is to confess itself beaten. Public opinion

on the case will not be likely to be limited

sublic can enjoy the play in peace and comfort.

SPEAKING of the suggestion of THE

DISPATCH the other day that since a 30 per cent reserve is sufficient for legal tender notes,

t might be enough on gold or silver certifi-

ates, the New York Commercial Advertiser

says: "THE DISPATCH apparently does not

know that Mr. Windom has no more right to

use any of the bullion held against gold or sil-

ver certificates than a safe deposit company

has to sell the valuables placed in its charge."
THE DISPATCH knows very well that Mr. Win-

dom has no authority in the matter; but as a

matter of legislation it still is at liberty to sug-

Advertiser's statement, has gone into the safe

deposit business, it might be permitted to

IT seems that there is persecution of the

Hebrews in Russia, after all. A government

organ in Russia justifies it on the ground that

of its resources. This gives Mr. Charles Emory

Smith an opportunity to revise his views on that

IT is interesting to learn from the assur-

ance of a Tory member that Lord Salisbury will not take advantage of the divisions of the

Home Rulers by dissolving Parliament and holding a general election. This is important if true; but if it is, we should hardly be dis-

posed, as some cotemporaries are, to credit it to "the Tory sense of fair play." Fair play in

colities will not forbid one party to take ad-

antage of the mistakes or divisions of another

f Lord Salisbury does not hold a general elec

ion, it will be because he fears that the Lib-

NEW YORK has laid away the Grant

monument project, and is now talking about a monument to Audubon. Fortunately for both

Frant and Audubon neither of them will de-

pend for his fame on the monuments which

the Hebrews are draining the rural population

gest that since the Treasury, by the Con

nake a profit out of it.

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INSTRUCTIONS OF THE STORM. The phenomenal snow storm of night be

fore last and yesterday, which has not been exceeded by any single snow fall in this vicinity since the winter of 1883-4, had some very positive instruction in it. Of course, with regard to the vast majority of inconveniences that occur when the highways are blocked by such a heavy fall of snow have got to be accepted as inevitable, until paths are shoveled, sidewalks scraped off, roofs relieved of their weight of snow, and the streets have their load removed by the thawing process. While this work as going on we must bear as philosophically as possible the necessity of wading knee-deep in snow drifts at one time, and the more disagreeable one of wading ankle-deep in slush at another.

But there are some considerations which this snow storm made very prominent, and most prominent of all its demonstrations in connection with the new developments of the electrical age. It is hard to imagine a a more complete evidence of the false economy and danger of overhead electric wires, without the actual destruction of human life, than was afforded yesterday. There were few blocks in the city where high tension wires were not grounded by the storm, and in their vicinity the proof of danger was beyond dispute. It is by the mercy of Providence rather than by any precaution of human agencies if there's not actual loss of human life. That horses were killed in several cases by these grounded wires should be enough to convince the public that the danger protested against a year ago is still present.

Besides this, the question of actual economy is presented in a strong way by such a storm as that of yesterday. There is no doubt that the loss to electrical companies of all sorts vesterday by the breakage of wires, interruption of business and labor expended in repairing damages represented a large sum. For how long a time that sum would have paid the interest on the capital recovered to put the wires out of the way of such casualties, requires expert cal- Greece in the dark ages with less title than culation to tell; but it is not hard to see the Elgin Marbles. More manifest than that, with the question of safety in the scale with it, the events of yesterday are a strong argument against the overhead wires.

The storm of vesterday certainly con tains much instruction in connection with these perils, which, if properly applied, may be worth the struggles of our citizens with the all-pervading snow and slush.

THE SWITCHMEN'S TROUBLE. Serious trouble may yet arise from the strike of the Baltimore and Ohio switchmen. The men are determined to carry the matter further if possible, and have decided to send for the general officers of their organization. When the general officers arrive the men will demand a settlement of their trouble or an order for a general strike. Of course the general officers of the order may retuse to accede to this demand. They will doubtless do what they can to procure an amicable settlement of the difficulty But whether, failing in that, they will order a strike in support of the men now out dapends upon circumstances. It is reasonable to suppose such an order will depend on the ability of the men aggrieved to prove a just cause and the general feeling along the line as to whether they can do so. There is still hope the matter may be adjusted to the satisfaction of all concerned without a disastrons strike.

EXPERIMENTS IN FUEL.

All about this city manufacturers are making experiments with new fuel devices. There is a general disposition not to go back to the smoky and primitive use of coal again if it can be avoided. Those who have gone out into the fields for a supply of natural gas are in good shape and comparatively happy, but those who depended on a supply that could be cut off at any time, with or without reason, face the necessity of finding a substitute. There is no doubt they will find satisfactory smokeless fuels, and thus bring good out of what is regretted as an unfortunate turn of affairs. Natural gas will play out sometime, the exact time depending largely on how much of nature's supply is brought by the supplying companies to the consumer. And when that does happen, domestic consumers will receive the benefits of the manufacturers' present experiments. Even if the last cubic foot of natural gas was burned here to-day, it must still be considered as having been a blessing to this city, because it has educated the people to a full appreciation of smokeless

MR. GOULD'S AUTHORITY.

It is pleasant to observe that Mr. Jay Gould has recently expressed the opinion that the timid people who are locking up money by getting scared and withdrawing their deposits from the banks, are acting very unwisely and unnecessarily. Mr. Gould estimates that about \$100,000,000 have been taken out of active use and circulation by that method, and he thinks it ought to stop. When the man who started the locking-up business tells the public that there is really no call for continuing that coustrictive operation, the authority should be

The statement of Mr. Gould's views on this point does not make it quite clear whether he disapproves of tying up money simply by a scare, because it is foolish to looks like a weak spot in our legal system lock up funds that way unless you can that it makes no provision for continusqueeze someone out of his railroad shares ing a trial when important witnesses re by it; or whether he thinks it wrong to con-tinue the stringency after he has made what he can by the squeeze and wishes to make so. But the law being as ruled another turn out of an improved condition I the only thing for justice to do in

of things; or whether it is because he believes that no one less than a fifty-millionaire has the right to lock up money, anyhow. Our estimate of Mr. Gould's calm philosophy by which he turns everything the way he wants it, makes us prefer consider that he is inspired by a quiet contempt for the foolish rabble who hamper the free action of the money market simply because they are scared and want to save their beggarly hundreds or thousands in deposits, while the Gould ethics make it plain that it is not right or profitable to squeeze the money market for any less pur-

or to maintain your own monopoly. The public certainly should accept Mr. Gould's authority. He started this squeeze, and, having gained his point by it, he is amply qualified to assure the public that there is no need for keeping it up. It is to be hoped that the people will take his advice, although it would be just like the vulgar herd to keep on in this way even after the royalties of finance have told them to stop.

pose than to gobble someone else's railroad,

ANOTHER ROAD LESSON. Word comes from Harrisburg that the court has decided the charter of the Oil City and Salem Turnpike company forfeited on the ground that it kept a bad road. The testimony in the case was to the effect that the company's road was in bad condition as all mud roads are at certain seasons. Though the company charged toll regularly it made but little effort to improve the road. In this view of the case the decision of the court was just. And it may be well to note this as an instance that it is better for the State to aid in making good roads than to trust that important function to corporations which are apt to tax the people without providing good roads in return.

THE OWNERSHIP OF ANTIQUES.

A rather novel question with regard to the combination of artistic with international ethics, is presented in England by the assertion that it is the duty of England to send back to Athens the Elgin Marbles This is the view taken by Mr. Frederic Harrison in an article published in the Nineteenth Century, on the ground that those priceless artistic treasures of the British Museum rightfully belong to Greece. The fact that the antique center of classic art is becoming a school of modern sculpture, which depends for its models upon plaster copies of the glories of the Parthenon, awakens sympathy in behalf of the rensissance of Greek art. But Mr. Harrison's argument that England really has no right to keep these statues, and h hope that Mr. Gladstone will crown his career by restoring them to Greece, raises a question as to actual title that is novel, to

THE Farmers' Alliance is directing itself The question gains importance from the to the task of suppressing the dressed beef traffic. As the dressed beef method of transfact that if the principle asserted here is portation is for the purpose of economising the cost of taking meat from the producer to the correct, it affects far more than England. There is probably no important collection of nsumer, this puts the Alliance in the position antiques in the whole world which, if these of opposing economy in taking their products to market. The Alliance should learn to disprinciples were put into force, would not lose more or less of its treasures. For, tinguish between legitimate commercial operations and the combinations which try to comwhatsoever may be said of the rightfulness trol them, and prevent their economy from of Lord Elgin's acquisition of the sculptures reaching the people. of Acropolis, there is no doubt that the means taken to contribute to other great MORE beer has been brewed in this city galleries were less scrupulous. If the printhis year than ever before, indicating prosper ciple is true the works of art with which ity among the brewers. General prosperity is Napoleon adorned the Louvre, as the spoil also indicative that more beer has been conof Italian conquest, must be sent back to umed here this year than ever before. Italy; which might perhaps console the lat-PROMISES of chean aluminum are as ter country for the loss of the Venus di Medici and other sculptures taken from either restitution will be the duty of London Paris, Berlin and New York to send back the obelisks that have been transferred to

actually found any antiques-must be

restored to the places where they

were disinterred, and if any remains

of Agtec workmanship are extant their

present possessers must ship them at once to

Mexico. In short, the principle asserted

with regard to the Elgin Marbles, would, if

generally recognized, cause a spoliation of

the museums and galleries of the present

civilized world, exactly equal to the spolia-

tion of centuries which placed the treasures

Clearly, the fact that all civilization

would have to unite in this restitution to the

ruins of classic grandeur does not disprove

the principle. But is the principle correct

that, first, an original fault or injustice in

the acquisition of property makes it wrong

for those who succeed to the ownership after

generations of peaceful and undisputed

honest title to any property in this country,

all of which was obtained from its

original owners by a combination of force and

fraud. Second, as more closely bearing on

the manner in which these artistic treasures

were acquired, is there any better title to

property than is obtained by those who dig

out from the rubbish and ruins of centuries

This is what Lord Elgin did in the case of

the statuary which he found in the ruins of

the Acropolis, and what other explorers of

aucient ruins have done after him. In Lord

Elgin's case, despite Byron's savage epi-

gram, "Quod non fecerunt Gothi, hoc fecer-

unt Scoti," the title is additionally vindi-

cated by the fact that if the statues had

been left where they were some, if not all of

them, would have been destroyed in the

revolution by which Greece cast off the

yoke of Turkey. There may be a question

as to the right of Paris to retain the paint

ings of the Louvre taken from Italy by

force of arms, or of New York to hold on to

the obelisk; but the title to the Elgin Mar-

bles rests on practically the same basis as

that of the man who finds metal in the

mines, digs it out and makes it available for

public use. We do not think that the gal-

leries of civilization will be called upon to

give up their antiques as a matter of con-

THE BRIBERY FIASCO.

The termination of the bribery trial at

New Castle, yesterday, by the acquittal of

Wallace, with the compromise finding that

he shall pay half the costs, amounts to a

failure of justice for which neither Court

Downing and Shaffer to testify and their

committal for contempt, the ability of the

prosecution to produce evidence terminated.

Under such circumstances the acquittal of

the defendant was a necessity and putting

half the costs on him was a mild way of say

ing that he must not do so any more. It

With the refusal of the witnesses, Fate,

nor Jury can be held responsible.

science, for some ages to come.

something of great value and utilize it

either in the material or æsthetic way.

ssession to retain it? If so there is no

of centuries where they are.

plenty as blackberries. Nothing more has been heard of the Chicago man who proposes to make aluminum at 15 cents a pound; but the pany says that it expects to reduce the price to 50 cents eventually. If these promises are fol-lowed by a due proportion of performance, an ndustrial change may be in store as great as them from Egypt. If any mummies or the that which made the last decade the era of autiques found with them are owned by museums in this country or Europe, they must be given up. All the antiques found by delvers among the ruins of ancient cities. from Layard to Di Cesnola-if Di Cesnola

DWELLERS in town are the chief sufferers rom storms such as that of yesterday. Country folks sat peacefully indoors and were not worried in the least by breaking wires or slushy

Tare number of citizens of the United States who have recently been raised from penury by the inheritance of immense fortunes in England, ought to make the balance of exhange largely in favor of this country. But if any of the fortunate heirs have been able to realize a loan of fifty cents to set up the drinks on the strength of their inheritance, they have realized something tangible out of their alleged good luck.

THE judgment entered against Senator Delamater on Tuesday was on a note witnessed by S. C. T. Dodd, general counsel of the Standard Oil Trust. Some people are wondering whether this was a campaign loan to be re-

THE "dead wire" yesterday seemed disposed to prove that its ailment was contagious

WHEN interviewed on national politics, Ex-Assistant Postmaster General Clarkson i reported as saying that he does not care to talk about the last defeat as much as about the next victory. If Mr. Clarkson knows any way of ecuring the next victory without cons and laying to heart the lessons of the last de feat, he had better take out a patent on it; for it will make his political fortune.

JUDGE STOWE intimates he may have rod in pickle for jurymen who artfully dodge

SENATOR SAUNDERS has introduced oill for the purchase of silver bullion "at par." If Senator Saunders will kindly explain what i he par of an uncoined commodity he may after that be in a position to show the reas the Treasury should pay in excess of the mar ket value for silver, any more than in excess of the market value for the paper on which i prints its legal tender notes.

SITTING BULL as a ghost is much more dmired than he was as a ghost-dancer.

A PHILADELPHIA exchange comes to us with an editorial discussion of the question Why Our Streets Are Dirty." The answer to the question in Pittsburg at present is plainly to the effect that it is because so large an amount of snow and water to the square incl as come down, that sloppiness is the normal

THERE was some nice winter weather

n the early part of the week, anyhow. BREAD, meat, coal and vegetables are reported to have become articles of luxury in Buenos Ayres. We need not plume ourselves on our superior condition, however, for at present a real good sound potato bids fair to be come an article of unique value, while in some parts of this country coal is an unatte

So is Our Cup of Snow.

Harrisburg Call.]
Pitteburg is in luck. After enjoying the ad rettaburg is in tuck. After enjoying the avantages of natural gas from abroad as fuel for a number of years, she seems to have discovered in her own soil an mexhaustible supply of the mysterious fluid—struck a perfect bonanza, in brief—and her cup of happiness is full according.

DEATHS OF A DAY. Louis Eugene Charpentier

SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON.

DAVITT hurled defiance at Parnell, but the by the rules which governed the action of As to the witnesses who refused to answer Thoroughness takes time, and time is money, and money's what we're after now, to be sure. Hence we cannot afford to do anything exhaustively. We are crowding life to the limit, and life is questions, they are in a fair way to get punishment anyway. Unless the Supreme Court comes to their relief they will suffer almost as severe penalty as if they had been convicted of the crime with which they pushing us swiftly along in return. The first thing a great many do in the morning is were charged. It may be regretted that to glance at the list of engagements set dow for the day. An hour here, a few moment Attorney Wallace could not be called in one of the other cases, so he could be comthere—and on down the day into the dark perhaps close up to the edge of the morning mitted with the others for contempt. The terrible fear of the lot to testify lest they should criminate themselves is so much s confession of guilt that the sentence of fine and imprisonment will be generally ap-THE theater party is going out of style ecording to the latest report. Now if the man who goes out to see some one between the acts is suppressed, and the dear sex can be induced to stick to the fashion of small head-gear there will be some hope that the ordinary

No time for meditation, much less for prayer.

A glance, a sip, a touch, a nod during the whirl and the swirl—no stopping to taste, to think, clasp hands, to rest. A swift Go from start finish. Pieasure pipes and you dance, don't you? If you want to read the paper you skip through the columns at a 2:40 gait, catching a word here and a sentence there. You haven't time to go into the subject of course. The leaves of the book fly under your fingers and the printed lines flash before your eyes. What they catch you are satisfied with. You've got enough for some fresh small talk, and that's sufficient for the present, at least. The impression is enough. A condensed review would have suited you better. You cultivate unconsciously a photographic mind, but the fault lies in the fact that you don't take time to develop the picture. It's blurred, indistinct and out of pro-pertion, but it didn't interfere with the set programme, and that's all you—of course, I mean you swimming in the social stream—care about. But it's the way of the world now. Time flies, and we scud along under full sail. The more wind we catch the swifter we go. We don't take time to pick the ng the pathway, but by and by the dead leaves will blow in our faces, and the dry, sharp thorns will prick our feet, and then we will feel sorry because we did not take time to inhale their odors or weave them into memorial

How to Feel Safe. If you want to feel safe in the snow Which hides the dead wire from view, Straight away to your shopkeeper go And purchase a gum overshoe.

THE dentist always goes to the root IP you have a shelaton in your closet

oner you open the door the better. GAMBLERS frequently better their condition

PARNELL is a Corker, but he won't be TIGHT money don't worry Old Sol. He can

THERE's plenty of room for clever people or the vaudeville stage. If people must be amused give them something amusing, boys and girls DON'T condemn any person on suspicion talk about what you suspect.

A Kilkenny Episode. Let dogs delight to bark and bite, That's how they put in time; But Erin's leaders shouldn't fight, Nor blind Parnell with lim

PROPLE in the lowlands would do well to oost high if a thaw sets in, A SHOCKING affair-A dead electric light

A snow storm demonstrates the fact that the underground wire carries the most mes-Bages,

It's too late for Parnell to see his mistak low. He has lost his eyes. THE snow has buried the wires, but the

eadly currents are still causing burials. WHEN Paris furnishes a criminal sensation it is bound to be dramatic. The Parisians have no objections to dancing on graves or holding

THE world has its favorites, and leads them A GREAT many folks will pay their calls

a revel around the guillotine.

omptly, but neglect to pay their bills, Ir you lose a day you can't turn back and

PROPLE who enter a drawing room and say here's nobody there are not worth an intro

The Old Inhabitant Pleased. The old man gaged upon the snow. And shook his silv'ry head, Then spoke deliberate, but low, And this is what he said : "This is a reg'lar old-time storm. Bad as 1 ever saw; Now if the weather shifts to warm I think we'll have a thaw.

A SCOTCH prayer runs, "Lord, gle us a good onceit o' ourselves," It is on a good many

large is so jammed with attractions now that few in society go below the surface. They skim

CHILDREN on the way to school are always Women are not gamblers, but they like to

natch dresses. THE dead horses on the street show adly effects of the dead wires. Some society folk measure life by the num-

ion cards they receive The Secret Out.

The botanist with skillful eye Bays bees are loved by flowers, Now we know why the buzzers aly Improve the shining hours,

THE gambler probably solaces himself with the thought that 'tis better to have played and lost than never to have played at all.

CROOKED men can hardly look you straight

THE Home Rulers are slightly disfigured, out still in the ring. Ir is Stanley's Pool in Africa. In Americ

Make up your mind to be disappointed one in a while and you will not feel the disappoint-

Cause for Rejoicing. When a bonny lass meets a bonny lad, Her eyes shine bright, for her heart is glad For she knows very well, and he does, too, That after the show comes the oyster stew

THERE are bitter bubbles in the cup ple olds out, and they burst sooner or later.

WHAT everybody wants nobody can success THE heart generally holds the key to a lock

There is a Congress of Representatives and Senators at Washington; there is also one President; but it was a congress of presidents that met at the residence of J. Pierpont Mor-

gan in Madison avenue, New York City, yes-

terday.

It would scarcely be reasonable to expect any exhibition of pluck from the Congress now asembled in Washington as against the congress assembled in New York City; nevertheless, in-

TWO CONGRESSES. An Intimation That Rascals Are Frequ in Both of Them. From the New York Evening Telegram.]

-New York Evening World: Wall street les

there is no numbering. ment should remember that they do so at their own risk. Said Mr. Stickney yesterday, who is himself a railroad president: "In your capacity as railroad presidents I would not believe one of you on oath, and I would not trust one of you with my watch?"

THE TOPICAL TALKER.

POINTS ABOUT PERSONS. LITTLE PHIL SHERIDAN, who is just 10 years old, is said to be a complete counterpart of his COLONEL JOHN S. MOSBY, of the late Con-

bearance on the part of the resourg our from using their lungs as their forefathers did. The shouter who expected to carry his case by force of voice was pretty numerous in the courts here within the revollection of man. Of course he was most abundant in the Criminal Court, aldederate army, is said to be interested in Mexican lottery.

JAY GOULD is having his portrait painted by French artist. It is said that he is a remark though he slopped over into the civil courts now AUNT PATTY RICHARDSON, of Bethel, Vt. and then; and it is in the Criminal Court that he survives. Is this a sign of the growing intelligence of juries, in that the mere bombard ment of their ears will not suffice? or does it MRS. BLAINE is the tallest of the ladies of show that the lawyers are improving as a class in methods and morality? Whichever it is, it is

> mitted that the tribe once brilliantly represent ed by Barrister O'Malley had dwindled away to next to nobody in the last decade. The decrease had been especially noticeable since the open-ing of the new Court House, he said, and he

CHARLES NORDHOFF, the veteran news paper man and guidebook genius, who spent quite a portion of last winter in Boston, is now San Diego, Cal. MRS. MARSHALL O. ROBERTS, who lives now n Spencer House, London, is said to receive as

I years of age, is called the last survivor

BJORNSTERNE BJORNSON, the Norwegian

author, has gone to Berlin to preach disarmament to the young Emperor of Germany.

JOSEPH H. CHOATE, Robert G. Ingers

and Ben Butler are reported to make from \$75,000 to \$125,000 a year each from their law

evolutionary widows of soldiers.

latter being only five feet in height.

ably quiet subject.

nany offers of marriage as any widow in the British metropolis. SIR ARTHUR SULLIVAN has put the finish-

sider presiding over the Senate the hardest work he ever did in his life. It is a task that makes him nervous and timid. THE newest American singer to achieve prominence in Paris is Miss Huberwald, of New Orleans. She has a contralto voice, and

is a fine-looking girl, with a vigorous phy-

VICE PRESIDENT MORTON is said to con-

restored to health. She is the prettiest and most fascinating of the sovereign ladies of Eu-rope. She is tall, and has a graceful figure and a charmingly expressive face. EDWIN BOOTH is much broken in health.

His friends attribute his condition to excessive

smoking. All of Mr. Booth's waking hours,

save those employed in eating and acting, are devoted to the cigar and the pipe. PROF. Koch's breakfast, which he takes shortly after 9 o'clock, would hardly please the palate of an American. It is composed solely of an unlaviting white soup into which he puts any amount of little squares of toasted bread. His dinner, taken at 2, consists of one course of meat and vegetables, one light sweet dish, and, to finish all, a plate of soup.

CANADA REACHING OUT.

The West Indies and Newfoundland May

REPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. OTTAWA, ONT., Dec. 17 .- The visit of Minis ter of Finance Foster to the West In not appear to be merely in the interest of promoting closer trade relations be-tween Canada and the British possessions, tween Canada and the British possessions, but goes a step further, as it is learned on reliable authority that he goes clothed with authority to informally sound the people of the tropical islands regarding their views on the question of confederating with the Dominion of Canada. The British Government, it is stated, favor a consolidation of all their possessions on this side of the Atlantic, including Newfoundland, and, in fact, it is understood that the suggestion of such a federation came from Downing street. The hand, however, of Sir Charles Tupper, Canada's High Commissioner in London, is plainly visible in this important scheme, while his ambition to extend the territorial possessions of Canada stand out

territorial possessions of Canada stand out prominently in the project.

The desirability of such an alliance or consoldation as regards the interest of Canada cannot be misunderstood, when the large markets it would open up for sale of her natural products free of all customs barriers is taken into consideration. In fact, the idea forms part of the great scheme of imperial federation and consolidation of the whole British Empire, of which a union or federation of the British North American possessions would be the stepping-stone. Mr. Foster writes from the West Indies that he is more than gratified at the result of his mission and finds the people of the Islands equally anxious to form an unrestricted trade alliance with Canada.

A WOMAN'S QUEER WILL.

From the Boston Globe.] At the Conant homestead on Pearl street, East Somerville, Mass., about three weeks ago Mrs. William E. Blaikie died a few hours after giving birth to a son. For weeks she felt as if she would not survive the birth of her child. Her own mother had died when Mrs. Blakke was but a few hours old, and a former wife of her husband had also died under similar cir-

These facts intensified her forebodings and she made every preparation for death. Shortly before that she made the will whose strange provisions have just become known. It provided that if her child was a daughter sh vided that if her child was a daughter she should receive all her mother's property, with the exception of her diamonds, which should go to Mr. Blaikie. But if the child were a son all the mother's property, with the exception of the 81 necessary to legally establish the son's birth, should go to her husband. What led to the draughting of so strange a will? Why did this young mother leave her son entirely unprovided for? No one seems able to answer.

Mrs. Blaikie was the granddaughter of Eara S. Conant, a wealthy wholesale grocer of Boston. When her mother died her grandparents took her to live with them, and from them she inherited a good deal of property. She married William E. Blaikie, now an architect in Boston, and after the death of the old people went with her husband to live in the old homestead, where she had spent her girlhood. It was there she died. But why should she wish to disinherit her unborn son? No one can tell.

Uneasy Lies the Head, Etc.

rom the Alta Californian, 1 The Czar is increasing the thickness of his bomb-proof shirt about this time and looking out for somebody to cat his Christmas dinner,

DIVERSIFIED VIEWS.

Many Editors Comment on Topics of the Times. - Washington Star: The lugubriousness of tone of Senatorial anti-elections bill oratory is just about as gloomy as the prospect of the passage of the bill.

-Cineinnati Enquirer: It is a sad day for country when politics gets mixed up with finance. And that is the solemn sadness of our resent serious situation.

-Boston Globe: The Republican caucus in Washington meets to-day to decide what is to e done with the big dish of legislative hash that lies before it. Better give it to the cavengers.

-Buffalo Express: New England papers ar discussing the question, "What Shall We do
With the Millionaires?" Educate them up to
the point where they will bequeath their property to schools and colleges. -Philadelphia Press: If the Indian wa

keeps up the ghost dances can be made more weird and interesting if some good medium will only go West and materialize a few of the praves who have set for the last time. -Pawtucket Times: It is safe to assume that the New Orleans professor of the "new as-tronomy," who declares that at some time in the future the sun will rise in the West, will no ive long enough to see his prediction verified.

for the "messiah" microbe—a new one has appeared to the Navajo Indians in New Mexico in the form of a boy 12 years of age. One hand is cut off and he has a bleeding wound in the -Norristown Herald: It is altogether prob able that some financial legislation calculated to aid in the restoration of confidence will be adopted at the present session of Congress.

-Chicago Globe: We will soon have to hun

This is the most urgent and necessary business that claims the attention of the two houses at one Fork Evening World: Wall street lessons seem fruitless of result. The most harrowing disgrace, the most tragic suicides do not turn a hair on the lambs, who subsequently potter down to "the Street" and bleat their wooly way to destruction. Surely, of fools their tarm popularing.

—Springfeld Republican: Depew concedes it to be absolutely necessary that we have "an inter-State commerce commission with power sufficient to see that no man or locality is discriminated against or favored by law" and, we suppose he would also add, by the practice of the companies. Let us have just that.

Legal Windmills Vanishing. THERE is a notable shrinkage in legal lung power, or else a still more remarkable for rance on the part of the Pittsburg bar from

and they and it better to help each other man to fight. They have banded together for mu-tual support, and, though their patrons are ap-parently ignored in their negotiations, no doubt care will be taken not to injure them by the undoubtedly a blessing.

A lawyer to whom I referred this matter ad counted it among not the least of the improve-ments effected by the change in Justice's lodg-

A Contrast in Courts. SHARPER contrast could hardly be in agined than is to be found in comparing the Criminal Court of to-day and the old dingy st-bin overlooking the Panhandle tracks and ing touches to his grand opera, "Ivanhoe," and in five weeks it will be produced at D'Oyly Carte's new theater.

VICE PRESIDENT MORTON is said to condain upon which Judge Stowe sat at ease, and comprehended the comfortable and spa clous surroundings of District Attorney John ston at the counsel table, the elegant appoint ments of the court clerks' desks, none good of course for the Hon. Lonny Long and 'Squire O'Brien. Over on the other side

on herd, and a mighty common one i content in pleasanter quarters than tramps may find if they search the world over. The jurors and even the half-dozen unwashed, villainous-looking prisoners in the pen are in comfortable quarters. In the old court-root Judge, jury, lawyers, spectators and all were buddled together in a foul pit unfit to contain pigs.

The only drawback that one can easily see in

the new court rooms is that unless one talks as if he were in the open air he cannot be heard in them. The high ceilings are responsible for this. It is an almost constant annoyance to everyone who has business in court. The judges are perpetually telling counsel to speak up; the first thing that an attorney says to a witness on the stand is: "Now you must speak louder, please," and if the jury in the average case hears most of what goes on it is because lawyers, judge and witnesses are jammed up as close as possible to the jury box. The patient audience that sits and stares and sleeps behind the bar certainly cannot hear more than a tithe of the proceedings-for which perhaps they are thankful, seeing that repose and contem-

plation are the objects of their existence. The Demand for Pictures.

I spite of some unfavorable conditions the sale of costly pictures in this city this winter has kept up wonderfully. The other day one of the most noted picture dealers in the country stopped over for the night in Pittsburg. He had with him four pictures by famous artists which he intended to sell in Chicago. A ocal picture dealer, however, persuaded b to put the pictures on exhibition for a day in this city. He did so, and in 24 hours all four pictures were sold to Pittsburgers at prices way up in the thousands. As yet the highest price paid for a painting in this city is the \$28,000 given by Mr. Byers for a Rosa B recently, but a Gerome and two or three other pictures with great names attached have fetched very lofty prices. The sale of pictures of lesser note has apparently been as brisk as usual at this season of the year.

Stanley as an Orator.

EVERYBODY I have seen who went to hear Stanley lecture on Monday night was disappointed. Some people were surprised to find that he was not a man of immense physical proportions; they had argued from his achieve ments that he must be a giant. Others thought the matter of his lecture was badly arranged, and neither a fair resume of Stanley's last ex pedition nor even a good narrative of its mos interesting and exciting episodes. But the majority were disappointed in Stanley as an by the way, but when a man goes out a-lec-turing he must expect to have his oratorical powers criticised. Stanley's oratory is condemned by everyone. critic of competence said to me yesterday: "Stanley seems to have taken his one in oratory from the English House of Commons. The way he lectured on Monday night was just what passes for the proper thing in Parliament. It reminded me at once of English parliamentary speaking. His voice dropped so at times that, although I was sitting but a half dozen rows from him, I was unable to hear him. His gestures were good enough, but his conversational tones wer not equal to the subject. He must have found that style of speaking in England, where the average public speaker is not to be compared with even third-rate platform orators in this country. Anyone who has had a chance to compare the prevalent oratorical methods of the old and the new world will decide in the

A Glimpse of Mrs. Stanley. MRS. STANLEY did not allow Pittsburg see very much of her. The audience at the Duquesne Theater on Monday night had about the best chance to study her features. While her husband was lecturing Mrs. Stanley occupied a box at the play. She sat forward with Mr. Clay, and a lady and gentleman I did not know in the background. Her figure and face are fine but not exactly beautiful; there is plenty of intellect in her face and she is tall and dignified to queenliness. Her fashion she has of arranging her bair in a lumpy knot at the back of her head—something like a Pysche knot knocked down—is not at all becoming knot knocked down—is not at all becoming. I should say that the most beautiful thing about her is her eyes, which are large and lustrous and deeply blue. She has the healthy English complexion, brightly red and white.

Demogratic Sarcasm. From the Wheeling Register.] The only personage that will come out of the tration bigger than he went in is Baby

McKee. He is growing.

Knocks the Socks Off? From the Chicago Tribune.] Why prate of Sockless Simpson? Why talk of Simpson's socks ? They cut no figure in the case. 'Tis Kilgore's bohat to knocks.

The Drift of the Weather From the Boston Herald.] The drift of opinion about the winter is all loward big snowdrifts.

GODDESS OF THE FUTURE.

Will you conquer my heart with your beauty; my soul going out from afar?
Shall I fall to your hand as a victim of crafty and cautious shikar?

Have I met you and passed you already, unknow ing, unthinking and blind?

Shall I meet you next season at Simia, O sweeter and best of your kind?

Does the P. and O. bear you to me-ward, or, clad in short frocks in the West, Are you growing the charms that shall capture and torture the heart in my breast?

Will you stay in the Plains till Septem passion as warm as the day?
Will you bring me to book on the mountains,
where the thermantidotes play? When the light of your eves shall make pailed t

mean lesser lights I pursue,
And the charm of your presence shall lure me
from the love of the gay "thirteen-two." When the peg and the pigskin shall please not when I ony me Calcutta built clothes; When I quit the Delight of Wild Asses, for swear ing the swearing of oaths;

As a deer to the hand of the hunter when I turned inid the gibes of my friends; When the days of my freedom are numbered and the life of the backetor ends. Ah I goddess, child, spinster or widow-as of o on Mars Hill when they raised the god that they knew not an altar-so I, a young pagen, have praised

The goddess I knew not that men tell me be true
that men tell me be true
You will come in the future and therefore these
verses are written to you.

—Endgard Emiling. ddess I knew not nor worshiped; yet if hali

THE RAILROAD AGREEMENT.

The inference to be drawn from this elabor

ate combination for mutual support is that there is not enough business for all the roads,

and they find it better to help each other than

osition of tariffs that will deter them from

Divorce Competition From Traffic

This year's report of the inter-State Com

merce Commission is devoted mainly to a pres

together to organize the most gigantic trust

ever known and to divorce competition from traffic. Of course it is not called either a trust

For a Little Time

Railroad rate wars are going to stop between

the East and West—until they begin again. As long as railroads are controlled and guided by

uman motives and human hands so long will

hey try to get ahead of each other in some way.

Not Pools but Central Boards.

Pooling being prohibited by law the consoll-

lation of lines, by which traffic in different sec-ions of the country can be brought under the

control of one or two central boards of direc-tors, would seem to be the natural outcome of

May Agree to Quit.

The agreement of the railroad presidents

Only One More

The public has seen too many of these agree-

nents to attach importance to one more new one. Yet no future event is more certain than

that the railroads west of Chicago and St.

Louis will eventually be working in the same

nes or, still better, the railroads in the South-

Wonderful and Dangerous Power.

The power of one great railroad corporation

is vast, and when uncontrolled menacing. But here is a proposition to weld the power of twenty into one. If that is intended or should

prove to be a trust it would be one of unparal-

monopoly it would be the greatest known to

power to create new ones. Authority exercised

railroads to-day may be exercised for the

benefit of railroads alone to-morrow. The very abuses which these railroad gentlemen-propose to correct are abuses of their own man-

A Doubtful Scheme

It is, of course, desirable to maintain stable

rates for railroad transportation, and rates that will be remunerative to the companies without

being unfair to the public, but in a field where

competition is naturally sharp and pushing it will require something more than an agree-ment among the "gentlemen" who are Presi-

dents of railroad corporations in that field. It

is doubtful if anything would accomplish the

purpose permane tly or for any longer time

the imposition of an outside authority, which could only represent the people and proceed in some way from the Government.

Afraid of the Farmers' Gun

The meeting of Western railroad Presidents

yesterday and the apparent harmony which was a feature of their deliberations, are an

securities of the roads involved. The chief

danger may now be expected from the action of the Farmers' Alliance statesmen of the West,

PLAYS TO COME.

ELSIE LESLIE, who appears at the Grand

Doer House next week in Daniel Frohman's

production of "The Prince and the Pauper," is looked upon by the outside world as a prodigy,

but those associated with her in the company say that it is not precocity, but inherent genius.

It is stated that her artistic talent crops out on

every occasion when she plays a new part, and

that she frequently supplements the direction of her stage manager with new and original

ideas of her own. Her manager, Mr. Daniel Frohman, says of her: "She is not precoclous,

but a born artist, and a girl of most acute per-ceptions. She intuitively understands what I

m about to tell her before I finish speaking,

and never have I been obliged to remind her of

instructions already given, which is more than

ecollection." Elsie first gave promise of po-

Joseph Jefferson five years ago. Her clear

enunciation and complete appreciation of the part, though over 60 lines in length, astonished

him. This present production comes here with the indersement of every large city in the

MR. LAWRENCE BARRETT appears at the

Duquesne Theater Christmas week. He will be supported by Miss Gale and an excellent com-

pany, and will present eight different plays, in-

luding matinees Christmas Day and Saturday.

Monday, "Hamlet;" Tuesday, "Merchant of Venice" (in six acts); Wednesday night, "Othello;" Thursday, Christmas matinee, 'Romeo and Juliet;" Thursday, Christmas

night, "Julius Casar;" Friday night, "Riche-

lieu;" Saturday matinee, "Francesca Da Rim-ini;" Saturday night, "Rienzi" (first time in

this city). In these plays Mr. Barrett will ap-pear as Hamlet, Shylock, Othello, Romeo, Cas-

sius, The Cardinal, Lanciotto, the Hunchback, and Cola Di Rienzi. A complete corps of aux-

liaries will assist in the productions, and a

double quartet will introduce singing in the

lays requiring the same. Mr. Barrett and his

ompany come here direct from Providence, R.

L. and immediately after their engagement re-

Among the actresses who come to our city none is more popular than Maggie Mitchell. Her impersonations, whether broad travesties or serious studies from real life, are invariably

artistic and permeated with her own delightful personality. Miss Mitchell will appear at the

Bijou Theater on Monday night. The programme for the week is as follows: Monday

and Thursday evenings and Saturday matinee, "Ray;" Tuesday, "Lorle;" Wednesday matinee and night, "Little Barefoot;" Thursday (Christ-

eight different plays. Mr. Barrett brings a

company of over 30 people and five carloads of scenery and costumes, and does not appear in any other city in Pennsylvania outside of Pitts-

MISS ROSINA VOKES, who is playing to ex

cellent business at the Duquesne Theater, will to-night be seen in an entire change of bill, including "Percy Pendragon," "My Milliner's Bill" and "The Rough Diamond." At the Saturday matinee "A Game of Carda," "The Circus Rider" and "A Double Lesson!" will be

turn to the Broadway Theater, New York,

essing great artistic capabilities

Thursday (Christmas day).

goose which lays the golden egg.

good as far as it goes. They have agreed to try to agree; and if they should wish to quit trying they are to give 90 days' notice.

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entation of the audacious efforts of rai

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or pool. This time it is merely a Gent

New York Evening Telegram.

Agreement.

Washington Star. 1

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Philadelphia Record.]

Philadelphia Press.1

have gone before.

New York Herald.]

New York Times.]

Albany Journal.

lladelphia Bulletin. t

Efficacy Depends on Good Faith. New York Commercial Advertiser. 1 The one conclusion seems to be that the effi-

cacy of the arrangement depends almost as completely as did that of the former associa-tion upon the good faith of the railroad presidents and their ability to control the action of

-Several New York churches now advertise their services in the elevated railroad Will Not Adopt Prohibitory Rates

-Statistics indicate that the cranberry

-Arctic owls are being shot on Long Island this winter. They are large white birds and are seldom seen south of Hudson Bay.

-Miss Maggie McDowell, one of the

-News has been received from Inyo county, in the most isolated portion of California, that 1,500 Piute Indians are on the point of

ment that there are 863 corps of the Salvation Army in America, with 57 outposts and 1,666 officers in active service.

-The Devil's River News is the classic

-A coffee house with pretty waitresses, opened last week in Berlin, bearing over its

-The visible supply of corn is now less than 2,000,000 bushels, and the smallest for this season of the year since statistics on this sub-ject began to be compiled 13 years ago.

-Some years ago Lady Assington philan-

ould not work. affoat, and the battle ships promise to be among the most formidable and seaworthy of modern floating batteries.

-In these days "the light fantastic" omes by inspiration. Grille d'Egout, the great

and female, have written the life of Gladstone, and have the manuscript all ready, so that they can rush to a publishing house with it the mo-ment his death is announced.

usually such coarse clothing as is worn by the poor classes. His shirt is worn outside of his trousers, in the fashion of the moujik, and is gathered in at the waist by a leather belt. -A life of ease does not satisfy some rich

to the cultivation of roses and mushr -The Southern author, Cable, is a man

Y., girl and college graduate, has purchased a nursery and will devote her time and energies

-Reports from the exploring expedition sent into Alvaka by W. J. Arkell are to the effect that members of the party have quar-reled among themselves and divided, and are now snowed in among the mountains, with pro-visions running short.

such a clerical stamp that when a lady was thrown lately in Ireland a countryman rushed up with the remark: "If your reverence will just kape along the bank a bit there is a handy rail you might climb over."

-Sarah Hunter, aged 13, employed in the household of W. H. Smith, near Winona, Ont.,

-Gentlemen have been very lucky on the French race courses this year. M. Maurice Ephrussi won \$85,000; Barons Alphonse and

Court of Maine. The plaintiff, a Cape Elizabeth man, brings suit against a Portland man for alienating his wife's affections, and the de-fendant, in his plea, declares that the wife never had any affection for the nusband, consequently he could not allenate them. He will stand trial on this ground,

height, was wedded to Miss Martha Farns-worth. The bride is 3 feet I inch in heightenough when standing on a chair to reach liege lord's shoulders.

CORNER FOR SMILES.

does not belong to my father .- Drake's 1

"Oh, what is toast?" with toss of head, Asked funny little John. And then his wise old daddy said, Why, toast is but a slice of bread,

-New York Herald. "George," she said, "I appreciate your incuring your life in my favor very much indeed. "It's only what I should do, Amelia."
"Well, Just to show you I am grateful, I have
discharged Ellen and hereafter intend to do all
the cooking myself."—Philadeiphia Times.

"What have you been doing for the last ear?" asked one seedy-tooking man as he stopped other on the street.
"Time," was the laconic reply.—Washington

"What's the old man going to give you

"Lend Me Your Wife" is the title of a comedy now running at a local theater. When played in real life it frequently becomes a trage-dy.—Minneapotts Journal.

tograph gallery, spelled out the sign, "Little Gems Executed Here," and turned to his father

clan, gravely, "that we know about death. "It is always fatal !" - St. Paul Disputch. A New Jersey weather prophet began last May to predict the weather, and he hit it ; stones ne week, during which time he will be seen in in 207 days' predicting. This wa doing so much worse than a man down in a coal mine could have done that he has stopped short and will probably never go again,"—Detroit Pres Press.

Where is Ben Hogan With his devil scare slogan? Gone to another town, Benny, fareweil: When you struck Mr. Satan, he got a swift gail

on
medfand went back to his quarters in—well,
The land where toboggan
Slides do not work well.
Senjamin Hogan, farewell and fare

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-The Seine is full of drift ice and the

liver steamers have stopped running. -With the death of Senator de Lafayette,

the famous family has become extinct.

—There are 2,700 husbands in New York City, it is stated, who are supported by their

crop this year will be smaller than that of any year since 1884.

-The harbor of Batoum, originally intended to hold 20 steamers, is to be deepened and made sufficiently large to contain 33 ves-

belles of Charlotte, N. C., has become the wife of a German nobleman, the Baron von Mait-

-General Booth is authority for the state-

and suggestive name of a new Texas paper. The salutatory says it will be edited by an italian scholar named Mike Murphy.

portal a sign consisting of Koch's portrait with the inscription, "The Jolly Bacillus,"

-The senior class at Phillips Exeter Academy have chosen a colored boy for class orator in the person of Henry C. Minton. He comes from Philadelphia and is a leader in his school work.

thropically sent 24 British families to the cape to found an improved colony. She bought land for them, but the result was a failure. The men -The new American cruisers compare avorably in speed with the fastest war vessels

French dancer, says that she follows inspira-tion while performing and seldom takes exactly the same step twice. -More than 100 writers in England, male

ern pool. The agreement now reached is more definite, includes more railroads, and is provided with better machinery than those which -Count Tolstoi is described as wearing

> of slender physique and medium stature. His beard and eyes are dark, and his high forebead is surmounted with a head of jet black bair. He has a soft, feminine voice, and is 45 years

-The hunting costume for women is of

-Old Geronimo's son, a little chap of 6 years, is an important figure on the Southwest-ern frontier. He chews tobacco like a man, swears like a pirate, and can take his horn of swears like a pirate, and can take his horn of whisky with the toughest. Altogether he is as vicious a little fellow as a boy can be.

tried to poison her employer and his family and afterward succeeded in destroying her own life with "rough on rata." The girl felt aggrieved because she had been chided for allowing the -In England they give their football players \$15 to \$20 a week regular salary with \$1,000 bonus at the end of the season if their

conduct has been creditable. The plan of putting a premium up for good conduct has a wholesome effect. The plan might be tried on baseball players. -Two men have found near Fresno, Cal. what is claimed to be a genuine petrified body of a man. It is remarkably well preserved and even the lines of the back of the band are visible. The head is of a good size and features of Caucasian type. The body measures nearly seven feet in length.

Gustave de Rothschild, about \$70,000 each; Baron de Schlickier, \$100,000, and M. Pierre Donon, Baron de Saubeyran and M. Michel Ephrussi between \$60,000 and \$70,000. -A novel suit is before the Superior

-A marriage peculiar in the length and brevity of the high contracting parties was celebrated in Parkersburg, W. Va., recently, M. V. Collins, 46 years old, 6 feet 7 inches in

Perhaps He Wasn't.—He (rapturously)— love the very ground which is trod by your fairy She (innocently)-Are you aware that this land

That has a biazer on."

for Christmas?"
"Bays he'll extend my note that's due."
"Well, that's something—paper-walt, at

Willie stopped a moment in front of a pho-

mas) matinee, "Fanchon;" Friday, "Jane Eyre;" Saturday matinee, "Fanchon." The supporting company is composed of capable with horror in his eyes.
'I'noa," he said, breathlessly, "are they kill-in' kids in here?"—Chicago Tribune. THE sale of seats for Lawrence Barrett's en-"There is but one thing," said the physigagement at the Duquesne Theater next week will commence this morning. Prices of seats vill be \$1 50, \$1, 75 cents and 50 cents, according to location. Admission to the gallery will be 25 cents. Matinees will be given on Christmas