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PITTSBURG, MONDAY, JAN, 19, 1891.

BILL FOR THE SENATE.

The news comes from the inner circles of political gossip of New York that the Senatorship matter is settled, and that David Bennett Hill will be the successor of Senator Evarts. While it is difficult to congratulate New York on this representation in the highest legislative body of the land, there is room for felicitating the country in this probable termination of Gov. Hitl's Presidental ambition.

The Senate is a notoriously unhealthy nursery for Presidental booms. The lives of Clay, Webster, Seward, Douglas, Conkling, Thurman and Sherman attest this fact. A man who has made a coloriess record as Senator may be taken up as a compromise, as in the case of Harrison. But one who goes into the Senate as a professed Presidental quantity must exhibit transcendent qualities of statesmanship to make good his claims to leadership. Perhaps the ambitious Governor of New York may display powers which will place him so high above his colleagues as to win the adhesion of all Democratic hearts; but it is not hagardous to predict that his entrance into the Senate will prove to be his retirement from the Presidental field.

Besides which the effect of this step in practical polities will be to send into the ranks of his enemies the barrel and the knife of the irate Smith M. Weed. Of those instruments of political warfare, one will be heavy and the other will be sharp, if Weed ever gets the chance to do execution with them on the ambitions of the man who promised him the Senatorship but kept the goods for himself

BEHIND OUR ERA.

The town of Findlay, Ohio, brings in its gas explosion at the tail of the procession of natural gas events. The explosion of gas which wrecked a hotel there, yesterday, is principally interesting for the chain of fortuities which produced it, rather than as an illustration of the dangers of the gas. A leak that could not be discovered, a room full of cas, a hole through the floor to let the gas out, and a stray match accidentally lighted, all had to combine before this disaster came off; and of course they all had to be preceded by a job of poor gasfitting to let the gas escape. Pittsburg has got far beyoud the stage where such leaks or explosions are feared. It has arrived at the less antisfactory stage where it begins to fear lest it may be left without gas enough to make an explosion.

WANAMAKER'S FRUITLESS WORK. Postmaster General Wanamaker's deter-

mination in urging the adoption of a certain measure of postal telegraph; deserves the public recognition, even though it appears little likely to attain any success, The attention of his own party in Congress has been too much occupied with pursuing the phantasm of legislating party supremacy, not to speak of the reasons for suspecting that the influence of Mr. Gould and his associates is too strong with Congressmen, to permit the adoption of Mr. Wanamaker's ideas.

Yet if there is one step in the extension of governmental powers to which independent thinkers of all classes will agree it is that proposed by the Postmaster General. The postal telegraph is now as much of a public necessity as the mail service was fifty years ago, and as clearly within the proper function of government as the latter. Mr. Wanamaker's plan does not go to the full length of the government ownership and control of all telegraphic lines. It is indeed an exceedingly limited and experimental measure. It does not infringe upon the freedom or rights of any telegraph corporation present or future. In urging its passage by Congress the Postmaster General is simply seeking an improvement of the postal facilities which his department extends to the public; and his stand is well worthy the approval of the nation.

Yet there is no reason to expect that his efforts will be of the slightest value, beyond pointing the way to future action. It will be one of the evidences of the weakness of this Congress, that when a member of the melodious Italian and French operas. The administration it supports urges an im- ardent apostles of the German music-drama provement of the services of his own department which the great mass of the people indorse, Congress cannot pay enough rather from their previous declarations than attention to his requests to get the bill out of committee.

THE EXPENDITURE OF CITIES.

The Secretary of the Albany Board of For the past few years the Metropolitan Trade has been giving exercise to an inquir- Opera House has been the strong fortress of ing mind by collecting statistics of the cost | the Wagnerians. There they were able to of city government in various cities, per capits of population. The statistical exhabit is not as valuable as it might be from | musical declamations and strident orchestrathe fact that some cities appear in certain | tion of their especial school of composition. tables and are entirely absent in others; There, it was claimed, was proof that the while there is a conspicuous absence from all of them of such eminent examples of municipal expenditure as New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia and St. Louis. But the dom, had professed the pure faith of Wagcomparison as to the expenditure of the various cities named affords instructive in-

the sake of lessening the annual deficit which the catizens of each place.

In the first place as to total municipal expenditure, there is instruction to the people of Pittsburg in that our rate of \$14 62 per bend is nearly \$4 above the average, and with the exception of Boston, Providence, Syrscuse, New York, and Lynn, Massachusetts, is the highest on the list. As the larger cities whose cost of municipal government per capita exceeds ours, show a rate of \$38 per lead, it is fair to conclude that they include such expenditures as sewer and street assessments; while, us the rate which is assigned to Pittsburg would only yield a total, on 240,000 population, of \$3,400,000, it is evi-

dent that it does not include special assessments, but is actually below the mark for the general tax levy. By comparison with of Lohengrins, Meistersingers or Flying a rate in Chicago of \$5 59 per capita, and in Minneapolis and Milwaukee of \$3 25 and \$3 72, respectively, the Pittsburg rate is decidedly heavy. But, on the principle that misery loves company, there is some satisfaction observing that Buffalo and Cleveland come close to our expenditure with totals per capita of \$13 and \$14 08 respect-

than in 24 other cities included

above the average. In the comparison of

ceeded by Albany, Baltimore, Boston, Fall

equaled by Buffalo with a rate of \$1 28 per

age. On the other hand, it is a singular

Toledo, with a rate of 50 cents, is lower.

AN UNCONSTITUTIONAL THEORY.

remarks which the President is reported

to have made to a correspondent of the New

York Tribune, to the effect that he does not

see "how the President has any right to set

up his judgment against the manifest will

of Congress, when that will has been ex-

pressed in a thoroughly deliberative man-

Without any reference to the rights and

wrongs of silver coinage, or the political

necessities of a President who cherishes the

dream of a renomination, it is necessary to

say that this theory of the President, which

has been expressed in something the same

form before by Governor Beaver, is an evi-

dent effort to dodge the duties of the office.

If the President does not see how he can do

certain document called the Constitution of

the United States for the information. If

he did be would find in that instrument a

erative, it must be presented to the

President. If he approves of the legisla-

tion he must sign it; if he does not approve

his reasons for disapproval. Here we have

a plain statement not only how a President

can set up his judgment against the manites:

will of Congress, but how he must do so. It

is true that the Constitution does leave a

loophole by which the President can permit

legislation of which he does not entirely ap-

prove, but which he does not consider im-

portant enough to call for a veto, to become

law withou. his signature; but that is an

The principle attributed to the President

amounts to a repudiation of the veto power

without taking the trouble to amend the

Constitution which enacts that power. A

very pertinent illustration of what it means

is suggested by the New York World. Sup-

pose that some fortuity should make the

next Congress Democratic in both branches

instead of in one, and that body should,

with due deliberation, repeal the tariff

net. Would the President sign the re-

pealing act? He must do so, if he be-

lieves the milk and water theory that

the President is not to have any such

judgment of his own as the Constitution

calls upon him to exercise. Moreover, there

is hardly any more reason in the President's

previous record why he should retuse to

sign a free trade bill than why he should

it is a shallow excuse for dodging in the in-

terest of a putative Presidental candidacy,

Perhaps, however, the President will point

to the form of his remark as furnishing a

loophole that permits a free exercise of his

Presidental functions. He makes it a neces-

sity that the will of Congress shall be "ex-

pressed in a thoroughly deliberative man-

ner." As Speaker Reed has aiready called

attention, in an expressive and devout man-

ner, to the fact that the House has ceased to

be a deliberative body, the President may

have taken this means to declare that he

still considers himself at liberty to use his

veto power as is required by the Constitu-

A BLOW TO THE WAGNERIANS

Opera House of New York, which has bere-

tofore been regarded as the American shrine

of the Wagner cult, is to be given over this

winter to a season of merely ear-tickling and

receive the shock with a calm fortitude

which does them credit; and we must learn

from their present impassiveness that this

falling off from the standard of Wagner

afflicts them as the apostasy of Julian did

proudly point to the musical taste of the

metropolis as irrevocably wedded to the

people were no longer bound to the ornate

melody or pulsing rythm of Italian music:

but, being freed from that vitiating thral-

nerism. What a blow then to learn that for

the sake of lessening the annual deficit

the Fathers of his time.

It is announced that the Metropolitan

ment against the will of Congress.

the rising generation.

for this season. While we admire the stoicism with which As to the departments of expenditure, the Wagnerians receive this blow, we can there are some interesting comparisons. fail to perceive that it is a terrible blow. Pittsburg has been thought to spend a good The glory is departed from their house in deal of money on her fire department. But, this country; and the hope that the nation while her general rate exceeds that of Bufhad become severely and heroically of the falo, Milwaukee, Grand Rapids, Galveston school of Bayrenth is swept away.

willing to take a liberal share of Wagner in

theirs, but does not want an exclusive diet

Dutchmen any more than it does of turkey

or quail. It is natural that having been

fed on the straight diet of the German school

these many winters, the patrons of opera in

New York should hanker after the fleshpots

of the Italians school and make up their

minds to enjoy the pleasures of operatic sin

and Springfield, the cost per capita of her It is now reported that Speaker Reed will fire department is less than in permit the House to pass the free coinage measure in order to put the President into what the average political mind regards as a in the list, but is only 18 cents per capita hole; and again, it is asserted that he will not ermit it in order that the capitalists may be ound to the cause of Reed Republicanism her police expenditure Pittsburg is ex-Upon one point rumor is agreed, however; and that is that the House will not exercise an in-River and Providence, and is exactly dependent judgment for the sake of best serving the business interests of the country.

capita, this being 33 cents above the aver-AFTER the fiery Colorado legislators had indulged in petty warfare to the extent of fact that in school expenditures Pittskilling a man or two, it occurred to them that burg is very nearly at the bottom of the they might settle their quarrel by referring it list, her rate of 55 cents per capita being to the Supreme Court. To have done this beless than that of 27 other cities, and only fore the shooting would have been too violent an innovation on Colorado precedents.

This last result is calculated to arouse A PHILADELPHIA sugar refinery firm suspicion as to the exact accuracy of the has issued a circular expressing a fear lest refigures. Nevertheless, the approximation fined sugars shall be scarce and high about the which they make to the facts suggests that 1st of April on account of the change in duty. The people will take the chances on that, in Pittsburg may well economize in other departments of expenditure; but might afford view of the certainty that sugars will be cheap later on in the month. But the man who banks to spend a little more money in educating on high sugar immediately preceding the removal of 3 cents of the duty on refined, will be hable to make the discovery that he is an April

It is reported that President Harrison is MICHIGAN'S salt combination is the last beginning to find a way by which he can one to break up, and as a result of the impending escape the necessity apparently arising dissolution it is announced that the price of salt will drop 30 cents a barrel. This affords from his former declarations, vetoing the another striking corroboration of the claim that trusts and pools lower prices. They do silver bill if it shall reach him. At least that is the natural conclusion from some lower prices-by going to pieces.

Some of our Eastern cotemporaries are inmiring in an agitated manner why it is that the United States was not invited to the Jamaica Exposition which opens on the 28th of this month. Possibly it was for the reason that the managers of that show did not think it would be worth while for the United States to go there; and perhaps that view of the cause is

THE pause in the predicted upward rush of the stock market is attributed by a Wall street circular to the fact that some speculators have sold out at a profit. A good many lambs who have been squeezed heretofore would be glad to get a chance to sell out at their original investment.

A PROPHECY comes from Australia that it, it is only because he does not consult a Cardinal Gibbons will be the successor of Pope Leo XIII. The United States will second the Australian nomination; but in view of the preominante of Italian cardinals in the college provision that after Congress has passed that elects the Pope, we are afraid that Cardilegislation in a manner which the nal Gibbons' chance of being Pope is not much Constitution requires to be delibbetter than that of a Pennsylvanian for the Presidency.

THE latest thing in the "challenge" line is that of Succi to Dr. Tanner for a competi of it he must return it to Congress, giving tive fast. The old pie-biting challenges had a better harmon, with the demands of the human internal economy.

CONCURRENTLY with the international ontention over the destruction of the seals, comes the report from Newfoundland that the great auk is wiped out. This highly esteemed bird was prized on account of his plumage, and the public esteem was too much for him. He is no more; but the human race will try to struggle along without him.

immense distance off from the theory that HILL in the United States Senate may the President cannot set up his own judgdisclose the fact to his admirers that he is nothing more than a hillock.

THE inventors and builders of air ships are now occupying columns at a time in the newspapers telling what wonderful changes they are going to effect in the way of trans tation. All of it is exceedingly alluring, but it is not half as convincing as if they should den onstrate their claims by doing just a little bit of flying.

PEOPLE WE TALK ABOUT.

It is said of Senator Teller that he is a man of such careless and indifferent appetite that h doesn't care whether he has a five course and tripe.

EMPEROR WILLIAM eats four meals a daya substantial breakfast of meat, eggs, etc., at 7:30; second breakfast at noon, consisting of soup, meat and vegetables: a regular dinner at 6 o'clock, and a light supper about 9:30.

MISS ELAINE GOODALE, the Superintendent veto a free silver bill. But he would not do of Sioux schools, whose engagement to marry so, because he does not believe the principle Dr. Charles Eastman, a full-blooded Sioux, who was educated at Dartmouth College, is credited to him; and because any avowal of

> MISS EMILY HOWLAND is a director of the First National Bank of Auburn, N. Y., and when a man has a reputation for ill-treating his wife or refusing to buy her neat bonnets h paper discounted in that establishment.

> JUDGE FRANK DOSTER, a possible candidate for United States Senator in Kansas, served in an Indiana cavalry regiment during the war. He has a pale, beardless face, with marked and distinctive features, something like Robesderre's. He believes in no God and is strong! clined to socialism.

ODETTA TYLER, the actress, who is Bess Kirkland at her home in Nashvil'e, is considered a beauty on or off the stage. General Kirkland, her father, is a West Point graduate, and made a fine record in the Confederate Army. Miss Kirkland is a niece of General Hardee, author of the famous work on military

LORD SALISBURY is the hardest worked

member of the English Government. Rarely has the Foreign office had so much business on hand, and Lord Salisbury has been reading and writing dispatches 12 to 14 hours a day for weeks. All the questions on which the English Government is now engaged with foreign powers are important and require the close and constant supervision of the Secretary himself. SAID Rider Haggard to a reporter the other day: "I am on my way to the City of Mexico. via New Orleans, where I shall remain over Sunday. I have always been very much inter terested in the antiquities, particularly those of the Aztec nation, and I want to inform myself by personal investigation, even if for no other reason than personal gratification. I shall probably write a new story with the Agted race as a theme, presuming, of course, that the necessary material will be there for me. However, I have matured no plans as yet, although my idea is to treat of a civilized period, about

ONE TONGUE FOR CANADA.

Dalton McCarthy, M. P., to Make Another Attack on the French. OTTAWA, Jan. 18 .- Dalton McCarthy, men ber of the Dominion House of Commons, will make another effort to abolish the use of the

SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON. Married Women in This State May Soon As BETWEEN free silver and freedom, the

person in your circle who hasn't got some plan, tome notion, some idea, some "good thing" by which he hopes to add to his store of worldly wares in a manner more rapid than by the process which he has and is still pursuing? If you do not know such an one he has merely kept you out of his secret, for the bee is undoubtedly buzzing in the bonnets of all of us. The old method is too slow, of course. So you plan, and plot, and study, and puzzle your weary brain over something which you consider a sure thing, a prize winner, a swift road to a sure fortune, a shortcut to wealth and case and worldly pleasures. Every bait, some glittering to be sure, but most of them barely hiding the sharp barb on the hoek, is nibbled. Presumably a fish that has wriggled off the cruel book once will nibble with care ever after. But the human fish butes and hites and the human fish butes and hites and the human fish butes and hites. fish bites and bites, and the human fisher baits and baits. It is only while you are nibbling at the golden hooks cast by others that you forget to bart your own, too. If you are caught and landed, you flounder around like the finny fellows who breathe to death out of their element, but, unlike them, you live to be caught again—live to help others pull in a not which you have helped to weave and set, perhaps. Still it's all right to scheme, plot, plan strive honestly and honorably—to fish in season with the appliances allowed. If there were no schemes and schemers, no divergent thoughts-only a plodding along slowly on the deed be dreary and the world would not be such a pleasant habitation. So don't blame your neighbor if he has a good thing, utilizes it, profits by it and is lifted up out of the old groove. He goes higher, where there's lots of room, and lets the one behind him move up a notch, easing the pressure below, which i great. Don't envy nor fear him. Work you own little betterment scheme, and think only of how the pressure behind will be eased if it shoves you upward and onward and forward.

SCHEMERS, aren't we? Do you know any

MONUMENTAL lies can be found in almost

TRAVELERS aboard ship are companionable as they come in close contact in the companion way.

CLOSE-FISTED people make you knuckle own during a business transaction WHEN an idea, takes root others will spren from it if you are the least bit cultivated. A Winter Idyl.

He loved her very fondly,
And she returned his passion, But, cruel fate! She learned to skate After a maiden's fashion, Upon the slippery ice She really was dashing:

But, sad to say, This maid was gay, Susceptible to mashi He was a dismal failure, As an ice navigator, And it is stated

FITZSIMMONS never tasted liquor, and that' why he licked Dempsey. OUIDA uses a perfume on her hair that costs

That's why she skated

850 an ounce. It is not a centless scent, at all events. THE electric light will save the lives of th

granger statesmen. There's not so much gas to blow out now as there used to be. LAUGHING STOCKS-Those on the guns su

rendered by the Indians. INGALLS' speech seems to have made greater hit in Washington than it did in Kan

THE man with a hard cheek suffers under dull razor just the same a: other vict Out of Order-He dropped a nickel in the slot, Expecting weight and date; The little joker con

But still he got a wait. Money squandered on a box at the opera goes for a song.

THE Harmony Society of Pennsylvania is located at Economy. The inharmonious society is located at Harrisburg, and economy is not

THE promoters of the Chicago air ship say there's no flies on it. Perhaps this figure of speech means more than they think. THE wedding circlet is the female prize ring.

QUAY sticks to his friends in spite of all forts to pull him away from them. Harrison has found this out, and is sad.

THE man who shoots folly as it flies is usually loaded with liquor.

THE freckled girl will make a better wife Got His Cue.

The maiden blushed and hung her head. "What do you take me for," she said. The young man spoke up eagerly, "For better or for worse," said he. PEOPLE who do nothing never amount

nything in this world. A NOISELESS plane is among the list of late

atents. This is the key to the solution of a long standing nuisance. HARD words frequently lead to hard blows.

LAST year the arrests for drunkenness t Philagelphia increased 6,000. Duliness and lonesomeness will drive people to drink.

PEOPLE who ride a hobby too hard are scourged by the lash of prejudice and don't

PHILADELPHIA doctors are puzzled over patient whose heart is on the right side, which is the wrong side. So long as it's in the right place they should be satisfied.

A Hill Episode. The pavement was smooth as polished glass, Pedestrians took to the street, With the exception of one little lass Who seemed to have faith in her test Her pathway lay down a heavy grade, Soon a scream succeeded a whirl; When I picked her up she sweetly said,

"I'm only a slip of a girl."

OLD maids missed a chance once and the Miss clings to them still

ONE of the Senators spoke for 12 ho other night. He run the risk of losing his voice THE cranks who believe that persuasi

pacify mad Indians are arriving at Pine Ridge This means more idle talk. JOHNNIE will get his gun again, perhaps, it the force bill is forced on him.

He said with agitation.
"Sir!" said the maiden, "bye-the-bye, A CRAZY PATCH .- The tiny piece of court

Forgot He Was in Boston

"You are the apple of my eve."

plaster on the cheek of the girl of the period. THE pugilist guards his trunk with unusual Ir the people have any grit they will not

allow those who occupy positions of trust to throw sand in their eyes, SOUR-TEMPERED folks seldom taste the WILLIE WINKLE sweets of life.

Gubernatorial Friction. Bradford Record. J The fact that Connecticut has started out with a dual State government suggests the idea that the two Nutmeg Governors are gratPROPOSED MARRIAGE LAWS.

Control Their Own Property. HARRISBURG, Jan. 18.—Married women in Pennsylvania will have all the rights of men practically, if the bill introduced by Senator Grady shall be enacted. It declares that mar-riage shall not be held to impose any disability upon a woman as to the acquisition, control or use of property, real or personal, or impair her power to make contracts of any kind. In the eye of the law the married woman will be a

power to make contracts of any kind. In the eye of the law the married woman will be a femme sole trader. Property of every kind owned or held by her before marriage shall be hers, the same as if she was not married. The bill will empower a married woman to make contracts and sue or be sued by others the same as a single woman.

But the most important feature of the bill is that relating to conveyancing of real estate, which will be greatly simplified. Senator Grady proposes that a married woman can execute a couveyance of her separate property, create a mortgage upon it or lease it, without her husband being a party to the transaction. Following this sentiment to a logical conclusion it will no longer be necessary, if the bill becomes a law, for a man to ask the consent of his wife to sell a piece of ground. He will be able to sell the house over her head without her name being upon the deed, providing the title rests in himself exclusively, and such couveyance may be made to convey the property clear of the claim of either party as husband or wife. Husband and wife will also be able to convey property to each other the same as if they were not married, and the woman will not be liable for the debts of her husband if she has signed his note as accommodation indorser. The same immunity will also be extended to her when indersing the notes of other persons as accommodation. Husband and wife will have the same civil remedies against each other upon contracts as if they were not married. The relations of husband and wife in regard to inheriting each other's property will not be radically changed, It will not be possible for either to disinherit the other, but the will made by the wife before marriage shall not be revoked by the fact of marriage.

BLAINE'S GREAT TASK

He Would Make America the Commercial Center of the World. iath in Cincinnatt Enquirer.

At the present time Mr. Blaine is understood to be engaged in a great constructive piece of work, the end of which is designed to be the transferral of the commercial operations of the world from Europe to the United States. I was talking with an observer of the State Department but yesterday, who said:

"Blaine has cut out the largest piece of work that any of our State Secretaries has attempted. He desires to make the United States the center of monetary and trade operations for the whole American continent, which, standing midway between Europe and Asia, can, he thinks, do the business of both of those

continents better than Europe."
"What is your basis for that statement?" "There has been a revolution in nearly every South American and Spanish American State South American and Spanish American State since Blaine set on foot his Pan-American scheme. Brazil has shipped its Emperor back to Europe, and there not the least probability of his ever returning to Brazil. The Argentine Confederacy has had a revolution in the streets of Buenos Ayres, and has overturned the Government there, and the result has been to break the house of Barings and throw nearly all Europe and the whole world into a monetary panic. Revolutions have taken place in Central America. There is little doubt that Blaine has inspired, through his ministers, a class of thoughts and hopes in South America all tending toward a concentration of American influence throughout this continent, and be has at present a menetary convention meeting in Washington with the idea of selving the coinage question."

BOUND TO LEAD THE SINGING.

An Obstreperous Chorister in Court for

Persisting in His Office. Boston, Jan. 18.—The district Court at West-neld to-day resembles the farm scene from "The Old Homestead." All North Blandford is on hand as principals, witnesses or specta-tors in the case of Charles Gibbs, who is charged by his minister with breaking up the church service by singing so londly as to drown the voices of all the others and purposely singing out of tune. For ten years Gibbs led the choir, until four years ago, when he fell into disfavor with the church officials and was de disfavo; with the church officials and was deposed, and congregational singing substituted. Gibbs, nothing daunted attended as before, and Sunday after Sunday stood in front of the pulpit, and with arms, feet and voice led the singing. The presiding elder interfered, and finally closed the church for months, as no minister would preach there under the circumstances. When it was thought that Gibbs had subsided the church reopened.

That was two years ago, and during that time Gibbs has made life a burden to the preacher and all in the church and community who opand all in the church and community who opposed his resuming the leadership of the choir.
He has a voice as powerful as a steam fog
horn, and when he sang no one else was in it.
If he couldn't drown the other singers out
with his volume of tene he would sing off key,
and quickly get the voices inextricably mixed.
"I'll lead the singing in this church or bust
the whole concern," was his often repeated
threat. Last June, when asked by the minister
not to keep time to the music with his feet, he
appeared in church the next Sunday with a big
sheepskin wool rug and ostentatiously opened heepskin woo! rug and ostentatiously nd spread it under his feet.

A PRESIDENTAL POSSIBILITY

A Dark Horse in the Person of the Dec ocratic Governor of Oregon.

Portland Oregonian.] The Democratic party might do much worse, and probably will do much worse, than to place Governor Pennoyer, of Oregon, upon its next national ticket. That party is not well sup plied with available Presidental timber. The desperate and reckless rivalry between Cleveland and Hill has crowded all other Eastern land and Hill has crowded all other Eastern candidates into the background, and forced upon the party a dilemma, on either horn of which hangs defeat. The rejection of both, the only course of safety, turns a simple dilemma into a complex puzzle, only to be solved by a happy turn of blin'l chance or a flash of inspiration. The same considerations that exclude Hill and Cleveland shut out every prominent Democratic leader identified with the rivalries, feads and divisions of the national Democracy Democratic leader identified with the rivalries feuds and divisions of the national Democracy in the last five years. The times demand if Franklin Pierce.

in the last five years. The times demand a Franklin Pierce.

Governor Pennoyer is more than a Franklin Pierce. He is like him only in his freedom from share in or responsibility for the party divisions that have arisen from the clash of personal ambitions. He has the same warm and sympathetic nature, winning personal friendship and popular confidence. He has more of the political strength whose test is the ability to command votes regardless of party. He has twice been elected Governor of a Republican State, the last time with a margin of 15,000 votes in his favor. He has had more experience in public affairs than Pierce, and represents a State of far more relative conseperfence in business of far more relative conse-quence than New Hampshire in 1832. He is a more available candidate, personally and

HAGGARD'S LITERARY VENTURES.

Chance Induced Him to Take Up His Imaginative Pen. H. Rider Haggard in New York Journal.

My entrance into literature was purely as accident. Even after my return from Africa I had no idea of entering the profession. I went to Africa as secretary to one of the Gov ernors. I was in the country at the time of the war, and left disgusted at the outcome. My methods of book making differed but little from those of other authors. A writer must to do justice to a subject, have a thorough knowledge of his plot and characters before touching pen to paper. He must, too, have collected an immense amount of material or which to draw.

While in Africa I made a close study of the

habits of the natives and the country generally. In consequence, when I returned to England I In consequence, when I returned to England I was in a position to describe what I had seen and heard. These materials, with a sufficient amount of romance blended with them, are made use of in my tales of African life.

As I have already stated, my cutrance into literature was due to chance. While practicing at the bar I conceived the idea of writing a work on politics. This, my maiden effort, proving successful, I was induced to write romances.

mances.
"Dawn" was my first effort. Then followed other romances, including "She," which has been the most successful of my books. I limit my working hours to six daily. In the past I have been too productive, and in future will publish but one book a year.

Where Harmony Reigns. New Orleans Pleayune.]

The Irish leaders—estranged by person ns-will harmonize on the method of obtaining and receiving American contribution The cause is not yet lost.

Uncle Sam's Poor Economy. New Orleans Picayune, 1 Nothing but blankets and Indian ratio saved by hiring men for \$18 per month to kill off other men that are being supported in

charity by the same Government.

ACROSS THE BORDER.

Rev. George Hodges Writes Entertainingly of Scotland's Capital City, Edinburgh— Many Points of More Than Ordinary In-

terest in the Famous Town, Old and new lie side by side in Edinburgh, Old and new lie side by side in Edinburgh, and between the two there is a "great gulf fixed." But the great gulf is delightfully laid out with lawns, and flower beds, and shady walks; and the contrast between the ancient and the modern is one of the pleasantest features of the modern beautiful town on the other side of the Atlantic.
There are two chief streets in Edinburgh.

One is Princes street, which runs through the One is Princes street, which runs through the new town. It has upon one side this fine valley with its gardens, and upon the other a long row of hotels and attractive shops; the most attractive shops in Europe. Paris, Verice, or London cannot show such a series of tempting windows as invite the passers by on Princes street. The other great Edinburgh street is High street, which begins at the castle and ends at Holyrood Palace, and runs through the old town. One of the quaintest streets in the world. The respectable portion of the population has for the most part moved over to the after side of the great guif. The immense, tall houses in which the plutocrats and aristocrats did once have readence, are turned now into tenements. And such tenements! You go along between the castle and the palace, where Queen Mary used to go in the old times, and look up at the precipitous old buildings. Out of more than half the windows dangles the family washing. These people have no "back yard." They have nothing, except a few feet of boards and plaster, and a ne view out of their windows. There is only one place to dry the clothes after the hasty washings, and that is out in public where taltered lines flutters gaily in all the smoky breezes, like banners along the line of some fine triumbhal march. Between these great buildings little spaces open, here and there, called "closes;" alleyways, leading to back areas and courts, dark, suspicious-looking and malodorous. You look in, and, amid the tumbling shanties, dirty children are shouting one to another in the language (but not with the good words) of Presbyteriansm. old town. One of the quaintest streets in the

An Involuntary Suggestion.

The most striking contrast. Side by side with the creat culf between, lie Paradise and Purgatory! Lazarus on High street, and Dives on Princes street, look across at each other. How many of them will change places in the Day of Great Surprises! The Scott monument is beside Princes street, on the edge of the public gardens—a fine,

graceful, gothic structure, visible from end to end of the splendid avenue. Here sits Scott, end of the splendid avenue. Here sits Scott, that his proud countrymen may behold him. Close by is the Waverly station, where you take the train for Abbotsford.

You go out among the pleasant hills, where you see the shining of fair rivers, and get under the shade of great trees, and walk along the leafy lanes, and so by rail and road to Abbotsford. The house is kept as it was when the master lived in it. You are taken into his study. There is the big black leather chair in which he sat to write, and the desk on which he laid his paper. You look out of the big bay window of the library upon the fine smooth lawn reaching down to the banks of the Tweed. In a case by this window are gathered some of the curious things of which Scott was proud to be the possessor. Napoleon's writing-case and pen-case of green velvet, and the big, golden bees with which he fastened his coat; and the silver cross which Mary, Queen of Scots, carried to her execution; and locks of hair of Wellington and Nelson. In the drawing room is a painting of Scott, with his favorite dogs, also of his wife and his mother, and a beautiful picture, of the present owner and occupant of Abbotsford, his descendant; and another picture, not so beautiful, representing Mary, Queen of Scots' head after it was cut off! In the armory is Rob Roy's claymore, and Nanoleon's pistols found in his that his proud countrymen may behold him.

claymore, and Napoleon's pistols, found in his carriage after the battle of Waterloo, and many old suits of armor, and the key of old Tolbooth prison, and much else that is curious and worth looking at. The Ruined Abbey of Melrose. The railroad station at which you get out for Abbotsford is close beside the ruined abbey of Melrose. The abbey is beautiful, of course; some of the carving at the capitals of the old pillar is wonderfully fine, and the great arches

pillar is wonderfully fine, and the great arches with flowers growing over their broken curves are most graceful. But the church is all of the abbey that remains. The monastic buildings, which are so interesting at Fountain's Abbey, have long since been pulled down. So that Melrose, after all the tourists' anticipations, is somewhat disappointing. But Scott says that if we want to view it "aright" we must see it in the seft "moonlight." That no doubt would vastly improve it.

The new town of Edinburgh is more beautiful than the old, but the old town is more picturesage and more interesting than the new.

Here is the great castle, on its pecipitous crag, fortified since the days when the Saxon Edwin gave his name to Edwin's burgh. There was a company of Highlanders being drilled there when I saw the fortress; stout fellows in kits and bare kness, with bright plaids and kits and bare kness, with bright plaids an white gaiters, moving like a great complicated murder machine.

A Distinction in Worshipers

Along the way from the castle to the palace you pass the old Church of St. Giles. At the crossing of the street beside the church, a great heart in the pavement—the "Heart of Mid-Lothian"—marks the site of the Tolbooth prison. St. Giles' is a Presbyterian "Cathedral." I went to service there one Sunday. They keep the front door tight locked until the exact hou for service has arrived. There is a side door which is open for the pewholders. The poor people who want to say their prayers, but have no pews of their own to say them in, must abid patiently in the rain (for it always rains in "Auld Reekie") until their betters have taken their places. They did not seem to be deterred, however, by this forbidding condition of things. There was a crowd there which filled up half There was a crowd there which filled up half the square, all patient, all seriously-minded, all conscious of the day of the week. The graven image of St. Giles, with his goats, confronted us over the great door, and seemed not quite in place among the crowd of eminent stone Scotchmen who are carved beside him. Finally, the gates were opened. A company of vergers, most imposing functionaries, in black gowns and broad red collars, carefully kept us from cetting into the best seats. And the service begun.

cetting into the best scats. And the service begun.

In marched the ministers in gowns, preceded by majestic vergers in black and red. There was an anthem, a reading of scripture lessons, a chanting of the psalms of David (in King James' version—not Rouse's) and progress, read out of a book, each followed by an "Amen" sung by the choir and congregation. And yet this is the church in which Jenny Geddes made her name immortal! They were attempting, it will be remembered, in Land's day, to force the Book of Common Prayer upon the unwilling people of Scotland. It was to be the unwilling people of Scotland. It was to be read upon a certain day in this churck of St, Giles. Dean Hanna was to read it. The church was crowded with an irreverent and church was crowded with an irreverent and protesting congregation. The dean began to read. Whereupon Mistress Jenny Geddes rose up, and seizing her kneeling stool flung it at the officiating parson's bead. That was the signal for the beginning of a riot, and for the sudden ending of this ill-advised endeavor. They show Jenny's stool in the museum. And they have a handsome brass plate in the church wall in memory of the dean upon which is inscribed: "He was the first and the last to read the service book in this church." But they come perilously near the service book nowadays. And why not?

Altitle further down the street is the house where John Knox lived. There is a cheap restaurant now in John Knox's parior, and they sell tobacco and cigars in his basement kitchen. But you can see where he ate and slept and

taurant now in John Knoxx partor, and they sell tobacco and cigars in his basement kitchen. But you can see where he ate and slept and wrote. In this little narrow study, bullt out over the street, hardly big enough to turn about in, that uncompromising preacher made his sermons and thought out hard words for Mary. Queen of Scots, and did the thinking and the praying which made him the leader of his people.

A View Worth the Climb. So we come to Holyrood, the palace and the

abbey. ;"Arthur's seat" towers up over the old buildings, and indeed over the whole city. You climb up to the top of the crag, past St. Anthony's ruined chapel, and you get a view worth seeine. The best view which you get at the old palace, is into the long past. Here was enacted that fiere tragedy which was the control that fiere tragedy which was the enacted that fiere tragedy which was the old palace, is into the long past. Here was enacted that fiere tragedy which was the enacted that fiere tragedy which was the enacted that fiere tragedy in the lead of the stairs, stabling him as they were first indeed of the stairs, stabling him as they were first and in own looking forior nenough. The queerest sight in those grim days, never very beautiful and now looking forior nenough. The queerest sight in those grim days, never very beautiful and now looking forior nenough. The queerest sight in those grim days, never very beautiful the potential and now looking forior nenough. The queerest sight in those grim days, never very beautiful the potential and now looking forior nenough. The queerest sight in the look are the potential and now looking forior nenough. The queerest sight in the look of the stairs, stabling him as the potential and now looking forior nenough. The queerest sight in their repeating past the potential gailed in their neighbors, they found a basket on the boundary new them a girl laby about 5 months old.

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Scotch sisters who lived in the same room for a score of years and never spoke, keeping up some old and feolish disagreement, parted by a chalk-line drawn across the floor from the threshold to the stove! Within this church, and upon the flat surface of the tombstones in the churchyard, they signed the "Solemn League and Covenant." It is time, one would think, for another covenant, a league of brothers.

G. H. OUR MAIL POUCH. Perpetual Motion Once More.

To the Editor of The Dispatch:

If a person invents a perpetual motion ma-chine how long will he have to leave it in the Patent Office to prove that it has perpetual motion? Has the United States or other Governments offered a prize to the inventor? Pittsburg, January 17. J. F.

[The mechanical definition of that unattainable ideal, perpetual motion, is a machine which when set in motion would continue to move without the aid of external force and without the loss of momentum until the parts would become deranged or worn out. A very short test has always proved sufficient to onstrate the lack of these qualities. The Govrnment has offered a reward neither for a perpetual motion machine nor the construcon of a railroad to the moon. However, if you have discovered the undiscoverable, there is not the slightest doubt that Jay Gould and Cræsus will be mere pigmies in comparison.]

Washington, Engraving and Temperance, To the Editor of The Dispatch : How many members were in Washington's Cabinet, and who were they? Where and by what nation was engraving invented? When and where was the first temperance society formed? READER.

HULTON, PA., Jan. 16. [Washington's Cabinet contained only four members, Jefferson, Hamilton, Knox and Randolph. Engraving was practiced in India and China in remote ages, and mentioned in the Bible in Exodus, 28:36. The first modern tem perance society was organized by 200 farmers at Litchfield, Conn., in 1789.1

Concerning the Madstone. Can you give me any information as to the rigin, etc., of a madstone? Is it animal, min-ral or vegetable? X. Y. Z. SEWICKLEY, PA., Jan. 17.

It is the generally accepted opinion that the madstone is composed largely of moonshine. Certainly it is a very scarce and mysteriou, reveal any information upon the subject. 1

Can Anyone Give This Information? To the Editor of The Dispatch. Please state how to make ink look old when ritten on paper and oblige A READER.
PITTSBURG, Jan. 14.

FOREIGN STUPIDITY.

People Who Lack the Resources and Ingenuity of Americans.

We had an exceptionally prosperous year. I consider that the whole land is wonderfully prosperous, said Senator Stanford to Gath, of the Cincinnati Enquirer. That can only be felt by one who has gone out of the beaten paths in Europe. I was in Russia, for example, and I marked how the women were sitting down in the fields digging potatoes with the fingers, assisted only when the ground was hard by a short, pointed stick, with which they broke the clods. I was acquainted with the Russian Consul in San Francisco, an intelligent man, and I asked him why there seemed so little sense of suggestion in his country.

He said that the people did not seem to come

by it like the Americans. "Machinery," said he, "does not seem conformable to our agriculhe, "does not seem conformable to our agricultural ways. Germans. English and Americans
furnish us with most all the new ideas. An
American went out there and established mechanical works, and when he died they employed several thousand bands. People then
began to wonder that we Russians had not
thought of doing the same thing. I had," said
the Consul "on my farm a reaping machine, but
whenever it got broke I had to send 20 miles
for ever so slight a repair."

LIBELED FOREIGNERS.

They Are Not So Black as the Criminal Statistics Paint Them.

New York Commercial Advertiser.]

It is stated that "in New York, where the ratio of the foreign-born population is only 23 per cent, 45 per cent of the insane, 46 per cent of the inmates of prisons, and 54 per cent of those receiving support are foreign born." Of course, this is all true, but the committee overlooks the important fact that the foreign-born population is almost entirely adult. Children the foreign born constitute 40 per cent of our voters, and the fact that they constitute 46 per cent of our convicts is not a very damning one. They are generally poorer than the native born, and the poor everywhere are more likely to be convicted than the well-to-do. The fact that the committee's statistics allege that our mmigrants are twice as likely to be insane as our own people should have revealed to them the absurdity of their proposition. The general poverty of immigrants would naturally increase the ratio of crime and pauperism among them, but it would not even tend to increase insanity. The statistics published on this point indicate area to a statistic on the point. ndicate greater insanity on the part of the committee than on the part of the immigrants.

HOW TO CIVILIZE THE INDIAN.

Don't Put Him to Work, but Make a

Soldier Out of Him. Brooklyn Standard-Union.] Strange as it may seem, the path to civilization, and to all greatness, in commerce, educa-tion, art, literature and science, which the world now enjoys, has lain through military chievement. Is not the action of the War Department in enlisting certain of the tribes as soldiers, and more recently of assigncipline the "friendlies" at the Pine Ridge agency, really the first practical step towar settling our Indian problems by beginning the civilization of the Indian in the most practical

The Indian's highest conception of manhood is the warrior, and if he can be taught, as he evidently can, that the disciplined warrior is higher than the undisciplined and savage one, the rest of the lesson will be easy, until in time he will arrive at that stage where the soldier is subordinated to the more peaceful occupations

A BARKEEPER'S PET RAT.

It Knows Its Owner's Property and Takes Care of It.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Jan. 18.—Captain Riley, a barkecper at a fashionable saloon in this city, has made a pet of a large rat which lives under the floor. Every day when the Captain the floor. Every day when the Captain is on duty the big rat will come out of his hole for a lunch. Riley saves a few scraps for the rat, for which the rodent expresses its thanks by blinking its little red eyes. The rat will put its head up through its hole, which is behind the bar, and take a cautious look around. If one of the other barkeepers is on duty the rat goes back, but if it seet the smiling face of Riley it comes boldly forth and devours the remnants of the Captain's lunch.

A few nights ago three silk umbrellas were left in the saloon over night, one of them being the property of Riley. The next morning two of the umbrellas were found cut to pieces by the rat, but Riley's was untouched. His pet rat had recognized and spared his property.

A BABY'S GOOD LUCK.

Being Left on a Door Step, It Is Adopted

-It costs 64 cents to run a train a mile in

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-Telephones are now being introduced or

-A Wichita man offers the Government big price for Alaska.

-I'ne daily surplus of births over deaths in the United Kingdom is 1,500.

-Cork, if sunk 20 feet in the ocean, will not rise, on account of the pressure of the

-A society has been formed in England to abolish capital punishment for female mur-

ion of carrying a purse and card-case set in dia

ingly prevalent among Boston's fashiona

-A prophet has arisen who says that the world will be densely overcrowded before it is 200 years older.

-Cincinnati has passed an ordinance prohibiting experiments in mesmerism and hypno-tism within the city limits.

-A Loudon matrimonial agent boasts of having arranged 40,000 marriages between mem-bers of all classes of society.

their arms when walking and to inflate chest in a ridiculous manner. -A Kansas statesman who wants to suc-

Ore., is to watch the salmon go over the fish ladder at the dam in Rogue river, -Some of the possibilities for crime

-It is claimed for the State of Missouri that she has three of the largest springs in the

fl.250,000 sterling. The loss to labor in Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia is reck-oned at £905,000, to trade at £305,000, and to the State, in maintenance of military and police and loss of wharfage and customs due, at £30,000.

and decided they were needed out West to help kill off a few squaws and red children; so a man organized a company of 50 volunteers and has been drilling them daily, awaiting a reply to a letter to General Miles offering to come to his rescue at once. The General is silent upon the offer. -A little boy in Utica thought it would

mixed up in their notions of the Indian war

-A strolling surveyor happened along to a certain farm house in Illinois and offered to run the farm lines for \$3. He was put to work, and he found the lines all wrong a

mountains of North Carolina was received by a Raleigh lady into her home for raining. She was taught at first to be orderly, second to be clean, and third to be near. Suddenly she fled to her mountain home. The lady found her there. "Why did you leave me?" she asked, "Why, Mis Blank, I just couldn't stay. I was just cloved with neatness."

Bull when the latter set out upon his first railway ride, which was from Bismarck to Washington, says the chief shivered and gazed about in wonder as the cars flew over the rails. "The train is running very fast," said a gentleman present. "Umph," replied Sitting Bull, looking out of the window. "Fire wagon stay still, White man's medicine make earth move heap fast."

-It has been thought that lightning could not strike a train. The theory has received a complete contradiction. At Dischau, Prussia, an express train running at the rate of 60 kilometers per hour into the station, broke down the buffing apparatua, ran into the interior facade of the station, and broke up against a neighboring house. An investigation estab-lished that the accident is to be attributed to the effect of lightning, which fell upon the

-John Bull has the smallest, most heterogenous and least efficient army of any of the great powers, and yet it costs the most, the snug sum of \$177,000,000 annually. His sum total of regulars, volunteers, militia, etc., is 765,000. The German army costs \$167,000,000, and the French \$140,000,000, and each of them could put in the field within the 21st day of mobilization 2,000,000 men and about 4,000 field guns. Within that time England could not muster more than one complete army corps.

-The Atlanteans, a mystic organization recently formed at New Orleans with the pur-pose of adding to the pleasures of the carnival, has issued invitations for their inaugural ball and tabaleaux February 3. The artist's skill has been called into requisition and the handhas been called into requisition and the handsome missive conveys an idea of the beauties
Atlantis and his court will unfold in tableaux.
From the unfathomed depths where Atlantis,
the lost continent, lies submerged, comes Atlanta on his throne surrounded by his cavaliers
and born upon the wings of thought, and mid
the wonders of the deep and the beauties of
his realm he holds high revel to which his loyal
subjects are accorded welcome.

The man who lost his money is in a position to denounce prize fighting and its attend minorality.—New Orleans Picagune. Little Jenks-It is astonishing that you

delicate and dainty lace pin of precious stones shaped and arranged in the exact outline of an in-

-Women of fortune are starting the fash--Cigarette smoking has become alarm-

-Some New York mothers have organized a school at which their children are taught

-A horse died the other day at Atchison of lockjaw. A dozen or more nails were found in the feet of the animal.

-Athletic girls have a tendency to swing

ceed Senator Ingalls blew his nose on a napkin at a Topeka hotel the other day. -The fad of the hour at Grant's Pass,

offered by the practice of mesmerism—or hypnotism, as it is now the fashion to call it— were shown recently in Paris, when a hypnotist secured a check for 10,000 francs from the

world. One in Dent county is so large that it was proposed to supply the whole city of St. Louis with its water by running an aqueduct from its neighborhood to the city reservoir. -It has been estimated that the recent Australian strikes cost the colonies there over

-The fastest mile a single man has traveled by various methods of locomotion is, to date, as follows: Swimming, 28:32; walking, 6:23; show shoes, 5:38%; rowing, 5:31; running, 4:18%; tricycle, 1:48 2-5; bleycle, 2:29 4-5; skating, 2:12 3-5; trotting horse, 2:08%; running horse, 1:35; railroad train, 40% seconds; balloon, pneumatic tube and electricity records are yet to be -The people at Essexville, Mich., got all

he a pleasant anusement to play being a letter carrier. He accordingly secured secretly a bundle of old love letters that his mother had kept since her courtship days, and distributed them from house to house throughout the neighborhood. What befell Torumy when his enterprise was discovered can be readily imagined.

got seven farmers into fights and lawsuits be-fore the county surveyor came along and dis-covered that the stroller couldn't run a straight line for 20 rods o save his neck. Then he -A "poor white trash" girl from the

just cloyed with neatne

LAUGHING GAS.

'I'm short," this was his cry through life; And even at his death, The doctors, after wordy strife, Declared him short of breath.

giris will let yourselves be squeezed in tight con ects.

Katie-Why, if I refused, George, you know you wouldn't like it, -English Exchange. Among the newest designs in jewelry is a

errogation point. Its use, as may easily be in-erred, is to enable bashful men to pop the question without the embarrassment of speech.

York Telegram. "How cold is it, Mickey?" "Twenty derees Fahrenheit." "Well, who asked about to breign heat? What is it in American heat?"