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THE OBSTRUCTIVE HABIT. There is room for a decided opinion that in resuming the policy of obstruction in the House of Representatives yesterday the Democrats are presenting an unfortunate illustration of the force of bad habit. It had not been supposed, heretofore, that indulgence in obstruction involved results like the sloobolic habit; but the Democrats appear to have contracted the tendency so strongly that they cannot break themselves of it, and at present it looks as if it was going to the degree of delirium.

The obstructive tactics of yesterday were resorted to in anticipation of the return of the elections bill from the Senate for concurrence in amendments. But when that policy goes to the length of obstructing regular business, in order to throw obstacles in the way of a measure which has not yet reached the House, the Democrats put themselves as painstakingly in the wrong as their opponents have been doing heretofore. Obstruction, like opium, is something to be resorted to only as a last resort. The Democrats should make an effort to grasp the truth that, as it is better not to cross a bridge until you reach it, it is fully time enough to obstruct an obnoxious measure when it comes up.

Beside the very grave responsibility of obstructing public business in this way, the Democratic leaders show bad judgment simply from a party point of view. It has aiready been made plain enough that the Republican policy of legislating party supremacy is certain to break its neck if it has rope enough; and the Democrats are not under any obligations to use such strenuous means to prevent it from getting the rope.

STREET BILLS AT HARRISBURG.

Bills were introduced, at Harrisburg vesterday, to get this city out of its street muddle, and they will probably go through without much opposition. If passed, they are calculated to enable the city to collect assessments for improvements already made, a necessity which cannot be denied. The present situation is very generally regretted, and even with a remedy to the extent promised by these bills, it is still a matter of regret that improvements could not be continued as the old law contemplated.

KIPLING AND NATIONAL PRIDE.

We regret to observe that some of our esteemed cotemporaries have shown a disposition to get red in the face over Rudyard Kipling's sharp and rather summary sketches of political and social features in San Francisco. As the features which Kipling jumps on have been made the subjeets of indigenous sarcasm these many years, it is illogical for the same humerous riters who have made sport of these failings to get angry because Kipling characterizes them in even more trenchant terms. It might almost be thought that the objection was prompted by jealousy at his encroachment on the field of the native result of the sentiment, which, while the fincer of scorp at them.

naturedly, in the consciousness that if it | think fit, does not recognize our strong points with our weak ones, it is a prejudiced and conseman is crude and apt to be hasty. He finds saloon conferences, and, unmindful of the unmade by the publicaus, slashes into it as an American trait. But his mute admiration of our slang and his outspoken devo tion of the American girl, ought to concillate every true American.

This country can take Kipling's criticisms without getting angry over them. They may be hasty and even prejudiced, but they are sungently put, and wholly devoid of means certain that the trenchant youth has such a bad opinion of the great American mation, after all.

UNDERGROUND TRANSIT.

cent interview as saying that he considers the idea of rapid transit for large cities to be an underground electric railway. This, Mr. Edison points out, can be thoroughly lighted, well ventilated, can follow any de- in its value. sired line with regard to the surface uses of the ground, and can be so planned as to reduce the dangers of accident far below those of surface roads or those elevated many feet above terra firma.

This is the declaration of an expert. It is a remarkable evidence of the inability of | years. It is true that the silver acts heretothe vast majority of mankind to go a step beyoud what they have set before them in the form of concrete demonstration, that the agitators for improved rapid transit in various par with gold. But if a law should be cities, which imagine themselves beyond the stage of cable and surface electric lines, persist in rejecting everything but an elevated railroad. elevated railroads are already well known. The possibility of a derallment, resulting in a fatal plunge to the street below, have been demonstrated. But the greater drawbacks which produce fear- | tive effort to raise silver toward the gold ful entamities, if the eventual disintegration | standard; the pending measure proposes to o the structure is not anticipated by period- reduce the monetary standard to the value ical reconstruction, has not yet been ex- of silver. perienced; and the consequence is that am-

shall seek rapid transit in any other form than practiced in New York.

Yet the evidence is convincing that the vated. That evidence takes the form of that of the streets, while its convenience, speed and popularity have been demonstrated beyond question. The underground road would avoid the incumbrance of the streets and darkening of the atmosphere which is inevitable with elevated roads. It would wholly do away with the clogging of street traffic caused by surface roads.

A great portion of the preference for elevated roads is due to the belief that they are less costly. But this is a decided error, when all factors are estimated. The improved reduction in its cost, as illustrated by the St. Clair river tunnel, as also on a smaller scale by a sewer tunnel recently completed in this city. If the first cost alone is taken into consideration the elevated road may yet be a little the cheapest. But if the damages to adjoining property are considered the underground road will cost less. Beyond that, the tunnel furnishes a complete solution for the disposition of various underground structures that are necessary in a large city; and when the saving by building sewers and laying water, gas and electric lines in connection with it are considered, the sconomy is still more manifestly on its side. Finally, nothing is more certain than that, some time or other, the entire structure of the most wholesale calamities, while of the underground road the only replacement

necessary will be the track. It ought to be beyond dispute that rapid fransit science has reached a stage where the subterranean road presents a decided superiority to the elevated one. As this will be the case until those Western adventurers get their airships to flying, ambitious cities will do well to give the fact its full weight.

A BONANZA FOR THE PROMOTERS. The more the demand of the Nicaragua

Canal Company, is examined, the more audacious appear its provisions. How it could ever have been favorably reported in attempts to boost the price of silver and the its present shape by the Committee on Foreign Relations is past comprehension. The Committee itself acknowledges that the total cost of the work cannot exceed \$100,000,000we may note parenthetically that the company's own estimate is but \$90,000,000-the whole of which sum Uncle Sam is asked to provide by the sale of bonds bearing his indorsement. Thus the United States is to build a canal which a private company is to own. This feature of profit and ownership by the company calls for a capital stock of \$100,000,000, of which about eighty per cent is to be water, as frankly and undisguisedly such as any J. Gould or the Vanderbilts ever injected into any of their liquefied schemes.

The committee unreservedly states the canal is to be built by the proceeds of the bonds. The only consideration for the stock is that \$7,000,000 of it goes to the company promoters for what they have already done, and Costa Rica and Nicaragua get some more for their concessions: while \$70.-000,000 is to remain in the United States Treasury, salable in case "the proceeds of the bonds should be insufficient to meet the current requirements of the company." Finally-and this is the most significant provision-the United States is to have but six of the fifteen directors; so that while the country is responsible for the means of hands of the private promoters, their appointees, assigns, or friends.

e canal to An merce will be great. It will lessen by at least one-half the water voyage to Chile, Peru and other South American markets as well as to China and Japan. Our Government might perhaps be instified in sun. plying, as is proposed, the whole means for its construction. It would also be no more than fair to pay the private promoters handsomely for their investment, and to give them a continuing interest proportioned thereto in the profits of the cannl. But it in a case of that sort. The same sort of law was is utterly inexcusable to leave the control in their hands, and especially to enable them to burden the enterprise with an issue of \$100,000,000 of stock-which by their estimates should not be needed-yet upon humorists; but it is no doubt wholly the which dividends will eventually be exnected. These dividends can only be had clearly recognizing family failings, gets up by an added tax of nearly 100 per cent upon in arms if a stranger comes in and points the commerce passing through the canal. The most dangerous and suspicious feature Yet, after all this, feeling is crude and of the transaction is that the expenditure of provincial. This country is old enough and | the first \$100,000,000 is to be left wholly to | a better way to insure peace will be to fill their big enough to let the world laugh at our the promoters who further have the privi- stomachs. By disarming the agents who have failings and accept the verdict good- lege of calling another \$70,000,000 if they

Should a bill be passed by Congress upon these lines suggested by the Committee on | are pretty lively, but have not yet come up to quently valueless judgment. That Kip- Foreign Relations, it will be a modern mirling's opinion of the United States is vital to acle if the familiar feature of inside conthis country no one will believe. The young struction companies and profitable wheels within wheels be not evolved out of this out that political matters are settled in scheme throwing wholly into the shade the enormous private fortunes which were simi-English cabinets that have been made and larly coined at public expense out of the famous Pacific Railroad subsidies.

ARGUMENTS ON SILVER.

There is a good deal of indiscretion, with a slight taste of stupidity, in the insistence of some of the Eastern papers that the silver coinage measure is intended to give the silver mine owners \$1 29 per ounce for metal worth only \$1 05. The stupidity of persistinstruction. Moreover, it is not yet by any ing in this statement as the argument against free silver coinage is that it is easily disproved, and thus leaves the impression that other arguments against the measure are equally ill-founded. When any man who has silver can get the Government stamp Mr. Thomas A. Edison is quoted in a re- put on it the coin will be worth exactly what silver bullion is. It cannot be worth more; for if there were any greater value the entire stock of silver in the world would at once a hold in this country. flood the mints to secure that appreciation

The indiscretion of that erroneous argument is the more marked because it charges this silver coinage bill with the attempt to raise the price of silver by legislation, which is exactly what past silver legislation of the country has been trying to do for fore have provided that the Government shall boy bar silver at its market price, and thus secure the profit of raising the coin to passed that the Treasury shall buy and store fifty million dollars of pig iron annually, the country would have no difficulty in Many of the disadvantages of recognizing it as legislation to raise the price of pig iron. The essential difference between the silver legislation of the past ten years and the measure now proposed is that the past acts made a more or less tenta-

There is much more torce in showing the bitious cities of the national second class injustice of this as affecting debtors and wholly reject all propositions that they creditors, than in the argument just referred

to. The Philadelphia Press tries to combine the two by saying, "the people are asked to make up this difference (that beunderground railroad is superior to the ele- tween the market value and alleged coinage value of silver) by taking silver at 25 per actual experience in London. The South | cent above its market value in payment of London Electric Railway has proved a all past debts now standing." But this is great success. During the recent London | not a clear statement of the case, both befogs its atmosphere was actually superior to | cause the payment of past debts is not the only function of silver, and because the proposed change will not especially benefit the miners of silver as a class, so much as all debtors as a class. The practical effect of free silver coinage will be to scale down existing debts by a percentage which the Press states to be 25 per cent, but which THE DIS-PATCH thinks will be more correctly estimated at 15 per cent. The injustice of this the opponents of silver coinage would do well to bring out. The general misapprehension of its effect can be strikingly shown by a sinappliances for tunneling have made a marked | gle example. Mr. Jay Gould's highly watered corporations belong emphatically to the debtor class. Nearly, if not quite, all their value is balanced by their debts. The effect of the proposed change would be to make Mr. Gould and his coadjuters in those corporations a present of 15 to 25 per cent of the hundreds of millions of debt on their various corporations and take away from the thousands of small investors who hold the bonds of the corporations exactly

the same proportion of their savings. Another striking illustration of the weak foundation of the silver theory is furnished by the general agreement that if free silver coinage is adopted something must be done to prevent the importation of silver from abroad. This idea, which is accepted by an elevated road must be replaced, to avoid | many silver men, shows their distrust of silver as money. No one wants to prevent the importation of gold. On the contrary its importation is welcomed as an increase of our stock of money. But at the same time that it is proposed to raise silver to the full rank of money, the distrust of it in that function is shown by this wish to exclude silver coming to us from abroad. If we can accept silver as an unlimited subject for coinage we should be glad to have it come from abroad in any quantity as an addition

to our supply of monetary wealth. There are plenty of strong arguments against free silver coinage, but they should intelligently discriminate between the past present proposition to reduce the monetary standard to the silver basis.

EUROPE FROST-BOUND AGAIN.

After a slight moderation the weather is reported more severe than ever in Europe. The condition of the poor in London and Berlin is pitiable in the extreme. The distress is incalculable. Multitudes are on the streets, preferring the frost laden air outside to the chill of fireless rooms, and trouble is feared. It is certainly a time for action, prompt and vigorous action. Kind hands and open purses here and there are utterly inadequate to meet the situation. An organized system of relief seems called for. If the crowd is really desperate enough to do violence, in its benumbed and frozen condition. it will be far cheaper to spend two pounds for relief than to permit destruction of property to the value of one.

Now that the Government board has made us spell it Bering, will it not please give us official information whether its first syllable rhymes with "beer," "fur," or "err"?

THE Philadelphia Press remarks that Washington, then the richest man in the country, was elected and re-elected President a century ago, but asserts that to-day the "riches man could not be, even if he were-which he is not-as good a man as Washington." I construction, the control rests still in the to do half as much for the country as Washing ton did, we will guarantee that he will have the Presidency offered him, without putting a single dollar of his wealth into the campaign

> THE burglars of this vicinity are beginning to resent interference with their industry with revolvers. If they keep ou the law will retailate on some of them with a rope.

> IT is noticeable that New York is now experiencing the working of a law which makes saloon-keepers liable for damages arising from the sale of liquor to incbriates. The wife of a drupkard has just recovered \$1,000 damages in force in numerous Western States, a few years ago; but out there it has made a myster-

> IT is formally announced that the Astor-Willing engagement is duly ratified, and recognized by the family authorities. Society car now draw a long breath.

DISARMING the Sioux is all very well, particularly when they have disarmed themselves by burying the moderh substitute for the hatchet, in the shape of Springfield rifies. But een cheating the Indians, the danger of having the firearms dug up may be evaded.

IRISH politics as manifested in Trales the standard of activity presented by American politics in Colorado.

Now it is proposed in Kansas that the Senate shall adjourn, leaving the Alliance men n the Lower House without a full Legislature. The sentiment of this proposition is evidently that if the Republicans cannot have a Legislature that will elect Ingalls, they will have no Legislature at all. If they wish to permanently break the neck of the Republican part in Kansas, they can do it by carrrying out thi

THE man who has not got a fire escape of his building by this time is warned by the Department of Public Safety that he is in a perilous condition.

In the agitation for municipal improve ments in Philadelphia, we observe a new move ment has been started to abolish the electric les in the streets. This provokes the anxiou inquiry when the promise that Pittsburg over head wires were to be abolished will material ize by the disappearance of the wires and poles

JUDGING from the mortgage filed yesterday, the English brewery trust has not much of

STRANGER than fiction is the true tale of an old English fortune, created in Inqia, which heirs and imposters are making a race for The slow grind of the English Chancery Court is likely to give ample time to the real heirs to prove their claims.

FIFTH AVENUE property is worth about as much gold as would cover the surface in the shape of doubloons. IT is satisfactory to observe that, unde

the instruction of experience, President Harrison has retrained from stating that if Senato Cameron is re-elected, the President will refuse SERVERS after unclaimed estates in this

ection are likely to be confronted with odd be A SUBURBAN fight over the gas question eveals the fact that there are localities where there is competition in the gas business. And

where there is competition there also seems to

He's Little, but Oh, My! go Tribune.] Jay Gould is a man of small stature an weighs only about 130 pounds, but he can ob struct more railway tracks at once than a whole SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON.

PEOPLE who have false teeth are the only ones who wear crowns on this hemisphere. THE old aphorism runs: Believe nothing you THE old aphorism runs: Believe nothing you hear, believe only half of what you read, and do not believe everything you see. When these words were penned the news of the day was circulated by gossips, the books were full of the wonderful tales of travelers, and telescopes had not been perfected. Now things are different, you know. The news of the day, that which makes and cases down into history, is no which makes and goes down into history, is no longer mouthed or hawked labout, growing or shrinking under the tongues of the talkers. All shrinking under the tongues of the talkers. All over the world busy brains, nimble fingers, swift feet, sleepless eyes are watching and recording, sifting and sorting the true from the false, the real from the unreal, and scattering it broadcast. You are not asked to believe the comments thereon, but if you do not believe only half the recorded events you only get half measure so far as the real news of the world is concerned. Seeing is believing so far as material the goes, too. If you see aright—with the mind's eye as well as the little headlights—it's pretty safe to believe all you

headlights-it's pretty safe to believe all you see. Of course if you are blinded by prejudice you will only see such things as are presented in a favorable light, and even then 'twere better not to believe all you see. But those who see aright, who think while they look, need not doubt their senses or pose as skeptics, doubters, jeerers. But when you listen to the small and idle talk, catch the drift or the current of life's troubled stream, remember well the aphorism.

Don't believe a word of the gossip. If your correspondent writes over a nom de plume, is a slimy snake crawl ing through life anonymously, don't be-lieve a word you read. Burn the letter and blot out its memory. If you judge persons and things by appearances don't believe what you see, for appearances are mighty deceptive. In these cases the old saying fits to a nicety. But when applied to the news record it is too sweeping, and if followed would rob the world of its chief charm. Error creeps in, to be sure, exaggeration garnishes truth, rumor is clothed so as to be presentable, but when weighed the record of the day is not found wanting in fact. There is a deal more realism than romance in the heavy grist turned out with each revolution of the big ball-the grist which is bolted by the toilers under the bright lights, beside the flash ing and the sounding machines, down in the deep cellars where the ink is black before it is

ground into the white paper to produce the torch which guides liberty and melts fetters. NEW YORK does not seem to consider a Weed good Senatorial timber.

FARMER WHEELER, one of Iowa's aspiring Alliance politicians, farms by telephone, He is now working the wires for Governor. THE first steamer on the great lakes was

christened Walk-in-the-Water by the Indians. She carried a walking-beam. THE weather gives every promise of freezing

JUDGING from the fun New York society has in connection with amateur operas and the-atricals innumerable high jinks are committed

in the name of charity. MODERN religion points to the star of hope in the sky of faith, and its creed divisions only exist in prejudice.

THE poor mathematician frequently sets a Planned on Gay Lines.

Dame Fashion is designing The cut of the summer girl, Who soon will be reclining Where ocean's cimbers ourl. From sketches she is flashing Before the public gaze, The sweet thing will be dashing. And full of mannish ways.

She'll wear a jaunty jacket, As well as starchy shirt, Be fit for any racket Costumed for game or flirt, But her vest will be a daisy, It will show colors bright The dudelets will go crazy. For she'll be out of sight In "reefers" she'll be taking.

In "blazer" neglige, In "Lenox" just heart breaking, In bathing costume gay. Her gait must be a swagger, ke silly me And ornel men will tag her

AFTER the scrap the Indians gave Miles ough old iron to start a scrap yard.

THE only thing you need expect from the in-

SOME fashionable prayer books and hymnals ost \$100. They are intended to be looked at instead of being looked into.

PLUCK can give luck the best cards in the THE hard winter has given Europe universal

A LONG dress don't last as long as a short

THE man who makes creme de minthe is coining money, judging from the number people who are drinking the stuff.

IRELAND has more turfmen than any other

STRONG drink weakens the knees, but it

Poor Lo's Tribute. The Indian war is over now, Leaving a bill to settle; But General Miles can lead a scow

As a composer Wagner made more noise the world than all the others combined.

STUTTERING is not an impediment to mar-

Sown actresses after taking a part in public are taken apart in the dressing room.

THE Black Watch-A colored policeman. AMERICA'S court ladies-Our female law

MONK IGNATIUS says he has taken the vow of poverty. All the same he returned a check for \$25 for a sermon because he expected \$300. Love lives where hope perishes.

PEOPLE who fail to eatch on are called jays in spite of the fact that the Jays are the fellows who seem to have caught on with both hands.

Ir you get in the jaws of the loan sharks your life is bound to be full of interest. SHIPS always manage to have a strong hold

on life on the ocean wave. SICKLY smiles-Five-cent whisky.

The women have been told to wear Their dresses long again, In promenading have a care, Or you will catch a train,

Not a Good Catch.

Ir the dumb waiter is tipped the victuals are THE attitude of the Paris bankers who hold

the Irish fund will doubtless lead to a love feast. So long as a split exists they will hang to the cash, and the factions would rather kiss and make up than lose the boodle. THE Parisian dressmakers say the bigh shoulders must go. Those who buy the girls' dresses will shrug their shoulders, but will fork

PROPLE on the verge of bankruptcy try to make creditors believe in false profits.

FARMER TAGGART does not seem to the tag of the grangers, and cannot rake enough of them together to crush Cameron.

WHEN a cloture is applied in the Senate the

grave seigneurs will have a foretaste of the

Women who are good whistlers can afford to out on airs.

MAMMAS with several marriageable daugh ters are usually clever match-makers.
WILLIE WINKLE,

PERSONAL MENTION.

Ex-Governor Ames, of Massachusetts, and ils brother, F. L. Ames, are worth \$10,000,000 nd \$25,000,000 respectively. DR. R. W. RAYMOND, Secretary of the

JOHN A. KING, who is a candidate for the Democratic nomination as Mayor of Chicago, s a millionaire druggist, born in Schenectady, N. Y., about 60 years ago. MRS. TIBBLES, better known as "Bright

one to the Mediterranean and the Nile re-

Eyes," who has been sent among the Indians by a Western paper to investigate the cause of their discontent, affirms that incompetent in-terpreters are responsible for a great many of the wild and abgurd statements cradited to Indian orators. THOMAS A. EDISON is said to regard his deafness as a blessing in disguise. It enables him to think and plan in perfect quiet, and he

can have his children about him at all times

without being disturbed by their noisy prattle, He also misses the comments passed on his ap-

arance wherever be goes. IT is understood that the hereditary Prince f Nassau is visiting England because his parents are anxious that he should marry at nce, and would be glad to see him ch bride from the British royal family. Being heir o £250,000 a year, and a man of fine appearance and exemplary character, he is one of the great st catches in Europe. WHETHER Judge Gresham is a citizen of

Illinois or Indiana has recently been disputed a apropos of the Senatorship contest in the for-mer State. His legal residence has been in Chicago ever since his appointment to the United States Circuit Judgeship, which he now holds, which was in 1884. He has been a citizen of Illinois six or seven years, and voted in Chiago at every election since then. DE LANCEY NICOLI is a devotee of muscular ulture and is well up in the art of which John L. Sullivan is the most famous exponent. He has a long reach, the pugilists say, good lungs and a chest that is broad and deep. He is a

held the Long Island championship. Horse back riding is another favorite exercise of his and he rides well. Every day he takes some ort of physical exercise. MISS CAMILLE URSO HARRIS, oldest daugher of the author of the "Uncle Remus" stories, s about to go to Italy to pursue the study of art. She is now 20 years of age, and is a girl of emarkable beauty and talent. She paints with skill, and her gift at sculpture is said to be smazing. One of the figures executed by her when only 15 years old has just been presented to the Atlanta Historical Society. It represents "Uncle Remus." Miss Harris leaves un

inished a pattle scene—an episode of the march o the sea. IN HONOR OF BANCROFT.

Orders Relative to the Funeral and Empero William's Sympathy.

WASHINGTON, Jan 19 .- The President issued he following executive order this afternoon: "The death of George Bancroft, which oc-curred in the city of Washington on Saturday, June 17, at 3:10 o'clock P. M., removes from mong the living one of the most distinguished Americans. As an expression of the public loss departments at Washington and of the public buildings through which the funeral party is to pass will be at half must until the body of this eminent statesman, scholar and historian shall rest in the State that gave him to his country The Secretary of the Navy to-day issued the

The Secretary of the Navy to-day issued the following general order:

"It is with deep regret that the Secretary of the Navy announces to the Navy and the Marine Corps the death, on the 17th inst., at Washington, D. C., of the Hon. George Bancroft, formerly Secretary of the Navy. The long and honored history of Mr. Bancroft, his high character and the distinction which he achieved, both in public office and in literary labor, have made his vame one of the most familiar and venerapublic office and in literary labor, have made his name one of the most familiar and venera-ted in American annals. His successful ad-ministration of the Navy Department from March 1845 to 1846 was marked pre-emi-nently by the foundation of the Naval Academy—an act which has earned for him the most profound and lasting gratitude of the naval service. As a mark of respect to his memory, it is ordered that the Navy Department be draped in mourning for the period of 30 days and that all business

the period of 30 days and that all business be suspended therein on the day of the funeral." This morning Mr. J. C. Bancroft received the following telegram from the Emperor of Germany, transmitted through the German Legation in this city:

"Sir, His Majesty, the Emperor and King, remembering the relations of friendship which for many years existed between His Majesty, the late Emperor William, and the late Hon. George Bancroft as Minister of the United States to Berlin, has directed me to express to you and to your family his most sincere sympathy with the great loss which has fallen upon you and upon your country." you and upon your country."

The Rev. Dr. Douglass, of St. John's Church,

will conduct the service, which will be held at St. John's at 11 A. M. to-morrow. COULD NOT KEEP IT UP.

A Chicago Co-Operative Housekeeping Con-

cern Goes to the Wall. CHICAGO, Jan. 19 .- Evanston's Co-operative Housekeeping Association, formed on the lines laid down by Edward Bellamy, was compelled to go through the vulgar process of making an assignment in the county court this afternoon The assets are \$4,000 and the liabilities \$4,900. The former consist of a lot of cooking utensils and a number of finely colored delivery wagons, presumed to be models of those used in connection with the delivery department of the Cafe Chautrant, No. 47 Rue de Roque,

the Cafe Chautran,
Paris,
Several weeks ago, Henry L. Grau, formerly
chef of the Hotel Poletou, in the French capital, left the service of the company, and the
ladies of the association declare that he is ladies of the association declare that he is mainly responsible for the failure. M. Grau says President Katherine Moore was altogether too extravagant and imagined he had the capital of the buggest French restaurant in Paris behind him, and that he expended several thousand dollars to no purpose when the association was first organized. The approximate cause of the failure was a suit by the man who furnished the machinery for the laundry in connection with the establishment, which has not been paid for. Furthermore it was found as a matter of experience that the prices obtained—\$4 per week for adults, chilhalf price—was too low, and that even at that rate instead of 250 people as expected, only 140 were being fed,

SURPRISES FOR ITS READERS.

Recognized as the Leading and Best News paper in Western Pennsylvania.

THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH for 1891 has see eral important surprises in store for its readers The latest printing machinery has been added. and it has a complete new outfit in all its departments. The daily edition of THE DIS-PATCH has a bona fide circulation of over 30. 000 copies, while the Sunday edition has a circulation of over 60,000 copies each issue. The accuracy and exhaustiveness of its fluancial. commercial, produce, live stock, and fron man kets is something for which it is especially noted, and it is also recognized as the leading oil news journal. THE DISPATCH is the only newspaper in Western Pennsylvania carrying a daily special cable report, while its home news-getting facilities are first-class. THE DISPATCH continues as it has been, an Inde pendent Republican journal, discussing all events of public interest. THE WEEKLY DIS. PATCH is also one of the best papers in Pennsylvania.

Blair Shaken Out of His Seat.

Kausas City Star. J A severe shock of earthquake was felt at various points in New Hampshire Thursday night. Crockery was shaken up and bells were rung in the church steeples. People who be-lieve the story of Jonah will be disposed to at-tribute this convulsion of nature to Bill Chanwith the Emperor, the Chinese government has

A Point Well Put. Somerville Journal.

If it is right to allow mine owners to take their silver bullion to the mint and have it coined into silver dollars free of expense to them, why isn't it right to allow the farmer to take his milk to the county seat and have a paternal government churn it for him into IN LIGHTER VEIN.

The Hanlon-Volter Martinette Company-A Midnight Bell-Emmet's Old Charm -Daniel Boone Again-Musical Roosters

and All Sorts of Varieties.

The Hanlon-Volter Martinette English Pan-tomime and Novelty Company ought to chop their name into handler size. This is all we have to say against them. In their favor it can be said truthfully that a better performance of the the kind has not been given here for years. It is a remarkable performance in several ways-for its variety, the absence of offensive features and the general excellence of the specialties which make it up. The Martinetti opened the ball with a knockabout and acrobatic pantomine, which made the andience laugh continuously for over half an hour The Martinettis, headed by the wonderful Paul, remind one of the Hanlons at their best, Paul, remind one of the Hanlons at their best, but they are distinctly original for all that. A cross section of a two-storied house, open toward the audience, is the scene of their wild pranks which cannot be described. They fell through the floor, tripped each other up, and, in fact, only stopped short of actual homicade apparently in the course of the pantomime. It is really pantomime, too, not a word being spoken from beginning to end of "A Terrible Night." The Montaigue troupe's Chinese balancing and acrobatic feats which came next had some novelty about them as well as wonderful skill. Then Miss Emerson sang a couple of songs with an agreeable soprano voice in a style decidedly better than usual in this sort of entertainment. The Hulines' as musical clowns did not particularly depart from the beaten track, but they made much laughter. Rapoli's descent of an unsupported 20 foot ladder, and several other acts of more or less merit, including some great acrobatic feats by the Wartemburg family, four of whom are very comely and immensely strong young women, intervent before the climax cane are very comely and immensely strong young women, intervened before the climax came with the Hanlon-Volters' daring and graceful act upon lofty and flying trapezes. For this act a great net was spread over the parquet. dience saw fit to vacate the seats u the net, but there seemed to be no danger as far as the spectators were concerned. Nothing far as the spectators were concerned. Nothing like the Hanlon Volters'flights through the

air and final dive into the net has ever been seen before in Pittsburg, in point of bravery and grace. The three men are masters of their dangerous art no doubt, and they deserved the thunders of applause they received. The house was well filled, the gallery to overflowein.

Duquesne Theatre. For the second time Hoyt's "A Midnight Bell" is with us, and a large audience wel-comed it very heartily at the Duquesne Theater. When it was first produced here THE irst-rate lawn-tennis player and at one time DISPATCH pointed out in some detail why Mr. Hoyt's claim that it was a legitimate comedy could not be entertained. It is unnecessary to recall more than the conclusion of the criticism, which was that "A Midnight Bell" could be made a straight comedy or a farce with but few alterations, but that as it was it belonged to no particular dramatic genus. That the piece has virtues of its own must be admitted; some in the nature of burlesque and others in that of pure comedy; and the whole play is entertaining in a high degree. The company is very nearly the same as played the piece last year and is good and bad in the same proportions. The Yankee deacon as presented by George Richards is still a creation of considerable power, and Miss McIntyre, as the Schoolma'am made a very pretty and lovable little woman of her. Mr. Canfield's squint and boisterous fooling are as funny as mate comedy could not be entertained. It is squint and boisterous fooling are as funny as they ever were, but the audience's applianse should not persuade him that vulgarity is ex-cusable in that amusing song, "When Pop was a hot like me."

was a boy like me. The play is nicely staged, and the production fairly deserved a large portion of the applause bestowed upon it.

The announcement that Fritz Emmet is to be at a theater here is enough to pack it. So it came about that an immense audience gathered at the Bijou last night to see Mr. Emmet in "Uncle Joe, or Fritz in a Mad House," in which he appeared last year. The play is a sufficiently good vehicle for Mr. Emmet, who only needs something light and who only needs something light and yet tender in passages for the display of his remarkable talents as an actor, singer and dancer. Mr. Emmet's company also is up to the usual standard—not a very high one, indeed, but high enough for the work perhaps. But in candor and kindness it cannot be said that Mr. Emmet himself appeared to advantage last night. He may be entitled to sympathy on the ground of sickness, but it is a fact that last night his acting lacked vitality, his voice its usual clearness, and his feet their wonted nimbleness in the dance. At times he seemed sleepy, and the audience recognized that their favorite actor was not in good trim. Only one of his songs received an encore, though they were the old ones everybody loves, and the applause was painfully small compared to what Mr. Emmet usually wins without an effort here. There is no further comment to be made.

Harry Davis' Museum roosters actually appear in full evening dress and apparently play as musicians upon a number of instruments. They are actually feathered fowls, as their lively crowing attests, and they present a very comical appearance. A rooster vocalist also makes a stagger at singing "Little Annie Rooney" and executes a dance afterward. The whole performance is very amusing and ingenious. It reflects credit on the management behind the roosters, The Brilliant Quartet continues to offer some creditable part songs, and a num-ber of curiosities besides the roosters are to be found here. In the theater an unusuare to be found here. In the theater an unusually good performance is given, among the artists being Charies and Maude Osborne, the Irish duo, and several others who contribute comedy and music. The Carls, who also appear, will be remembered as having enlivened one of the Kiralfy shows earlier in the season at one of our principal theaters. They extract music from some curfous instruments, and complete a very clever programme. The crowds taxed the museum's capacity to the utmost.

Harry Williams' Academy.

Lily Clay's Gayety Company made a decided coup at the Academy last night. Manager Sam, T. Jack seldom makes a mistake in any venture which he stages; and the comin any venture which he stages; and the company which appeared under his auspices at Harry Williams' last night was quite as good as any he has ever introduced in Pittsburg. "The Sleeping Beauty," with which the show opens, is a capital bit of tableau, and minstrel business, combined. The spectacular piece of "Robin Hood" gives the audience plenty of pretty dresses and pretty faces to admire. Ward and Vokes are excellent knockabouts, while Leopoid and Brunell produce something in the way of a novelty. poid and Srunell produce something in the way of a novelty.

The show closes with a second spectacular piece, "Anthony and Cleopatra," which brings quite a crowd of fair burlesquers upon the stage. The singing is very fair throughout, and the tableaux worth looking at.

The gentleman with the broken neck, Barney Saldwin, is the prime couriosity at this hou the handsome dwarf, who also can sing a song with the best of the bigger variety people, and James 'Maurice, the elastic-skinned man among them. In the theatre a strong programme is presented. Howard Clifton, is a ventriloquist of more than ordinary ability. Frank De Mora than ordinary ability. Frank De Mora does some astounding feats of balancing and contortion, Horni and Lunadi have a novel act of hat throwing, in which the trained dog "Jess" takes a prominent part. Prof. John White's trick mule and "Sis," the monkey, who walks the tight rope with great skill, are very smusing. Then the Elliotts, the well-known bievelists, gave a very clever and novel performance on the wheel, and the Goldens round up the show with plenty of fun in their sketch. The museum drew large audiences yesterday.

The lover of lurid melodrams, of the frontier ind, is surely having his fill at this house of late. For several weeks border drama has held the boards. The present bill of fare, though, is about the most lurid of all. Real Indians, about the most lutte of air. Real indians, horses, savage attacks, stage scalping and all the other business is there. The "Daniel Boone" Company is not the best of the kind, though. It cannot compare with the excellent cast of last week, but all the standing room was taken at both performances yesterday, and the outlook for the week is equally as good.

CHINA AND JAIAN IN THE FAIR.

Women's Work From the Latter Country to Have a Good Exhibit. CHICAGO, Jan. 19.-Charles Denny, United States Minister to Peking, has announced officials that as a result of many interviews

tecided to participate in the internal The Japanese minister at Washington has placed the officers of the Board of Lady Manplaced the officers of the Sound of Lady Managers in communication with three of the first ladies of his country with a view to obtaining for the fair a good exhibit of Japanese woman's work. The Japanese ladies interested are Countess Oyama, Mme. Kuki and Mme. Mana, two of the wives of former American ministers and the other a graduate at Vassar.

AN INSTRUCTIVE LECTURE

L O. H. OPEN MEETING.

Pleasant Entertainment Given by J. K

Moorehead Conclave at Palace Hall.

A very pleasant open meeting was held last evening by J. K. Moorhead Conclave No. 82, 1. O. H., at Silver Palace Hall, Fifth avenue.

At least 100 members and guests partook of a

ANOTHER WEEK OF GAYETY

Inaugurated by a Charming Luncheon Party

in the East End.

The week of gayety was inaugurated yester-

day with a charming luncheon party given by Mrs. W. A. Sproul, of the East End. The

reveled in the exquisite beauty and delightful

course, in the delicious results of the caterer's

skill as well. But the cable decorations, for

luncheon, were something very elaborate.

stately magnificence the perfect Easter lilies, with clusters of white violets and waxy came-

Pretty little corsage bouquets of purple vio-ets were gracefully arranged on the table for he ladies and tiny bunches of white violets

AT THE DUQUESNE CLUB.

Elegant Dancing Party Given in That Popu-

lar House Last Night.

The assembly room of the Duquesne Club

House, which is enjoying such a wave of popu-

ar social favor, was the scene last evening of

an elaborate and magnificent dance. The com

oany was small, but lacked only in numbers

equaling any social event previously given this season. The leading spirits were Mrs. A. E. W. Painter, Mrs. W. R. Sewell, Mrs. M. W. Watson, Mrs. W. G. Park and the committee,

Nathaniel Holmes, Augustus P. Burgwin, H. B. Wilkins, Jr., and G. B. Painter.

Another dance will be given by the same set at the Pittsburg Assembly room on the even-ing of February 3.

A CHANGE IN DATES

Necessarily Made by the Management of the

Linden Club,

The date for the second Linden Club sub

scription ball, which by some inadvertence falls upon February 12, will be changed to avoid in-

trusion upon the 40 days of fasting and prayer

that commence Wednesday, February II. The first ball comes off the 27th of this month, and

great preparations are in order for the event.

The patronesses will constitute a reception committeee from 8 o'clock until 10, after which

supper will be served, and the german will open at 11 o'clock.

AN ENJOYABLE SOCIAL

Breeze Presbyterian Church.

The handsome new Point Breeze Presby-

terian Church will come to the front Thursday

evening, in a social way. A church social is

stiff, formal affair, either. Music, vocal and in-strumental, recitations and promiscuous fun will be the order of the evening, topped off

with ice cream and cake.

The young ladies who have the matter in charge do not recognize the word "fail," and a thoroughly enjoyable social is promised.

Charmed by Robert B. Stanton.

A thoroughly enjoyable 5 o'clock dinner was

given last evening by Mrs. Max Becker, of

Sherman avenue. The guest of honor was

Robert B. Stanton, who charmed the company as he did the audience at Old City Hall, later in the evening. The floral arrangements and other appointments of the dinner were perfect, and it was with barely time enough to reach the hall for the lecture that the party left the

Social Chatter.

Tyry Alleghany Association will give its sec

ond concert for this season to-night at Carnegie Hall. Miss Maud Powell, the accomplished

THE Ladies' Mitten Club will give a parlor

concert January 22 at the residence of Mrs.

Charles A. Brown, Meyran avenue, for the

MRS. THOMAS H. BAKEWELL will give a

uncheon to-morrow at her delightful Lincoln

THE second Sewickley Assembly will be given

this evening, notwithstanding rumors to the

THE Woman's Club will hold its regular

THE Bissel reception to-night at the Du-

CONFEDERATE VETERANS.

Many Prominent People.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19 .- The first annual dinne

of the Confederate Veteran Camp of New

York at the New York Hotel to-night brought together many prominent men from all parts of the Union. This camp is said to be the first ex-Confederate organization north of the Po-

tomac since the war. Covers were laid for 160 guests. The dining hall was elaborate-

for 160 guests. The dining hall was elaborately decorated. Colonel A. G. Dickinson,
Commander, sat at the head of the speakers'
table, and about him were General Daniel E.
Sickles, General E. P. Alexander, Colonel
Charles T. O'Ferrall, Colonel Charles O. B.
Cowardin, Hon. Benton McMillan, Hon. Engene S. Ives, Hosea B. Perkins, Hon. A. P.
Fitch, Colonel Charles Marshall, General Fitz
John Porter, General W. McLean, Hon. John L.
Wise, Hon. C. S. Baker and Bishop Potter,
Others present were Judge Bookstaver, Surrogate Ransom and Floyd S. King.

Colonel Dickinson made the opening address,
and theifollowing toasts were responded to:

"The Memory of Lee," Colonel Charles Marshall, of Baltimore: "Let Us have Peace," General Sickles: "The Confederate Veteran," General William C. Oates, of Alabama: "Our
Country—the United States," Colonel Charles
T. O'Ferrall, of Winchester, Va.; "The Soldier
Journalist of '61-65," Colonel John A. Cockerili;
"Our Old Home—the South," Colonel Benton
McMillan, of Nashville, Tenn.; "Our Soldier
Dead," was drank in silence.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR DICKERSON.

The Man Who Received Cuticle From His

Brethren Is Doing Well.

Knight Templar who was resterday the recipi-ent of about 150 testimonials of regard from his

ent of about 10 testamonas or regard from his brother Knights in the shape of pieces of their cuticle, which were applied to him in the way of skin grafting, is doing very well, and the sur-geon in charge is very hopeful of the complete success of the operation.

Stand Pat and Keep Mum.

It is criminal to talk about the financial af-

fairs of others where nothing is known of such

It is many times useless to talk where some-

Cincinnati Enquirer.]

CHICAGO, Jan. 19. - J. O. Dickerson, the

Old Soldiers of the Lost Cause En

elocutionist, will be a feature of

benefit of the Newsboys' Home.

meeting this afternoon.

quesne Clubhouse

nated by the Ladies of the Poin

ias peering out from a green foundati milax and asparagus.

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS. Robert B. Stanton Tells of the Rugged Beauties of a Colorado Canyon

-It costs 10 cents per day per capita to ed the prisoners in the House of Correct "The Colorado Canyon" was depicted at Oid

City Hall last evening so vividly, with all of its rugged beauty and wildness of scenery, that rapture in the audience were quite the the proper thing. The speaker of the evening was Robert R. Stanton, Chief Engineer of the -A strong flow of gas was struck at a depth of 30 feet in a well sunk on a farm at

-The deepest hole ever bored into the was Robert B. Stanton, Chief Engineer of the Denver, Colorado, Canyon and Pacific Railroad, and a son-in-law of B. D. Moore, one of the oldest residents of Allegheny.

The dangers and the fascinations of the trip through the canyon were made wonderfully realistic with the views, showing in bold relief the cliffs that had to be scaled by the traveler, and also the magnificent scenery that greeted an explorer at every turn. The perilous positions in which the speaker was frequently placed by his understaking, even in the telling, were productive of suspended breath by many in his audience until the landing was safely made on some friendly ledge of rocks.

An intelligent audience listened to his remarks with attentive silence, and expressed their appreciation of the stereopticon views with audible expressions of delight. irth is the artesian well at Poisdam, which is

-It is claimed that in almond and Maderia nut culture the Pacific coast bids fair to surpass the world, -The Warrick county, Ind., jail is with-

out an inmate, and it is claimed that fear of White Caps deters crime in that county, -Sixty thousand people are out of work

-It is estimated that nearly 10,000 pickerel have been taken so far this winter from Long Meadow pond, near Waterbury, Conn. -Mrs. Albert Carpenter, of Prairie Ronde, Mich., although 61 years old, made

-Dearborn county, Ind., has a 12-yearold boy with feet 15 inches in length. He is called "Professor" because of the solidity of his understanding.

trainmen, Wednesday, near Easina station, Ore. The animals approached to within a few -An ingenious method of applying drugs

splendid supper, got up in Carterer Wessels finest style. Supreme Anchor, S. A. Will, Esq., acted as toast master in his usual happy manner. During the meeting Brother Joseph Bickhart presented the Conclave with an ele-Bickhart presented the Conciave with an elegant clock,
Brothers Martin Schroeder, C. F. Warde, T. A. Lewis, C. F. Breute, E. C. Lord, Oscar Sheer and L. K. Logue, responded to toasts, and Brothers Philip Lippert, S. F. Mishler, Theo. Axthelm and H. C. Wolf were presented with badges. The music for the occasion was kindly furnished by Brother Adam Wetzel. -Dr. Zoller, of Paris, has just recovered rom an illness of three weeks' duration, which

he attributes to an injection of the Koch lymph -An unfeeling burglar captured a pair of wedding pants at Sturgis, Mich., in an ex-

ceedingly inopportune moment. The wedding had to be postponed in consequence. -An English newspaper speakes of Okla-

rom the geographies of years ago. -The advance from 10 to 15 cents, which

the barbers of Topeka have made in the price of a shave, is accounted for upon the theory that hayseed is highly destructive to razors. -A rival lover of a Sturgis, Mich., girl

-Examples have been found in this country of kyanized timber which was in a good state of preservation after 28 years' exposure, but it seldom lasts a very long time when used

exile sent to Siberia has more money, better food, more comfortable clothes and lodgings, and a better time in every respect than a sol-dier in the German army.

-Judge Loomis, of Suffield, Conn., during the past week has been sleighing in an an-

paratus being experimented with in England has given great satisfaction. By means of a metal rail at some distance from the ordinary signals, a siding contact on the locomotive completes an electric circuit and works the sig-nal indicators. -While gathering sand in the river pear Knoxville, Tenn., a few days ago, two boatmen

like a fish, and appeared to be nearly two feet

-Horseshoes of compressed paper have been introduced into the artillery and cavalry of the German army. The shoe is made of sheets of parchment paper cemented with a preparation of turpentine. Spanish white lace and boiled linseed oil. The separate layers are

-Collais, near Nimes, France, a village of 465 inhabitants, is lighted by electricity. The motive power for the 1,600 light dyname is deighted by 25 lamps of 16 candle-power each. Besides lighting the village, the current is employed during the day in putting in mo

nen, and do not require much

revent their escaping -A Western Nebraska farmer, having no corn to feed them, loaded up a wagon box full of shoats and took them to Broken Bow to sell, No one would take them and he turned them

-The third wealthiest man in Prussia is Baron von Bleichroeder, the celebrated banker of Berlin, to whom many of the noblemen of

—Edmund Beckett, Lord Grimthorpe, who was created a baron in 1886 and is now in his 75th year, has constructed a clock for the postoffice at Sydney. It is the largest that has ever left England and was especially designed by his lordship, who made the models for 1818. Ben at Westminster. The Sydney clock is distinguished by a novel feature, as it will emit an electric flash light lasting five seconds every hour during the night, thus enabling those living miles away or traveling within a certain radius to ascertain the exact time.

—An exhibition is to be held this year at

cessories, textiles, raw products, machinery, electricity, tood stuffs, agriculture, vine cul-lure and horticulture.

Wanted-A meek and lowly church choir. Honey no object. Apply almost anywhere, -

Shykes—Agreed. Lezzer (on the outside)—Tough, wasn't it? Shykes (lighting cigarette)—Awful (puff), sezer, hor—where are you going, Lezzer?

"One of the essentials of a good photograph is said to be a clean face," which seems to explain why photographers always give a photograph just taken a bath.—Chicago Times. Briggs-I'm astounded that Clara Van

book.

Dobbs-Probably she's satisfied in this case to read only the title. — Detroit Free Press. When the summer girl tells you that she

thing is really known.
Therefore don't talk about your neighbor's "Well, how do you find yourself?"

n the city of Berlin. Ninety thousand are out

-A band of 22 antelopes was seen by

spodermically to the human body in which lectricity is brought to bear is receiving con-

homa as being entirely surrounded by "the Great American Desert." The idea was taken

succeeded in getting a temporary postponement of the other fellow's marriage to her by having his new dress suit stolen from the tailor shop.

-A Russian paper says that a political

cient sleigh which belonged to his great grand-father, and is believed to be nearly 100 years old. His horse wore sleigh bells which were owned by the Judge's grandfather, who died in -An electrical railway fog signaling ap

vere attacked by "a huge serpent-shaped animal, about ten feet in length, and, after a des-perate struggle, they barely escaped with their lives." The animal, it is averred, had a head

-The American astronomical party, sent out to Peru by the University of Harvard, has removed its observatory from Chesica, near Lima, to Vincocaya, in the neighborhood of Arequipa, a place 4,300 meters above the ocean. There the party will soon be joined by a new expedition from the same university, provided with the most improved instruments.

stamped out, cemented and consolidated by a hydraulic press. When dry the shoe is rasped to fit each horse.

pumps for supplying certain parts of the vil-age with water. "-The sight of a gang of convicts in prison suits of broad black and yellow stripes at work n the public parks of Richmond strikes a Northern man as a peculiar feature of the Virginia reformatory system. They work even in the shadow of the State House, keeping the walks and lawn in order. They are short-term

loose. The Marshal told him he would arrest him unless he took them out of towh. He then drove home, and was going to kill them, when some one told him that he might be arrested for cruelty to animals. He hardly knows what

that interesting capital are indebted. The Baron has an income of 2,520,000 marks, and pays a tax of 75,500 marks. Next to him are three men with incomes of 1,320,000 marks, 1,200,000 marks and 1,140,000 marks, on which 1,200,000 marks and 1,140,000 marks, on which they pay, respectively, 35,600, 36,000 and 34,200 marks taxes marks taxes. -Edmund Beckett, Lord Grimthorpe

-An exhibition is to be held this year at Moscow, Russia, and will be open for a period Moscow, Russia, and will be open for a period of six months, from May to October. The exhibition will be exclusively devoted to the productions of the French nation, a concession having been obtained by a committee of French merchants and manufacturers from the Czar for that purpose. The exhibition will be divided into nine sections, devoted to the fine arts, education, liberal arts, furniture and accessories, textiles, raw products, machinery,

A CORNER IN SMILES.

Lummix-Time is a tough old character. Skimguliet-What do you mean? So many people are engaged in killing him, but It should be understood that the Indiana are not treating for peace. Indians are built in the same mold as John P. St. John. They never rest .- Omaha World-Herald

Leezer (at the morgue)-Shykes, I can't

Leezer-I am going back to the morgue. -Chi-cago Tribane. Railroad companies seem to have the power of hypnotizing Legislatures by making

de Milk doesn't find out the character of that dis-solute foreigner she's about to marry. Why, that girl used to be able to read a man like

aiways profers the mountains to the seashore, it isn't sale to assume that she is inspired solely by admiration for the grandeur of mountain scenery. The chances are that at the seashers she can't seep her bair in curl. - Somercitte Journal.

"Do you mean to accuse me of self-seeking.".