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NAKED LAMPS AND OLD WORKINGS What agony, sorrow and suffering has been caused by the Mammoth mine explosion is partly told in the dispatches from there giving the details of rescue, identification and preparation for the burial of the victims. But the anguish of those left to mourn for their loved ones can only be estimated by those who have suffered similar bereavement. Though the miners dwelt in humble cottages and their families are left desolate, the heart-aching sorrow is just as intense as if they had lived in palaces. It is this which makes the calamity so awful

to contemplate. In due time the responsibility will be fixed by the proper authorities. At present there is nothing to shake the conclusions already drawn by THE DISPATCH. There could have been no doubt the naked lamp was used by the miners at the time of the accident, and all information is to the effect such lamps were used in that mine habitually. Whether an abandoned chamber was broken into or not is a matter yet to be demonstrated, though the circumstantial evidence in support of this assumption is overwhelming. Officials of the company in this city say if the naked lamp was used it was in contradiction to their orders, and there is no reason to doubt their word. As a matter of fact, the miner rebels

against the safety lamp at all times when he is not directly informed of the presence of the explosive fire damp. The little "coffee pot" lamp is so much lighter and more convenient than any safety lamp that it is always preferred by the workmen. That the use of this lamp was permitted by the mine boss is evident. Just where the prohibition of the company ended and the permission of its agents began is a matter yet to be determined. The one thing about it which stands out most prominently is that the people of the coke region look on the use of the naked lamp as a matter of course, instead of regarding it as an infraction of the most reliable rule of safety. The inference is that these lamps are used at many other places, and delective working plans are likely to infringe on other abandoned chambers, with just such frightful results as those at the Hill Farm and Mammoth mines.

Surely this should not be. Years ago the miners asked for laws to compel operators to provide safety lamps and these laws are now on the statute books. The companies have all posted rules prohibiting the use of the naked lamp. There is need for the enforce ment of law and rules. There is need that the miners be taught that danger is ever present in the shaft, and that it is doubly dangerous in a region full of abandoned workings. And there is need that agents of the companies, in charge of work, should realize what their neglect to enforce rules

THE PIPE LINE BILLS.

Apparently all the same elements are a work for the pipe line bill, recently introduced in the House at Harrisburg, that tavored the passage of the same measure tour years ago. At that time the Knights of Labor and the labor unions joined hands with the oil producers in urging the passage of the bill. The Knights have again de clared for it, and it is known the Grangers also favor it. The prospects of the bill are brighter than those of the old bill at the same stage of the proceedings, for at this stage the Billingsley bill was undergoing amendment to permit the support of the oil producers themselves.

The bill before the Senate is also advo catey by many producers, though the House bill has the prestige of the support of the Producers' Protective Association. There is no conflict between the supporters of the two bills. The difference is that the Senate bill does not lower charges as the House bill does. It will probably pass the Senate without serious opposition, and should the House bill fail of passage in the Senate could readily be passed by the House. There is no reason, however, why both branches of the Legislature should not heed the manifest will of the great majority of the people and pass the Burdick bill as it was intro-

THE HERETICAL SENATOR.

The agitation at Harrisburg over Cameron's heteredoxy is quite distressing. For many years Don was the idol of a numerous class of party-workers. A cold idol, to be sure, and one not easily approached, but still held in the higher estimation for no being easily accessible to his following Suddenly, it is discovered that the recen object of party homage is filled with saw dust. From present surface signs, one might suppose that none in the party was left so poor as to do him reverence.

Exchange will either abolish untisted stocks But these signs, after all, are not to b or shut out all the trust stocks about which taken too seriously. The present indignafull information is not given the public. It tion of Cameron's late backers is too exdeclares that the exchange does not want any mberant to be lasting. more of the Cotton Oil, Lead Trust or Sugar

THE CALIBER OF SOME CONGRESSMEN. A rather remarkable illustration of the inability of political leaders to keep up with the march of events, is turnished by the interviews with Pennsylvania Congressmen on the subject of the ship canal. Of the five representatives of Pennsylvania with whom interviews were obtained three, or a majority of them, stated that they "had not Stock Exchange, explaining that they made no given the subject any especial attention." It is the fact that a still larger number of the representatives of Pennsylvania were unable to say anything at all on the matter because they had not studied it enough to ing the pockets of outsiders through the meknow what to say about it.

This, if our political leaders did but know it, is most humiliating confession. A pro- the Standard. But possibly it is well to ject is before the public which is of the most | bear in mind that in the contrast between | will be a daily necessity until allver legislation

vital importance to the industrial interest of Western Pennsylvania. If carried out it means an almost infinite expansion of all our industries. It gives a water connection from the lakes to the Gulf of Mexico by way the Ohio and Mississippi and the first step in a system of internal improvement that would secure the benefits of water transportation to every section east of the Rocky Mountains. This enterprise has been before the public for the two years that have clapsed since the Legislature of Pennsylvania appointed a commission to investigate its practicability. On the other hand, is a proposal to put \$100,-000,000 of Government credit into building a ship canal in a foreign country. Yet among the representatives of Western Pennsylvania, the prosperity of whose districts is most intimately involved in the enterprise, only two have given the subject enough at-

A TALE OF TWO INDUSTRIES.

most industrial importance. Twenty years

ago the national consumption of coal was

32,863,000 tons, half produced by the anthra-

cite mines. Since then, in addition to the

growth of population, railroad building and

iron making, a great share of the population

bave, by the exhaustion of the forests, been

compelled to change from wood fuel to coal.

The result is last year the total consumption

of coal in the United States was four and a

helf times that of 1870 or 145 000 000 tons.

while the output of anthracite was 36,000,000

as 1870. To make the contrast clearer, the out-

put of bituminous has increased nearly 600

per cent, while the output of anthracite has

increased about 140 per cent, or less than a

This contrast between expansion in the

two branches of the industry is so radical

thas it is well worth attention, especially

of those interested in the anthracite indus-

try. The Press says bituminous coal is

cheaper, more accessible and more easily

mined. But this explanation will not serve.

as the result from the same risk and labor

is greater in mining anthracite than in min-

ing bituminous. The bituminous miner is

probably better paid for his work and haz-

ard, at 70 cents per ton, than the anthracite

miner at one dollar; but if the ton of bitu-

minous contains 500 heat units, the ton of

anthracite will yield nearly 1,000, making the

actual fuel power produced by the labor o

cheaper in cost of mining, than the bitu-

This leaves unsettled the grave question

presented by the Press in the following forci-

If the output of anthracite had grown in the

last twenty years as bituminous has, the mines in this State would be turning out 100,000,000

tons a year, or full thrice their production for

last year, when the mines were only worked

about 70 days, or half time. Such a production

would have doubled the wages of all engaged

in anthracite mining and made a season mor

prosperous than any in war times. But neithe

of capital, neither unions nor pools, can main-

tain wages or protect profits during twenty

years in which the anthracite coal mines have

sunk from supplying half the coal needed in

The way in which the anthracite industry

lags behind the bituminous cannot be at

tributed to an exhaustion of the anthracite

deposits. That field, like the Pittsburg bi-

tuminous district, is practically inexhausti-

ble for generations to come. Our Philadel-

phia cotemporary comes close to the real

cause in commenting on the economic blun-

der of working miners on half time; but as

as it also speaks of "opening mines in ex-

cess of the needs of trade," it is legitimate

to conclude it does not recognize the

real cause, of which the half-time work is

only an incident. The real reason of the

difference is that since 1870 combination has

had complete sway of the authracite indus-

try. It has prevented competition from cut-

ting down the prices of coal, and the charges

for transporting and distributing it, to the

level for which general enterprise is willing

to perform such services. On the other hand,

the bituminous industry has been opened to

competition, making its prices encourage

It costs no more to haul and handle a ton

of anthracite than a ton of bituminous; yet

the combination policy has maintained

freight charges on anthracite double those

at which the bituminous roads do a profit-

able traffic. Extend the same excess of

charges through the entire operation of

handling and distributing anthracite coal,

and it is no longer a wonder that prices have

If the same competition had prevailed in

kept its growth far below that of bituminous.

the anthracite industry as in the bituminous

the mines which the Press speaks of as in

excess of the needs of trade would not have

more than supplied the demand at cheap

ened prices. The economic waste of capital

and labor kept idle half the year would have

been avoided. The superior heating power

of anthracite coal would have commanded

a wide market for it. The blast furnaces in

the anthracite regions would not have been

compelled to transport coke hundreds of

miles in order to produce pig iron at the

market prices. In short, the statistical con-

trast the Press has brought out is a telling

illustration of the restrictive and strangling

effect of the combination policy, compare

with the expansion and prosperity that at-

THE STANDARD'S EXCEPTION.

The need for reforming one notable method

for gouging the outside public in stock spec-

ulation is pointed out by the Wall Street

Daily News, which hopes that the Stock

Refineries, which are notably "used for

making a private profit for insiders at the

expense of the outside public." One ex-

ception to this rule of fleecing lambs by the

trust stocks is noted by the News, as follows:

The managers of the Standard Oil are en-

when some one began trading in the stock, they

reports to the public, and they did not wish to become a party to trading which might subject

them to the suspicion of desiring to work the market. They had reached the point when

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tend upon legitimate competition.

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tion in New York. The circumstances of the other trusts have been different. Their ability to squeeze the tention to express an opinion about it. public by means of their monopoly has been Of course if Western Pennsylvania Conlimited and in some cases transient. In view gressmen will pay no attention to projects of the vital necessity of getting bold of the that will increase the prosperity of their people's money, by some means or other, is constituents, Congressmen from other parts it strange that they should resort to thimbleof the country need not be expected to know rigging the stock market with their own anything about the ship canals. The shares? It may be questioned whether it is average Congressman is too busy over partisan squabbles to give any notice whatever much worse for them to squeeze the specuto enterprises for improving the transportalators of Wall street than for the Standard tion and developing the industries of the to do the same with the producers and consumers of petroleum. nation.

Still, we are willing to accept the full significance of the above statement and re-A comparison of coal production and conjoice in the discovery of one method by sumption, by the Philadelphia Press, has which the Standard might have fleeced the led that journal to recognize a fact of the utoutside public but did not do it.

that concern and its imitators allowance

fleeces. Under these circumstances it is

ance that it should avoid the hazards of

POOR FARM SITES PLENTY. Offerings of sites for the city Poor Farm are quoted much freer than last summer with a decided downward tendency. Proposals in answer to the last advertisement were opened vesterday and it was found that a total of 28 farms were offered for sale. No one suspects any deterioration of land values hereabouts vet these proposals indicate an unprecedented fall in the price of rural real estate. One farm offered last July at \$800 tone, or not quite two and a half times as much an acre is offered now at \$400 an acre and others in about the same proportion. As the private demand for such property is as brisk as ever the natural conclusion is drawn that owners of elligible sites were willing to "put it on the city's eye," or, charitable thought, have been panic stricken at the idea their real estate, in its present soft and sticky condition, may be carried away from them before spring.

TIMELY RELIEF. Labor leaders in this city and the coke regions have shown commendable ardor in starting the work of relief for the destitute families of the victims of the Mammoth mine explosion. A majority of the men killed were married. The mines have only been partially operated for some time, and preference has been given the married men in the allotment of work. The necessities of these bereaved families are urgent. Very the anthracite miner about 30 per cent few of them have any store of worldly goods at all. The sorrowing widows and the fatherless children must be fed, clothed and sheltered. Subscriptions will be opened in this city and elsewhere throughout the region, and the contributions should be prompt and liberal. Every man surrounded by his family and enjoying health and strength may give to the fund a thank offering that he has been so much more fortunate than those poor miners. Every miner will give to the families of his dead comrades as he would have others give to his dear ones under like circumstances. So the relief fund will grow. May it grow rapidly and abundantly.

> THE Chicago World's Fair enterprise turned its first spadeful of earth this week. It is hoped this is an evidence that it will scratch ravel for the next two years more actively than it has been doing for the past year.

SPEAKING of the decision of the Supreme Court of New York sustaining a Justice in his refusal to issue warrants on the demand of a ociety for the enforcement of criminal law. the New York World says that "the District Attorney's office and the Police Department are the proper and sufficient agencies for the enforcement of criminal law" There is no loubt that these agencies should be sufficient enforce the laws, as that is what they are paid for. But a moderately careful perusal of he columns of the New York World for a short time is calculated to raise a doubt in the in quiring mind whether they actually are suffi

THE Republican leaders in the Senate may find a certain degree of consolation in the fact that if the force bill had not been side racked Senator Morgan's eloquence would still have been running along.

AUSTRALIA is now putting herself for ward as the world's champion in divers things. Her pugilists are coming over to this country and exhibiting an address in knecking out our luggers which causes even the great Mr. Sullivan to confirm his affection for dramatic art. Her oarsmen have challenged the world with success. It is even intimated that she is bout to demonstrate her ability to leave our rotting horses behind the distance flag. Her election laws are the cynosure of our reformers; but in one respect Australia cannot rival us. She can never hope to produce anything equal to our politicians in their own peculiar

ONE of the reasons why the Pennsylvania politicians are so much worked up over Cameron's vote is that it has inflicted irretrievable damage on our own Dick Quay's reputation as a political prophet.

FOR the inquiry whether Pennsylvania is now a Republican State, which the President has been firing at visitors from the Legislators to the White House, they should have referred him to the election returns. The policy which the President swears by has turned such States as Kansas, Iowa, Indiana and North Dakots into the Democratic column; but it has not yet dent is trying to make the operation complete

THE claim that the Indians should not be left to go hungry is met at the Interior Department by the conclusive reflection that if they are not hungry some of the politicians will

THE familiar assertion, that the Pennsylvania law prohibiting the sale of oleo is in con-flict with the inter-State commerce law, is heard again in connection with the agricul-turists' meeting at Harrisburg. Yet the hope may be expressed that people will learn in time that the inter-State commerce law has nothing to do with it, and that the original package deons are based on the conflict of the State law with the Constitution of the United States

IT is a pity the air ship model exhibited in City Hall the other day is not larger. The gentlemen of the Department of Awards might have used it while inspecting the Poor Farm

No stronger evidence that the Conpressional Record is not abreast with the prog ress of daily journalism is needed than it failure in the report of Monday's proceeding to note that the elections bill dropped with a "dull thud." There is little hope for the rejus enation of the Record now that Charles A. Dana's Senatorial boom is in the list of "have

According to the new fashion in busi

gives us a daily quotation of the premium

must be made for difference in circumstances. The Standard is the one trust This report that Robert Ray Hamilto whose monopoly in its peculiar line has so may not be dead coming up just when there far been able to withstand all efforts to esgotten for a little time, gives rise to the horrible suspicion that Eva has designs on the stage. CONFIDENCE breeds carelessness without tablish legitimate competition. It has, therefore, been able to make all the money

it wants without trying to enhance its al-THE naked miner's lamp is making good ready gigantic profits by playing thimbleits title to be considered an agent of wholesale destruction not second even to the deadly car rig in the stock market with its own certificates. Moreover, when there was any necessity of making a turn off the specu-

lative public the petroleum exchanges were open to it, until the lambs in that field were SPEAKING of putting the wires under ground the reports of the past few days from New York indicate that notwithstanding all the so closely shorn they could yield no more municipal fights of the past few years on that subject, there were a large number of wires not altogether an incredible act of forbearin New York City that did not get there. making its certificates a football of specula-

Now that Robert Ray Hamilton's death has been called into question the enterprising press agent proceeds to locate him in every remote quarter of the globe.

THE Senate remains a deliberative body. But the offensive Democratic partisans in the House are daily given to understand that their ubilation is to be modified by the fact that the Hon. Thomas B, Reed's term as Speaker does not expire until March 4, 1891.

either branch of Congress brings home to our mirds the sad fact that the fun of the session is Ir Senator Cameron had never done anything worse than to vote for laying aside the

force bill, for necessary public business, he

could confidently count on the approval of all

nsible men who do not place partisanship

THE passage of a day without a row in

above the public interest. PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

MISS MARY GARRETT, of Baltimore, has a bath to her home lined with Mexican onyx that

DR. GALLINGER, of New Hampshire, will be the only physician in the Senate of the United COUNT VON MOLTKE compels all the mem-

bers of his household to spend at least an hour each day in the open air, even if the rain be pouring. PROF. FELIX ADLER will shortly resign his position as lecturer for the Society for Ethical Culture and go to Germany, where he will en-

gage in similar work. ELIAS HOWE, JR., who was worth \$1,000,000, ras the richest private who served in the wa He enlisted in Bridgeport, Conn., in 1862. At

one time, when supplies were low, he paid the CONTESSE DE MAILLY-NESLE, one of the prettiest of Parisian women, is a blonde, with an elegant figure and a queenly carriage. Her hair is of liquid gold, her eyes are blue and she is an accomplished artist and musician. MRS, JULIA WARD Hown has been Presi

dent of the Boston Woman's Club for 20 years, and during that long period has never felt any have the manners and customs o State House debate brought into her meet ISABELLA II., ex-Queen of spain, ist a fat and waddling old lady of circus-like girth, who seems to have forgotten all the vanities of the world and to be devoted to works of charity,

the appreciation of Parisian dinners and the needs of a good partner at the whist table, GENERAL A. T. GOSHORN, of Cincinnati, who has been in New York for several days has expressed the opinion that the Chicago Fair will be whipped into working shape by 1893. He went over the grounds very carefully, and his opinions are those of an expert, since he was director general of the Centennial Ex-

work on that much-looked-for life of her father. She is still young looking, and, with her magnificent manner, taste in dress and brillian conversational powers, a decided favorite society. Meanwhile, Governor Sprague veg-etates at Canonchet, and is happiest when trading horses or swapping stories with the boys on the beach. CARDINAL MANNING is 82 years old-one year older than Gladston . His face is thu

MRS. KATE CHASE SPRAGUE is hard a

and bloodless, his eyes sunken and the wrinkled skin is colorless. His kindly blue eyes twinkle lieves the ascetic look of his countenance. is more than ordinarily tall, his head and shoulders stoop and he is somewhat deaf. He receives visitors in a plain black silk cassock with a red silk cap.

NOT WANTED.

Neither the People Nor Republican Party Desire the Force Bill Passed.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Rep.1 The action of the Senate vesterday in voting to take up the apportionment bill emphasizes the fact that the Federal elections bill cannot possibly be passed. At the same time, it signifies that the closure rule will not be adopted, unless some new and unforeseen contingency shall arise. The hampions of the former measure are resp ble in large measure for the delay that has occurred in the legitimate and necessary work of the Senate. They have insisted upon keeping heir pet bill under discussion against th wishes of the people and the interests of their

Their sincerity is not to be questioned, but they have certainly manifested a very poor or-der of wisdom. The result of the last election was in part a practical notice that the country did not want this bill passed. That notice should have caused the prompt final postponement, or rejection reached. Its prolonged discussion only tended to obstruct the public business and to prevent the enactment of laws that the peo-ple desire and have a right to expect. Now that it has been again put aside it is to be hoped that its friends will see the propriety of letting it remain undisturbed for the rest of

SILVER BILL VOTE.

The House Coinage Committee Endeav ing to Arrange for One.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.-Immediately after the House Comage Committee was called to order this morning the question of when a vote on the silver bill should be had in comittee was raised. A delegation appo by the Boston meeting was present, desiring to be heard. Mr. Bland, of Missouri, asked unanimous consent that a vote be taken on the bill next Wednesday. The Boston delegation could next Wednesday. The Boston delegation could be heard and he would be willing to come here every day for a week if necessary, but there should then be a vote.

Mr. Walker favored hearings and Mr. Bartine thought there should be some agreement to bring the measure before the House. A long discussion ended in the adoption, by unamimous consent, of a motion made by Mr. Bland that the committee proceed with the hearing to-day and meet again to-morrow. H. L. Higginson, banker, of Boston, then addressed the committee in opposition to free coinage.

Forecasts Industrial Revolution. New York Telegram. In the deliberate judgment of THE PITTS-

BURG DISPATCH, the success of the Adams direct process for producing open hearth stee seems now to be "demonstrated conclusively." In that event, the United States can cheaping turn out a grade of metal superior to the bes which comes from Swedish furnaces, and this fact forecasts an industrial revolution of far

One Which Should Not Be Tried. Richmond Dispatch, Dem.] The most sanguine advocate of the bill to rovide for free coinage of silver ought to admit that he is supporting a measure which can not be considered otherwise than as an experi

ment. The laws of finance are not as well un-

erstood as some other laws.

DEATHS OF A DAY. Mrs. Elizabeth Mullin. Mrs. Elizabeth Mullin, aged 76 years, died yes-terday at her residence, No. 295 Chestnut street. Allegheny. She was the widow of Michael Mul-lin, and for a number of years kept a notion store at the above number.

Miss Isabella Hill. Miss Isabella Hill died yesterday at the age of 75 years at her residence, No. 229 Cedar street. SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON.

THE great drawback to religion is the fact hat the creeds are working at cross purposes a leading us up to the foot of the Cross.

doubt. A burnt child dreads the fire, but de-lights to play with it. The red danger attracts. the bright blade whose slightest touch would sever the slim cord of life fascinates. We like to picnic under the shadow of the avalanche and see how close we can get to the abyas. Safeguards are considered the first time we dare the dangers, but successful firting with death vells our eyes so we cannot see the signals, and sooner or later the mass above slides down, the foot slips, the flame shoots out, the sword falls, and then some sleep while some weep. Men timidly and tenderly toy with the giant forces until such time as the elieve they have mastered the monsters. The that familiarity which breeds contempt crowds out care, neglect takes the place of caution. A loose screw grows looser, a corroding grub openly graws a vital part, a seam widens. But friendly association has corrupted good judg-ment, and the calamity that could have been averted comes with a crash, but the noise will ot arouse the giant's old guardians nor drown the cries of the groups who gather there. The drivers of the swift steeds want to go swifter, he climbers want to go higher, the delvers find a greater power. They shake hands with Death every morning, pass him with a nod every day, and bid him good night every evening - play with the fire, fla-ger the sharp tools, see the sun shining on the avalanche, watch the grub gnawing at the giant's vitals and smile. Down in the pit the beroes of toil go daily, love in their hearts. kiss on their lins, a light on their heads, pick in their hands. Between the shifts a sear opens and death enters the black-columns chambers of the mine. Confidence in its pas purity, familiarity with its dark passages, long association with its dangers has bred thought lessness. The naked lamp meets the deadly damp and the harvest is Death. Confidence bred carelessness, added a horror to the long list, multiplied the widowed and the fatherless made hearts bleed and heroes strive. The Waterloos, Plevnas and Gettysburgs of Toil nd more care. But the closer to death we go the further off it seems—the greater the risk the lighter we treat the danger signs.

Monroe evidently believes it's a noor rule that won't work both ways.

THE queston of the hour: How many piece f silver did Don Cameron get for betraying his party?

CHECKER players are not the least bit afraid PALACE car tourists will object to legislative

egulation of dining car fare. THE mean temperature could not be meane

WHAT is the difference between a barricade s nary a way and the other is an area-way. INGALLS is not a farmer, but he has reaped

hat he sowed just the same. Whom the people would destroy they first

The Game of Life. This world is not a paradise,

A place all milk and honey, But it's considered rather nice By those who have the money. Hence this makes life a gambling game; If you're not pat you bluff, And if you win the rest exclaim, "That fellow has the stuff."

The business man will take a hand, So will the speculator, Likewise the chap who tills the land, Also the legislator. No matter if the cards are stacked, And cheating plain enough, The one who wins is not attacked. Because he has the "stuff."

The game's exciting, play runs high, Gold, fame and love are staked; The winners laugh, the losers sigh, Still thirst for wealth's unslaked. Go where you will, by night or day, If you're a winner they will say: "That fellow has the stuff."

It's shuffle and deal On the cards you held Stake life for gold; How the devil grins When the best man wins !

THE proof of the pudding of to-day is name of the maker on the can.

Laws that can be broken in the name of Justice work an injustice and breed contemp ble criminals. Iv the human family was not inquisitive housekeepers would not have to spend so muc

for window blinds. THE absent-minded man cannot mind h own business.

THE Wood's Runners who cremated Dor Cameron evidently believe he earned his ashe CHICAGO has staked its reputation on the

day after notifying property owners on the site o pull up stakes. AND now the sink makers have decided to

sink their differences in a pool. They should make connections with the sewer pipe men. WHEN is a street car patron like a Congre

sional contestant? When he's unseated. You can always get tick for a telegraph m sage.

Ir a rich man's dudish son wears corsets he merely compressed heir.

INGALLS should draw some consolation from the fact that the man who will fill his shor wears socks.

WHEN it comes to the barbed wire trust the public should remember that it is useless t kick against the pricks.

THE sole hope of the poor lies in the fact that yond the reach of land grabbers. DON CAMERON is acting as if he fully res

THE world would not be out of sight after lizzard if the wires were. WHY are some of the bills before the Legis-

lature like horses? Because the carry riders, of THE human body is the only piece of mecha sm that goes broke.

THE bitter end of life is the spolled portion THE man wears the kids and the wife carrie them in her arms or pushes them in the per

mbulator. THE sealskin will soon be placed where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves cannot break through and steal. WHEN is a girl like a cigar? When sh

THE briefs in the Bering Sea case will be any. thing but brief. A GREAT many measures introduced in Con-gress and the Legislatures can appropriately be called play-bills. They are intended to amuse

wears a wrapper and is placed to the lips,

OLD maids must have been very hard please in their young days. THE individual with a warped judgmen MODERN lawmakers tax the patience of the

ablic as well as its resources. THE Bellamy kitchen out in Illinois is in the soup. Too many cooks spolled the broth. THE Bierbauer case is annoying the base ball

managers now as much as beer does when the boys are playing ball:

THE racket about Don Cameron's ears may eventually silver his hair.

THE granger statesmen of "bleeding" Kan-sas are of the opinion that she has been bled long enough, judging from the usury bills they are framing.

BALD-HEADED men have to submit patiently to the combing down process.

WILLIE WINELE,

THE WIRES MUST GO.

nday's Storm Has Demon Cheapness of Underground Cables.

New York Tribune.] It must be acknowledged that the loss and inconvenience inflicted on the community suggest consoling reflections. Pedestrians who have floundered through the labyrinth of wires and all whose business has been impeded by the isolation of the city are recompensed in some degree by the hope that the electrical companies have learned at last from this un-precedented disaster the lesson which most of them have persistently neglected to learn hitherto. It is pretty safe to say that a feeling of mild exultation pervades even benevolen-bosoms at the thought that overhead wire have now given a conclusive and enormously expensive demonstration of their unfitness

The cost of renewing what a single storm destroyed in a few hours would be, to put it cau-tiously, the interest on a vast investment in underground channels of communication. It is a great victory for the subways, and a scat ing rebuke to those who are responsible for making a wholesome and beneficent statute ridiculous. Ignorance, neglect, parsimony. trickery, defiance of public sentir ful disobedience of the law have finally produced results which may possibly convince all concerned that it would have been profitable as well as decent to take an opposite course.

A New College Presiden CLEVELAND, Jan. 28.-William Gay Ballan tine, Professor of Greek at Oberlin College, was elected President of the college this morning to succeed Charles S. Fairchilds.

The next regular lecture of the series will be by Sergius Stepniak, the famous Russian Nihi-list and exile, Friday evening, February 6. A LITERARY AND MUSICAL TREAT THE ORGULOUS SENATORS.

Public Business Again Resumed in Spite of the Opposition.

New York Herald. The orgulous majority in the Senate declared that the minority obstructed the legitimate usiness of the session.

It was a palpable and malignant falsehood. The naked truth is that the minority have been engaged in obstructing the Republican attempt to inaugurate a new period of disorder and civil war.

The Democratic minority are the conservative element of the Senate. They demand that the customs, traditions and usages which have governed them for the last hundred years shall not be tampered with; that debate shall be conducted after the manner which has made the Senate a dignified, a deliberative and useful

body.

The Republican majority on the other hand, are both radical and revolutionary. They would uproot and destroy freedom of speech; they demand that the presiding officer shall not recognize a Senator who first gets the floor if he happens to be a Democrat, but shall arbitrarily ignore him and give the preference to any Republican.

AGAINST DISCRIMINATION.

A Decision by the Inter-State Commerc Commission

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The Inter-State Commerce Commission to-day decided the case of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation vs the Pennsylvania Railroad Com-pany and 28 other railway companies, involving questions of discrimination made and preference given to foreign merchandise shipped upo through bills of lading from foreign ports to points of destination in the United States, through ports of entry in the United States, or ports of entry in a foreign country adjacent to the United States, over other and similar merchandise carried from such ports of entry to such points of destination in the United States. The complaint was sustained by the decision of the commission against the Texas and Pacific, St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern, Louisville, New Orleans and Texas, Illinois Central, Wabash, Southern Pacific, Union Pa-cific, Northern Pacific, Baltimore and Ohio, Lehigh Valley, Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk Railway companies.

May, but Probably Will Not,

Hoston Globe. 1 Camille Flammarion, in the last number the Arena, says we know much more about the poles of Mars than we do about the poles of the earth. The people of Mars, then, may be posed to know more about the poles of the Italian astronomer thinks that the wise beings of Mars, by means of great geometrical figures upon the surface of their planet, are trying to establish communication with the earth we may got news of the North pole yet, by way

Fooling Away Time Seeking Appropriat St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Rep.]

The Panama Canal scheme is dead. The rentlemen at the head of the Nicaragua project should beware lest their suspicious conduct delay or kill that enterprise.

Well Hardly Ever.

Lately labor appears to be coming in for great deal of picturesque and ideal proposed legislation that is never enacted.

COMING AND PASSING EVENTS.

WITH its splendid scenery, new and novel effects and elegant cast, "Good Old Times" will be at the Grand Opera House Monday evening. It is the latest dramatic success of Mr. Wilson Barrett and Hall Caine. A specially fine prece of artistic work is displayed in the last scene, when the moonlight shines in the Little Bush Inn and the fire-flies are seen flitting from bush o bush. The New York Commercial Advertiser says: "Good Old Times," the combined work of Wilson Barrett and Hall Caine, produced at the Fourteenth Street Theater last night, by the Brooklyn Park Theater Company, is a thorough-going drama, and was an all around success, Colonel Sinu may be con-gratulated on the general excellence of his ompany of players.

"THE HUSTLER," a farce comedy that come

heralded as one of the brightest and jollies

plays of its class, will be made known to local play-goers at the Bijou Theater next Monday night. The skit is a satire on apartment ho life in New York, and offers many opportunities for fun-making. Rarely, if ever has capable a company been employed in farce comedy as that which is seen in "The Hustler." The list of comedians includes John Kernell, Dan Mason, Gus Mills, John S. Marr and Lee Dan Mason, Gus Mains, John S. Marr and Lee Harrison. Such talented and popular singers and soubrettes as Mollie Thompson, Victoria Walters, Georgie Lincoln, May Cleveland and Carrie Horton scintillate in the production. Among the special attractions are Mile. Stac-cione, the only rival of Carmencita in the Spanish dance; a contingent of Galety Theater skirt dancers, and the famous Boston male quartet. hoyr's newest farce, "A Trip to Chinatown," comes to the Duquesne next week and elaborate preparations in the way of special scenery and effects are being made by Manager Henderson's corps of artists and mechan The new Hoytesque fabric of nonsense is said to be one of the best this fecund and versatile farceur has yet turned out. He has taken the hypochondriac as his central figure with amus-ing results. There are, of course, in the cast numerous clever comedians, lots of music and specialties and the usual bery of pretty and chic soubrettes. The sale of seats and boxes opens this morning. MR. DAVID HENDERSON is rather aunoyed

MR. DAVID BLANDESSON Father annoyed at the announcement that Comedian Jerome, of the "U. S. Mail," originated the songs and "gags" used with humorous effect by Eddie Foy in the "Crystal Slipper." Mr. Jerome, so Mr. Henderson says, wrote one song for Mr. Foy. Mr. H. claims all the rights, as he pur hased the copyright. THE Wilbur Opera Company, now playing a

successful week at Harris' Theater, will remain for next week at the same house with a daily THE "Night Owis," Bobby Manchester's axcellent buriesque company, will be at Harry Williams' Academy next week. SOCIETY'S GAYETIES.

bridemaid twas Miss Emma Kates, a sister of the groom, and the groomsman was A. Pollock. The ushers were Messey. Thomas Siviter, William Pierpont, Earl Kates, Francis Siviter, Clark Stewart and Albert Kates.

The bride was attirred in a stylish gray traveling costume trimmed with veivet and gold cord; a Parisian toque and a bouquet of bride roses completed the pretty tollet. The bridemaid was gowned in blue silk, and carried pink roses.

roses.

About 300 guests witnersed the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Mr. Cowl. owing to the sudden illuess of the bride's father. Mr. and Mrs. Kates left immediately on a wedding trip, but will be at home on Thursdays after February 5.

RILLY IN HIS ELEMENT.

The Hooster Poet Delights an Audience at

Old City Hall.

James Whitcomb Riley is always amusing

and entertaining, but he was unusually so at the entertainment given last evening, at Old City Hall, under the Press Club auspices. Erasmus Wilson, in a neat little speech, introduced the

To Be Served at Curry University Hall To

Society of Curry University, at University

Morrow Evening.

A delightful entertainment will be given to-morrow by the members of the King Literary

Hall. The programme consists of musical and

comedy in two acts, entitled "American Fasci-

literary recitations, and will conclude with a

nations." As outlined it is as follows: First Part—Music, under the direction of

First Part—Music, under the direction of Prof. Carl Maeder; opening address, L. Lewis Todd; recitation, Miss Adlum Milligan, vocal solo, Miss Nannie Hammer; essay, Miss May Campbell; society journal, Miss Esther Miller; music, under the direction of Prof. Carl Maeder. Second Part—"American Fascination."—Cast—Edward Raiston, Mr. W. O. Amster: Channey Oglethorpe, Mr. L. Lewis Todd; Lady Guinevere Liandpoore, Miss Cora A. Harris; Mrs. Ondego Johnes, Miss Gertrude Gibboney; Sierra Bengaline, Miss Nina Milligan.

Luncheon by a Ladies' League.

Luncheon by the Ladies' League of St. Peter's Church is always hailed with delight by

business men and the multitude at large, and the lecture room of the church will present a

cosmopolitan scene from 12 o'clock noon until 2 P. M. to-day, as a luncheon will be served dur-ing that time. The same will be repeated to-

The School of Design Exhibition

Cards are out for the annual exhibition of the Pittsburg School of Design for next Mon-day afternoon, from 2 to 5 o'clock. The public

exhibition will open on Tuesday and continue during the remainder of the week. Some ex-cellent studies will be on exhibition, including, of course, the medal pictures to be decided upon at the examination to-day.

A Varied and Pleasing Programme

The first entertainment for the benefit of the

3. K. Musical Club was given last evening, at

Orphens Hall, and the success attending it augurs well for the future entertainment, of the flourishing young East End club. The pro-gramme was varied and pleasing, and at the capelusion dancing was indulged in by those

Social Chatter.

MISS EMMA LOUISE PARRY will deliver a

lecture under the auspices of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, in

Trinity Lutheran Church, corner Stockton ave-nue and Arch street, Allegheny, to-morrow

evening. Subject, "Self-Culture and Culture of Self."

"WALKS AND TALKS IN EUROPE" was the

subject of Charles F. McKenna's address, given under the auspices of Lorena Castle 131, Knights of the Golden Eagle, at Castle Hall, 23

Federal street, last evening. Stereopticon

THE young ladies of Christ M. E. Church

will distinguish themselves in the catering line to-morrow from 12 till 2 o'clock. The lunchess

s to be given in the church corner Penn avenue

MRS. H. M. BENNETT, of the Hotel Schlos

ser, has issued cards for a Kendal theater party to-morrow night in honor of Mrs. John S. Hays

and daughter, Miss Stella. A pink supper wil

CARDS are out for the wedding of Miss Stella

Fink, of Pearl street, and George J. Kurtz, to be celebrated next Wednesday at 9 o'clock in

St. Joseph's Church. Father Allman will

THIS evening at 8 o'clock a home wedding

will unite Miss Julia Gill, daughter of A. J.

Gill, of 264 Arch street, Allegheny, and R. H.

OUR BOYS' SOCIAL, of the Eighteenth ward,

celebrated their first annual entertainment at Knights of St. George's Hall, Penn avenue,

THE Allegheny Art Musical will be held this

evening at the residence of Mrs. Mary Scott.

THE members of the Concordia Club enjoyed

pleasant hop at their clubbouse last even

THE Nobles of the Mystic Shrine Casis of

KNAPP'S BATTERY will give a reception to

THE INDIANS DISPOSED OF.

What General Miles Has to Say About the

Subdued Hostiles.

CHICAGO, Jan. 28.-When asked this morn

ing as to the final disposition to be made of the Indians now at Fort Sheridan, General Miles

said: "That is a matter to be determined in the

future. Now that Sitting Bull and other chief.

are killed, and I have most of the others here, the Indians are left, you might say, without a leader, and there is no danger of further out-

leader, and there is no danger of further out-break on the reservations.

"These men whom I brought to Chicago are a crowd of outlaws. Three hundred of the In-dians arrested were sent to Fort Sully. The others are all now under control of the military additorities and back on their reservations where they belong, or are on their way there."

AGAINST FREE COINAGE.

fore President Harrison.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.-A committee

Washington, Jan. 28.—A committee of Boston business men called on the President this morning and discussed informally the sil-ver situation and opposed free coinage. The President, it is understood, was non-

committal as to his intention of favoring or op-posing any silver legislation during this Con-gress, and told the delegates it would be emi-nently improper for him, at this time, to give any expression regarding his views on silver, or

THE MEXICAN MISSION.

Proposition to Raise It to One of the Firs

Class.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Senator Frye to-da

eartily recommends that the change be made

When the Investigation is Completed.

Philadelphia Times.

now going on.

ton Business Men Enter a Protest Be

Pittsburg celebrated a festival last evening.

North and Grant avenues, Allegheny,

views were a feature of the lecture.

and Eighth street.

Crane, of Sharpsburg.

night in Cyclorama Hall.

be served.

officiate.

Brilliant Wedding in Allegheny-A Neat -An expert says that the easiest way to clean rubber shoes of any kind is to rub them with vaseline. Home Marriage Ceremony-Musicales and Other Entertainments—Concerts and Amateur Theatricals, Past and Coming. When the familiar strains of Mendelssohn's

-Fiji is beginning to cultivate tobacc the enterprise being assisted by the concession of Government land to the planters on easy wedding march burst in melody from the pipe organ in the First M. P. Church of Allegheny

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-Five hundred applications have been last evening a pretty bridal procession entered. The bride was Miss Jennie Siviter, daughter of Henry Siviter, and the groom J. Harmar Kates, a rising young business man of the city. The bridemald twas Miss Emma Kates, a sister of

made to the Department of the Interior at Foronto for the privilege of boring for oil in the Kootenay country. -A pair of wild moose are being trained and broken into harpess in South Sloux Falls,

-The British authorities have been adised of renewed activity in the ranks of the dynamite party in America, who are said to be

ecently throughout the southeastern portions f Russia, and whole villages and numbers f isolated houses have been almost buried in -The season thus far has been very favor-

usually large amount of freight is being carried by the boats between Milwaukee and Grand Haven. -The statement issued by the Census

Department for Alabama's population gives the total as 1,513,017; of this number 830,796 are whites, 681,421 are colored, 750 are Indians and 40 are Chinese.

Jefferson, Ky., a skeleton in armor has been unearthed there, together with a sword with a golden hilt bearing on its handle the name "Hernando de Soto." -The lobstermen on the Maine coast are luck this winter, getting 12 cents apiece for

-An English bacteriologist who is notable as the discoverer of taxalbumens, and who

machine which was intended to prove a man's striking power. He then punched the pad which was presented to receive the blow, but the spring didn't work, his wrist was broken, and the jury gave him \$50.

thighs of two patients suffering from tuber-culosis, assert that cures can be effected by re-newing such injections every ten days. -Henry Johnson, a slave with a history, who was set free by his master, Mr. Foxall,

and proposed marriage, died last week at Jas per, Tenn. It is stated that she was of good family and a beautiful girl, gay and spirited, but that she became a recluse, with sha-tered nerves, after the trial and execution of

and Upward, published in London. Little Lady Marjorie writes a lively letter to her young constituents, and tells them interesting stories about her pet animals, being probably the youngest editor in the world. -Germany has 9,275 breweries in operation, against 9,556 in January, 1890. The total beer product of the whole country last year

-A clever swindle was perpetrated on several professional gentlemen in Adrian, Mich., by an agent purporting to represent an English syndicate, with headquarters at Detroit. He took orders for carpets at about 30 cents on the dollar. Incidentally he sold them some cashmeres. They received the cashmeres from the agent, and paid cash, about double their value. The carpets perer came, and some

-Richard Golden quelled a panie in the Fail River, Mass., Academy of Music during the performance of "Old Jed Prouty" one even ing recently. Five boys had secreted themselves noon, and tried to come out after the performance had begun. One stepped through some glass, and another trod on a wire that set a bell glass, and another trod on a wire that set a bell ringing, and there was instant confusion in the audence. About 200 people rushed out, and others jumped to their feet. Upon this the star rushed to the footlights and crieer. "Sit down! There's nothing the matter! If there was, I would be first to get out." This diverted attention, the crowd settled down, and meanwhile two of the youngsters escaped. The others were found hanging, like bats, to the rafters, and were arrested.

The platynes a small mole-like beast

-The platypus, a small, mole-like beast of Australia, has been voted the palm for being the most extraordinary mammal in the known world. For the last 20 years its skin has been highly prized as an article of commerce, ye during all of that time scientists have been trying to settle the question whether it is born alive or hatched from an egg. Mr. Caldwell was sent out to Australia by the British Association for the express purpose of studying the life history of this wonderful creature, and was finally rewarded by the discovery of the eggs and nest of this contradiction of nature. The body of the platypus resembles that of the mole, and is covered with a close, short, graylish-brown fur. Like the beaver, its tail is broad and flattened. A horny extension of the jaws form a beak like that of a duck, their margins being sheathed with horn and supplied with transverse horny plates, two in each jaw, but these are not true teeth. The toes are united by a membrane or web, so the animal is enabled to swim with great ease. It inhabits small streams and ponds, living principally, if not wholly, on insects. When the young are hatched they are blind and quite naked. The method by which they obtain milk from the mother is still obscure, as the creature has no imples, only a flat surface; mor is there any marsupial pouch. The beak of the young is wholly unlike that of an adult. It cost the British A-sociation over \$10,000 to ascertain the above facts. ciation for the express purpose of studying the

FUNNY MEN'S FANCIES.

"I like you well enough, Chappie," said Ethel, "but you don't know much."
"I know you," returned Chapple," and that's
everything."—New York Evening Sun.

sion of a raised object on wet paper. Some fel-lows can get a very nice impression from a squeeze.—New Fork Eventug World.

"Well, I've been trying for years to find a "Have you got any money?"

find you. d'y' earn? Curley-I yearn a heap more'n I get, Billy.-CM-

Young husband—Don't you quite understand how to do it, darling?"
Young wife—Yes, it is all quite clear: but it says "first clean your turkey" and 1 was wondering whether one should use toilet or regular scouring soap.—Chicago News.

In Lincoln, a dime museum three-headed woman is an applicant for a divorce. Four heads to a family are altogether too many, to be sure,— Omake World Herald. An American naturalist has made up a

Teacher-How long can a human being

washing to a meadment to the consular and diplomatic appropriations bill raising the mission to Mexico to that of the first class, and making an appropriation of \$7,500 to meet the expenses of the legation.

Secretary Blaine, in a letter to Senator Frye, heartily recommends that the change be made. go without air?

> It is a man's duty to work for his daily hread, but a good many men are fools to work as hard as they do for a little cake and pie—Somer-ptile Journal.

S. D., for the benefit of foreign visitors at the World's Fair in Chicago.

actively preparing to resume operat -Terrific snow storms have prevailed

able for transportation by the lakes, and an un-

-According to a yarn sent out from Fort Wilson, in a neat little speech, introduced the noted man to an audience already familiar with him, and in a receptive mood, as the generous applause given all his efforts proved.

Mr. Riley rendered "Poem in Hodden Gray," "Dialect Studies," "Character Sketch." "A Story," and "Studies in Child Character," all of his own composition, and some of them new to the Pittsburg public. The musical part of the programme was an important feature, and five young ladies went home with the plaudits of the listeners ringing in their ears. Miss Margie Wilson, of the Pittsburg Female College, and Miss Mannie Hammer, Curry University, were the soloists, and Misses Emma Woelfel and Hattle Nichol were the pianists. The next regular lecture of the series will be

their "lobs." Their occupation is hazardous and full of hardships, and big pay is no more than they deserve.

-Parties at South Haven, Mich., are about to build a yacht this winter for the ex-press purpose of making a four-years' cruise of the pricipal ports and countries of the world, They expect to set sail in May.

is now studying the Koch method at the Hy-gienic Institute, Berlin, announces that he has discovered a remedy for anthrax. -A printer put a penny in the slot of a

-Drs. Berlin and Picq, of the Nantes faculty, who recently injected 15 grains of coat's blood into the museular tissue of the

and who waited upon Clay, Webster, Calhoun and other great men, and who is said to have come in contact with every Fresident save Washington, is living in poverty at the age of 90 years in Washington. -Alice Wilson Pryor, to whom Guiteau, assassin of President Garfield, paid attention

-Lady Marjorie Gordon, the 10-year-old daughter of the Countess of Aberdeen, edits the children's page of a paper styled Onward

was 5,222,073,000 quarts, against 4,760,288,900 in the preceding year. The consumption per capita was 106,3 quarts, against 97,9 quarts in the preceding year. The largest brewery in Germany paid last year a tax of \$60,000.

their value. The carpets never came, and some of the customers are out about \$50. -The British Government has just refused to restore to their native country the Ever since these chiefs were sent to St. Helena. nearly two years ago, the Zulu Defence Fund has been endeavoring to secure a revision of the heavy sentence. One of the chiefs is young Dinizulu, the son of the famous King Cetywaya. Their offence was fighting Usipedu, who was supported by the British Government.

A "squeeze" is, technically, an impres-

"Why don't you marry, Mr. Bachelor?"

"Enough, I guess."
"Then you just hold still awhile and the girl will
no you."— Washington Star. Billy-Got work, eh, Curley? How much

ago Times. Young husband-Don't you quite under-

list of 110 birds which are indigenous to Alaska, but, alas! the English sparrow is not among them, and the people of that land cannot be blamed for declaring that the United States has no real sentiental interest in them. - Detroit Free Press.

o without air?

Bright boy—Six hours. My pa says so.

Teacher—Dear me, how is that possible?

Bright boy—He went from New York to Boston
is Pullman car.—Life.

The announcement as to who is the most skilful pool player in the country will not be made public until after the silver investigation