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#### TOO MUCH PROHIBITION.

Dealers in oleomargarine are to be proseouted again and it is astounding how many of them will be brought to trial. The prosecutions are to be made under the United States law, which provides that oleomargarine or the various grades of imitation butter usually known by that name, shall pay an internal revenue tax and be sold for what it really is.

The law of this State prohibits the sale of imitation butter in this State, absolutely. It follows, therefore, that a violation of the United States law is a violation of the State law, too. And it is readily seen that the State law is one of the chief incentives to the violation of the national law. It is not hard to conclude, either, that there is something radically wrong in this wholesale violation of law, and it is well to look carefully for the trouble.

One of the first things noted is that the men who are being prosecuted are not of that class which may be ordinarily denominated as criminal. Many of the names are those of reputable merchants, men who transact business after proper forms. It is also noted that outside of Pennsylvania there are comparatively few prosecutions under the internal revenue law. The imitation butter is sold almost as extensively elsewhere as in this Commonwealth, but it is sold for what it is. People buy it knowing what it is. It is a matter of observation in this city that many buyers of the bogus butter are not deceived in regard to its character.

Thus the opinion is forced that the prohibitory State law does more harm than good. It is only too evident it does not prohibit the sale of imitation butter, and it is equally evident it does compel dealers to conceal the real nature of the article they sell. Being a freedom loving people, the citizens of the State want to have the right to buy what suits them. It is proper that could make such choice. The United States law aims to reach this result.

The State law, on the other hand, is designed to compel everybody to buy cow butter, whether they want it or not. Six years' emergency. trial has proven that it fails to accomplish its purpose. And the frequent prosecution of oleo dealers indicates the probability that the State law, forcing concealment of the true nature of the oleo, leads to the decention of many people who would otherwise buy cow butter, thus defeating its own pur-

in the discharge of their duties. A more tive effect upon the unruly Sioux. The pro-gramme is to fill the Indians' stomach first and reasonable explanation would expose the if that does not satisfy them give them all the radical difference between the service of lead they want. Uncle Sam and the service of private citizens, namely: that in spite of civil service

POLICE JUSTICE POWER, one of the examinations and civil service reform planks strongest leaders of the County Democracy in New York, has resigned. Is this to be taken in party platforms the Government offices still form a gigantic political machine. A as a sign of the organization's resignation stupid man with a vote will always be preunder the rule of Tammany?

the capital.

many quarters that something ought to be

done to protect the veterans from Washington

pension sharks. Liberal appropriations for

pensions are all right, but the nation is under

obligation to enrich a ring of attorneys a

IT is true that the man without money has

a small margin to go upon, but it may be some

satisfaction to him to know just now that he

THE countless thousands and especially

ally are content after the ghost walks.

THE crowbar seems to be mightier than

the pen just now in Irish newspaper offices.

hasn't any margins to put up.

which he inspired.

ferred to a smart woman without one so long as the departments at Washington are at the mercy of the party in power.

States OIL PRODUCERS' OPPORTUNITY. Certainly the producers of petroleum have reason to look about them for means to improve their condition. Depression of their industry, and oppression, is no new thing Farwell is perniciously persuasive. to them. They have suffered periodically

since the early "seventies" when the Standard magnates first started in to control the business. There can be no doubt but public sympathy will be with the producers in any honest effort they may make to provide a competitive market for their product and to

break the monopoly. But the producer must remember their movements are no 2 00 newer thing to the public than oppression i

to them, and with this knowledge they should build wisely and well. Some movements made by the producers in the past have been ill-considered. A few of their efforts have been as selfish as the greed of their oppressor-for the producer alone. Those movements were unfortunate for the oil producers and they resulted disastrously. But they may yet conquer. A

movement broad enough in its scope will lead them out. Producer and consumer are both in the same relation to the monopoly between them. Both have the same interest in checking the dual extortion of low prices for the crude product and high prices for the manufactured product. The producer should therefore consider the consumer as well as himself. He should plan for the

real advantage of the consuming public and be thankful for then he can confidently claim its support. This fact should be the keynote of the present movement. The oil producer may co-operate in business and politics with the wheat producer and the producers of all other wealth. It is the duty to take broad ground against all forms of monopoly and extortion. To fight, shoulder to shoulder, with his fellow sufferers against all monopperseded gas. olies as well as against the greatest trust o

all, the Standard Oil Trust. It he does this he can confidently expect a home market for the product of his independent refineries, even if the monopoly does sell below cost to freeze him out. He only needs to work on broad lines and stick to them until the victory is his.

# GILDING A MAIDEN'S DREAM.

THE spectacle of President Harrison The good fortune of Miss Carrie Painter. summoning Senators to the White House to be which THE DISPATCH has the pleasure of disciplined for opposing the administration's policy is decidedly humorous. But it will not chronicling to-day, is unhappily all too rare in this vale of tears. The fair maiden of be a laughing matter if the country is com pelled to discipline the President's party Homestead might have considered herself second time as a consequence. sufficiently blessed in her good looks, with which as our readers are enabled to judge PERSONAL PENCILINGS.

she is endowed, but a conjunction of lucky stars has added riches. Over a half million PARNELL'S freedom of the city of Edinburgh has been withdrawn. From this it is plain that of dollars is a tidy sum even in these days the Scotch do not look upon his conduct in the of gigantic fortunes, and the young lady is light of a joke. likely to find that a fortune of such a size MRS. STANLEY has been spoken of as a brings responsibilities in its train. If at beauty, but it is the keen intelligence that any time, however, the burden of the big bank account should prove too operous or greatest admiration. irksome to its fair owner-and the other day cow butter and imitation butter should be a New York gentleman shot himself because knew him well before this long illness, are a distinguished from each other so the buyer he had fallen heir to a fortune-Miss unit in declaring that, notwithstanding his Painter may rest assured that she will find hearted and generous of millionaires. no difficulty whatever in persuading som

one to relieve her of the burden. Modest; forbids that we should name a hero for the

sculpture will ever exceed Donoghue's bu CODFISH VERSUS SEALS. O'Reilly which he executed just before he went to It would be interesting DR. CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW'S d'ning room is Richard F. Pettigrew, of South Dakota, is a spacious apartment in which 40 guests can easily be seated. The walls are in dark red, to married. If he is not he is never likely to be. The views he vented the other day as to match the mahogany furniture, and the frieze the seal fisheries of the Behring Sea will about them is formed of appropriate inscrip not make him popular with the fair sex. tions in Greek, Latin, French and English, A handsome mahogany sideboard contains a fir He said that all the seals in Alaskan waters display of rare china that is all of historic inought to be exterminated, and he favored terest. the payment of a bounty by the Government MR. BOUGHTON, the English artist, expresse for each seal killed. This same and surprise at the magnificence of the New York moderate proposal he defended on the houses, and recently remarked: "I know of grounds that if the seals were exterminated but few interiors in London where there is such splendor of decoration and furnishing, the Alaskan waters would be the greatest and at the same time such thorough good taste, fishing waters in the world. The seals feed as I have seen here. The splendid paintings, on codfish. Each seal eats five or six rare tapestries, porcelains, bronzes, carvings and what not are to be seen in a profusion here pounds of codfish per day. Now, instead of that simply is bewildering." having a great fishing sea destroyed entirely, SENATOR PLUMB, who is spoken of as a new Senator Pettigrew thinks it would be more leader upon the Republican side of the profitable to kill every seal and let the fish Senate, is a driver and has all the be the prey of man. The seal company Western contempt for precedent and pogives employment to some 300 Aleutians or litical Senatorial conventionalities where they stand in the way of his accomplishing Indians, but if the waters were rid of seal what he desires. He is popular with every one and given over to fishing, at least 10,000 on account of his frankness and his good na-American citizens would have employment. ture. He has that strange faculty of knowing Alaska would then amount to something, how to get at nearly every one, and whether he meets a high political priest in the party or and the Behring Sea difficulty would soon a humble worker, the Senator at once speaks a be settled. In his opinion the seals will be language understood by both. exterminated anyhow in three or four years WASHINGTON MCLEAN, the veteran jour without resort to the extraordinary warfare nalist who died in Washington this week, was which he advocates. a man of great energy and decision of charac-If Senator Pettigrew's seal-slaughtering ter. One of his favorite subjects for reading scheme were to be put into operation sealwas Napoleon. Any one who was fortunate skin coats would go beyond the reach of all mough to start Mr. McLean upon this subject when he was in the right mood would be cerout millionaires. This would be a public tain to have a treat. In conversation he was benefit, the Dakotan statesman insists, beexcessively picturesque and dramatic. He cause sealskin is conducive to pneumonia was foud of taking a special topic and reading through the year all the works bearing upon it. During the last year of his life he had given anyhow, and codfish is a wholesome meat and palatable beverage. A very few women

Through Agents Hereafter.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.-About 30 mills were rep

esented in the meeting of the wrapping paper

through the Chairman, reported to the associa-

tion, and advised that all sales should be made

anut down of the mills be ordered to take effect

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Spencer Morton Clarke.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

Benjamin M. Stillwell

Israel Kimball, Government Clerk.

ees for consideration and report.

mber 25, and so remain until January 7.

ons were referred to the com

manufacturers. The Executive

SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON. FUSSY people are the first to disappear when genuine fuss is started.

THE village shows were rare treats, weren't they? Oh, it's easy enough to laugh about them now, of course. But you didn't consider them lightly in the days when you sneaked off your mother's best chairs to the little low hall

and carried water for the artists or animals for the privilege of standing near the wood-THREE members-elect of the Illinois box while the show proceeded, did you? No indeed. From the advent of the little hand Legislature have it in their power to name Senator Farwell's successor in the United bills announcing the coming of the Mississipp Senate. Senator Farwell is said to be Monarchs of Minstrelsy, or the arrival of Signor Sleightofhand, or the Thespian Tourstaving away from Washington in order to convince the trio representing the Farmers' Alli-ance that it is their duty to keep John M. ists, etc., etc., until the lamps-candles per haps-were lighted and the curtains closely Palmer at home, and from the anxiety of the drawn, you counted the hours and commenced saving the pennies. And then he, she and it Chicago Democrats it is to be judged that Mr. came. You got in somehow or other. To be sure you were delighted. For months after you THE opinion seems to be spreading in

talked about the Essence of Old Virginny, the ones and the banjo. The glossy-mustached man who shook gold fish out of a handkerchief run a dagger through his wrist and made a card dance haunted you night after night. And that actor! You see him now, of course-flerce, big-lunged, cruel. You cried when he struck the oor old slave, didn't you? And then you laughed at the funny man. Tears and smiles followed each other clear up to the edge of sleep that night. You see it all now, don't you? The entertainments of your childhood are fresher than the entertainment you witnessed I few nights ago if you only let your thoughts drift backward. When the curtain drops now

the children who have an abiding love for Mrs. Hodgson Burnett's Little Lord Fauntleroy you're done with the show. It tickled your fancy for the time and that settles it. Not will sympathize deeply with the author in the so the show in the village hall in childhood's happy hours. It was photographed on your death of her son, Lionel, who was the original of that charming character. It may be some fresh mind to stay. When you want to repeat the entertainment all you have to do is to lift consolution to the bereaved mother to know the curtain of memory and the mind soon sets the stage and the brain starts the show. that her boy's memory will live long in the book And there you are again chasing care away in the charms of childhood. Take in the old show

KING KALAKAUA denies that he desires occasionally. It will do you good, You to sell Hawaii to the United States. This i cry over it now, but perhaps hardly needful. In the first place he cannot you'll laugh. So much the better for sell his island home, and in the second the yourself, then, and those about you. There United States does not want it at any price. are no tears in childhood anyway. At least the nemory didn't retain them, thank heaven. So burrow in that region as often as you can. Go THERE are good reasons to believe that to the village show when the big shows offered the financial stringency is abating. The improvement is not great, but it is something to now grow tiresome. Climb on the old woodchind the hot stove and laugh as you

laughed then. First thing you know you'll be kicking your heels, clapping your hands and craning your neck like you did then. And the Some idea of the development of electric lighting in this city may be gathered from stabeauty of it is it only costs you a thought. tistics which will be found in our news columns to-day. The single statement that one com-GUILT-EDGED paper-A warrant for the

pany supplies over one hundred and twenty arrest of a criminal. thousand lamns of 16 candie power, the usual size for office and domestic use, in the course JUDGING from the latest news from Dublin,

of a year, shows how far electric light has su-United Ireland has been knocked into "pi." THE Senators snap their fingers when

THE Indian actors in the thrilling West Harrison snaps the whip.

ern drama now apparently drawing to a close in Arizona have had their fill of ghost dances UNCLE SAM has given the Crows nearly a illion for their lands. They have no caws for and are contens. It is a fact that actors use omplaint,

# On a Low Pressure Main.

"Come sit by my side, little darling, Snuggle up close, my dear, The world is now chilly and cheerless Since ice and snow are here.' She placed a warm shawl on her shoulders, Poor, shiv'ring piece of clay; Then she nestled closely and murmured:

We have no gas to-day!"

A TAILOR-MADU Suit is cheaper than a law ver-made suit, at all events.

ADAM didn't have to buy Eve any Christmas resents. No wonder his home was a paradise

AT the present rate of recession Niagara Falls will reach Buffalo in about 54,000 years. Plenty of time left to see the Falls. Wait for the summer excursions.

PARNELL yesterday opened a printing office shines in her great eyes which wins her the ith a crowbar. The jimmy is mightler than PEOPLE who knew Robert Garrett, and the pen.

> Don'T expect too much from people who ave great expectations.

eccentricities, he was one of the most warm-Make the Best of It. Two busts of John Boyle O'Reilly, by differ Be cav! What is the use of repining? ent sculptors, are exhibited in Boston, but are sharply condemned by the critics. The Adver-Merry mirth can keep tea.s at bay; All sorrows have a joy for their lining, tiser says: "Probably nothin; in the way of Heaven's hope can chase fear away

Be gay! You are to blame if life's dreary

per capita tax on allens. Guaranteed liberty is beap at a dollar. THE Indian Messiah has evidently taken to he woods. A GOOD name on paper-Jay Gould. TIGHT lacing breaks more feminine heart han sorrow. WHEN the air ship is a success Jack Fros will not be able to close navigation anywhere. THE cutest little mouth may hide a set of

THE fruit of the still don't keep those wh use it still, by a long shot. DON'T take a gun along when you start in ursuit of happiness.

PEOPLE who act on impulse very often mee vith a repulse.

THE successful dentist always makes a good pression, but is forced to take your jaw first.

QUICK judgment is not always good judgment. Motives can stand analysis. WILLIE WINKLE.

GOLD IN ALASKAN RIVERS.

Wondrous Rich and Accessible Depo the Gravel Banks. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 11.-A. M. Hart, of Sitka,

Alaska, in the course of a long interview to day at the Lindell Hotel, said he knew of sev who officiated. eral rivers in Alaska that were richer in gold deposits than the Feather river in California. In relating some of his own experiences, he

said: "I was one of the first white miners that visited the Forty-Mile creek, a northern tributary of the Yukon river, and during the two seasons there I saw enough to satisfy me that the bee of that creek contains enough gold to make 100 millionaires. The gold is found in bars formed by landslides from the mountainou banks of the creek, but these bars are washe out by the high water every year, and the gold is scattered down the creek bed. New bars are formed the succeeding year, only to be washed out the next. I filed a claim upon one of the bars, 45 miles above the mouth of the creek. bars, 45 miles above the mouth of the creek, and with a rude wooden rocker worked out nearly 600 ounces of poid in 31 days. High water stopped my operations and washed my bar away. I filed upon another bar, and worked out eight ounces of goid the first day; tut a sudden high water the following night washed my claim, camp and tools away. I barely escaped with my life. "Just before the thaw-out in the spring of 1887 three Swedes belonging to our camp re-moved the ice from a small section of the creek, and uncovered a place in the bed about 15 feet square. Free cold could be seen shining every-where among the gravel, but it was frozen so hard that it could not be taken out with pick or shovel. The Swedes were determined to have

where among the gravel, but it was trozen so hard that it could not be taken out with pick or shovel. The Swedes were determined to have them and thay carried wood from a canon two miles distant, built fires in the hole, and as fast as the gravel thawed out they gathered it up and worked shining nuggets out. They worked that scheme eight or nine days, and secured nearly 100 ounces of gold from that little space. High water stopped their work, but the fact that the creek bed was fabulously rich was settled beyond a doubt. Forty-Mile creek is a small, rocky stream, with semi-mountainous banks. It has been explored about 100 miles. The stream can be easily turned at several points. The severe cold is the chief obstacle to mining in that section, and the seasons rarely exceed 90 days between May and September, but during that time the night is less than two hours in duration and mining work can be prosecuted continuously by a company with a sufficient force of men."

# FREE COINAGE DEMANDED.

The National Silver Committee Addresse Congress on the Subject. WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.-The National Exec-

utive Silver Committee to-day issued an ad-dress to Congress, in which it is stated that, elieving the present money stringency and the breaking down of credit on both sides of the Atlantic, are due mainly, if not entirely, to the attempt to conduct the world's growing business and discharge the wast debts on the narrowing basis of gold as the single money standard, the committee again appeals to Cor gress to delay no longer the restoration of sil grees to delay no longer the restoration of sil-ver to unlimited use as money, with all the rights of coinage and legal tender possessed by gold. All attempts to relieve the present strained condition, by increasing the volume of credit currency or multiplying credit expe-dients, can at best afford but temporary relief. With the supply of gold constantly diminish-ing, while population is constantly diminish-ing, the recurrence of such conditions as we are now experiencing must come, forcing the Murdoch-Lyon Wedding-Almost a Balloon fore Congress. Ascension-Receptions and Other Pleas-ant Affairs-A Musicale or Two-Events FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.I WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.-The Border Rais of Yesterday in the Social World. Claims Commission had an informal meeting here to-day to take some action looking to a furtherance of the bill appropriating about \$5,500,000 to pay damages arising from the raids Guests at the Murdoch-Lyon wedding in the berty Presbyterian Church last evening are still congratulating themselves over their fortunate escape from an impromptu balloon

PLEASURES OF SOCIETY.

of the Rebellion. The members of the com-mission in the city are Governor Beaver, Atascension that was taken by a number of men stationed at the iron supports of the awning, endeavoring with might and main to prevent it torney General Kirkpatrick, Auditor General McCamant, Senators Penrose and Williamson from leaving its moorings and departing from its sphere of usefulness between the street and and Representatives Hall and Skinne A meeting was held this evening at the rooms

its sphere of usefulness between the street and the portals of the sanctuary. The efforts of the men produced rather a shaky acquiescence to their wishes on the part of the awning, until almost all the guesis had entered the church, when lol a sudden and more violent gust of wind sent canvas and men sailing through space at frightful velocity, especially terrifying to the coachmen perched upon their "quipages in the direct line of the awning, who lost no time in seeking places of safety. Fortunately, no serious results followed the accident, with the exception of the incoa-venience suffered by the ladies, many of whom were in the extreme of evening costume, in the exit from the church, without the customary covering. Governor Beaver at the Riggs House, at which the gentlemen named were present, with Congressmen Roynurn, Mutchler, O'Neill, Al-kinson, Buckalew, Maish, Craig, Townsend, Osborne, Stone and Brunner also present. The purpose was to get the Congressional delega-tion interested, and bring influence to bear on the Committee on Rules of the House to make

tion interested, and bring influence to bear on the committee on Rules of ihe House to make a special order for the raid claims bill. This will be a very difficult undertaking, as there is a tremendous pressure for place by friends of a bundred bills, and if a special order be made for one, there will be a nowl for special orders that will be decidedly unpleasant for the com-mittee. Moreover, as was admitted, and as Governor Beaver stated nlainly, Speaker Reed is opposed to the bill, and it will be a big under-taking to induce him to consent to a special order, feeling as he does toward the measure. Messrs, Maish and Buckalew went security for the Democratic members of the Committee on Rules, McKillan (Tennessee) and Biount (Georgia), that they woold not stand in the way of a special order, and it was thought that McKinley and Cannon, of the Reoublicans, would acquiesce. A committee, composed of the Governor, Attorney General, Auditor Gen-eral and Senators Williamson and Penrose, were named, to meet with Senators Quay and Cameron to-morrow, and with them secure, if possible, a meeting of the Committee on Rules, and urge the making of a special order for the claims bill, Senator Quay is expected to re-turn to-night. Senator Cameron left the city this afternoon, but if he fails to return, the others will proceed without him. The order will have to be adopted by a maexit from the church, without the customary covering. The wedding was a very pretty oue, and was witnessed by a brilliant assemblage. The bride, Miss Mary Lyon, a vision in bridal robes and veil of pure white, was escorted to the altar by her venerable father, and proceeded by four dainty little flower girls and eight unusually striking ushers, who were exceptionally busy during the evening. The groom, Mr. Augustus Murdoch, and his best man, emerged from the pastor's study in

best man, emerged from the pastor's study in time to greet the bride, following the clergy-men, Rev. Dr. Kumler and Rev. Dr. Cowan, MISS LAUGHLIN'S DEBUT. A Reception That Introduced a Very Charm-

THE DEMAND FOR CURRENCY.

and the Remedy.

CODY'S FOOLHARDY PLAN.

Invade the Indian Country.

SUZETTE IS SLOW.

Slender Merit.

Friends of the Noted Senator's Daughte

THE IRISH SITUATION.

but Parnell has certainly got the start of his

PHILADELPHIA Press: Parnell is plainly re

olved that Ireland shall never have home rule

PHILADELPHIA Ledger: When he demands

ome rule for Ireland, what does he mean?

Home rule by the minority, home rule by Par-

NEW YORK Tribune: The proceedings in the

office of United Ireland yesterday, were some-

what out of keeping with the name of the

PHILADELPHIA Record: The dispute be-

to the Irish people for settlement. It is their affair. It would be a wise thing for the friends

of Ireland and for Irishmen in America to

NEW YORK Star: The most effective part

f the address of the Irish Parliamentary ma-

jority is the declaration that they offered to

leave Parnell's place unfilled and to submit the

direction of their work to a committee of his

own choosing until events should determine whether he could resume his post at their head.

NEW YORK Times: As a newspaper propri-

and drakes of his property, while as a politician he gained nothing, since the intemperate vio-

or therefore, Mr. Parnell simply made ducks

await with patience the popular verdict.

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opponents in the Irish campaign.

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others will proceed without him. The order will have to be adopted by a ma jority vote of the House. This will be easil Laughlin residence in Allegheny, made her debut into society in a manner thoroughly in ac secured, it is thought, if the Committee on Rules will do their part. It is evident, how-ever, that there is little hope in the mind of anyone that the bill will come before the House cordance with the wealth and position of the young lady's family. The reception was given by Mrs. James Laughlin, Jr., the young lady's mother, and was beautifully elaborate in de-tail. The home, luxuriant to commence with, was further enhanced in beauty by the greatest profusion of cat flowers, each room having re-ceived individual treatment in colors, flowers and designs, by Messrs A. M and J. B. Mur-doch. The parlors were esquisitely dainty with pink and white carnations, clusters of them thed with pink slik resting in every available spot, festooning curtains, outlining the door and reflecting their delicate beauty in the mirrors. They were also used in the decorations of the rooms on the second floor, and the rich, spicy fragrance pervaded the entire house and mingled with the equally entrancing odor wafted from the dining room, where American Beauty roses raised their proud heads from traces or encount delices. young lady's family. The reception was given Mr.Depew Gives the Causes of the Stringency ing the existing fluancial stringency, Mr. Depew, who has just returned from a tour of business enterprises of this steam and electric age of manufactured values and commercial exchanges made the currency of the country wafted from the dining room, where American Beauty roses raised their proud beads from wases of unusual delicacy. Yellow chrysanthe-nums were in the library, and orchids in the reception room, while in the hall a luxuriant green screen, dotted with white lilles, made a cozy little nook for the musicians. Beautiful plants were used extensively in forming convenient retreats in and about, rest-suggestive sofas, and were prettily grouped on the tops of cabinets and bookcases. But among all the flowers the bud was the one of rarest beauty, and by her re-finement and gentle grace won the hearts of all who paid their respects either in the afternoon or evening. utterly incapable of meeting the demands of egitimate trade. Not only do the people lock it up, but the Government also does it in times of a general scare by buying bonds. At present the importer and the wholesale dealer are so apprehensive about the ultimate results of the McKinley bill that they are keep-

ception given yesterday at the magnificen

results of the McKinley bill that they are keep-ing their money actually out of circulation be-cause of the payment of these dues next Feb-ruary. He thought that the postponement of the collection of the foreign import tax till next July would very materially help to restore con-fidence and actually stimulate trade. With such a sum as \$10,000,000 postponed until next July things would right themselves, the scare would be quieted, the public would have the goods and the Government would have the money. Mr. Depew added that he had no faith in paternalism in government, and that if left alone the financial situation will right itself. who paid their respects either in the afternoon or evening. Though a Pittsburg girl, education and ex-tensive European travel have taken Miss Laughlin away from the city considerable of late vears, and she was—but is not now—just a wee bit of a stranger. The afternoon recep-tion was followed by a dance in the evening of even greater brilliancy than the reception. The Duquesne Club caterer served the afternoon recention and the evening dinner. The ladies who assisted in receiving were Mrs. Clifton Wharton, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. George Wharton, of New Haven, both sisters of Mrs. Langhlin, Mrs. John H. Paye, Mrs. A. E. W. Painter, Mrs. Walter McClintock, Mrs. George T. Purves, Mrs. George C. Burgwin and other prominent society ladies.

With Only Nine Followers He Was About to CHICAGO, Dec. 11.-Laeutenant G. W. Chadrick, who was one of the Government officers sent out with Buffalo Bill to arrest Sitting Ball. is in the city on his return trip. "Cody's plan

for the arrest of that wily old Indian," said AN ARTISTIC PERFORMANCE. Chadwick, "was one of the most daring things I ever heard of, and it is a probably a fortunate

Pretty Cantata Well Rendered at the thing that the Government courier overtook Soho School Hall.

Cody with dispatches countermanding his or-ders. Think of Cody arrayed in a dress suit, silk socks and patent leathers riding with nue followers into the very heart of the Sioux The cantata "The Flower Queen, or Corona tion of the Rose," given by the young people of the Central Presbyterian Church, in Soho School Hall, last evening, was a very pictur-"His plan was to draw a gun on old Bull, and "His plan was to draw a gun on old Bull, and take him out of the camp. If the bucks gave chase. Cody was going to protect his body be-hind that of Sitting Bull, and threatening the Indians with the death of their chieftain if they fired at him. All would have been mas-sacred had the plan been pursed. It was thought that this and the plan to disarm the Indians would have solved the Indian matter, but we are now agreed that had it been done, a bloody war would have been precipitated. Cody is now very ill from the long ride he had, arraved in the garments of the ballroom." esque and artistic performance. The young ladies who took part in the song perfor ladies who took part in the song performance were costumed in colors to represent the flow-ers they impersonated, which also adorned their gowns in great profusion. The cast consisted of: Rose, Louisa Loonis: Sunflower and Recluse. Gertie Steiner; Crocus, Grace McKibben; Dahlia, Nova Negley; Heliotrope, Maggie Owens; Lidy, Fannie Me-haffey; Holiyhock, Maggie Thomas; Japonter, Lizzie Dorning: Viole, Marie Presser: Mig-nonette, Nellie Hancher; Tulip, Luiu Stanley; Dandelion, Mrs. E. H. Hamilton; Touch-mearrayed in the garments of the ballroom. Dandelion, Mrs. E. H. Hamilton; Touch-me-not, Manie Snow; Poypiet, Maggie Owens, Neilie Hancher, Lizzie Dornin", Nettie Greer, Fjorence Rickerby and Lizzie Eberly. Part second of the programme included reci-tations by Misses Winnie Thomas and Nettie Wilson, and Messrs, George and Emmert Neal and Archie Holman appeared in selections also. The entertainment was under the man-agement of Mrs. M. J. Ligdon, assisted by Miss Rose Neely, pianist. It will be repeated again this evening, and the proceeds will go toward paying off the debt on the new church. letion, Mrs. E. H. Hamilton; Touch-me The Bostonians in a New Opera of Very The Bostonians gave Oscar Weil's new light opera, "Suzette," at the Duquesne Theater last agement of Mrs. M. J. Ligdon, assisted Rose Neely, pianist. It will be repeat this crening, and the proceeds will go paying off the debt on the new church. night. The cast was strong but the opera is otably weak; trivial in plot, meagerly scored, and the libretto is of the wishy-washy inane order. Miss Marie Stone played the title role with wonderful spirit, but satisfactory as were ART SOCIETY RECEPTION. all her efforts, dramatic and vocal, Suzette is not a character with which the public can ever Music and Painting the Principal Features fall in love. The prettiness of several of the songs was about the only redeeming feature so of a Delightful Evening.

# BORDER RAID CLAIMS. An Effort Being Made to Get the Bill Be

-Iron horseshoes were made in 481. -Light moves 192,000 miles a second. -The first steamer crossed the Atlantic in

1819 -Kerosene was first used for illuminating

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

in 1828. -Cork is the bark taken from a species of oak tree.

-Electricity moves at the rate of 288,000 miles a second.

-The term "almighty dollar" originated rith Washington Irving.

-Egyptian pottery is the oldest known, and dates from 2,000 B, C.

-Slavery in the United States was begun at Jamestown in 1620.

-Soap was first manufactured in England in the Sixteenth century.

-Forty-three Popes reigned during the building of St. Peter's Cathedral. -The first fire insurance office in America

was established in Boston in 1724. -It was once upon a time considered a

test of orthodoxy to eat mince pies, -It would take a freight train containing

35 cars to transport \$1,000,000 in pennies. -It is said that the Alexandrian Library

ontained 400,000 valuable books 47 B. C. -The most ancient catacombs were those

of the Sheban kings, began 4,000 years ago, -The first sugar cane cultivated in the

Inited States was near New Orleans in 1751. -Postage stamps first came into use in

England in 1840, and in the United States in -The first public schools in America

were established in the New England States bout 1642. -The first cotton raised in the United

States was in Virginia in 1621, and the first ex-A Christmas entertainment in 1633, gotten

up by Lincoln's Inn and Gray's Inn, cost these two societies £20,000. -Mrs. Mattie Wooten, of Viola, Tenn.,

has a quilt containing 3,162 pieces, no two pieces of which are alike.

-Glass was made in Egypt 3000 B. C., but the earliest date of transparent glass is maid to have been 719 B. C. CHICAGO, Dec. 11 .- In an interview regard-

-Perhaps the earliest occurrence of the erm "valentine." as signifying a lover, is to be ound in Rabelais, 1485 to 1553. inspection of the Vanderbilt system, said the -It is alleged that the catacombs of Rome

contain the remains of about 6,000,000 human beings, and those of Paris about 3,000,000.

-Those which are supposed to be the

earliest poetical valentines known are still kept in manuscript in the British Museum.

-On the West Spanish peak, Colorado,

R. L. Smith trapped a handsome golden eagle that measured 7 feet 4 inches from tip to tip.

-The date of Christmas Day was prob-

ably fixed upon more by tradition than by Papal decrees, and some time between A. D. 139 and 352.

days of King Alfred, by virtue of which the 12

days after the nativity of our Saviour are made festivals.

-Two brothers were wrestling at North-

wood, Iowa, the other day, when one of them

was thrown with such violence that his neck was broken.

-The first apple orchard along the upper

-The saltiest body of water in the world is

he Lake of Urumia, in Persia. The salt in the

water analyzes 22 per cent, which is greater than that of the Dead Sea.

-The fastest vessel afloat is said to be the

3,200-ton English built warship intended for the

Argentiue Government. She made 21.2 knots under ordinary draft, and 22.4 knots with

-Smokeless powders are not noiseless, as

is so frequently stated. The noise is some-what different from that of black powder, be-

ing on a higher key; but it can be heard quite as distinctly and as far as when the latter is

-Mr. Edwin Streeter says that onals were

found in the Rising Sun gold mines, in the Kimberley district, Western Australia, two years ago. He adds that there is no doubt that

opals will be found largely in Western Australia.

-If a tablespoouful of kerosene be put

into four quarts of tepid water, and this be

Ohio is said to have been planted on Beech Bottom on the West Virginia side a few miles above Wheeling.

-There is an old Saxon ordinance, in the

#### FOR UNIFORM DIVORCE LAWS.

The commission appointed by the Legislature of New York to secure uniform divorce laws in all the States of the Union, after a careful consideration of the subject, has decided to ask the Governors of all the other States to appoint similiar commissions, which, after due examination, may be emnowered to meet in convention and agree upon a uniform system of divorce to be thereafter ratified by the State Legislatures.

The question is as interesting and important in this State as in any other, and the New York Commission appears to have discovered a practical scheme for bringing about harmonious consideration thereof. The uniformity of divorce legislation is most desirable and doubtless when the request is made Governor Pattison, for it is to be presumed that it will be made after his inauguration, will deem it advisable to appoint the commission. The Philadelphia Record makes the sensible suggestion that the representatives of the States appointed in this manner "might profitably go further and recommend uniform insolvent and lien laws, uniform laws relating to marriage, to the registration of births and deaths, and to many other matters in which it is important that the State authority should be supreme, but also important that laws should not be contradictory and confusing."

SMART WOMEN'S DISADVANTAGE.

Women make a very good showing in the civil service examinations at Washington. If the re-ults of these tests are to be taken as decisive the average woman is more intelligent and better educated than the average man. The records, according to Chief Examiner Webster's statement, show that out of 43,957 persons examined for all branches of the service, not including the railway mail service, between January 6, 1886, and June 30, 1889, there were 4,745 women, or 10 4-5 per cent. Of these 43,957 only 26,790 were passed. Of those passed,

3,691 were women, or 13 4-5 per cent. The percentage of women passed was three times larger than the percentage of women examined, or, to put it in another way, nearly four-fifths of the women examined were successful, while nearly half of the men failed. The records for shorter periods are equally flattering to the fair sex. From July 1, 1888, to June 30, 1889, 3,697 applicants were examined in the departmental service, of whom 1,154, or 31 1-5 per cent, were women. The total passed was 2.182, of whom 835 were women, or 3814 per cent. In the postal service, for the same period, out of a total of 10,702 examined 399, or 3% per cent, were women. The total passed was 6,615, of whom 327, or 4 9-10

per cent. were women. At the same time it is said that the heads of the departments in Washington ask for men almost invariably. Chief Examiner Webster seeks to explain this discrimination against women on the ground that men are held to be more faithful and more careful. But we believe that it is the experience of most employers that women, on the contrary, show more fidelity and care than men | eral Miles' military provisions will have a seda-

imself up to the study of astronomy. will agree with Mr. Pettigrew-the trifling minority who have not sealskin cloaks and PAPERMAKERS LIMITING PRODUCTION despair of ever obtaining them. The hope of owning a sealskin springs eternal in the Probable That all Sales Will be Made

female breast. Here and there an unusually courageous man may say amen to the death sentence of the seal; but we very much question if many of Senator Pettigrew's constituents even, with the gorgeous prospect of unlimited codfish before them, will have the through the agents of the mills; also, that a temerity to boldly and openly join in the crusade against the seal. Woman is woman in South Dakota and in the minority, and her influence ought to be great enough to make Senator Pettigrew regret he ever championed the unromantic codfish against the charming seal.

THE Force bill debate is expected to draw Senator Ingalls from the bower of silence that has concealed that picturesque statesman since the Ides of November last. We can assure the Senator from Kansas that his silence has been more sincerely eloquent of his feelings than his speeches usually are.

A CRUEL cotemporary suggests that if Bill Nye does go upon the stage next year, as announced, he should dop tights and take : leading part in comic opera. In spectacles Mr. Nye is already a familiar figure.

in sheets, a method of separating them by ma-chinery. Mr. Chase gave him permission to make the attempt, which proved successful. Then he proposed that the senis should be put on in the de-partment, alleging greater safety, and this, too, was successful. He then proposed that some of the notes should be printed here, and gradually the Eureau of Engraving and Printing became an established fact. An act which created a good deal of indignation at the time was the placing by Clarke of his own portrait upon one of denomina-tions of fractional currency. So great was the op-position to this that the entire issue of those notes THE attitude of the church toward the stage might well be more charitable than it is generally, and Rev. Dr. Leonard Woolsey Bacon, of Boston, is to be commended for ad was withdrawn from circulat ing a reform in this direction, but we doubt if he is correct in saying that "there was a time, not so very long ago, when the name of

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.--Benjamin M. an old and well-known inwyer of this suddenly at his home last night, ag actress was a synonym for infamy." It would be nearer the truth to say that in the past the Stillwell was one of the oldest practi-in the city. He leaves an estate va-mated at from \$360,000 to \$1,940,0.0. error of confounding the good with the bad in sweeping condemnations of the stage was more frequently encountered than at present.

THE Indian war is not raging yet, and the prospects are that ample rations and GenHeavy hearts make the footsteps grow weary, But happiness lengthens the years. Be gay! Mud of to-day may be flying

> To-morrow o'er sunshiny road; Sparkling eyes lose their brightness thro' crying.

And sighs will not lighten the load. Be gay! Earth wasn't made for you solely,

It'll last after you go away. it's the soul, not the body, that's holy; Why grieve for a poor lump of clay?

Be gay! Will your woes unto others Who'll travel the path you have trod, For to-morrow perchance your own brothers Will place the clay under the sod.

EVERY woman can be a lady, but a great nany refuse to join this class of femininity un-

less the word begins with a capital L. CHANG, the Chinese giant, is a Changhigh, of

You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's

ear, but if you cultivate them you can put money in a silk purse. THE World's Fair folk are hatching a scheme

for a fish exhibit. They have dropped a line to Washington and will first fish for dollars.

WATCHMARING is a ticklish business at all

BALFOUR sent a load of Indian meal to Ireland. Uncle Sam could have stopped the ghost dance if he had given the Indians a meal.

A SOLID financial circle-A twenty-dollar gold piece.

> JUDGING from the way some folk go through ife they must have been champion creepers in their young days.

BONDSMEN in various parts of the country are now setling up the election expenses of abitious office-holders who figured as hust lers previous to the Waterloo.

THE sun cut quite a shine here yesterday.

Some crank wants the Government to start another newspaper. The Congressional Record is a sore affliction, and more in this line would only add to the public woes.

THE news from the Rosebud reservation should be taken with a great deal of reservation.

### A Household Hint.

If the gas won't blaze up bright in early morn

Don't blame it on the soot-plugged burner holes. But just simply take it as a gentle warning

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.-Spencer Morion Clarke That it is time to lay in winter coals. died at his residence, Breeze Hill, near Washington, yesterday, at the age of 30 years. The older residents of Washington and men who were in political life a quarter of a century ago will re-member Mr. Clarke as the first Chief of the Bureau

A BAD gun is frequently responsible for an evil report.

PITTSBURG has an 8-year-old vagrant, He of Engraving and Printing. He was in the office of the Supervising Architect, and when, on Auhould be spanked.

gust 29, 1862, it was decided to issue greenbacks by the Government, Mr. Clarke first suggested, when the notes were sent to the Treasury Departmen PRESSYLVANIA, like some horses, is afflicted with the poll-evil. in sheets, a method of separating them by ma

PARNELL's ire has not helped Ireland, at all vents.

ALLEGHENY is satisfied to trot in the same old class. She should change her gait, at all

events. THE Acts of the Apostles have never been se-

erely criticized.

	hesitate before taking it.
. Stillwell,	• /
is city, died	Never Satisfied.
ing lawyers lously esti-	First it snowed.
	Then it blowed.
	How we jawed!
	Then it thawed,

A little flood, WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.-Israel Kimball, for 28 years a clerk in the internal Revenue Bureau of the Treasury Department, died in this city last night sged 79 years. A sea of mud!

sed immigration

ow experiencing must come, forcing the now experiencing must come, forcing the periodical adjustment of prices and business to the ever-contracting scale of the single gold standard. What is needed is a broader basis of primary money constant and adequate in supply. To secure this, bi-metalism must be re-estab-lished, and the attempt to stretch the single gold standard over the world be abandoned.

MAY REACH 79,000,000. superintendent Porter Talks of the Probable

> Population in 1900. [FROM & STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.-Superintendent of Census Forter said to-day, in speaking on the population question: "As a matter of fact, the results of the Eleventh Census show a right to

expect a population in 1900 of 77,000,000, possibly of 79,000,000, instead of 75,000,000 as estimated in 1873 by General Francis Walker. Should the population during the next ten years increase n the same percentage as it has in the decade ending June 1, 1890, it will reach about 78 000 000. If the population in 1900 only reaches the estimate made by General Walker, the percentage of increase during the next decade will no only be less, but the numerical increase will be less. An increase of 19% per cent during the next ten years would make the population ex-actly what General Walker estimated it would be in 1890, whereas the increase during the last decide has been 9% nor cent.

be in 1890, whereas the increase during the last decade has been 26 per cent. "Those partisans who are frantically attack-ing the Eleventh Census because it did not reach 64,000,000 show that they are utterly igno-rant of the estimates of conservative statisti-clans who have reflected on this problem in all its various bearings. It might be well for those few prejudiced persons who are howing about 2,000,000 being missed in the census, to read some utterances of such an able statistician as General Walker."

WISCONSIN GRANGERS' PLATFORM.

They Want an Agricultural College Separat From the University. MADISON, WIS., Dec. 11.-The Wiscons

State Grange adopted yesterday resolution favoring a separate college of agriculture away from the State University.

The Committee on Resolutions reported i favor of Governmental control of express and telegraph companies; the California text bool aw; manufacture of binding twine by convic labor: in favor of issuing money direct to the people, without the intervention of Nationa banks, and that all money be legal tender; the prohibition of dealing in futures; the control o railroads.

GREAT BRITAIN'S LIBERAL POLICY.

The Bermuda Islanders Excited Over Re strictions on Land Ownership. HALIFAX, N. S., Dec, 11 .- Advices from

Bermuda report that the people of those islands re greatly exercised over the refusal of the Imperial Government, in defiance of colonial laws which have existed for a third of a century, to allow aliens, even when naturalized, to own real estate on the islands. The Bermuda Legislature has just adopted a

The Bermuta Legislature has just adopted a memorial to the Queen protesting acainst this action, and pointing out that as all of the priv-ileges of citizenship in Bermuda rest upon the ownership of real estate, there is no other in-ducement to become usturalized.

## DISSENSIONS AMONG ENGINEERS.

Chief Engineer of the Hennepin Canal Dis charged and Others Resign. CHICAGO, Dec. 11.-General Newton, of Ne York, has been temporarily appointed by the Drainage Commission, of Chicago, engaged i constructing a ship canal to connect Lake constructing a ship canal to connect Lake Michigan and the Mississippi river, to fill the position of chief engineer of the work, made vacant by the discharge of Engineer Cooley. The action of the board in getting rid of Mr. Cooley has angered his assistants, and they have resigned in a body, declaring that their chief was efficient and that his removal by the board was not actuated by motives connected with the success of the work in hand. What the Indian Owes Civilization. From the Norristown Herald.]

A cotemporary asks: "What has Christian done for the Indian?" Well, it has place oden statues of him in front of thousands o

cigar stores in this country; and that is more than the Indian has done for Christianity.

far as the composer was concerned. As the Marquis de Tollebranche Mr. McDonald was, of course, a chaiming figure, and Miss Davis as the Marchioness, made the mest of a small part. Mr. Frothingham, in a mildly humorous role, and Mr. Holl as Suzzite's lover, tried their Two exquisite paintings loaned by Mr. Charles Lockhart, "Entrance of Circus to a Spanish Town" and "Honoring the Bride, were exhibited last evening at the one hundred and sixtleth reception of the Art Society in the Academy building, at which the members role, and Mr. Holf as Suzette's lover, tried their best to enliven the tedium of the story. The chorus had small opportunity to display their powers. In short, "Suzette" deserved the cool reception it received last night. To-night, and for the balance of the week, that very different work, the melodious and very merry "Robin Hood," will give the Bostonians a field than which they need ask no better.

were pretty generally present. Miss May Beesley, the charming soprano o the Third Presbyteriau Church-a recent addi ion to the musical and social circles of the htty-with Mr. E. C. Heffler, a gentleman of rare planistic abilities, were the musicians of the evening, and presented, by alternate num-bers, a thoroagily dolightful programme, in which were to be found difficult and intricate MISS VOORHEES TURNS CATHOLIC.

elections from Beethoven, Verdi, Schube Grieg, Liszt and other noted comp

An Enjoyable Concert.

Surprised at the Rumor. TERRE HAUTE, IND., Dec 11 .- The state The new building of Providence Church was nent is published here to-day that Miss Hallie reatly aided last night by a concert given for that purpose, in Carnegie Hall, and a goodly Voorhees, of this city, has embraced the Roman Catholic faith and that she was number of people spent a delightful evening in listening to the various musical numbers given bantized several days ago by Rev. Dr. Chapelle, of St. Mathew's Catholic Church, in Washby an astounding array of talent, and elocutionary recitals by Prof. George M. Sleeth. ington. Miss Hallie is an accomplished Among the vocal artists were Mr. W. S. Weeden, Miss Edith Harris and Miss Nannie voman, and is a great favorite with the Senwoman, and is a great favories with the Sen-ator, who has been drawn closer to her since the death of Mrs. Voorhees several years ago. The announcement completely surprises Miss Hallie's friends in this city, who were not aware that she leaned toward the Catholic faith. She has been an Episcopalian.

Wedden, Miss Edita Harris and Sits Name Hanmer, the singing of the latter being quite a revelation to the audience. Plano soloists were Mr. Beverldge Webster and Miss Bessie Webster. The accompanists were Prof. 8, Bissell and Mr. Charles M. Couch. The Allesheav Quartet and the Allegheny Concert Or-chestra appeared at intervals, thus rounding out a very enjoyable concert. A Supreme Court Judge III.

GOSHEN, IND., Dec. IL-Judge J. A. S. Tendered a Large Reception Mitchell, of the Supreme Court, is critically ill at his home in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Nevin, whose brilliant wedding in Lancaster, recently, is still a sub-ject of comment in social circles, were tendered a large reception yesterday afternoon at the autiful suburban residence of Mr. and Mrs PHILADELPHIA Press: Mr. Parnell has evi-Joseph T. Nevin, in Sewickley. The guests included members from the representative families of both cities and the valley, and the ently not studied coercion for nothing. NEW YORK World: The Gladstone party hould also make a tour of Ireland and test its general impression produced by the bride wa uch as would warrant extravagant prediction such as would warrant extravagant predictions for her reign as a social favorite in the circles that welcome her, not only for her own beauty and brightness, but as the wile of a highly re-spected young gentleman. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Cunningham, the latter a sister of the hostess, assisted in receiving. opularity. PHILADELPHIA Times: Parnell's way of running a newspaper is to throw the editors out of doors by way of a starter. NEW YORK Press: It is too early to prophes

A Unique Entertainment A number of young gentlemen displayed pro ced literary tendencies, last evening, at the nounced literary tendencies, last evening, at the enjoyable gathering at the residence of Miss Bessie Stevenson, in Allegheuy. It was a library party, and each lady guest represented some standard book, the title of which was suggested by the costume worn. The affair was in honor of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Carroll, and was one of the most charming and thoroughly chic entertainments of the season.

Social Chatter.

#### An annual New England supper was given at he First Congregational Church, Allegheny,

ast evening. JAMES L. GRAHAM LODGE, L O. O. F., will lebrate its majority this evening at Carnegie Hall.

MR. AND MRS. ERASMUS HOEVELER, of Shady avenue, gave a euchre party last even-

MR. THEO. G. WETTACH'S pupils will be eard in Carnegie lecture room this evening. MRS. GEORGE SHEPPARD, of Fifth avenue. will give a progressive cuchre this evening. THE King's Daughters of St. Peter's Church

will repeat their luncheon triumph to-day. MRS. JOHN S. CAYES, from 2 to 6, will en ertain her friends to-day.

THERE will be a concert in Grace Church ence of his procedure will be likely to do him this evening. nore harm than the opposition of the United MES. W. DEWEES WOOD will receive this

Ireland could have done under its former

used in washing windows and mirrors, instead of pure water, there will remain upon cleaned surface a polish no amount of m friction can give.

forced draft.

used.

-During the existence of the Common wealth many laws were passed forbidding all observance of Christmas Day. In 1847 some parish officers were committed for permitting ministers to preach upon Christmas Day and for adorning the churca.

-At Jackson, Ga., Inst week, while George Washington was picking cotton, a buzzard alighted near him. With some difficulty he captured the bird and took from its feet a small steel trap and two feet of chain. Heing relieved of its burden the buzzard soared away

-The English Government, in its endeavor by act and by example, to abolish the observance of Christmas, sat regularly every Christmas Day from 1645 to 1656, but in spite of its ordinances the people would not abolish feast, and Christmas still survives to tell old, old story.

-The rifles which are now being gener ally adopted are all of magazine type and of a aliber varying from 0.302 to 0.315 inch. The builet weighs less than one-half that used dur-ing our Civil War; the charge of black powder used at present is 25 per cent greater, and the velocity imparted is about double.

-There is a trade which conststs in the destruction of echoes. These in churches, meeting halls, and even large rooms are so powerful at times as to prevent all enjoyment. They are destroyed by spinning wires not far from the celling at points and lines where the waves of sound are most easily shattered.

-It was at one time claimed and at-

tempted to be shown that the Puritan Mayflower of 1620 was afterward used as a slave ship. Close research revealed the fact that the slaver was another ship of the same name and slaver was another schip of the same tanks and different burden. Historical records show that about the year 1474 Richard, Duke of Glouces-ter, had a ship called the Maydower; and Hun-ter, in his "Founders of New England," men-tions some 20 ships as bearing that name between the years 1583 and 1633.

-The Newcastle Chronicle of January 6, 1770, describes a giant of the race of English Christmas pies, which was 9 feet in circumfe ence at the bottom and weighed 168 pounds. It ence at the bottom and weighed 105 pounds. Its required two men to present it at the table, and it was neatly fitted with a case and four small wheels to faciliate its use to every guest. Its contained 2 bushels of flour, 20 pounds of butter, 4 geese, 2 turkeys, 2 rabbits, 2 wood-cocks, 6 snipes, 4 partridges, 2 meat's tongues, 2 curlews, 7 black birds and 6 pigeons.

#### WITH THE WITS

Western milkman (seeing the Atlantic

"I am now engaged on a new invention."

"What is it?" "I'm trying to grow canaries from canary med."-Philadelphia Times.

"I should think there was a good chance

of her catching cold in that sort of a costume." "Yes, but think of her chances of catching a husband!"-Munasy's Weekly.

Bob Oatcake-By Jove, Algy, vou look

as if you had just stepped out of a fashion-plate! Algy Baboony (mortified)-Aw-what! So had as that?-Life.

"Can you tie a bow-knot?" asked a gush-

ng damsel of a Chicago ciergyman. "Yes, indeed," replied the divine: "bring your beau and a marriago license and I'll tie the knot

Sanso-I had my pocket picked last

aight. Rold-Well, you didn't lose anything, did you?

"Did you know that Miss Biones was

going to marry young Smith?"" "I know it; but I cannot understand how a girl

Wite-What on earth are you pinching

the baby for, you brute? Husband (tuning his fiddle)-Keep still, can't

you? He was just op to high C when you put in rour our!-New fork Sun.

nok what tells anything 'bout Doggyknees

"Diogenes, you mean!"

"Yes, that's it. A feiler down below here has give me an empty crockery hogshead t' sleep in, an' I wanter git some points on interior deckuras tion "-LUG.

At the Astor Library .- "Have you got a

as intelligent as she is can consent to marry a man

tupid enough to want to marry her." -- Life.

-Inter-Ocean

for the first time)-Gurglin' pumps! what possi-

billtles -Judge.

"What is 10?"

in five minutes."

-Munsey's Weekly.