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#### THE HOLIDAY BUYING.

The leading thought in the mind of the average man and woman just at present is Christmas shopping. The better half of the to the side of the caricaturists. world gives more time and thought to the actual work of holiday purchases than the masculine element; but both have been and express companies for the last two or and the concrete expressions of their good will and wishes for the enjoyment of their friends which is appropriate to the season.

as a proof that the people at large are in a supply of money for the kindly expendihave filled the stores from morning till the late hours when the larger houses suspend, have been greater than ever before known; and the netual returns of the sales so far as observed surpass previous experience. One of the leading retail houses of day's trade was the largest it had ever had; and other firms could doubtless duplicate excess of anything that our city has known

This is the legitimate result of the growth and prosperity of the city. Pittsburg has now enjoyed a long period of steady activity, in which labor has had plenty of employment and good wages. Beyond that the actual increase of population contributes to hich will make to-morrow a mer mas for the mass of our people.

author makes a very good calculation. The avowed nurpose of the bill is to secure

gency by letting money out into the chan- huysen or Wade Hampton. In this respect nels of trade. The alleged necessity for it is the opinion has clearly prevailed that the that the Government has no outstanding | man who has ancestry is just as good as the bonds which it can call in and pay out money in return. Yet this amendment proposes an issue of bonds, the sale of which allow. He evinces very plainly his conwould withdraw money from trade channels and tie it up in the Treasury until the bonds were called in again.

Some Senators have very queer ideas of finance, but in this case the amendment representing as a subsersive result of their must be looked upon as a rider intended to labors that they may "push to the front defeat the original bill. From present appearances there may be so much delay in | whose fathers are absolutely unknown to of the country will come right from inherent powers and render legislative interference wholly unnecessary. It will probably much tendency toward legislative tinkering | and the "embattled farmers" generally, ex-

MORE RAILROADS FOR PITTSBURG.

Unless all signs fail, Pittsburg will have greatly increased railroad facilities before Christmastide next year. News from Baltimore indicates that arrangements have been completed for a Pennsylvania Railroad connection with West Virginia and Virginia, using the West Virginia Central as a connecting link. This road would make tributary to this city a region rich in undeveloped and partially developed resources. At the same time the Baltimore and Ohio will provide a direct line into West Virginia, by building a connection from Brownsville to Morgantown. This line will penetrate part of the same region as that aimed at by the Pennsylvania system. It is certain that if one of these roads is built the other must be, and both have been very

#### active of late. A JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT. The President has found a peculiar way

of getting out of the dilemma which was presented by the apparent choice between law-partner Miller and his hated rival Gresham. He has cut the Gordian knot by appointing Brown, of Michigan, to the Supreme Bench of the United States.

While the President escapes the horns of one dilemma by this step, it is not certain that he has not impaled himself on one of the sharp points afforded by another. In the absence of this especial Brown from any of the lists of prominent men within our reach, and even under the temporarily distressing doubt whether the new Justice belongs to the great Brown family, or to the more select race of Browne, there is a grave question whether the President has not committed a discrimination which will alienate the great family of Smiths. At the present criting we know no reason why Brown, of Michigan, should have received prefer-

ment over Smith, of Illinois or Wisconsin. The early information concerning the new occupant of the Supreme Bench states his qualifications for that eminent position to consist of the fact that he has had a large

number of cases before the Supreme Court and married a wealthy wife. But is it possible that none of the Smiths can duplicate those recommendations?

#### THE CLOTURE AGAIN.

Another threat to apply the cloture has been made in the Senate. This time it may mean something. But it is probable it will end in a threat as it began. It is desired, of course, by the friends of the elections bill to bring that measure to a vote. The question is only whether they have the power to do it. On the Republican side there are so many opponents to the bill that its failure is almost certain when it does come to a vote, and it is doubtful if any of these Republicans will help Mr. Aldrich to apply the cloture. The move is in the nature of a big "boo" to scare off the Democratic speech

LINEAGE AND THE CARICATURISTS. Mr. T. C. Crawford, whose abilities as a Washington correspondent are only rivaled

by his wildness on political and social questions, has lately undertaken to read the caricaturists a lecture. Lecturing the DALLY DISPATCH, including Sunday, 1 year, 10 06
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and even if Mr. Crawford had undertaken to and even if Mr. Crawford had undertaken to The Harry Disparent's delivered by carriers at | manifest faults, he might well be warned of the consequences of his indiscretion. But as the particular point which Mr. Crawford makes is that the pictorial gentry are especially scurrilous in making tun of those who claim position as the representatives of an especial ancestry, his method of argument is calculated to throw public opinion

The particular offense of the picture makers which has aroused Mr. Crawford's ire is their representation of President crowding the stores and burdening the mails | Harrison as an exceedingly small specimen of humanity under a very large "grandfather's three days with the results of their shopping | hat." This Mr. Crawford regards as an exceedingly wanton disposition to revile those who are the proud possessors of lineage, and to deery the prominence of any man who The holiday trade is always to be taken as happens to enjoy the inherited light of an a measure of the prosperity of the masses. illustrious grandfather. Such an awful at-In that light the Christmas business of this tack upon the sacred subject of Family year is gratitying, not only as promising a Pride is not to be tolerated by Mr. Crawmerry Christmas for the vast majority, but ford, and he pursues the wicked caricature makers with an avalanche of denunciation, prosperous condition with an unusual winding up by an expression of Mr. Crawford's opinion that the men who come of tures of the season. The crowds that eminent descent have exclusive claims to respect, as follows:

If the garret-bred artists temporarily trans planted from a foreign soil think that it is an guished father, they may be able to carry the point at which they are evidently aiming, and that is to push to the front rank of high esteem the city reported on Monday night that its and attention the men whose fathers are ab solutely unknown to any one.

With regard to the inspiring cause of Mr. the statement. Whether Tuesday's and Crawford's deatribe, whether the overween-Wednesday's trade will exceed that of ing size of the grandtather's hat, or the Monday or not, it is beyond question that especially small dimensions of the actual this season's Christmas shopping will be in | man, are the most pertinent points, will remain a matter of individual opinion. But that there is any general disposition to give unjust treatment to men because they are the descendants of illustrious parentage, is not correct. Indeed, there have been distinct indications to the contrary in some cases, and we suppose that Mr. Crawford's manifesto is intended to torbid any departure from the swell the number of purchasers and amount | rule of awarding public preferment on the of buying. The fact that the holiday trade score of descent. Colonel Fred Grant, who is the largest of our city's experience fur- is a somewhat conspicuous example of disnishes at once the measure and proof of the ability, has been awarded high position gratifying fact that the people at large are simply on the score of his father's memory. enjoying the highest prosperity; that what- Mr. Robert Lincoln, whose amiable and ever may be the condition of money in the estimable reputation has not at all been banks there is plenty in the hands of the diminished by his misplaced trust in Mr. people; and that all the factors are present | Andrews, of this State has nevertheless been given preferment far beyond what was indicated by any achievement of his own solely on the record of his paternity. Not to enlarge on such additional cases of inherited Sherman's financial relief bill was made prominence as Russell B. Harrison, the the subject of a proposed amendment ves. younger Cameron or our own Dick Quay, terday, providing for the issue of \$200,000,- the further fact should be noted that there is 000 of temporary bonds, redeemable after no disposition to make fun of the ancestry of July 1, 1891. If this amendment is in- men who occupy prominent places by reason tended as a rider to ride the bill to death its of their own ability. No caricature has ever placed a grandiather's hat on any of the Adams family, or Secretary Hamilton immediate relief from the existing strin- Fish, or Messrs. Bayard, Hoar, Freling-

man who has not, and no better. But this is what Mr. Crawlord will not viction that "garret-bred artists" are an nferior race who have no privilege of critieising men of lineage, and he reaches the most astonishing development of his idea in rank of high esteem and attention the men reaching the whole matter that the finances anyone." This would be a decided revolution if it were not necessary to speak of it in the past tense. There is a distinct impression that the Government founded by such be fortunate if this is the case. There is too men as Franklin, Hancock, the first Adams, with the business interests of the country at | ists for that very purpose. It would be a somewhat interesting query where, not only this country, but some of the men who now get preferment by virtue of their parentage, would have been if the principle of equality had not allowed men whose lineage was so obscure as that of Lincoln and Grant-to say nothing of Andrew Jackson, Daniel Webster, Henry Wilson, and James A. Garfield-to come to "the front rank of high es-

## teem and attention."

REAR COLUMN REDIVIVUS. Publication of the Jameson diary, to gether with the passionate preface by the dead man's brother, is calculated to reopen the rear column controversy with more vindictiveness than ever. The younger Jame son makes broad charges against Stanley and Bonny, and defends his brother's honor with vigor. Of course, Stanley and Bonny will reply and Ward may join in again. It has been given out pretty strongly that Stanley would take the matter into the courts, where it can be sifted to the bottom. This course is advisable. It is the only way an end can be put to the wrangle which the world is becoming weary of.

THE action of the State Grange in advocating the doubling of the State appropriation for common school purposes, is referred to by the Philadelphia Times as an example of the facility with which "too many tax measures are produced. It is true that a State in the happy position of being ready to wipe out its debt two years hence, is likely to observe a remarkable facility in the production of new methods for spending its revenue. It will be hard, however, to find one that is likely to yield better results than this one. There is no sounder investment for the public funds than to put them into the increase of popular intelli-

THE tenor of the Hon. Theodore Roose velt's recent remarks, show that, if he outlives the task of reforming the civil service, he might be given the opportunity to crown his career by reforming the fashionable society of

be objected to in its future application. But the evident inference that we have been at the point where it was not necessary to be careful about incurring unnecessary obligations, seems to be one, which, if it was ever entertained by our Congressional leaders, ought to have been thoroughly cured by the recent elections.

GOVERNOR RUSSELL, of Massachusetts, is reported to be utilizing his office by turning out titles at a rate which denotes a heroic intention to make the supply of Massachusetts Colonels equal to that of the Kentucky variety.

THERE is considerable force in the assertion of some Democratic cotemporaries, that if either Harrison or Blaine intends to be the Republican candidate in 1892, the Behring's Sas dispute should be settled before that time The administration cannot afford to leave a matter which is so easily settled on the principle of fair arbitration, undisposed of through-

As THE dispatches of vesterday afternoon report the arrest of one Indian Messiah and the discovery of another, it is safe to conclude that there has been an overproduction of false prophets on the Western plains.

IT is now an interesting question whether Keeley will get his "sympathetic vibration," which was to furnish the power for aerial navigation into working order first, or whether the Illinois inventor will get his airship started without it. It might not surprise the world very much if neither happens to materialize very much before the other.

SNOWSTORMS and cold waves may come and go; but the holiday shopping rolls on with an unchecked boom up to the latest reports.

THE fact that there are now two cities of the second class, is alleged by some of the local politicians to "mix matters badly." This may be explained to mean, that there is a prospect that the constitutional provision forbidding special legislation will now actually forbid it.

THE ballots of the anti-Parnellites proved to be more effective in retiring Parnell than their mud or lime missiles.

THE intention of Senator George, of Mississippi to edify the Senate with a speech in which he will explain the new Mississippi Constitution, should attract attention and sympathy. It will be a gallant effort to expound the inexplicable.

### INTERESTING PERSONALITIES.

FRANCIS IL, the King of Naples, whom Garibaldi overthrew, is living in exile in Paris. MRS. JEFFERSON DAVIS and her daughter Winnie are in New York stopping at the New York Hotel.

MRS. BLAINE is the tallest of the ladies of the cabinet and Mrs. Noble the shortest, the latter being only five feet in height. MRS. JOHN DREW has been on the stage 60 years, having made her first appearance in 1827 as the little "Duke of York" in "Richard III." THE condition of P. T. Barnum is much improved, and his friends are beginning to be

considerable food. VICE PRESIDENT BRYAN, of the Local World's Fair Association of Chicago, an-nounces that he will accept only \$6,000 of the alary of \$12,000 that was voted him.

more hopeful. He rests more easier and takes

WHITTIER is fond of pets. He has three handsome dogs two cats and three horses. When the poet goes abroad in pleasant weather a young St. Bernard dog is his constant com-ELLEN TERRY'S son is a bandsome youn

fellow of 20, who wears spectacles and has hair

that looks like his mother's. He plays the part of a younger brother to his mother in "Ravens wood," and is said to play it wel!. GEORGE ALFRED TOWNSEND and wife cele brated their silver wedding at their seat of Gapland, South Mountain, Md., 1,100 feet ab >-

mankind, last Sunday, both guiltles: of gray hairs and with several grandchild en. GENERAL JOE SHELRY the confederate cavalry leade: appeared in St. Louis the oth . ay and scores of his old comrades in arm flocked to his hotel to greet him. He is en tirely out of politics and is living quietly on his

farm, reappearing but rarely in the cities. SENATOR STEWART, of Nevada, who refuse to swallow Senator Hoar's force bill arguments, is marrie I to the daughter of the famou Senator Foot, of Mississipp, so prominent in Congressional debates before the war. Mr. Stewart can talk long and to the point when he

SARON NOUDENSKIOLD the Swedish ex plorer and a recognized authority on Green land has written a letter to Prof. Horsford of Cambridge, in which he expresses full ac cord with his views that the Norsemen fro quently and numerously visited the American ontinent and formed an element in the race mixture here.

PAUL HAMILTON WELCH, son of the late Phillip H. Welch, the humorist, has just re-covered from a dangerous attack of typhoid fever. Paul is the eldest of the four children in whose behalf "The Welch Memorial Fund" of about \$26 000 was raised as a tribute to the remarkable heroism displayed by their father during the lingering and painful illness which

### A MORMON WIFE'S STATUS.

Important Decision by the Supreme Court in a Polygamy Case.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 .- The Supreme Court of the United States to-day rendered an im portant decision in a Mormon polygamy case holding that a wife is not a competent witness against the husband where polygamy is the crime charged. William E. Bassett was in 1886 found guilty of polygamy on the testimony of his first wife, from whom he had been divorce after he took a second wife. The former wife's testimony was the only evidence produced, and it was upon her testimony that Basset's conviction was secured. He took an appeal to the Supreme Court of Utah, contending that the wife's testimony was not properly admissible. wife's testimony was not properly admissible and when the Territorial court decided against him brought the coast has a contraction of the coast and when the Territorial court decided against him brought the case here. The court reverses the decision of the Territorial court, and holds that the wife was an incompetent witness. In its opinion, prepared by Justice Brewer, the Court says: "The question presented is not how much she (the wife) feels or suffers (by reason of the plural marriage), but whether the crime is one against her. Polygamy and adultery may be crimes which involve disloyalty to the marital relation, but they are rather crimes against such relation than against the wife; and as the statute (the Edmunds-Tucker Anti-Polygamy Act) under which the man was Anti-Polygamy Act) under which the man wa tried, speaks of crimes against her, it is simple an affirmation of the old common law rule that a wife cannot testify against the husband. The case was remanded to the Utah courts, with directions to grant a new trial."

### As Others See Us.

Chicago Tribune.1 Allegheny, Pa., has been promoted to the position of a city of the second class, and Pitts-burg again bids it to come in out of the wet on the score of economy. Allegheny would do well to comply. The two cities are practically

#### Very Naturally. Washington Post. Very naturally the English and Russia humanitarians express the greatest disgus ever the manner in which our Governmen persecutes the Indians and Mormons.

DEATHS OF A DAY. Nathan F. Burnham, Inventor. YORK, PA., Dec. 25. - Nathan F. Burnham, on f York's most prominent citizens, died vester day. He was well known throughout the United States from his inventions, which gave him much prominence and enabled him to accumulate a large fortune. He was born in New York City, March 12, 1822. He learned the trade of millwright, and came to this city in 1839. Mr. Burnham engaged in the manufacture and selling of French turbine water wheels since 1855, and was the inventor and patentee of several which are used in all parts of the world.

Rev. James Black. WOOSTER, Dec. 23 .- Rev. James Black, D. D. WOOSTER, Dec. 28.—Rev. James Black, D. D., LL. D., formerly President of the Pittsburg Fe male College, died here this morning, at the age of 65 years. Dr. Black was Professor of Lan-guages at Wooster University. He was a class-mate of the Hon, James G. Blaine, at Washing-ton and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa.

John B. Trevor, Broker. THE statement attributed to Congressman Cannon that "we are rapidly approaching the point where we will have to be careful about incurring unnecessary obligations," is not to

### SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON.

DRESS skirts can be full, but the weare

Do you ever think about the mind market?

You undoubtedly pay some attention to the source of the daily food supply, but it is quite safe to say you do not dwell fre-quently or long upon the mind supply. What a voracious' glutton the mind is, o be sure. It feeds on everything, too. The daintiest morsel and the coarsest, heaviest and most indigestible stuffs disappear rapidly, and still the mind does not grow dyspeptic or gouty Much of the food is illy masticated, too, but that don't matter, especially in this age of sur-face gleaning and speed. The paper mills are taxed to their utmost to supply the service on which the mind food is served. dillions of deft, swift fingers fly over the thoughts of tired brains, and thousands of mighty machines bang and clang and clatter through the dark to the light to shape and stamp and form the product into present-able shape. All over the land tireless feet speed through deserted streets, rain or shine and lay upon your threshold what the world offers to sustain, nurture, feed the mind. And how you do devour the stew. Of course, it is mixed to suit all tastes—to tickle all palates. The mind of the masses, the great public mind, is decidedly cosmopoli-tan, democratic, catholic. What you don't care to taste may tickle your neighbor's palate—what you reject as nauseating may be relished keenly by somebody else. It's there for you to devour or denounce. What you don't want you can brush aside, of course And there you sit and feed the ever starving mind. Course after course disappears. A laugh here, a horror there-a sorrow sandwiched be tween a joy, a tear on top of a tickle. But the big morning meal sits lightly. You don't overload the stomach of the mind, do you? Of course on can but why should you? It's like the ack at the head of the mill flume. The driftthe barks, chips, straws, weeds-are caught, and the litter-cleansed stream flows on to that wonderful whirring wheel which we call the

THE forget-me-not would be an appropriat Christmas flower.

WHEN you receive a compliment, etiquette

ALWAYS made to order-Soldiers.

WHEN you rise above the commonplace you nemies increase, but your friends renew their pledges, and are always prepared to defend

Little Tommy's Plot. Twas the night before Christmas, and all thro' the town Every child was asleep except wee Tommy Brown:

He lay on his pillow pretending to snore But kept a sharp eye on the well boited door, Below on the mantel the hose in a row Hung limp in the light of the fire's red glow; Papa in his big chair was taking a nap. on over their heads they heard a light patte And secretly wondered what could be the

Papa started up and rubbed his dim eyes. And mamma looked over her specks in surprise. They listened in patience, and on the next Heard some one unfasten the nursery door,

Then sounds as of feet on the carpeted stair Fell on the sharp ears of the listeners there. damma said a mouse could not make such And asked sleepy papa to look at the boys,

Just then on the door they heard a slight scratch sound as if some one was hunting the latch, Then the door opened wide and a specter in

white Gave papa and mamma a terrible fright: But soon they recovered from this odd surprise. And saw it was Tommy, who looked very Not a word did the speak as they studied his

Which seemed firmly fixed on the big fireplace; They saw at a glance that his little heart thrilled ecause the long stockings had not yet been

filled. Then mamma's soft hand sought her sweet darling's he darling's head,

And she asked little Tommy why he'd left his along the banks of the beautiful Tennessee to He lay his brown curls on her breast with a

sigh, Then spoke in a whisper while blinking his eye: 'I left it, mamma, 'taus it would be a sin Not to open the door to let Santa Claus in!"

ACTOR SULLIVAN always secures a fair share WE are prone to whisper the successes of thers and shout their failures. We seem to be

THE golden rule as applied by the Standard works the wrong way.

A LONG flight-The stairs leading to the Ir is easier to invite criticism than it is to keep your temper afterward.

ABOUT the only thing Indians can success ully raise on a reservation is a disturbance.

ANOTHER French duel is scheduled. It grew out of some cutting remarks, and will be THE stenographer can always raise money on

Or absorbing interest-A sponge.

THE shoe the horse casts is always made of As a general thing there's no flies on a fly

Her Predicament. Pity the sorrows of maiden old, She of love bereft, While you fondle your band of gold, Think how she got left.

LAWYERS handle about as many busines mits as tailors. THE big-footed folk can hang up the largest stockings to-night.

WHILE you are giving something don't eglect to forgive somebody. Most of the women seem to be made after

the patterns in the fashion plates. WHEN the Alliance gets there the Executive

Mansion will be turned into a farm house. IF Uncie Sam builds a navy now we will have the nucleus of a merchant marine when the

PROPLE with artificial teeth should not grum ble at adulterated food.

CIGARS are judged by their rank smell. THE man who goes down from Jerusalem ericho now will have to pay his fare.

THE Senators who were fooled by the Baltimore baby "fake" are now nursing their

THE Farmers' Alliance seems to be perfectly

willing to work politics on shares. THE returns from Kilkenny indicate that if Parnell had done right he would not have got

EVERY sleeper dreams, but every dreamer does not sleep. ALWAYS well armed-Easy chairs.

THE Christmas tree crop will not be a failure in Western Pennsylvania this year, CONGRESS is going to take a recess, and thus add to the pleasures of the festal season,

BRIDGES are always easily approached PEOPLE who enter in the business race must be prepared to run a risk. THE cabman is wofthy of his hire, esp

THE woman who wears a rose in

may feel a thorn piercing ber heart, but she THE gift should come from the heart, not the

hand. It may be accompanied by looks, but not words. It speaks for itself, you know. THE great trouble with a good many workmen is that they strike while their temper is

Signs of the Season. The roses red are out of sight, The daisies under snow, But tiny berries pure and white Shine in the mistletoe.

The holly hangs in wreaths and loops Above the open doors, And underneath it happy groups Enter crowded stores

A PHILADELPHIA cookteil miver has her emembered \$10,000 worth in a will. The arti ele he compounds must go to the right spot

You generally have to drive a bargain wit he hackman before you take a drive.

THE day of judgment comes sooner than ome business men and bankers expect. THE Christmas box is putting money in the ash box of those shrewd shopkeepers who advertise.

THE wife of the public man should be satisfied with the name he makes for himself, for she bears it. So long as he is prominent she will

WHOLE-SOULED people-Theosophists. HOTEL waiters are frequently found at the elevator door. They are waiting for a lift, ot a tip, however.

nes would be finer and perhaps cleaner. IT seems rather strange that when you add aught to the figure 1 it increases its value ten-old. WILLIE WINKLE.

## ALL FROM THE SOUTH.

What Our Cotemporaries in Dixle's Land Are Talking About,

Honest Pensions All Right. Dallas, Tex., News, Dem. 1 Some people seem to labor under the unac notion that the Government pays the ensions. They forget that "the Government" s the most indigent beggar in the country. The people pay the pensions and they pay the kept in idleness and ease by the contribution of people who labor night and day for the noney. Pensions to the helpless are all right,

A Commendable Reform Mobile Register, Dem.]

Pensions to partisan favorites are all wrong.

Crowding out the insatiably rapacious per ion attorneys is one of the most commendable eforms that the House Committee on Pen ions has yet undertaken. Reducing their fee rom \$10 to \$2 would do a great deal toward rid ding the departments of these vampires. We are pleased to note that Secretary Noble, encouraged by the action of the committee, has innounced that pension attorneys are not at all sential to the consideration and passing of ension claims.

The President in the Right. avannah, Ga., News, Dem. 1

The President, however, wants something subscribed by citizens of Chicago will be paid according to our dispatches yesterday he refused to do anything toward advancing the air until all the financial aid promised by cago is in sight. He does not intend that the fair shall be a failure for want of money to carry it on, and he is right.

Supplying Prohibition Districts. Paducah, Ky., News.]

The steamer Clyde has employed 11 extra clerks to check jugs of whisky to be shipped up the ri er to-morrow. The river front has already assumed the appearance of a Nicholso payement, and the decks of this noble steame will be "frescoed" from stem to stern with galion jugs of the o'bejoyful, to be distributed

Gaining Him National Praise St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Rep.]

The opposition of Senator Cameron, of Pennylvania, to the Federal elections bill is secur ng him some abuse among members of his party in his State, but it is gaining him praise in the party in the greater part of the country. Nor is his position on this measure likely to hurt him much in his State, for there can be no reasonable doubt that he will be re-elected.

Water Enough for the Vegetab ouisville Courier-Journal, Dem. ] Kentucky's turnip crop is as satisfactory a f Uncle Jerry Rusk had been in control of the

weather all along. Defamers of Kentucky will regret to learn that vegetables with a good

deal of water in them thrive as well here as in

the most pronounced prohibition climates. Scheme of the Silver Speculators t. Louis Republic, Dem.; The Senate caucus bill, like the Window purchase bill, appears to be a scheme of the silver speculators in Wall street. At any rate, they will be the chief beneficiaries should the

Senator Hoar as a Calamity. New Orleans New Delta, Dem.] This country is now suffering from Indian fights in the West, snow storms in the East, George Frisbie Hoar in the Senate, and several

Election Reform Growing New Orleans Picayune, Dem. ] Fourteen States have adopted the secre elections on the dead quiet,

### A FUNNY ARGUMENT. seals in the Light of Domesticated Ser

faring Animals: Philadelphia Record, Dem.] The most ingenious argument in defense of he claim that the seals which swim in and on

of Behring Sea are the exclusive property of the trading company to which the United States Government has given a monopoly over them is that they are not wild animals, but tha they have become domesticated in their fre-quent visits to the Pribyloff Islands. On this ground it is asserted that the seals have become the private property of the Alaska
monopoly, and that the Government of the
United States is bound to protect the monopoly
against introders in any part of Behring Sea,
without regard to the question of exclusive without regard to the question of exclusive jurisdiction over that water.

According to this beautiful theory, the seals have domesticated themselves; and, although the Alaska monopoly has not had the slightest share in the process, it claims to be entitled to all the legal and financial benefits of this considerate act on the part of animals that have sear regarded as wild when swimming

### A WORTHY PERFORMANCE. Mr. Barrett's Shylock Successful, if No

| Exactly Shakespeare's Ideal. Shylock is not Mr. Lawrence Barrett' reatest character, but he scored a palnabl success in the part at the Duquesne last even-ing, and the Portic of Miss Gale was an ideal performance, especially in the lighter scenes, Her portrayal of the emotions arising from the supposed false bestowni of the ring make the supposed false bestowal of the ring makes one long to see ner in "As You Like It" or any of Miss Terry's comedy parts. Exception must however, be taken to the Antonio of Mr. Frederick Vroom. It was distinctly stiff and conventional. Mr. J. A. Lane's Grattano im-

conventional. Mr. J. A. Lane's Grattano improved considerably in the later acts, and Mr. Lawrence Hanley as Bassanio made a decided hir. Mention may be made of Mrs. Beaumont Smith's Nerissa, which was a dainty confection, coquettan and winsome to a degree.

The scenery, especially in the moonlight scene at Belmont, was particularly good, and the choruses were well rendered. New Catholic Bishop. Sr. Louis, Dec. 23.—A cablegram received this morning announces that Bishop Scannell, of Concordia, Kan., has been appointed Bishop of Omaha, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Bishop O'Connor, and that Bishop Burke has been appointed to the new bishopric of Chevenne. THE TOPICAL TALKER.

Doesn't Pay to be Small. SMALL people get the worst of it in every

way, the short man especially. He has to pay the same price for his clothes as the tall man, and when he dies the undertaker will make no allowance on account of size. The short umbrella costs as much as the long one; walking canes are not sold according to length and if you have small feet you will find that Jefferson Hospitals and those in the private rethe shoemaker will rather add to his prices treat of a physician, 18 patients now being treated with the famous enemy of tuberculosis. than reduce them on that account. The small man occupies less room in the cars, but he pays the same fare as his big brother. Small heads Yesterday's reports of them all are very favorcost as much to cover, small chins cost as much to shave, as big ones. If a man goes in for a able. Particular interest attaches to the progress made by the patient in the Jefferson short life and a merry one here he will probpital, a young man from Laramie, Wyo. He is ably be taxed extra for it elsewhere. Brevity may afflicted with inciptent consumption and tube the soul of wit, small packages may be best berculosis of the throat, and was considered a most favorable subject for treatment. On the the shorts may sometimes have the best of the 17th he received his first injection, and one on the following day. Sunday the third was ad-ministered, and his condition yesterday was market, but, as a rule, the tide of life sets against small men. Yesterday a cigar dealer astonished me with

another evidence of the discrimination against the shorts. I had suggested that a smaller eigar of the same brand, as a matter of course, would be of finer quality.
"Not at all," said he, "the fact that it is more

ministered, and his condition years and most favorable.

The patient himself is very enthusiastic and frequently gives expression to his feeling that he will recover. Yesterday the temperature was nearly normal—about 99. The reaction after the injection of Sunday was very slight and according to the Kooh theory the slighter the reaction the nearer the patient approaches a cure. Dr. William M. Angaey is the administrator of the lymph and the patient is also "Not at all," said he, "the lack that it is also troublesome to roll a small cigar than a large one often induces the manufacturer to pay for the extra labor by detracting from the quality of the filler. This is not always the case but often enough to make the superiority of the small cigar a polite fiction which some dealers as the symptoms are now directed.

Not the Major. Soon after the news of Lawyer Brown's nom nation to the Supreme Bench reached Pittsburg yesterday afternoon I met a Detroit man, and of course I asked him if he knew his

illustrious fellow-citizen.

Dr. Edward Martin, of the University staff, said that there were eight patients inoculated yesterday at that institution. Six were medical cases and two surgical. All the medical and one of the surgical had been previously subjected to the treatment, and all the patients are progressing tavorably. "We shall inoculate as many as we have room for and as many as we can systematically observe." said Dr. "Brown? Brown, did you say?" pondered the Detroiter. "A lawyer is he? Brown? I do know a lawyer of that name but he lives in Pittsburg—Major Brown they call him, I be-"Brown? Brown, did you say?" pondered the IF outer garments were transparent the inner What is the matter with Brown, of Detroit,

> bushel so effectively? Presents of Mind. WELL, that money you gave me's all gone and I've not got your present yet," said

that he should have hidden his light under

"That will have to do for the present," he

said sweetly. Where the Snow Sticks

THE snow had almost disappeared in the city vesterday, but it still lingered in the suburbs to the depth of several inches, while among the hills the snow is likely to stay until spring. Perhaps it will surprise the dweller in the city to know that there was yesterday snow within ten miles of Pittsburg deep enough to bury a good-sized child. A country doctor who had occasion to drive out yesterday through the narrow valleys which lie back of Sewickley had a very unpleasant experience. He was driving a team of horses to a cutter and making very fair progress when he came upon a narrow valley where the snow looked invitingly smooth and white. In another minute the horses were plunging in snow up to their bellies, and the sieigh began to sink in the soft snow. The horses could not get through it and the doctor had to unhitch them, and with a farmer's help drag the sleigh over the drift after the horses. The snow for a distance of fifty feet was over four feet deep. And this when the last vestige of snow had disappeared from the city streets 48 hours before. If the cold wave which arrived in town yesterday afternoon does not wind up with more snow all the rural soothsayers in Allegheny county will be disappointed. Wherever you go in the country you will hear prophecies of a big snow fall between Christmas and New Year's.

Home From College. THE college boys are all home, and they are as welcome and indispensable at Christmas time as the flowers that bloom in the spring will be later on. A powerful contingent of the young brains and brawn of Pittsburg they are, too. The number of college men in Pittsburg is increasing all the time, and that is generally realized, but the rapidity of the growth of the college-educated phalanx is not. A little while ago a Pittsburger had occasion to make a diligent search for all the sons of the State of Allegheny who were absent at college, and he showed me the results of this census. It revealed some astonishing figures, showing that several hundred young men are at Princeton, Yale, Harvard, Amherst and a dozen other colleges within and beyond the borders of the Station Master Thursby, and the railroad men Station Master Thursby, and the railroad men of awoke the villagers by sounding a locomotive whistle. There was no fire engine in the town, and the crowd of employes and citizens were compelled to confine their efforts to saving as much as possible of the goods stored in the burning building. The fire consumed the entire structure and platform and a large possible of the valuable freight, and the loss will be heavy.

A Locke of Many Combinations.

THE stories that are told of Impressario Locke's ability to get out of as well as to get into financial holes are simply amazing. Manager Wilt does not overstate Locke's ability to raise money or to turn a deficit into a surplu when he says that he has known Locke to come out ahead after dropping \$100,000. All the same Locke has now some factors to deal with the he has not had before. He has been denounced very freely by the press in the East, the dramatic papers, the Mirror and News par-ticularly demanding that his name shall be erased finally from the list of reputable managers. This compled with attachment of the "Nero" effects by Mr. Gilmore, in New York, makes a knot that even the skillful Locke will and it hard to untie. Manager Wilt professes to be pertectly comfortable about the little bag dle which he intrusted to Mr. Locke at midnight two weeks ago, but from the facthat his brother managers are expressing a fine article of sympathy for him on all sides, would lead one to believe that the chances of that \$2,500 figuring to Mr. Wilt's credit again are rather slim. The rejoicing of certain hotel people and others who insisted on getting eash from the great financier is one of the merriest

features of the joyous season.

A Rosy View of the Holiday Rush. Wou hear a good deal about the tired sales women in the stores in the holiday rush," said one of them yesterday, "and I suppose we do deserve all the sympathy we get-and i does us so much good. But it is a mistake that the holiday season is altogether a punishment, or that we regard it with dread. The fact u that I look forward to the excitement of the Christmas trade, and I think the most of us do to, as a relief from the monotony of work be-hind the counter. Of course when the rush comes and we have to work like sixty we find that the excitement tells upon us, but while I am at work I enjoy the crowd of custom the incessant movement and the general dis-turbance of all the rules and regulations of the store. When I get home in the evening I confess I am all tired out-as we all are. The point remains, and it is not generally noticed that we do get some amusement out of the

holiday rush. Not to be Put Up With. I've put up a stove in the actio to encourage my hired girl to stay," said McCorker.
"My landlord proposes to put up the rent, to
neourage me to stay, I guess," said Flipper.

### THE INDIAN SITUATION

Is Materially Simplified by Recent Move ments Among the Reds.

New York Times. ] The capture of all or most of the followers of Sitting Bull, including Big Foot's band, ma-terially simplifies the problem of dealing with the Indian troubles. These troubles are not over, as the large number of malcontents still out must show. Indeed, were spring at hand, instead of the dead of winter, the outlook would be far more serious. And even nov with the cattle and hay of isolated ranches to plunder, campaigning is not impossible for the

hostiles.

But that judicious policy which has sought, before making a general inovement against the Bad Lands, to draw back as many as possible of the Indians who left the agencies is bearing good fruit. The first great success of that sort was procuring the return of Two Strike, with a large part of the hostiles, and now the capture of Big Foot follows. The wind-up of the affair will probably consist in a combined movement from all sides to surround those Indians who reject all overtures and persistently stay out.

In Stock for Dull Mondays. Philadelphia Inquirer, Rep. 1

The old rumor of a rupture between Pres dent Harrison and Secretary Blaine is revived It will be noticed that this rumor always is revived on dull Mondays or at other times when authentic news is scarce. The Washington correspondents keep it on hand as a kind of stock capital on which they can draw when is becomes necessary to fill space. KOCH'S LYMPH.

As closely as can be ascertained, there are,

improves as the symptoms are now directed.

Dr. Edward Martin, of the University staff

RECEIVER WANTED

The Standard Oil Syndicate Showing It

Control of New England Roads.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 23.-The majority

Saturday, that the road be placed in the hands

is believed that President George A. Chapman and a majority of the directors are in favor of a construction syndicate. At a meeting held by the directors December 17 ex-Senator Edwin M.Nail

him. President Chapman's clerk, W. D. Brown, was made auditor of bills. The resignation of Sungintandent Alexander McNei

nation of Superintendent Alexander McNeil was asked for, and will take effect at the end of

the present year. Measures were also begur for a change in the by-laws so as to remove the

York.
The last annual report of the Railroad Com

missioners showed that a controlling interest in the stock was purchased from Connecticutown-ers by a New York syndicate that has made

surveys for an extension of the road from Hawleyville to a connection with the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad at

Saugatuck. According to the report the gross earnings of the road last year were diminished

\$2,691 77, the operating expenses were diminished \$10,747 93, and the net earnings were increased \$3,056 16 over the preceding year.

INCENDIARY FIRES

Seeking Revenge.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.-Another suspiciou

fire destroyed some valuable property of the Long Island Railroad Company yesterday. It

occurred at the Great Neck terminus of the

North Shore branch line, and the suspicion has

been aroused that incendiaries are at work. At 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning the fire was

discovered in the freight house, which is a sub-stantial wooden structure two stories in height, standing on a platform on the north side of

The night telegraph operator hastily aroused litation Master Thursby, and the calls

ebody who has a grudge against the com

BEDFORD'S WEDDING BELLS.

Married.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

BEDFORD, Dec. 23.-A fashionable wedding

as celebrated this afternoon in the Methodist

Spiscopal Church, in which Miss Jessie Mur

ray Horne and Charles Comjugham Reamer

being performed by Rev. M. L. Smyser. The

ushers were N. L. McGirr, editor of the

party entered the church, which

Guzette, and Oscar D. Doty, assistant cashier of the First National Bank. The maids of honor were Misses Nettie and Florence Horne,

sisters of the bride.

The bridal party entered the church, which was beautifully decorated, to the sweet strains of the wedding march taken from Lohengrin. The bride was attired in a dark blue traveling suit, as were also the maids of honor. The party left this evening for an extensive trip through the West. Among these from a distance were Miss Sutton, of Urbana, O.; J. J. Heizel and saughter, of Cumberland, Md., and J. Hessel, of Champaign, Ill.

WHAT WE TALK ABOUT.

Editorial Opinions on a Variety of Interest-

ing Subjects.

doesn't go through the Senate Grandpa Hoar

will pray for the legs of a centipede with which

Philadelphia P. est: The Republican party

holds, and has held, the Eastern States

by its sound financial policy. It cannot afford

to weaken its hold on the great trading, manu-

New York Star: The exodus of members

of Congress from Washington for the Christmas holidays will prevent mischief in either House

by leaving less than a quorum present. As for

the chance of any good being done, quorum or

New York Times: What the world has

principally to be thankful for in the outcome

of the "Affaire Gouffe," is that the theory of

ourt to be a legitimate defense, and that no

precedent for such a defense in murder trials

Boston Globe: Who does not envy the trust-

the roof? The man or woman who has never known the childish confidence in the coming of

Philadelphia Record: It would be a start

nals li's the Bompard should be permitted to

Once recognized, this plea would become much

more frequent and familiar than the plea of emotional insanity, which has enabled so many

Philadelphia Times: The advantages of a

erfectly secre: ballot and an absolutely open

count cannot be too strongly impressed upor the public mind. If free government is to

endure in this country every citizen must be given the opportunity to vote as his conscience and judgment direct without the fear of man

or corporation before his eyes and be assured

Philadelphia North American: The specta-

cle of the single men in the coke regions hasten

ing to get married because married men take

precedence in obtaining work is a decidedly unique one. It certainly puts matrimony on a

piece of strategy deserves to succeed. But un-

of-fact business basis, and as a novel

that his vote will be counted as it is cast.

escape from their responsibility for crime

no quorum, that is not worth considering.

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facturing and business States of the East by

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incerely to be pitied.

offenders to evade punishment.

New York Herald: If that force but

were the contracting parties,

sisters of the bride.

Railroad Officials Think it is Some

s of the company and directors to New

It is charged that the road has not been con-

approaching.

It is Giving Satisfactory Results in Every Case in Philadelphia.

-New York has a Hebrew baker's union. -Volusia county, Fla., will ship nearly PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.-Interest in the 00,000 boxes of oranges. progress of the patients now undergoing the Koch lymph treatment in this city increases as -One of the largest babies ever seen in time goes by, and favorable results seem to be

Florida is the son of Walter Sylvester, living in Palatka. He is 7 months old and weighs 40 -Dr. Schaffranek, of Palatka, Fla., has seluding the patients at the University and

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

recently sent to Europe a handsome bouquet, composed of wild flowers, the handle being an alligator's tooth. -Chicago will soon have the largest 10-

cent lodging house in the world. The building will be seven stories high, will cost \$85,000, and will be heated by stemm and lighted by electric--In hotels the life of a napkin is put down at three months, provided it is of extra

good material. A sheet lasts six months, and a tablecloth depends for its existence upon the care that is taken of it. -The French Chamber has agreed to a duty on mural advertisements, as suggested by

a private member. The duty is to be graduated according to the population of the localities in which the placards are affixed. -Breeding Chinese pheasants has become a growing and profitable industry in Oregon. They sell readily for \$10 a pair. A large num-her of farmers are making a nice sum from the ber of farmers are making a nice sum business, a perfectly legitimate one.

-W. A. Fulton, one of Clayton county's, Ga., oldest and best citizens, died two days ago. Just as he drew his last breath, the old clock, which for 40 years had faithfully kept time, stopped, and has not run since.

-A young gentleman of LaGrange, Ga., upon going to a theater for the first time and seeing a pistol fired at a woman, who pretended to be hurt, was shocked to such an extent that he had to remain in his room all the next day. -A third line of telegraph between Berlin and Rome, 1,210 miles long, is to be con-

structed through Bavaria and the Tyrol, instead of Switzerland, like the present lines. The wire will be of bronze, and three millimetres in -The police force of Carlsbad has been trebled, and companies of sharpshooters patrol the streets every night in order to prevent thefts, which have been alarmingly frequent since the floods, on account of the misery of

stockholders in the Shepang, Litchfield and Northern Railroad, headed by J. A. Bostwick, the poor classes. -The experiment of Dr. Joel G. Justin petitioned the Supreme Court, in Bridgeport, f Syracuse, with his dynamics shell at Perry-

ville Falls on Saturday, was a success. Three shells, each weighing 275 pounds and carrying seven and a half pounds of dynamite, were suc-cessfully discharged at a target. ucted in a business manner and that in New York courts two cases were lost by default. It -About two weeks ago a negro in Oglethorpe, Ala., drank a quart of whisky on a wager. He won the dollar and lost his life. A short time after swallowing the liquor he be-came paralyzed, and never recovered from the McNeil was removed from the Board of Di-rectors and Lawyer Valentine, of New York, was appointed in his place. Dr. Buell, of Litch-field, was removed from the Executive Com-mittee and Mr. Valentine was substituted for ame paralyzed, and never recovered from to effects of the whisky. He died last Monday.

wo of Mr. Ragfin's children tried to take a horse over a barb wire fence. One of the children held the wires down while the other rode the horse over, but one of the wires flew up, catching the girl who was on the horse, cutting off her leg and injuring the horse severable. -Several members of the Imperial Yacht

-Near Princeville, Crook county, Ore.,

Club, of St. Petersburg, are said to be under surveillance is connection with a Nihilist plot. The membership of this club includes some of the grand dukes and many of the high nobility of the empire. The Nihilists are said to be unusually active and procautions for the safety of the Czar have been redoubled. -A dispatch from Zanzibar states that the Portuguese found the King of Bibe, who was captured by them a few days ago, to be not a pure blooded African, but in part a descend-ant of an Austrian or Hungarian adventurer, who married, many years ago, the daughter of the late King of Bibe, the children of the couple remaining in Bibe as members of the ruling family.

-The people of Boston are pleased over the prospect of improved car service to New York. The New York and New Haven in the early summer will have completed their four tracks from New Haven to New York, and will have also completed the separation of most of the grade crossings. This will shorten their running time half an hour, making the time of the present six-hour trains five hours and a half

-The Japanese author does not write ooks. He paints them. As soon as be reaches the indispensable minimum of ideas he shuts himself in his study, brightened slightly by a soft light from a four-cornered white paper lantern. He has before him a polished table, one foot high, on which he his idylic writing materials. The paper is of an agreeable yellow plate, elaborately carved and with a depression in which the black tablets are rubbed to nothng. The plate carries also five bamboo brushes which serve as pens,

rill be heavy. On Saturday morning the locomotive engine house at Whitestone Landing was also set on fire in a mysterious manner and destroyed. The Long Island Railroad officials fear that -An American barksoner who wants to sell out his place, has hit upon a novel idea for loing it. Here's his idea: To every person pany is seeking revenge by applying the match to structures along the line. An investigation who buys, a check will be given of the amount who buys, a check will be given of the amount of his purchase. When \$5 worth of checks are gotten they can be returned, and a ticket will be given him. Then, at the end of a given time, say two or three months, the present proprietor will resign, and the barroom, with all its contents, turned over to the holders of these tickets. These can then settle it among them selves as to which one is the owner. They can then selle for it or do what there relies for it or do what there relies to the selection. Charles C. Reamer and Miss Jessie M. Horne then raffle for it, or do what they please with

it. It will be theirs jointly, and they can settle it in any way they desire as to who is to have it. -As light fails to penetrate the great depths of the ocean there has been considerable speculation as to how the denizens of the deep obtained a survey of their surroundings to avoid danger. The naturalist on board the marine survey steamer Investigator, while on the recent cruise in the Indian Ocean, made the interesting discovery that some deep sea crustaceans are highly luminous, thus furnishing what is believed to be the proof that the source of light in the dark abysses of the ocean is the self-luminosity of abyses of the ocean is the self-luminosity of its inhabitants. A large prawn, lying in a bucket of sea water on duck, was observed to be shining brightly, and on being selsed emitted copious clouds of phosphoresconce. By the light of the imminous secretion the naturalist was able, though otherwise in perfect darkness, to water the living occupants of the bucket. After the removal of the prawn the water remained luminous for some time.

-A curious accident happened in a Georgia sawmill one day last week. Something had gotten the matter with the carriage trac and it was being tested. A log was placed on the carriage, but the track was discovered to be the carriage, but the track was discovered to be out of plumb and it was removed, and in removing it the headblock next to the saw reared up, and when it came down it was several inches too near the saw. This was not noticed by Mr. Moore, who held the lever, and he attempted to test the track without the log. He did not discover that the head block was out of place until the saw was in a few inches of it, and it was too late to avert the catastrophe. The saw came plowing into the iron headblock and knocked off every tooth, which flew like bullets from a rifle. One of them hit Mr. Moore in the breast, point foremost, and came near going through to the hollow, which might have resulted fatally. Several others went through both coat sleeves and lacerated the fesh, but while these wounds were painful, they were not serious.

#### they were not serious. JUST FOR FUN.

It is estimated that the pulse of a mer-

Somebody says that married people live longer than single ones. A bachelor friend says they have to if they want to get as much fun out of life as the single ones, - Norristown Herald

chant beats one-fourth faster at this period than any other time of the year. - Williamsport Gusette ing nature of the child who is still young and unskeptical enough to believe in the man on He jests at street cars who never walked home after midnight, -New Orleans Picthe good Saint Nicholas down the chimney is A bridegroom 6 feet 7 inches tall has just ling revolution in medical jurisprudence if, with the convenient plea of hypnotism, crimi-

The Kickapoo Indians are dancing. They

Antley, Pierre Paul, Pascale and La-la-See, the four Indian murderers who were hanged at Missoula yesterear morning, joined Sitting Buil's set in the ghost dance last evening, and by this time they are wondering why the Messiah should get so hotabout it.—Butta (Mont.) Misser. Lecturers advise that in cold weather

With warmer days must end, 'Tis worthy to be tailed in rhyme
A trusted bosom friend,
- Washington Fost.

He-Why did your sister return so soon rom Vassar? She—She funked on the entrance examination slauguages, - New York Herald.

There's difference of diguity in trades

taken to himself a bride who measures 3 feet 1 inch. Love me little, love me long was the burden of their song.—Chicago Mail. ought to know how to give most satisfactory per-formances if their name implies anything, — Omead World-Herald.

people should keep their mouths shut and breathe through their noses. It would be well if some people followed the first bit of advice even in Although the chest-protector's time

unately the old married men will still have first chance, for the reason that they probably have large families dependent upon them, and this fact presents a new complication which the young couples will find difficulty in solving all at once. Each has its claimants, but when all is said, The cobbler takes position at the foot, The barber at the head. —Philodelphia Times.