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A COMPREHENSIVE PROJECT.

The fifth in THE DISPATCH series of articles on river improvement treats of the problem which has puzzled engineers and formed a national subject of dispute for two generations-the drainage of the Mississippi Valley from Cairo to Baton Rouge, On this certainly worthy of public consideration.

Briefly stated, the argument of this paper is that there are some thirty million acres of bottom lands along the Mississippi in this section-which is treated separately from the swamp lands of the Gulf States-that are capable of the greatest improvement. They possess the richest soil in the world. but at present they are depreciated in value. rendered dangerous in seasons of flood and unhealthy all of the year, by their liability to floods and the resulting malaria. All this trouble, together with the forming of shoals, bends and finally cut-offs from the eating away of the banks at certain places. is shown to be due to the fact that the river therefore, lies in the direction of lowering

the river's bed. This our contributor proposes to do by the system of movable jettles, described in a previous paper. By these appliances, it is held, that the bars can be cut through, the river straightened or reduced to very gradual bends, the channel brought to uniform depth, and the current given a steady movement. These vast improvements, all finally tending to the same end of lowering the bed of the river and providing thorough drainage for the fertile bottom lands, can be accomplished at a cost of from three to five dollars per acre. As the increase in the value of the land would be five times that and, accompanied as it is by the prediction Republican newspapers exercise the right cost, without including the immense benefit to navigation embraced in the improvement. the great results held out by this scheme of making the current of the river do its own work, can easily be recognized as far exceeding the estimated cost,

As to the engineering practicability and cost of the work proposed, that question can only be determined, outside of the crucial test of actual work, by the oninian of experts. Many of that class have already perceived in the development of the system, in these DISPATCH articles, engineering suggestions of the greatest and most original value. Apart from that, the entire public can see that the project comprises the widest scope and most thorough attainment of all the objects of river improvement, in a uniform flow of water, a deep and permanent channel, and a complete drainage of the lands now subject to over-flows.

PROGRESS IN ARTISTIC TASTE. It is with pleasure THE DISPATCH notes the progress of this community in art and artistic taste. The exhibition of the Vassili Verestchagin collection which will be made in the Carnegie Art Gallery marks a dis- the canal projects which will bring the ore tipet era in this line. It is the first large and famous collection ever brought here, and it means the establishment of a reputation for the community in art matters, as well as denoting growing artistic taste. The collection has only been seen in the largest cities in this country, Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Chicago, and it is growth and prosperity far in excess of the capitalists from all over the country worthy of note that we are ranked with those cities. The exhibition will be a rare treat, as the pictures cover a wide range and are really a history of the travels and studies of their wonderful creator. The exhibition has been brought about through the efforts of some of our best citizens, who are deserving of credit for their activity.

KEEP UP THE DRILL. The drilling at the Exposition gas well has progressed about a hundred feet beyond the point at which the first flow of gas was observed, without noticeably increasing or diminishing the pressure. Of the hundred feet twenty-five or thirty feet were in the strip of sand which yields the gas and the remainder has been slate. We are informed that if the drilling does not develop decided lesuits within the next three or four days, the Exposition Society will not feel justified in using its funds to push the work further.

If the drilling should stop now the Exposition Society would have gained a moderate supply of gas and the public would have some interesting information concerning the | tem declares that a man need not testify geological state under our city. But there | against himself, and warns him on are some points of interest and importance his arrest against making any crim-

settled. The sand penetrated may be simply a spur of the real gas-bearing body which lies lower. There may be an inexhaustible reservoir of gas or oil to be tapped If the drill goes deep enough. The information to be obtained by exploring the deepest strata may be of the greatest importance to a strike of gas.

information can be obtained at a minimum of cost. The tools and machinery are on the ground, and we are informed that no charge drilled deeper as a public enterprise. The of actual labor; and that is stated to be city would contribute fifty dollars each, the twenty more gave \$25 each the depth of 3,000 each a 4,000 feet hole could be completed.

With the chance that in the first hundred fect or so, the presence of a large supply of gas might be established, the slight sums necessary to keep the drill going ought to be ing to pay for drilling, ten, twenty-five or fifty feet deeper can do so by sending his in his journal: "I should wish to check for the corresponding number of be tried in England, if guilty-it innocent, dollars to the Exposition Society.

A pamphlet by Edward Atkinson on "The Future Situs of the Principal Iron Production of the World" has just been published by the Manufacturers' Record. It advances some ideas that are sufficiently novel and important to attract the attention of communities in which the iron industry

Mr. Atkinson's first point is that the pro-

duction and consumption of iron has main-

tained a steady ratio of growth since its earlier development. His estimates for the tuture are based upon this ratio, backed by the fact that three great continents-Asia, Africa and South America-are just being opened up to development, and will create an increased demand for iron products equal in proportion to that which Europe and North America have furnished for the past quarter of a century. On this foundation he arrives at the conclusion that the world's consumption and production of iron will rise from 25,000,000 tons in 1880 to 50,000,000 or 60,000,000 tons in 1900. Side by side with this production Mr. Atkinson argues from the partial exhaustion and increasing cost of the materials for ironmaking in England, that that country which has heretofore enjoyed the greater portion of the increase in iron production outside this country will not be able to meet the increased demand of from 22,000,-000 to 32,000,000 tons which his argument foreshadows for 1900. This increase, which he puts in round numbers at 25,000,000 tons. he points out, must be furnished in great share by the country which can assemble at the least cost the materials for iron manufacture at the point for its production, and

can provide there the labor which, by earnthe writer presents some ideas that are lug the highest wages, can really do the cheapest work. This country Mr. Atkinson believes to be the United States, and he gives cogent reasons for his belief. From that point he either. The rule that witnesses need not develops another important and startling one that within the coming decade, from the dark ages, when it was necessary by rising to the position of furnishing some 20,000,000 or 25,000,000 admissions of guilt wrung from them by tons of iron to the rest of the world, the United States will come to the point decided modification. Beyond that it is where it will not care whether there is a quite possible that the effectiveness of our tariff on iron any more than it does whether | criminal justice might be enhanced by a there is a tariff on wheat. Mr. Atkinson's general change in the direction of paying views on the tariff are such that he regards less attention to form and more to the work the present tariff on iron as an obstacle of arriving at the facts of the case by any rather than an aid to the development of the | means that may present themselves, bed is too high in relation to the surround. | iron and steel industry; but if he can make ing lands. The solution of the problem, good his prediction that we shall in the next ten years solve the problem by exporting

> quarrel with him for that unique opinion. future, His argument on that point is a can take this prediction without jealousy,

ation. There is no doubt that the Souther iron industry is capable of magnificent developments. But Pittsburg. lying as it does at the northern and of the mineral region extolled by Mr. Akinson, the Lake Superior ores and Connelleville of this country as that gentleman predicts,

share of it.

pushed. If we can increase our present least. fifth of the iron production of the country to 7,000,000 or 8,000,000 tons of actual product, for that production to our doors, at an economy of 50 cents a ton, will pay for itself in six years. By developing every method to increase and cheapen its manufacture of iron and steel, Pittsburg can, if Mr. Atkinson's calculations have any foundation, hope to make the coming decade a period of gratifying record of the past decade.

### CONTRASTS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

The difference between the methods pursued in French criminal trials and the rules which govern the similar system under Anglo-Saxon law, as illustrated by the trial of Evraud and Gabrielle Bompard, has attracted wide comment in this country. The features of that trial, which consisted of the Judge examining the defendant like a prosecuting attorney, and exploring all the deeds of his past life in the effort to make him acknowledge criminality; the spectacle. like a scene from a cheap melodrams, of Judge, counsel, witnesses, and defendants joining in a heated colloquy over disputed points, united in this case with the accusations of each prisoner against the other, all of which is taken as bearing on the question of guilt or innocence, is a sufficiently remarkable one from the standpoint of Anglo-

Saxon jurisprudence. But there is a more radical contrast between the two systems. The English systo the whole city that would be left un- insting admissions. The French system They even seem to hesitate about sending in

subjects each defendant on his trial to a severe examination, and woe to him if he cannot tell a clear story! Before that he is subjected to a process which seems peculiarly repugnant to our ideas of criminal justice, in the shape of an official and private examination. This is the function of a juthe community, even if it should not include | dicial official, whose time and talents are devoted exclusively to that work. Until It happens to be the case here that this | the prisoner is examined by the Juge d'instruction he cannot even consult with the lawyer who is to detend him. If he has not made criminating admissions to the police will be made for their use if the hole is to be officers who arrested him, he may be confused and browbeaten by the Juge d'inonly cost in pursuing the work will be that struction into admitting his guilt. On the other hand, it is no doubt possible that the about a dollar per foot. If ten men in this investigation of the case by this official will result in establishing his innocence without well could be drilled to below 2,500 feet. If a trial. But it is nevertheless true that, from first to last, a prisoner before the feet could be reached. If 100 more gave \$10 | the French courts is in a very different position than the one he would occupy before the English.

This difference in method is not a mere freak of French justice. It is fact drinking. that the French courts approach their promptly forthcoming. Any person wish- work with a different conception of their purpose. Crabbe Robinson says in France." This is an extreme approval of the French system, inasmuch as it expresses

A FORECAST FOR THE IRON INDUSTRY. | the unfounded idea that the innocent defendant has a better chance under the French than under the English methods. There is more accuracy in Southey's commentary on that remark: "The English system seems to have for its object that no innocent person should unjustly be found guilty; the French system that no criminal should escape." The same idea is expressed in another way by the English maxim: that it is better for ten guilty men to escape rather than one innocent should suffer punishment; while the basis of French methods is clearly the idea that the individual protection of the one innocent man is of less vital importance than the protection of so-

ciety from the ten eriminals. The results are as illustrated in the recen famous trials, that while in England and the United States it is often difficult to convict a criminal, in France it may sometimes go hard with an innocent man under suspicious circumstances. While the spectacle of a judge indulging in catechising a prisoner in a way which no Anglo-Saxon judge would dare to copy, since Jeffrey's time, seems especially repugnant to us, there are some respects in which the French system is not without its merits. It would be impossible in France for the spectacle to be presented of witnesses rescuing a prisoner from conviction by refusing to testify, and then the prisoner as a lawyer turning around when released and pushing legal proceedings to free the witnesses from imprisonment for contempt of court, which is one of the phenomena of our judicial methods just afforded to the public gaze in this State of Pennsylvania.

While no thoughtful man would wish to see the French methods of hounding a prisoner into admissions of guilt adopted in this country, it is susceptible of debate whether a medium between the two systems might not be more conducive of actual justice than criminate themselves, which comes down to protect the unfortunate against having torture, is one that appears susceptible of

### TALKING OUT IN MEETING.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat, although more iron than we consume we need not a regulation Republican organ, has reached the point of speaking right out in meeting Finally Mr. Atkinson locates the great concerning two leading public questions. iron center of the world at the beginning of | On the Behring's Sea controversy it dethe next century in the Southern region, be- clared: "All the seals in that quarter of the ginning in West Virginia and extending to globe would not, if turned into cash, pay Alabama, with the Piedmont district as the for the losses of a single month of war. special locality which seems to Mr. Atkin- With reference to the federal elections bill son to contain the greatest promise for the it also makes the outspoken assertion that "the fact is the masses of the Republicans summary of the enthusiastic reports concern- in Pennsylvania, as well as in the other ing the mineral resources of the South that States controlled by the party, are steadily have heretofore been published. Pittsburg growing more and more convinced of the folly of that measure." When a few more of air unprecedented growth of the iron of thinking for themselves, as the Globetrade of the whole country, even with toler- Democrat does, the Republican statesmen may obtain some valuable instruction.

## MONEY IN CIRCULATION.

Very flattering reports come from al sides of the holiday trade, and merchants and commanding the additional resources of argue logically that, however it may be elsewhere, money is not scarce or tight here. coke, will not yield the supremacy in iron It may be remarked in passing that this is production without a struggle. If there is one of the best evidences that the recent to be such a development of the iron trade | flurry in stocks and financial circles was not deeply rooted, and has not materi-Pittsburg will rely upon getting her fair ally affected real business interests. Further, this evidence of general prosperity But in view of the magnitude of the prize | will have a reactionary effect on commercial and the wonderful opportunities of growth | channels that cannot but help to relieve the held up to us, our city should be keen to im- strained condition of the money market. A prove every chance for strengthening its brisk holiday trade sets a vast amount of position as an iron and steel center. If we money in circulation. And what is needed can no longer rely on natural gas fuel to now is quicker circulation. Depression is less fortify our supremacy, the use of petroleum | frequently a result of too little circulating or any other process to utilize our fuel sup- medium than of stagnation in the moveplies to the utmost should be urgently ment. The signs are hopeful, to say the

RELIEVING FINANCIAL DISTRESS. Those Italians who are in custody of the United States Court for counterleiting can hardly set up the claim that they have been hypnotized. But they may put in an equally reasonable plea, and one that will be as efficacious as that of Gabrielle Bompard. Have we not all been informed of the financial stringency? Have not been going to New York to seek measures of relief and means to tide over the depression? Well, one of the alleged counterfeiters did the same thing, according to the story told in court. To be sure, he went down to the metropolis originally on a love matter, but finding more financial stringency than love, he loaded up with silver dollars and set out to ease the money market. At least this seems to be about the

circumstances. Possibly the esteemed Philadelphia Press would like to make the Senatorial election in this State a test as to whether the rank and file of the Republican party demand the enactment of the Federal elections bill.

best plea the prisoners can make under the

IT is a striking instance of the survival of error to read in esteemed cotemporaries the as-sertion that the oleomargarine decision in Philcommerce law," oleomargarine may be sold in original packages. It is to be hoped that some time in the distant future instructors of public opinion will learn that the inter-State commerce clause of the Constitution and the inter-State commerce law are two separate things.

DELAMATER creditors are not hopeful,

their books and accounts, lest there be a swalwing apparatus located cupied by the late bank.

THE weather hereabouts is of the regular vinter variety to such an extent that it im presses the reader as an exceptional example of the kinds of weather that this country ca ontain at once to learn that Pierre, South Dakota, is plagued by a chinook wind, with clouds of dust. Pittsburg could easily spare a ortion of its snow drifts to lay the dust in nth Dakota.

THE tug in New York harbor which pos esses the loudest whistle is named the Channey M. Depew. The appropriate but un-complimentary comparison beggars all com-

"PUCK" says sarcastically that "the mar who growls about his wife's cooking will cheerfully eat anything on the safe side of poison when he is camping out." Well, and why not? Our humorous cotemporary does not seem to have the correct idea of the purpose of camping out. Cooking is of no importance in its aims, in view of the ultimate overruling purpose of

THERE is cause for congratulation in the fact that the explosion at the United Mine did not result in loss of life. The destruction property is enough to be regretted.

SENATOR STANFORD is understood to allege that he has no ambition to be President. This modest, but not altogether imperative noto episcopari is likely to be accepted by the Western farmers as relieving them from the duty of offering the California rallway king the presidental nomination in return for his land mortgage scheme.

WE violate no confidence in stating that Senator Farwell, of Illinois, did not go through the holiday ceremony of "exchanging presents with the White House,

A RAPID Transit Commission has just been appointed in New York City, and one sanguine journal notices the fact as affording "hope for rapid transit." If the experience of Philadelphia is duplicated in New York, it may contain hope for rapid transit, but the hope will not be likely to materialize before the next

PROBABLY when Mr Adams of Scott. dale, gets possession of his housekeeper again he will take measures to keep her-in jail

A RAILROAD built wholly of wood in Nova Scotia is the subject of sarcastic comment by the railway interests of this country, but there is every reason to believe that as building material for railways wood will yield better results than wind and water, which compose too large a share of many of our railways

### PROMINENT PEOPLE.

LADY RANDOLPH CHURCHILL is ill at Meln. She is confined to her bed. RIDER HAGGARD is at present in Mexico curing material for a new novel. JOHN L. SULLIVAN is now making \$2,500 a

week by playing, and his personal expense average nearly half that sum. BISHOP KAISER, of Green Bay, Wis., has been appointed Archbishop of Milwaukee to succeed the late Archbishop Heiss. JULES VERNE is now a handsome man of

with head and beard quite gray, and with eyes which sparkle with all the fire of 20. GEORGE M. PULLMAN says that he is happier than when he did not have a dollar to his name, "and yet it is a comfortable feeling to be rich." MRS. ELIZABETH C. CUSTER, the widow o

the great cavalryman, says that she is not a candidate for the office of State Librarian in Michigan. SENATOR WARREN, of Wyoming, is six feet tall, and his form is as straight as a Rocky Mountain pine. He is a blonde, rather good

looking, and talks and dresses well. He is 4

years old. QUEEN AMELIE, of Portugal, is now almost restored to health. She is the prettiest and most fascinating of the sovereign ladies of Europe. She is tall and has a gracegul figure and a charmingly expressive face.

FREDERICK IVES, the former young Na-York devoting his attention to acquiring another fortune. He is the same well-dressed, suave and self-confident character as he was before his fall. MRS. STANTEY expected to find only shanty

cities outside of New York, but is quite charmed with what she has seen of the interior She says: "Nothing can be exaggerated about America. I have already learned to so much admire America and the Americans." MISS CONSTANCE FENIMORE WOOLSON has

settled for the winter at Cheltenham, England, where she is said to be engaged in writing a novel. Her winter of travel in the East fur nished her with material which she has worked up into sketches and short stories, which will appear during the coming months.

MME, ANNE MARIE MOZZONI will stand for election to the Italian Parliament, and is asking for subscriptions to assist in meeting her expenses. Mme. Mozzoni is an accomplished authoress, and her agreeable manners have made her generally liked among her large circle of acquaintances.

Richelieu at the Duquesne.

There was scarcely a vacant scat in the Du-

## esne Theater last night for the production "Richelieu" by Mr. Barrett and his competent company. That it was a finished perform ance goes without the saying, and the audience

was appreciative. Mr. Barrett was in good voice and his rendition of the more powerfu passages were most warmly applauded. Miss Gale, in the role of Julie de Mortemar, again gave evidence of the rare talent that is fas vinning fame for her. Mr. Lane's Count de Baradas was fully up to the expectations his previous work warranted, and Mr. Hanley's de Maupred was vary marifestories. de Maupral was very meritorious. Mr. Duval and Mr. Rogers must also be included in the honor list of the evening. A better rendition of Bulwer's great play in all its parts Mr. Barrett can hardly expect to give.

## DEATHS OF A DAY.

Mra. S. H. Jackson. The death of Mrs. S. H. Jackson, of Penr avenue, Wilkinsburg, has caused more sincere grief in that community than any that has taken place in the borough for a long time. Mrs. Jack-son was a daughter of the late Edward Thompson, Esq., and had resided in Wilkinsburg all her life. The wife of the burgess of the borough, Dr. John Sample, is her mother. She has been a sufferer from asthma for 20 years, but her death, at i clock Christmas morning, came with the shoe surprise as well as grief at last. Her husband of surprise as well as grief at last. Her husband and two sons, Edward and Howard, mourn an affectionate wife and mother, and their grief is shared by hundreds of friends in Wikinsburg and elsewhere. The funeral services will be held at the family residence at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. H. S. Moore, pastor of the Wilkinsburg Presbyterian Church, will officiate. The remains will be interred in Homewood Cemetery.

Dr. John Davis.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26. -Dr. John Davis, one o oldest physicians of the city, died suddenly last night at his home on Elm street. He had been unusually happy with his wife and a few friends at the Christmas dinner, and about 8:30, while sitting in his library, was attacked with a violen fit of coughing. In half an hour he was dead, due it is said, to heart disease. Dr. Davis was nearly 70 years old. He was an intimate friend of exPresident Hares, and often entertained him and Mrs. Hayes on their visits to Cincinnati. Dr. Davis was, at the time of his death, President of the Union Central Life Insurance Company, and also President of the Law and Order League of Cincinnati.

Mrs. Jennie J. Evans. of Eiders Ridge, died yesterday at the residence of her brother J. W. Smith, of the wholesale grain firm of R. D. Elwood & Co., on South Hiland avenue at the age of 49 years. The funeral will occur Sunday from her late home.

Charlotte Benton. UTICA, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Charlotte Benton, aged about 70 years, died in Richfield Springs, yesterday, of heart disease. Mrs. Benton was a nicee of Napoleon Boneparte and the daughter of Joseph

Madame Rouher. PARIS, Dec. 28.—The death is announced of Mme. Bouher, widow of Eugene Rouher, Napoleon Ill.'s friend, adviser and minister.

#### capture of the conjackers is a fine feather in the cap of our "finest." SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON.

IP you waste time and energy coveting that which you have not you may see that which THE old folk smile when they see their son you have slip through your fingers.

THE electrical scales have very

THE snow lieth wherever it drifteth.

BRISTLING with points-The hair brush.

JUDGING from the long processions of furn

TWO PER CENT BONDS.

Not Relieve the Stringency.

to redeem the 41/2 per cents due next Ser

restors that there is every reason to

PRISONERS REMEMBERED.

and Mince Pies Like Freemen.

not allow Christmas to go by without remembering the prisoners in his charge.

There are over 60 prisoners in the jail, and, by order of the Prison Inspectors, on Warden

Rowland's suggestion, they were given a Christ

mas dinner of roast turkey, potatoes and mine

given as much as he or she could eat. Inspec

ing the turkey and cutting the pies. The price

Retire Him for the Public Good.

As a Governor is to be elected in New York

the interest of the Republican party, that

"Tom" Platt will see his way clear to vacat

the bosship or emigrate sometime within the

Weeding Out Old Hacks.

The next Congress will be notable for young members and for the absence of political backs

who have been given an asylum in Congress as a reward for long party service, or to remove

A Christmas Echo.

A merry Christmas to Dr. Dana, and may h

all other stuffing and cease to stuff his reader

THIS AND THAT.

Commentators Who Have Various Idea

About Timely Topics.

Boston He ald: With Bright's disease and

he guillotine staring him in the face, Murderer

Eyraud must think this world is all a fleeting

New York Herald: What does President

Harrison mean by the bungling conduct of the

Behring Sea controversy? Is it his purpose to

Buffalo, Express: Some of our coten

poraries are howling about the danger of a

Johnny (Bull) was at last about to get his gun

Indianapolis Journal: It is greatly to the credit of Judge Brown, the new member of the

Supreme Court, that most of the Democratic

editors of the country are not acquainted with

Cincinnati Enguirer: There is a woofu

should hasten his proclamation of war

unique specimen of the song and dance may

seems to have got in some pretty harmfu

New Yo k Herald: Senator Chandler im-

puting corruption in politics to a railroad cor-poration in New Hampshire is a truly edifying

spectacle. The coons of the Granite State will

probably next call a convention to denounce

Denver Times: The position taken by the

United States Government in the Behring Sea dispute must meet with the hearty approval of

great thing to have an American with a big A

Leadville Herald Democ at: A recent co

signment of wild animals arrived in New York recently, from the Orient. They were sent into

the interior. New York probably believes it

has a large enough menagerie in the shape of

Tammany Hall. The menagerle is at least ex-

Omaha World Herald: Owing to the laxity

of South Dakota's divorce laws, envious States

are attributing the increase of population to

the fact that unhappy married people are

young State now repudiates this unjust charge

by making an effort to have its laws amended

Philadelphia Record: The steel rall mills

of the country have failed to agree upon a plan

for limiting production and maintaining prices. This is fortunate. No owners of steel rail mills

are obliged to make rails and sell them at

loss; and the buyers of steel rails, seeing that the Government confines them to the home

market, are entitled to whatever advantage

Philadelphia Enquirer: Labruyere th

French Anarchist who boasted that he had

helped Padlewski, the murderer, to escape, has been sent to jail for 13 months, and Mme.

Duquercy, his accomplice, for two mouths. They got off easily, but hereafter, when engaged in that kind of business, will probably

ever, is never happy unless the world knows of

Minneapolis Tribune: Democratic paper

are trying to make their readers believe tha

all right enough; the character of its popula

Cincinnati Commercial Gasette: There is a tendency to apply English names to things. As

yet it has not become very noticeable, but if it becomes a fad, as it may, it will not be long be-

fore the plain, every-day American names for things will be supplanted by typical English

names. Stores are already "shops," wearings will be called "knocked up, you know," and

there are now half a dozen gentlemen's fur

nishing stores down town that hang out signs

with "haberdasher" painted on them. The old

tion naturally makes it so.

keep quiet. Your genuine Anarchis

taking refuge within its boundarie

South Dakota is going right ahead.

may result from compatition

every patriotic citizen of this country

at the head of the State Department.

crank after all." For a harml

England.

work, however,

chicken stealing.

pensive enough.

force us into a war with Great Britain

Sehring Sea war as if they really belie

with political chestnuts, howsoever hot.

them from the field of active politics.

out ten months hence, it is to be hoped, in

them was able to do it justice.

next five or six weeks.

Pawtucket Telegram, Dem.]

St. Louis Republic Dem 1

show, to man's illusion given,

St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Rep. ]

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.-Warden John J

owland, of the Delaware county prison, did

They Feasted on Roast Turkey, Pote

Philadelphia Press, Rep. ]

homestretch. It has lived and prespered-grown strong with years, brilliant with age How many who were cradled when it was in its swaddling clothes are here to see it make the running to the finish? One hundred years going, a century shifting, a volume of the world's greatest and grandest history closing Its record should be writ with a diamond per on leaves of silver bound in covers of gold. The nightiest mind can scarce grasp its grandeur, nor the most retentive memory carry one bousandth part of the treasures it bas droppe along the highways and byways which cut You, and perhaps you, too, will live to see it die-live to hear its praises sung, to get a peep at the long scroll on which someone, many, will try to inscribe the deeds of the years. You, and perhaps you, will have secured the Secret which those who attend the purial of the century will still be seeking. They will be nearer the solution, of course, but it will doubtless come to them as it came to you-in The Sleep. But now, while the century is slipping from the cipher to the "one box," as the printer would say-sliding into its last decade, weaving the ast strand in the rope which will stretch further than a lifetime—you can look over the chapters if not the leaves and make up your own roll of honor to lay at the feet of the tot ering bearer of the last figure which means nothing or a great deal. Take time and think t over. You will surely be amazed. When ou turn over the new leaf next week you will cel like filing away the decades—the old volumes-and carefully clipping out the days which will complete the scrap book of the cer tury, which, I sincerely hope, you will live to

THE Nineteenth century is about entering the

HYPOERISY will cloak sins that even the mantle of charity will not cover WHEN trade goes into a decline business to

the only lymph which can be applied.

You can let the dust and the cobwebs settle on your wine, but if you allow them to settle on your books your brain will become moldy. Does your hat fit you yet? You can safely assume that the one who gave

THE doctor soon learns to distinguish from he peculiar sounds of his door nell whether the manipulator is filled with hope or fear. The heartbeats are recorded on the brassy little

you a present is of a yielding nature.

The Thorn in the Rose. Twas the morn after Christmas, when all thro' Lay foolish young men with their head in their

Who made a firm vow, when they felt a sharp That from the red wine they'd in future ab-With a tear in their eye, and a coat on their

tongue, In the height of despair to the pillows they clung. While the bed underneath them spun like a top, And the ceiling above was preparing to drop. In their heads little imps were dancing a clog, Their brains thumped as if they had broken cog:

They felt very thirsty-imagined their mouth Had passed thro' a season of terrible drought; In this awful plight they believed if they'd try They could drink from a river until it was dry. Still they suffered in silence and clung to the

Knew they were alive, but wished they were But after awhile, when the room spun no more, They were able to gather the clothes from the floor; After laboring hard they managed to dress,

But the hat on their head they scarcely What they saw in the glass completed their And they there and then vowed to turn over But, alas! for the pledges produced under

Ere these died on their lips they were at it PAST follies are more painful to recall than

ast sorrows. Ir you lose your head you as you recover your senses.

THE prosperous oil producer is well satisfied. especially if the market is going his way. WINTER guests-Coughs, fevers, rheuma-

You cannot figure out the price of the overcoat by the height of the collar. Nor for many years has such white looking now covered the streets of this coal dusted

city as that of yesterday morning. Di ation soon set in, however, A WELL bred dog will seldom act like a cur-Ir's the trifles that upset us every day, not

he great big boulders.

THE man who lives beyond his means doe not mean well. ANOTHER 700-pound gasser has come in. Will our jealous neighbors down East please

make a note of this? THE policeman is always on top of the man SPORTING notes-The dollar bills in the

pocket of a gambler. CHRISTMAS very much resembled Sunday with the lid off. AFTER pulling at the bottle the inebriate is

asually pulled in. In overcrowded, king-ridden and poverty cursed Europe the starving toilers are crying for bread or work. In broad-acred, peopleruled, prosperous America the employer is short-handed and the toiler well-fed. The Re-

public is not a failure, by any means. THE costliest and newest gloves are always well fingered.

How to Win Appreciat The citizen who lives aright, And would keep his mem'ry green. Should in between the morn and night Keep his front pavement clean.

THIS is the season when the industrious or espondents all over the land scour their terri-ory for crime. You will go astray if you imhan it was yesterday.

iscomforts of penury. IF you drop into a reverie you generally lose

SAVE the pennies and you will escape the

PARNELL says he never expected to win, This is equivalent to a confession that he beeves in the rule or ruin policy. A TRYING ordeal-Fitting a dress.

You never discharge the cook for giving you roast, especially a good one.

New Mexico was refused admission as a State Two is company and three is a crowd even in because it is Democratic. In support of this assertion they cite the fact that its population is larger than that of Montana, Idaho or Wyoming. They studiously ignore the fact A CONNECTICUT widower who suicided lett this note: "Left alone in the world with three that the bulk of that population is made up of small children." He was an abject coward, else he would have lived to take care of them greasers and halfbreeds. But it is Democratic

VERY bad policy-The 4-11-44 game. THE Eastern syndicate which wants Western

Pennsylvanians to go into the sheep raising business again may be trying to pull the wool over the grangers' eyes. ACCORDING to Parnell the coercion club can

be swung both ways in Erin. PITTSBURG'S police have found what the New York Vidocqs have been looking for. The names are good enough.

### THE TOPICAL TALKER.

No Wonder the Plano Lost Tone. For some time past a grand plane in an East End house has shown signs of indisposition. Certain chords invariably sounded dull when OPTICIANS as well as stove men deal in eyes truck, and the brilliancy of tone which had een sold at a very high figure with the maker's

THE pen is undoubtedly mightler than the sword at the seat of the Indian war. name had disappeared. But nobody attributed the decadence of the instrument to anything but a little too much use perhaps. A surprise Ir Congress could only be gagged so it would was in store for them. The other night the household and a few hoke to death the country would be a winner. guests were assembled in the music room. On

of them, a lady of great ability as a planist, sat down at the instrument and began to play. The muffled effect was more noticeable than ever. Somebody suggested that an inquest be held on the piano. Then one of the ladies without more ado lifted the cover of the piano ire vans on the streets and the long lists of and—well, there was a panic,

A big rat jumped out from among the strings narriage licenses Copid must be doing a fine and galloped across the room. It escaped, of course, for everybody was too much astonished to attack it; there were screams and a great leaping upon chairs. When everybody leaping upon chairs. When everybody cooled down the inquest proceeded. It was found that the rat had made a comfortable PRESENCE of mind is a gift of the will, and WILLIE WINKLE. nest of paper among the wires. The rat evi-dently had a keen sense of the fitness of taings as well as a love for music, for its nest was found to be made of selections from Beethseveral Reasons Why it is Wanted but Will oven's sonatas, with a few scraps of Chopin There was not a trace of "Annie Rooney" or comic opera in the nest. How the rat got Under these circumstances we believe a 2 per there, why it stayed there and what the effect of a musical training upon the rat is likely to cent bond would sell as well as a 3 per cent ound in 1881. It would enable the Government be, are still unanswered questions,

ber, even if the national revenue is affected by Lost in Allegheny. the current business stringency, and to con Two broken-spirited mules were dragging tinue the redemption of the outstanding 4 per Troy Hill car up the Sixth street approach to the Suspension bridge through the snow storm which made the close of Christmas day too oldcents. A 2 per cent bond at par would also furnish a safe and economical basis for bank currency." Its existence would perceptibly reduce the rate 2t which States and municipalifashioned if anything for those who had to go out. At the toll-house a little gray-haired ties can borrow—a great public economy.

These are all valuable results to secure from pinched-up man with a weak mouth and a strong breath entered the car. Perhaps it a 2 per cent bond. It would cost the Govern would be more accurate to say that he fell into ent nothing to authorize these bonds, and its the car. He got a seat and snored and hicprofit would be great if it sold at par. The savings of the million are so enormous and percoughed all the way across the bridge. As the fect safety is demanded by so many small in said to a stout and cheerful man opposite: Scuse me, sir, does this c-c-car go to Pitts that a 2 per cent bond would both sell at par

burg ?" "No, sir-this car is going the other way and it's in Allegheny now." I wan'-t' go-t'-Pittsburg" said the little old

"Then you'd better get off the ear," said a young fellow with a flerce mustache, and the little old man arose and fell off the car. The last that was seen of him he was pursuing the car with uneven footsteps. If an old man with gray hair and a weak mouth is missing from his home in Pittaburg to-day the probabilities are that he may be found on Observatory or Troy Hill.

#### Chickens in the Soup.

Perhaps if you are in the habit of eating pie. Six large, fat turkeys were roasted and neals at the lunch counters about town you may have noticed that stewed chicken is one of the most popular dishes on the bill of fare. The tors William E. Williamson and Henry C. Snowden were at the jail, and assisted in care sopularity of the chicken after it is, so to speak in the soup, is not an astonishing thing when you consider how a long season of stewing will reduce the toughness of an elderly bird. It is oners enjoyed the repast, and every one of a toothsome dish, in this wintry weather partie darly, though it is likely to go beyond the reach of the lunch counter if the deep snor

> The other day I asked the proprietor of a odest restaurant where things are better than they look and everything, anyhow, is clean and wholesome, how much the popularity of stewed chicken taxed his resources. And how many chickens—courtesy demands that every bird should be called a chicken till proved guilty—do you suppose go into the pot at this single res-taurant in a day? From 20 to 45 daily was the average during November and the first weeks of this month.

### Politicians Find Christmas Costly.

A good slice of his income is what the aver age politician in office must give up for Christmas presents. It is not only in treating "the boys" to liquids and cigars whenever he meets them during the holiday week that he must spend many dollars, but for more substantial presents for influential men, the leaders of the ward, city, county or State, as his ambitions extend their range, his expenditures must be

This was impressed upon me a dozen times resterday afternoon as I encountered the trace of a county official's generosity in the shape of cigars, umbrellas and tician who now enjoys the bliss of seeing others in office told me that during his term of office as a high functionary in the county govnever got past Christmas an Year's without paying toll to the tune of at least \$500. "Since then," said he, "I believe these charming little tributes of the seaso have grown more expensive, and I question if tleman who now sets in the chair which I held down escaped as lightly as I did."

New Sealskins for Many. The dealers in furs have regarded the cold snap with calm complacency. The snow and frost came most opportunely for the furriers just long enough before Christmas to emphasize the appropriateness of seal garments, boas, muffs and other armor against the cold for

gnashing of teeth over the moribund condition of that ship subsidy bill. The President Christmas presents. The sale of furs in this At one of the most popular stores I was told yesterday that the business done this Christ-Denver Republican: The railroads are short of cars to transport the traffic of the country, and the people are short of dollars to carry on mas exceeded that of last year, afthough the sales on Wednesday—usually the largest in the the necessary business. Let us have more carrand more dollars as soon as possible. season-were smaller than on Christmas Eve. 1889. One very bad day of heavy rain in the Boston Globe: The Indian "Messiah" has week prior to Christ mas in 1889 had the effect of concentrating the business on the day bebeen arrested and found to be "only a harmless

### A Convenient Custom.

Very few clerks in the Pittsburg banks go out to dinner or lunch at midday now. It is not that they are emulating Succi or practicing economy. They eat their noon meal within precincts of the bank. The custom of serving the meal in the bank building has long een the custom in certain Old World banksnotably at Childs' Bank and Coutts' don-and it found favor in certain Eastern houses as lone as a quarter of a century ago The banks in Pittsburg have been falling into line in this regard steadily during the past five years, and now, I believe, nearly all the banks here serve their employes with a midday re-past—usually exceedingly good. The saving in ime and money which in the retention of the clerks within the bank all through the business day effects is said to be quite considerable Several manufacturing concerns have adopted the same plau.

#### Too Much Gun. Detroit Free Press. ]

The Indian is willing to take his chances with soldier's musket or carbine, knowing that they shoot all over the country, but when the boys get to work with # Hotehkiss or Gatling gun then the redskin takes a trip. The scream of a shell makes all his teeth sore, and when one bursts and lets a hundred bullets loose a once he can't tell which way to dodge.

#### The Postal Telegraph Cable Company have their 52 through wires at Cleveland, O., all under ground and in perfect working order.

Where They Ought to Be.

Practical Electricity.1

GRANDFATHER'S NEWSPAPER, See him sitting, reading, there, In his "Sleepy Hollow" chair: Through with passion's wear and tear, Angels mark him for their own

By their light, around him thrown, Till his hair has snow-white grown. You may know his blood runs slow, And the tide of life is low. By the way his pulse-beats go: By his trembling, withered hand, Whitened as the gray beach sand When the tide ebbs from the strand

And his voice, somehow, will bring Thoughts of instruments that ring Out of tune, with broken string. As he reads the columns through, Old as time, yet ever new.

He beholds the world go by-Men, whose one great orv is "I," Rushing, striving, till they die, Some for ciches, some for fame, Gaining both to leave—a nam Losing both to sink in shame.

There he reads some name, well knows Ever singo he knew his own, Ready for the graveyard stone, And he lays his paper by, Shakes his head, with half a sigh, And is napping presently.

—Corte Davis Henton in Wisconsin

### CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-Rabbits are so thick in the vicinity of Richmond, Mo., that the boys kill them wit

-To the Benedictine Order have belonged

43 popes, 200 cardinals, 600 archbishops, and more than 40,000 bishops, -Golf appears to be flourishing at Cambridge, England, for the University Club has just decided to expend £1,000 in building a new

ouse for the members. -John Slensby, Sr., of Milwaukee, is about 50 years old. His years are not troubling him so much as is the fact that his wife has left him. She was his sixth.

-Egbert Storer, of Norwich, Conn., who is reputed to be a descendant of Hendrik Hudson, the navigator, has a trunk which is said to have belonged to that pioneer. -A deacon of a Lakewood, N. J., church

on a recent Sunday shot a coon that took pos-

session of a tree in his back yard, and now the church wants to discipline him. -The old State Board of Emigration held its last meeting at Castle Garden, New York City, Tuesday, and discharged all its employes except Superintendent Jackson.

-The Aldermen of New York City Tues day passed the resolution permitting the New York and Long Island Rallroad Company to construct a tunnel under the East river.

-The noted buil in a china shop had a counterpart in Norfolk, Va., the other day, when a steer took possession of a clothing store, from which he was evicted with diffi-culty.

-A company has been organized in Chicago for the delivery of parcels and light-weight goods throughout the city and suburbs by means of bicycles. Articles of incorpora-tion have been applied for.

-The Indianapolis News says the new binder and reaper trust will, on January 1, discharge several thousand men from the factories and offices throughout the country, as their services will not be needed. -The four-masted barkentine Charles F.

Crocker has just been launched at Alameda, Cal. She is said to be the largest barkentine launched on the Pacific coast. She is 240 feet long and will ply between California and the Sandwich Islands. -Patrick McCabe, convicted of complic-

ity in the plot to blow up the Glasgow Gas Works in 1883, died Tuesday in prison at Perth. He had been insane for two years. McCabe's friends allege his death was due to the gruelty of the keepers of the prison. -There was a decided earthquake shock at Knoxville, Tenn., Tuesday morning about 6 o'clock. Persons from the surrounding country

report the shock so severe that houses were shaken and dishes rattled. Many persons at Knexville were aroused from sleep and much startled. startled. -Fairfield, Freestone county, Texas, is stricken with a mysterious disease. The Gov.

ernor was appealed to Tuesday, by telegraph, for medical aid. The sickness broke out suddenly and out of 18 cases 11 deaths have occured. It buffles medical skill and kills in a few hours. -A Maine lady who lately celebrated her one hundredth birthday tells how her mother

taught her to write on birch bark. The chil-dren of those days is their wildest dreams could hardly have imarined the advantages and luxuries that the little folks of to-day take as a matter of course. -Frank Ham, Captain of the steamer Kineo, and well known to the thousands who frequent Moosehead lake, Maine, every year, fatally shot himself a few days ago to escape being married to a respectable young woman of Greenville, to whom he wrote saying that he was unworthy of her.

per, says: Superintendent Niblock has just finished plowing his gardens. The weather is as warm as June, and haying is still in progress on many ranches. A cricket match and other sports are being arranged for Christmas Day. They are playing lawn tennis at Souris. -An example of a rare animal-cryptoprocta ferox-never exhibited alive in England

-A telegram from Medicine Hat, Winni-

rocta ferox—never exhibited alive in England until now, is to be seen at the London Zoological Gardens. It has the reputation of being one of the most feroclous and bloodthirsty of carnivorous animals. It is half-way between a cat and a genet, and inhabits Madagascar. -According to statistics just published, the average Parisian consumes during his life time 1,800 pounds of bread and 1,000 pounds of meat, and these he washes down with 57 barrels of wine, 400 litres of alcohol, about 100 litres of beer, and an equal quantity of cider. He also absorbs 11,160 ergs, 1,600 bounds of fish, 1,800 pounds of oil, 1,800 pounds of salt and 20,000 pounds of vegetables.

-It has long been the custom for the breweries in Chicago to pay for the saloon Hcenses of their poorer customers. A few days go the brewery syndicate decided to stop this and it was expected that 1,600 saloons would be closed. It was announced Tuesday, however, that an independent brewery, with a prospective capital of \$1,000.000, is being established and it

will pay the licenses of its cu -While Miss Dunson, of Plainfield, N. J., was on her way to New York a few days ago, to make a last inspection of her wedding trousseau, she received probably fatal injuries by being run over while endeavoring to alight from the train. She was taken to New York in an ambulance, and at her bedside Rev. Mr. Stafford performed the ceremony by which sh and James Paisley Long were wedded. -The cow tree, the sap of which closely

resembles milk, is a native of South and Central America. It is a species of evergreen, and grows only in mountain regions. A hole bored the wood, or even a wound made in the bark of this remarkable tree, is almost immediately filled with a lacteal-like fluid. Alexander von Humboldt was the first traveler to describ this tree and bring it to the notice of Eq -Schiller, Goethe and Lessing are about to be introduced in Constantinople. The Crown Prince of Meiningen, who has already earned some repute by his translations of German

some repute by his translations of German classics into modern Greek, will undertake the temporary management of the Greek Theater in the Turkish capital for the performance of Schiller's "Robbers," Lessing's "Emilia Ga-leotti," and other German dramas in modern ... The United States Government has purchased from the Trinity Church corporation in New York, the block of ground bor Christopher, Barrow, Greenwich and Washington streets. This ground will form the site for the new Appraiser's stores. The price to be paid is \$320,990 24. A clause in the contract provides that the Government may withdraw

from the purchase at any time before Februar -The contract for the building of the Ammen ram for the navy, which has been awarded to the Bath Iron Works, is a much greater undertaking than the two gunboats now under construction at Bath. Armed with a powerful ram, and provided only with rapid firing pieces, she is intended to engage and destroy her enemies by means of her powerful beak. Further to insure her fighting efficiency peak. Further to insure her fighting efficiency she is to be provided with water compartments which, on being filled, will sink her deck to-within a few feet of the surface of the water. This deck will be heavily armored, and will effectually prevent the ingress of any hostile shells. The ram is the design of Rear Admiral D. A. Ammen, United States Navy. It is calculated that one or two vessels of the Ammen type will effectually prevent the nessence of a type will effectually prevent the passage of a hostile fleet up New York Harbor. The ram must be completed two years after date of issuing of contract. She was authorized by Congress during the last session. She will cost in all a little over \$1,000,000.

### BITS OF HUMOR.

"What did your girl give you for Christ-"A hint." "And what did you give ber? "The shake." - Philadelphia Times.

The Visitor (viewing the new baby)-Do you think he is going to resemble his father?
The Mother-I shouldn't be surprised. He keeps ne up all night. - New York Sun. "I think Mary Pinkins is a real mean

thing." said one young woman to another.
"I don't see why?"
"Because, if she wasn't she'd come out from under the mistletoe and give some of the other girls a chance. "- Washington Past. A Congressman, fired with industrious vim,

Has quitted Columbia's clime, To find Dr. Koch and discover from him, if it's good for consumption of time. - Washington Star "I'm in a quandary for an appropriate

character in which to go to the New Yea An Eastern Kentucky man calls his wife "Old Lace," because she has ruined her health with a tig ht corset. - New York Herald, Hojack-An Italian astronomer reports that Veaus turns round but once a vent.

Mrs. Hojack.-Well dressed women must be very scarce where she lives.-Chicago Inter-Occus.

Teacher-What are the agricultural products of ireland?
Temmy-Potatoes and Irish buils, -Bufalo Bo-