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THE INTERESTS INVOLVED.

There are numerous projects in which the money or credit of the United States could be used to advantage in aiding the construction of ship canals and water communication generally throughout the interior. But it happens that most, if not all, of them would create competition with certain powerful corporations or otherwise interfere with plans of the monetary powers of the coun-

There is that Harlem River Ship Canal, for instance, which would shorten the distance and still more decrease the difficulty of passing from Long Island Sound into the Hudson river. But the Harlem Ship Canal will interfere with the bridges of the New York Central Railroad, and is consequently looked upon with little favor.

There is the project of deepening the Hudson river and Eric Canal so that transportation from the lakes to the Atlantic would be vastly facilitated and gunbosts could in case of war be sent from New York to the lakes. But this will increase the effectiveness of the water competition with the trunk line roads, which in some quarters is a vital objection.

There is the project of connecting the Ohio with the lakes by the Lake Erie ship canal, which would reduce the cost of ship ore and coal by fifty cents a ton and connect the Mississippi valley with the lower lakes in case of war. But this also would make an inroad upon the coal, ore and iron traffic which the railways have marked as their own at high freight charges. They do not care to look to benefits beyond that.

There is the project of a canal from Chicago to the Mississippi, which would perform the same function for the upper Mississippi and the upper lakes that the Lake Erie canal would for the Ohio and the lower water competition for the grain traffic of the

There is also the project of a trans-Allegheny canal from the head waters of the Ohio to Chesapeake Bay, which with 1mprovement of the rivers on the scale developed in the series of articles now being published in THE DISPATCH, would give a continuous water route from all the localities all of the through lines of railroad, and reduce the latter corporations from their present proud position as rulers of commerce to that of its servants.

A hundred million dollars of Govern ment appropriations, or the same loan of Government credit, would go far toward mificent and comprehensive projects of water communication, connecting all parts three different channels. But when we rentions in choking off such projects of cheap a natural sequence of this conflict of interests, that it should be proposed to sink \$100 .-000,000 of Government credit in the swamps of Nicaragua, for the benefit of promoters, and where should agree that this is exactly what the Government ought to do.

That seems to be the verdict of the present ruling classes; but it is likely to become a live question for the people to consider whether it is better to spend \$100,000,000 in this country for the benefit of this nation, or to spend \$100,000,000 in Nicaragua in the interest of speculative promotors and for the protection of our own corporations.

STATE MEDICAL BOARD.

of a diploma unreliable as a guide to fitness will not do to allow one school to get control to the detriment of another. There are several recognized schools of medicine, each with eminent and able physicians in its ranks, and all these should have equal standing before the board.

A SYMPATHETIC VERDICT.

The verdict of a Maryland jury in the matter of the sureties of State Treasurer Archer, who recently turned defaulter for a large amount, is a curious example of the the compromise verdict, which is dignified in this instance by the adjective "sympa thetic." The bondsmen of the Treasurer undertook to guarantee his fidelity in office, were therefore, on the face of the case, liable for the amount of his shortage. But negligence was shown on the part of the State officials in the supervision of the Treasurer's necounts; and it was argued that without this negligence the defalcation could not have taken place, at least to the amount it actually reached. The sympathetic nature of the verdict took a singular phase. The jury was not sympathetic enough to let the bondsmen off scott free; but sympathy compelled them to recognize the effect of the official negligence to the extent of cutting down the judgment against them to \$60,000, or less than half the defalcation,

cal. The official negligence must either have been of a sort that absolved the bondsmen from liability or a sort that did not. It the former, the verdict took \$60,000 from them | to have done and left undone the things he

that does not belong to the State; if the latter, it failed to collect an even greater sum honestly due the State. In either case injustice is the result. It is true that the injustice is not of the vital class inflicted by such compromise verdicts as that in the cold-blooded and conspiring murderers wer let off with a few years' imprisonment.

Cronin case in Chicago, where either innocent men were sent to the panitentiary, or The genius of the jury system in turning out verdicts utterly irreconcilable with logical processes, is a feature that calls for at-

tention. PETROLEUM IN ALABAMA.

There is no probability that the discovery of an alleged 25-barrel well in Alabam will depress the petroleum market. It is usual with these faraway discoveries to be of a superior grade of oil and also to be overrated as to production by about fifty pe cent. In this particular case the declaration that the oil comes from the Trenton rock tends to reflect against the superiority of the product, all of the Trenton rock oi known to commerce being of a very inferior grade. It may readily be believed that all of the oil-producing areas have not been discovered or developed yet, but the particulars given of the Alabama find are not likely to depress the hopeful spirits of producers in the old fields.

CO-OPERATIVE HOUSEKEEPING.

The sixty housekeepers of Evanston, Ill., who essayed co-operative housekeeping, and discharged their cooks, are still struggling with difficulties which cause the unregenerate part of societies to indulge in jeers. The main difficulty is stated by one of the critics as follows:

There is a dead cold void in the heart of the couse, and they find the expense of a common citchen greater than they had anticipated Then there are other drawbacks In spite of heated hampers the food is often cold when it eaches them. The bill of fare, too, is uniform ot individual. There are roast beef days. when the whole sixty families must eat roast beef. Roast chicken days, when, nolens volens Il must eat roast chicken.

This statement makes it the reverse of strange that the attempt should fail. As to its bearing on co-operative housekeeping, the failure is of no moment, because the attempt was not in the line of co-operative housekeeping at all. It is an adaptation of the plan of serving meals by caterers, which was tried in many cities years ago, and failed on account of its inconvenience, lack of economy and difficulty of keeping the ood warm in transit. Another reason of failure is apparent in the expectation that the bill of fare is to be varied and profuse. Every private tamily much below the standard of the millionaire's has its roast beef days and chicken days; and the ordinary mass of mankind has its hash and stew day. That an experiment of this kind should fail where extravagant expectations are entertained is not singular, but natural,

However, intelligent attempt at co-operative housekeeping to organize and divide the domestic labor of several families in another thing. For the families in which housewives can afford to be kept in a purely ornamental position, the family notel, or the apartment house with restaurant attached. furnishes a more economic and satisfactors resort. But for the great majority whose wives must do their share of the work in lakes. But this would also set up cheap keeping up the home, it remains a vital question whether the work of a number of families cannot be united and systematized so as to secure a very great advance over the present state of affairs. Certainly there have been as yet no experiments of such character as to impose a negative to the probabilities which reason shows in favor of such an idea.

In pearly every department of masculing reached by the tributaries of the Mississippi efforts the organization and division of work to the lakes and the seaboard. But this has been successfully carried out with the results of far greater efficiency than other wise possible. One man will build houses another sell groceries, another sell hardware. another pave the streets and so on, but the division does not stop there. In building a house, for example one set of men will do the digging, another lay the foundations, a third lay the brickwork, a fourth do the realizing the leading features of these mag- carpenter work, a fifth the plastering, a sixth the painting, and so on. The results are well known to be better not only because one of the country, and reaching the ocean by man may naturally be better at carpentering, and another at stone work but because i member the universal interest of the corporall his attention to carpentering can learn to water transportation, it may be regarded as | do better work than if he splits his efforts up among half a dozen trades. It is likely that the failure to apply this same division of labor to household affairs is an inheritance from the agricultural life of the nation when that the organs of corporate interests every the separation of homesteads made cooperation impossible; but for communities where people live in close juxtaposition the parity of the case indicates that the cooperative idea, supplying this division of labor, would yield as great an enhancement in results as it has in other work.

Let us take the average family living in houses costing \$2,500 apiece. Of a group of ten housewives, it is certain their capacities for different kinds of housework will vary as one star differeth from another. Some will be better cooks than seamstresses; others Medical practice is certainly a matter of will have an especial knack for dressmaking, gravest concern to all, and any movement to and some will possess an especial art for raise the standard of qualification for the | ironing linen in the best style. The division practitioner is likely to meet with popular can be pursued further; but the illustration approval. The proposition of the doctors of indicates one of the great gains from inthe State to have such qualifications passed telligent organization and division of the nnon by a board of medical examiners is in labor of, say ten households. It is clear, this line. The easy requirements of some too, that such a combination should develop medical colleges and the existence of bogus other marked advantages. A large part of medical schools renders the mere possession its supplies could be bought at wholesale. When tentative experiments had demonto practice medicine. But in creating an strated the practicability of the plan, examining board great care is necessary. It great economy could be secured by abolishing the kitchen part of each dwelling house, and grouping the individual home about a central kitchen, storeroom, cellar and laundry.

Of course the difficulty would be, first, in overcoming the prejudice in favor of the present state of affairs; and, second, in inducing women to adapt themselves to the work of organized household labor. Both of these difficulties are likely to be so great as to doom all early attempts to failure. The advantages must be demonstrated and learned step by step before the female half of society can understand how to work together as men do. Whether such organization will ever be possible or not we can rest essured that all attempts at co-operative housekeeping which try to make idle ladies of housewives will necessarily be economic failures.

THE RIOT OF PARTISANSHIP.

The political occupation of obstructing the business of the country in both branch of Congress went on with unchecked celat yesterday. The vigor and interest with which the leaders of both parties proceeded to ignore everything beyond party strife is sufficient to convince the public that the

last consideration is with them the first. In the Senate the Democrats with great Of course, such a verdict is utterly illegi- | glee tangled up the Vice President and set him at the unplessant task of confessing that as a parliamentary presiding officer he had yesterday done the things he ought not

ought to have done. But whatever satisfaction this may afford the Democrats is offset by the demonstration in the House that Speaker Reed is himself again in his old act of reducing the Democrats to speechless rage by calmly ignoring them and their dilatory motions together.

All this is done while the business of the country is suffering because the Republicans are determined to carry out their great scheme of giving John L. Davenport a position for life in fixing up election returns with power to name his successor; and because the Democrate are bent on meeting that remarkable effort with obstructive tactics, instead of permitting their opponents, after due and impressive opposition has been manifested, to assume the crushing responsibility of such unrepublican legislation and thus break their necks beyond all hope of redemption.

It will not require many more Congresses of this sort to convince the people that there is a pressing need of a new party with intelligence enough among its leaders to prefer public welfare to partisan selfishness.

WORLD'S FAIR VERSUS FORCE RILL. The refusal of the Tennessee Legislature to pass a bill appropriating money for a State exhibit at the Chicago World's Fair until a vote has been taken on the elections bill in the Senate, calls forcible attention to the effect of the agitation of that measure. That the action indicates a narrow view of the interests of Tennessee and this whole country, on the part of the lawmakers of that Southern State, does not detract from the demonstration of the harmfulness of the force bill. The exhibition of partisan bigotry by the Tennessee Democrats is no worse than the partisan bigotry that led to the introduction of the elections bill by Republicans in Congress. The bill, become a law, would probably interfere more with the rights of qualified electors than any present practices, and the agitation of it is reopening all the old sectional prejudices.

HIGHLY USEFUL IF WELL TAUGHT.

The Central Board of Education has done well in deciding to employ a supervisor for instruction in drawing at the public schools. There are few single studies more important than this, it it is well taught. Skill and taste in drawing constitute one of the essential rudiments of that industrial and technical education toward which the most advanced minds are now tending. But that the time and attention bestowed upon this branch should be of any value whatsoever, instruction in it should proceed under expert and thoroughly competent direction, in place of being left to the varied and unassisted talents of the regular teachers of the ward schools. However devoted these latter may be to their duty, drawing is a specialty for which all cannot hope to be equally adapted.

Much of the time and money formerly spent upon drawing in the public schools was lost because of want of the best methods The Central Board should get a supervisor who can supervise. In the schools of Alle gheny much progress has been made in this branch recently. Pittsburg can get some points by looking across the river.

CAMERON AND THE SILVER POOL. The statement of Mr. Vest that Senator Cameron, who has just been re-elected from Pennsylvania, admitted having been interested speculatively in the silver market, at a time when the silver question was before Congress for decision, will make a decided stir. Even the opponents of Cameron when attacking him for his apathy on the force bill, and for general want of the shining qualities which go to make a statesman of the period, had not supposed that he was believed to possess means enough to raise tive markets, and to have had such memory of the mishaps of Congressmen in the early 70's, by becoming interested through their pockets in bills before Congress, that silver pools or other such speculative ventures would have no attraction for him. Mr. Cameron's side of the case still remains, of course, to be heard. Meanwhile, if the testimony of Senator Vest had been given on Monday in place of Wednesday, there is no doubt it would have been used for all it might have been worth, and perhaps effectively, to prevent Cameron's re-election.

The Senator's constituents can only wait until they hear what he has to say in defense. He should lose no time in taking

A REPORT of a difference of opinion between President Harrison and the Civil Service Commission represents the head of the administration as upbraiding the commission because it is not satisfied with what it already possesses "instead of constantly reaching out into new fields." There have been indications heretofore that the President forgets his election on a platform which pledged the party and the administration to "the further extension of the reform system already established by law to all the grades of the civil service to which it is applicable." But Mr. Harrison seems, according to this report, to place his oblivion of the Republican platform beyond all dispute.

IF Senator Vest's assertion that Senator Cameron was interested in the silver pool is to be corroborated, it will put the newly-elected nator from Pennsylvania in a very uncomfortable attitude, the only mitigation of which, for him, will be that the exposure did not occur until after his election was safely secured.

IT is interesting to observe in the New York Press a notice of the American Cotton Oil Company in which it is remarked that the corporation is a big one in the nature of a trust, "and yet it is probable that few New Yorkers ever heard of it." In view of the way in which the public was plucked by the manipulations of that trust a few years ago, and the interesting discovery that there was nothing in the organexation of the combine to prevent the officers using its funds for speculation in its own stock it was supposed that New Yorkers would be able to hold that big corporation in tender and sorrowful memory for a longer period than two

It is now asserted that there are 335 000 heathen in New York City. This does not agree with the claim of New York that the census total of 1,500,000 was 200,000 too small,

IT is reported from Minnesota that the Hon. Ignatius Donnelly is not disposed to rest in inglorious inaction. "He makes and second every motion in the Senate," says the St. Paul Globe, "debates it, decides it, appeals from the decision of the chair, debates that, moves to adjourn, suspends the rules, and debates the motion to adjourn, and so on until night." The esteemed Globe fails to perceive, however, that through all these manifestations of Donnelly's activity there runs a cipher which expresses the sentiment that Donnelly has his eye on the chance to exercise still greator ability to run

NEW bills for license commissions and measures to permit the collection of street improvement assessments are all the rage in legislative fashions at Harrisburg.

Now it is discovered that the sockless apson of Kansas cannot be President of the United States, having been born under the rule of Queen Victoria, in Canada. This may decrease the opposition to Simpson on the part of certain politicians. It even presents the possible outcome of an alliance between that

John James Ingalls, and his unsocked antago nist, by which lugalis will let Simpson go to the Senate and Simpson will make Ingalis the Alliance candidate for President on the platform of that speech on silver-and a grea

many other topics. THE partisan fever has reached the point at which both parties are equally determined that no business shall be done at this session for the benefit of the people.

THE National Board of Trade has assumed the duty of urging upon Congress the revision of the present census and statistical legislation with a view to greater efficiency in beyond question; but whether a permanent census office-which is the distinctive feature of the new idea—would secure it is a question that would depend very largely on the incumbent of the office.

LET us hope that the Powers of Europe will not inform Emperor William that he can lay his scheme for disarmament before the

"ONE English lord has made himself ridiculous," remarks the Boston Traveller, and roceeds to cite as an instance the fact that sir George Baden-Powell, says that the object of the McKinley bill is to force Canada into union with the United States. That is rather silly, but perhaps the English might think it no less ridiculous for an organ of Boston culture to refer to an English knight as an En-

THE Vice President who makes rulings one day that he has to take back the next is likely to come to grief at last.

THE reference of Senator Ingalls to the fact that George Washington was the richest man of his day but had after all a mere \$800. 000 fortune, draws for the imagination the harif the Father of his Country had lived to-day he could not have gained a recognition by the present millionaires as anything more than a man of common fortune.

MEN AND WOMEN.

GENERAL MOLTKE read Homer's "Iliad" in translation when a boy of 9. It has since re-mained one of his favorites. Ir is said that Major George H. Bonebrake, of Los Angeles, will be United States Senator in the event of the death of Senator Hearst. BISHOP HARE, of South Dakota, who has lived among the Indians for so many years, has

acquired the habit of smoking "killikneck." MRS. SCHLIEMANN, in addition to her other ccomplishments, has a "alent for tapestry that would have made her a fit companion for Pen-MONCURE D. CONWAY is engaged on a life

of Thomas Paine, and desires the use of letters and other material which may not be already at his disposal. GEORGE D. BURTON, the New Hampshire an who devised the "palace animal car," has

been made an honorary correspondent of the Parisian Academy of Sciences and given a gold medal of honor. THE book so long promised from George Vanderbilt is said finally to be in the publis ands. It is a romance, its scene being in the

South, and the story is something of a war reminiscence. It is not stated whether the young millionaire will publish over his own name or a nom de plume. WALTER DAMROSCH is said to have asked \$1,000 for conducting the Metropolitan Opera House orchestra at Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt's concert. Yet ten years ago he was willing to accept \$10 for an evening's work. At that time

he used to go out to Newark once a week to conduct a little choral club there, and was glad to receive \$6 for his evening's toil. "UNCLE DICK" OGLESBY, whom the Illinois Republicans have nominated to succeed Mr.
Farwell in the United States Senate, is a picturesque figure in Western politics. His hair is white as snow and his form is bent with the weight of more than 79 years, but there is still a great deal of youthful vigor in him. He combines the arts of the old-time politician with the tactics of the modern. He can set the backwoods aftre with the eloquence of his oratory when he warms up to an old-fashioned stump speech, and he can amuse a district school audience with the strains of "Old Dan Tucker" or the "Arkansaw Traveler." sawed liable to be tarred by this stick. He was from a wheezy fiddle. He has a stock of stories that delight the men around the grocery store in a drawing room. He has been a farmer since he last sat in the Governor's chair of

GOVERNOR PATTISON'S INAUGURAL

New York World, Dem.: Governor Pattison's inaugural message is an able, bold, states-manlike document—the work of an honest reformer and a true Democrat. It will attract attention throughout the country. Philadelphia Inquirer, Rep.: Governor Pattison's inaugural will be read because he has

not made the mistake of firing a broadside. Besides, it deserves attention for what there is in it. There is a good deal of familiar talk about corruption and all that, but when boiled down the main points are found to be constitutional enforcement, ballot reform, the equaliza-tion of taxation, the better government of municipalities and the safety of public funds. Philadelphia North American, Rep.: Gov-ernor Pattison seems to be very much in earnest in his advocacy of ballot reform. We agree with him as to its desirability, and hope the present Legislature will pass and present to the Governor for his approval as good an approximation to the Australian method as our organic law will sanction. The Governor thinks we cannot have compulsory personal registration and absolute secrecy without amending the Constitution. And we suppose he is right, But it will require about three years to achieve

ballot reform in that war. Philadelphia Press, Rep.: Governor Pattison's inaugural address has a familiar sound. Indeed, much of it is taken word for word from his former messages. The confident, know-it-all air with which he addresses the Legislature is in strong contrast to the cautious, mod-est tone which pervaded all of Governor Beaver's official utterances, and rather sugger the schoolmaster haranguing the boys after the long vacation than the icaugural address of the Governor of a great State. The Legislature might as well take notice that His Excel ency knows just what ought to be done, and has vetoes already in stock for most of the measures it will try to enact,

Philadelphia Times, Dem.: A new administration is judged not only by the professions o its chief, but also by its environment, and the people of Pennsylvania will closely scan the deliverance of Governor Pattison in his inaugural, and as closely study the Cabinet chosen constitute his official advisers. His frequent and distinct utterances during the late contest, n which he developed into masterly le prepared the public for the plain, straight-forward, practical expressions of his inaugural address; and when it is said that these expressions meet every just expectation, the highest encomium is passed upon them.

Philadelphia Record, Dem.: His argument for the enforcement of the provisions of the Constitution which are dependent upon respon-sive action of the Legislature is no less an appeal to the judgment than to the conscience of representatives. Sixteen years of neglect have not weakened the authority of the organic law, nor served to excuse the failure of the representatives of the people to give them the benefit that would be derived from its enforcement by appropriate legislation The unreserved indorsement of ballot reform and of such changes in the election laws and in the Constitution as would be necessary to make s entirely effective, fully redeems the pledges of the party to which Mr. Pattison owes his election, and ought to satisfy his opponents, who are also committed to this policy.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Major E. A. Ludington. INPECTAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR. UNIONTOWN, Jan. 21.—Major E. A. Ludhagton died here this evening at the house of his sister, Mrs. H. L. Rankin. Major Ludington had been in the service for 20 years, and five years ago he was piaced on the retired list. He was 54 years of ago, and previous to entering the army he had been admitted 10 the Uniontown bar.

Mrs. Julia C. Havekotte. Mrs. Julia C. Havekotte, wife of Theo. Havekotte, died yesterday at her residence, No. 518 Liberty street. Mrs. Havekotte was 25 years old. The funerai will take place to-morrow atternoon at the German Evangelical Church, Smithfield

SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON. WHERE BEAUTY DWELT.

Mrs. Wharton McKnight's Charming Enter-

tainment Yesterday Afternoon - The Mansion Transformed Into a Conserva-

tory With a Profusion of Flowers-

The tea given yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Wharton McKnight was one of the events of this very brilliant season. The McKnight

mansion on Beech street was radiantly beautiful with flowers of every description. The

ENTERTAINING YOUNG FRIENDS.

Master Roy Camp Will Play the Part

Host on Saturday to a Large Party.

to his numerous friends to-day. From the

prospects a jolly good time will be enjoyed, for

Master Roy is the young son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Camp, and resides to a married

T. L. Camp, and resides in a magnificent home corner of Shady avenue and Marchand street, in the East End.

FOR THE NEWSBOYS' HOME.

An Entertainment Will Be Given To-Night

The entertainment to be given to-night at the

Meyran street, by the Ladies' Mitten Club, is to

be a very enjoyable affair, judging from the "attractions booked," as theatrical announce-

ments have it. The Oakland Orchestra will be

FROM MISS TO MRS.

A Young Lady Who Changed Her Nam-

and Yet Did Not.

change for worse and not for better," is an old

adage. Miss Sarah McElroy, however, defeated

RECEIVED A LARGE CROWD.

Folk in the East Street Lutheran Church.

A happy scene was presented in the Memoria

Evangelical Lutheran Church, on East street

Allegheny, last evening. The Ladies' Aid Soc

Humane Society Managers

In the report of the Board of Manager

elected by the Humane Society, one class was

omitted. The board for the present year con-

sists of Messrs John H. McCreery, Joel Kerr

H. Lee Mason, Jr., James H. Lockhart, S. L. Heishmann, Mrs. Samuel McKee, Mrs. Dr. Wallace, Mrs. H. Lee Mason, Mrs. E. M. Butz, Wallace, Mrs. H. Lee Mason, Mrs. E. M. Butz, Wallace, Mrs. Young, Mrs. E. J. Mo-Pherson, Mrs. Judge Stowe, James L. Cravens, Samuel W. Black and Mrs. A. C. Duncan.

Social Chatter

THE regular montly meeting of the Women's United Presbyterian Association will be held to-morrow afternoon in the Wylie Avenue U.

A MUSICAL and literary entertainment will

MR. AND MRS. J. J. PORTER hold their first

MRS. FAHNESTOCK, of North avenue, re-

MR. AND MRS. CHOMLISH, of Center avenue.

THE reception at Mrs. R. G. Woods to-day.

OVIDE MUSIN at Old City Hall to-night.

A Fit of Post-Mortem Glee.

That the cadaver which was recently found in

an alley near the Michigan College of Medicine was not misused by any of the students of tha

nstitution, but simply leaped from the windo

PLAYS TO COME.

THE Kendals, who are to visit the Bijor

next week, are the most notable actors England

has sent us in recent years. Mrs. Kendal

AFTER a long and apparently triumphant

Mail" will return to this city next week, whe

it will be played at the Grand Opera House

laughter by the carload is virtually guaranteed.

HALLEN and Hart in the plotiess absurdity,

tour of the country, George C. Jenks'

'at home" to-day at their residence, on Stock-

be given at the German Reformed Presbyterian

P. Church.

Church to-night.

ton avenue.

ceives this afternoon.

Detroit Free Press.]

the good behavior of students.

"Change the name and not the letter

at Mrs. Charles Brown's House.

Many Ladies Present.

THE deaf and dumb are compelled to give bond, because they cannot give their word.

ARE you one of the Indispensables? Among

the hosts which make up the living foundation upon which society rests, a vast army of men could be recruited who really believe that the structure would come down with a crash if they withdrew their support. They are the Indis-pensables, the You-can't-get-along-without-Me's. Doubtless you have met some of them. They have impressed you with the idea that they formed a vital part of the gearing or the shafting which keeps the complex and huge machine called life running along surely and safely. If they were displaced, or cracked, or laid off for repairs, the motor would wobble and groan and eventually collapse, so they imagine. The world would simply go to the demnition bow wows. You meet the Indispensa-bles on all the roads of life—in the mills, the counting rooms, the shops, the laboratories, the factories, the schools, the cubby-holes where the pencils smoothly slide and the pens scratch in chill-giving silence, on the sea and on the shore. They fill niches in every grade of all the callings. They ply and think and ima that they nurse a secret and hold a key which no other being can learn or no other person turn. You have heard them talk, haven't you? And did you really become persuaded that they were indispensable? Surely not. Clever they may be—apt, industrious, secretive, inventive, a vital portion of mechanism, but not, for all that, indispensable. They are merely the little cogs in the big wheel whose gearing grinds and grinds and sends the power along the big shaft to the broad belts which snap over the polished pulleys in the social shop of the rumbling old world. When an Indispensable snaps under the pressure the cog can be replaced without even stopping the mot or jarring the machinery. He drops out and some one else drops in. He is not missed. The grind goes on and on, the structure stands firm as ever, the work fails to show the touch of less nimble tingers. What You and I have done Thee and Thine can do. So the shuttle will never cease to fly under the hands of the weavers, bringing out the colors that will still be brightened by the dyers, who will handle yarns still to be furnished by the spinners afte the Indispensable of to-day has been dispensed with and his memory only recalled by a bronze the meeting place of the rich and the poor.

MYRRH will harden the gums and gall will

WHEN are fishermen like cruel husbands? When they give their wives a smack, of course. WHEN Cleveland calls up Central now he shouts "Hill, O!"

THE lawyer who hoodwinks his client pra tices deceit. THE promoters of New York's French ball

can give the Yellow Dogs some valuable point WHEN does a burglar resemble a pair of bel

lows? When he's a safe blower. Hogg has been inaugurated Governor of Texas. If he roots in the right place the othe

Love and Gold. I heard a brown-faced maiden, sad, Pinched with hunger, thinly clad, Sing a sorry song; While in the throng A dark-eyed, lissome lad Begged for the wealth they had.

fellows will do the grunting.

She sang like a frightened bird-A tear mellowed every word; But the coins that fell Broke the maid's sad spell, The music the sad singer heard The heart of the glad singer stirred.

I heard that brown-faced maiden sing Gay as a lark in budding spring; She sang to that lad Of the love she had. Her voice bore a gladsome ring-Love and gold gave them everything. IF you are not contented with your lot now,

you might as well be occupying your lot in the death by the skin of their teeth.

the mystic potency of the saw by being a princi-pal in a wedding ceremony last evening in WHY are the bad Indians like sinners doing penance? Because they are forced to carry which she simply changed her name from Miss to Mrs. The letters of her surname remain the same, and she is now Mrs. William Mc-Eiroy.

The marriage took place at Mrs. Alexander's home at Copeland station. The young couple are both former Alleghenians, and have numerous friends in the city.

IT will sound strange in Europe to hear of a King dying in America. Kalakua was the first wearer of a crown to visit us and the first to die

Some people are so lazy that they growl when forced to lift their eyes.

The Ladies' Aid Society Entertain Church THE storm center has shifted to Washington where a Southern cyclone of great energy prevails, with a tendency to move along Pennsylvania avenue and break in the House wing o the Canitol. There was a general rise in the mean temperature there, but the force cau ety were the bostesses to a decidedly large re-ception of church folk.

Supper was served from 6 o'clock to 10 P. m.
in the Sunday schoolroom, and the crowds of people found everything that was delicious and appetising upon the bountifully spread tables. low pressure area in the Senate end, with sta-

THE Southside women who have been advised to drink because their husbands do are playing with fire water, and may get scalded.

They Are Not Cowards. Conductors who may with you fight Won't punch you unaware, And, whether in the wrong or right, Will try to knock down fare. WHY is a bookkeeper like a snake? Becau

THE man who married one of the Woodbull sisters is watching the force bill anxiously. He knows it will affect Tennie C.

WHILE Comstock's society was holding its annual meeting and lauding themselves on the work performed in the vice suppressing line, New York's upper crust were whirling in vicious frenzy at the French ball. Sort of a vice versa state of affairs, wasn't it?

EVERY time the murderer snaps his revolve he breaks the law. THE politicians are inveterate policy players but the people are tiring of their system.

WHY is a minister like a messenger boy? Be cause he is forced to answer a call, THE inflation of the Illinois air ship so far

nfined to the stock.

THE psychical cranks are taking a spo census. If Porter was in charge he would coun the tombstones and swear by them, An Allegheny husband battered his wife be-cause she couldn't cook to suit him. He has

pooked his own broth, figuratively speaking. The Serpentine Walk. If your heart is full of sorrow Don't give up. Nor fleeting sunshine borrow

especially is a wonderful woman, and for 20 years almost has divided with Ellen Terry the From the cup Which cheers but makes you shaky houer of being the best beloved and most dis-tinguished actress in England. Their visit to In the morn, Or produces visions snaky Sure's your born. this city promises to be a great success in every way, for the advance sale is already very large. If Europe indulges in a war this year the young German Emperor when he reaches the Rhine will doubtless exclaim: "No cross, no The Kendals will be seen here in "The Iron-master" on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, "A Scrap of Paper" on Thursday and Friday nights, and on Saturday night "The

THE Congressional Record will soon be unfit

If the kings keep on slipping their cables the foolish people who like royalty will soon be ruled by petticoats. JAIL birds are never placed in golden cages

OTERO, the Spanish dancer, after the chan pagne capers she indulged in at New naughty ball, should be called Otaro. WHY is a tugboat like a sprinter? Becaus

MISSOURI declines to pull down her Ben

CHIEF BIGELOW has some sweeping reforms WILLIE WINKLE in his mind's eye.

THE TOPICAL TALKER.

Fair China Painte

China painting has been growing steadily and latterly very fast in this vicinity. For a long time I was puzzled to know what attracted young women, mostly in fashionable attire, to a rather dingy store in a by-street. The show windows had generally nothing more seductive. than a few pieces of white china in them, but all the same from morn till night a procession of fair customers passed in and out of the store. Recently I discovered that all these women were amateur painters of china who brought their work to the store to be burned. This gave me some clew to the large proportions of the china-painting cult, if it may be so called

ful with flowers of every description. The handsome drawing rooms were, metaphorically speaking, purity itself with flowers of pure white relieved by delicate maiden-hair ferns. The filly hyacinth, rose and fuchsia were tastefully blended in banking the mantels and festooning the mirrors, blooming also with charming effect from costly roses and urns. In the dining room piak was the prevailing color of the decorations, Pink carnations formed the pretty candelabra shades, so much in vogue at the present time, and were also massed in great profusion on the buffet and tables. in these parts. Ten years ago, I am informed, one kiln was as a rule not more than one burning required here, and as a rule not more than one burning a week was necessary. The business was easily monopolized by one man, and he did not seem likely to get rich on it. Now there are four or five china massed in great profusion on the bunet and tables.

The affair was given in honor of Miss Florence McKnight, a sister of Mr. McKnight, and Miss Malin, of Philadelphia. The houses and the two young ladies were attired in charming creations of the modiste's art—Mrs. McKnight in a light blue embroidered chiffon, Miss Mo-Knight in a delicate green crepe and Miss burning establishments and in addition proba-bly a dozen private kilns operated by the china painters themselves. At the largest place in the two cities half a dozen kilns are kept going all the time, and as about fifty pieces or the average can be burned in each kilns at one time, it can be realized what a mighty output of hand-painted china there is in this county. On a single day just before Christmas over two hundred cups and saucers

in a light blue embroidered chiffon, Miss McKnight in a delicate green crepe and Miss Malln in a blue faille, trimmed with duchess lace. The guests numbered about 300 of the wealth and fashion of the city.

The laddes who assisted in receiving were, Mrs. Harry Darlington, Mrs. Park Painter. Mrs. A. Laughlin, Mrs. Walter McCord, Mrs. Dilworth, Mrs. W. Sew'elt, Mrs. Barr, Mrs. Dr. Flemming, Mrs. A. Dr. Fell, Mrs. A. Lyon, Mrs. William Park, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. William Watson, Mrs. Christine C. Ihmsen: Mrs. James B. McFadden, Mrs. Lide Mc, Knight, of Sewickley; Mrs. S. Wharton, Miss-Mabel Hussey, the Misses Eleanor and Annie Chalfant, the Misses Emaline and Florence McKnight, Miss Mary Reed, Miss Maxwell and Miss Carrie Hays.

In the evening a large dinner party, to which gentlemen were invited, crowned the festivities of the day. were burned at a Pittsburg store.

There is no way of finding out how many amateur china painters there are to-day in the two cities, but there must be many hundreds of them. Under the term amateur I include thes who sell their work, but who are not connected with any factory or store. Some of these inde pendent women have built up a regular and ever-increasing private trade in china ware of their painting, and I know of one artist who filled no less than 100 separate orders for delivery last Christmas. At present women have a real monopoly of the art outside of the chinamaking and decorating factories, and a very beautiful and, it is pleasant to add, profitable pursuit it is for them. It is no longer an unu sual thing to find the entire stock of china decorated by the mistress of the house, and by the time the next generation of Pittsburgers "Roy Camp wishes you to come and have a jolly good time with him from 2 o'clock to is grown up hand-painted chins will rather be o'clock Saturday afternoon" run the cunning little invitations which Master Roy will issue the rule than the exception upon our tables.

Put Down the Enemy. prospects a joily good time will be enjoyed, for the appointments are to be of a high degree of perfection. And though Spanish dancers are not available in Pittsburg, to amuse, with their grace and rythmical motion, the youthful merrymakers as they do in New York, arrangements have been made with Miss Kitty Hanna, the talented elocutionist, to be present and give several recitations tended to please the little folks.

The older ones also will be pleased, as the respective mammas of the young guests will lend their presence to the gavety. The Camp mansion will be devoted to the young folks. The billiard table will be removed from its accustomed place, and the hall will become an assembly room for dancing. Kuhn's catering, Reymers' candy and exquisite little souvenirs are also a part of the programme, and should certainly satisty any ordinary child. An Irishman went into a restaurant in the petiser he ordered a glass of whisky. Just as he touched him on the shoulder and said: "Tim, that the worst ememy you have." "Yes, your reverence," replied Tim, "but how often have you told me to love my enemies," and the whisky disappeared.

Good Carvers Are Scarce. "How do you account for the scarcity of good carvers?" I asked a matron yesterday.

"Laziness of the men," she replied. But seriously, it is a fact that a good carve is a rare bird in this latitude. Not one man in ten can carve even a plain joint as it should be ione, and when it comes to cutting up a turkey or smaller birds the percentage of failures, comparative and absolute, is even greater Why is this? Our fathers were able to handl the carving knife with dexterity, and even a tough duck did not daunt them. It will never do for us to confess that we are not as good as nevertheless that the art of carving, the art nind you, is dying out, I take fathers are often responsible for this, because they keep on carving till death cuts them down, instead of handing over the head of the table with its carving responsibilities to their sons in succession. This seems to be the only explanation aside from the one foreigners are so prone to allege that Americans are so much ments have it. The Oakland Orchestra will be in attendance, and charm the silver out of the pockets of the guests by its sweet strains.

Miss Margaret A. Crouch will assist in the good work, for the proceeds are to be devoted to the Newsboys' Home fund. Rhinehart Meyer, W. C. McCausland, Miss Nona Hill and Miss Lillian Burkhardt will also appear during the evening. Miss Sellers is the directress, and the officers of this philanthropic club are Miss Eccles, President; Mrs. George B. More, Secretary, and Mrs. M. J. Backslace, Treasurer. This concert is but one feature of the good work undertaken by the club. given to abiding in hotels and boarding houses that they are more and more losing the accomplishments and graces which are born of and the masculine ineptness with the knife is that man's better half most of the time can carve all around him, so to speak,

A Fireman's Perils.

"I haven't seen anything in the papers," said a well-known Alleghenian yesterday, "about a little incident of the Federal-street fire last week which might have made that unfortunate event a disaster of far larger dimensions. I was standing in the crowd watching the fire when I learned that a quantity of gunpowder was stored in McKnight's store. I lost no time in telling the firemen and generally spreading the information among the spectators. The fire-men and others located the powder and carried it out in safety, and the crowd kept a more rewas being done. How much powder there was I don't know-some say 500 pounds-but too nuch for comfort, anyhow.

At a fire in Jamestown, N. Y., a few days ago a young clerk in a handware store acted heroi ally under very similar circumstances. The fire was well under way and cartridges were pop ping about in a most unpleasant fashion, when the clerk remembered that a large keg of powder was at the back of the store. He ran into the store and through the smoke and act averted a terrible explosion, and Charlie Fitch, the boy who did it, is rightly called

hero. By the way, he has relations here. Pity the Fallen Millionaire!

"Terrible thing the way the Blowtons have suffered since old Blowton failed," said a lady to me yesterday. "I haven't heard much about it," I replied 'except that the failure is a matter of million

Are they in a hard way ?"
"Hard way ? Well, I should say so. They've had to sell their city mansion and the cottage at Newport, and the yacht and nearly every-

thing they had."
"What are they going to do?" "I hear they mean to buy a small house in the suburbs and economize. Bella tells me she expects to have to get along with two servants. and do her own marketing in town."

"Oh! that's too dreadful."
And then such harrowing details of fallen fortune were revealed as cannot be laid before an unfeeling world here. It is truly an awful thing to come down from a dozen millions to a beggarly pittance, say, of \$5,000 a year.

Very Cautious Indeed. Even at this late day natural gas is a mystery to some people. A church visitor, in the course of her charita

ole labors among the poor of this great town found a woman who was in great distress be cause her husband was out of work. The visitor suggested that he should apply at the office of a certain natural gas company where laborers were wanted. "Sure an' I won't do no such thing," was the

woman's reply: "do ye be thinkin' that I want to lose me good man? Sure an' that natural gas is so dangerous I don't want him to be a-carryin' it around, ma'am!"

BAGGAGEMEN IN COUNCIL

in a fit of post-mortem giee, will be pleasant news. It is always agreeable to be assured of They Meet to Discuss Matters Connected With Their Calling.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 21.-The tenth convention of the National Association of Gen-eral Baggage Agents met here this afternoon, and there were about 160 delegates presen The meetings will be held with closed doors.
Officers will be elected for the ensuing year and the following matters discuss First-To secure a uniformity of rates on excess baggage, to provide a method of hand and caring for excess baggage, and the adop-tion of a uniform excess baggage and C. O. D. check.

Second—To provide a uniform method and a

Second—To provide a uniform method and a basis of settling claims for delay, damage and pilfering of haggage while en route. Third—To adopt a telegraph code for the pur-pose of abbreviating the telegraph messages from point to point, which are necessary in the business and which have now reached huge

NEBRASKA FARMERS CAUTIOUS.

They Wish Other States to Co-Operate in Reducing Interest Rates.

At present it is playing to crowded houses at Hammerstein's Opera House, New York. The piece, it will be remembered, is a broad farce with no end of musical ornaments and dancing galors—one dance, by the way, being a new Spanish cachuca, in which Miss Georgie Parker LINCOLN, Jan. 21.—A resolution was adopted by the House to-day that a committee of three be appointed to correspond with the Legisla-tures of Kausas, North and South Dakota, Minnesota and Colorado for the purpose of seshines brightly. The comedy in the "U. S. Mail" is in the hands of excellent actors, and curing an agreement by those States on a com-mon rate of interest, as low as may be practica-

The reasons cited for this action are that it "Later On," are the attractions promised for the Duquesne Theater next week. Several good comedians and a bey of bright and pretty girls are premised with the farce, which has been making a bit at the Standard Theater, New York, from whence it comes directly here. might be injurious for a single State to attempt a lower rate of interest without the concurrence of others, as the meney power would concentrate itself upon that State, and by withdrawing loans make the law obnexious and secure its repeal.

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

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

-Telephones are now being introduced or

oard men-of-war. -The daily surplus of births over deaths

in the United Kingdom is 1,500.

-It costs the Government \$250,000 a year o print the Congressional Record

-Leather covered frames are now the favorite inclosures for photographs. -At present nine American women are natrimonially engaged to titled foreigners. -The largest peach orchard in the world is at Blownwood, Tex., which contains 11,000

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

-Manitoba flour is quoted at \$2 per arrel higher in Washington State than the -Mr. Theodore Calf and family have petitioned the Kansas Legislature to have their name changed.

-An Oswego man has bought 20,000 bushels of potatoes in Perth, Ont., for the

-Capitalists who have the money pro pose to spend \$60,000,000 in under-river and underground railroads in Gotham. -The Michigan crop report states that

wheat is in good condition generally, with but lew frozen places for lack of snow. -Whisky labeled "shoepege" has been seized in quantity on the premises of Bootseller W. R. Dye, at Parkersburg, W. Va.

-Ada Gray, of Cincinnati, is "the only colored lady dentist" in the United States. She is said to be quite skilful in her profession. -Mrs. Sarah E. Urie pays \$500,000 to Mrs. Matthew Baird as the price of the Has-tings property, at Spring Lake Beach, N. J. -I. L. Purcell, a well-known colored lawyer of Palatka, Fig., was admitted to the Supreme Court in Tallahassee on January 14.

-L. G. Brooker, of Scotts Blaffs county, Neb., found a pair of Texas horns the other day, which measured 5 feet 9 inches from tip to -The late Duke of Bedford's income was

-It is said a society has been formed in

Southwestern Kansas by farmers for protection against loan and investment companies.

over £300,000 a year. He was the richest man in the peerage, except the Duke of Westmin--The colored man, Prof. Carter, in charge of the Colored State Seminary at Tal-lahassee, Fla., is the grandson of an African

-A cat owned by Farmer Dykeman, of Benton, Lackawanna county, Pa., attacked a fox and rode on Reynard's back for a dozen -After February 1 the "curfew" ordi-

nance will be enforced in Vancouver, Wash., and all boys on the street after \$P. M. will be -There is great anxiety in Ottawa over the attitude Sir John Macdonald is likely to take on the question of reciprocal trade with the United States.

put poison into Wert Wickham's well, near Battle Creek, Mich. Three horses drank and died an hour later. -The St. Petersburg Novoe Vremya aunounces that Russia has issued her last 4 per cent loan, and that in future Russian loans will be issued at 3 per cent. -Spokane Falls has grown'rapidly since

-Friday morning some dastardly fiend

18,600, and the recent census gives the town 32,-000. Seattle has about 50,000 people. -The smallpox scare in Savannah, Ga., is growing daily. The negroes are especially frightened. Everyone in town is anxious to be vaccinated and virus is at a premium.

he fire of a year ago. The population then was

-There were 937 buildings erected last year in Montreal, of a total value of \$3,308,606, a falling off of 96 buildings and \$299,896 in value as compared with the previous year. -This beats the record. A woman at Bennington, Mich., two years ago, gave birth

-There is news of a serious Anarchist plot at Leghorn, where, on Saturday, several dynamite cartridges were exploded simul-taneously in the immediate vicinity of a number of wealthy residents.

to twins, a year ago paralyzed the reco triplets, and now twins again—seven in two years.

-The authorities of the British Museum have discovered among a collection of papyrus rolls the text of Aristotie's treatise on the Constitution of Athens, which has hitherto only been known in detached fragments. -Two French doctors, acting on the fact

that the goat is not subject to consumption, recently injected the blood of one of those animals into the veins of two cousumptive patients, it is said, with the most satisfactory -Martin Grinning, of Surprise, Neb., shopped a red elm tree down for Mr. Ezra Paisley the other day that measured 13%

feet in circumference at the base. Martin claims the tree is over 100 years old and badly scarred by Indians with their temahawks. -Oneida township in Kearney county, says the Omaha Herald, indulged in a grand wolf hunt recently. An army of men and boys with guns and nitchforks marched half a day, uttering uncarthly yells; they finally met in

-Ten years ago a Detroit man was killed in Rio de Janeiro. His body was embalmed and placed in a vault. Two years afterward the remains were shipped to Gowanus, Long Island, and buried in a cemetery. In 1886 they were taken up and expressed to Santa Barbara, Cal., and last week the body was sent thence to Quetec.

-Eugene Davis, of East Saginaw, Mich., has arrived at Butte, Mon. He claims to be the only legitimate son of the late A. J. Davis, who died here a year ago, worth \$15,000,000.
Mrs. A. J. Davis, Eugene's mother, keeps a saloon at East Saginuw. She claims she was married to the Montana millionaire half a century ago in Maine. About 1850 they moved to Iowa, and a few years after Davis deserted

JUST FOR FUN.

A French physician has declared in favor of a "good cry." He says that groaning and crying during a surgical operation brings down the
pulse and benefits the patient. When a man has
refused his wife \$25 or \$30 for shopping, a "good
cry" has brought down her husband, if not her pulse, and she is correspondingly benefited. -Norristown Heratd.

It's a very cold day when the most of men-And the quicker the older they get— Who think for a while what chumps they've been, Can't soon get into a sweat.—Oil City Bilisard. Heeler-Don't you think I deserve a Government job?
Statesman-Yes, I do. You ought to be making

toves at Sing Sing. - Life. "It seems," said an old-fashioned lady to the very modern girl, "that there are a good many bluffs in the part of the country where the Indian "Yes," replied the m. g., confidently, "but

our soldiers called them right along."- Was Kid March and J. J. Fanning have signed with the Tacomas for next season. We have had a remarkably fine winter. Yesterday tract signed to have March and Fanning at the ime time.—Spokane Spokesman.

Mr. Guzzleton-You seemed to be much moved by the performance.

Mrs. Guzzieton-Not so much as you were. You moved out at the end of every act!-Judgs. "I wonder why a blind snake was selected

to bite Sara Bernhard when she plays Cleopatra, "remarked Mrs. Ransom.
"Because no one would expect a snake with eyesight to bite a bone," replied Ransom.—Cas-

The ghost shirt is all right as a relie, but there is no denying that war paint is the most popular Sloux veneer. - Omaha World-Haraid. Tommy-Did you do much fighting during the war, pa?
Pa-I did my share of it, Tommy.

Tommy-Did you make the enemy run?
Pa-You're right, I did, Tommy.
Tommy-Did they ketch you, pa?-Boston If our old friend "Constant Reader," who

who so often bobs in sight.

Should live up to his nom de piume, he'd have no time to write. — Indianapolis Journal. Fair shopper-What is the difference be ween these two pieces of goods? Clerk—One is marked higher than the other. "Yes; but what is the real di

"I just told you -a marked difference."-Buful