Played Splendidly by the Boston

Minstrels and Other Mirthmakers.

Only Talks About It.

trade mark is often a better monument than a

plored the study of geography will not be very fascinating and the map makers will not have to change their plates so frequently.

RAILBOAD beds are full of sleepers,

PARNELL is in the minority, but he has the mbination of the Nationalist safe.

BATTLE WITH A WOLF.

A Texan Lad Has a Severe Struggle With One of the Animals.

of Nottingham and among the calis and beeches of Sherwood Forest, and not for a moment does the action lag, or the continuity of the narrative lapse. The libretto is wonderfully good. There is no little wit, and not a solitary scrap of silliness in the linest the verse of the songs is musical, even genuinely poetical at times, and the aptness and ingenuity of the rhyming reminds one of Gilbert or Eugene Field. Not a stupid pun, not a "gag," absolutely no allusions to baseball, politics or local affairs, not even the eternal topical song, mar the opera. Better still, the atmosphere of the whole piece is as clean and sweet as it would be if the glades of old Sherwood had actually been the locale.

In the first act the trio in which Mr. Barnabee, as the Sheriff, essayed to teach Mr. Peter Lang, as Sir Guy, the English aristocratic method of wooing Miss Marie Stone, as Maid Marion, was most original in its humor and melodious in its music. Miss Stone's song about love, the quartet, "All is Fair in Love and War," and Mr. Barnabee's song describing his potential qualifications for the shrievalty, were all remarkable for bright and catchy music nicely wedded to either pretty or witty words. The final chorus of the first act words. on the Brazos, was recently attacked by a gray wolf of the kind commonly known as a "hulker," and only after a flerce struggle succeeded in killing the animal, which appeared to be starving and was unusually ferocious. Young Livermore, it appears, was looking for a stray horse on the bare strip lying along the river known as Harker's Flats, and was armed only with a small riding-whip of plaited leather. Seeing some animal moving through the grass at some distance from him, he threw a stone at it, and the next moment the wolf sprang at his throat. The attack was so sudden that he lost his balance and fell with it, but was up again instantly, and endeavoring to defend himself against the furious creature, which was nearly as large the furious creature, which was nearly as large as himself. He met it as it flew at him snarling, and with its jaws snapping like castanets, with the butt end of his whip, which he laid about the butt end of his whip, which he laid about its head and muzzle with such force as to break the bone of the latter and to bring the blood in such quantities that the ground about is gory with the marks of the battle, and to cover with blood the boy himself. Crazed by the pain, the wolf caught him by the left leg, tearing the clothing away and mangling the fiesh, while Livermore belabored him about the shoulders and body with the whip, but without any effect beyond further infuriating the animal, which beyond further infuriating the animal, which overtook him when at last he tried to break and run, and throwing him down fixed its fangs in This, fortunately, was protected by a thick

This, fortunately, was protected by a thick woolen scarf wrapped tightly about it, or in all probability he would have been speedily killed. He managed, however, to seize the wolf by the neck and wrench its head away, and then, grasping it with; both hands about the throat, choked it till suffocated, and probably weakened by the blood it had lost, it fell away and ran a short distance, when Livermore, thinking it worse hurt than it was, took after it and began beating it with the whip, cutting it to the bone in many places. It would have at-

bites result in lycanthrophy, but they are healng rapidly and he is again about.

Ding dong, bell—&c.

The concerted members did not show as great originality as the solos, but where they were most suggestive of other works they were still full of melody, and in orchestration often improvements upon the borrowed strain. The whole score, of course, had the advantage of the very able treatment accorded it by both chorus and principals. The chorus contains some very good voices and pretty women, better than grand opers usually commands on the road. Of the principals really nothing but praise can be spoken. Tom Karl makes a picturesque Robin Hood, and his vocal strength is undiminished. In the role of Sheriff Mr. Rarnabee ins a broad. Hood, and his vocal strength is undiminished. In the role of Sheriff Mr. Barnabee has a broad In the role of Sheriff Mr. Barnabee has a broad and well-lit field for the display of his quiet and refined humor. The fun he makes with the help of Messra. Lang and Frothingham, the latter a joily Friar Tuck, is rich in the best sense. Marie Stone sang admirably—as a half-dozen encores testified—and looked most piquantly pretty as Maid Ma.ton. Miss Davis beautiful contralto volce came out grandly in "St. Swithin's volce came out grandly in "St. Swithin's Chimes" and elsewhere—and to her singing of the "chimes" song, by the way, Miss Grace Reals added not a little charm by her expressive acting. Mr. MacDonald, as Little John, and Engene Cowles, as Will Scattet, sang and acted

music nicely wedded to either pretty or witty words. The final chorus of the first act was essentially dramatic. In the second act the

chorus of tinkers had a merry swing to it

that drifted easily into a dance measure for its close. Mr. W. H McDonald's song, "It Takes Nine Tailors, etc.", with a chorus for male voices, showed striking originality, and the sextett with these words:

C, see the lambtins play,
The birdlings pipe on every tree:
The kids do frisk right gladsomeife;
And bleat the lambs
Beside their dams,
They are so full of giee,
Yes, they are full—
They are so full—
They are so full of glee.

C, see the lambkins play,

Eugene Cowles, as Will Scattet, sang and acted with great spirit and success. If anyone else in the cast has not been mentioned the omission must be interpreted as praise. The costumes and the scenery for the second and third acts are decidedly handsome, and the opera as a whole could hardly be better played. Mr. Studley, and the orchestra under his direction, interpreted the score with great precision and harmony for a first night. As we have already said, the audience demanded most of the numbers a second time, and even in some cases a fourth time.

"Robin Hood" will be repeated this evening with the following strong cast: Robin Hood, Edwin W. Hoff; High Sheriff of Nottingham, H. C. Barnabet Little John, W. H. MacDonald; Will Scattet, Eugene Cowles; Fine Tuck, George B. Frothingham; Sir Guy Gisborne, Peter Lang; Allan-a-Dale, Flora Finlayson; Dame Burden, Josephine Bartlett; Annabel, Grace Reals: Maid Maxim, Juliette Corten. Dame Burden, Josephine Bartlett; Annabel, Grace Reals; Maid Marton, Juliette Corden.

Grand Opera House,

Last night's entertainment at the Grand Opera House was a triumph of minstrelsy. W. S. Cieveland's Consolidated Minstrels proved even better than was expected. Amost every seat in the house was occupied. Each act was well received and encores were as numerous as

the numbers on the programme. A series of exclamations of surprise and admiration were given at the first glimpse of the tapestried palace of Mephistos. The curtain was of heavy flowered silk and rich plush, while the delicately tinted drapings of the in terior produced a most charming effect. As for the costumes they were wonders in themselves, and the richness of mirth was in keeping with the surroundings. The show was good from beginning to end, and, with few exceptions, the old-time chestnuts which grow on burnt cork were a minus quantity.

In the opening Fred M. Winans won the first encore on his solo. "A Son of the Desert Am I." His form won for him admiration when he stepped to the front, and the numerous calls for him left no doubt as to the richness of his

ocal powers,

Billy Emerson was as rich as ever in his imi-Billy Emerson was as rich as ever in his im-tations. Hughey Dougherty was received, as usual, with encore after encore, and there was not one that he did not deserve. Luke School-craft was even funnier than ever, and Barney Fagan has not lost a whit of his ability to places an audience.

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Barney Fagan's creations, "The Alpine Mountaineers" and the "Phantom Cuirassiers," were wonders in themselves. The dance of the Alpine guides and maidens was grace itself, but the greatest was the appearance of the "Phantom Cuirassiers." The house was darkened and now and then in the flashes of light could be seen the bright uniforms of the cuirassiers and their flashing swords against the wall of black. When the lights were turned on the seene was one that would have done honor to Kiraify. Each man was a type of perfection and each movement was performed in perfect

to Kiraify. Each man was a type of perfection and each movement was performed in perfect harmony. Then all was darkened again and by some remarkable electric effect each sword seemed to strike fire as the cuirassiers fenced. Fields and Hanson were deservedly popular in their instrumental comedy. The closing act was a fitting fluale to such an entertainment. The acrobatic feats of the Craggs family were something out of the ordinary, and their tumbling has never been surpassed on any stage in Pittsburg.

Bliou Theater

Lotta is superb. True, the play she appeared in last evening was an old one, but she never gets old. Her vivacity and bright humor are just as infectious as ever, and last night's au-dience at the Bijou testifed. ce at the Bijou testified how glad her many

admirers were to greet her after being two Lotta. In her particular field she still remain

-It is estimated that Indian wars have in her well-earned position of best. In that she excels as certainly as Booth does in his especial forte. set the Government \$700,000,000. -Henry Jay says: "A contented wife is To hear and see her, as did a large audience apt to have a contented husband." -The Hotehkiss revolving cannon, the tomatic but amazingly effective Maxim gun, and scores of other death-dealing weapons, at-test the ingenuity of Americans in this field of mechanics. -Some of the swifts secrete from their salivary glands a fluid which rapidly hardens

as it dries on exposure to the air into a sub-stance resembling isinglass, and thus furnish the "edible birds" nests" that are the delight of Chinese epicures. -The twentieth century begins on January 1, 1901. The first century does not end with the year 99, but with the year 100; the second century, therefore, began with the year 101, and the twentieth century, as explained, will begin with the year 1901.

-Biddeford Pool, Me., is at present invaded by a troop of snawy owls from the Arctic

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

wilds. The life-saving crew has been belying its name during the past week to the extent of 30 owls. They are sent to Boston and sold for \$3 or \$3 50, according to their whiteness. -The flamingo erects in the marshes it frequents a mound of earth some two feet in beight, with a cavity atop, on which the hen,

cent are expected to develop and thrive. It is little items like this from the far-away Pacific coast that bring home to the Eastern reader an appreciation of the restless energy of the great

-"You can't empty a hot, soft-boiled egg into a thin cup without cracking it, nine times out of ten, unless you follow a little trick I picked up," said the wise Blanquet. "It is this: Before you open your egg put your spoon in the cup. Why? The heat follows the spoon upward and escapes." Simple, but it doesn't cost anything to try it.

-Mrs. Alderson, who lives four miles from Albany, in Benton county, Ore., has a gen-nine Jeff Davis relic. It was a piece of the cape of the clock which he wore when cap-tured in woman's attire. It is of heavy black goods, and was given Mrs. Aiderson by one of the men who helped to catch him, an old friend and neighbor of hers.

-Alcohol gets its name from the Arabic alkohol, the powder of antimony, with which the people in Asia stain their eyelids. This powder is very fine and pure, and the name was n time given in Europe to alcohol, because is a pure extract; but the Arabs never used the word in that way. In other words, that signification of it was unknown in Arabia.

called the Westminster clock. The dials are 22.2 feet in diameter. The depth of the well for the weights is 174 feet. Weight of the minute hand, 2 cwt.; length, 14 feet. Glass used in dials, 24 tons. The large bell is heard ten miles off; the small ones four to dwe. -The new Union League Club, of Brooklyn, has made a radical departure from clui

traditions in setting apart certain rooms, actraditions in setting apart certain rooms, ac-cessible by a private entrance, for the use of the wives and daughters of members, and in placing at their disposal, at certain hours and under certain conditions, the bowling alleys, library, and other privileges of the club house, -A complete list of the Sultan's wives shows that he has five first-class wives, valides; YESTERDAY was the first day for the ad-

250 third-class partners, variously described as "favorites" and "slaves." The care and attendance of the female establishments require the services of 6,000 persons, who are the only people in Turkey who receive their full pay with regularity. -Panes of glass can be cut under water to almost any shape with a pair of scissors,

Two things are necessary for success; first, the glass must be quite level in the water while the sci-sors are applied, and secondly, to avoid risk, it is better to perform the cuiting by cut-ting off small pieces, thus reducing the form gradually to that required. The softer glasses out best, and the scissors need not be very sharp.

-An ancient legend says, that when mankind were dispersed by the confusion of tongues !Hair a martial son of Togarmah a son of Gomer, a son of Japhet, went to dwell at the foot of Mount Ararat, and from there ruled the surrounding country. The descendants of this warrior call themselves "The Harks," but as one of their early chiefs was named Ar-menak, they are known to foreigners as the

ols of Germany. The incre the defect is considered contagious. The fa-mous Dr. Gutzman is authority for the state-ment that the increase is due to mimicry; that the young mimics who imitiate stutterers soon become involuntary stutterers. The schools of the city of Breslau have a total of 2,400 stutter-ing children.

ing children. -The original meaning of vampire, which appellation has been given to certain bloodsucking bats, was that it was usually supposed to be the soul of a dead man which quits the buried body by night to suck the blood of living persons. This belief chiefly prevails in Slavona lands. It is thought that those who turn vam pires are generally wizards, suicides and per-sons who have come to a violent end, or have

ered capillary vessels being thus exposed, a ered capillary vessels being thus exposed, a constant flow of blood is maintained. From this source the blood is drawn through the exceedingly narrow gullet—too narrow for anything solid to pass—into the intestine-like stomach, whence it is, probably, gradually drawn off during the slow process of digestion, while the animal, sated with food, is hanging in a state of torpidity from the roof of its care, or from the inner sides of a hollow tree.

"Do you understand that Bronson has finally decided to enter the state of matrimony?"
"Yes. I think so; at least he told me he was
going to Utah."—Brooklyn Eagle. "There is one respect in which the toper

"And that is what?" queried Muggly,

The Brooklyn street car drivers threaten to strike if not allowed to att down during por-tions of their trips. The trouble is one of long standing. - Philadelphia Ledger.

After 4,000 years of repose the mummies

Judge Guffy-And what have you been

Weary Wraggles-Nothing, yer honor! Judge Guffy-Thirty days for vagrancy. Nextl-Boston Traveller.

And frustrated her dreme

-Brooklyn Eagle.

"Might I ask why, Mr. Staylate?" "Because when I left last night that pup of ours seemed to regard me as free raw material." Philadelphia Times.

First Anarchist-Ah, we will be avenged

in the police at last!
Second Anarchist—What have you done, Jacob

I have worked a dynamite bomb into the tall pocket of every man! Second Anarchist—They wen't go off, fool!

First Anarchist-Ah, but I have strewn the pavement with banana peel!-New York Sun. Miss A .- It is said that that old bachelor,

Singletax, was a great beau in his day. He could have married the richest girl in New York. Miss B.-Why didn't he? Well, he didn't take fortune at the flood, that's

He looks old enough to have taken it before the flood. - Texas Siftings.
THE TOUGH LINEMAN.

Bot when they took him down
These words the victim softly said.
"Is 'pose it's dark all over town,
But I can't help it!" "Aren't you dead?"
They cried amazed - "Praised be the gods!"

PITTSBURG DISPATCH. conflicts of the trans-Mississippi roads which purchase, as the times when the Allegheny SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON

railway rate wars that have been waged November 14, 1887, as second-class matter. best demonstration of the fact is furnished by the case of transportation systems cog-

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MORE BUSINESS BUILDINGS.

part of the city. During the past five years the residence growth; while there has been no corresbe supplied and rents are reaching a

towering attitude. attain a mighty impetus.

The present demand for business property and the high rents should stimulate activity | house canvass of any district at the Governin this line. We hope to see even more | ment's expense, with practically no restraint general improvements during the next as to the means which might be used to

season than during the last. CAUSES OF RAILWAY WARA susceptible of converting the machinery of elections into an engine of political control

with a very slight stretch of its provisions. The deliberative character of the Senate has been instrumental in demonstrating the dangerous character of this provision. If the debate continues as it has begun it may produce such a radical reform as 15 excotemporary railroad officials "grow rich pressed by the proverbial cutting off the tail on the economics of a salary of \$5,000 to of the dog behind the ears, or in more par-\$10,000 annually, when living at the rate of limentary language, striking out all after \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year." It asserts that the enacting clause. "railroad agreements will be kept when

> AN INADMISSABLE PROPOSITION. New York would not be satisfied if allowed an additional member of the House, without a recount, which question was promptly and

> mistake except by a careful recount. Such a compromise would amount to a confession that the census has been botched, and a ther demand for the only certain way of cor-

recting the error. case of inadequacy in her census, as she seems to, the only honest way out of it is to order a recount. While Congress is about tions, which will continue to produce that it, it might also take some steps to determine, in the interest of the whole country, why the census cannot be made to show something better for the past decade of prosperity than a rate of natural increase

The new ordinance introduced for the purchase of a Poor Farm is doubtless framed with a sincere purpose to avoid some features which are by no means founded on

the land purchased shall be not less than 300 acres. This is based on the idea that it is necessary to employ the occupants of the eity poorhouse at farming work. There is acre, while the same products are sold on Closely connected with this, and probably Liberty at prices representing an investment

exercising a more direct influence in inspir- of \$25 to \$50 an acre. ing railway wars, is the hope of securing by The requirement that the property shall means of this attack on the revenue of be located on a navigable stream is apparrivals, their adhesion to an agreement which | ently a survival of the times when the rivers will inure to the profit of the attacking had to be depended on for transportation,

fails to see that they were inspired by the is navigable above Herr's Island are few desire to serve some ulterior purpose of the and far between. It is a well understood great railway manipulators. This in, one principle that industries requiring transform or another, is the genesis of all the portation for large masses of heavy freight will find a location on the banks of a navigasince the beginning of the pooling era. The | ble river a protection against excessive railway charges. But on the class of transportation required for the Poor Farm it is nate to the railways, where competition is | hardly credible that the saving from a locafree and where rates are always kept steady | tion on ariver would amount to one-half the

by the fact that there is no remedy for the interest on the increased cost of the land. The requirement should be for enough land to furnish comfortable sites for the terests, where ever there is the possibility or | necessary buildings, with convenient access hope of establishing a monopoly, the device from a railroad, a healthy neighborhood, of cut-throat prices is almost universal as a with good drainage and an adequate supply, method of freezing out competition. Where | from either streams or springs of pure water ever competition is hampered or unequaled for the use of the institution. These represent ordinance of a sum which would masuch struggles between single and universal | terially enlarge and improve the buildings.

In Buffalo they have figured out that ballot reform makes the election cost a dollar for each vote. If that secures an honest election it would be cheaper at five dollars a vote than an election where the price of two or three dollars is paid by one of the contesting

they might conclude to do something in the line of preventing the scandals that are likely o arise out of secret divorce trials,

THERE is at last a material hope that Fitler may be President of the Philadelphia Union League. This will add brilliance to the star of Fitler's glory, but it is hard on the

WITH regard to the question: "Ought our Daughters to be Dowered?" the answer is easy. They should be dowered with cheerful disposi tions, a cultivation of the affections, and training which enables them to de their work in life bravely and well. Daughters so dowered will be worth more to themselves and those

PACIFIC coast Senatorships are generally supposed to rule high; but Senator Stanford's bid of \$100,000,000 in loans to the farmers is little the highest bid on record.

ONE of the striking exposes of political consistency is furnished by the Tory attitude toward Parnell. A year ago the entire Tory press was embarked in the enterprise of holding Parnell up as a man of whom the English should beware. Now they are beginning to treat him with marked favor. The radical that locality, is one of the best safeguards change is due to the fact that now Parnell is opposed to Gladstone, and the Tories are prepropo ed national legislation the officials pared to take any medicine that will beat the would be responsible only to the adminis-

> Now that the Dakota Sioux are declaring that their census is inadequate it begins to look as if no one is as poor as to do reverence

It is interesting to learn that a New Jersey millionaire is going to build a temple for faith cores and "will spend \$500,000 if necessary in performing miraculous cures." The idea of securing miraculous cures by large expenditures of money is hardly second to the kindred idea of winning political victories by

BEYOND a few bucks who are reported to have danced themselves into the land of spirits the ghost dances have not yet been espec productive of ghosts. than this one of domiciliary visits would be, Now talk is heard among the leaders of the House of increasing the tax on whisky "to

Secretary of the Treasury that there will be a

African career.

CHAUNCEY F. BLACK, the recent Demo cratic candidate for Lacutenant Governor of this State, proposes to re-enter Washington and will take charge of the bureau of the New York World.

"IK MARYEL" has been compelled to resor to his laft hand for writing purposes, owing to his crippled right arm, and the author's letters to bis friends are all the production of the hitherto unused member for literary purposes berland's magnificent collections of art treasures has just been printed at Vienna for private circulation only. It is a huge folio volume, and contains 150 illustrations. The Duke possesses one of the largest and finest collections of gold

and silver plate and jewels in the world. NATHANIEL PAGE, of Washington, widely known as a financier, and who has just returned from a two months' trip to London and Berlin. cates in American enterprises states that "the biggest Americans, as Englishmen estim them, are James G. Blaine and Grover Cleveland. Each is recogonized as the foremes champion of his cause."

AT the last commencement of the Royal University of Dublin nine clever Irish girls took the degree of B. A. One, Miss Maud Joynt, received her M. A. with highest honors in modern literature, while one more, a potential Portia, pretty and wise, by name and title Miss Frances Helena Gray, wears her LL. D. with becoming dignity. In the examination papers the women students ranked above the men,

at Munster. He is specially noted for his magnificent physical atlas, of which an English edition was published by Alexander Keith Johnston in Edinburgh, and which is the finest work of the kind extant. Besides this the atlases and charts of Berghaus have been innumerable, and it would be impossible to overestimate his importance to the subject of geography, physical and political, and to ethnor raphy, in which sciences his authority has be absolute and unimpugnable.

PRINCESS WILHELMINA has been proclaimed Queen of the Netherlands, and is the youngest living sovereign except Alphonso XIII., King of Spain. The little Queen is a pretty and intelligent child of 10, who has been brought up with almost Spartan rigor by her conscientions nother. On one occasion when the two were driving together the horses took fright, ran away and broke the carriage. As soon as another could be procured Queen Emma reumed her drive with the same horses. When gentleman-in-waiting ventured to remonstrate, less the Princess should be frightened, her mother replied: "A future Queen must not know the meaning of fear. It is for that reason that we go on."

TROUT IN A WELL

Probably a Subterranean Outlet From a River in the Vicinity. SANTA BARBARA, Dec. 8.-An artesian well was some years ago sunk on the beach of San Buenaventura, five feet from high water mark. At a depth of about 143 feet a strong flow of water was obtained, spouting 35 feet above the ground. Some fish were observed in the waste vater, and an examination of the well revealed the fact that it was filled with young trout. They were perfectly developed, eyes and all, and measured about two inches in length. Thousands of them were throw out by each jet. The temperature of the well water was about 61° Fahrenheit. It is believed that the THE country can inflate its currency and surive, but a bank ruuning on wind is bound to

THE sleigh bells tinkled last night. It wasn't good sledding, to be sure, but a good many seemed to think so. Of course the rosty ron ners cut through the thin snow and grated on the street stones, but the people in the cutters didn't mind that. The bells drowned the chilimaking scratches, and the jolts only brought the happy hearts closer together, didn't they? Did you ever take a long journey in a sleigh just large enough for two-an old-fashioned, straw-littered, heavy-robed, bright-shod cutter -a journey that began just before dawn and ended in the mellow moonlight? Delightful, wasn't it? Or was it lonesome, cold, monotonous? Of course that depended on cir-cumstances. I have taken such journeys, nd so have plenty others. I reme that stretched through two days, and over land and water, too. What a sleigh ride that was, to be sure. The snow was unusually deep. Huge drifts hid the road, fences were covered, and travelers few and far between. After a few ours the snow began to fall. The flakes came faster and faster, and soon obliterated the rem nants of the roadway. Still he who guided the faithful little horse-an animal reared in the snow—managed to pick a way through the white waste until nightfall. Then a light shone out faintly through the whirling veil, and soon a welcome, accompanied by good cheer, which strangers alone can give, assured us we were all right for the night. Next morning we were up with the roosters, and away. We were then on the edge of an ice-bound, snow-covered bay, an arm of one of the great lakes. This had to be crossed. And there it lay, white, trackless No matter where the eye wandered, i rested on snow and sky-white and blue, cold and cheerless. But the runners rested on the firm, smooth ice after cutting through the snow, the merry bells tinkled in the clear frosty air, the crystals sparkled like stars on the pure white breast of the frozen bay, and childish fancy furnished the rest. But what a long. oiseless, smooth, white journey that was, any way. Only the chuckety-chuck, chucketychuck of the horse's sharp-shod hoofs, and the jingle-jangle, jingle-jangle of the silvery bells Snow and solitude, glide and glimmer, slide and shimmer. On and on, ruth essly cutting the pure bosom of the broad and long bay, leaving behind a snake-like trail which vanished into a black streak where it met blue sky in the rear. No cutting through into the stones there--no squeaking or grating, no jolting or jarring. But, then, that was childhood sleigh ride. The old man who sat beside me then saw only the snow and the ice, felt only the frost and the cold. The fingle of

sky, for he was nearer to it; I saw the snow, for was closer to earth than be. So long as public funds are placed at the dis posal of private favorites taxpayers can expect to be called upon to make up deficiencies in

tickled his ears nor caught his eye. He saw the

the bells and the crystals in the snow

the revenues without receiving any benefits. FAITH, the corner-stone of religion, is in every heart. It is the duty of the churches to nurture and develop it.

MOLDERS of public opinion work in human It is rumored that domestic duties, if nothing else, will keep Mary Anderson from appear-

ing on the stage this season. PITTSBURG is cultivating art as well as arti-

Base Uses of the Beautiful.

The beautiful snow's not for sleighing alone, It has other uses besides: It takes the banana peel's place on street stone And greases toboggan slides. EDUCATION does not unfit a person for any

calling.

Ir is a good sign to see the people taking great interest in religion and religious affairs. Ir has been demonstrated that woman can develop her mind to equal man's, but not her

THE baby carriage is in the push, and always

MR. DELAMATER hustled for votes and notes, didn't he? A song will catch a crowd speech, but its effects are not as lasting.

NEW YORK is becoming a winter suburb of Pittsburg. The Pittsburger is appreciated

It's easier to drive some people to drink whisky than drive some dumb animals to drink Trancharous Weather. If you would save a doctor bill And chase away the blues,

Take an occasional quinine pill And wear good overshoes. A LIGHT snow means a heavy fall for a rood

REPORE a man goes to the dogs he usually roes to the doggery. Ir some of the scientists would turn their attention from our origin to our destination they would be conferring greater benefits upon humanity. Ours is not a question of descent, but

WITH the advent of winter the perils of railway travel increase. Go slow. AT all events the snow cheers the children

Birth of Winter. A snowdrop fell from a chilly sky In the stillness of the night; Then others came, by its side to lie, In the morn the earth was white,

and that should be compensation enough.

A Frost King came from an icy land, And played in the pure white snow; He tossed the flakes in his frozen hand, And lingered, loath to go. A wind came down from an ice bound sea

It swept o'er the singing rill; And with one breath husbed its melody. Then the earth was cold and still, A laugh went up from a merry crowd, And the children, full of glee, Tore gaping rents in the thick white shrou

A sun came up from the flow'ry lands. Absent, lot many a day; It smiled and snapped the frosty bands, And the snowdrop went away.

winter revelry.

ALL's fare in a passenger rate war, of course THE stranger within our gates last Saturday ot a splendid view of Pittsburg in 1870. THE snow is tantalizing. Only enough falls at a time to make slush. If sledding snow would put in an appearance Christmas shoppers

from the rural districts would keep the store folk busy. THE factory whistle is a relic of the past. Clocks are cheap now. The touting things Fiction that follows the scientific thought

of the times is well enough; but fiction that follows the social waves that clash on the

shores of humanity is neither elevating nor en-

tertaining. PROF. Koch has made professional enemies A man is not thoroughly hated until he doe something which lifts him out of the common-

UNSKILLED labor organizes for self protect tion and skilled labor organizes for self advancement. In this age of vast fortunes made through corporate alliances, labor has no other If there were no homely or plain females in

complishments instead of their features. "SAVE me from my friends" should be Erin's cry now.

the world women would be gauged by their ac-

THE early shopper gets the best bargain. The

stores are full of surprises for Christmas gift LEAGUING FOR LAUGHTER.

A SCULL race will be a novelty in Congress. Still that's what the Greevy-Scull contest

A PITTSBURG iron mill has been compelled to drop a lot of firemen on account of an over supply of natural gas. The firm has its own gas wells. The gas supply is apparently all right if you are not at the mercy of a monopoly.

A big doctor went to Berlin To get some of Koch's medicine, But when he got there They had none to spare, So all he can give us is "chin." THE cigar has immortalized a statesman. A

Women get more enjoyment out of society than men, because they are easily entertained. A man is often bored where a woman is de-

SHOVEL the snow off your pavement and re ceive the blessing of the pedestrian. WHEN wars cease and Africa is fully ex-

IF the State sinking fund is not watched i will sink out of sight. FAMILIARITY breeds contempt. This proba

A GREAT many people seem to be in love with their own voice, because they want to talk Sometimes the lay of a minstrel produces at

WILLIE WINKLE.

RATH CITY, TEX., Dec. &-Robert Livermore, a boy of 16 and the son of a widow lady living on a small farm a few miles from town,

began beating it with the whip, cutting it to the bone in many places. It would have at-tacked him again, but the boy, now on his mettle, prevented it from doing this by his activity in dodging it, and meeting it at every turn with a lash. At last the wolf, springing at him unexpectedly, caught his hand in its mouth, biting it severely, until Livermore man-aged to pry open its teeth with the stock of his whip, and, catching it by the throat once more, choked it to death. He was hurt a good deal himself, and for a time grave appre-hensions were entertained lest the creature's bites result in lycanthrophy, but they are heal-

MR. CLEVELAND'S FAIR GIFT.

The Letter the Ex-President Wrote With an Inclosure for Charity. NORRISTOWN, PA., Dec. 8.-When the ladies were arranging for the charity hospital bazaar, which is in successful operation here this week, they sent to President and Mrs. Harrison and ex-President and Mrs. Grover Cleveland hand-painted ornaments together with a brief letter stating the work in which the ladies are so successfully laboring but making no request that the article should be purchased or a con-tribution returned. Ex-President Cleveland tribution returned. Ex-sent the following letter: 816 MADISON AVENUE, Nov. 25.

Sie Madison Avenue, Nov. 25,
Dear Miss Rex—Mrs. Cleveland has referred your letter of the 20th inst. to me for disposal. I shall be very frank with you. Application for pecuniary aid comes to us daily and hourly from all quarters and in behalf of every charitable object. It is impossible for us to respond favorably to all, and to judge of their relative merits satisfactorily is beyond human ability. Our perplexity is increased when articles are sent to us with the applicant's expectation of our purchasing them without giving us the least hint of the value fixed upon them by those who put them in our hands. those who put them in our hands, You have sent Mrs. Cleveland a very pretty piece of work, the value of which we cannot guess; but from the terms of your letter we are led to think you expect the measure of our aid

to be the good work you have in hand, to be regulated in the same way by the value we fix on the article you sent. Do you think that is We have considered that we can contribute We have considered that we can contribute \$5 toward furnishing your Charity Hospital, and that amount I gladly inclose. We will also return by express the piece of painted work you sent Mrs. Cleveland, with the request that you sell it for the benefit of the cause.

Yours very truly,

GROVER CLEVELAND.

A MILLIONAIRE'S WILL, Duniel B. Fayerwether Leaves Hundreds of Thousands for Education.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.-The will of Daniel B. Faverwether, the millionaire leather dealer, which was filed to-day, gives \$2,100,000 to different colleges and \$95,000 to hospitals. The will was made on October 6, 1880, and has four codicils. The testator died on November 15, 1890. The executors are Justus L. Vaughan and Thomas V. Rich.

The following bequests are made: Yale Col-lege, for Sheffield Scientific School, \$300,000; lege, for Sheffield Scientific School, \$300,000; Columbia College, \$200,000; Cornell University, \$200,000; Bowdoin College, \$100,000; Ambert College, \$100,000; Bowdoin College, \$100,000; Williams College, \$100,000; Dartmonth College, \$100,000; Wesleyan University, \$100,000; Hamilton College, \$100,000; University of Rochester, \$100,000; Lincoin University, \$100,000; University of Virginia, \$100,000; Hamilton University, \$100,000; Marysville College, \$100,000; Union Theologinal Seminary and endowment of cadetships, \$50,000; Lafayette College, \$50,000; Marietta College, \$50,000; Adelbert College, \$50,000; Wabash College, \$50,000; Pach College, \$50,000; Wabash College, \$50,000; The residue of his estate, which was also to have gone to these colleges pro rata of his be-

have gone to these colleges pro rata of his be quest, is changed by a codicil so that it is given absolutely to the executors. The hospitals given bequests are all in this city. The re the estate is divided up among his family. THE MASON AND DIXON LINE.

Definite Statement Necessary to Satisfy

Curious Ones,

From the St. Louis Republic. ?

The Mason and Dixon Line runs along the parallel of latitude 39° and 43', 26° and 3', separating Pennsylvania from Maryland. It was drawn by two distinguished English surveyors, Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon, who began their work in 1763 and finished it in 1767. Th their work in 1/00 and missaed is in 1/0. The line is marked by stones set at intervals of five miles; each having the arms of Lord Baltimore engraved on one side and those of the Penn family upon the other. Besides these large stones set to mark each fifth mile, smaller stones were set at the end of each mile, these stones were set at the end of each mile, these having a letter P engraved upon one side and a letter M on the other; these intended as initial letters of Pennsylvania and Maryiand. All of these stones were engraved in England. The Mason and Dixon line was not the line separating the free and the slave States. The line settled on in the compromise of 1820 was the compromise of 1820 was the settled on in the settled on in the compromise of 1820 was the settled on in the settled settled on in the compromise of 1820 was 36° 30' The Mason and Dixon line, as shown above rups along the parallel of 39° 43'.

years away from this city. One does not tire of

Robin Hood, a Delightful Comic Opera, Lotta Still a Charmer - Cleveland's To hear and see her, as did a large audience last night, is to wonder at her prodigious powers as a delineator of a peculiar and yet familiar character. One never thinks how truly great are her powers, because she is so true to life and human nature that her portraits glide pleasantly into the mind and awaken acknowledgment almost before you realize that she is acting. Her continuous flow of high spirits, her everpresent grace and ease of action and her sweetly modulated voice, coupled with her simulation of youthful innocence, are attractions which never fail to charm. Of course, she captivated everyone last night. As Musette she is charming, and in her present company none are anything but good. Helen Dayne as Maud, and Will S. Rising as Str Hugh Tracey, have talent of a high quality. To-night she appears in "Ina," a new play, for which great things are promised. "Robin Hood," a comic opera composed and written by Reginald de Koven and Harry B. Smith, was given for the first time in Pittsburg by the Bostonians at the Duquesne Theater last night, It was a success of the most notable sort in every way, artistically most of all. The audience, a fairly large one, was outspoken in its approval, and about two-thirds of the musical numbers were repeated in response to spontaneous and hearty applause. Indeed, "Robin Hood" is by far the most important novelty produced in Pittsburg this season, and, considered as a comic opera, it is unmistakably the best yet written by Americans, without any assistance from abroad, in plot, libretto

Davis' Fifth Avenue Museum. or score. It is not too much to say that Messrs. De Koven and Smith have done in "Robin Hood" work of which the giants of comic opera, Gibert and Sullivan, would have no reason to be ashamed of having done. With youth on their side, and such a brilliant exhibit of their several talents as they have already given to the public, these collaborators, who hail, we believe, from the modest village of Chicago, bid fair to win fame and fortune in a very worthy field of the musical drama.

"Robin Hood" is built upon the legendary story of the bold and benevolent bandit who reigned in Sherwood Forest four or five centuries ago, and therefore long before the county of Nottingham became famous for its brew of strong als which all the world knows as Bass." The plot is intelligible, and romantic and dramatic as well, unusual qualities for a comic opera plot. The familiar characters of Robin Hood, Maid Marion, Friar Tuck, Will Scarlet, Dame Durden and so on, who figure in the romance of the green woods, are all in the opera, and they are not mere caricatures of these mythical personages, as is generally the case, but delightfully quaint reproductions. r score. It is not too much to say that The genuine plantation songs and glees of the Excelsior Jubilee Singers were the musical attraction at Harry Davis' Museum yesterday, and they pleased large audiences hugely. These minstrels are the genuine colored tolks, and their music has the true ring of the cotton fields and the sugar corn. The magnetic mystery of Miss Mattie Lee Price is still to be found here, and on Wednesday next four prominent physicians, of this city, will make an at-tempt to find out the source of her power. The water queen and the man fish are also on exhibition, while the zoological garden has been permanently enriched by the addition of Jocco, the big monkey, and the prairie dogs, who have already begun to burrow out their homes and make themselves generally interest-Taylor girls, in violin duets and songs; Charles and Jenny Welch; John Murray, a clever comedian, and Florence Murray, who sings a topical song with plenty of snap. these mythical personages, as is generally the case, but delightfully quaint reproductions. So the double love story winds in and out of three acts, in the market square of Nottingham and among the oaks and beeches of Sherwood Forest, and

Harris' Theater.

It took a little repairing to make "Peck's Bad

Boy" as attractive as it proved to be yesterday to two overflowing audiences at this house. The repairing has been done and effectively. In the second act a novel skirt dance has been introduced, as well as some good new songs and variety business that caught on in great shape yesterday, and insures a good week's Harry Williams' Academy. Reilly and Wood always bring an attraction

at Harry Williams' that is well worth seeing,

and their company this season is no exception

to their rule. Besides the invincible Pat Reilly

himself, there are the original Papillon dancers that made such a hit in "Kajanka," and Leoni

larke's cat circus, a collection of wonderfully rained animals, and a number of other excel-

ent features. The audience last evening was not only as large as usual, but it was even more

Notes of the Stage NEXT Monday evening, at the Duquesne heater, that merry little comedienne, Rosina Vokes, will begin a week's engagement, and, as s her usual custom, will present three separate and distinct plays at each performance. The programme for the week will be as follows: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights and Saturday matinee, "A Game of Cards," "The Circus Rider" and "A Double Lesson" (new); Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, "Percy Pendragon," "My Milliner Bill" and the "Rough Diamond." Miss Vokes brings with her a most excellent company, being headed by that versatile character actor, Felix Morriss.

They are so full of glee.

While it suggested Gilbert & Sullivan in words, music and the arrangement of voices, it was deliciously ridiculous. A serenade and an aria for Marie Stone in this act were also compositions of genuine merit. In the third act the song, "The Armorer," capitally sung by Mr. Cowles, again revealed a melody worth carrying away. But the real gem of the evening was the song and chorus about "St. Swithin's Chimes," which Miss Jessie Bartlett Davis sang with exquisite feeling. It was encored thrice—and deservedly. The words of this number are worth reproducing, and here they are: rance sale of seats for the Stanley lecture. The net receipts up until last night were over \$1,000. This is altogether unprecedented for a lyceum attraction. It is thought that the en-tire house will be sold by Thursday. Single admission and platform seats will be on sale this morning. DIED ON A SLEEPER.

The Fate of the Last of a Remarkable Band

In olden times
St. Swithin's chimes
Tolled blithely ev'ry hour
From out the old gray tower.
'Neath Swithin's shade
A lovely maid
Lived in a cottage bower,
As fair as any flower.
ard the chimes through all the of Ex-Confederates. MILAN, TENN., Dec, 8 .- Harry C. Janet died on the New Orleans sleeper here last night. With the dead man a nephew watched and waited, and delivered to the authorities several papers, which show the dead man's career to She neard the chimes through all the day; She heard them call the folk to pray; She learned to love their roundeisy From old St. Swithin's tower, have been a strange and checkered one. When Johnston surrendered, in 1865, the brigade of

Ding, dong, bell,
For wedding song of funeral knell,
Your message to each hearer tell,
Betimes,
Ye chimes,
Of Joy or grief may be your song.
If mitth or pain
Be your refrain,
Still ring, ye bell, and sing.
Ding, dong, bell—&c. which General John C. Biggs was commander, and which the man who died last night was a and which the man who died last night was a Colonel, marched to Atlanta, slipping away from the main army in the dead of night, and there dishanded. The officers of the brigade, with the staff, met at a banquet given by the grim old General, and there was formed one of the strangest brotherhoods history records. The "Famous Twenty," composed of the best blood in the South saw their homes devastated.

The "Famous Twenty," composed of the best blood in the South, saw their homes devastated, their hearth-fires destroyed and had no place to lay their heads. Wine inflamed their aiready frenzied passions and they swore eternal idelity to each other, but that their hands should be against every man who fought against them. They also swore to spend the balance of their lives in rictous living and disbalance of their lives in riotous living and dis-Sipation. How well they kept their oaths is shown by How well they kept their oaths is shown by the fact that in four years 13 had crossed over into the unknown, and in 1880 only one was left, the man who died last night. A diary shows that not one of the "Famous Twenty" died a dishonorable death, and though they failed to harm any of their old-time enemies each died satisfied. The dead man's body was carried to Vicksburg, Miss., the home of the dead soldier, by his nephew. His last words were: "General Biggs, I have done my duty," and as his weak hands were uplifted in a salute his spirit took its flight. THEY STAYED FOR BREAKFAST.

Rival Suitors for a Lady's Hand Make an Extended Night Call.

NYACK, N. Y., Dec. 8.—An estimable young lady living here has among her gentlemen friends a frequent caller from the interior of the county, who came down on Saturday to spend the evening with her. About 8 o'clock

a Nyack gentleman came to the lady's house, also to spend the evening with her. The gentlemen were introduced to each other and soon tlemen were introduced to cause which abecame well acquainted.

When the hours grew late each gentleman looked anxiously to see if the other was going to leave, but both seemed inclined to remain. The lady, full of mischief, evidently enjoyed when at 6 o'clock on Sunday the lady, this of mischier, evidently enjoyed he situation, and when at 6 o'clock on Sunday norning she laughingly explained the matter o her mother that lady insisted on both gentlenen staying to breakfast. The invitation was completed and the callers went away at 8 o'clock at the morning tographer.

ADDITION TO THE DOMAIN. A Newly-Discovered Valley in the New State

of Washington. SEATTLE, Dec. 8.-The newly-found valley, that lies just above Gray's River Falls, is attracting considerable attention. By keeping to the south bank of the river ingress can be made without much difficulty. The more fully explored the valley is the more valuable it seems plored the valley is the more valued it seems to become. It is estimated that it is at least three miles wide. The bench lands are very extensive in their area, and are susceptible of a high state of cultivation. It is calculated there is room for 100 or more It is calculated there is room for 100 or more families to settle and make comfortable homes. A portion of this new-found valley is located in Pacific county, which lies to the north of Wah-

kiakum. THE INDIAN QUESTION.

NEW YORK World: The Indians are tired of roken treaties. They are hungry on account of insufficient rations. NEW YORK Herald: Now, there are two sides to every question, and the red man has a right to put his case before the public. He

says be has great grievances. Before you kill

CLEVELAND Leader: Their dislodgement by

alm let him be heard.

force would give the United States army the bloodiest work which it has had to do since Custer fell, and thousands of lives on both sides might be sacrificed. DENVER Republican: The discussion of the Indian question which is now going on in the United States Senate will not be without good without good results, if it shall open the eyes of the mem-bers of Congress to the fact that the Govern-

ment has never dealt with the Indian problem

OMAHA World-Herald: Most people disap-

prove of the Indians. But, while these persons

in the way it should have done.

may not care to relieve the Indian for his own sake, will they not feel the responsibility of this country toward this deposed race? Is not every true patriot auxious that there shall not be another blot on the national 'scutcheon? New York Tribune: At the earliest practicable moment the leaders of this disturbance should be arrested and punished, and the Indians generally should be disarmed. Every true friend of Indian reform and Indian progress will sustain the Government in its well-

directed effort to check this disturbance and to keep in the excellent path that has lately been marked out for the education and employment

having ovinosited, sits astride with danging legs, and in that remarkable, and yet conven-ient attitude, is said to perform the duty of in--Nearly 6,000,000 salmon eggs are batching in the United States hatchery at Clack amas, on the Columbia river, of which 90 per

American Continent.

-The largest clock in the world is the great Parliament House clock, and is usually

24 second-class or morganatic wives; and some

-There are over 80,000 stuttering children

-Travelers describe the wounds inflicted by the large sharp-edged incisors of the South American vampire bat as being similar to those caused by a razor when shaving; a portion of the skin is shaved off, and a large number of sev-

THE HUMOROUS CORNER,

and the total abstainer are exactly alike, " "They neither of 'em smile when they are out of spirits." - New York Herala,

of Egypt are being ground up into paint and pos-sibly are now painting towns red. It's always the way. Your quiet fellows are the worst when they do break out .- Philadelphia Times.

> A maiden becoming passe For a wealthy young broker did is But he countered her scheme

"I think there ought to be more protecion on dogs to the extent of that of muzziln', at

First Anarchist-I have trailed them for hours

The crowd appalled, in mute suspense,

Gazed at the lineman, who, suspended, Hung o'er the maititude so dense— All fancied that his race was ended— But when they took him down

"Oh, no," anid he, "I'm pretty tough; They don't make volts and ohms enough To kill me -I've sold lightning rods!"

-New York Heraid.

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PITTSHIRG THESDAY DEC 9 1890 The evidences which are reported in our local columns of the demand for stores from people outside of the city who wish to engage in business here, is at once a demonstration of the increasing commercial importance of the city, and a corroboration of what THE DISPATCH has often urged vote for the bill in its present shape, and the

THE DISPATCH has long urged, the imjacent to the business streets, so as to make them eligible for trade. In the part of the city below Market street, on First, Second and Third avenues, as far up as Ross, and against abuse of the powers. Under the over nearly entire area of the Court House hill, there is room for tripling the present business facilities of the city. With streets modernized, the work of constructing stores and office buildings along these streets would

The problem why the periodically established and promptly broken agreements of railway presidents to maintain rates do not last any longer, forms the subject of an able and outspoken article in the Philadelphia Press. That journal attributes the evanescent character of such agreements to the inducements to cut rates in favor of subsidiary interests in which railway officials are engaged, so that in the language of our

railroad management ceases to be a vast give and take," and shows a commendable disposition to take the 1id off, in the following outspoken way: These preferences create the entire system of commissions under which agents grow rich by breaking rate sheets. They make the purchasing of railroad supplies a subject of unseemly jest. They fill Wall street with stories of the advantages given to the speculation of railroad officers in the stock of their own roads. Lastly and as only a small part of the preference and favoritism given in all other forms, are the special rates and privileges given shippers by underbilling, by false classification, by special rebates and cuts, and by every form of con-cession from tavors of millions of dollars down

to a pass or a cigar. Men at the head of a

labyrinth of preferences, favoritism and double-dealing like this cannot make agreements that will be kept. There is no doubt that this is a very timely and truthful exposure of some of the crying abuses in railroad methods, which bear their full share in producing cutthroat wars, and in plundering that universal victim of all financial manipulation, the common investor. But the esteemed Press is in error in regarding these as the only influences which lead railway management, in spite of its repeated promises, to engage in throwing away stock holders' money, each for the charitable object of inflicting as much loss upon the other as possible. There are other influences firmly rooted in the present condi-

effect until they are reformed out of the

One of these influences is the principle of imposing on local traffic all the burdens of fixed charges and profit, and regarding less than during the decade of the war. competive traffic as something which it is profitable to secure at any charges. No stronger evidence of this false tendency need be cited than the formal assertion of leading advocates of the railway school that on competitive traffic "anything above the cost of movement is profit." It will be of the rocks and shoals encountered by the seen that such a theory permits the rail- first purchase. But it contains prominent way official to cut rates on through truffic with the doctrinal assurance that he is not | the real necessities of the institution, and inflicting any loss at all, but earning a will hardly commend the provision to the profit-although the profit fails to make an public approval. appearance in the annual statements. So long as competition is wholly excluded from one portion of the traffic, and therefore concentrated with double force on another portion, the tendency to cut rates will be irresistible. The railway idea of correcting no real necessity that the Department of this unequal operation of competition is to | Charities shall go into farming on the grand abolish it altogether; but the interests of scale; and, if they were, the primary busithe people are likely to interpose the objec- ness principles would veto the enterprise of tion that it can be more equably rectified engaging in the raising of agricultural prodby securing its uniform operation on all ucts on lands costing from \$300 to \$600 an cranches of traffic.

the railway system, there is no cure for transportation monopoly on the one hand, or the establishment of unchecked and universal competition in all departments of railway traffic on the other. A DELIBERATIVE BODY. The effect which the speech of Senator Gray, of Delaware, on the domiciliary provision of the Federal elections bill has had must be amended or stricken out.

loss from rates below the cost of service,

while in manufacturing or commercial in-

in producing an admission of the necessity of changing at least that feature, evokes a variation of Speaker Reed's famous expression of gratitude, in the shape of thanks that the Senate is still a deliberative body. The bill was passed through the House, like a good many other partisan measures, with hardly a pretense of careful debate concerning its provisions. But the beginning of actual debate in the Senate has already produced the declaration from certain Republican Senators that they will not concerning the wisdom of improving the admission, even from such a supporter of comparatively unused streets of the lower the bill as Senator Hoar, that this feature

The provision in question is declared by portions of the city have undergone a rapid | the New York Times to be one of the least objectionable in the bill, being, indeed, in ponding extension of the business quarters that journal's opinion, a necessary feature of the city. Improvements downtown have in the supervision of registration. This been marked; but they have been more in may be true with regard to the the line of replacing old business buildings | powers ostensibly granted to United States with new and imposing structures than of officers; but it so probably opens the way to extending the business area. With the ex- great abuses that the Senatorial supporters cention of the growth of business on Penn of the measure, with the solitary exception avenue there is hardly a street in the lower of Senator Edmunds, have nothing to say part of the city now occupied by business in its defense. The section permits the that was not so occupied ten years ago. The | United States officers in charge of the regisresult is that the demand for stores cannot | tration to call at the houses of the registered voters and there institute official inquiries as to the voter's residence and eligibility. This condition of things points to what It is true that in some States similar provisions are granted under the State registry provement of the sections immediately ad- laws; but in such cases the fact that the responsibility of the officials making the inquiry goes directly back to the people of

tration at Washington, and the prospect of widened, grades cut down and pavements a check or redress for any abuse of their powers would be very slight. An obvious possibility of such an enactment is that it would permit the agents of the party in power to make a house-toinfluence voters. It would permit the representatives of a party to ascertain the political status of the registered voters and to either exclude or retain their names accordingly. Hardly any measure could be more

> A very remarkable proposition in connection with the demand of New York City for a recount of its population was hinted at in the hearing of the representatives of that city before the House Census Committee last week. The question was asked whether

properly answered in the negative. Ot course it is not certain that such a question had any especial significance; but accommodations in cars and facilities, by direct | if it had it is pertinent to say that it would be hard to propose any settlement of the the matter that would exhibit a more complete disregard of justice. New York, like any other locality in the country, is entitled to the representation accorded her by an adequate and honest census, and no more, If the census of last summer was a full one, to give New York one more Congressman would be to give her representation to which she is not entitled. If the census is not thorough, there is no way of correcting the

> bribe to New York for refraining from fur-If New York presents a good prima facie

THE POOR FARM REQUIREMENTS. The first of these is the requirement that

THE Philadelphia Press very sensibly says that the Legislature of Pennsylvania should appoint a divorce commission to coperate with that created in New York in favor of uniform divorce legislation. The two States by themselves may not be able to do much in abolishing the discrepancies that now exist in the legislation of forty-two other States; but it is possible that if they should get together

Union League.

related to them than any amount of money in bank or bonded securities. If we have brave, bright and useful women, the question whether they have any money or not sinks into utter

the same pecuniary agency.

meet the expected deficit." Is it possible that the House leaders are so reckless as to disregard the arithmetical demonstration of the

surplus? PROMINENT PERSONALS. AMONG Stanley's hearers in Toronto was whisky John Livingstone, brother of Dr. Livingstone, water. in seeking for whom the explorer began his

An illustrated catalogue of the Duke of Cum-

A DISPATCH from Berlin brings the intellience of the death, at the age of 83 years, of Heinrich Berghaus, the eminent geographer. He was born at Cleves, in Prussis, and educated

party, or serve the great corporate interest of securing profits on fictitious capitalization. It is a very superficial view of the concerned it would have shut out the last tant from the well.

bly accounts for the increase in divorces, as marriage breeds familiarity.