian. Milton, Dec. 5.—Mrs. Margaret Watson died yesterday at McEwensville, near here, aged 100 years. She was the oldest person in this county. She was born in Union county, and moved to McEwensville when 10 years old. She retained her mental faculties unimpaired up to the time of her death.

Mrs. Rosanna Douthett Small. Mrs. Rosanna Douthett Small, widow of the late Jailer Small, died yesterday at her home on Fay etic street, at the age of To years. She was born at Woods Run when it was only a wilderness, Mrs. Small had a host of friends, who always knew her to be a kind and charitable lady. Mrs. Caroline McCarthy.

Mrs. Caroline McCarthy died yesterday at the residence of W. E. McCarthy, No. 5105 Liberty avenue, at the ago of 57 years. The funeral will occur to-morrow at McVeytown. Sir John W. Huddleston, Jurist. LONDON, Dec. 5 .- Sir John Walter Huddleston e famous Irish jurist, late member of the Hot of Commons for Norwich and a Baron of the Court of Exchequer, is dead.

Mrs. McConnell Mrs. McConnell died yesterday afternoon at the Wilkinsburg Home for Aged Women. She was aged 35 years. The funeral will occur to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON,

Women spend a great deal of time in reflec-It comes from a looking glass, however.

SYMPATHETIC, aren't we? How a calamit startles us, to be sure. One life lost in a cruel sudden way, and a big city full shudders. Sud ien sorrow shocks. - Something presses the but ton which sends a thrill to the hearts of all alike. And how swift it flies-swift as thought, swift as sight, swift as light. Only one, two three, perhaps, out of tens of thousands are hurried horribly through the shadow, but these are enough to kindle the spark of sympathy and quicken the heart beats of the living. Lips tremble telling the tale, eyes moisten during the recital. You never heard of the victim, never saw the spot stained by his suffering, were in total ignorance of the catastrophe at the time of its occurrence, but, all the same, you sympathize, don't you? So, on through the length and breadth of the great throbbing town. The smoke shuts out the life and the flame curls over the grave. You feel then that life is but a slender thread, which can be snapped by fire and flood, by wind and wave, in between breaths. Then you ask of the living-the weepers left by the sleepers. You want to offer them your sympathy, of course. You don't know them, you could not pick them out in the street, but you know they belong to the great human family, and your heart declines to stand on formality Social forms vanish under sorrow's shock. A disaster binds a city closer. A calamity cemen nation. A horror links the whole world. Hearts for sympathy, hands for succor. Prayer for the dead, provision for the living.

CLOSE readers of the newspapers must be of the opinion that the rascals are not all in fail. AFTER we get one-cent postage some people will want Uncle Sam to lick the stamp,

other day. Now look out for reports of derastated oyster beds.

Saved by a Word. "Why, what's the matter, Charley, dear? Pray tell me, darling, please!"
"What is that? 'Darling' did I hear? You've cured my heart disea

THE Sioux merely sue for a piece of meat but the soldiers won't have it that way. A FORCE bill-The policeman's city warrant

MRS. O'SHEA must know by this time tha Parnell has a tongue and a temper, too. THE Rosebud Waltz would be a catchin itle for a new piece of dance music. The sug

> A Timely Recipe. Wrap your water pipes in flannels, Plug your chinky window sill; Stop the cracks in kitchen panels,

BOB INGERSOLL says the Democrats always nold four aces when there's nothing in the oot. Not a dollar this time, at all events.

WHY not send out a little German band to play for the ghost dancers. This would sto

A SIGN of the present-Christmas

gestion is not copyrighted.

MR. FAYERWEATHER'S will has given \$200 00 to Columbia College. We hope the weather is fair where he is sojourning. THE Kansas City Councilmen have cut a Mel

on. It may be melancholy business for some THE Indians want meat, but the soldier

GOVERNOR PATTISON'S Cabinet, as an ounced in THE DISPATCH a couple of weeks ago, still stands. Knows No North Nor South.

Down in the South the birds are singing, Green buds are bursting, flowers springing In summer air; Up in the North the snow is falling, ice o'er sluggish stream is crawling. Frost everywhere.

Down in the South, mid tropic bowers, The lovers stroll and pluck sweet flowers To twine in hair: Up in the North, where warm fires glo Rare roses on the maid's cheeks grow, Love's everywhere,

time card, but only the sluggards miss them. THERE's many a slip between the home and he shop nowadays. Go slow.

Oppopulations are not schoduled on life!

In the girl you adore has a rich mind, don' other yourself about a dowry.

EVA HAMILTON is going to play the dutiful laughter at home, and thus help to elevate the THERE may be flaws in the flues. Don't go

o bed and leave the gas on full head.

A MAN has killed himself because he had more money than he wanted. He was built on different lines than Jay Gould.

VOORHEES says the newspaper men turn of the light in dark places. The Senator's head is level on this point,

The Way of the World. Some want to banish cigarettes, Some want to stop election bets; Some want to give us racing pools, Some want to separate the schools: Some want to crush theater hats, Some want to keep up baseball spats; Some want to poison all the dogs, Some want to read all Stanley's logs; Some want to have an Indian war, Some want to close up every bar; Some want to tell us when to rest. Some want to coax us to invest; Some want to set the social pace, Some want to run the human race: Now if they only would keep quiet And life would not be such a fight.

NONSENSE is the straw that tickles humanity the world over.

Company, was host, occupied a box at the Duquesne last evening. It was composed of six gentlemen, whom the genial New Yorker wished to honor in return for the many favors shown him, a stranger in the city. A dinner at the Hotel Anderson followed. AUTHORS are placed on the same footing a inventors under the copyright law. It is a righteous measure. The Allegheny Cotillion Club gave another of its semi-monthly dances at the Monongahela House last evening. The ball closed with a A BACK stoop on a house is all right, but a

tooped back on a man is all wrong. PEOPLE crossed in love are apt to be very ross afterward.

THE window glass trust talk must give the public a pane. Pistols, Not Plums, Now.

Little Jack Horner sat in a corner Handling a Christmas toy; Alas! for poor Jack, it went off with a crack, Pity the wounded boy. THIS is the age of reason, but, hang it, there

eems to be too many reasoners.

didn't set nicely in the back.

leeping on their guns. It's dollars to dough WASHINGTON notes-New bills from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

peculiar interest will be held by Patterson Post 157, G. A. R., next Thursday evening. An afternoon euchre party was given yester-It's easier to tell a lie than to detect the liar. day by Mrs, George Deans, at her home Arch street, Allegheny. A Time for Tears. MRS. F. J. CLOSE, of Terrace avenue, enter-When the burglar breaks into the bank tained with progressive euchre a number of And manages to skin it, The cashier utters blankety blank,

THE Linden Club gave its third progressiv Because he wasn't in it, euchre party last evening. There were 20 ables and six prizes. THERE are several mills in a dollar, also THE Allegheny German Club gave a dance illions of dollars in mills hereabo nongahela House last evening, folowed by a supper. MAGISTRATES can impose a heavy sentence at light hearings if the crime warrants one. MRS. McNEAL, of Frankstown avenue, en rtained the Lincoln Avenue Euchre Club last

Eve never worried Adam because her gowr charming enchre party last evening. This is the season when careless people MRS. JOHN A. BRASHBAR entertained mall company yesterday afternoon.
THE Beliefield Presbyterian Church held ouses on fire in order to keep warm. social last evening.

THE TOPICAL TALKER.

Dress Didn't Matter. CRIES of "fire!" waked me," said a gentleman who slept at the Seventh Avenue Ir's hard to tell yet whether Parnell will Hotel on Thursday night, "and the noise of ecture, go on the stage or retire to private life. the engines fell upon my ear as I jumped out of bed. My room looked out upon the courtyard of the hotel, and of course I could see nothing Some people try to make us believe that life is a game of bluff. They go to pieces when forced to show their hands. when I ran to the window. But the fire bells and shouting continued, and when a call boy knocked at my door saying that there was WILLIE WINKLE. a fire nearby but no immediate danger, I was nearly dressed. I am not afraid of many things, but the idea of fire always scares me,

> these small singularities in costume did not attract general attention in that motley crowd of panic-stricken men and women.

and I suppose that accounts for the plight in in which I found myself when I reached the

lobby downstairs. I should never have noticed

it in the excitement, but a friend of mine called my attention to the fact that my nether gar-

ments were on wrong side before and I was

carrying a single sock in my left hand. But

Hard on Hen Roosts, Too ccupied the chapel, both afternoon and evenat T's mos' contrary 'at dese yer Tanksgivin an' Chrismas comes so close togedder," remarked George Washington Smith to his m friend, Alexander Napoleon Jones. "Was you t'inkin' of celebratin' B'rer

occupied the chapel, both afternoon and evening.

The four seasons were represented in the arrangement of the booths, autumn being radiant in russet, and bedeeked with corn, wheat and various fruits, and forming a dispensing place for ice cream and cake. The Misses Lizzie Stevenson, Lydia Hays, Maude Aiken, F. Rees, Robecca Henshaw and Mrs. York Smith officiating. Winter was purity itself, with show and silver trimmings, and appropriately was the headquarters for fancy work of all descriptions. Miss M. Crooks, S. Borland, C. Ress, Nora Smith, Clara Aiken and Miss Pitcairn were in charge. Spring, in rose color, octagon-shape, abounded with sweetmeats, and was presided over by Misses Burd, May Edwards, Eda Young and Effic Smith. Summer, in a wigwam, covered with poppies and clover, was naturally the booth of fruit, and Misses Sarah Faber, Mattle McIntosh and Ethel Acheson were the maddens in charge, in charge in ch "No, B'rer Jones-but I was stubbin' my mind agin der fac' dat it am mighty habd for der poh man to have to expose hisself ter buckshot an' dawgs twict in a month."

Give Arms, Gentlemen! P you observe the crowds upon the streets any evening of the week about the time the theaters open you will discover that a good majority of the couples abroad do not walk armthe booth of fruit, and Misses Sarah Faber, Mattie McIntosh and Ethel Acheson were the maidens in charge.

Popcorn and peanuts formed a combination, and in a double-gabled booth of golden hue reigned under the dominion of Misses Mary Haya, Mamie and Hannah Maxwell, Emma McClintock, Marsh Rees, May and Gertrude Gerdes. in-arm as they used to do, but apart. The hour named is the best for the observation of this phenomenon because the young man and his best girl, and married people are then to be seen together in the greatest number. Age, station in life, and other circumstances do not appear to modify this fashion in perambulation Misses Daisy Borland, Florence Aiken, Nellie Holmes and Mrs. Abraham Holmes, enshrined in a bower of lemon color, dispensed lemonade, and the fish-pond was in charge of Misses Blanche Rees, Sevilla Friend and Blanche Street A great many men have seemingly ceased to offer their arms and women to take them. The habit some men bave of taking a woman's arm as if they were making an arrest is bad enough, but the new style of going it alone is far ug-Street.

Mrs. George B. Sterret, assisted by Masters Will Hays and Byran Sterret, successfully managed the Punch and Judy show, and a phonograph added to the cash receipts.

The "Old Woman That Lived in a Shoe" certainly was in a deplorable state, with her family, in the early evening, but later on was considerably relieved by the adoption of two or three dozen of her children. She was the guest of Mrs. Dr. R. S. Holmes and Miss Rachel Aiken. lier and more ungallant. How did it originate? Nobody can say. Perhaps it will abate when men get to thinking of the significance that may be attached to their behavior, and still likelier are the women to protest when they appreciate the disrespect the denial of the escort's arm may be taken to show. When a man walks with a woman at night and does not give her his arm-in city streets, of courseis reason to believe that he is ashamed of the company he keeps. Of course, the hundreds

lar habit have never stopped to think of its There is another view of the matter to be taken. Locomotion on a crowded street is much easier for a pair if they link arms; they keep step better, conversation is more readily carried on, and the weaker portner in the alliance obtains the real protection of her knight Indeed, it is tolerably certain that the women are not in favor of singular progress through almost treasonable, though, to imagine that any of the lovely young ladies or gallant young gentlemen seen at the little dancing party given last night by Miss Mary Brown could ever have anything else but a sweet temper, for smiles and sunshine beamed from each face. But history and mammas affirm that late hours without corresponding rest in the morning, often result in souring natural sweetness. So Miss Brown in this, the first of several parties she is going to give to the streets. The bad habit is probably masculine. A general call to arms should effect a reform-two arms linked together.

A Fiery Coincidence.

HAVE you noticed that fires come in cycles? For a time the firemen will have little r nothing to do and then conflagration follows upon conflagration," said a Pittsburger yester day, commenting upon a frequently remarked

"Yes," said a Washington correspondent, "and I'm reminded by it of what occurs in a Government department at a change in administration. One man is fired, then another, and then it's a case of 'fire' all along the line!"

Different Callings. THESE stock exchange tricks, these puts and calls, are demoralizing business

natural sweetness. So Miss Brown in this, the first of several parties she is going to give to young friends this season, wisely selected the not-too-favorably-thought-of Friday, and to those present the day will, in the fature, be entirely cleared of any unlucky odium that may have been attached to it in the past.

The appointments of the affair were perfect, the hostess charming and the guests thoroughly congenial, being a set that always cliques together. Dancing from 8 to II, and a delicious supper, then the carriages were called. The young ladies present were Misses Mary Laughlin, Madeline Laughlin, Margaret Singer, Agues Dickson, Annie Scaife, Amy Watson, Roselind Smith, Fannie Oliver, Alice Tindle, Rebecca Darlington and Lizzie Chambers. The masters were: Harry Patterson, Charlie Speer, Charlie Scaife, Harry McCandless, George Robinson, Harry Robinson, Eugene Messler, Arthur Bell, John Ricketson, Carroll Fitzhugh and George Morgan. nen," said old Magnus, looking up from the financial column of his paper. "I can quite understand that my dear," as-sented Mrs. Magnus, "for although I don't know anything about 'puts,' I do know that I am completely exhausted after an afternoon's

OUR MAIL POUCH.

Wilkinsburg Master Masons Feast at the He Objects to Star burg, gave its second annual banquet at the To the Editor of The Dispatch:

Your readable editorials on "A Mistaken Spirit" and "The Right of Standing Up" suggest the following thoughts: The writer freely acknowledges the mistake Cleveland and Philadelphia papers make in belittling Pittsburg's ship canal, and asks what shall be said of the spirit and attitude of the Pittsburg press in belisting the coming World's Fair ? The rudi-mentary sensation of patriotism, even where its elements are least appreciated, would ap parently dictate a different course, since only enamies of America can find comfort in such prophecies of evil as the Eastern press has generally indulged in. Your editorial writer begs the question in supposing that a law compell ing street railway companies to furnish seats for passengers would diminish and not increase street railway accommodations for the public comfort. If there is such a thing as common comfort. If there is such a thing as common sense in rapid transit it involves intelligent foresight and provision for at least the ordinary, everyday needs of the public. And how singularly lacking is such foresight and provision even in Pittsburg's present advanced stage of progress in intramural transit!

The other evening the writer left Fifth and Wood on a Pittsburg Traction car which carried some 70 passeogers—the last man getting a seat at Oakland. He is confident that many fares were missed by the conductor without fault of his, and, of course, everybody programme of music and song will be given by the Brigade Band (Cathedral) and the chorus the Brigade Band (Cathedral) and the chorus choir of the Fifth Avenue M. P. Church. An address of welcome will be made by Mayor Gourley, who will open the proceedings with considerable pomp and ceremony.

The hall has been tassefully decorated with flags and bunting, and liberal donations of useful articles from city merchants will be exposed for sale. The admission Monday night will be 25 cents, and 10 cents thereafter.

many fares were missed by the conductor without fault of his, and, of course, everybody was annoyed. This was at 5:5 and the car had no trailer, and the writer remembers of none met on the trip. Now a trailer costing \$1,000 would have been found exceedingly profitable. Under such a law as the European one quoted by you, and whatever may be said of the case of holiday and other irregular travel, there is absolutely no excuse for such failur as that noted. It was a plain case of parsi

as that noted. It was a plain case of parsimony or stupidity in management.

Yet the control of this road has repeatedly announced that they will punish a late associate, now promoting a competing road, for his presumption in competing with them by a reduction of their fare to 3 cents the day his road starts. The writer predicts that the public will not invest in the personal quarrel of the rival lines, but that, on the contrary, the road furnishing seats and in general mingling brains with its management, will attract and hold the best of the traffic, even at 5 cents against 3 and present methods and accommodations. Furbest of the traffic, even at a cents against 3 and present methods and accommodations. Further, that little gift of prophecy is needed to promise plenty of business to both the roads in question and more. Without the slightest acquaintance with any of the parties to the controversy, the writer suggests to the bellicose managers that they spend this money in increasing this present inadequate service, instead of warring against competition already stead of warring against competition already too long delayed, and sure of an inevitable and cordial welcome by the riding public. PITTSBURG, Dec. 5. S. J. MACFARREN,

Not Obligatory in Either Case. To the Edifor of the Dispatch:

Is it necessary for the lady, she being of age, o accompany the gentleman in order to pro ture a marriage license? Does the law make it obligatory that license should be published when issued? CONSTANT READER, DUNBAR, PA., Dec. 4.

He Cannot Play it Alone o the Editor of The Dispatch: Please let me know through the columns of

your paper whether, in playing a game of euchre, the dealer can play it alone when his partner has ordered him up, or if he can when one of the other two has ordered him. WHEELING, Dec. 5. CONSTANT READER. The Words With the Vowels

to the Editor of the Dispatch: The two words containing the vowels in their rder are "abstemious" and "facetious."
Pirtsburg, Dec. 5. SMALL Box.

A Genuine New England Supper. A New England supper-everyone knows what that means, and what an array of savory what that means, and what an array of savory viands compose one—will be given at the First Congregational Church, corner of Franklin and Manhattan streets, on Thursday, December II. The ladies of this church are famous for the special merit of their New England suppers, that are annual affairs, and are looked forward to with interest and longing by all who have ever partaken of them.

Something New in Bazaara

The Heart and Hand Society of the Thie resbyterian Church will give a church fair on Friday evening. December 19. The young ladies who compose this society declare that their fair will be something out of the usual order of church fairs, and are racking their composite brain in a fearful manner to concect new and unique features. CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-Paris contains 87,426 trees. -Fresno county, Cal., has 50,000 acres o

-The School Fund of Butte, Mont., con.

tains \$110,000 in hard coin.

-A Russian millionaire is building the argest steam yacht known-1,000 tons, -A tunnel between Scotland and Ireland

is discussed, 30 miles long, to cost \$40,000,000. -Parisians send each year 33,000,000 letters, 13,000,000 postal cards and 85,000,000 news--The Japanese army has had its first

maneuvers. Twenty thousand men were en-gaged in two opposing forces. -The English professional football play-

ers get as high as \$1,000 for the season and an additional weekly salary of \$15 or \$30. -Each year Parisians take out 7,000 patents for various inventions, send and receive 50,000 foreign telegrams and 3,000,000 city tele-

-A tusk seven feet long and a tooth weighing over seven pounds, sunposed to have been part of a mastodon, have been unearthed at Monson, In.

-At Fort Myers, Fig., a day or two ago Dr. Z. J. Brown ent a stalk of ribbon grass which has been growing one year, measuring between 14 and 15 feet in length. -It is said that the Red Maize clan of the

Omahas would not eat red maize, and the Elk clan of the same tribe would not eat the flesh or touch any part of the male elk. -A very extensive domestic industry in Russia consists in the manufacture of wooden

spoons, which are made to the extent of 30,000,000 annually, mostly of birch. -In Paris there are 11,000 cabs and the ame number of omnibuses: 25,000 objects are

lost each year in cals, and at the railway stations 67,000,000 travelers arrive yearly. -Believing himself to be descended from, and therefore akin to, his totem, the savage naturally treats it with respect. If it is an animal he will not, as a rule, kill or eat it.

-The number of species of hummingbirds now known to exist considerably exceed 400. The largest among them measures no more than 8% inches, and the least 2% inches. -Out of the bark of the birch, which is impermeable to water, a kind of bark shoes is

made in Russia, of which it is estimated that 25,000,000 pairs are annually worn by the Russian -Between January 1 and November 15 the shipments of orchard and vineyard products of Fresno county, Cal., amounted to 23,400,005 pounds. It required 1,170 cars to move this immense load.

-Water in Mad river, Humboldt county, and thousands that have failed into this singu- Cal., is very low, says the Areata Union, and the mouth is entirely closed. Countless num-bers of salmon are swarming in the surf wait-ing for a chance to run up stream. -An agent for a San Francisco com

ission house went to Visalia recently and

bought 3,260 turkeys in one day. He paid \$1.50 for each bird, and so placed \$4,800 in circulation among the women of that place. -The Osages have a myth that they are descended from a mail snail and a female beaver. The snail burst her shell, developed arms, feet and legs, and became a fine tall man; afterward he married the beaver maid.

tralia men of the Snake clan sometimes catch snakes, pull out their teeth or sew up their mouths and keep them as pets, Sara Bern-hardt could learn a thing or two from this tribe -It is said that not less than \$100,000 worth of "corn cures" are annually sold in the

-Among the Narrinyeri in South Aus

United States. There are some of them that may be not unreasonably regarded as cultivat-ing corns enough to account for the sales of the -The singular fact is on record that in one instance as the young of the humming bird grew in size the walls of the nest were height-

ened by the parents, until at last the nest was more than twice as big as when the eggs were laid and hatched. -A man in Jackson county, Ore., has been plowing this fall with a steam engine, and has found that it works quite successfully. He pulls eight plows with his engine, and turns over the soil at the rate of 16 acres per day. The cost of running the outfit is not over \$5 per day.

-The Swiss railways intend to introduce the zone tariff for passengers, now that the sys-tem prover so successful in Austro-Hungary, During the first year of the zone tariff in Hunpassengers, against 5,000,000 during the previous twelvementh.

-An extraordinary incident occurred cently in England during a run with the ounds of Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, In assing a cottage the fox found himself among a lot of fowls. Absolutely regardless of possi-ble consequences, he snatched up one of the birds, and carried it is mouth to the end of the rnn, and was killed with it in his mouth

-Two copies of every article that is ac cented by the editors are kept by the great magazine publishers. When a manuscript is accepted it is at once copied out in typewriting and after that one copy can be sent to the art-ist who is to illustrate it, or to the printer who is to set it up, without the risk of such a loss as rill compel the author to rewrite it, and the pub isher to pay for it twice.

-The other evening, up at Mehama, Ore., rhen George P. Terrell's little 12-year-old daughter went down to the pasture to drive up the cows she found a pretty little 2-year-old deer feeding with them. She drove the cows to the parnyard, and the deer ran along with them, as sportive as a calf on a June morning. When they were all secure in the barn the deer was caught with but little trouble and is readily nomitting to domestication. It is fresh and nearty and will make a nice pet for the chil-

-The food of humming-birds consists mainly of insects, mostly gathered from the flowers they visit. An acute observer writes that even among the common flower-frequent-ing species he has found the alimentary canal enof honey. It is this fact doubtless that has hindered almost all attempts at keeping them in confinement for any length of time-nearly every one making the experiment having fed his captives only with syrup, which is wholly insufficient as sustonance, and seeing therefore the wretched creatures gradually sink into in-antion and die of hungar.

HUMOR OF THE HOUR.

Spacer-What head did you put on your Lover-None. It is a tale. - New York Herald.

A New York auctioneer advertised-For Sale—A large quantity of oil paintings by some of the most ancient masters of the day,—Youths Dimmack-Don't those good, old college

songs electrify you?

Miss Arlington-Well, I'm free to say that that
one, at least, shocks me. -Christmas Judge, Bessie-Jessie told me last night that she thought your face a poem.

George-Possibly that was the reason she rejected me. - New York Heraid. Head of Firm-Oh, by the way, Mr.

Travers, I shall have to ask you to stay in the office all day next Wednesday; I am going out of Travers (aside)-Hang the luck ! That is the very day I had arranged to have my grandmothe

Miss Brune (who has passed the summer at Bar Harbor) - Kitty, will you do me a favor?

Miss Blonn-Will I? Ask it.

Miss Brunc-Let Peters bring me a chocolste

eclair instead of this vanilla one. It does match my tan, you know.—Christmas Judge. A young woman sent to a newspaper a poem, entitled, "I Cannot Make Him Smile," and was much displeased when the editor sent it back with a line saying that she would pro-succeed if she showed him the poem. - It

Companion. Dashaway-The other night I went to an smateur theatrical performance, and then I went home and had a terrible dream. Cleverton-What did you dream?

Dashaway-1 dreamt I went to it again, -New She-There's that horrid Mr. Gargoyle, Have you ever seen his wife? He-No; but she's a blonds,
"How do you know?"
"I was with Gargoyle half an hour yesterday,

and he spoke admiringly of every brune passed. "-Life. Nellie-Well, Edie, how do you like going

o school?

Edle (her first experience) -I don't like it! Nellie-Why, Edie, what's the matter? Don't you like your teacher?

Edie-No: I don't like her one bit! She put me in a chair and told me to sit there for the present, and I sat—and sat, and she never gave me any present at all!—Boston Budget.