The Spanish German at the Painter Manslon -Debut of the Misses Chalfant-An Italian Veteran Remembered-Social Gossip of the Twin Cities. One of the most novel and elaborate, as well

as one of quaintest and prettiest events of the season, was the Spanish german given last evening by Miss Mary Painter, the charming little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Park Painter, at the family mansion on Ridge avenue.

The little guests having precedence in the use of the carriages, as they were scions of the Tamilies whose older memof the Tamilies whose older bers appeared at the Chaifant tion, began to arrive about 8 and after removing their outer garment

ushered into the handsome drawing room, and here greeted Miss Mary, who is enjoying thristmas vacation from her said is enjoying there greeted Miss Mary, who is enjoying Obristmas vacation from her school at Pelham Manor, on the Hudson. The little hostess, in a sweetly pretty, yet simple, gown of white silk, succeeded in making her young iriends feel at ease immediately, a difficult thing to accomplish, even by a much more experienced person, and consequently, as there was no restraint or stiffness to wear off, the enced person, and consequently, as there was no restraint or stiffness to wear off, the "good time" commenced at once.

The decorrations and music of mandelins, as did everything pertaining to the german, carried out the Spanish idea. The drawing room, after being crashed, was hung artistically with the Spanish colors of crimson and gold, and the favors were all suggestive of Spain. There were four favor cotillions danced, preceded by a tarietan figure, in which the red and gold was used. Tiny Spanish castanets and guitars were the favors for one cotillion, pretty little ribbon bows and rosettes of the colors of Spain, for another, and globes filled with checolate candies and cigarette holders containing cigarettes of checolate for still another, while cunning little gypsey kettles of brass, each bearing a number, were the favors for the final costilion. And the possessor of the lucky number among the misses received a handsome Spanish fan, and a silver Spanish stilletto was awarded the fortunate master.

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Refreshments were served in the billiard roum, and a mammoth floral globe occunied the center of the table out of compliment to Columbus, the famous Spaniard.

The guests were Misses Alice Tindle, Rebecca Darlington, Madeline Laughlin, Mary Laughlin, Amy Watson, Marguerette Singer, Patti Rogers, Bessie Long, Georgia Gurmley, Jeanette Childs, Mary Bell, Agnes Dickson, Mary Brown, Willa Forsythe, Mable Clark, Frances Oliver, Mary Milligan, Rama Husleton, Elizabeth Chambers, Lilla Clarkson, Bessy McBride, Amy Scott, Flossie Carnegie, Mary Le Moyne and Rosalind Smith, and Masters Raiph Albree, Arthur Bell, Oliver Chambers, George Collins, Carroll Fitzhugh, Willie Fercuson, Tom Jones, George Laughlin, Harry McCandless, Willie Dilworth, Charles Patterson, Oliver McClintock, Harry Robinson, Stuart Robinson, Eugene Messler, Douglas Stewart, Dallas Byers, Dick Suydan, Bedell Suydan, George McBride, John Ricketson, Harry Rogers, Marshall Bell, Kenneth Painter.

Take Their Places in Society. The coming-out reception of the Misses Annie and Eleanor Chalfant, daughters of John H. Chalfant, at the Duquesne Clubhouse last evening, was probably the largest social event of the season, and a wonderfully brilliant affair. The magnificent assembly-room of the clubhouse was beautifully decorated with trophies in the exotic line from the trophies in the exotic line from the tropics, and cut flowers filled the air with fragrance that mingled with the delightful strains of Toerge's orchestra. The guests represented the wealth and fashion of the twin cities, who welcomed the very charming and popular young ladies into the social world to which they are by birth and education thoroughly fitted to grace.

The young ladies were beautifully attired in becoming costumes of white, and were assisted in receiving by Mrs. Henry Fitzhugh, the bride, and Misses Stella Hays and Patit Laughlin, two recently debuted young ladies. The supper was served by the club chef and embraced everything delicious in season and out of sea-

A PRETTY HOME WEDDING.

Lillian M. McConnell.

the two young people were spoken at 5o'clock by Rev. S. B. McCormick, pastor of the Cen-tral Presbyterian Church. The bride was gowned in the customary white, which was very becoming to her brunette style of beauty, and without the assistance of any of her girl friends, with whom she is a decided favorite, she assumed the marital vows. The groom likewise was unattended by even the

likewise was unattended by even the policy of a best man.

The ceremony was witnessed by a limited number of guests, who had double congratulatory duty to perform, as the host and hostess were married the same evening 30 years ago. The newly married departed on an evening train for a visit to Ohio friends.

A VETERAN OF TWO WARS

Receives a Handsome Tribute From His Fellow Countrymen. Last evening Dr. Leonardo Nardyz, the popu

Allegheny to the veteran of two wars, Leonardo Nardyz, M. D., and ex-surgeon U. S. Army," Mr. Frank Ammon made the presentation on behalf of the Italian citizens.

THE FIRST ONE A SUCCESS.

Wealth and Beauty Turn Out in Force at the

Sewickley Assembly. The wealth and fashion of Sewickley asse bled in pretty little Choral Hall last night for the first of the three assemblies to be given there this season. The affair was elegant and enjoyable, as would naturally result from the enjoyable, as would naturally result from the selection of such patronesses as Mrs. Charles B. McVay, Mrs. D. Leet Wilson, Mrs. Darwin S. Wolcott, Mrs. Harry Irwin, Mrs. William L. Standish, Mrs. Edward B. Taylor, Mrs. Robert A. Franks, Mrs. Colin McF. Reed, Mrs. L. Halsey Williams, Mrs. William P. Snyder, Mrs. Arthur B. Starr, Mrs. E. L. Mudie.

The committee, who omitted nothing that would lend to the pleasure of the guests and success of the affair, consisted of Messrs. Darwin S. Wolcott, C. L. Doyle, C. McF. Reed, W. G. Mudie, J. M. Tate and R. P. Nevin, Jr.

large attendance of the Gub members and guests from other cities.

The Receiving Committee consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Lacrosse Cote, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Duff, Mr. and Mra. A. T. Rowand, and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Miller. The members of the Cotil-lon Committee were Messrs. James N. Cook, Oriando McElroy, S. M. Nease and F. K. Gray,

To Entertain a Baltimore Lady. Mrs. Nelson Perin, of Baltimore, a thoroughly cultivated and charming lady, who has many friends in the city, will be the guest, next week, of Mrs. Park Painter, of Hidge avenue. Several social affairs will be given in honor of Mrs. Perin, besides a large one that is being arranged for by Mrs. Painter. Notable among them is a luncheon by Mrs. J.A. Chambers, who is a warm personal friend of the coming guest.

MISS ELIZABETH GRAPF, of Beatty street, entertained the Wednesday Night Euchre Club last evening. The New Year received a me from the merry young folks. MRS. MORRIS SALLER, of Locust street, will

receive to-day, and will be assisted by Mrs. Samuel Reis and Miss Fanny Nicholson, of THE last of the Pittsburg Star Course series will be given at Old City Hall to-morrow even-ing. A very unique programme has been pre-

MRS. CHARLES LANE FITZHUGH will give a

THE cards for the Mrs. George Kelly recep-tion on Friday have been recalled owing to a

THE Cornelius reception takes place at 8 MISS AVOY entertained friends last evening. ASPECTS OF THE SKIES. OUR MAIL POUCH.

The Movements of the Planets During the ting a Well May Increase Pressure. Month of January-Stars of the First Magnitude Make a Good Showing-Aso the Editor of The Dispatch: In your issue of the 29th inst your correspondent, "Experience," wants to know "what effect a shot will have on the flow or pressure of gas." This will depend entirely on conditions, which shooting alone can determine. It is evident that the gas finds its way into the Exposition wall calls through the proper of ronomical Forecast for the Year. The sun rose this morning at 7:15, and will set at about 4:30, which makes the day almost nine and a quarter hours in length. The increase in the length of the day for the month will be 50 tions, which shooting alone can determine. It is evident that the gas finds its way into the Exposition well only through the pores of coarse sand or pebble rock, and the supply is consequently restricted and the pressure much diminished. It is also possible that a crevice of more or less capacity may exist in the vicinity of the drillhole in the gas rock, as it is well known to any one conversant with hard rock formations that such fractures exist. Such crevice may communicate with more or less intersecting crevices, connecting a considerable area. Now, if this crevice be so near that the force of a shot can shatter the partition of rock between the drillhole and the crevice, direct communication is then established, resulting in both greater pressure and greater output. This is the secret of all great oil and gas wells. It is simply not within the physics of the case that any large volume of either oil or gas should be driven simply through the pores of the stone. Where such conditions do not exist, or where the crevice is not reached if it does exist, no particular result is effected. Let "Experience" drill a hole into a sand-tone and insert therein a tight fitting pipe, then connect with a steam boiler having 199 pounds pressure. Now drill another hole into the stone within one foot or three feet of where the 190 pounds steam pressure is exerted and note the feeble action in the dry hole. Then break through the partition separating the holes and observe developments, H. NEIDIG, M. E. minutes, and at the month's close we shall have almost an hour of daylight added to the shortest day of the year at the winter solstice. The sun's declination is still far down in the southern section of the heavens, but his speed is an

Hazelwood Telephone Service.

plaints of subscribers; but it is also true that to

many of the same subscribers the telephone

has gradually become a nervous affliction be-cause of want of prompt service. The inci-dental obstruction through atmospheric causes are bad enough, but they do not provoke so

much as mability to get attention when the skies are clear. The habit of switching on and

SECOND AVENUE MANUFACTURER, PITTSBURG, Dec. 31.

Extra Charges on Express Deliveries.

A custom seems to prevail here on the part of

the express companies which is not generally found in other cities. When packages are

shipped by Adams Express to Pittsburg, with the charges prepaid, an additional charge is made upon the consignee here for delivery if he happen to reside in the East End. Whether

it is the same in regard to Allegheny, Law-

renceville or the Southside, I do not know. Considering that the majority of people do not live in what was formerly the old city, where the main offices of the company seem to be situated, it appears unreasonable that this extra tariff should be put upon them. At least a good many seems, a start of the whole the start of the start of the whole the start of the sta

tra tariff should be put upon them. At least a good many people suppose that when they prepay express charges to John Doe or Richard Roe, "Pittsburg," the company undertakes to deliver no matter where within the city the address of the consignee may happen to be, so long as it is within the city limits. The matter has come under very general notice and attracted more than usual attention during the big business of delivery through the holidays.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 31.

J. D.

Can you or some reader inform me what were

he dimensions of the steamboat Diadem,

Captain Rogers, and Emma No. 1, Captain Maratta? I think they were built in the sixtles. PITTSBURG, Dec. 30. A SUBSCRIBER.

Death of Harriet Lane.

I can give this information. Harriet Lane

rean give this included in 1874. Her mutilated body was found Saturday, September II, 1875. T. R.

MUSIC TEACHERS' MEETING.

of the Piano.

"SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR.

PHILADELPHIA. Dec. 31.-The third day's

Teachers' Association was opened this morn-ing with an essay by Aaron R. Taylor on "Vocal Art." Mr. Taylor said that there is a difference

of opinion as to the advisability of allowing children to sing. They should not be allowed

to sing in public at an early age without having

had voice training. The essayist condemned

the average Sunday school singing as being

ruinous to the voice. No attempt should

reinous to the voice. No attempt should be made to train a boy's voice until after it changes. Teachers should insist upon baving pianos tuned to the French pitch. "Class Teaching—Piano" was the subject of the essay next presented by Constantine Sternberg. "The commonest argument," he said, "in favor of class teaching is that it fosters a rivalry that is stimulating to the pupil. Most all of our advanced music teachers think that the system of instruction as carried on is not a success. It is merely piano lessons and does not take in harmony. The world is replete with people who play instruments and sing, but they know nothing of the real science of music—its inner being and meaning."

At the conclusion of the reading of the paper, which called forth applause, President Wolsieffer said that the paper had been so complete that there should be no discussion on it. Exception was taken to this by Prof. Carter, but the audience expressed no inclination to differ with the chair, and the essay on "Tonic Sol Fa" was presented by Henry G. Thuuder. A musical recital followed, with Miss Sara A. Shearer

with the chart, and the seasy of Tolko was presented by Henry G. Thauder. A musical recital followed, with Miss Sara A. Shearer as vocal soloist, Michael Cohen, piano soloist, and Hyman Cohen, violin soloist.

A Quiet New Year Wedding

The wedding of John I. Rankin, a former

iamsport, Pa., takes place this evening at 7 o'clock at the Westfall residence in Williams-

port. As the family of the bride-elect were also formerly of this place

also formerly of this place numerous Pitts-burgers will be in attendance at the wedding. After a brief jaunt in the East the happy couple will locate at Wilmerding, their future

THE PLAYS TO COME.

THE American Extravaganza Company's big

spectacular production, "The Crystal Silpper," which will be seen at the Duquesne Theater text Monday night, is said to be quite different

from the piece presented here two years ago, When "The Crystal Slipper" was revived at

when "the Crystal chipper was revived at the Chicago Opera House last summer, new scenery was painted for it, new costumes were designed and made, the librette was completely overhauled and the music newly written from

ne overture to the final strains of the orches tra. The popularity of "The Crystal Slipper" is attested by the fact, that although it had

been seen for 17 weeks in Chicago, since its re-

vival it has been given there 15 weeks longer, making a run of 32 weeks altogether, to uni

formly large business. The sale of seats be-

gins to-day.

At the Grand Opera House, that absorbing spectacular play, "Hands Across the Sea," is to be given in an effective manner next week. The play is susceptible of a large amount of scenic embellishment, and its managers are said to have been unsparing in their endeavors to provide an abundance of imposing scenery. Every set is pertinent to the intricate plot, and are as accorded as they are numerous. The rising of the

street in Paris, the interior of a gambling palace, a room in the Grand Hotel and the in

terior of the prison La Roquette, Paris, the deck of an Australian steamship, with a French

gunboat in chase, said by our exchanges to be

emarkably realistic.

To the Editor of The Dispatch:

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PITTSBURG, Dec. 30.

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The officials of telephone companies oubt a much harassed class by the small com-

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sun's declination is still far down in the southern section of the heavens, but his speed is an accelerating one, being more than three times as rapid when February opens as it is now. During the year there will be an annular eclipse of the sun in June and a partial eclipse in November, neither of which will be visible in our latitude.

The old moon is in the phase of last quarter on the 2d, the January moon not making its appearance until the loth, when it is almost at the extreme limit of its southern declination. The moon quarters on the 16th and becomes full on January 34.

Owing to the great difference in declination between the moon and the various planets, there are us very striking meetings for the months, although against the deep-blue background of the clear winter sky the brilliancy of the moon and the principal stars offers a picture well worth admiration. The first conjunction is with Mercury on the 16th, but as this is the day of new moon we cau see neither of the celestial bodies. Juniter receives the next visit, on the lith, but the difference of 4° in the declination separating the two spoils the tableau. Mars comes next, on the 14th, but here there is a still wider separation. On the 27th the last conjunction of the month occurs, with Saturn, three days after the full of the moon, the separation being the same as in the case of Jupiter.

Total Eclipses of the Moon. During the year there will be two total eclipse of the moon, one in May and the other in No

Jupiter is still evening star, but he will soon ose himself in the sun's light, and when next he appears it will be as morning star, so that our change to see the prince of planets is a skies are clear. The habit of switching on and switching off before messages are fully delivered is a frequent source of annoyance that might be remedied by more care. No later than last week a business man in the Hazelwood district was summoned up by a most important communication from his office in town, and, though a subscriber to several telephones, he was not only unable to get his answer back, but similarly failed when, by the courtesy of several neighbors, he was permitted to try theirs. Subscribers for the most part do not care to make complaints when petry disappointments are over and forgotten. For that reason occasional mention in the papers may help to promote good service and secure greater attention to all.

SECOND AVENUE MANUFACTURES. our change to see the prince of planets is a gradually decreasing one, as on February 18 he has the same right ascension as the sun. He will be greatly missed, as he has so long been such a superb object and so very prominent among the planets that nothing can at present replace him.

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Venus is out of the race. Mars is getting dimmer and dimmer, and Saturn, although gradually getting higher and higher in the Eastern skies, does not attempt to fill the place that Jupiter occupied. One consolation is that the diameter of the planet is at present decreasing, but when he next greets our view he will be larger and brighter than he is now, that he is about to disappear, when we can count once more on his being "a lamp dispelling irksome night."

Mars is getting so very small that his brilliant companion has drawn so far away from him that the great interest he afforded us has almost entirely gone, and we can only distinguish him by the peculiar reddish tinge that he always has. He is still an evening star and, although of little moment to the amateur, he is a source of theory and speculation to the scientists who see on his surface a network of lines connecting sea with sea, as well as snow and ice and the till more worderful

lines connecting sea with sea, as well as snow and ice and the still more wonderful canals. The right ascension of Mars on the 1st is 22 hours, 53 minutes, his declination is 7 degrees 59 minutes south, his diameter is six and two-tenths seconds, and he is the constellation of Aquarus.

Only With the Telescope.

Neptune is evening star, and, although in fine position for telescopic observation, being so high in altitude when he comes to our meridian, to the naked eye he is not visible and one can only find him by first picking out Alde-baran, which is no difficult task, as he comes climbing high up in the east soon after dark and then looks about four degrees, or about

and then looks about four degrees, or about eight times the width of the full moon, to the north and west. When found it might be as well to make a note of it for future reference. Neptune sets about 4:20 A. M., with the other stars of the constellation of Taurus.

About 10 o'clock Saturn appears above the eastern horizon, and, although technically a morning star, we have his soft light throughout the remainder of the night as the most prominent of the planets. He is increasing in size and is rising earlier and earlier each succeeding night, there being two hours difference in his time of rising between the first and the last days of the month, so that he will be continually increasing in interest.

Venus is once more a morning star, and the Western skies no longer can rejoice at her presence; but the golden galaxy of the opposite section of the heavens will contain the queen of the planets a little after 4 o'clock in the morning, when there is still enough darkness left to cause her wonderful brilliancy to be the more apparent. She will rise earlier every morning, shining with a peerless lustre that always makes her the most conspicuous of all the planets. It seems very strange that this planet takes 225 days to make one turn about the sun. We know her the most conspicuous of all the planets. It seems very strange that this planet takes 225 days to make one turn about the sun. We know ourselves the difference in warmth between day and night, and how large a part the sun plays in the changing temperature. To our minds it hardly seems possible that the fair planet can be inhabited; but if it should be, the interest in ascertaining what kind of beings could exist in eternal cold and darkness will cause a continuation of the investigations until the new theory is either proved or exploded. Mercury is avening star, and just at present he is visible to the naked eye, but will only be so favorably seen for a few days. If we look a little to the right of the sunset point, just after the sun has disappeared on a clear night, we can flud him, but he also sets I hour and 20 minutes after the sun, so we can see very little of him. He is in the constellation Ophiuchus, which contains no very bright stars to aid in distinguishing the planet, which very circumstance, however, renders Mercury all the more conspionous.

One of the Interesting Features. A transit of Mercury over the sun's disk

day 9, partly visible here, will form one of the most interesting features of the year and will be eagerly watched by professional astronom-ers, but to the amateur there will be nothing worthy of particular attention. If the planets have failed to be the attractions this month that they have proved in other months the stars of the first magnitude are quite plentiful and stud the sky most brilliantly until streaks of gray fret the clouds, the early messengers of approaching day. No celestial picture that contained the glorious constellation of Orion could be considered as lacking in beauty, and from twilight until dawn we can watch him could be considered as lacking in beauty, and from twilight until dawn we can watch him sweeping majestically across the heavenly vault in pursuit of the Bull, to which he is doomed never to get nearer. His belt of stars, burnished by the frosty dark, glitter and twinkle most brilliantly, his sword is fairly studded with diamonds, while the brilliant stars that mark the dimensions of his body are in themselves quite worthy of attention. Beyond him is the Charloteer and the starry Gemini; a line from the north star between the latter finds Procyon, while further south shines Strius the gem of all the stars, the most glorious twinkler of the heavens.

Looking south we find the mighty river Eridanus occupying nearly the whole space between the equator and the southern horizon. This constellation is one of the most ancient of the star groups, while the Pleiades that is in the opposite side of the heavens is about the most interesting. The bright and ruddy star Aldebaran is in the eye of Taurus, the Buil. This group is called the Hyades, from a Greek word signifying rain, the influence of these stars being considered showery.

Besides the Gemini in the east we have the Crab and the Lion. The Dipper is also prominent, with the end star of the handle so close to the horizon that it is not difficult to find it. In the west we find the inconspicuous zodiacal constellations of Pisces, below which is visible a part of Aquarius and above it the Ram. Andrameda and Pegasus are, howevor, the leading constellations in the west, while more to the northward is Cassiopeia, in which, with the aid of a telescope, hundreds and thousands of stars can be seen.

IT BECAME TOO POPULAR.

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Small Stove Anthracite Coal Has to Be Abandoned. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.—The Reading Coal and Iron Company has issued a circular notifying the trade that on and after January 1 the production of small stove coal will be discontinued, and that chestnut coal will thereby be improved in size and quality. All the operators have agreed to do the same, and therefore hereafter small stove coal will not be obtainable. The reason for this action, as stated by an official, was that the small stove size became immensely popular as soon as it was introduced by the Reading Company several years ago. It is a size between stove and chestnut. Consumers would have nothing but small stove, and the retailers being flooded with orders for it, they in turn made such large requests for it of the wholesalers that the latter demanded about five tons of small stove to one of any other kind from the collieries.

In order to protect themselves the collieries would seil but a limited amount of small stove unless orders were made at the same time for other sizes in proportion. This became such a nuisance that retailers and middlemen importuned the operators to discontinue its production, and the request has been granted." PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.-The Reading

To-DAY is the last day of the Gettysburg Dyclorama in Allegheny. It has been open Cyclorama in Alleghery. It has been open continuously for about five years, or to be exact, for 1,299 days, by far the longest run of any similar exhibition in the two cities. There ought to be crowds there to-day, as it is the last chance to see a wonderfully realistic pic-ture of the great battle. MISS MATHER'S impersonation of Joan of Arc

gins to-day.

will be an exceedingly interesting event at the Bijou next week. She will appear in the new play on Monday and Tuesday nights. The nex office sale began yesterday and reflects com-fortable assurance of popular support for Miss Mather.

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-There are nearly 25,000 school teacher -There are six Siamese students at West-

ninster College, a small institution at New Vilmington, Pa. -The Yale Museum has just received a

skeleton of a saurian, a prehistoric monster of which but two complete skeletons are known. -A significant educational tendency of the day is the increased interest in the study of history and politics at Johns Hopkins Uni-

-Quite a number of whisky wagons were in Cartersville, Ga., last week. It is not an un-common thing for whisky to be retailed on the public square there.

-The electric light of 20,000,000 candlepower in the lighthouse at Hanstholm, coast of Jutland, said to be the most powerful light in the world, is now lighted for service.

-The royal baron of beef placed on the Queen's table on Christmas Day was cut from a Devon ox fed on the Prince Consort's Shaw farm, Windsor. The joint weighed over 300

-The Pope has ordered the enlargement of the reading rooms and other improvements in the Vatican. The new Leonine Labrary will soon be ready, and in it will be placed about 300,000 books. -In Germany they are making coffee

from linseed meal roasted to a dark color and mixed with some glutinous substance before passing through machines which form it in the shape of beans. -Statistics show that in the most north

ern cities of Finland and Norway the annual mortality from tuberculosis is from 2.3 to 2.4 in 1,000 living inhabitants, while in Southern Italy it is but 1.7 in 1,000. -The Egyptian Government has decided to allow private persons to excavate antiquities on condition that half of what they discover goes to the museum, the latter having prior claim to any unique objects.

-A cow belonging to Mrs. M. E. Marin, of Lincolnton, Ga., went mad on Saturday last. The cow ran everybody off of the prem-iess, but she fell into a ditch and broke her neck before doing any damage.

-Electricity has been put to driving

drills. One is in use on the warship Maine, building at the Brooklyn navy yard. A three-quarter inch hole in a three-quarter inch plate can be drilled in less than a minute. -A large stone sarcophagus of the Romas

age has just been found close to the railway station of Hadra, in the suburbs of Alexan-dria. It is righly ornamented with soulpture, but is not sufficiently disinterred to be opened. -Sir John Lubbock sticks to the principle of his shop holiday scheme. He has reintro-duced his bill providing that when two-thirds of the shopkeepers in a defined district wish to take a weekly half-holiday, the remaining ene-third shall be compelled to do so.

-Earrings with drops are again to be een, but the drops are dainty and small. An exceedingly attractive pair of earrings consists of pear-shaped pearls pendant from a diamond. Thisties in diamonds, just the flower failing downward, afford pretty ear ornaments.

-The Australian cannibal has a discriminating taste. He does not like the flesh of a white man, because it is too salt. The flesh of the Chinese, whose food is chiefly rice and vesetables, is highly prized by him. The natives do not eat persons of their own tribe. —A wealthy Canadian is traveling about

the country with a mission. That mission is to save shoe leather to the world. He insists that if everyhody would cover three inches more at every step the saving in boots and shoes in America alone would be \$27,000,000 per year.

-The desk in which the manuscript of 'Waverley" lay neglected and almost forgotten, till Scott came upon it in looking for some tackle, has lately come into the possession of Mr. John Murray, Jr. It was given by Scott to Daniel Terry, and its history since that time is

-J. D. Carter, of Birmingham, Ala, who killed Rube Burrows, the Southern outlaw and train robber, has received \$1,000 of the \$2,500 offered by the railroad and express companies. The various State rewards have not been paid. Carter is a cripple for life from wounds re-ceived during the fight.

-The two young sons of R. R. Vandenark, who lives near Starrucca, Wayne county, Pa., told their mother, a few days ago, that ey had been playing with a black sheep. The only sheep that she knew of in the vicinity were white, so she proceeded to investigate. She found that their playmate bad been a black bear. Farmer Barnes, who was close at hand, was halled, and he killed bruin with two shots.

-Princess Wilhelmina has been proyoungest living sovereign except Alphonso XIII., King of Spain. The little Queen is a pretty and intelligent child of 10, who has been brought up with almost Spartan rigor by her conscientious mother. On one occasion when the two were driving together the horses took fright, ran away, and broke the carriage. As soon as another could be procured Queen Emma resumed her drive with the same horses. When a gentleman-in-waiting ventured to re-When a gentleman-in-waiting ventured to re-monstrate, lest the Princess should be fright-ened, her mother replied: "A future Queen must not know the meaning of fear. It is for that reason that we go on.

-Clubs composed of foreigners exist in all the big cities of the world. They are nearly all prosperous except in the city of New York. English clubs which have been founded there from time to time have failed, and the Canadian club found it necessary to throw off its restrictions on membership and admit other restrictions on membership and admit other persons than Canadians before it became suc-cessful. The French societies in New York have a very liberal percentage of American members, and the German clubs are all rapid-ly becoming American institutions. In Lon-don there are two clubs which are exclusively American in membership and management, and there are good English clubs in Berlin and

-One of the oldest houses on the New Jersey coast is that of Colonel Albert L. John-son, an ex-Confederate Kentuckian, who, after passing the better part of his lifetime far in and, found leisure in advancing years and came straight to the Atlantic coast that he might indulge a long-cherished passion for the might indulge a long-cherished passion for the sea. The house is close to the water at Bay Ridge. When approached from the land it appears to be a one-story structure set upon a hill, but once inside one finds that the front door is almost in the roof, and that below that part of the house visible from the landward side is story after story facing the sea. In fact, the house is built against a bluff, with only the roof and one story peeping above the hill. Thus almost every room in the house has a sea view, and is cooled in summer by the sea breeze. A powerful telescopa is one equipment of the place, and with this the owner is able to spy out every ship entering or departing from this harbor.

SMILE ONCE IN A WHILE.

It is unfortunate that publication should save been made of the fact that the sun is as large is thirteen hundred thousand earths. There will ow be men who will want the sun .-

McClammy-He's in the ante-room. Tomdik-That's just like Dinwiddle. If there's a poker game going on anywhere he can be de pended upon to find it. - Chicago Inter-Ocean. There is little comfort in the ruling that

Colonel Cutcheon-Didn't your wife ask ou to purchase a load of wood this morning? Major Smiles—Yes, but I compromised on a stack

Big Foot is in hoc. It may yet be found

nat he is a Chicago girl in disguise.

sot is pertinent to the intricate plot, and are as varied as they are numerous. The rising of the curtain discloses a charming picture of an English farm, followed in rapid succession by a street in Paris, the interior of a graphic.

Makes clear just what we shouldn't do: And gives us after viewing it The pleasure sweet of doing it.

- Washington Post

If the Government takes the control of telegraph lines out of the hands of companies, it will put a stop to the Co. operating principle in that industry.—Bufato Express. Sobbed Jill to Jack, mid matrimonial strife,

Tomdik-Where's Dinwiddie?

natural gas is dutiable. Voorhees obtains his sup-ply within the borders of the United States. -Minneapolis Tribune.

Uncle Sam is pretty liberal-minded in regard to names of towns and postoffices, but when the State of Washington bobbed up with: "Caughtajackassrabbithere" it was decided that

'Tis thus that earthly pleasures pass.
Let cold and carping cynics scoff
About the people who swear off.
Yet that is what gives life its cheer And welcome makes the coming year; For swearing off, 'tis plainly true

There will be both a Ketcham and Chestam in the next Congress, just as there are in this

"Curs't be the day when I became your wife."
"I am amazed," said Jack. "It is too bad
To curse the only happy day we've had."

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PITTSBURG, THURSDAY, JAN. 1, 1891.

The interesting youngster, 1891, is ushered upon this mundane sphere to-day with as fair prospects as ever attended the coming of any New Year this republic has seen. There is a condition of peace and prosperity through the land. No grave problem threatens imminent danger from any quarter. Capital finds profitable engagement in developing the immense resources of the country, and labor is better paid than usual, and with fewer causes or signs of discontent. The Statesmen and politicians, in their competition for public favor, are reduced to the st of showing which can offer best service to the country. No serious sectional or

rantably in the most roseate hopes for the voungster. But as the world grows older its activities increase immensely; and the trouble with our achievements are less-it is because the progressive nineteenth century indi- they are generally so much greater. vidual is that his time is all too short to accomplish all he would. Thus '91 is sure to be busier and to witness the accomplish-

ment of greater material things than any like period which went before. THE DISPATCH feels justified in conpects so far as they may be discerned from

and many returns!

DISAGREEABLE WEATHER. Last night's weather, in this glorious country, was a mixture of about all the unpleasant things imaginable. The fog was widespread, extending from the Mississippi river to the Allegheny mountains. In fact, it was reported crowding over on the Atiantic slope. There was rain during the day and a furious snowstorm was reported last night to be chasing the fog eastward.

Wires were worthless in much of the western country, and the electric currents were working badly in this so tion. High water, possibl; a flood stage, is in prostiect for the rivers unless the Western snowstorm shall soon arrive here accompanied by low enough temperature to freeze pensive and much-fought-over through up the trickling streams from the melting grain freights. They can much better afwith about as ugly a lot of weather as it saw during its entire course. This is saying n good bit, for the weather of last year was remarkable for its nastiness. We can cher-

ish the cheerful hope that nature will deal more kindly with us this year.

THE LICENSE OUESTION. Propositions to amend the Brooks law by licenses, and placing that work in the hands of a commission of some sort or other, are so | made on conservative prices; and the same abundant as to establish the inference that an amendment will be vigorously pressed at the coming session. If the change is to be made the idea of Senator Flinn, that the posion, part of which will be elective and part appointed by the court, is not without its merits. But the main question to be settled before deciding the details of the new commission is whether the change shall be made of transferring the granting of licenses

from the courts to a special body. On that issue there will be a wide and obstinate difference of opinion. It may be conceded that the Judges should be willing to be relieved of a task which is oporous and disagreeable at the

best, and which in the populous counties either over-burden them with work or e them to take the time from other and apportant judicial labors. But the judicial to railway precedents is illustrated by a tele-actitude being formed solely as to its gram from Portland, Ore., to the effect that bearing on the labors of the bench, it cannot be regarded as decisive as to whether the public purposes of a license court will be as

enrefully subserved by a commission as by the present method. The division of opinion at large is such as to present the issue, in the clearest way, so far as the primary phase is concerned. The fact that the propositions for the change come almost exclusively either from the political class which has affiliations with the liquor interests, or from the liquor interest themselves, together with the storm of complaints that arises on each appounce ment of liquor decisions, argues the under lying belief that a commission would exercise a greater liberality in the granting of licences than the judges do. The same be lief will doubtless inspire the opposition to the change, from the large class of our citizens who wish to see the liquor traffic kept under strict limitations, and who are firm in the belief that an arrangement which has

worked such changes as the present one has

is the best one to stick to. But while this primary phase impresses itself on every mind, it is worth while to remember that there is possibly a secondary phase which, for the interest of the public alone, should be given thorough consideration. All impartial minds agree on the importance of having the license question settled by a tribunal which is above the influences of practical politics and entirely beyond the control of those in asserts, that common parliamentary law forbid any man to speak "superfluously or tediously;" terested in the traffic regulated. The attach ment to the present arrangement on the part of those who wish the traffic restricted lies in the undoubted fact that the judges are at present wholly superior to such in fluences. But if the fear that an elective commission would fall under such influence is well founded, is there not an equal day ger that as the judicial positions are filled by election the same influences will prevail! One judge in this State is already reported

count of his rigidity in the granting of licenses. With that possibility set before us, its importance is immensely enhanced by the thought that if the liquor or any other class interests are able to prevail in the election of judges the evil effects may not be confined to the mere liberality in the granting of licenses.

We do not accept it as a foregone conclu sion that an elective license commission would be subject to the influences which are dreaded. But it is plain that if, with the issue clearly drawn, the popular opinion which desires the liquor traffic to be as much restricted as at present is unable to control the election, it is probable that the same result will attend the election of judges. It is true a change in the character of the bench under such influences will have to be more gradual than the determination of the character of the commission; but that also carries with it the consideration that whatever damage might be inflicted on the integrity and impartiality of the bench would be just so much more lasting. This phase of the question makes it a matter for serious reflection, whether it is not for the public welfare to segregate the issue; to fight out the question of many licenses or few, by itself, in the election of a commis sion; to keep the character of the beach entirely free from the influences of such a conflict; and to recognize the fact that no higher position on the question of regulating the

liquor traffic can be permanently main tained than the majority of the people will support at the polls. These are some of the considerations in volved in the proposed change from the present license court to a license commis sion. They comprise such a rarity of pos sibilities that it will not be strange if there

is a decided confusion and division of public opinion over it.

ANOTHER YEAR'S HISTORY. The year's history, briefly given this morning, is full of important events. Death and life were both active in changing human affairs. The achievments of science during the twelve-month were noteworthy, not the least being the discovery of Dr. Koch's sectarian strife distracts any class or creed. lymph. Perhaps the most notable thing Placid conditions surround the cradle of about the peace history of the world, in re-1891, and the imagination can indulge war- cent years, is that it is a crowded arens of events of apparently equal importance, with only here and there one standing out prominently above the rest. This is not because

THE IRON OUTLOOK. The full review of the condition of th local iron industry, published in another column, shows that the most active year ever known in Pittsburg's iron trade closes gratulating its readers on the general pros- with some uncertainty and conservatism a regards prices. This is but the natural rethe signs of the sky. It wishes them one sult of the recent occurrences in financial and all this morning a happy New Year | and railway circles, and as soon as the basic

regards prices. This is but the natural result of the recent occurrences in financial and railway circles, and as soon as the Basic factors of the situation have readjusted themselves there is every reason to hope that the indu-try will go forward with uninterrupted vigor.

The readjustment is most prominently called for in the pig iron industry. It is hardly pleasant to notice that the railroad authorities do not recognize the value of a policy that will stimulate this important freight originating industry, as the coke companies havedone. The railway contention that if they reduce rates for one section they will have to do so for others is unquestionably correct; but that interest should bear the fact in mind that the rates which they get from the pig iron industry rare something like 50 per cent greater per ton per mile than the rates on the more expensive and much-fought-over through grain freights. They can much better afford to lower the rates a little than to dwarf and limit such a profitable traffic-although

now, as in the '70s, they are very slow to learn that important lesson. We do not apprehend that there will be any serious difficulty in making whatever readiustments are necessary to put all branches of the industry on a conservative and staple level. The best assurance to that effect is contained in the fact that prices have never departed far from that relieving the courts of the duty of granting level. The immense expansion of the industry during the past ten years has been

fact furnishes the best guarantee against serious complications in the future. A RATHER encouraging showing is mad lice department of the cities should be rep- for Pittsburg by the United States Census Reresented on the commission, has decided force. Mr. Ford's plan, also, of a commisburg is stated to be the twelfth city in the amount of municipal debt, placed at \$13,203,402
—which does not take into consideration the
retirements by sinking fund—it has exceptional sources of \$24,070,680, while no other city ha available resources equal to the amount of its debt. The statement is such an extraordinarily favorable one for Pittsburg, and reveals so un

expected a wealth of resources, that we fear it must be accounted for on the supposition of a typographical error in the table as published. THAT nitro-glycerine shot at the Exposi-

tion gas well shook up the subterranean strati somewhat, and also gave a rather severe shool to the theory that there is a gas supply there. THE exact effect of Mr. Gould's theory as nearly a thousand discharged employes of the corporation are in want there because they car t get the money that the corporation owe for work done. The policy of cutting down ex-

penses by omitting to pay honest debts is onderfully simple and effective one. As to that new reservoir, is there no

already a site in the possession of the city where a reservoir was half-finished in the early days of water extension? MAX O'RELL has finally concluded tha he cannot approve of the hotels in this country. account of the waste of food in them There is much foundation for this criticis but with all the waste it has never become nec essary for our hotels to adopt the practice pre

vailing in the land of our critic, of charging extra for soap, towels and candles WHEN the old-fashioned winter is suc ceeded by such sloppiness as yesterday's the mind turns back with regret to the era of snow

drifts and cold waves. THE official theory concerning the Civil Service Commission is like that proverbial one oncerning prohibition. The administration is in favor of civil service reform in the Reput ican platform, but when it comes to letting the Commission criticise a Cabinet officer they ar

MAHONING and Shenango furnaces, i seems, are not be assisted any by lower freight rates. The railroads are probably tired of the IT may be true, as Senator Edmund

but that has not been one of the Senate rule

The best demonstration of that fact is Senate Edmunds' geographical neighbor and party colleague, the Hon. Henry W. Blair. ANOTHER Wall street brokerage and banking firm has gone up to emphasize the dif-ference between Wall street bubbles and solid

NEW YORK reports an apparently complete

to have been defeated for re-election on ac- cure of laryngeal tuberculosis with the Koci lymph. The man was said to be dying with the disease when put under treatment, but is now ready to be discharged as cured. He can go forth and call the bacilli antidote blessed.

> TICKET scalpers will find less to do since th Pennsylvania Railroad has withdrawn its obections to its agents selling tickets on comm

FIFTEEN mills as the tax rate for 1891 ooken of in some quarters, fails to keep the promise of a reduction in the tax rate which vas heard not long ago. But it looks as if the tax-payers would have to accept the situation-

horn last night. A million metal-throated A GEORGIA man is proudly exhibiting the trousers in which he was married forty

THE New Yeardid not need to blow his own

years ago. He seems to feel the necessity of visible demonstration that his wife has not worn them out,

PERTINNET PERSONALITIES. EX. CHIEF JUSTICE PETER W. CRAIN. O

Maryland, is seriously ill in Baltimore. CHAUNGEY M. DEPEW and Grover Cleve land will lecture at Chicago under the auspices of the Press Club.

PROFESSOR WALTER BALENTINE, of the Maine State College, will soon visit Western colleges to study the various systems of instruction in agriculture. GOVERNOR MELLETTE is announced as probable successor to Senator Moody, of South Dakota, in case the farmers in the Legislature

refuse to re-elect the latter. MARSHAL ROOTH gives this succinet state ment of the salvation methods: "Scrubology and soapology, instead of theology, in dealing with the submerged twentieth of society."

GENERAL SHERMAN appeared on the Senate floor on Tuesday, and was surrounded at the door by members, whose conversation so disturbed Senator Cockrell, of Missouri that he declined to go on until the noise cease SENATOR DOLPH, of Oregon, is pictured as a true type of the prophet. He is tall, solemn, broad-shouldered, and is nearly always dressed in a dark frock suit. The lower part of his fac is hidden by a long gray beard, and he has a deep, penetrating voice.

EX-PRESIDENT HAYES has been a frequen visitor to Cincinnati of late. His hair is white now, but his step is firm and vigorous. He keeps alive the memory of his part in the civil war by always wearing the tricolored button of the Loyal Legion and by chatting with old army comrades in the corridors of the Burnet House.

SHE WILL WED A JAP.

Both Parties to the Union Are Members of SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31 .- Miss Mary Etkin ton, daughter of Joseph S. Elkinton a promi-nent member of the Society of Friends, will be married to-morrow to Inazo Nitobe, a young Japanese student, well known in intelle circles. There ceremony will be performed in th quaint old meeting house at Fifth and Arch streets. Miss Elkinton's family are gen-

following week they will entertain their friends at the residence of Mrs. Sarah Scull, Over-brook. They will bid farewell to their friends at the

a few days later and depart for San Francisc n which point they will sail on January

A MINE COMPANY'S MANAGEMEN? The Old Element Again Prominent in the Directory. NEW YORK, Dec. 31 .- For several days in formal but important meetings of individual directors of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company have been going on. The last of these meetings was held in a private parlor at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, Tuesday evening, and after a long discussion as to the condition of the company and its affairs it was decided to have a formal meeting at the office of the company and its affairs it was decided to have a formal meeting at the office of the President, Thomas C. Platt, this after-noon, At this meeting Mr. Platt pre-sided, and a reorganization of the company was offected. The element which first brought the

property into prominence was represented, and before the meeting was over it was again restored to favor. For instance, W. M. Duncan of Nashville, who has been First Vice Fresi dent, resigned his place, and N. Baxter, Jr., who was President from 1884 to 1888, was elected in his place.

Mr. Baxter is from Nashville, and an influential man in the fron industries Mr. Baxter is from Nashville, and an influential man in the fron industries of the South. Mr. Duncan remains a director. Then J. P. E. Jackson, of Birmingham, who was Second Vice President, resigned, and his place was filled by T. P. Hillman, also from Birmingham. It was said that these gentlemen will have offices in Nashville, but that they will be in close communication with President Platt at the New York office. Then the formal resignations as directors of General Russell A Alers Samuel munication with President Platt at the New York office. Then the formal resignations as directors of General Russell A. Alger, Samuel Cowan, J. F. B. Jackson, Colonel D. S. Lamont, and J. C. Haskell were read and approved. In their places were elected John H. Inman, who has been identified with the property for many years, Mr. Baxter, Mr. Hillman, H. O. Armour and General Samuel Thomas. The board of directors, therefore, now is Thomas C. Platt, the gentleman just named, and H. G. Bond, J. L. Gains, Mr. Duncan, C. C. Baldwin, F. L. Lehman, S. P. Hill, Napoleon Hill, Enoch Ensley and H. Duncan Wood.

THE POOR OF OHIO. by Charity.

SNOW IN THE FAR WEST. Arizona, Nevada and the Mountains Get a Touch of the Storm. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.-Light rain and

Four O'Clock Tea. Mrs. Samuel C. Walker gave a delightful "do'clock" at her elegant home, on Ridge ave-

DEATHS OF A DAY. Dr. T. P. Musson. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

General F. E. Spinner.

One Out of Every 37 of Its People Aided COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 31 .- The annual report of the Board of State Charities, completed this afternoon, shows that 97,874 persons were either partially or wholly maintained in the State and county benevolent institutions and penal and county benevolent institutions and penal institutions during the year at a cost of \$3,160,-471 84. The outdoor relief in the counties aggregated \$420,971 70.

The figures show that one person in every 37 in the State is either a total or partial charge on the taxes collected from the people and that they consume a sum equal to more than one-half the whole amount paid into the State Treasury.

snow fell during the night in Arizona and Nevada, the snow fall varying in Western New York Telegram.] Nevada from 3 to 10 inches, and the depth on the ground is reported at from 2 to 4 feet. Snow also fell on the Techhapi Mountains and the mountain district of Eastern Cali-Another New York girl was wedded to a foreign nobleman to-day. Considering that we only have Four Hundred fashionables in this

nue, yesterday afternoon. A great many ladies, in defiance of the inclement weather, paid their respects to Mrs. Walker, and enjoyed the flowers and music with which the lovely home was filled. Refreshments of a delicious order were served, and the affair was altogether very enjoyable.

BELLEFONTE, Dec. 31.—Dr. T. P. Musson, of Aaronsburg, this county, died of rheumatism as his home this morning, aged 63 years. He was one of the most preminent physicians and citizens in tails county, having been a resident here all his

THE TOPICAL TALKER.

Whose Fault Was It?

A respectable young mechanic married a pretty Allegheny girl a short time ago. They went to housekeeping at once. A snug little home in Allegheny was their choice, and he furnished it pretty haudsomely on the installment plan. He bought most of the frying pans, the range, the dishes, the linen and so on also on the installment plan. His wife played a little and to gratify her he bought a plane. little, and to gratify her he bought a piano-to be paid for in \$8 monthly installments. Afte they had been living in their new home a day or two the proud husband sat down after supper to figure out how he stood financially. He knew to a dollar what his income was, for he worked on salary. As the column of expendi-tures rose his face fell, and when he discovered that after all the installments to various dealers had been paid he would have the princely sum of one dollar a month to live on he almost fell of his chair. But he said nothing about it to his wife then, and the next day his mother-in-

law descended upon the household. She was not satisfied with "her poor child's" circum stances; criticised the carpets, the tone of the piano, and remarked sarcastically upon the absence of lace curtains in the little parlor. That settled it. There is an empty little house in Allegheny Several installment houses have some slightly used furniture on their hands again, and a prano as good as new is once more ready to go out into a cold world at \$8 a month. Sad to say also there are a foung man and a young woman who wish they could as easily as their hired

household goods resume their statu quo. Double Edged Economy. "Now, Tom," said his sister as they were coming home from a New Year's eve party, "I want you to begin the New Year with th resolve to get out of debt. You must give up some of your expensive habits—now, won't you promise me to give up at least one?"

"Oh! I guess so," said Tom.
"What shall it be?" said she, resolved to strike while the iron was hot. "Buying theater tickets for you." Equally True Either Way. There was a wedding across the way from Smith's the other day. The bride's parents were as poor as church mice, but some poor people are always rich enough to celebrate a wedding or a funeral right royally. The feast-

there that it was hardly a wonder that Mrs. Smith said caustically to her daughters: "It's a case of now a feast and then a famine over the way; my dears."

The smallest Smith, a bright little girl of seven or eight, heard her mother say this and stored the phrase up in her memory. At break-fast Mr. Smith was informed of the high hymeneal finks over the way, and his smalles a case of a feast now and next a family!"

ing lasted so long and so many guests were

The truth of this paraphrase of the original remark did not lessen its confusing effect. A Diary for January. The demand for diaries begins in the last week of December and continues until January 10 at latest. The sale of memorandum books and commercial diaries does not fluctuate much. Merchants and other men in business always need them, whether trade is good or bad. There is considerable competition in the trade and Pittsburg manufacturers have to compete with those of New York, Philadelphia, Boston and a good many other cities in th

home market. For the more romantic side of the diary bus ness ample provision is still made, through the call for artistic diaries for boudoir use is not what it used to be. It is strange that nobody has thought of getting up a diary especially designed for the great majority of young people of both sexes-the youthful enthusia who start out to keep a diary with the New Year and hate the sight of it by January 31 at the furtherest. For this class of consumers a diary for January alone would be sufficient and the money saved by cutting off the othe 11 months might be applied to the enrichment of the book's binding and printing.

A Cantions Father. After the pair had separated and when Christmas was approaching he was puzzled what to send the baby boy who had come upor being of a modest disposition, he consulted in jeweler as to what he should send. The jeweler asked for all the circumstances, and when he learned them suggested a silver mug. So a little drinking cup was chosen by the father, and after some besitation engraved: "From a Friend." The caution of a man who goes no further than an expression of friendship for his own son may be called

unique. But these are facts from life in Pitts

What a Comedy It Would Be. Haven't you wished at the close of "Romed and Juliet" that Shakespeare had written the play as a romantic comedy instead of an exonally bloody tragedy? Every time I go to see it the delightful possibilities of a happy ending to the finest love story ever written rise in contrast to the gloomy actuality. This reminds me that there is in Ireland a journal called Irish Society, whose critic has original ideas about "Romeo and Juliet." This gentleman says of "Romeo and Juliet" that it is "melodrama which would bear cutting with advantage," He compliments Miss Fortescue on her "dramatic hoarseness and flerce demeanor," but laments that "the entire play is abnormal, and frequently outrages probabil ity. Here and there were glimpses of human nature, but, generally, it is blank verse, stuffed with bloated metaphor and rhythmic bombast, and the boards were littered with corpses like a

shambles." It is refreshing to find a writer making a stand against "bloated metaphor, and as a criticism of Shakespeare, "but gener ally, it is blank verse," is new and striking,

A COLORED UNIVERSITY Plans Now Under Way for One Similar t Chautanqua. ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. ASBURY PARK, N. J., Dec. 31 .- A tract o land has been purchased in the pine woods north of Deak Lake, and adjoining the new resort known as Interlaken, for the avowed purpose of establishing a per-manent summer resort for the colored race.

The project is a big one, as it also includes the erection of a brick college, capable of rooming 500 colored students, somewhat after the style of the Fisk University in the South. There will also be a permanent campmeeting ground and a summer school of general work, as at Characters. will also be a permanent campuseting ground and a summer school of general work, as at Chatanqua.

To-night a number of ministers and laymen, conspienous in the work of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, held a meeting in Bethel Church. After considerable discussion, it was decided to incorporate a summer educational institute under the name of the Park University. There are 18 trustees who will serve for one year. The Rev. Junius C. Ayler was elected President of the University and President of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Ayler is said to be one of the best educated colored men in the country, He was graduated from Rutger's College four years ago. He is now the presiding elder of this district of the African M. E. Church. Representatives of a company which has purchased the tract of land were present. They said the project was assured of success from the start. Building lots will be sold under certain restrictions, but the deeds will be given and not 99 year leases, like those issued by the Ocean Grove Campuneeting Association.

The Fount Never Runs Dry.

be able to furnish so many wives to driscrim inating foreigners of position and bearing dis-tinguished titles. Where the Students Leave Him. Paul Globe.] W. H. H. Murray having registered a solem vow to mark with a memorial stone the spot where Sitting Bull is buried, the chances are

that he might as well commence on one or a prominent medical colleges.

Senator Cameron will be his own suc

Chambersburg Repository.]

Senator Cameron Is All Right.

notwithstanding the futile efforts made by some Republicans to defeat him, who have only personal interest at heart. What Is in a Name?

2 o'clock luncheon to-day for her daughte law, Mrs. Henry Fitzhugh, the bride.

be given this evening.

vember, to be seen generally in Europe, Asia and Africa, but invisible to us.

MADE THEIR DEBUT. The Misses Annie and Eleanor Chalfa

E. Gates Wilson United in Marriage to Miss A modest, pretty wedding at the residence of R. W. McConnell, on Federal street, last even-ing, united Miss Lillian M. McConnell, the daughter of the household, and E. Gates Wil-son, a very popular young business man, holding a position of responsibility with Thomas R, Herd & Co. The important words that united

lar physician of the Italian colony in this city, celebrated the anniversary of his wedding. A celebrated the anniversary of his wedding. A charming little dinner came off at the doctor's residence, 612 Smithfield street.

Dr. Nardyz has been presented with a very handsome token of respect by the Italians of Pittsburg and Allegheny. The gift is an artistically embossed medal of solid gold, adorned with a star of diamonds. The following inscription, surrounded by a wreath of laurel, occupies the reverse of the medal: "Presented by the Italians of Pittsburg and Allegheny to the veteran of two wars Leonardo

DANCED THE OLD YEAR OUT. The Allegheny Cotillon Club Gives a Very Successful Reception. The Allegheny Cotillon Club danced the old year out and the new year in at the Mononga-hela House last evening. The pretty assembly room had retained its Christmas garb of holly and evergreens and was an effective setting for the pretty tollets of the ladies. There was a large attendance of the club members and gnests from other cities.

Social Chatter.

death in the family.

The first of the Linden Club's cotilions will

Not a Good World's Fair Exhibit. Washington l'ost.]

It would be a great mistake to invite the nations of the world to witness an uncalled for family muss. Put aside the force bill.