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A NOVEL CITY FUNCTION. The general, and, in many cases, involun tary disposition toward the Socialist idea of using governmental power in the prosecution of private enterprises, was displayed in yesterday's DISPATCH by the proposition of an enterprising business man that the city should go into the coal mining business for the purpose of developing the vein of coal shown by the drilling of the Exposi-

tion gas well to underlie the city. That the corporate powers granted cities under present legislation do not include the function of mining coal, is recognized by the advocate of this plan, who proposes that the city should get a franchise from the Legislature for that purpose. But another consideration besides the legal power necessary for the prosecution of such enterprises must arise, namely: Whether business qualities necessary to operate the ns well established as anything can be that coal mining is an enterprise which requires a combination of expert knowledge, business ability and economical management. Without these qualities coal mining by any corporation or individual is sure to wind up in the hands of an assignee. Whether the conduct of city affairs is such as to warrant the belief that the city government would make a fortune as a coal operator may be an open question; but the general fear would be that the city would have to pay in increased taxation for the luxury of owning a coal mine.

It is important and interesting knowledge that the city is underlaid with a vein of superior coal. But in view of the large fields of coal surrounding Pittsburg, we can ufford to let this mineral tressure lie undisturbed for the present. Coal will have to be worth more than it is now, and city affairs will have to be managed on more purely business principles than now, before it will be advisable for the city to go into the coal business.

ANOTHER FARMERS ORGANIZATION Farmers' organizations are becoming numerous. The Grange has its followers. the Alliance has leaped into prominence and now comes the League with eighty local associations in this State. From interviews with the delegates now in convention in this city it is learned the League does not propose to support the Alliance, deeming it wild in its schemes. All these farmers' societies means something and that something is that the farmer has about made up his mind he is not getting all that is due him as a factor in society. It is certain that organization is the means to enforce the farmers' claims and the objects of the League, equalization of taxes and good roads, are worthy of support. The approaching session of the Legislature may reasonably be expected to do something to further both of these objects, though the very sanguine anticipations of the Leaguers that the Legislature will be wholly controlled in the interest of the farmer judicates a lack of knowledge of Harrisburg-methods. The farmers must do something more than pass resolutions if they want to keep the legislators in line when their interests conflict with those of the powerful corporations.

THE FURNACEMEN'S COMPLAINT.

Some show of reason is in the complaint of the furnacemen of the Shenango and Mahoning Valleys. Pig iron has declined decidedly, from \$18 to \$14 a ton, yet prices for raw materials seem to be the same. It may be hoped, however, that a revival in trade may help the furnacemen out without a reduction in the selling price of coke, which would mean a reduction of wages of miners. Even if there be no present profit for the furnace owners, we hope they may see their way clear to continuing operations for the sake of their 10,000 employes until affairs take a more prosperous turn again.

THE CLEARFIELD FAILURE.

The failure of ex-Senator Wm. A. Wallace, carrying with it the Clearfield County Bank, of which Mr. Wallace was the President and principal shareholder, is, like the Delamater failure at Meadville, a surprise to the public, and one which has additional interest from the prominence of Mr. Wellace in politics. Senator Wallace has not been a candidate for Governor; but if he had been there is room for interesting cogitation as to the attitude of the State which, no matter which candidate was elected, would have been confronted with the spectacle of a Governor-elect mixed up with a bank failure. This dilemma has been avoided by the nomination and election of Pattison. It is, however, proper to say that Senator Wallace's case is happily free from any suspicion

that it was caused by political expenditures, Beyond that it is pertinent that there is no such mystery as to the cause of this failure, as is the case at Meadville. It is frankly stated that the assets of the Senator were largely tied up in silver mining enterprises on which it was impossible to realize. We hardly need point out that silver mining enterprises are from their nature of an exceedingly speculative character, and that this statement fully bears out the position of THE DISPATCH, that business enterprises which keep clear of speculation and conduct their affairs on a legitimate and careful basis are in no danger of failure. All of the bankrupteies in this vicinity corroborate that view, and as business in this section rests on a sound and legitimate basis there is no fear of general trouble.

If we can accent the statements made in connection with the closing of the bank the depositors will suffer little, except inconvenience, and the creditors of the Senator

will come out well. Of course, such statements are always to be taken with a grain of salt, but the real estate security for the

TRUSTS AND PROTECTION.

The manufacturers of reaping and mowing machines have recently organized all the establishments engaged in that industry under a single corporate charter, which the parlance of the day calls a Trust. They will be pained to learn that the agricultural mind places no trust in their assurances that the object of the combination is not to raise prices

The farmers have somehow got it firmly rooted in their minds that both the example mercial human nature make it plain that when all the manufacturers in a certain industry combine to prevent competition, they do so for the purpose of keeping prices above the level which would be fixed by the free and natural action of that force. The Master of the Illinois State Grange has informed the members of that organization are accustomed to become cross when they that the purpose of the combination is to prevent the decline in the prices of mowing machines that would naturally take place on the expiration of certain patents; and the Grange has carried its utter infidelity in the professions of inocuousness on the part of the Trust, so far as to pass a resolution demanding that mowing and reaping machines shall be placed on the free list.

It must be said that on the logic of the question the Grangers have the right of it. The cause of protection has been fought on the principle that the encouragement of home industry will reduce prices by the competition of domestic manufactures. That assertion has been repeated so often in Concress and on the stump that it is indisputably one of the axioms of the protective system. But here is another case of a pro tected industry which by a combination virtually undertakes to defeat that fundsmental purpose of protection, and to prevent the competitive reduction of prices which is promised. Thus they not only antagonize the principle and purpose of protection, but they contribute to its unpopularity and defeat. Secretary Rusk is quoted as saying that "this Mower and Reaper Trust will the city government is possessed of the cost the Republican party hundreds of thousands of votes at the next Presidental eleccoal business successfully. It is about tion." He might have gone further and said that the presence of trusts among the protected industries contributed more than any other one cause to the reverse of the last election. The Republican party has but one way of ridding itself of that incubus, and that is to provide for placing all products controlled by such combinations on the free list during the duration of the

> But it is worth while to recognize that, on the statement of this case, the natural laws of trade will work out the relief of the farmers from any exactions on the part of the combination. While the patents last, which are necessary to the construction of machines, the combination can prevent new competition; but when the patents expire defeat itsel.. Not only can any man buy the iron, steel and lumber necessary to make mowers and reapers, but the fact that the combination sustained prices above the average margin of profit fixed by competition will offer the greatest stimulus on the building of competing factories. If this monopoly makes the business of manufacturing such machines profitable we may expect to see new factories spring up with the greatest rapidity until the combination falls to pieces of its own weight.

> This will of course be a process of some years; and in the meantime it is worth while single cause can do.

AN EXAMPLE FROM PARIS.

A system for rapid transit has just been adopted for the city of Paris which shows a broad provision for future needs, of which most American cities appear to be incapable. The plan is for an underground way which shall include not only tracks, but all pipes, cables and wires that are needed for a modern city. The Paris plan excludes sewers, probably for the reason that Paris is already provided with a more complete system of sewers than any other city in the world. Outside of this it is proposed that the underground way shall not only have accommodations for whatever may need to be nut under ground now, but for all such needs that the future may produce.

There is no doubt that this provision would supply a decided lack and would do away with an immense amount of wasted work. At present the constant tearing up of payements to put one thing or another under them is a distinct and constant trouble in city streets, and its expense and inconvenience is o'ten a hindrance to putting wires or lines underground that ought to go there. Pittsburg has now under its streets. sewers, water-pipes, pipes for illuminating and pipes for fuel gas, cable conduits, and a few electric wire conduits, and is contemplating the possibility of adding to their number conduits for electric railroads, electric light wires, and new telegraph, telephone and fire alarm wires. When one of these lines has to be repaired the pavements are torn up; when a new one is to be laid the pavements are torn up.

There is hardly any doubt that the labo and money spent in tearing up and replacing pavements and laying these separate lines, in the past, would by this time have provided our principal streets with underground conduits sufficient to accommodate them all, where they could be reached for repairs without disturbing the pavements, and in addition to provide a place where all new lines which the developments of the future might produce, could find an accommodation without blocking up streets and destroying the permanence of pavements.

THE DISPATCH has brought this to the public consideration before, but the Paris idea introduces a new clement by making the rapid transit underground railway a place for the location of all the subterranean adjuncts of a great city. There is no doubt that whenever a city reaches the stage where underground transit is practicable this feature will be one of the most undoubted economy. The incorporation of such a provision by the Paris government marks the difference between the French system of municipal administration and that most prevalent in America. Here the result of municipal action on such subjects is to give away franchises, crowd and clog the streets, and generally ensure that when a new pavement is laid it will be torn up within two years, for the performance of some underground work which should have been provided for in the first place.

Parisian morals may not be unimpeach able, but the municipal methods of Paris are worthy of our study and imitation.

It is now occasioning some comment that after Mr. Jay Gould has become interested in after Mr. Jay Gould has become interested in Southern railways he is displaying that form of sympathy with the Democracy of the South the city by every train.

which is manifested in checks for the campaign funds. This need not cause surprise, however Mr. Gould announced his political principles many years ago, as built upon the line of being bank liabilities looks tangible, and there is Republican in Republican districts and Demoevery hope that the fatlure will be free cratic in Democratic districts. In this respect from personal discredit to ex-Senator Wal- it is pleasant to note that Mr. Gould is still living up to such principles as he has got.

> In view of the disaster caused by people who dress up in cotton for holiday occas letting their dresses catch fire and getting fatally burned or disfigured, it is time to suggest that if a woolly costume is necessary for holiday rejoicings, people had better try asbes

THERE is an indication of progress, though of an exceedingly leisurely sort, in the news that a Kentucky man has just been sent to the penitentiary for life, for the murder of a negro twenty-two years ago. This is a good deal better than having it understood that a man can kill negroes without any punishment all all. But while it may have a restraining influence to know that if you slaughter a colored citize years, it would certainly be better if Kentucky

IT is noted that Succi, the faster, is getting very much out of temper; but people who have to wait half an hour for breakfast, will be able to understand that a man who has waited six weeks for his, will be decidedly irri-

By the wills of two wealthy citizens, recently deceased, Cleveland is to become the possessor of an art gallery costing \$800,000. By the will of one generous millionaire still living Pittsburg will become the possessor of an art gallery worth \$1,000,000 at the start and increasing its value every year. This will leave Pittsburg decidedly in the lead if our city will only take hold and do its share toward putting the project into actual operation.

RIVER improvement and the building of canals is attracting more intelligent attention now than ever before in this country. People are awakening to the advantages of the mean of transportation provided by nature,

A SANGUINE view of the literary future is taken by the Roston Courier in the following remark: "If anybody thinks there is little hope for the poetry of America let him read the poems read and sung at the football dinner on Monday night." Such a course might produce the conviction that there is lots of hope for the mprovement of poetry, and lots of room for evement, but very little poetry so far.

THERE is an impertinent curiosity to learn whether Dr. Chauncey M. Depew's Presidental boom has really been dissolved into the elements or whether it is being carefully kept in seclusion for dark horse purposes.

THE news that cholera is devastating Guatemala, as a variation on the plague of civil war, should enforce the necessity of redoubling the precautions of quarantining next spring on our southern and seacoast borders against the admission of the disease to this country. Cholera on the North American continent is a warning to the United States to be on their guard.

SITTING BULL has no mourners aside from his followers. The death of a man i rarely the subject of such general congratula-tions as that of this notorious Indian outlaw.

THE Philadelphia Press in its Monday's issue repelled the disbonest assertions of the the power to maintain high prices will soon free trade papers that the McKinley bill has raised the price of potatoes by pointing out the fact that the potato crop is one third short. But the day before the esteemed Press alleged that rising wheat is a sign of prosperity Why does not the same rule apply to potatoe

> IF THE farmers' organizations refrain from fighting with each other they may make

It is interesting to learn that the Legislature of Alabama has before it a bill providing for the incorporation of a village brass band. If the Legislature of Pennsylvania, during its long years of special legislation, did not grant any charters for brass bands it can still claim to note that these combinations are doing to be up with the procession, by having granted more to defeat protection than any other charters with every bit as much wind in them.

A DARK day like vesterday increased the desire for a few good gas wells within the city

In Ohio the papers are pointing out that McKinley is the logical candidate for Governor; and they are right. The Democratic unfairness by which McKinley was gerrymandered out of Congress makes him not only the logical candidate, but will give him a strength before the people for which the Democrats can thank themselves, if he defeats them,

YESTERDAY'S French duel was an inno ion. One man was seriously hurt.

SENATOR SPOONER, of Wisconsin, is now named as a possible appointee of the Presdent for the vacancy on the Supreme Bonch The Senator has declared his preference for Juage Gresham, which is something in hi favor with the people; but it is to be hoped for the sake of Spooners's chances that the Presi dent has not heard of it.

PROMINENT PROPLE

CONGRESSMAN GEARY, of California, wants aliens to answer 60 per cent of a given line of questions before they can be admitted to citi-

MRS. HENRY M. STANLEY is so tall and Mr Stanley is so short that when they are out together and are seen from a distance he looks like a little boy out with his mother. KING KALAKAUA has with him an unpub

ished book, "The Temple of Wisdom," in which he attempts to show that all things have their origin in fire and will end in fire. GENERAL BOULANGER intends to winter in Egypt, where he will spend the most of his money and in the spring he will start a newspaper in Jersey, and so get rid of the rest of it. PROF. KOCH's sister, Mrs. Alexander Fleishan, was once a resident of Syracuse, N. Y., where she was a music teacher. She afterware went to Cazenovia, but had so little success she

GENERAL BENJAMIN F. BUTLER delivered a lecture in Tremont Temple, Boston, Saturday night, on "Wendell Phillips," which will be his last. Ben says he will never go on lecture platform again. MME. ANNE MARIE MOZZONI will stand for

returned to Germany.

election to the Italian Parliament and is asking for subscriptions to assist in meeting her expenses. Mme. Mozzoni is an accomplished authoress, and her agreeable manners hav made her generally liked among her large circle of acquaintances. GENERAL MILES, while in Chicago, told : reporter that the most interesting relic in his

Custer was killed. General Miles says it makes him sad every time he sees it. He may now add a more pleasurable relic in the weapon with which Sitting Bull was killed. PROF. VIRCHOW, of Berlin, pronounced "the foremost pathologist of the world," asks people to go slow about injecting Dr. Koch's lymph into people. He says it is a dangerous poison, as indeed nearly all medicines are, and thinks it would be better to wait until Dr

ession was the weapon with which General

THE TARIFF LAW SUSTAINED.

Koch himself is satisfied with his experi-

The Omission of Section 30 Invalidates Tha Part of the Bill Only. NEW YORK, Dec. 16.-The Board of Genera Appraisers, in a case brought before it by Marshall Field & Co., of Chicago, has decided that the omission of Section 30 does not invali-date the McKinley tariff bill, but affects only the omitted section.

They also decide that the bill confers on the

A New Farm El Dorado. WAUSAU, WIS., Dec. 16 .- From present indi

SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON. SITTING BULL'S death will not affect Wall treet, but it may make the live stock raisers

REALITY is popular now, Realism has

prowded out romance, hasn'tit? We want fact

instead of fiction—stone instead of sand, light instead of shadow, the dross of life instead of its gloss. All must be of earth, earthy-gritty, grimy, cold, hard, cruel, No more fanciful creations, no more children of the brain, no more masqueraders, troubadours, valuant knights and "ladves fayre," no more prancing steeds and warriors bold. The sighing lover and the pure, true naid now give place to the hardened villain and the coy coquette. The sweets of love are now turned to wormwood, and the bitterer the cup the better. The harder the dealt those who suffer in the the heavier its sale. The truer the picture is to life-real, common, humdrum, work-a-day life-the greater the praise for the painter. Everything must be real—cruelly real. The mantle of charity is ripped off and trampled in the mud. the veils are torn from the faces of fury and saint, and the very soul inside the clay walls is spread over the mud-soiled pages. Nothing is too bad, nothing is too good, for the feast which the hungry hosts order and which the cunning caterers provide. Under the guise of Reform pens are dipped in sewers, and the fourness contaminates the sea of humanity. Crime, instead of being robbed of its hideousness, is clothed in rich raimant, which s torn to tatters and trailed in the dust. The rags are spun into a slimy rope, on which to hang the grinning skeleton brought from the closet of reality to quench the thirst of the realist. Sacred sorrows are sin-gilded, the greatest joys are the wickedest, the real made more horrible than the ideal. Gnaw away, ye ghouls, ye jackals. Squenze the blood out of the living fiesh, crunch the bones. Prick hearts with your pens. Perhaps some day the blood will

THE unfortunate don't want your pity. They want your hand and your heart, not your sighs and your tears.

IF you are a winner you can afford to give the MEN whistle to keep their courage up, pro

vided they are not so badly scared that they annot raise the wind. MONUMENTS, nowadays, are frequently

laced to please the eye and beautify the land-EVEN if your song is sorrowful, sing it, You

will strike the right chord some time. Women are the most active re-formers just

The Belfry Sounds Hear the voices of the bells, Ringing bells: There's a rhythm in your knells, Singing bells, Swing ye merrily to and fro, Ring ye sweetly, ring ye low.

Hear the clanging of the bells. Leaping bells; There's a walling in your knells, Weeping bells, Swing ve swiftly in the night. Cry ye out with all your might, In the flames ye glisten bright,

Hear the music of the bells, Golden bells; There's a sighing in your knells, Turn ye gally for the bride And the groom she stands beside, Tell their story far and wide,

Reaping bells!

Hear the sorrow of the bells, Tolling bells; There's a sobbing in your knells, Rolling bells.
Toll ye softly when the clay In green grave is laid away Until Resurrection Day, Tolling bells,

Hear the gladness of the bells. There's a magic in your knells. Chime ye loudly Christmas morn. Ring ye for the heaven-born, Martyr of the spear and thorn,

THE face wasn't made to be covered with veils, powder or shame.

A. CAPITAL idea-Starting a new bank. IF all reforms started at home there would e more work and less talk in the world. Don't take any one to your home whom you

know your wife cannot warmly welcome. STILL waters run deep, but they deposit ore mud than the swift streams,

A Bad Break. He trod on her dress, and the tearing Gave him a real sudden start; He judged from her face and her bearing That he had broken her heart.

THE barber frequently cuts an acquaintance A DEAD letter-The Eyptian hieroglyphic. BUTTON wants to be the House Postmaster

Quay is pressing this Button. PEOPLE who hunt gas leaks with matches Ir we heard as much about the good people

as we do about the bad we would be surprised at the scarcity of genuine sinuers. WHEN you wrestle with sleep you regain strength.

THE mother who neglects her children is trifling with her best friends. They Stared. Up the carpeted stair she hurried,

Leaving a scent in the air; The fellow below her was flurried,

But all he could do was to stare STANLEY evidently lost a portion of voice in Darkest Africa.

THE corner loafer always does business at the same old stand. SITTING BULL can now play ghost as much

Ir Congress passes the money bills more bills will doubtless go into circulation, ONLY gluttons marry just to put a woman in

A HUGE joke-A full-page cartoon. WHEN you nurse your wrath of course you feed it on the milk of human kindness. THE Postmaster General is the man with the

A Life Saved.

nailed hand now.

The shaky tramp looked very sad, He really seemed ill, But what he got made his heart glad. The sweet smile haunts him still. How the dear women must envy the postal slerks who sort the mails.

CONGRESS proposes to stir up the silver poo Some mud will doubtless come to the surface THE tumbler pigeon is not such a gymnastic ird as its name would imply.

Ir is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for some bills to go through LAWS should be framed to reach cranks of

well as barbarous. BLIND people have finer feelings than those who see, and the deaf have sharper eyes than

the Succi stripe. Self torture is disgusting as

those who hear. Somehow or other nature THE TOPICAL TALKER.

Succi, the faster, works for starvation DID you go to hear Stanley?" an Alleghenia asked of an East Ender yesterday. Is the game out West worth the powder? In dian hunts are rather too costly.

"No-we were going, but our hired girl put a "How was that?" STANLEY carries his wife's relatives around with them. He finds some of them great Aides. WILLIE WINKLE.

A BAD INDIAN. No Tears Shed for Sitting Bull by the

White Folks.

Something of a Red Elephant. New York Times. 3 It appears that he is at the bottom, more than anybody else, of the recent disturbances and rumors of disturbance. The old reprobate was himself unavailable as a Messiah, but he wa as well aware as any copper-colored inhabitant of the country of the political value of a Mes-siah, and of the extent to which a belief in him might be worked. The announcement of his death is not calculated to arouse any It is very amusing to see Officer Grimes other emotions than those excited the other day by the slaying of a "rogue" elephant in

Few to Mourn.

chief as Sitting Bull.

New York Tribune.] Outside of his own followers there will be few to mourn the death of Sitting Bull. The saying that the only good Indian is a dead one fieds no small share of its justification in the career of such red men as he. During the greater part of his life he was a constant torment to the white people and the Government, and though for the last few years he has been nominally under bonds to keep the peace, his influence has been on the evil side.

Not Much Fighting.

Philadelphia Press.] The presence of such an experienced Indian fighter as General Miles upon the scene will also have a good effect, for his coming will not long remain unknown to the disorderly say ages through their means of quick inter-com-munication, and they hold him in wholesome fear. There may be some little fighting, par-ticularly with the Indians who have sought refuge in the Bad Lands, but nothing on a arge scale.

Will Spur the Reds to Fight. hiladelphia Record,] The old chief's death will spur the warlike and the red men have rekindled the embers o

Sioux to deeds of vengeance. There is little doubt that the affrays between the ranchers hostility among the savages, and the skies at Pine Ridge are aglow these nights with the reflection of camplires that are known to be signals of war. Never Recognized His Duty.

New York Herald, 1 He was a crafty, wily, sly old fellow, always disgruntled, and always an element of discord To the last degree suspicious and superstitious he was one of those Indians who insist upon their rights but never recognize their duties.

Removing a Disturbance. Toledo Commercial.] Sitting Bull is said to be dead. Resisted ar rest and was slain. A fitting end of a wild ca-

reer and the removal of a vast amount of dis

LANSDOWNE'S DIFFICULTIES. Daughters Growing Up Unmarried Because a God Has Been Stolen.

From the Toronto Empire. 1 Lord Lansdowne has religious difficulties t smooth down in India. He has received a petition from the Jami sect of Gwalior asking him to use his influence to allow their image, known as Ruth Biman, to be converted into a rea god. This process of conversion consists of god. This process of conversion consists of carrying it through the streets in procession, a privilege which the Brahmins object to. The Jainis charge that the Brahmins broke into their temple and destroyed the last god they had, and that for want of one the ceremony of marriage cannot be performed and their daughters are growing up unmarried. Whether the Viceroy will care to interfere between two religious disputants in one of the native States is doubtfui.

THE SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY

Merchants and Manufacturers Pay Promptly and Farmers Borrow Little. CHICAGO, Dec. 16 .- An evening paper publishes this evening a number of letters from country bankers located in Illinois, Michigan, Visconsin and Indiana on the financial condi tion as it affects farmers, country merchants, nanufacturers, etc.

The replies are almost of the same tenor, and The replies are almost of the same tenor, and are to the effect that merchants and manufacturers are fineeting their obligations fully as promptly as usual, that while the bankers are investing in outside paper they are holding larger reserves of cash than usual, in view of the financial stringency, and that notwith-standing the talk about farm mortgages the fact is that the farmers borrowenly a small portion of the money loaned by the banks. A banking firm notes that of the \$2.250.000 loaned by it, only \$200,000 has gone to the farmers.

ODD REASONING.

A Congressman Who Takes No Thought o Where the Money Comes From. From the Washington Post. 1

Representative Forney of Alabama who has been on the Appropriations Committee for many years, thinks that while it is a good thing possihave more money in circulation, it would be better to have more products with which to "There are 5,000,000 baies of cotton," he said, to reporter yesterday, "now being held up in the South by owners who want a higher price. I this cotton were sold, and there is a ready mar-ket for it, it would put more money in circula-tion in a short time than can be accomplished by prepayed logislation." tion in a short time than the by proposed legislation."

A law to raise the price of cotton would seem

Better Roads a Necessity.

From the Chester News, 1 Good streets in cities and boroughs and good roads in the rural districts are not only a public good but a public necessity. That we are de ficient in both is admitted by all, and the pertinent question for some time has been how to obtain that which is much needed. The demand for improvement is so urgent as to leave little doubt that a State law, with effective supervision, will be passed, and that the besystem that can be had without extravagant expenditure will be adopted.

An Inevitable Conclusion

From the Warren Mirror. 1 The low price of crude oil, while the price of article remains as high as when crude oil commanded 40 cents per barrel more than now, has led to the conclusion that the Standard Oil Company, having driven out at other refiners and transporters of oil from the field, has concluded to absorb the producing nterest also and is bearing the crude mar ket to compel the producers to sell out cheap

> DEATHS OF A DAY. David M. Farrelly.

INPECTAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. MEADVILLE, Dec. 16 .- David M. Farrelly, the oldest member of the Crawford County Bar, died here yesterday, aged 84 years. Mr. Farrelly was a grandson of General David Mead, the first settler of this city. Mr. Farrelly graduated from the Al-legheny College in 1824 and later was a cadet in the Military Academy, West Point. While there he was an intimate friend of the late Jeft Davis. He was admitted to the bar in 1829, and practiced his pro-fession for an unbroken period of 60 years.

Dr. William Wilson.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH,) NEW CASTLE, Dec. 16.-Dr. William Wilson, eld, ten miles from here, was fo Portersheid, ten miles from here, was found dead in a chair in his office there to-day. He was a prominent citizen and a well-known physician. He was troubled with heart disease. Major H. G. Carr.

CARLISLE, Dec. 18.—Major H. G. Carr, ex-Mayor of this city, and Senior Vice Commander of the G. A. E., died here to-day after a long fil-ness, aged 68 years. During the war he was chief bugger in Colonel Boyd's Twenty-first Cavalry. Assistant Surgeon General Perrine. Sr. Paul, Dec. 16.—Assistant Surgeon General Perrine, United States Army, died in this city yesterday. He served 40 years, and retired in SOCIETY'S PLEASURES.

She Surpassed Stanley.

"She went out yesterday, and when she came back in the evening she told my wife that her loctor had ordered her to eat four or five fresh eggs a day, abstain from hard work and sleep in a warm room. She said she'd have to have the eggs, the vacation and a stove in her bed room right off, so we decided to let her go at once, and consequently we did not get to hear

A Benefactor in Blue.

THE big policeman who guards the perilous crossing at the postoffice corner represents ustice in more than the common sense among the newsboys and bootblacks. He is a sort of trust company, exchange and bank for the boys who continually circulate around him. They literally and metaphorically look up to Officer Grimes towering above them at the busy

superintending deals between the boys, which are of frequent occurrence. He knows all the Cincinnati, though no quadruped ever did so much widely extended and long-continued misoys, and more than that, knows their implements of trade, the shoe-blacking boxes. The other day a boy brought him a box to sell and a purchaser presented himself at the same time. "Doesn't this belong to Skinny?" said the iceman, after examining the box.

"Naw," said the selling party, and just then the very thin individual known as Skinny, happened to come up, and the boxes were compared. They had many marks of similarity, thus showing the broker's knowledge of the market. Every box, by the way, has some distinctive mark, a design in brass-headed nails, or initials cut in the wood. Well, in this case, a sale was made, and the broker banded over the money to the client. Just as this occurred a citizen, who had been watching the transa tion with interest, caught Officer Grimes' eye, and he said with a merry wink: "You see we newsies must take care of each other."

Detective Genius Blighted.

A GOOD many papers, books and magazine had been missed in a down-town book store. With the crowds of holiday purchasers constantly moving in and out it was difficult to guard the piles of books and journals on the counters. The salesmen were instructed to keep a sharp look out for thieves and the boys engaged to help during the holiday rush were also requested to report any suspicious actions on the part of customers. Yesterday one of the boys called the proprietor to one side and said: "There's an old gent over there actin' suspicious—he takes up a book, but he don't read it, an' looks all around to see if anybody's lookin'.

The description did sound suspicious and the proprietor of the store went over to look at the old gentleman in question. The latter was reading a book with his back turned, and bookseller touched him on the shoulder he gave a start as he turned around which might have been taken for a sign of guilt, if his face had not proved him to be a octor of divinity and the paster of a great Presbyterian church. The vouthful detective vas not encouraged to continue his espionage, The divine, of course, never learned that he had been suspected of kleptomania,

The Use of Expositions,

IF the gas well on the Exposition's property proves a roarer," said Manager Johnston rday, "It will be a very pretty Christm box to the city as well as a blessing to the Exposition Society. It ought to have a good effect upon the financial situation here if it is shown that there is still plenty of gas right at our own doors. The beneficial influence of the Exposition upon the city has been demonstrated in the past, and it is worth remember ing that such institutions are not of service in prosperous times alone. I remember what a relief to Chicago the opening of the Exposition was in the dark days of the panic of 1873. The Exposition was opened just after the great crash had come and it seemed to divert the popular attention from the panic, and in various ways to practically assist the banks and the merchants in their efforts to recuperate. The Exposition drew thousands from the country, and money was put in circulation that would otherwise remained tied up. I saw the good effects of the Exposition then, and many times since my belief in their beneficen sorts of conditions, has been strengthened by

TERDINAND GOTTSCHALK, the actor, is relative of the great planist of that name A strange story is told of Gottschalk, the comoser, which I heard for the first time on Mor

day night, At one time the composer was planist at the court of Spain, and while there incurred the anger and fealousy of the Queen, who, being herself infatuated with him, would tolerate no rival, and banished the handsome musician and his inamorata, a beautiful young girl. Many years after, since the death of Gottschalk, his sister was giving a concert, and there came to ber, attracted by the name Gottschalk on the bills, a pale, wan woman who, after asking her if she were the sister of the famous pianist, handed her a card, and after telling her that she had been her brother's love, and the maid of honor in Spain, for whom he was obliged to fly, quickly passed away. And when the astonished Mile. Gottschalk looked upon the card in her hand, behold there was the name of

the Empress Eugenie!

QUAIL SHIPPED TO CHINA. American Residents There Desire to Intro

tations and songs were rendered by some of the members, after which the guests were banduce the Species. of the evening's entertainment. CHICAGO, Dec. 16 .- A commission firm of this city has received an odd order. A numphia, who has been the guest-and is yet-of ber of ex-Chicagoans living in the vicinity of Mrs. S. L. Fleishman, of Locust street, has enhanghai, China, opened correspondence with deared herself to many friends by her swee the firm in regard to the feasibility of importing into the Celestial domain a number of liv American quail for the purpose of propagat small entertainments have been given the ing the species in that country.

The order was for 190 dozen, and the first consignment of 30 dozen has been shipped.

FLEEING FROM WESTERN KANSAS.

Weather Almost Depopulates Part of the State. Archison, Kan., Dec. 16.-The people of the Western part of the State no longer try to conceal the fact that many people have left the country on account of the drought. Over 4.000 have left Rooks county alone Many of those remaining are unable to ge away. For miles over the prairies one can see away. For miles over the plantage and aban nothing but tenantless houses and aban

The Best Possible Security.

Gath, in Cincinnati Enquirer, 1 The latest discovery of the financial school i the East is that we must maintain a public debt in order to have cash in hand to take care of panies. Hitherto the Government, by dis charging its great debt in great installment has kept pace with the people and the States and all have been discharging, yet all getting closer to the bottom law of life, that there is no security like a skilled hand and body in

from the Norristown Herald 1 This country is prosperous. With less pointerests, everything will soon be moving alon in the usual channel, and confidence in the

Less Agitation-More Business

fied the wisdom of selecting the name it bears at the reception given by it last evening in Pittsburg is All Right From the Canton Repository.] Pittsburg takes hope because a natural gas strike nas been made under her Exposition grounds. Pittsburg has coal, too, so that she is all right.

MY HEART'S COMFORT. Another gave thy life, my child, to thee,

future will be fully restored.

My yeary own in some long vanished past.
My heart is whispering: "He loveth me!"
And almost groweth glad, again, to be, Feeling in thy pure love it holdeth must. The sweetest thing time hath from first to last, jod's recompense for all iffe's agony.

When, trust ully, thou lest on my breast, And slumber covereth thy brown eyes o'er, I feel upon me such a sense of rest!
I am content, I crave for nothing more,
Thy face doth shut from out my memory
some dreams, some hopes that early went astray.

New York Philharmonic Club Concert in the Star Course - Women's Club and United Presbyterian Association Hold Important Meetings-Short Social Chat-

A musical audience assembled at Carnegie Hall last evening to greet the New York Phil-harmonic Club, that appeared under the Star Course Series. The programme was a pleasing one, consisting of sparkling little gems from the classics. A "Sextette of 79," S. Jadassohn, rendered by the club, opened the enterainment, and a violoncello solo, "Reverte G. Bottesini, and "Chanson a boire," E. Dunk-ler, followed and was encored and responded to. Mr. Charles Herrmann was the performer and received the plaudits of the audience very gracefully. Miss Marion S. Weed, the con-tralto soloist, associated with the club, made a gracefully. Miss Marion 8. Weed, the contralto soloist, associated with the club, made a pretty apparition on the platform, and succeeded in winning the sympathy of the house by her sweetly pretty manner and charming personalities before she sung a note. Her selection, "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice," Saint-Sæns, was a happy one and as an encore she gave "Swing, Robin, Swing."

A violin solo, "Polonaise No. 2." H. Wienianski, rendered by Mr. Richard Arnold, elicited much applause worthy the performance, which

ski, rendered by Mr. Richard Arnold, elicited much applianse worthy the performance, which secured a second number. A number by the club, "Traumerl." R. Schumann, and "L. Espagnola," F. Corven, concluded the first part of the programme, and the latter piece was, according to Librarian Stevenson, who is a mnsical critic, the pretilest one rendered during the evening. "Quintette, op. 114." F. Schubert, with piano, violin, viola, violincello and bass, required a second number to queli the applanse. Mr. Beveridge Webster did some very effective work in that as a pianist. A flute solo by Mr. Engene Henner was appreciated in the usual manner. The "Paria" waltz song by Miss Meed, with a pretty ballad encore, and the "Dance des Bohemiens" by the club closed the enjoyable programme.

A BUSY SOCIETY.

The Heart and Hand to Give a Fair and

Supper Friday That energetic society, "The Heart and Hand," of the Third Presbyterian Church, on Sixth avenue, maintains a cot in the West Penn Hospital and one in the Homeopathic, is educating a colored girl in a Southern college, is a regular contributor to the Pittsburg Fresh Air Fund and interested in various other works of charity. The society will increase the sum in

A LARGE CARD PARTY

of Fayette Street.

in person. Whist was the game of the evening,

ACQUITTED THEMSELVES WELL.

Miss Cody's Pupils Give a Neat Perform ance of The Hunchback.

themselves that the large and fashionable

audience present seemed to forget that the performers were amateurs, so liberal was the

Mrs. Wolfe to Lecture in April.

ecture will be delivered in Carnegie Hall, and

will, unless appearances are deceitful, be greet-

Successful G. A. R. Entertainment.

Social Chatter.

tendered a reception and banquet to families of the members of the club. A number of reci-

queted. Dancing was also one of the features

MISS STELLA VAINBERGER, of Philadel-

winsomeness and bright beauty. Numerous

MRS. L. M. MOORE, the daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. M. J. Becker, of Allegheny, spent yester-day in Cleveland, the guest of Mr. W. H. and

Mrs. M. A. Seriven, of this city. The trio of

Gourley will deliver the address of welcom

onor of her new daughter-in-law, Mrs. Arch-

THE engagement is announced of Miss Sadie

C., now a prominent Liberty street busines

MRS. W. W. PATRICK, of Ridge avenue, Al-

legheny, gave a delightful II-o'clock breakfast yesterday morning. The table was beautifully

corated with maiden-hair fern and roses.

LESCALLETTE COUNCIL No. 442, Jr. O. U. A.

rtainment to be given in its council chamber.

"THE WITCH'S FLIGHT" will be presented

this evening at St. James' Episcopal Church

THE Paragon Club, of Allegheny, exemply

A MUSICAL and literary entertainment was

given last evening in Lawrence Turner Hall,

Butler street, by Columbus Council No. 49, L.

CARDS were issued yesterday for a musical

seance to be given at Monte Ste. Ursule, Oak-land, on Monday, December 22, at 2 P. M.

A BAZAAR and supper was given last even

by the Ladles' Serving Society of the Second Presbyterian Church, Allegheny.

THE Cathedral Band will give a concert a

Lafayette Hall to-night. Prominent local vocal talent will assist the band.

M., is out with cards for a pound social and en-

outhside, Monday evening, December 29.

equel to the entertainment.

Cyclorama Hall,

8. of I.

baid Love George, who, until a couple

young lady.

march at 9 o'clock.

Mrs. Wolfe the President of the Thec

charity. The society will increase the sum in its treasury by a fair and supper at the church chapel on Friday afternoon and evening. The fair will open at Zo'clock and supper will be served from 6 to 9.

Among the ladies in charge of the affair are Mrs. E. P. Cowan, Mrs. Benjamin Thaw, Miss Julia Nelson, Miss Maggie Nelson, Mrs. J. C. Williams, Miss Mary Ewing, Mrs. Frank Moore, Mrs. M. E. Gable, Mrs. Atwood, Miss Elizabeth Dihm, Miss Ross, Miss. A. Wallace and others. drew their pension last week, they all having served through the late Civil War, being now gray-headed old men.

Given Last Evening by the Misses Hanauer,

Possibly the largest card party of the season was given last evening by the Misses Hanauer, to steal all the thermometers in Boston, and the scientific inhabitants of the Hub do not know whether it is summer or winter. of Fayette street, at which Miss Wittelshofer, Louisville, their guest, was the honored -The effective of the Argentine army has lady. Between 70 and 80 invitations had been issued, and apparently were all responded to

and for several hours mumness reigned, with an occasional "Spades are trumps," or some similar remark, only breaking the silence. But when the keenness of the whist appetite had worn off, the tables vanished as if by magic, and daucing was indulged in for the remaining hours. vate police consists of 15 specially picked Cossacks, mature and tried men. These have to keep watch in the kitchen and private apart--It is reported in Zanzibar that the Sul-

folding, over the face is a complete security against suffocation from smoke; it permits free breathing, and, at the same time, excludes the smoke from the lungs.

applause.

Alias Cody in her professional teaching, is meeting with great success, to the delight of her numerous friends who appreciate the young lady's effort to support not only herself but an invalid sister, who was injured two years ago by a cable car. petroleum in its engines. It has contracted with a Mendoza company to take 100,000 cubic metres of crude petroleum at \$12 a metre, -George Montieu and T. V. Smith, scenic society of Philadelphia, will not be able to lecture in the city before the last week in April, owing to appointments previously made. The

> the Jewish race, nor the New Testament with the civilization of Christendom than is the Koran with the records and destinies of Islam. -Emperor William's personal finances, it is reported in Berlin, have been hopelessly in-

on the increase. The lady will be here—as she is in every city—the recipient of considerable social attention. One reception already planned for her will be given by Mrs. M. J. Becker at her lovely home on Sherman avenue.

-A very extensive domestic industry in Russia consists in the manufacture of wooden spoons, which are made to the extent of 30,000. 000 annually, mostly of birch. The poor of that land are happy if they can get something THE Lotus Club, of the Southside, last night to eat even in wooden spoons,

> 20x15 feet, which was lost at the time of the Centennial Exposition. It is a view of the Ad-rondacks and is valued at \$3,000. -One of the odd sights in Chicago recently was the moving of a stately elm tree

> umbed. Some of the duelists were wounded

Pittsburgers were entertained by a prominent club of Cleveland, and will return home to-day. were serious. THE Grocers' Association will make merry at its annual reception and banquet this evening at Turner Hall, Forbes street, Hon. H. I. and Percy F. Smith will respond. Grand MRS. JOHN L. GEORGE, of North avenue. have served on General Taylor's staff during

the Mexican war. Allegheny, will receive this afternoon, in -From the report of the State engineer of New York, it is learned that Niagara Falls are nonths ago, was Miss Chubb, of Grand Rapids, receding about two feet every year. The first accurate survey was made in 1842, and since that the total recession amounts to more than 100 feet. This is not strange, considering that Levy, the vivacious daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Levy, prominent Southsiders, and Mr. Charles Spandau, formerly of Washington, D.

"What does it cost to cross Governor 'erry?" asked the humorist "Your head," said the victim of Civil Service

ing a music box. - Texas Siftings. Trivvet(sadly)-I have done all I can to make Miss Ophelia love me, but she remains

Dicer (unfeelingly)-Why not hypnotize her?-

The mistake has often occurred before, Causing many a kindly stare: But it's only the towel on the job room door-

There's nobody dead in there.
-Oil City Blissard. "Can women be the heads of business

"The senior member?"
"No, the slient partner."

-A Cincinnati horse objected to having tobacco juice squirted on him, and chased the -Silk is numbered among the products of

Missouri, the State having produced last year 2,778 pounds of cocoons. -Lima people are not up in the use of fire alarm boxes. They prefer to run and scream themselves hearse,

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

Panama.

-Ice is reported to be worth \$70 a ton in

-A rich silver mine bearing ore worth

-New York has a big lumber interest,

-The Ontario mine, located at Park City,

-The Red Cloud mine in the Wood river

(Idaho) district yielded 172 tons of ore last

Utah, has paid to date \$11,375,000 in dividends.

Last year the trade amounted to \$1,600,000,000.

\$600 a ton has been discovered in Wyoming.

-Miss Luella M. Cawles, of Kelloggsville, O., has become insane through grief caused by the death of relatives. -The 50 Yale graduates in Tokio, Japan,

are the astonishment of the natives for their boat-rowing and produgious kicking powers. -Lately an electrical apparatus has been

introduced for stopping elevators, engines and other machines and motors instantaneously. -Maine men do some strange things, The owners of an unsuccessful "pants factory" are converting it into a maple syrup factory. -Frederick Livingston, in his 90th year,

continues to perform his duties as President of the First National Bank in Petersboro, N. H., -Nathaniel Thayer is called the Vanderbilt of Boston. He has a fortune of \$10,000, 000, invested for the most part in ways. -A task seven feet long and a tooth

weighing over seven pounds, supposed to have been part of a mastodon, have been unearthed -All of the postoffices in Italy receive oney on deposit, allowing interest at the rate

of 3½ per cent per annum and a dividend paid every five years. -It is rumored that the Farmers' Alliance s talking of buying the Springfield Reaper Works and running it in competition with the Harvester Trust,

-The Belmont family, fearing an attempt to steal the body of the late August Belmont, buried at Newport, have established a nightly guard at the grave. -Six boys of one Augusta, Me., family

-A San Diego county (Cal.) horticulturist is going to graft the many live oaks on his place with chestnuts, which he has learned will succeed well on oak trees. -The latest prank of Harvard students is

been fixed for 1891 at 5,500 men. Of these 2,325 compose the infantry, 2,225 the cavalry, 789 the artillery, and 236 the corps of engineers. -The Czar's personal bodyguard of pri-

The prizes were unusually pretty and sug-gestive of Christmas and Christmas presents. A delightful supper was served. tun of Vitu and his followers, have destroyed an English Mission station on the Tana river, Several native Christians were killed by the Sultan's people. -A wet silk handkerchief tied, without

Miss Cody's class in elecution and voice culture gave a very enjoyable entertainment ast evening, in Turner Hall, Forbes street. -A Russian peasant named Namischeff entered the barn of a usurer to whom he owed Miss Cody and her pupils proved themselves entirely capable to assume the cast of characmoney and hanged himself upon the door, writing upon it with chalk the words: "This pays off my indebtedness to you." ters in Sheridan Knowles' excellent play, "The Hunchback," and so well did they acquit -About 20 years ago the Japanese au-

thor, Kioyte Bakin, completed a novel upon which he had been at work for 38 years. It comprises 106 volumes, and is said to illustrate all classes of Japanese society and life. -The Great Western Argentine Bailroad is about to try the experiment of burning crude

artists with the Creatal Slipper company had a fight at Milwaukee, Wis., while in the "flies"
75 feet above the stage. They fell to the stage
and both were badly, perhaps fatally, injured. -It is the opinion of Edwin Arnold that the Old Testament is not more interwoven with

ed with a full house, as interest regarding the subject and the talented lecturer is continually volved by his own reckless expenditure, and he has had to borrow 25,000,000 marks from the banker, Herr von Bleichroder, on his note of

-The Rev. Dr. Charles F. Hoffman and The musical and literary entertainment given his brother, the Rev. Dr. E. A. Hoffman, dean of the General Theological Seminary, both of New York, are said to be the richest clergymen in the United States, The wealth of each of them is about \$14,000,000. n the Wilkinsburg Academy, Monday evening, was so successful that it was repeated last ance was very large on each evening, and the post has made a very neat sum for its widows

> -Philip H. Holmes, an artist of Gardiner, Me., has just found in the corridor of the Girard House in Philadelphia a canvas,

through the streets from Grosse Point to Graceland Cemetery. The tree was lifted as it grew and transported, upright, in a crate, giv-ing the impression of a traveling tree. -Dueling continues very frequent in Italy. During the last 12 months 2.739 duels were fought and 50 of the combatants suc-

several times in the same conflict, for 3,901 wounds were inflicted and over 1,000 of these -J. J. Bayard, a doctor, who went to San Antonio, Texas, 25 years ago and led the life of a hermit in the mountains, except to minister to the sick, died there last week in a log hut he had built for himself. He claimed to be a brother of ex-Secretary Bayard, and to

270,000 cubic feet of water pass over the falls every second, or over 16,003,000 cubic feet per

FUNNY MEN'S FANCIES.

In Paris. Mr. Packer-I guess I'll buy this picture, Maria, Maria-But, papa, the picture is low in tone Mr. Packer-What's the difference? I ain't buy-

"Hark! Somebody is playing a delightful bit of Wagner."
"Ob, that's only James shoveling coal into the furnace."-Life.

A EXCEPTION will be given to-day by Mrs. A. S. M. Morgan, the charming wife of Colonel Morgan. Hours from 3 to 6. "Why is it there are so many vinegar

On Friday afternoon Miss Arnheim. Franklin street, will give a tea to a limited number of guests.

"Yes, but there's one position they never as ume, it married."

visaged Christians?".

They keep their religion over for use on Sunday