Grand Opera House,

A story that leads up smoothly, quietly, but surely, to a denouement in which the most in-

tense passions of human nature are involved, that of "The Charity Ball."

vel of the playwright's art. In a word, "The

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-In the ocean live a great multitude and variety of worms, each doing its share of nature's work, and among them are many species of extreme beauty.

-Given an equal amount to intelligence

is reported, made a present a few days ago, of his wife and household effects to Hacksmith Buxton, the Constable-elect. "It was an amicable proceeding." -During the season just closed the curi-

-Montana railroad employes should bear n mind that there is a law on its statute books equiring that all cattle killed by the cars shall

-The fretful porcupine is said to have an inordinate fongness for chewing leather, which it regards as one of the daintiest of esculents,

-The report of the Ornithological Society states that "over 5,000,000 song birds are anrually required by the dealers to ornament the

hats of American women. On Cape Cod 40,000 teros were killed in one season; the swamps and marshes of Florida are nearly depopulated of their egrets and herous." -A Russian named Balaboukha has recently started on a walk which will occupy about three years. He goes from Kiew to Con-

-There are worms in the ground, which, at times, work great destruction. The roots of

minute kind of worm, which forms little galls on the roots. This noxious creature has a relative worse than himself—the Tyleuchus, which causesthe dreaded disease in wheat known as "smut." Strand in London, where Dr. Johnson used to resort after the "Mitre" had ceased to attract

ment of Kazan, Russia, has compiled statistics which show that the greatest mortality of peasants' children occurs in the spring and summer months, when the mothers go out to work in months, when the mothers go out to work in the field and leave their little ones to take care of themselves. He has planned the establish-ment of day nurseries (yasiy) where such peas-ant women can leave their children when they go out to work. The authorities of Kazan have accepted his plan and committed it to the ap-proval and revision of the medical council.

-A Philadelphia gentleman mourns the smally likely bird and to have been so well acqualities of what he schedule running time of trains on American street that many a time he guided his followers off the tracks just in time to save their lives. Among his other good qualities he is said by his admirers to have possessed the happy and valuable faculty of knowing where to find the places where the cars containing the best grain were side-tracked.

grain, and there says its eggs, which soon hatch out. The grain becomes maiformed, small and black; its interior is filled with a core of white, powdery substance, the grains of the powder being each a young Tylenchus. Left alone, the kernel of the wheat fails to the ground and becomes moist and rotten; the wall breaks open, and the multitude of worms are set free, to crawl about in the earth until another crop of wheat is ready to be destroyed by them. -A new fashion has been introduced in

water party, it comes nearer a simile of the red-nosed gentry. It goes dry so much of the time. Paris by a great Russian princess, whose patriotism is as great as her wealth, and probably before long the same fashion will find its way to England and America. It is the Rus--Omaha World-Herald: Mr. Strauss, of New York, predicts a poor man's panic. The poor man is always in a panic. If Mr. Strauss desires to predict something novel let him pre-dict a poor man's boom.

-St. Louis Republic: The fate of the force bill is to be decided this week. That is, the epublican party leaders are about to decide whether or not they will go to the end of their rope and strangle the party with it. -Altona Tribune: Idle rumor, followed by enseless panic, is at the bottom of many a wide-spread financial disaster. If people would only keep their heads and discourage sensation ongers there would be fewer crashes.

bark Triton this year Captain Gifford has been puzzled by a small but persistent leak that commenced while the vessel was near Honolulu in the spring, and continued until she was docked easier for Congress to revive the grade of at San Francisco last week. It was discovered that near the keel a billfish had driven his bony snout through the copper covering, three-quarter inch pine sheathing, and three inches of white oak. The piece of arout which was imbedded in the timber was five inches long, and increased from a half inch diameter at the top to an inch at the point of fracture, Near by was found another snout sunk about an inch and a half in the oak plauking. Lieutenant General of the army than to find a tandard of those who have held it in the past. -New York Star: King Kalakana denies that ittle rest. If that is all, it strikes us that he

WISPS OF WIT.

The microbe, If he is discreet And quiet has a cinch.

He measures in his stocking feet
One-trillionth of an inch.

—Alianta Constitu A clothing merchant advertises a \$10 suit

"Did the doctor give your husband solid

advice?''
'-No, liquid. He advised him to stop drinking.''

but he stands a poor chance whin he has nothin' bud a shovel or a hod to dhraw his plans wid.— New York Herald.

"Got an hour-glass in her room? That's

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PITTSBURG, TUESDAY, DEC. 16, 1890.

SALARIES AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT. A contributor, in another column, presents a series of questions to THE DIS-PATCH, in connection with the projects for the improvement of country roads, which are obviously in criticism of the proposition. Our correspondent also gives his criticisms a wider scope by referring to the proposed increase of the salaries of county officials

under the new census returns. Without attempting to reply to our correspondent's questions seriatim, we will say that THE DISPATCH will undoubtedly oppose any "looting" scheme or one which is simply for the purpose of multiplying the list of high-salaried county and State officials. But there can hardly be any work in which the expenditure of public funds is more legitimate, or will yield more direct returns to the people than in its bonest and economical application to the construction of good highways. If that work is simply to be made a pretext for jobbery it will be the fault of our polities; but even that result ought not to prevent good citizens from favoring the work done in an honest manner, any more than unpleasant features in the police system would justify a proposal to abolish police protection altogether. Moreover, it is hardly proper to take it for granted that the project will be one for the multiplication of fat offices or extravagant expenditures, until there is some evidence to that effect in the measures

Our correspondent makes it a foregone conclusion that the work of road improvement will be placed in the hands of a number of new and highly paid officials and removed from the custody of the local authorities. Yet the editorial which called out his communication was a discussion of the plan reported by a committee of the Road Commission which avoids these faults to a remarkable degree. It does not create a single new salaried county or State position. It proposes to create township road commissions which are to be unsalaried. So far fro taking the work out of the hands of the township officials, it leaves all the work in their hands and provides for the payment to construction to be applied by them in the actual work. This plan would probably increase the duties of county engineers and thus warrant an increase in their salaries, but with that allowed for, its entire freedom from the dangers suggested by our correspondent seem to afford the most complete

auswer to all his questions. As to the increase in the salaries of Allegheny county officials, that is so distinct from the question of road improvement that we need not discuss it further than to say that when the question comes up in any practical shape for public decision THE DISPATCH will be found to stand against the payment of extravagant salaries any

THE RAILROAD COMBINATION. Mr. Gould's railroad presidents have got down to business and formulated their plan of action, which is aunounced as the regulation of competitive traffic by a board composed of presidents and other officers of each road. This may not be pooling in the strict interpretation of the law, but is calculated to effect pretty much the same results. It is an evasion of the law and is in the line laid down beforehand by Mr. Gould as the spokesman for the Standard Oil-Gould

The intent of this arrangement is only too plain. But it is worth while to note one feature of the agreement, namely, the prowision that after a certain time any road may withdraw after 90 days' notice. This is evidently intended for Mr. Gould's convenience. If it should occur to him that some time in the near future he can pull out of the agreement and cut rates until the property is cheap enough to buy. Stability of railroad rates is desirable to Mr. Gould just so long as that stability serves his purposes. Stability is also desirable to the public, as the combiners say, but only when

the rates are equitable and moderate. The contempt shown for the spirit of the law on the part of the railroad presidents is the chief element of strength in the demands for more and stronger laws to control the railroads. The presidents may be able to run things to suit themselves for a time, but the more arbitrary they are, the sooner will they be shorn of their power. And this is about the only consolation the average citigen may have in the contemplation of such movements as those of the Gould party.

SOUND SENSE FROM MICHIGAN.

The action of the Michigan State Grange in opposing the indorsement by the National Grange and Farmers' Alliance, of the plans for loaning large issues of Treasury notes directly to the people, shows that however the farmers of other States may be deluded by such chimerical schemes, the Michigan organization is controlled by the principles

of good sense and sound policy. The resolution adopted by that body is a compact a summary of the evils of the proposed policy as could be made. It points out that the greatest demoralization would be inflicted on the class the policy is in tended to benefit. It "would lead to a wild clamor for credit," would necessarily produce partiality and favoritism in the distribution of the loans, "first to personal friends

who have given the subject any thought; but it is especially valuable to have so strong and pertinent a statement of them from a representative body of the farmers themselves. With this interposition of sound sense on behalf of the class which is represented as demanding these measures, we have no doubt that the turn of the tide of economic lunacy will soon become ap-

Indeed, the wish might be expressed that the Michigan farmers could be given the power to inject the same vigorous and conservative sense into the rules of financial policy at New York and Washington. As they have so energetically declared that Government credit should not be used to nurse and bolster up their own class, we have no doubt that they would be equally clear-sighted in declaring that it must not be used to aid and protect Wall street from the results of its own recklessness or worse vices. This plain deliverance indicates that the Michigan farmers would be able to present a cogent statement why the financial center of the nation should not continue its condition of improvidence and dependence on its Government credit, and why the Government should not actually increase its debt to help the financial magnates of the country out of their self-weven traps. Messrs. Windom, Sherman and the New Vork bankers seem to be wofully in need of such instruction as the Michigan farmers

are able to give them. It is a sound doctrine that so far as Government credit is concerned each industry and interest must learn to stand alone. If the farmers take the wise resolution that they will do so, they have the right to demand that Wall street and the corporate financiers shall do the same.

THE PULPIT AND THE STAGE.

The Rev. Leonard Woolsey Bacon has long earned fame as a clergyman who is in the habit of doing his thinking for himself, and, when he reaches a conclusion, of showing no hesitancy in saving what he thinks. During his stay in this city his disposition to carry out that rule of conduct was manifested to such an extent as to make it a subject of regret that he did not become a permanent resident of the city. But in his present charge at Norwich, Conn., he has been manifesting the same trait on the subject of the relations of the church to the theater in a manner that traverses the tradi-

tions and precedents to a remarkable degree. The matter came up in a manner to attract an especial degree of public attention, because during the process of construction of an opera house in the little city of Norwich the resort to Sunday work to hasten the completion of the edifice brought out a protest from Dr. Bacon, from the pulpit, which without any report of his language, we may presume to have been couched in vigorous terms. After this prelude, the announcement when the Opera House was finished that Dr. Bacon would preach a sermon the subject of the theater, raised expectation of a strong and comment ary pulpit deliverance. These expectations were disappointed, but a more novel surprise was given the congregation. For Dr. Bacon declared that, as a minister of the gospel, he was glad to extend an open welsome to the new theater if it was to be a place where pure amusement would be provided for the people, under every possible safeguard against corruption and abuse.

Here are a few of his reported words: We have got to look the facts in the face, and ecognize that the old sweeping conder of the theater, once universal among earnest, pure and faithful men, was founded on a state of facts which no longer exists: that there has in its personnel. There was a time, not so very long ago, when the name of actress was synonym for infamy. To-day the man who should make such a presumption as that against the character of a lady devoted to this trying and perilous profession would be guilty of a wicked calumny. In view of these changes in the theater, for the Church to maintain its old attitude of condemning all indiscriminately

would be not consistent but bigoted inconsist Other clergymen have given indications of holding a similar view; but few in the denomination to which Dr. Bacon belongs have avowed it in the public and vigorous way which he has adopted. We hardly need say that his position is the correct one, and is moreover the only one that is founded in reason. There are theatrical performances which are as pure and harmless as any work of literature or art can be, and there are others which are unwholesome and demoralizing, with all their gradations between the two extremes. Everyone conversant with the theater knows that there is just the same difference between them as there is between a novel of Miss Yonge's and one of Zola's. But the importance of a declaration from the pulpitlike Dr. Bacon's lies in the encouragement that it gives to the better class of dramas and the influence that it will exert toward decreasing the pro-

portion of unwholesome and demoralizing theatrical performances. One of the most gratifying developments of the stage in late years has been the growth in pure and clean performances and the proof that such plays can command the most desirable patronage. Without taking into consideration the question of Shakeshe needs another railroad in his business at perean revivals the popularity of comic operas of the "Pinafore" and "Robin Hood" class, and the steady hold upon the public of modern comedies with the range from "Little Lord Fauntleroy" to Hazel Kirke, have proved that a pure and wholesome stage is profitable as well as creditable. If the influence of the Christian Church is thrown, as Dr. Bacon tries to throw it, to all due protests against their mal-treatment, it the support of such dramas and against the might have a healthy effect on the Indian mind unhealthy and impure class, is there any doubt that the desirable tendency will re-

ceive a stimulus of the greatest possible strength? Praise is due to this outspoken clergyman for having disregarded the precedents of his denomination and drawing the line on the support of the theater by Christians exactly where it ought to be drawn. If the pro gressive element among the clergy will follow his example it will have the greatest effect in aiding the elevation of the stage and in reducing to a minimum its injurious

A PASSE PREDICTION. In his interview at Chicago, the other day, Mr. Chauncey M. Depew is reported to have abjured his usual congenial nature and to have assumed the functions of a Cas sandra to the following extent:

There will not be an investor or a business man in this country by June 1, 1892, who will not have every hair on his head, if he has any, standing on end; and if he has none the roo will begin to sprout, on account of the vagaries

of the next Democratic Congress. It is quite probable that the heavy major ity of the Democrats in the next House may betray them into reckless and injurious measures, and thus do themselves the mos

there is no better way of keeping the Demo crats on their guard against suicidal vagaries than the trumpeting of such prophecies over the country, a year before the Democratic House can get to work.

But there is a more cogent reason for keeping such prophecies in reserve. It is that the habit of predicting hair-raising and destructive business results from Democratic upremacy has been indulged in so often by the Republicans that it has become threadbare. Every campaign has heard these predictions, but, so far, the verification has been far below the most unsatisfactory percentage yielded by the Signal Service's vaticinations. Cleveland's election was to have produced a business panie, if we mistake not, on the authority of Mr. Depew; but singularly enough the troubles not only escaped the Cleveland administration, but actually came to pass at the time when the Republican party controlled all branches of the Government. The habit of crying "wolf!" on this very point has been carried so far by Republican leaders and organs that no one pays any attention to it now, and will not be likely to, even if there should come a time when the alarm is wellfounded.

Beyond that it seems that it would be discreet for Mr. Depew to have suppressed this prediction concerning his political adveraries, because if the business men and investors have any hair to raise, it must already have rivaled the fretful porcupine from the vagaries that have taken the form of legislation actually introduced in the Republican Congress. If the Democrats can devise any more hair-erecting measures than those precious bills introduced by such Republicans as Senators Ingalls, Stanford and Hiscock, "by request," they will certainly deserve credit for a remarkable and hitherto unsuspected ingenuity. In view of the vagaries which have found advocates among the great lights of his own party Mr. Depew would be wise to pull the beam out of the Republican eye before giving his exclusive attention to putative and as yet unformed motes in the Democratic optic. The resort to this prediction by Repub-

because it has been worn so threadbare that its force was exhausted long ago. THE Chicago Herald in an article on "What People Should Read" asserts "very little poetry is read nowadays." Although this reads somewhat in the style of an article on the fashions, it may afford an explanation of the fact that very little real poetry is written now-

licans is the worst sort of politics, simply

SITTING BULL was not a good Indian while living and in his case the old saw will apply. He gave Uncie Sam a great deal of trouble at different times, perhaps as much as he could with the means at his command. It is probable that his death will cause the ghost lances to assume a less warlike aspect. Sitting Bull's ability was the one redeeming feature about him and as that was used principally to tir up trouble it may not appear to have been any advantage. His death was a lawless inci-dent in keeping with his life. He became famous and execrated through an attempt to set government authority at naught and he died in an effort to escape from the officers of the Gov-ernment. His sons having been killed in the effort to assist the father's escape the Bull family may be considered as disposed of and ont of the way. Some of the chief mischief makers are dead and there is no reason to doubt full rations for the rest of the winter will settle

the threatened Indian outbreak SHALL the safe blowing and burglary epidemic in the vicinity of Saratoga be charged the desperation of the impecunious visitor, or the inducements of the large profits sup posed to be made in reducing the opulent to

impecuniosity? It is rather surprising to find, in a discussion of the loss of population by various Pennsylvania towns, including Uniontown, by the Philadelphia Inquirer, that journal saying; "Lewisburg, Uniontown, West Chester and some other Pennsylvania towns would no doubt much bigger than they are to-day for the presence of mills, foundries and factories." This displays a lack of information to the effect that while Uniontown was a pleasant though lent country town in 1880, it is now sur rounded by coke works, with a rolling mill right on the border of the town. Possibly these stablishments are all outside the borough limits, but still to anyone who visited that ace in 1880, and has been there of late years, the statement that it has lost over a thousand population will be one of the surprising features of this remarkable census.

Turn railroad Presidents were at work vesterday to realize their hope of abolishing competition, and squeezing the public for higher rates. With Mr. Jay Gould's hand or the lever, the probability that the squeeze will

be vigorous is very tangible. RISING wheat last week is asserted by the Philadelphia Press to be "an indication of the og demand which attends greater pros Is it so or is it an indication of the decreasing supply which, as it means dearer bread, can hardly be deemed prosperity? In the meantime, the succeeding editorial para-graph of the *Press* that "free silver coinage will mean free rum to the country" is an indication that the doctrine of prosperity from rising prices only applies where our cotem-

THE fire-escape law is not to be a dead letter. That is the platform adopted by the Department of Public Safety, and it is a good one. Let every building of three stories o more be provided with these safeguards against

THE fact that Buffalo Bill's Indians all turn out to be good Indians in the trouble at the Sioux reservation not only gives the lie to an old proverb, but suggests that notwithstanding reports of their unfair treatment, their travels under the guidance of Hon. Will iam F. Cody have been of value to them. With with circus and Wild West shows.

OF course the object of the mower and reaper makers' combine is the reaping of the profits from the farmers' harvest.

IT IS interesting to observe that the Nev York Press has joined the New York Herald in booming Charles A. Dana for the New York Senatorship. One consideration is strongly in favor of Mr. Dana. There is reason for the beief that if he were in the Senate he would edit the Congressional Record so as to make it one of the most readable, instead of one of the dullest, publications of the country.

THE policy of eviction in the office of United Ireland seems to have been harmonized ith a new plan of campaign.

THE Pennsylvania State Grange takes commendable stand in favor of the propos to increase the State appropriation for common schools and to make all children under fourteen years go to school. No better provision for the working class of the future can be made than to found their prosperity on in-

OPINION is taking firm root in the East that the panic is all out of the financial situation

harm. But notwithstanding that probability dependence on the Governmental aid" finally "lead to thriftless improvidence" among the recipients of such loans. These results are plain enough to all impartial observers of policy, the idea might suggest itself that

SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON. ONLY two-story buildings escape the fire escape edict of the powers that be.

WE like mystery, and like to solve myste ion't we? If we could tear the vell away and get a peep beyond the grave we would rend 1 uthlessly and crush the life out of each othe to get the first look, of course. If it were stone wall which could only be removed bloeding fingers instead of steel-tipped bars we would claw it until the bared bone left big marks on the blood-stained masonry The pleasure of seeking the solution woul desden the pain—the solving of the problem would soothe the suffering. But the veil was wove in a mighty loom, and the wall was built so high, so thick, so strong, that the sharpest and grandest tools at the hand of man will neither cut a thread nor loose a stone. There they stand between the Now and the Thon. There they will ever stand while we pick and peck, peck and pick, from the light to the darkness, from

the noon to the night. We look into the dark depths of the sea and long to read the mystery ere. If the dead eyes which seem to look u through the green waters could ours, if the closed lips under the white waves could speak, if the cold fingers clutching the snells and the sands could point the way, we would jump into the dark waters and clasp the corpses, de manding their secret—the solution of the mys tery. If the dwellers in the tombs spoke in their sleep we would tear away the stones and the sods, wrench off the coffin lids, and listen, in the hope of clutching the key which would unlock the casket containing the S cret. And still some search and strive, In the gloomy cell, in the study, in the laboratory, in the silence of the forests, in the depths of the gorge-cut hills the thinker the teacher, the monk and the mystic, toil in the dark for the light. But the dead eyes in the green waters shine on the sands, the sleepers dream not—silence in sea and on shore. Nothing breaks it but the ery of the doubter for proof, and the babbling of the dreamers who pick and peck at the veil and the wall. Thus it was, it is, it ever shall bestruggle for a sign, an actual anchorage for hope, a glimpse of the light which faith feeds with holy oil. Many are satisfied with the

Women pay more attention to training

THE punctual man is not cut out for a waite WHEN a clock runs down it is wound up.

PROPLE who boast about their family tree point with pride to the branches, but take mighty good care to keep the roots eleverly CHICAGO is full of Fair minded people ju

THE good actor always minds his own bu

SULLIVAN is a striking example of the drift IF you don't want to be jostled in life's path way keep up with the procession.

Morn's Bridal. Out of the Night you come, shaking your

Plowers look up, and the birds begin singing, Shadowy shapes fade away at your feet; cosing the mist veil upon your face clinging You smile on the spot where night and day

'resh as the maiden from early bath leaping. You rosily glow in th' soft golden light, linsh when you find that the Sun-God is peep

your fears. Then joyous together you wander away: Only the stars, as the night disappears, Seem sad at the bridal of Morning and Day.

HEROES carry scars made by swords and owards carry the scars made by pens.

SITTING makes photographers tired,

upon steam boilers. THE dentist is continually cutting a tooth, WHEN the force bill is dropped we will proably hear something about a dull thud.

A woway cannot throw a stone successfully but she can cast a slur with neatness and di

A HUNTER in the throes of deer fright

BUTCHERS make no bones about greeting eir customers with cutting remarks. Two STRIKES is the troublesome Indian now.

A LUCKY man-Pittsburg's Superintende

eat of local pride. THE eye carries a ball, hence it's always

bullets are regular sons-of-guni REV. FATHER COYNE'S talk to the R &O trikers has the right ring in it.

was not swollen by keeping the Carnegic library open on that day after all. PARNELL took his kit to Kilkenny, but he eft Kitty in London.

folk this won't wash. WHAT is home without something to put A SENSATIONAL preacher in New York say

Where does the sinner come in ? A Renting Beminder. Soon you'll get a billet doux, Which you must not tear to pieces, It will only remind you

the church is for the people who are saved."

Ningara Falls on account of the bridges. Progress before pleasure is the cry of the hour. A DUMB waiter is all right, but a deaf and dumb waiter will hardly fill the bill of fare.

Don't blame the men who make the bad looks. But don't spare those who read them. Ir woman was not regulated by rigid social aws there's no telling where she would land. WHEN you engage a young lady's atte

it is not necessary to give her a ring. The ring PROPLE who are always looking behind are

hocked by the unexpected. Ir's the work ahead, not the work behind WHEN Private Dalzell sets his traps his usually lands his game. Census Supe Porter bit ravenously, didn't he?

ilt edged, too. PROF. SUMNER, of Yale, is an Episcopalia dergyman, though few people are aware of it, MRS. BELVA LOCKWOOD has decided that she does not want to be a candidate for Presi-Vashington. SENATOR SAWYER, of Wisconsin, will retire from public life at the expiration of his present term in 1893. He will then be 77 years

promise, but many, too many, perhaps, clan for the sign, the proof positive.

EVERY Saturday we hear something about

tresses Till they are dried in the shine of the sun; tack to the dim stars you fling their caresses Reuding a night robe the dew deftly spun.

And tremblingly stand 'twixt the day and the night.

that's how they make their living. A GREAT deal of pressure is brought to bear

FAT people are always looking for something

loaded his gun with pills instead of shot and blazed away. He managed to clean out his A CLOSE call-Telephoning to your next doo neighbor.

He may yet go the happy hunting ground or

We're Getting On. How things have changed since we were boys Still upward we aspire: Dolls talk and add to baby's joys And time now comes by wire

THE city editors of newspapers have a great

THE young Pittsburg cowboys who ring doc

ALLEGHENY's criminal record last Sunday

WHEN a man ignores water, soap and clear lothing he's called eccentric, but with sensible outsville Courier-Journal.]

A GERMAN youth is assaulting women with a needle. This is a new method of sowing wild

WHEN you retreat discreetly you only lose ground, and it can be regained.

osina Vokes in Her Own Realm-The Charity Ball - Shenandoah - The Old afraid of seeing something ahead. Oaken Bucket-Variety and Curlosities.

THE rules and regulations of a century age will not work now either inside or outside the Rosina Vokes, the greatest comedience on the English-speaking stage to-day, appeared last night before a large audience at the Duquesne Theater. Two years have not changed her in the least, and she THE careful man feels his way and is seldon is still a most charming, versatile and original delineator of the bright side of human nature. The programme last night began with "A Game of Cards," in which Mr. Felix Morris nature. The programme last night began with "A Game of Cards," in which Mr. Felix Morris repeated that astonishingly exact portrayal of senile temper and dignity which we wondered at and applauded a year ago. If Mr. Morris could do nothing beside the Chevatier he would be entitled to first rank among contemporary character actors. But he showed the wide range of his powers by giving just as faithful a portrait of an old Scotch butter in "A Double Lesson" later on.

The second course on the bill was "The Circus Rider," a comedicta full of delightful opportunities for Miss Vokes, of which she took advantage to the utmost limit, In this the Messra. Thorpe and Bell were very happily cast, The novelty here was "A Double Lesson," a comedicta by R. C. Stephenson, a bright little piece, well adapted for Miss Vokes' use, but not especially valuable in itself. It has the appearance of being a much larger comedy compressed, and if it were not for Miss Vokes' ability to sing, dance and act in every style under the sun, "A Double Lesson" would not be very amusing. As it is, however, the short story of the finshionable woman, married to an aged nobleman and anxious to taste the forbidden joys of filtration and amateur theatricals, is humerous, broadly farcical and even pathetic by turns. Miss Vokes plays in a familiar role—that of a burlesque actress off the stage—and it enables her to imitate a variety song and dance artist, and to dance a Highland fling in away that conquered the "unce guid" Scotch butler and enchanted the audience. The brief pathetic climax with which the play closes was handled with masterly skill by Miss Vokes, Mr. Thorpe was very clever also; and Miss Eleanor Laue made as pretty a picture as has been seen here for a long while. The audience appreciated the performance immensely; the applause was incessant almost, and among the first two plays was Mrs. Henry M. Stanley, who occupied a box. Too much love may curse the lovers A FLOWER from a friend will fade, but ead leaves will keep the memory green. You cannot judge people by their sighs.

WHEN conscience and faith fall out the tomes the tug of will. THE financial cloud has a silver lining, and is WILLIE WINKLE. PERSONAL POINTS. MRS. JEFFERSON DAVIS has received 45,000

ROBERT DALE OWEN is to be honored with \$20,000 statue on the Smithsonian grounds in

MR. JOHN G. WHIPPIER will spand his 83d birthday at Oak Knoll, Danvers, Mass., but he says his strength is hardly equal to the fatigue HISTORIAN BANCROFT is now seldom see outside his residence at Washington, D. C. Mr. Bancroft is in his 91st year and has aban-doned all literary work. He reads, however

and finds pleasure in it though he cannot remember what he reads more than 24 hours. who has come to Washington in response to a summons from Secretary Blaine, receives a salary of \$12,000, but he spends so much in his hospitable endeavors to maintain the dignity of the United States at the Mexican capital that Charity Bail" is really a Lyceum success. We, who have enjoyed the simple, but earnest pathes, intermingled with innocent fun, of "The Wife," know what this expression ime derives practically no pecuniary advantage from the office.

AT the recent golden anniversary celebration betrayed a young girl, Phyllis Lee, whom he still loves. His brother John, a minister, is also in love with Phyllis. Dick, in his ambition bell, under which Mr. and Mrs. Field stood t receive their friends, was made of gold-colored chrysanthemums. Mrs. Field were her wedding gown of 50 years ago, and there were pres-ent Mr. Field's three brothers, Mr. Justice Field, Rev. Henry M. Field and Hon. David Dudley Field, all of whom were witnesses half dentury ago. REV. FATHER FRANK BARNUM, who is on

te mission of the Catholic Church in Alaska, is a native of Baltimore and a son of the late Zenus Barnum, proprietor of the once famous Barnum's Hotel of that city. A brother, when dying, wishing to perpetuate the family name, left him \$90,000 upon condition that he get married. This legacy Father Barnum forfeited when he joined the Jesuits. He is known to his order as a very learned man and famou linguist.

HOTEL GUESTS.

still leves. His brother John, a minister, is also in love with Phyllic. Dick, in his ambitton to overcome a dangerous business rival, Franklin Cruger, determines to marry his daughter, Anne Cruger, determines to marry his daughter, Anne Cruger, determines to marry his daughter, Anne Cruger, John learns of the wrong Dick has done Phyllis, and persuades his brother to give up his ambition and marry her. Dick dies in the last act, as the result of business excitement, and John marries Anne, who has loved him all along, but whom he has cared for only as a sister until she has been away from him for a year or so and returned to him to prove to him that she is the one woman to fill the sacred place of wife. There are some amusing comedy love scenes between an elderly judge and adashing widow, while two young people, Bess Van Buren and Alex Robinson supply the girl and boy love element that is always a pleasing side-light on the deeper colors of an emotional picture.

The cast of "The Charity Bail" is as well selected as in every Lyceum production. Henry Herman, as Dick, gives us a clean, cameo-like representation of the man of Wall street. His cold, gentlemanly exterior, under which we can always imagine the passions bolling at white heat, is more effective than any amount of rant could possibly be. His artistic rendering of a part in which there is the strongest temptation to shout and feam cannot be too highly commended. It might be said that the character fits him exactly, were it not that the same remark seems to apply to everything he plays.

Boyd Putnam, as the minister, is a noble figure. In the third act, where he finds that the girl he loves has been married by his brother, he rose to grandeur.

Miss Frances Garnot gives us the usual Clerk Who Estimates Them by Their Writing and Hates Easterners. eveland Plain Dealer.] Said a popular hotel clerk the other day, " is a noticeable fact that the guests from Bos-ton and New York are very egotistic. They seem to think that they come from God's shosen country and that they are much im-cosed upon to have to spend a few days in Develand. It is this local pride which the Boston and New York people possess that makes Cleveland people tired. They are forever talk-

ng about the merits of their own cities and de preciating western localities. acter of his handwriting. Take a man, for in-stance, with a bold heavy style of penmanship you will invariably find that he is arbitrary and hard to get along with. Such men want a great deal of waiting on and cause us lots of trouble. You take a man with a next handwriting and he is invariably courteous and affable. His de-mands are modest and he is easy to get along with. It is the duty of us hotel clerks to study human nature and to tell just how to treat

veryone that stops at our ho

HIGHWAYNER IN CHICAGO An Art That is Too Common in Parts of the Country. ican plays have a greater claim upon the public than this stirring, wholesome and patriotic

Chicago Herald.] Highwaymanship is becoming altogether too common in Chicago. Not a day passes that daring assaults and robberies are not reported. desperation shown by the offenders and in the bystanders. When men can be garroted and robbed in crowded street cars or upon streets thronged with people it indi-cates something more than police inactivity. There is need of a little wholesome attention to these matters or the selves. If old men and weak women can be selves. If old men and weak women can be robbed in the presence of scores of bystanders it is evident that the people of this town need courage more than they do policemen. Some of the assaults recently reported have been particularly disgraceful in that no effort appears to have been made by any one of many witnesses to defend the victims or to pursue

Polities in the Dominion. nto (Unt.) Empire.) If you told Sir Richard that his policy wa directly antagonistic to that of the former

leaders of the party he would, no doubt, say it was "a damuable lie." If you quoted documentary evidence to prove the charge, he would tell you to "go to the father of evil." Pleasant man, Sir Richard! The Anti-Ghost Dance.

Denver Times.] The Jacarilla Indians at Armajo, N. M., are dancing, not, however, they declare, as a threat of war, but simply to keep off the smallpox. They have more faith in dancing than in

Too Many in the Field Now. Baltimore American. Whatever may be Mrs. O'Shea's faults, that part of the world which reflects upon matters and things will forgive her if she maintains her

present purpose not to elevate the stage.

In Woman's Sphere. [ndianapolis Journal.] Kate Field points with pride to the fact the she has issued her publication 11 months and only apologized once. Is she proud of the apol-

Praise From Sir Hubert.

If Mr. McKinley has taught the Mexicans to pack their own pork instead of buying Ameri

an meat, he has done a great thing for

asy-going foreigners. Surprising He is Not Worse. Joe Howard states that he never omits to read in the daily papers his own contributions to their columns. The secret of Mr. Howard's poor health is now out.

DEATHS OF A DAY. Mrs. Matilda Dodge.

New York, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Matilda Dodge, 78 years of age, who is the sister of Secretary of the Navy Benjamin F. Triscy, came from Owego to Brodalyn recently to spend the holidays with her son. She appeared to be in good health, but this inorning she died very suddenly of rheumatism of the heart. Florence E. Westinghouse.

Florence Erskine Westinghouse, oldest daughter of Mr. H. H. Westinghouse, manager of the air brake company, died last evening at her father's residence. She was 14 years old. The little girl had a large circle of friends, who are greatly grieved at her death.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 .- The wedding of Frank celebrated this evening in the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, West Forty-fifth street. The

celebrated this evening in the Church of St.
Mary the Virgin, West Forty-fifth street. The
ceremony was performed by the rector,
Rev. Thomas McKee Brown. The bride
wore a gown of white India silk, cut
walking length and trimmed with silk
fringe and passementerie. Her hat was of
white velvet, trimmed with lace and estrich
tips. She carried a handsome bouquet of
white chrysanthemums. There were no bridesmaids nor groomsman. The bride was
given away by Hon. Alonzo Welscher.
The ushers were Harry Shrady, son of
Dr. George E. Shrady, and Alonzo Hepburn
Welch, Jr., the latter wearing the uniform of
the River View Military Academy, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., of which institution he is a
pupil. As the bridal couple entered the church
the organist, Dr. Prentice, played the wedding
march from Lobengrin, and at the close of the
ceremony Mendelessohn's wedding march.
Mr. Mack, the bridegroom, is well known as
a newspaper man in this city. He was formerif editor of the Evening Autournian, of Auburn, N. Y., and is now night editor of the
Western report of the Associated Press in the
New York office. The bride is a daughter of
Mrs. G. G. Hopburn, of this city, and a granddaughter of the late Captain Alexander Varrennes Frazer, of the Revenue Marine, Among
the many present at the ceremony were Dr.
George F. Shrady, Mr. and Mrs. Richard
Smith, Jr., Mr. Charles R. Williams and Mr.
and Mrs. C. H. Bedfern.

A SMOKER'S REVENCE.

Spunky Women. A Parisian recently chronicled this true tale of "The Smoker's Revenge;"

Scene: A railway compartment, "Madam,
do you object to smoking?" No reply. The question is repeated with a similar result. Thinking the lady deaf, the male passenger made a pretense of lighting his cigar.

"Do it if you dare!" exclaimed Madam

the match.

The lady bounced from the seat, and, snatching the cigar from his lips, threw it out of the window. The authors, Belasco and De Mille, are gray-beards in their business, if not in years, and the way they dally with their audience in the first "There is a compartment for smokers!" she and second acts, only to strain its perves to an extreme tension in the third, is almost a mar

otin, with an unearthly gleam in her eye,

"There is a compartment for smokers?" sae hissed.

The gentleman, quite taken back, thought it best to be quiet, while secretly bemoaning his lost Havana.

Five minutes' silence. Madam Potin flushed with her triumph. Suddenly the lady's muff appeared to become instinct with life, and presently a little poodle put out its head to take a breath of air. The gentleman rose, smilling affably, seized the little dog by the tail, and tenderly dropped it out of the carriage window, saying, in dulcet tones: "Madam, there is a compartment for dogs!"

The Panic Has Got Out of Things and Con New York Times.] At last the panic has got out of things. Busi ness in Wall street is nearly back to a normal basis. Money on call is easy, gold is on the way here, and time money has again put in an appearance. Round amounts are offered at 6 per cent, and very soon there will be a pressure to

lend at less than that. Whether now the stock

market goes up or goes down, it will be from other causes than financial fright. As confi

dence returns, money is lound to be abundant, because the operation of this change in the public mind is twofold—it releases the cash which had fied to the safe deposit boxes, and it which had fied to the safe deposit boxes, and it again gives value to those substitutes for cash which depend upon credits.

The latter is the chief circulating medium, as proved by the inquiry made by the Treasury Department, and set forth in the recent report of the Controller of Currency. Actual returns made to the department by 3,500 banks showed that on a given day of the total of their transactions less than 10 per cent was done in actual money, the remainder was in representatives of it, as checks, drafts, bills of exchange, certificates of deposit and other evidences of credit, of which the working value shrinks enormously in times of panne.

EDITORIAL OPINIONS.

the cats in Kilkenny are fighting again.

Christmas eve.

-Buffalo Express: Ireland is at war. Even

-Philadelphia Press: Jay Gould has lately

ourchased a tract of 1,000 acres of land. Per-

aps he is going to join the Farmers' Alliance

-Harrisburg Patriot: The difference be

tween the force bill and a stocking is that there

eems a disposition to hang one up before

-Atlanta Constitution: It would be a good

-Du Bois Courier: While the DuBois water

system ought to be emblematic of the cold

-St. Louis Globe-Democrat: It will be much

man for the place who will come up to the

ne has come to the United States on business,

and says that he has simply come over for

than in this country. Probably he intended t

PHANTOMS OF THOUGHT.

Sometimes in the night when I sit and write,

From heart to brain and back again,

Like a race horse under the spur.

With my soul's fine ear I listen and hear

For something that is kin-And I hear the hiss of a scorching kiss,

In its harrying race thro' leagues of space

As it heaves and moans and shudders

groams, and longs for the rest of death.

idea for the Government to permit the pension sharks to walk off with only half of the pension

the girl he loves has been married by his brother, he rose to grandeur.

Miss Frances Garnot gives us the usual emotional heroine as Phylite Lee. The part does not afford her an opportunity to do anything more. Miss Ruth Carpenter is a bewilderingly beautiful woman and a good actress. As Ann Cuger, the dashing warm-hearted New York girl, she gives us one of the most pleasing figures is the play.

Bessie Tyree is a pretty little ingenne, and Waiter Thomas, as Alex, shows considerable dramatic ability that should bring him to the front in his profession in due time. Ethel Grevbrooke, Thomas Burns, Eliza Logan and A. W. Gregory are all deserving of mention for conscientious work.

The setting of the first and last acts, the DEATH OF JUDGE MORRIS The Presiding Justice of Bradford County ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. WILKESBARRE, Dec. 15 .- Hon. P. D. Morris, President Judge of Bradford county, died at his home in Towards last night aged 62 years

his home in Towanda last night, aged 62 years.
After graduating at Hamilton in 1852, Mr.
Morris studied law with the late Chief Justice
Mercur, and one year later was admitted to the
har in Braaford county, where he has since
figured conspicuously. He was intimately associated with McCollum and Miller, of the
Supreme Beach. Bright's disease, superinduced by excessive study, is given as the cause
of his demise. conscientious work.

The setting of the first and last acts, the sitting room at the Rectory, is an excellent specimen of nineteenth century home luxury The Bijou Theater. "Shenandoah," the great war play of Mr. Howard's writing, was given before a large audience at the Bijou last night. The play has been already criticised at length in this column, and it need only be said that very few Amer-Royalty Prevents a Trust. Indianapolis Sentinel. 1 It is not often that royalty interferes with trust, but the barbed wire people have been unable to form a combine on account of a dif-

Miss Nanetta Comstock was the object of so many eyes and the subject of so many more thoughts last evening as she acted the part of Jennic Buckthorn, U.S. A., in Bronson How ard's most powerful war play, "Shenandoah." In that she distanced only Mr. Frank Burbeck, the General Haverill of the cast, for be it known that he is her busband—a recent acquisi ion; and this state of happy affairs all came to tion; and this state of nappy amaits an came to pass as a sequence of an incident last summer that gave the "General" the opportunity of his life in saving that of Miss Comstock.

The interest generally attached to the company was owing to the fact that it is the "original company," the one which performed 300 nights in New York, and was burned out hast assay at Chicago while playing an engagelast season at Chicago while playing an engag ment at McVicker's Theater. The names of

A bride is always interesting. That is why

ment at McVicker's Theater. The names on last night's programme at the Bijou contained but that of Francis Carlysle, the Colonel Peretval West, as being on the play bill last season, when the piece was produced here by the other company. C. Mackay makes a splendid Lieutenant Bedloe, and Miss Netts Guion certainly has one of the most expressive faces in portraying deep emotion, as well as the peculiar phases of feeling of a girl whose heart "will," but whose head "won't." Joseph Adelman, as Captain Thornton, was a splendid scoundrel; he was almost picturesque in his villainy, while Francis Carlysle's exhibition of how an officer and a soldier of honor, unjustly under arrest and in the rear while his regiment was in the fight, would, or did, suffer the keenest mortification was magnificent. His Colonel West is one of the most manly characters on the stage. It is a noble manly characters on the stage. It is a noble

ortrayal.

No exception can be taken to the fine work No exception can be taken to the fine work done by the entire company, and it is not discrimination to say that Benson grows popular in proportion to C.tl. Elilott's efforts to make him as dear to the audience as he is to the pluff old General's daughter.

The "Shenandoah" company goes from here to Chicago, thence to Nan Francisco for a short stay, after which it will return to Chicago for the summer. This company shows only in the large and best play-going cities—such as Pittsburg.

Harris' Theater. For the first time since a serious accident that pefell her at Columbus, O., Miss Minnie Oscar Gray was able to appear yesterday in her well-known repertoire at this house. She was greeted by two very large audiences, and her wonderful trained dogs were, as usual, as much wonderful trained dogs were, as usual, as much admired as any of the rest of the members of her company. Their work is nearly perfect. Few chances have been made in the cast of characters since the company's last appearance here. Miss Camille Townsend is a statuesque Louise in "The Old Oaken Bucket," the play given yesterday, and which will be repeated to-day and to-morrow. A change of bill will be made Thursday.

night the same old wreck of the Conemaugh that has been around ever since the Johns-town flood, made its annual appearance. He is perhaps more ragged, but he wears the same whiskers and other makeup, and is easily recognized. He was greeted as an old friend recognized. He was greeted as an old friend but the applause seemed more enthusiastic when the canine actor "Jack" took a firm hole on his trousers and dragged him off the scene All the specialties of irwin Bros, combination were well received by the large crowd present

Harry Williams' Academy.

At Harry Williams' Academy of Music las

And high and far from a distant star, Davis' Fifth Avenue Museum Whose name is unknown to me; I hear a voice that says, 'Rejoice! For I keep ward o'er thee.'' The big bears, two mousters of forbidding spect, are the most interesting of the at-ractions at this house. They are trained to perform some clever tricks and can wreatle with the best professionals in the city. The wild girl of Yucatan is not at all a bleasant sight, and it is a very great pity that such exhibitions, offensive in every sense, are cormitted. Hilliard's multiphone, a carious Thro the chambers of the night;
And the watcher who waits by the dim,
dark gates
May bear if he lists aright.

- Bita Whester Wite

musical instrument, is among the novelties, of which they are many. The stage performance has a few good features, among which is the knock-about comic act of Keating and West.

A NEW YORK WEDDING

-Way Lee, who has opened a restaurant Helena consists of two silver hairs that were once part of a lock cut from Napoleon's head. -The proudest boy in Amherst, Me., is a 13-year-old youngster who started out the other morning before breakfast to try a new rifle and soon shot a fine buck.

Vineyard Sound and Suzzard's Bay. Fisher-men ascribe this as a result of the labors of the United States Fish Commission.

-Hiram Ludwig, residing at Boyertown,

embroidery, a cylinder of silver is covered with

other commission. The cost of her refit is esti-mated at \$15,000. It is reported that the vessel's octom is in a sad condition, and that while at sydney she leaked like a sleve.

Jim Gibbons, the blacksmith, of Stockport, N. Y., declares that a porcupine ate more than half of his bellows in a single night. -Thousands of oysters are shipped to

stantinople and Jerusalem, then by the coast which skirts Syria and Africa, arriving at Morocco; thence he will travel through Spain, France and Germany to Kiew.

-The old Essex Head Tayers in the him, is now in process of demolition. It is one of the many historic houses to fall before the march of progress. Until recently it was kept by two ladies named Fleiding, who were believed to be descendants of the novelist. -A physician of Arsk, in the Govern-

loss of a rooster which was familiarly known as "Parnell," and he is said to have been an ugference of opinion in regard to the payment of quainted with the schedule running time of

> -The immature Tylenchus lives in the ground until the wheat shoots forth, when it crawls up the stalk, enters a young kernel of grain, and there lays its eggs, which soon hatch

way to England and America. It is the Russians lace hitherto used only by Russians, and practically unknown outside the Empire of the Czurs. It is made of the finest linen thread, and is the only real lace produced in mixed colors. It is seldom seen in white, but in the rich ecru of the unbleached flax mixed with a pale or a deep blue or a vivid red, the colors favored by the Russian people. -During the long cruise of the whaling

better have remained at home, for there is more chance for rest in the Sandwich Islands say that he came over for a little change, and Bobby-Where's your overcoat-aia change of the sort that can be best got by tapyou afraid of catching cold? Tommy -I am, and that's the reason I don't

I hear the strangest things,
As my brain grows hot with a burning thought
That struggles for form and wings.
I can hear the beat of my swift blood's feet
As it speeds with a rush and whire, The tender slience speak,
As it leans on the breast of night to rest,
And presses his dusky cheek.
And the darkness turns in its sleep and yearns

A young man who married a "butterfly of ashion" was unable a year later to pro-ligrab" for his butterfly.—Norrietown Heraid.

an odd idea."
"Not at all. She seems to like it. There she stands before it by the hour and never thinks of looking at a clock"-Philadelphia Times.

inches thick is frisking about in the Saginav river, Mich., and putting a wire edge on the nerves of bibulous loggers.

-Young codfish are very plentiful in

at the start, a dog which has been well-trained is worth twice as much as one untaught. It is as true of dogs as of men. Education counts.

Pa., owns a Martin Luther Bible printed in Germany in 1520. It is in an excellent state of preservation and he refused \$250 for it recently, -Butcher Sprachlin, of Casper, Wyo., if

ous mountain palaces of the late King of Barvaria have been visited by 85,600 persons, and the amount received from them in admission tees has exceeded \$50,000. -In the manufacture of gold thread for

gold and afterward drawn out into wire. In this way six ounces of gold have been made to yield over 200 miles of gitt wire. -The British cruiser Calliope, of Samos fame, is to be refitted by the Admiralty for an-

se skinned and the hides taken to the nearest station so that the owners can identify, by brands or marks, missing animals.

England from the region near Greenwich, Conn. They are packed and rammed into bar-rels so that the shells cannot open. This keeps the oyaters alive and obviates the necessity of using ice. The oysters reach England in ex-cellent condition.

wear it. It's too damp to put on-in sonk, yo know .- Atlanta Journal.

for \$6. It isn't a lawsuit. A \$10 lawsuit costs \$20, A new book is entitled "Statesmen's Dishes and How to Cook Them." Properly

Labor Agitator-Ever man is the archicet of his own fortune—
Mike Maguire (from rear of hall)—Yis, that's so;

O, sweet and strange are the sounds that range