IN SOCIETY'S DOMAIN.

of the Harvard Boys-Concert, Reception

and Banquet-Weddings and Other So-

Mandelin Clubs in Pittsburg caused a decided ripple among the fashionable circles and the

previous organization of a Harvard Club com-

posed of about 20 of the most prominent gen-tlemen of the city, graduates of that conserva-

Cert.
The audience was strictly a carriage assemb-

HANDEL'S BEAUTIFUL ORATORIO.

at Old City Hall.

comment of a well-known music lover as the members of the Mozart Club fluished the

chorus "For Unto Us a Chitd is Born," at the concert given last evening at Old City Hall. The occasion was the rendition of Handel's

nasterly and inspiring oratorio, "The Messiah,"

LITTLE MISSION WORKERS

Hold an Interesting Meeting in the Smith-

field Street M. E. Church.

the Pittsburg Conference held their annual

M. E. Church. There are in the Conference 40

1,100, and they were well represented at the

neeting. At the morning session, after music

ion was taken for lunch

and invocation, reports of the various Secre-taries were heard. During the year the sub-ordinate bands have raised for the mission

cause \$1.794 25, besides sanding many boxes co taining useful articles to foreign mission field At 12 o'clock intermission was taken for lunc

eon, which was served by the young ladies of the Smithfield Street Church.

continuation of the foreneon's programm Some time was devoted to hearing verbal a ports of the progress and condition of the different bands and societies. The rest of the time was given to music, recitations and di-logues by the children of the different bands.

A QUIET HOME WEDDING

Mr. James S. Henry and Miss Mary C. Rein

hart Married Last Night.

The wedding of Miss Mary C. Reinhart and

Mr. James S. Henry, the well-known newspaper

correspondent, occurred last evening. It was a home wedding, and very private, owing to the

recent death of the groom's mother. Rev. D.

lones, of the First M. P. Church, was the

officiating clergyman. The bride is the daugh-

ter of the well-known artist, Mr. J. McH. Rein-hart, and is herself of prominent artistic ten-dencies, a member of the School of Design. The young lady is tall and graceful, a bright brunette, and of winning manners. The groom is one of the brightest of the Washington cor-respondents, and deservedly neurolar among

Miss Maidie Siebenick Entertains.

concert was the dancing party given by Miss Maidie Siebenick, with her aunt, Mrs. Joseph

Brown, as chaperon, It was a large and brilliant assemblage of the younger society people that graced the home of Miss Siebenick, and, amid flowers and fragrance, bright lights and delightful music, danced the hours merrily away. Refreshments of the most delightful myder was a feature of the alexant buttle first

order were a feature of the elegant little affair.

A Southside Supper and Social.

The members of the Young People's Society

f Christian Endeavor, of the Southside Pres

Social Chatter.

MRS. C. L. MCCUTCHEON, of Neville stree

THE Allegbeny Cotillion will dance at th

MRS. NATHAN McDowell, of Fifth avenue.

THE first of the three Sewickley Assembly

MISS FLORA DIETRICH, of the Moorhead

MISS GERTIE HEMPHILL, of Sandusky

street, gave a tiddledy wink party last evening.

A CHILDREN'S party at Mrs. James Red-man's, in Crafton, will be a delightful affair

THE Sloan-Rankin wedding at Braddock to.

THE Chalfant reception at the Duquesn

Clubhouse to-night will probably be the biggest

THE second annual supper will be given in

the Buena Vista Street M. E. Church to-night.
An old-fashioned Methodist watch meeting will

A RECEPTION and tea party under the au-spices of St. Malachi's Total Abstinence So-

ciety at Lafayette Hall last evening was a suc-cessful and pleasant affair.

THE New Year's reception announced to be

given by Mrs. Judge Over, of Sewickley, is in-

stend to be given by Mrs. Chas. E. Cornelius, of

hat place, in honor of her niece, Miss Mary C.

THE Tuesday Night Euchre Club will me

this evening at the residence of Miss Elizabeth Graff, on Beatty street, East End. Card play-

ing will be dispensed with and games suitable

MISS MARY PAINTER, the sweet livel

daughter of Mrs. Park Painter, will be hostess

to a dancing party this evening. The music will be furnished by mandolins. The young hostess is spending vacation at home from her school at Pelham Manor, up the Hudson,

o New Year's Eve will be indulged in.

gave a euchre party last evening.

to-night.

vent of the season.

usher the New Year in.

Monongahela House this evening.

que, gives a "four o'clock" this afternoon

gave a very elegant dinner last evening.

palls will be given to-night at Choral Hall.

chool, was married vesterday to Mr. Kyle.

train for the capital

The Mission bands of the M. E. churches of

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PITTSHURG WEDNESDAY, DEC. St. 1890.

THE MOST PROSPEROUS YEAR. Standing at the last stage of the journey of 1890 and looking back at so much of the road as has been bounded by local industries and interests, the retrospect offers many favorable aspects. The propulsion of business to an increase of \$135,000,000 in the city of Pittsburg alone over the figure of the previous year, leading all previous records, is significant of the activities of this presperous region. But, more significant still has been the demonstrated stability of our industrial and mercantile undertakings through the late period of financial stringency which was so severely felt else-

The visible growth of the city during 1890 has been such as to require no comment. It is rather interesting to speculate in how far it will continue during the twelve mouths degree of doubt as to the future of the gas supply will give a temporary check to the execution of extensive plans, otherwise in view, is not unlikely. But, so long as the general business of the country is on a sale basis and inexhaustible coal remains in our hills as fuel for the workshop of the continent, the course of Pittsburg must inevitably be progressive with no intervening back-

Meanwhile, the rate of progress may be greatly accelerated by public spirit in the community. Between the city which helps itself through that concerted action of many which enables the seizure of large oppor tunities, and the city which is self-satisfied with such growth merely as results from the separate undertakings of the individuals who compose it, there is a wide difference. In the midst of the satisfaction which must b felt over the exhibit of 1890, it is still due to say that Pittsburg is yet far behind some other cities in the development of that cooperative energy which has proven elsewhere of immense value. The coming year promises to furnish channels in which the co-operating activities of the community may be felt beneficially for a long time to come. The problem of additional traffic facilities has been forced upon this region for years back by the natural growth of its business. Whether added means are to be had through new railroads or a canal to the ke, no one doubts that they are badly needed. This seems, indeed, to be the most vital want of the city at present. It remains to be seen whether the ample means and resources of the vast industrial interests concentrated here will be able to supply it either through the medium of local effort solely, or with the help of legislative countenance and substantial aid.

On the whole, the departing year, 1890, will take its place as the brightest and most prosperous so far in the history of the city. The one to come, if it is to take equal rank, may, however, call for broader plans and increased energies from all who are locally

NEXT YEAR'S EXPENSES.

Chiefs Bigelow and Elliot filed their re ports vesterday, which completes the municipal reports for this year. Most interest is penditures. Chief Elliott will likely get his appropriation without much discussion as he asks for but little more than for this year. Chief Bigelow may meet some opposition. But it is well to consider the opiects for which he wants the increased appropriation, before indulging any criticism. This city has been growing wonderfully, and its needs are constantly increasing. Not only are there new streets to be improved and cared for, but there is a popular demand for improvements on the old thoroughfares, and a better condition of things generally. Part of the money is wanted for the new park, of which good citizens are proud, and nearly onethird of the increase is for the purpose of getting the movement for free bridges to the Southside started. People are prope to criticise public expenditures, but if they will honestly consider the objects in this case, the criticism will mostly melt without | cerity. expression.

THE INDIAN OUTBREAK.

The conflict between the Indians of Big Foot's band and the United States soldiers under Major Wniteside-which was singularly reported at first as a complete surrender-seems to have inflamed all the discontented Indians, including even those who result will probably be a long and troublesome outbreak carrying the practical certainty of ravages by the Indians on frontier farms and an expensive war before the savages are subjugated with partial if not complete extermination. The signs that this trouble has originated

in neglect, if not actual fraud in the treatment of the Indians, are reinforced by the circumstances of this outbreak. The wellknown characteristics of Indian warfare prove that it could not have been intended by Big Foot's band to attack the troops when they offered to surrender. The Indians rarely attack four times their number unless with some remarkable advantage of position, and they never burden themselves and their squaws when they intend to fight, But in this case 150 Indians after beginning to surrender to 600 troops, while burdened by the presence of 250 squaws, suddenly broke out into a desperate fight. These circomstances, as the dispatches say, made it calculation shown in the preconcerted acts of Indian hostility. There is hardly any hardships and neglect in their minds, they concluded while they were being disarmed that they were going to be starved or im-

fighting than any other way. It is no less evident that the same feeling inspired the tresh revolt of the partially reconciled tribes as soon as the news of the conflict reached them.

There is no doubt that the Indian is bloodthirsty, savage and treacherous, and when he commences hostilities there is no course left but to crush him into subjugation. But only makes it more criminal when inefficient or corrupt Government agents fail to fulfil the agreements which the Government has undertaken or divert to their own profit the supplies which should be distributed among the wards of the nation. If the hostilities continue, every effort must be made to save the frontier from rapine and murder; but while that effort is going on the nation should remember that there is a fearful responsibility for those who have falsified the faith of the Government and left these savages without supplies enough to keep them from starvation.

It may be too late to rectify the error in this case; and our long record of dishonor and bad faith in dealing with the aborigines seems likely to be preserved in what will probably be the closing outbreak of that disappearing race. But the nation should have enough moral sense to call for a reckoning with the men whose official acts have produced the bloodshed

MONEY ON THE OTHER SIDE.

Some remarks on Senator Brice's course in the last campaign, which are intended to be laudatory, made by the Washington correspondent of that sometime independent, but now ultra Democratic paper, the Chicago Herald, have aroused the sarcasms of the equally ultra Republican organ, the Philadelphia Inquirer. There is decided food for sareasm in the vigorous attempt to exploit Senator Brice's abilities as a political leader, which by the statement of his Democratic admirer, consists of purchasing political prominence by drawing immense checks for campaign funds. There have been a good many statesmen of the same order; but the details which are given in this laudation of Senator Brice are almost as frank and refreshing as Colonel Elliot F. Shepard's disclosures on the other side of the house.

According to this eulogy of the organic stamp, an agreement was made with regard to the last campaign by Senator Brice, to come. That a close money market and a Oliver Payne and ex-Secretary Whitney, three eminent representatives of Democracy whose statesmanship lies in their bank accounts. It was to take care of Ohio, if the Congressional Committee took care of the rest of the Union. The way in which that pledge was redeemed is proudly pointed out by the Democratic journalist to have consisted of pouring money into the Ohio campaign. "I happen to know," it is averred, "that, in the McKinley district alone, Brice found it necessary to spend \$50,000. Throughout the State he must

have spent as much more." The idea that trying to win political campaigns by sheer weight of money denotes the highest rank of statesmanship, is fair food for the sharpest sarcasms of the Republican press, although we could wish that the criticisms of our esteemed cotemporary, the Philadelphia Inquirer, on it pot-and-kettle variety. We seem to remember that during the Delamater campaign-and more recently, indeedthere was talk of very large campaign funds on the Republican side; but the Inquirer did not deem it necessary to speak unfavorably on that feature of monetary politics. If it had attacked the idea of buying Republican success in Pennsylvania by means of money, its attack on the same feature in Brice's campaign would have had far more | requires more than the average instruction weight.

money in polltics from the Democratic side proves that the Democrats who have got into Mr. Warner of the county workhouse did, leadership by means of corporation backing an actual section of solid road from the maand superabundant millions, are tarad with exactly the same stick as the Republicans of the same order. A very satisfactory commentary on the exact value of that sort of politics is furnished by the fact that the very State where this trio of millionaire politicians poured out their money like water, was the one State where the Republicans most prominently held there own. And the district in which Senator Brice spent \$50,000 to defeat McKinley-a sum which carries with it the

clear imputation of a willingness to buy votes-the result was that Major McKinley actually reduced the normal Democratic majority of the district by some 1,500 votes. A very funny attempt to gain credit for Brice is made in the assertion that "he said taken in their estimates for next year's ex- a month before the election that he would send fourteen Democrats from his State instead of seven and seven Republicans instead of fourteen, and he kept his word to the letter." The fact is that it was known eight months before the election that, on the usual party vote, there would be this change in the Onio delegation by reason of the gerrymander. Brice's brilliant campaign expenditures did not gain a single Congressman for the Democrats over what was awarded them by the gerrymander. The tact that corporation Democracy was supreme in Ohio prevented that State from feeling the

> Millionaire statesmen are popular in their own parties because they furnish fatness for the professional politicians. As long as the organs continue to denounce the use of money by their opponents and to praise it on their own side, the public will be able to make a very correct estimate of their sin-

tidal wave which overflowed the rest of the

TOO MANY SUDDEN DEATHS:

Several features of the Coroner's report are worthy of careful consideration. In the first place, this official reports 200 more cases than last year, an increase in far greater ratio than that of the population. His recommendation that the overhead wires be abolished is pertinent in this conhad previously given in their adhesion. The nection, and the railroad crossing at grade might well be included as a producer of coroner's cases. It is instructive to note that while there were 28 cases of homicide during the year, there were no for years. Whether this neglect has any influence on the number of murders or not, it would still seem proper to mete out the extreme penalty occasionally. What the law has not done, however, the self-murderers have, no less than 21 persons having committed suicide by hanging during the year.

SUPPRESSED PATENTS. The appearance in the Eastern newspapers of intimations that a struggle is impending between the Western Union Telegraph Company and the Bell Telephone Company, as a result of the prospective entrance of the latter into the business of long distance telephoning, has several interesting phases. The prospect of a struggle between two an act of insanity utterly foreign to the cool gigantic corporations, each with an immense amount of water in its stocks that may be squeezed out by a sharp competition room for doubt that with the memory of past | is one feature. The respective merits of telegraphy and telephoning for the trans mission of news over long distances is an other. But as these features can be better prisoned, and that they would rather die judged, when they take definite shape, the

one feature that now deserves public attention is the !rank statement of what has been an open secret for years, that the competition between the telegraph and the long distance telephones has been postponed for years, by a contract of over ten years ago, in which the telephone patents were united and the telephone company bound itself not to enter into competition with the telegraph company, during the duration of the patents. Here we are confronted with an anomalous

result of our patent system. The foundation

of our patent laws lies in the policy of en-

couraging invention, in order that the people may get the benefit of new processes or ideas stimulated by that legislation. If thenew inventions are not put into operation the public gets no benefit and the purpose of the patent is defeated. Yet here we have a case not only of the more common sort, where the consolidation of patents is formed to build up a monopoly and prevent the public from receiving the benefit of competition between the rival patents, but of the sort which is less well known, where the control of the patents which render longdistance telephoning possible has been used to prevent long-distance telephoning from coming into operation, and thus to defeat the very purpose for which the patents are

granted. It would be an instructive subject of inquiry to learn how many other cases there are in which the control of patents, of great importance and convenience, has been used to prevent the patent from coming into use. The subject is a new one and has not received any especial investigation; but if it were probed, more of this practice might be shown than the public at large has any idea of. It has been a matter which sharp observers have noticed, that where a new patent would by its economy or superiority depreciate a large investment of capital in older processes, the owners of that capital are likely to be the highest bidders for the new patent, simply for the purposes of suppression. The consequence is that the exclusive privilege granted by our patent laws is sometimes employed to prevent the new process or article reaching the public so long as the patent is in force.

Of course such cases are the exceptions; but when the operation of our patent laws furnish exceptions which defeat the purposes for which patent laws are enacted, do not they prove the necessity of an amend-

INSTRUCTION IN ROAD BUILDING. An interesting sign of the way in which the improvement of highways has taken hold of the public mind is furnished by the offer of Lafayette College to give to one representative from each county in the State a course of free instruction in road building. When the road question stirs up the colleges it is certain to have forced itself upon the minds of the whole people,

But before concluding that a course of free instruction in road building at Latayette College will put the State in a position to build roads durably, it is hardly excessive caution to ask for some proof that Lafayette College knows so much about building highways that it is qualified to instruct the rest of the State. Has that educational institution built any highways which were a little less manifestly of the have defied the erosion and up? heavals of time? If not, what are its qualifications for the task it offers to undertake? The theories of road-building are at the disposal of any man who cares to invest the few dollars necessary to obtain the standard books on tha. subject, But the practical knowledge as to how durable roads can economically be built with the various kinds of materials and labor available in different districts, is something that afforded in colleges or books.

But it is true that this praise of the use of The most effective instruction in road building is given by the men who build, as terials close at hand and at a cost of less than a dollar per lineal foot.

> WE are pleased to observe that the New York Tribune, in connection with Mr. Roosevelt's remarks about the Four Hundred, is able to assure the public that its general ideas concerning that class are highly erroneous. It asserts that the dude of the caricatures and the ravages of Anglomania are both creations of the public imagination. If the esteemed Tribune can add to this a statement that the reported purchase in the marriages of New York heiresses of decayed European titles is without real existence we may yet conclude that there is a little genuine Americanism in the ranks of the alleged New York aristocracy after all.

EVERY report of Indians surrendering is followed by accounts of a serious pattle. And every time we are assured the Indians are whipped the loss to the regular army is larger. and the scene of the battle nearer civilization. Does this mean that the Indian war is really opened?

THE appearance of that report concerning the investigation of the silver bullion synd cate, that W. E. Curtis and Secretary Blaine may be discovered beneath the wood pile is interesting. If untrue, it may be taken as a measure of the desire of the Secretary's enemies in Congress and the Cabinet, to stick all possible knives into him. If true, it leaves no wonder that one of the Secretary's friends declares himself authorized to say that Mr. Blaine will under no circumstances accept the nomination of 1892.

THE Verestchagin art exhibition is one of the treats which the Carnegie building in Allegheny affords to the community. It also gives us a foretaste of what Pittsburg can enjoy when Mr. Carnegie's magnificent gift to Pittsburg takes material and architectural shape.

THE reports about Vice President Morton's position on the new "previous question" rule recall the familiar and proverbial rhyme He will and he won't, and no less clearly he'll be d-d whether he does or don't.

WHEN Mr. Gould declared that Charles Francis Adams had managed the Union Pacific Railroad in a way that set at defiance all the precedents of railway practice, it was supposed that he referred to Mr. Adams' pernicious practice of building up the value of the prop without reference to stock manipulations. But a new detail has been added by an article about Mr. Adams' private car. It is discovered that judicial hangings, as there have not been Mr. Adams permitted to be prominently posted up in that vehicle the motto, "God Hates a

THAT new reaper and binder combination is going to illustrate the way in which it benefits the people and does not restrict production by discharging several thousand employes on January 1.

THE Signal Service people have got on very well with their predictions during the recent stormy period. With the exception of that day last week when the bureau's morning prediction was for warmer weather and in the afternoon threw out the cold wave flag, it has correctly foreshadowed the changes of the weather. As on that day it predicted the both kinds of weather, it was bound to come right, But in that case it made a narrow shave of not getting on the right side soon enough,

inal ingenuity of some New York economist, who propped up the flat roof of a big building

An Ohio judge holds that one railroad may not prevent another being built by occupying the ground with switches and side tracks. as the duty it owes the public in the comme carrying of freight and passengers, and he rules that another railroad may take and occupy any property not needed for This is, no doubt, the real spirit of the law, but it is a truthful interpretation that will make a

LONDON seems to be getting the fact forced in upon its densely conservative mind that it will not do to place too firm a faith in the fire apparatus of half a century ago.

good many corporations squeal.

IT is painful to observe in an editorial of "the mature skater's woes" in the New York Morning Journal an assertion that when the mature skater falls down and tries to get up again "he hooks the toes of his skates together and falls on his nose." This indicates that the mature skater in the longitude of New York the fading picture. Of course, many have must be an antique. In this section the mature must be an antique. In this section the mature skaters discarded that antediluvian pattern of skates which are capable of hooking together when they were still young.

sage is sent in duplicate copies for each branch of Councils may ensure its reaching both

THE good advices is given to the Senate by that ultra Republican organ, the New York Press, to "stop talking and do something" b passing such measures as the bankruptcy and copyright bills. But if the esteemed Press wants our legislators to give measures for the public welfare priority over those for partisan advantage, it will have to advocate a nev kind of politics.

IF the Ohio gas field is petering out, as eems to be, even more decisively than the Pennsylvania field, it will make it necessary for the numerous glass factories that have been located there to move themselves within closer reach of the cheap fuel supplied by Pennsylvania's coal.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE.

COUNTESS VON WALDERSEE, formerly an

American lady, presented Minister Phelps recently with a colored portrait of General Von PROF. WALTER BALENTINE, of the Maine

State College, will soon visit Western colleges to study the various systems of instruction in

THE German Kaiser rises every morning at He takes a cold shower bath, is shaved and shampooed, and by 7:30 is ready for breakfast with the Empress. GENERAL CASSIUS M. CLAY, who has been

seriously ill for some time at his home at White Hali, Ky., is convalescing. This is his first sickness in 40 years. PROF. Koch takes a horseback ride at 3 clock every afternoon. This is his only means of exercise, and by 4 o'clock he is back at his

work in the Hygienic Institute. M. JULIUS STEWART, the American artist, leads a happy life abroad. He spends spring on the Riviera, his summer cruising in his yacht, autumn in his chateau in Normandy and SENATOR SPOONER is a little man with a big

nead. He has made a national reputation in the Senate within a comparatively short time, and don't propose to allow himself to be thrust into the political refuse heap ve THE chief gown worn by the Austrian Em press is a straigh, black, plaited skirt with a bodice like a Swiss peasant's. Over this she

wears a loose jacket, which she changes three times a day, the material varying with the temerature. BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN GIBBON, nov commanding the Division of the Pacific, and General S. V. Benet, Chie. of Ordnance, will each the age limit during the coming year

General Benet retire: January 22 and General Sibbon April 20. MISS RAY FRANK is one of the few Jewesse who in recent times have preached in a syna ogue. On the Day of Atonement she spoke at spokane Falls, Wash, and so interested her earers that they decided to establish a per nanent congregation there.

MRS. GARFIELD is said to be overwhelm by her correspondence. Letters come to her from every part of the country and upon every conceivable tonic. Every communication she receives is given careful attention, and frequently a pleasant letter of some length is sent

MR. CALDER MARSHALL, R. A., has placed his resignation in the hands of the President of the Royal Academy, and will forthwith join the ranks of the "retired." He is the Nestor of the Royal Academy, having been elected 8 years before Mr. Hook, who now become the senior member of the academy.

PRINCE VICTOR, of Hohenlohe, has con leted the plaster east of the life-size statue of the Princess of Wales, subscribed for by English ladies. When the marble statue is fin ished it will be placed in the Royal College of Music. Prince Victor is said to have succeeded n producing a striking presentment of the Princess. She is reproduced in the doctor's cap and gown belonging to her Dublin musical de

IOWA FARMERS.

They Oppose the Force Bill and Ask Their Senators to Vote Against It. DES MOINES, IA., Dec. 30.-The farmers of Iowa, regardless of party lines, do not take kindly to the force bill. Carlisle Alliance Saturday passed a resolution in opposition to it, and asking the United States Senators from lowa to defeat the bill and save the nation's rights of franchise. This resolution fairly rep-

Probably Do Not Expect Anything.

Buffalo Express.]
It is announced that the New York and London committees on the Virginia State debt have definitely agreed on a plan which it is expected the Virginia Legislature will readily approve. The inference is that the creditors won't ask a cent. The Virginia Legislature s only about two-thirds as honest as the Ma hone Legislatures used to be.

Extra Healthful Occupation

Philadelphia Times. J "I know dual means twice, but what does "Probably that a French duelist lives twice is long as other people."

Going to Begin Over Again. hiladelphia Times.]

Gladstone has entered on his 82d year. Incidentally it may be noted that he lately purchased a second-hand copy of Cobbett's "Ad-vice to Young Men."

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Daniel Curray, Centenarian,

ESPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. LIMA, Dec. 30. - Daniel Curran, aged 108 years died at midnight at his home on North Jackson street, this city. He retained full possession of all his faculties to the last, and was the oldest person in Northwestern Ohlo, if not in the entire State. He leaves a brother in Bellefonte who is 100 years of age. He was born in Ireland, but had lived in this country 75 years, and in this city 35 years.

Judge John Mitchell. DES MOINES, IA., Dec. 30. -Judge John Mitchel ied at 1 o'clock yesterday, after a brief illness of syphoid pneumouia. He was born at Claremont, N. H., February 28, 1830, and located in this city in 1858, where he has since resided. He was a member of the Legislature in 1861-62, and Judge of the Circuit Court I2 years, beginning in 1889. He filled other offices with fidelity, and was greatly

B. B. Brashear.

B. B. Brashear, husband of Julia, and the venerable father of Prof. John A. Brashear, died yesterday in the 74th year of his age. Funeral yesterday in the 74th year of his age. George A. Brashear, 225 Sarah street, Southside, to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. Burial at Brownsville, Thursday, train leaving the Union depot, this city, at 7:25 o'clock A. M.

Ex-Judge Simon Wisdein EAST LIVEBPOOL, O., Dec. 30.—Ex-sudge Simon Wisdein, one of the oldest members of the Columbiana county bar, died suddenly to-day of heart disease, at his home in New Lisbon. He was a prominent Mason, and at one time represented this district in the State Senate.

ADBIAN, MICH., Dec. 30,—Rev. J. B. Walker, ecretary of the Board of Ministerial Education of the Methodist Protestant Church, and well thown throughout the denomination, is dead.

SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON.

THIS is the season for looking backward. Of

WHEN you hear of a person dying from over-

course, you look forward all the while. If you don't you ought. Some one a long while ago said that the people who have no history are happy. Well, if this is true Pittsburg should be happy. Nothing wonderful has been crowded into its history the past 12 months. No sorrows or saduess, no startling crimes or casualties have helped to make the year historic-redpered and progressed in a deliberate, perma nent, pleasant, matter-of-fact way. Fortune has smiled sweetly on this speck on the map of a great nation. The average memory can paint the dark side of ease and time, but the harvest was not above the average. The elements have been gentle—fire, flood and gale have come and gone, but neither the gaps made nor the wreckage left were unsightly nor monumental. But in the upward and enward line the city is full of memory marks—fine fingerboards along the road of the vanishing year. The old cronies who delight in comning over the story of the past, who figure out cycles by the world's calamities, who date a new era with a disaster, who punctuate periods with a blotch of blood or an epidemic, are surely at sea this time. They will have to date their memories with the figures chiseled by willing hands on the polished blocks occupying the place of honor on the facades reared by Commerce, from the driving of a spike in a bright strip of steel, from the razing of a landmark and the rearing of a business mart, from the disappear ance of a bare spot and the appearance of a happy cluster of homes-from the Is, not from the Was, from the joys, not from the sorrows, Happy, indeed, the people who can count their woes on the fingers of one hand and cover a broad tablet with the proceeds of prosperity. May the coming be bright as the going year.

AFTER you marry don't forget your best

LITTLE BAT, the scout who found Big Foot's and should be credited with a home run. IF you are prepared for the unexpected it

The newly formed Harvard Alumni tendered their guests a banquet at the Duquesne Club, for which the spacious dining room was artistically decorated. The banqueters numbered about 70 and the entire time between the close of the concert and the 3 o'clock train was consumed in feasting and toasts. The strangers, 30 in number, departed on the early train for Washington, D. C., where they give a concert to-night. THE Exposition gasser has sand, at all

Ir you want to find a warm wave go to the Gulf stream.

MARRIAGE means self-denial, and self-denial

In hot weather most of us are victims of the THE Chicago plan of breaking banks by run-

means happiness.

boodle is bound to create a panic wherever tried. Take Things Easy. If the winter winds feel raw, And it's breszy, Or if a baleful thaw Makes you sneezy,

Don't worry, fuss or bustle,

Don't fly around and hustle, Take it easy. If you run with all your might Breath gets wheezy, If you think that life's a fight You're uneasy. Don't sigh or borrow sorrow From the region of To-morrow,

Take it easy. THE opera glass is a friend of realism.

WE cannot marry a sister, you know, and burgers object to mating with Allegheny. WHEN Eve made the first bad play she was

THE Standard has gobbled all the tank ships. It has got most of the earth and it is after the

POLICEBEN are frequently cornered, thanks to rapid transit and business bustle.

Practice on the One.

Will frequently be caught Swearing o'er his ledger when He makes another naught. THE ripest fruit falls first and spoils soonest.

NEW YEAR'S DAY will be about nine and a quarter hours long, according to the astrono mers. The callers will doubtless measure it by the regulation twenty-four standard.

COURTROOM doors are frequently opened to

THE longest straw carries the lightest head WHAT will a steamship be called when it i

propelled by electricity? A WOMAN of note-Patti. WHEN there is a run on a snow bank the

snow always makes a deposit. BUILDERS frequently figure on a slate roof. It is natural for the girl who misses a dance to be hopping mad.

> The Weather's Fault, When the sun shines bright And caves are dripping, It's a common eight To see folk slipping.

THE boy with new gum boots always hunts A good farm is always furrowed with care. THE Indian war has at last reached the shoot

ing and scalping stage. The slaying has opened GRAIN has beards, but the honest farmers who raise them are the ones who get shaved. TALE love to your wife once in a while. It

recalls old times and pleases your best friend. BEFORE liberty is guaranteed the laws must THE young man proposes and the young maid

or the old man disposes. WHEN the hen accomplishes its object it makes such a fuss' about it that it is forced to lay another egg. Some people act just like

IF happiness could be bartered the world would be filled with people seeking it. JEALOUSY has sharpened more knives and pulled more triggers than honor, and with deadlier effect.

WHEN January ends you will see more day light. The days will be fifty minutes longer. THE more you try to hide your faults the more people talk about them.

THE tramp will hunt lodging but not work. WILLIE WINKLE.

A NOVEL WILL.

Several Pages of a Bank Ledger Offered for Probate in the Court. BALTIMORE, Dec. 30 .- In the Orphans' Court to-day C. C. Schriver, President of the Metro

politan Savings Bank, offered for probate as the last will and testament of Rebecca Powel the lass will and destand to the decar Fowell two pages cut from the bank ledger containing an entry in favor of Rebecca Powell, deceased, and Bishop Curtis, of Wilmington.

The entry provided that in the event of the death of Rebecca Powell all her money then in the bank should go to Bishop Curtis. At the hearing to-day the attorney for the bank and counsel for Bishop Curtis contended for the probate of the will. This was opposed by counsel for the brother and sister of Rebecca Powell. The Court refused to probate the will and granted time for the fling of a caveat. Rebecca Powell was a colored woman.

Punishment Fits the Crime New York Evening World,] Anybody who will spring spurious lymph o the market should be filled with it till he is as loggy as the frog of Calaveras county. There are some frauds toe vile for words.

THE TOPICAL TALKER.

A Round of Festivities Caused by the Visit Emulated Lot's Wife A colored man was cleaning the snow off a sign above a store on Wood street yesterday about mid-day. It was at the second story, and the porter had only a small ledge to stand upon The advent of the Harvard Glee, Banjo and while he removed the snow with a long shovel.

Naturally he concentrated his attention on
maintaining his balance and shoveling the
snow. Where the snow went or whom it hit was not his husiness. Consequently the pedes-

tlemen of the city, graduates of that conserva-tive university. The President of the new club is Mr. John H. Ricketson, and the Sec-retary G. Blair Painter. These gen-tiemen, with Henry Chalfant, constituted a committee for the reception and entertainment of the strangers who visited the city under the most flattering auspices, and were, by Messrs. Painter and Chalfant, escorted from the depot to the Duquesne Club House, and later in the evening to Carnegie Hall, where they gave a thoroughly enjoyable con-cert. trians had some narrow escapes. Finally a lady, dressed in a costly seal dolman bonnet, came along. A shovelful of snow came down as she was passing, and just grazed her nose and spattered the front of her sealskin. Instead or escaping as quickly as possible she stopped and looked up, and a nice mess of halfmelted snow with soot sauce hit her full in the face, drenched her shoulders and ruined her bonnet, It was unrighteous and deplorable, but the crowd which speedily collected laughed at the rains.

Looking Ahead.

The audience was strictly a carriage assemblage, and while evening dress did not prevail to the exclusion of handsome street costumes, it predominated and bonnets were in almost every instance removed.

The "Giees," with L. S. Thompson leader, opened the programme with "Cannibal Idyl," "Birding in the Linden Tree," and "Tom, Tom the Piper's Son," The Banjo Club under the leadership of G. L. Osgood, Jr., followed with a Scotch dance.

A Glee serenade, with the solo by Mr. Williams, awakened anew the applause that had greeted the previous members and which was continued for the college songs, "Catastrophe," "Mrs. Craign's Daughter," with Mr. Wendell for the sole part, and "Mulligan's Corps Cadets."

The Mandolin Club closed the first part of the programme with "In Old Madrid," and scored a signal success. R. T. Whitehouse is leader of the Mandolin Club. Part second was composed of popular selections by the three clubs, and was closed with "Fair Harvard."

An informal reception was given the young gentlemen at the conclusion of the entertainment, by the patronesses of the affair, Mrs. J. W. Chalfan, Mrs. J. H. Ricketson, Mrs. M. W. Watson, Mrs. A. E. W. Painter, Mrs. C. L. Flizhugh, Mrs. H. K. Porter, Mrs. M. K. Moorhead, Mrs. W. G. Park, Mrs. George W. Dilworth, Mrs. Wynn R. Sewell, Mrs. J. B. Oliver and Mrs. Harry Darlington.

The newly formed Harvard Alumni tendered their guests a banquet at the Duquespe Club, for which the spacious dining room was artistically declined the second statistics. Early the other morning a newly-married man arrived home in a state of mild inebriation His wife beheld his irregular progress up the stairs, and was alarmed. She had no acquaintance with such phenomens

"George," she said, "what is the matter ou are ill. I know?" By that time he had reached the landing out side his bedroom door where his wife stood. "Shall I send for a doctor, George?" sb asked, as she took him by the arm and steadied

"N-n-no, my d-d-dear, I don' wan' a doctor. but if," and he waved his hand, "these s-symp toms don' change may s-s-send f-for a snake charmer!"

Senator Quay is in good health no matter what some people may say. A party of Pitts-burgers visited him yesterday morning at his home in Beaver, and I have their word for it that he is well and in good spirits. He will be in Pittsburg to-morrow night and will go on to Washington probably on Friday morning.

Among those who visited Senator Quay yes erday were Chief Brown, of the Department of Public Safety; U. S. Immigration Commissioner Layton and Mr. Dovey, the K. of L. leader. It is tolerably certain that the general politica situation was discussed, and while the exact words of Senator Quay cannot be given, it may be stated that he thinks the Cloture and Elec tion bills will both be passed.

The Messiah Rendered by the Mozart Club

Under Cover, So to Speak. "Mackintosh and boots are a blessing to the man of narrow means," said a victim of per "That was never sung with more spirit nor with greater perfection," was the enthusiastic

petual financial stringency yesterday.
"Why?" "They cover a multitude of deficiencies one's attire," was the reply. "If they could be worn in summer a man might easily dispense with the rest of his clothes. In the winter a man can wear the shabblest of clothes, wind muffler around his throat in lieu of collar and masterly and inspiring oratorio, "The Messiah." by Pittsburg's successful musical organization as given at its second concert in this, its thirteenth season of uninterrupted prosperity and ever-increasing popularity under the skillful direction of Prof. James P. McCollum. The soloists were Mrs. Genevra Johnstone-Bishop, the celebrated Chicago soprano; Miss Margaret P. Frazer, whose beautiful contraits never fails to win appreciation, Harry B. Brockett, whose reputation as a tenor is well known in this city and elsewhere, and John A. Strouss, who is the possessor of a bass voice of remarkable quality. tie, and with a mackintosh and a pair of boots, defy the world to say that he is not well dressed. I invested in a mackintosh solely for economi-cal reasons. My clothes are good enough for office use but nothing more; they are not shape for public exhibition. I am a victim of the prevailing monetary tightness, and I got the mackintosh and boots to cover defects I couldn't afford to remedy."

Snow and Sarcasm.

Over in Allegheny the snow lies in great drifts, and the city apparently is making no attempt to clean the streets. A prominent Pittsburg official remarked to me, as we dodged the glaciers and crevices on Federal street yesterday, that Pittsburg's policy of carting away the snow prevented such a deplorable condition of the side walks in the larger city.

who is the possessor of a bass voice of remarkable quality.

Almost all the space in the large hall was occupied by representative people of the two cities and their suburbs, and from the liberal manner in which the applause was given each performance, it may be taken by a privilege broader than inference that the renditions of the intricate and difficult parts of Handel's great work were satisfactory and beyond the reach of criticism otherwise than technical. "When all the arrangements are perfected Pittsburg will not have any trouble with

to snow-except in a few streets, may be-when

"What do you mean?" "Simply that Mayor Gourley will not allow it

e gets the city into thorough running order.' A Rational Parrot.

cieties, with a total membership of about A parrot of tender years but singular discretion has been exhibiting something very like rational powers to his owners, who are Pittsourgers. From time to time lately he has been given small bones to pick—for parrots relish and need a liftle meat in winter time. After cleaning every scrap of meat off a bone Poll would make a plaything of it, and so accidentally one day he dropped it into his drinking dish, which was half full of coffee. The liquid ed the bone and the gristle attaching to it, and this Polly soon discovered. Now, whenever he gets a bone, his first operation is to drop it into the coffee, and there let it sook for a time. Lately, too, he has taken to trying similar experiments with the pebbles which are mixed with the sand on the bottom of his cage. Apparently, he thought the peobles would be ffected like the bones, and if a parrot can feel disgust he surely showed it in his puzzled air. then he discovered the pebbles remained

hard as ever. AMERICAN CHEMISTS MEET.

They Hold Their Second General Contion at Philadelphia. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.-The second ge eral meeting of the American Chemical Society opened here to-day at the University of

ennsylvania.

A large number of distinguished chemists from various parts of the country were pres ent. Several interesting papers were read, among them one by H. A. Weber, of Colum-bus, O., entitled "Note on Certain Reactions

COAL PRICES UNTOUCHED.

respondents, and deservedly popular among members of the newspaper profession.

Many handsome gifts were tendered the young couple, among them a valuable one from the groom's fellow carrespondents at Washing-ton. Mr. and Mrs. Henry departed on the 8:30 The Sales Agents Meet and Resolve to Re strict Production. One of the delightful sequels to the Harvard

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.-The coal sales agents net to-day, and, after a harmonious discussion of the situation, decided to restrict production for the month of January to 2,500,000 tons, but prices were left unchanged.
Another meeting will be held January lö to decide on the policy for the coming year.

Margaret Mather's Engagement Margaret Mather and her company, including

Mr. Otis Skinner, will be the attraction at the Bijou next week. On Monday and Tuesday nights she will present Mr. Young's translation of Jules Barbier's French drama, "Joan of byterian Church, gave their annual New Year supper and social last evening in the church parlors. The event was a pleasing success in Arc." Miss Mather essays the title role. The piece follows the old legend very closely. We have Joan as a girl in her village of Damremy, a victim of the assaults of maranders. The vision comes to her of the angels commanding her to go forth and save France, and one of the especially fine effects is in the third act, the taking of Orleans. The worshipers of good music will also not forget that Gounod, the great composer, wrote the incidental numbers, of which there are many. The rest of the week the repertoire will be as follows: Wednesday matinee and Saturday night, "As You Like It;" Wednesday night, Thursday night, and Saturday matinee, "Romeo and Juliet," and "Leah" Friday. The sale of seats commences this (Wednesday) morning, as to morrow is a holiday. All of the scenery, properties, and costumes used at the Fifth Avenue Theater in New York will be used here. Arc." Miss Mather essays the title role. The THE McConnell-Wilson wedding this even-MRS. SAMUEL C. WALKER, of Ridge ave Naw York will be used here.

> ashington Post.] There is one point on which the politicians all gree, and that is that the internal strife is all

Where the Politicians All Agree.

confined to the other party, THE OLD YEAR DIES. The dying old year pallid lies

Upon a bier beaped thick and high With faded roses and their thorns,

And some weep as they watch him die, And these are they to whom he gave Nights of sweet rest and happy morns, And, though they withered in their time, The roses with the fewest thorns. They weep in lear-his reign once o'er Such lovery flowers they'll find more.

With tearless eyes-longing to hear The joyful bells and merry shouts That half the happy young New Year, And these are those who 'mong his gifts But little joy unshaded found, To whom he never threw a rose That sharpest thorns did not surround, They walt in hope—his reign once o'er Such bitter thorns they'll find no more,

And some with sight just dimmed, and lips That show the coming of a smile, Look on him with regretful gaze
Their bearts untouched by grief the while,

And these are they who ofdark clouds And soushine have had equal share, Who for each care a gladness found, And with each thorn a rose most fair, They are content, his reign once o'er,
Of him who comes to ask no more,
—Margaret Etyage, CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

There are about 32,000 arrests each year

-Mr. Sudden is a photographer at Jeffer son City, Mo., who makes a specialty of instan -The cultivation of oysters along New

Hampshire's short coast line is about to be at-tempted by the State Fish Commission. -A Zanesville young man has perfected

an electric motor which, when started and the circuit shut off, will go till it wears ou -It is reported that Edison is now at work apon a patent appliance which will make the 'hello" girl in the telephone office a useless

-The snow in Cincinnati had the effect of burning out the motors of the cars on all the double trolley electric roads. The single trolley system is not affected.

-The Van Rensselser's family dining table, at which Washington, Lafayette and other dignitaries have dired, is owned in Akron by descendants of the Rensselaers.

-A social innovation in New York City is the "blue-ribbon invitation" to dinners, indi-cating (by a knot of blue ribbon in the lower left-nand corner) that wine will not be served. *-Dr. Bang, of Copenhagen, considers it probable that a large proportion of tubercular (scrofulous) affections of the cervical glands in children owe their infection to tuberculous

-The class yell of the young ladies of the freshman class of Colby University is stated to be as follows: "Co-ordination ha, ha, ha, tes-saras kai enenekonta dux femina facta, rab, rab, rab. -Ernest Meyer, a defaulting bookkeeper

of Cincinnati, having escaped from a consta-ble, had the impudence to telephone that fact to the authorities, after which he left for parts -The Pope has ordered the enlargement

of the reading rooms and other improvements in the Vatican. The new Leonine Library will soon be ready, and in it will be placed about 300,000 books. -The sale of fancy garters for New Year presents is reported to be heavy in the Northern and Eastern States. West and South not heard from, but the fad is likely to spread all over the Republic.

-The most expensive Legislature in the world is that of France, It costs annually about \$2,000,000. The Spanish Parliament costs \$250,000: the Italian, \$430,000; the Belgian, \$200,000; the Portuguese, \$150,000.

-A ring which General H. J. Hunt lost near Fairfax station, Va., during the war was recently found imbedded in the hoof of a coowned by a dairy farmer in that localit was returned to the owner in Washingto -A beggar's journal has been started in

Paris and meets with success. The cost of a number is 2 cents, and it contains articles on the best methods of pursuing the business and advertisements of use to those soliciting -A Cincinnati man has been entertaining himself by connecting a wire to the tele-

phone wire and listening to what passed over the wire. Friday night he got his line too close to the light wire, the result was a shock. He is no longer surious. -James Dick, of Canton, was run down by an engine; he laid flat on the track and as the engine backed over him he grasped the ec-centric rod. The engine was stopped and he was taken out none the worse, save that his black hair had turned perfectly white.

-Lake View, Me., a new village on Schoodic Lake, on the line of the Canadian Pacific, is one of the places that knows how to appreciate a railroad. June 1, 1889, it was a wilderness: now it has a spool factory nearly finished, a hotel, store and postoffice and several pretty cottages. -A "wild man of the woods" has been

discovered in the district near Rouen known as Petit Quevilly. This person lives in the forest by preference, and enjoys frosty weather, al-though he is in rags. He receives a pittance from his mother, which enables him to buy bread, meat and tobacco. -Certain New York firms have been trying good-looking women as bill collectors. So far the scheme has been unsuccessful. Three

of the women married inside a week, and four more are engaged, while the balance sympa-thize with the poor fellows who have run into debt, and have not collected a cent. -In speaking of the minute parasites which are found in the hairy part of a tiger's foot, a scientist says: "They constitute one of the most wenderful curiosities I know of in the animal world. The parasites are so small as to be almost invisible to the naked eye, and yez each is a perfect counterpart of the tiger."

-A large prairie wolf, said to have es caped from a circus a year ago, was shot by John McConnell, of Montgomery, N. Y., one night recently while it was making a meal of one of his fowls. One morning previous to this Mr. McConnell discovered the carcasses of 34 fowls, some of which had been partly eat -Maine not only sends Europe some of its best apples but is now exporting the perfume

of the rose. In the cargo of the steamer

Parisian that salled on Friday are nine large cases of "wild rose pot pourri" made by a cases of "wild rose pot pourri" made l Portland firm, largely of Maine wild r The perfume is sold in England, Spain, P gal and Australia. -Michael Woods, 35 years old, of Palmer, Mass., eloped the other day with a 15-year-old girl, and they were married. The girl's parents

swore out a warrant against Woods for abduc-tion, and the detective found him in bed smok-ing a pipe, while his bride was working in a mill for 71 cents a day. His romance was rounded out by a sentence of eight months in the house of correction. -The greater part of the original forest in Maine has been cut over, but people well ac quainted with the subject say there is as much land in trees or in clearings left to grow up to woods as at any time since the State was settled. A Dayton farmer is also quoted as saying that the logs which are cut in York county this winter are better and bigger than those cut 25 years ago, and that there is in the county m

es of woodland now, mostly small growth than there was 30 years ago. -It is announced that the New York Can cer Hospital, at Eighth avenue and One Hundred and Sixth street, will soon receive an ad-ditional sum amounting to \$40,000 from the estate of its founder, Mrs. George W. Cullum Mrs. Cullum was active in the organization o the hospital about seven years ago. By her will she left to it her Rincon Hill property in will she left to it her Rincon Hill property in San Francisco, and some land west of Central Park, near the hospital building. The entire bequest will amount to about \$175,000. The money previously received has been used to assist in the erection of buildings and the pur-

chase of their sites. -There are 184 towns in Maine that report no abandoned farms and 313 which have one or more apiece. The total number of such farms is given as 3,318 or an average of about 6% per town. The average number per town is largest in Oxford and Franklin counties, where it is 15 and 14 respectively, and smallest in Aroostook and Hancock, in each of which it is 2. The average in Androscognin is 8. The total acreage of these farms is 254,513 or 67 7-10 acre acreage of these farms is 29,505 or 97 PB acre per farm, and they are valued for taxation at \$1,268,769, an average of \$1.99 per acre. The largest acreage is in Oxford county—41,420, Somerset coming next with 31,249, Androscog-gin's proportion being 8,093.

OUR STATE WITS,

When relating a joke, though he be full of mirth.
The relator should try to retain it:
For, no matter how good, it deprives it of worth If the narrator has to explain it.

-Oll City Blissard

A household journal says: "The toothsome mince pie has quite a pedigree." We anew there was something in it mighty hard to digest, out never once suspected it was a pedigree. Jay Gould says "the big head is a terrible

disease." But as long as a man can get his hat on without a shoe horn-carrying several trunk lines in the crown of it at that—he needn't worry bout doctors. - Scranton Republican

If the Indians are now dancing they are Chambersburg Repository. "It's absurd to talk of the McKinley bill

raising the prices of dress goods, "
"Well, it does!"
"Not at all. I notice that ladies' evening tresses at least are as low as ever. "-Pulladete One of the geologists who are to meet to-

day in Washington is to read a paper on "Fossil Plants," and some persons will expect him to in-clude a few remarks about a famous unmotorable motor. - Philadelphia Ledger. A Chinaman who died recently at Portand, Ore., left an estate valued at \$300,000. This fact will serve to dissipate the popular faller that boiled shirts are unpopular in that region

The servant girl in New York who thought she could some tried it. She didn't soul but she is sore. - Philadelphia Call.