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to both chambers, whose terms have not expired, will fill out their terms; and consequently the only elections now required are for those offices which expire this spring.

Without questioning the legal aspect of this decision, it is noticeable that its practical effect is to put the election of heads of departments in the present Councils without letting the voters exert any influence over the choice.

While this decision raises the municipal politicians of Allegheny out of their slough of difficulties, it also throws a ray of light into the Pittsburgh municipal situation by promptly clearing away the doubt whether we have any charter at all.

THE SOUTHERN MISTAKE. THE DISPATCH has expressed itself plainly on the false policy of the elections bill and the folly of those Republican leaders who display their determination to let all necessary business stand undone rather than that their precious means of securing party supremacy by act of Congress should be sacrificed.

There was an attempt to justify this action in the Southern legislatures by the argument that the passage of the elections bill would injure the South in that it would be a useless waste of money to make an exhibit which will induce immigration.

It is useless to point to the lesson of this frightful accident. The responsibility will be fixed by the proper authorities; the disaster will go into history and will be partly forgotten.

WELCOME TO THE VISITORS. Pittsburgh welcomes the visiting newspaper men heartily, and hopes they will enjoy the visit.

AS TO THE SPOILS. The explanation of the failure of Senator Pierson of North Dakota to secure reelection that it was on account of dissatisfaction with his distribution of office, is referred to by the New York Press as new proof "that patronage is a curse rather than a blessing to those who are expected to distribute it."

CLIMATIC CHANGES AND WIRES. From all over the country comes a word against the overhead wires. They have not a single defender. One feature of the matter comes uppermost, namely, that the vicissitudes of a changing climate are rendering the wires in the air more expensive and less reliable than when such wires were first strung.

RELIEF FROM THE COURT. In deciding the appeal from Judge Slagle's decision on the legal status of Allegheny City's government, the Supreme Court not only forecloses the difficulties presented to the Allegheny city, but also kindly relieves the apprehensions created by the argument of certain learned counsel that the entire legislation providing charters for cities of the second class is unconstitutional.

HOW THE PRINCIPLE MIGHT WORK. It is likely that the action of the administration in first censuring Commander Belter and then refusing him a formal hearing is due to the feeling of the Cabinet that it must have an ample supply of scape-goats for the Barrandini affair, and that Mr. Minister by himself will not fill the bill.

SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON.

SOME of the happiest folk in the world are those who are always doing something for others. PICKLE, coquette, skittish, the great P. to-day you go up like a rocket, to-morrow you come down like a stick.

THE late storm in New York is declared by the Tribune to be "the plainest possible lesson that was ever afforded in both city and country should be put under ground with as little delay as possible."

IN FAMES FIELD. MR. JOHN THOMPSON, granddaughter of the poet, has just returned from Glasgow. KOSUTZKY in poverty at 64! That means a life spent for mankind with no thought of self.

ROSE COGHLAN and Lydia Thompson met at a hotel table in Albany lately, and fell into conversation. The fact was developed to the public by the fact that Miss Coghlan first came to this country from England when a girl, with Miss Thompson, playing a comedy with a company under the management of the latter.

SENATOR INGALLS SUCCESSOR. Judge Pfeffer, the Alliance nominee, secured the Election. TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 27.—The successor of Senator Ingalls was balloted for in both Houses of the Legislature.

MR. CHARLES MITCHELL will endeavor to make a hit on the stage according to Queensbury rules. ALWAYS holds its ground.—The coffee pot.

WHEN the public idolizes a man he is apt to become a worshiper of himself. WOMAN has a perfect right to do what she can so long as she does what she is expected to do.

A GREAT NEWS-PAPER. Adhering to a High Standard Forces Its Wonderful Prosperity. THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH has made great strides the past year, and this month occupies a new record.

A SERIES OF FREE LECTURES. To Be Given Under the Auspices of the Academy of Science and Art. In accordance with the expressed desire and intention of the Academy of Science and Art to disseminate knowledge of a kind that will be of value to the whole community, a series of free lectures has been arranged.

DEATHS OF A DAY. Alexander Greenwald. Superintendent Alexander Greenwald, of the Allegheny State Prison, died suddenly from a severe attack of asthma, from which he had been suffering for many years.

MR. MORTON would bill a place back of the Shaker tent, and the Shaker would be on the desk of the Senate. He's the champion mixer.

THE Pennsylvania Legislature is a victim of misplaced confidence. Don Cameron has banked it. HE LIE LOW AN' THINK. Bryr's waider, Bryr's Rabbit, he lie low, but he's watching Bryr's Hill's cabbage patch.

SOCIETY'S PLEASURES.

The Mayer-Goldman Wedding at Concordia Hall—Costs and Musicals Numerous—The Boston Mendelssohn Quintet at Two Places—The Social Chatter of a Day.

A wedding of unusual interest to the ultra fashionable Hebrew society from the high social position occupied by both bride and groom, was celebrated with becoming pomp and ostentation in Concordia Hall last evening.

ENTERTAINMENT AT A COLLEGE. Fair Students Enjoy an Afternoon With the Mendelssohn Quintet. It is a question of the evening college girls that filled the pretty Dilworth Hall of the Pennsylvania College, yesterday afternoon.

PRETTY PICTURES TO BE SEEN. At the Water-Color Exhibition of the Pittsburgh Art Society. The Art Society is congratulating itself over its water-color exhibition that materialized last evening.

ENTERTAINED IN GOOD STYLE. Knights of the Golden Eagle Have a Pleasant Time Together. Lorena Castle Hill, Keeper of the Golden Eagle, had an enjoyable entertainment at their hall on Federal street, Allegheny, last night.

ITS FIRST CONCERT A SUCCESS. Satisfactory Debut of the East End Mendelssohn Club Last Evening. The Mendelssohn Club, of the East End, gave its first concert of the season last evening in the new Masonic Hall, on Collins avenue.

NO RESULT IN ILLINOIS. No Illinois Senator Elected on the 37th Legislative Ballot. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 27.—The Joint Assembly convened at noon and proceeded to ballot for a United States Senator.

LESSON OF THE STORM. Buffalo Express.—Sunday's storm demonstrated that the overhead electric wire is not only a nuisance and a source of danger to the general public, but that it is an expensive liability for its owners.

IF THE FORCE BILL IS KEPT DOWN. Philadelphia Ledger.—Now that the Senate has got down to general business, the prospects have brightened for the copyright bill and the force bill.

A TRUTH REMEMBERING. Boston Globe.—There seems to be a surprising number of missing and elopement notices late. A home, however imperfect, is only appreciated when one has left behind to wrestle with the hard facts of a cold, selfish world.

THE BRANNAN LAW REPEALED. It Repeals the Full Democratic Vote in the Wisconsin Legislature. MADISON, Wis., Jan. 27.—In the House to-day, upon a suspension of the rules, the bill to repeal the Brannan law was passed.

THE old church lottery tickets reproduced in the paper.

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

—During last year 350 medicines were patented. —The Farmers' Alliance has 116 papers in Kansas—one to every county, with ten to spare.

—The subscriptions to the Balfour-Zelanda fund for the relief of distressed people in Ireland have reached the sum of \$100,000. —At Nashville, Tenn., during a snow-storm on Saturday, countless numbers of small fish fell.

—Three-fourths of the letters that are read at the "Pain Headquarters" are from persons who want employment. —A bill passed the Texas Senate making it a felony to fight a prize fight in the State either with gloves or without gloves.

—A little boy of Eliza, N. Y., one day received a letter from his mother and distributed through the neighborhood a bundle of old love letters that his mother had saved from her courtship days. —The Rev. John Elliot, missionary to the Indians, wrote a letter in 1873, which was auctioned a few days ago in Boston for \$500.

—A Chicago man figures out that he has paid his landlord a hotel keeper, \$60,000 in his life for his board and lodging. But as he now has \$74,000 in real estate, he is a clear winner. —President Angell, of Ann Arbor University, says that the Chinese have no straight streets or square corners. They are great travelers in a straight line. They are great believers in signs and portents, thousands in number.

—A bill has been introduced into the Legislature of Indiana providing that any man who shall be proven guilty of whipping his wife shall have his name published in all the newspapers of the State, and he shall be liable to be whipped. —"Take any 25 tall, lean men," said an old country officer to a reporter. "They are all secretaries of the State. They have no conscientious scruples about the death penalty. As a rule, short, thick men have doubts on their minds."

—Colonel John C. Taylor, of Dayton, Ky., has fallen heir to estates in Ireland that make him the Earl of Tyrone, and better still, give him property valued at \$750,000. It is reported that the Earl of Tyrone will soon lose one of its prominent Colonels. —The Socialists have introduced in the Reichstag a bill providing that the State should take charge of the manufacture of drugs and medicines, claiming that it is the duty of the State since passing the workmen's insurance bill. —An old friend of Sir Walter Scott's said that the original of Rebecca in "Ivanhoe" was a beautiful young American woman whom Washington Irving became engaged to when he was in New York. She wrote a glowing description of the Bard of Abbotsford.

—It is stated at Washington that all communications from the United States Government to the Imperial Government, and this account for the fact that Canada has not yet received one of its prominent Colonels. —General Sherman the other evening at the Yale alumni dinner in New York, having been welcomed as usual by "Marching Through Georgia," remarked in a somewhat sarcastic tone: "I have often thought that when I was marching to the sea, it would have been well had I had the Yale alumni with me."

—The City of Papeete arrived at San Francisco on Tahiti Island Saturday. She reports that the French Government has bribed a chief with about 2,000 dollars to cause the United States to take possession of Tahiti. The French Government has been camped in the mountains of Tahiti for some time, but the French have been driven out by the natives. —A letter has been received by Collector Spaulding to the effect that the department concludes that sugar flour is dutiable at 2 cents per pound. This decision is regarded as a relief, as the duty on sugar flour is free. Assistant Secretary Spaulding in his decision in No. 74, ruled that sugar flour is dutiable at 2 cents, and such is the duty. —The Parisians, as now that the severe weather is over for a time at least, are plunging themselves into the pleasures of the season. It is alleged that in certain countries certain persons have been in the habit of carrying with them a small quantity of sugar flour, which they use to eat the eagle and substitute the snake, even if the change should meet with the disapproval of the authorities. Most people have a snake.

—During the past six years Minnesota has paid \$78,834 for wolf bounties. During the same period the State of New York has paid \$100,000 for wolf bounties. It is alleged that in certain countries certain persons have been in the habit of carrying with them a small quantity of sugar flour, which they use to eat the eagle and substitute the snake, even if the change should meet with the disapproval of the authorities. Most people have a snake. —A well-dressed young man registered at the Spencer House, Niagara Falls, on Saturday, and was seen by a Park Policeman who had just locked the gate of the bridge leading to Goat Island when he was returning to the mainland. The policeman saw Stanley climbing by the arm to lead him back to the mainland. Stanley struggling to get away, the policeman called out to him: "You are a thief! You are a thief!" Stanley jerked away from the officer and jumped over the railing, falling on the ice, and was carried away by the ice and was carried over the Niagara Falls.

WISPS OF WIT. Harry—I see it stated, Miss Doris, that London ladies are always in terror of being snatched. That terror does not extend to this country. (Whisper)—Well it depends on the son.—Chicago Tribune. Wagg—I was terribly taken down this morning. (Whisper)—Why, how was that? Wagg—Well, I was shortening up the roof, and the whole business slid off, and took me too.—Boston Herald.

Of all the deadly things that war Against our peace and kill us The worst and deadliest by far As proved by the record of scientific men in Germany, France, and several towns in Michigan, who have made the water a study and found out that the water in the air is anything except warm and clean. It is merely a (to drummer)—Pickin' yer Ole' nigger? Drummer—Yes. What business is it of yours? Ole' Loafer—Wal, none, only I don't pick my nigger. Drummer—Ole' nigger? Ole' Loafer—Oh, I'm content to take 'em just as they come. (Whisper)—Chicago Tribune. Casius—Your Western tour was not a successful one, was it, Brutus? Brutus—No, Casius, it was, I own, a failure. (Whisper)—Related out of town between the rails, eh, Brutus? Brutus—No, Casius, rode out on top of one.—Saratoga Express. "What is the situation at Springfield, Senator?" "Almost divine."

"The Republicans have hope, the Democrats have faith, and all that is needed is charity on the part of the 'big three.'"—Chicago Tribune. Light—How dear De Deube's last picture is quite immoral. Shade—Wal, it's bad enough to be anything.—Washington Star.