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the broad bosom of the flood is Hardship. THE Whitney and Gorman boomers are showing their hands. Thus the Presidental THE bump of Perversity seems to be abcalamity draws nigh. DURING a flood the householder mus lose his grip, judging from the way houses slide

STRANGE that some free trader hasn't

blamed the McKinley bill for the high water.

HANDKERCHIEFS are forced to stand

OUR MAIL POUCH.

How Floods Could be Averted-A Reser voir System Feasible and Cheap To the Editor of The Dispatch: A most remarkable editorial appeared in an

afternoon paper of Thursday last, It attempted to criticise THE DISPATCH articles in favor of headwater reservoirs. We will quot as follows: What queer ideas some people have when they

come across something unusual.

The flood has given rise to many strange notions; specially the newspapers seem to be afflicted in

The stupendous quantities of water, taxing the ordinary resources of arithmetic to express, that have passed through or over Davis Island dam. the power of mortal man to control. A body of water, enough to fill Lake Eric, can neither be stored at headquarters, nor; shut in at any single point. The narrowing of the river's cross-section may retard the tidal wave somewhat, may make t last a few hours longer, but that is about all. These grotesquely erropeous statements tend to delay a project, the execution of which would benefit our city and people more than any other one thing.

The impression is conveyed that a reservoir

the capacity of Lake Erie would have been inufficient to control the waters of the recent flood in the Allegheny. Lake Erie is 2,600 square miles in area, and an average of 200 teet leep, and contains 363 7-11 cubic miles of water and is, therefore, sufficient to contain the entire outflow of the Mississippi for over two The crest of the flood wave was 26 hours in

passing, flowed with an average velocity of passing, flowed with an average velocity of seven miles per hour, and discharged through an opening less than 750 feet in clear width—say one-seventh of mile.

The extreme height of the crest of the wave was 9 feet and the average height 6 feet above danger line. Therefore the flood-producing water was a body 36x7=252 miles long, 6 feet deep and one-sevent of a mile in width. This deep and one-sevent of a mile in width. This

deep and one-seventh of a mile in width. This body of water therefore would have been retained by a reservoir 86 square miles in area, 6 feet; or by a reservoir 9 square miles in area,

feet; or by a reservoir 9 square miles in area, 24 feet deep.

If put in Lake Erie it would occupy about 1:40 square miles, or 1,8727 part of the lake's surface. The writer's error is thus shown to be only 872,727 per cent. Again, the entire food can be similarly shown to have been sufficient to fill a reservoir 120 square miles in area and 20 feet deep, and if placed in Lake Erie would occupy just 12 miles of that lake's area. If the critic of what appeared in The DISPATCH meant to say that the entire flood was equal to the volume of Lake Erie he is only 80,000 per cent in error. It has been shown that the flood-producing water could have been

only \$0,000 per cent in error. It has been shown that the flood-producing water could have been contained in a reservoir 9 square miles in area and 24 feet deep, or a little over 6,000,000,000 cubic feet in capacity.

The reservoirs at the headwaters of the Mi-sissippi, projected and completed, are of 91,750,000,000 cubic feet capacity, and their estimated cost is only \$673,660—very much less than this flood cost Plitsburg. A reservoir or system of reservoirs one-tenth that capacity would be ample to protect us from flood. The Mississippi reservoirs are now in successful operation, with most beneficial effect on navigation and upon flood conditions. They give St. Paul an additional 18 inches of water for 100 days of the dry season, and a practical imdays of the dry season, and a practical im-

munity from overflow.

All the interests of this section should unite to secure to our rivers the benefits of a system so markedly beneficial, PITTSBURG, Feb. 20. ENGINEER.

PEOPLE AND POTENTATES.

HENRY M. STANLEY has begun to think that lecturing is more tiresome than exploring

Africa. COUNT ROTHENBURG, 10 years old, is the youngest lieutenant in the Prussian army. He is assigned to the First Regiment of Dra-

THE widow of Count Andrassy has lent her late husband's correspondence to Prince Bismarck for use in the preparation of his KALAKAUA was a thirty-third degree

Mason. He was also Master of one of the blue lodges, Scribe of the Chapter and Warden of the Templars. COLUMBUS will be honored by the Ohio city which bears his name with a bronze statue.

designed by R. H. Park. 1t will cost \$20,000, and, with pedestal, stand 30 feet high. EMPRESS FREDERICK, of Germany, is said to be going to Paris in order to use her

personal influence with French artists so as to nduce them to take part in the art exhibitio to be held in Berlin. PROF. TYNDALL, whose critical illness is reported from London, is an Irishman by birth.

and his early training was of the most unpre-tentious kind, his parents being in the humblest circumstances. He is now about 70 years of Ex-QUEEN ISABELLA'S daughter, the

Princess of Paz, is happily married to Prince Ferdinand, of Bavaria, The Prince is distinguished as a medical student, and his own and throughout Germany. THE ex-Empress Charlotte, of Mexico,

still mildly insane, lives in a large country house near Lacken. She is perfectly able to direct all the internal economy of the estabishment, and takes long walks in the beautiful park which surrounds it. M. OSIRIS, the rich Parisian banker who

town a statue of William Tell, costing 100,000 france. The gift is in commemoration of the hospitable reception given by the Swiss to the army of Bourbaki in 1871. GENERAL SHERMAN'S eldest daughter once refused to waltz with the Russian Crown

Prince when he made his tour of the United States. Her refusal was based on the ground of deference to the wishes of her mother, who does not approve of waltzing.

ETHEL SPRAGUE, the actress, looks very little like her distinguished mother, Mrs. Kate Chase-Sprague. The daughter's face is almost

colorless and rather thin, but her expression is pleasing. She is thought to bear a strong re-semblance to Sara Bernhardt. FREDERICK A. OBER, the World's Fair Commissioner to the West Indies, is now at

Havana, Cuba, The Captain General of that island has given him an audience and has appointed commissioners to meet him, amon whom are some of the most prominent men in Cuba. Before returning Mr. Ober will visit almost every island.

A NEW OPERA AT THE GRAND. A Good Performance by the McCaull's of

Millocker's Latest.

orchestration bolstering up many serious de feets of composition do not constitute opera comique, and Millocker's most ambitious work, "The Seven Suabians," must be judged weak as compared with other German operas. The conceit received its first production in this city as the Grand Opera House last evening, the Mc-Caull Opera Company lending its capable aid to the same. The idea of the libretto in the or iginal was to create fun out of the varying dialects or "patois" of the Suabians, Although Mr. Harry B. Smith, of "Robin Hood" fame, has

Mr. Harry E. Smith, of "Robin Hood" fame, has done well under such circumstances, gags and clever bits of stage business are mainly relied upon to keep the merriment up to concer pirch. Mr. Smith made the comedy part of B. T. Paracelsus a burlesque of Herrman, the magician. Mr. W. F. Rochester works hard to make it go, but fails to imitate the grace of the type or reach an unctuous quality of humor. Digby Bell does not fancy his part, but it is good, and he should play it and make it better. The general work of the company was good. Mr. Chauncey Olcott makes great things of the tenor role, and sang in a thoroughly dramatic manner, electrifying the auditors dramatic manner, electrifying the auditors with a chest D fit. Miss Helen Berrram is evidently destined to fill the void left by Ilma ELECTRIC stockholders would feel reieved if somebody would turn on the light.

PEOPLE who starve for a purse make
money fast.

WHILE the Irish leaders are wrangling

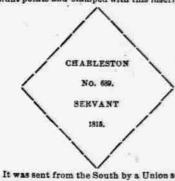
evidently destined to fill the void left by Ilina di Murska and since partially filled by Z-lis de la Murska and since partially filled by Z-lis de la Lussan. Her vouce is bewitchingly sweet in cantante numbers and yet rings like a bugle call in concerted fortisum. It is not to be wondered at that her autograph upon contracts for next season is anxiously desired by several impressari. Her numbers with Mr. Olcott created a furor. The same opera tonight.

STREET AND LOBBY,

Parrots Are Fashionable Pets at the Present Time-A Relic of Slavery-Picked Up by the Topical Talker.

young lady in Espich's bird store yesterday. 'You wouldn't think it, I dare say, for they seem rather out of the ordinary run of pets, but hundreds, I might almost say thousands, of parrots are sold in Pittsburg every year. In the summer time, in July and August, we dispose of several hundred a month. The parrots you neet with here come from South America. The green parrots with yellow caps-yellow tops we call them-are the best talkers. A singular fact about teaching parrots to talk s that they learn more readily from children than grown persons. Perhaps it is the pitch of dish voice that Polly likes-but I have known it happen time and again that a parrot who would not listen to a grown-up tutor willingly picked up whatever it heard the children say. Then parrots have their personal likes and dislikes, and take more kindly to some people than others for no reason that human eye can see. For example, most of the parrots, cockatoos and macaws in this store are given to biting anyone who puts his finger within their reach. But Mr. Wilson, of the Seventh Avenue Hotel, can bandle any bird here with perfect safety-all the parrots seem to have a kindly feeling for him. Nobody can teach a parrot so well as Mrs. T-, of this city: in all my experience I never saw her equal, but I cannot tell you exactly in what her power over birds consists. You will find, too, that when once a parrot has started to talk it acquires

A Relie of Slavery. Robert Craighead, of Allegheny, showed a queer relic of slavery days to me yesterday. It is a badge of brass, star-shaped, with four



It was sent from the South by a Union soldier on a string or chain about his neck probably, judging from a small hole in the upper point of gage check, and the stamped words and date-5 years old-are still very distinct.

"The trouble about the average comedy role

n comic opera is that the lines assigned to it are usually the saddest and most solemn of all in the piece, and the character itself is not defined by the author beyond the cost ume," said Digby Belle, the comedian, yesterday. "The comedian is worse off than the other principals, for they have their songs, which may be musical gems, even if the libretto is the baldest rubbish. So, as a general thing, I rather dread having to take a new in comic opera, because I know that I shall have to invent a character, put expression into dead lines, and run the gauntlet of the critics with a string of local 'gags' at every town we play in. There is some satisfaction in playing a comedy role in one of Gilbert and Sullivan's operas, for there you may rely upon finding a humorous personality built for you, and in fact all you have to do is to look out that you make Gilbert's wit clear to the audience. Nobody has yet written a book for an opera to compare with Gilbert's best. Lack of brains may account for this partially, but the poor pay the average librettist gets has a good deal to do with it, I asked Harry B. Smith, who wrote the bright book of 'Robin Hood,' why he hadn't done as well in 'The Begum' and other early efforts of his, and he replied: 'What mor could you expect for \$200? Give me a royalty and I'll do my very best.' And a royalty

Allegheny After Her Bath. clean in my life before-and I am usually here haif a dozen times a year. The last time I was and rubbish from Federal street. Guess the you can see the original cobble stones in the roadway now, and the greater part of the mud good deal of the real estate must have been

Orchards in Peril Again.

"If we have a few more warm days and soft rains like we've been having lately," Mr. Caughey, whose dairy farm lies back of out my way. The weather, since the flood, has made the grass as green as it should be a month later, and you can see the buds swelling lossom as they did last year, the March frosts will again rob Allegheny county of her apples. and unpleasant that is, the past winter, with cold wave would be welcome for lots of

THE MONSTER ERIDGE

Easily Erected, New York Ledger.)

ency to lead them to victory? - Louisville Co ier Journal. A candidate for office is very much like a

drowning man. All the mean acts of his life are quickly brought up before him. - Puck. "Howdy this morning?" says an ac quaintance to a fat citizen, who is blowing and

"No," puffs the fat citizen, turning his buiging eyes neither to the right nor left. "I'm walking for a train. "-Chicago News.

"O. Dora!" exclaimed Lon, "come and see the birthday present papa gave me. "

"A full-length mirror!" replied Dora, admir-

ea! What do you think of it?" "I think it will bear looking into."-Chi

A billiardist uses chalk on his cue. A

fine lady uses it on her cuticle, -New

reat show of womanly sacrifice "The mischief you did," exclaimed her com nion. "He was worth a million."
"But he was a neggar, just the same," she per-

ENTERPRISE.

He bought a big Peruvian dog By manufacturing, on the sly,

And thought to make his mark,

man was expressed in the most unostenta tions and yet touching methods.

THE CANAL REPORT.

was presented to the Legislature yesterday. A full summary of it appears elsewhere. No public document has ever dealt with topics KIPLING ON OUR COAST DEFENSES AND of more vital magnitude to the business interests of Pittsburg, or given so thorough and conclusive treatment of them. The subject Secret Orders. deals with an improvement of our transportation system that will make Western Pennsylvania the manufacturing center of the world; fix our supremacy in the iron and coal trade beyond question; and bring the mills and fuel of our section so much nearer the ores of Lake Superior and the markets of the Northwest as is represented by bringing lake navigation to Pittsburg. A report which demonstrates the practicability of doing this by means of a ship canal from Lake Erie to the Davis Island dam: which shows how it is to be done in an engineering sense; what the cost of doing it will be; and what it will accomplish in the line of transportation, is the gospel of an enterprise which opens up greater possibilities for the

cability of the canal and the ample supply

of water for its higher levels, THE DIS-

PATCH said that, in view of the manifest

for our industrial interests, the one point left

to be determined was its cost. The commission

has not neglected the fullest statement of

all the other factors; but its full estimate of

the cost of construction furnishes the

authoritative statement that makes up the

whole case. In round numbers, the canal

can be built from Davis Island dam to Con-

neant harbor for \$26,000,000; to Erie for

\$30,000,000. These look large sums, but a

little thought will show they are small

tained. For instance, when we find that

the total railway capitalization employed on

the lines between Western Pennsylvania

and the lake ports is over \$60,000,000 it may

sum to secure a route which would

adequately and reduce the cost 50 per cent,

even if the capital had to be remunerated,

presents decided attractions. Such a route

would not be subject to discriminations; no

combination of carriers on the canals would

send the industry of a district into suspen-

to do for other sections; and the expansion

lune 30 last to have been \$ 500 000 tor

transacted by an expensive railway haul be-

tween this city and the lakes, it is a con-

servative estimate to say that a water route

which would cheapen charges on ore, iron

The figures of Mr. Goodwin show that a

vessel carrying ore from Lake Superior with

a return trip of coal would only have to

charge from 10 to 18 cents more per ton for

coming to Pittsburg to earn the profit now

obtained by stopping at the lake ports.

Fix that charge at 20 cents; and suppose

tolls to be charged of 30 cents per ton. On

the initial total this would yield \$2,250,000,

or enough to pay 4 per cent interest on the ex-

treme cost and yield \$1,050,000 annually for

maintainance and extinction of debt. But

railway statistics have demonstrated beyond

dispute that lowering freight charges one-

nation, or both combined, should issue

few years would bring a growth of traffic

The majority of the commission, leoking

thorough discussion, but we do not take the

Every citizen who has the interests and

future growth of these cities and of the in-

heart, is invited to read the report and judge

CLEVELAND'S CANDIDACY,

Grover Cleveland would not be a candidate

in 1892. The latest one seems to have as

place only inasmuch as he is prominently

mentioned as an available man. He has

not, apparently, taken any measures

mained passive. His candidacy depends,

not on Mr. Cleveland's wishes, but upon the

conditions which may prevail in 1892 and

the wishes of the Democratic party at that

time. The recent letter against the free

coinage of silver indicates that Cleveland

and gives him a standing for good sense.

The same good sense probably teaches him

that present conditions may not prevail in

'92 and that hopes not cherished are easiest

THE TUNNEL HORROR.

The collision in the railway tunnel, in

would rather be right than to be President

There have been periodical reports that

merce aggregates a greater tonnage than the report as conclusively and finally putting

domain between the Alleghenies and the dustries of all Western Pennsylvania at

for himself.

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trans-Atlantic. This wants outlet and con- Eric out of the canal enterprise.

as it could be gotton into full operation.

services such a water route would perform

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PITTSBURG, SATURDAY, FEB. 21, 1891.

RESERVOIRS FOR FLOODS. At the first great flood in the experience of this generation, that of 1884, people were so astonished that they hardly thought of preventive measures. They looked upon it merely as a disastrous phenomenon; but the recent repetition on a smallar scale has set everybody thinking, and it is not surprising that some of those who think hastlly do not grasp at first the most competent ideas

which are advanced by scientific experts. The problem of preventing floods by reservoirs at the headwaters of the different streams was fully and capably discussed in this paper, during the winter, by an engineer who had made a practical study of the aubject. This contributor, answering the criticism of a cotemporary, throws further new and valuable light on the subject this morning. He shows by figures which approximate sufficiently close to the actual ditions to be acceptable, that the excess sive flow of water this week could be amply provided for by such reservoirs. But what is more convincing than any theory, he points to such reservoirs for exactly such a purpose as having been already constructed at the headwaters of the Mississippi on a 7,500,000 tons of freight annually as soon scale several times larger than would be required to prevent incommoding floods in the Allegheny. He shows further that the reservoir device is not only successful in preventing floods, but that it usefully increases for transportation purposes at other times the stage of water in the river, and that its whole cost is less than the damage which was done in these cities alone by the

overflowing waters during the past week. We recommend the communication to careful notice.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL SCHEME.

Senator Vest, yesterday, opposed the Nicaragua Canal bill vigorously on the half will increase the volume of business ground it would abrogate the Clayton- four times. So that we are entitled Bulwer treaty. This objection was met, in to expect that even if the State or advance, by the committee which reported the bill by the contention that England bonds for the construction of the canal and has already abrogated that treaty. This make the traffic pay charges which would question may be important in the abstract, only yield the interest at the start, a very but the real question upon the bill overshadows diplomatic consideration. The that would extinguish the debt by the ma-United States Government cannot afford to turity of a 25-year bond. offer fat picking to an inside contracting company in a way that would probably com- at the project purely in an engineering pel it to pay the actual total cost of light, report in favor of the line to Conneaut the canal, which would still be harbor, as the shortest and less costly route. owned by the private corporation. And it Mr. Brewer, as the representative of Erie, has far more important work to do within its | concedes this point, but submits an arguown territory. The improvement of our ment in favor of the advantages of Erie, natural waterways to make them, at once, even at the extra cost. We confess to findnavigable and their surplus waters manage- ing considerable force in his argument. The able, is an object worthy the Government's value of a lake terminus which presents a best endeavors. The sunual losses by floods large and thoroughly protected harbor is are enormous, amounting to more than the not to be overlooked. Whether that adtotal traffic by way of the Nicaragua Canal vantage is great enough to overcome nearly if it was open. Then there is the wast inter- \$4,000,000 of extra cost is a question for State traffic to be served. The lake com-

ternal improvements.

nection, by canals, with the navigable rivers

which penetrate every region of our wide

Rocky Moustains. First let us have in-

THE TRIBUTE TO SHERMAN. Notwithstanding the inconvenience of the hour and the short time allowed, when for the Democratic Presidental nomination the remains of General Sherman passed through the city yesterday, there was much foundation as former ones had. These a most appropriate manifestation of the reports may prove true, they may prove public honor and respect. The same false. Mr. Cieveland is a candidate for the statement can indeed be made of the entire demonstration throughout the State. The spectacle of the passage of a funeral cortege without steppage, yet accompanied by the to secure the nominatian, but has merely respontaneous assemblage of the mourning comrades of the dead General offering their silent homage, was affecting and impressive proof of the esteem in which he was held.

The arrangements, which prevented more elaborate and prolonged public mourning. were in accordance with the wishes and directions of General Sherman, expressed before his death. Whether where the fame of the dead man was a national pride, and his death a national loss, there was not a public claim for opportunities to pay more adequate homage, may be an open question. But it is satisfactory that while General Sherman's wishes were fully respected, the public affection for the dead New York City, leading to the Grand

that they are caused by a growing careless-The report of the Ship Canal Commission transportation and industry. Whatever may be thought of the preceding casualties, there is little doubt that the one of yesterday was caused by gross negligence. The tunnel where it occurred is one through which an immense traffic is constantly passing, and it was apparent to anysystem of precautions must cause disaster. The means of keeping the passage of trains through the tunnel under thorough control are a part of the science of railroading. It is a manifest conclusion that such a calamity as that of yesterday could not occur except | juggling with the stakes on that September from a grave defect in the system or gross

disobedience of orders. The responsibility for such an accident on one of the chief arteries of travel into New We hardly need say that the same course | to it, should be taken concerning the recent river and mining disasters. There should be no necessity for the present sacrifice of human life in the prosecution of modern industrial

A GREAT THEORY DEMOLISHED. he claimed to demonstrate the Baconian authorship of Shakespeare's dramas, simply provided a method by which almost any cipher, which could be made to disclose any given assertion; but few people cared to emulate that devotion of labor to the chopping of imaginary chaff. One such person. however has arisen to give the finishing blow to Mr. Donnelly's discovery. A clergyman of the Church of England, Rev. Dr. Nicholson, evidently with the large supply of cultured leisure, has produced some other remarkable statements, by applying

the cipher method to the folio of 1623. For instance, in support of his assertion that the Donnelly method "can be used to demonstrate almost any statement of facts. the new cipherer refers to an ecclesiastical lawsuit which occurred long after both Shakespeare and Bacon were dead, in which the case of Bishop King had been sent to the Archbishop of Canterbury by a writ of mandamus. By the cipher method he discounts the wonderful discovery of the Baconian cipher, and gives that remarkable edition the gift of prophecy to the following effect: "Bishop King doth peril the loss of his see. They stick not to send back the cause by writ to the Archbishop. The judg-

ment of His Grace is not certain." With regard to the estimates of the traffic The idea that Bacon embalmed in a cipher available for the canal the only criticism certain secrets which were too grave to ever which can be made upon the figures of the be known, and therefore preserved the commission is that they are within the facts. means for publishing in print that which Its figures on the iron traffic are drawn from should not be published is like a play that the reports of 1889-which were doubtless was on the boards a few years ago for the the latest accessible when that part of the exploitation of canine and leoning training report was drawn up-but the statistics for on the stage. In this play certain Nihilists 1890 show an increase in the volume of this had got up a conspiracy, and the documents department alone of over ten per cent. necessary at once to prove the existence of Some days ago THE DISPATCH referred to the plot and to carry out its mysterious incalculations from the basis of this report fixtents were deposited for safe keeping in a ing the total railway traffic furnished to the railways by the iron and steel industries of kent under the grand staircase of the Czar's Western Pennsylvania and the Mahoning winter palace, where, as every well-informed Valley in the vicinity of 11,000,000 person knows, that potentate maintains a tons. This does not take into aclarge and select menagerie. How the concount the coal shipments of Western pirators tied the papers to the neck of the Pennsylvania which are over 18,000,000 tons lion, what good they were doing there, or more or the movements of lumber brick how they proposed to get them off, were not and miscellaneous freight. A recent census points which the drama undertook to exbulletin shows the movement of lake freight plain, so long as the opportunity was given at the four ports of Cleveland, Fairport, for the hero of the play to enter the den and Ashtabula and Erie for the year ending old lion who represented the king With these enormous totals of traffic already

in the place. Why Bacon should spend laborious nights n working into certain plays statements he did not wish known; what purpose he could subserve by this method of publishing facts that he would not have published for the world-which publication would convey no information to anyone-was equally unimportant, so that it was reserved for Mr. Donnelly to decipher these remarkable tales. But the logic of the discovery is brought to a standstill by the further discovery that the root numbers of Mr. Donnelly work out the following statement: 'Master William Shakespeare writ this play and was engaged at the curtain." Again, by the interlocking system emphatically indorsed by Mr. Donnelly, we find that "Will Shakespeare, son of John, gave a tracic volume to the stage which hath won

praise from greatest noble and dullest peasant, rendering him remembered in all The explanation at once of Mr. Donnelly's Baconian narrative, and the prophetic and contradictory statements dug out by the same methods, is furnished by Dr. Nicholson. The mathematical chances of getting any desired statement out of the folio of 1623 by Mr. Donnelly's methods are as 3 309 000 to 1. With this fact, we can dismiss Mr. Donnelly to his latest occupation

as a Farmers' Alliance candidate for the Presidency. THE OIL PRODUCERS' SITUATION.

In view of the adverse intimations given out from the start no very profound surprise has been created by the negative vote of the Corporation Committee upon the Burdick bill. Mr. Lee, who represented the oil producers, recognized early that the spirit of the committee was antagonistic. Its refusal to hear the advocates of the bill in rebuttal of Mr. Archbold's speech on Thursday no doubt prepared the producers for the nega-

tive recommendation which followed. The Judiciary Committee, however, to which the measure was referred by the Senate, has still to be heard from, so that there is yet some chance in that direction. Even f both bodies are of the temper that is so easily convinced by the eloquence of the Standard representatives, the whole subject can nevertheless be brought up and carried o a direct vote in both Senate and House,

dustry, and beyond any reasonable limit of returns upon capital invested.

card scandal, as given in THE DISPATCH this morning, show the baronet up in no very enviable light, while the other parties to the affair appear to deserve every one of the thrusts aimed at them by the American press in the last few days. The English papers, of course, did not dare do more than hint at the matter in the most guarded fashion, but in this country, where we have no very exaggerated respect for nobility to deter us, the affair was pretty thoroughly ventilated, considering the amount of information at hand.

To-day, however, the story is published

Central depot, was one of the events of in full for the first time, and contains as yesterday. The rapid succession of such pointed a lesson on the evils of gambling as calamities goes far to justify the opinion has appeared in many a long day. Here is Sir William Gordon-Cumming, Bart., ness of human life in the operations of Lieutenant Colonel of the Scots Guards. disgraced for life on account of a few sovereigns, and the Prince of Wales and other persons high in British society held up to view as spies on the doings of the suspected man. Probably the actions of the people who watched the baronet were proper under the circumstances, but if one that any departure from a thorough they had not been every whit as great but you have neard of its terrors, been warne gamblers as was Sir William, they would not have needed to watch him. In other words, if they had not played with him before the cheating and won his monny, he

We do not defend the accused man, but only wish to point out that those who gamble and win are at least partly responsi-York City should be rigidly investigated. | ble for cheating when their victims resort

would not have been under the necessity of

THE political uproar in Canada is of a class to make one of our Presidental elections turn pale with envy and to create the impression that the Dominion is on a verge of civil war. Charges of "treason" and the production of alleged "disloyal" documents are the mildest political arguments employed at present. The explanation of the Shakespeare It is calculated to awaken a languid interest cipher from Mr. Ignatius Donnelly, which on this side the line to learn that the excitement is all based on the determination of the United States to gobble up Canada, after the manner in which Major General Stanley's daughters were to be carried off by the Pirates story that a decipherer might wish could be of Penzanes, "against our wills, papa." As the produced. Every one perceived the im- aforesaid annexation does not take up as much mense industry and ingenuity displayed in | space in the public mind of the United States Mr. Donnelly's construction of a theoretic as a successful stock deal, we can assure our Canadian triends that they are safe against an-

> need for all that is likely to be sent, In a case like the present the charitable should remember that it is especially true that he who gives quickly gives twice as much in value as he who delays his contributions until the exigency is SENATOR GRADY seems to be chiefly

nseful as an advocate of appropriation bills

and an opponent of anything and everything

which tends to curtail the comprehensive privileges of corporations. IT is astonishing to learn from one of the freshest-in both senses of the word-news-papers of New York that there was "33 feet of water in the streets of Pittsburg." This, our new cotemporary thinks, is a just result of other qualities of our city which are equally imaginary, As the 33 feet of water in our streets is as imaginary as much of the bona fide values in New York stocks, we need not waste space in refuting the attendant and fictitious charges that Pittsburg is especially noted for young men who prefer beer to matrimony, or that it always has "movements" that are "on foot," except to remark with regard to the

"movements" have attained the speed of cable cars. THE South Dakota Legislature not only recognizes the Decalogue in politics, but sends a clergyman to the United States Senate. But it must be remarked in passing that the clergymen seem to have had a very correct eye to an effective political deal.

latter charge that of late years Pittsburg

MR. ARCHBOLD'S earnest assertion that the Standard is the most innocent and bundle tied to the neck of a lion which was | slandered mass of capital in the country, is somewhat familiar; but it seems to be as effective as ever.

THE speech of Congressman Darwin S. Hall on the Indian appropriation bill was certainly a great effort orally, if delivered. By a crat. Senator-Elect Kyle, of South Dakota giance over the interesting pages of our esteemed cotemporary, the Congressional Reco'd, we see that the speech is plentifully sprinkled with such beautiful Indian names as Sisseton, Wahpton, Medawakanton and Wahpakoota. Probably, however, the Hon. Mr. take the documents off from the spiritless | Hall did not deliver the speech orally, but just | With Republicans 1 may at times agreehad it printed in the Record. If so, we do not blame him, for had Medawakanton or Wahpakoota stuck crosswise in his throat, Minnesota would have been under the necessity of electing a new Representative.

> Mr. DEPEW is against trusts in trade because "they wipe out small dealers, the life of American trade," When Mr. Depew gets into politics a little further light may break in upon him to the effect that railroad combinations do the same thing.

THE Nicaragua Canal Company want Government assistance now, that it may give lower rates to shippers. Should it get the subsidy the higher rates would be charged just the

THE statement of the Bureau of Health that the poorest sanitary condition of the city is found in such a wealthy quarter as the East End, while the best is in the quarter inhabited by workmen, presents a remarkable contrast. Much of this is doubtless due to the topographical differences of the various parts of the city. But it shows beyond dispute the necessity improved drainage in the East End.

THE news that Michigan has a railway 53 miles long that does not owe a dollar will be regarded by the light of railway policy as another illustration of the reckless tendency of the Farmers' Alliance to fly in the face of financial

precedents. WITH regard to the alleged wringing machine trust, the best advertisement for it will be proof that one of its machines has taken all the water out of the stock.

THE fact that Senator Plumb, as a representative of the wild and wooly West, has proceeded to smash Mr. George W. Smally, the Tory Squire of the New York Tribune, is agiing but not necessarily destructive. The warfare will be like trying to shoot snipe with heavy artillery, productive of much noise but little slaughter.

CHICAGO got a taste, yesterday, of the sleet that makes overhead wires dangerous, expensive and very unsatisfactory. It was Poor Richard who said: "Experience keeps a dear school, but fools will learn in no other." THE free coinage measure died an easy

death in the House Committee yesterday, but its advocates promise that it will resurge in the next Congress. THE Legislature of West Virginia is en-

gaged in disciplining a wretched book agent who slipped a \$50 bill into the pocket of one of her legislators in order to create a favorable view of the agent's brand of school books. Any on upon some of the details of the bill is such offer of 10 per cent on the real value of the commodity deserves condign punishment. Latest Find of the Freak Hunters.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Feb. 20.-The house i

which Jesse James lived at the time he was shot was sold to-day to J. W. Overmeyer, of

Chicago, for \$1,900. The house will be taken to

pieces, sent to Chicago and exhibited at the

Libby Prison War Museum. The house is a one-story structure, and it is situated in South DEATHS OF A DAY.

Mrs. Matilda Long. Mrs. Matilda Long, aged 82 years, mother of T. P. Hersbberger, died yesterday morning at 7 o'clock. Mrs. Long was an old resident of Pittsburg and was highly esteemed by all who knew her. The funeral will be held to-morrow from her late residence, on Western street, Thirstyth ward, at 3: D P. M.

John Orr. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR . STEUBENVILLE, Feb, 20 .- John Orr, the sell-known wholesale grocer of this place, died te this afternson of a complicated dis-

you were defying fate, but perversity is doing it, too. The same force that made you ways. Ere the volcano subsides homes are cede you scrape the slime off the sand and bu which the strong waves of the wind-whipped ocean can splinter and snap hold homes. Th tide goes out and the fate-defler drives a stake shelter. The sea sobs while it swallow up its prey, but the builder builds and the lesson goes for naught. The neuralgia and rheumatic victims are warned and doors. The weak who are urged to wall to the crowded city street. And so it goes Warnings are unheeded, advice ignored, les THE contributions for the relief of flood sons forgotten, calamities relegated to the date sufferers are coming in creditably; but there is ess past. Where the flood swept the hamme will swing and the children will sing. Over the ruin, down closer to the region claimed by the river, homes will stand until the floodgates of neaven are loosed again, until the snow fall

> In England the Lords' prayer is that they be not abolished.

vives, as they have had experience as MASONIC lodges contain some men of

THE only thing in Congress that is conducted on business principles is the cold tea

Francisco to New York must have starred with a one-night-stand show.

THE Indians who killed are petted and onized, while the friendlies are ignored. As a showman. Uncle Sam does more harm than

THE goods in the flooded cellars damper the ardor of the sellers.

The New School Politician. When two forces acting in opposite directions meet they produce a new force, which continues to move in a direction different from either of the other forces. This new force is called in mechanics a resultant. To-night I feel that I am a result-ant-formerly a Republican, then an Independent, and now that I have been elected by both parties I am a resultant of both parties. I am an Inde-

A regular Jim Dandy from the West, do not care a snap for party rule, I am rather Independent, as you see,

I'm a Result of strife's opposing forces, An-Inde-Rep-Pro-Granger Democrat And with these new political resources I can in any party plot stand pat.

And remain a calm and docile Indecrat. think high tariff is a splendid measure, Perhaps free trade might be the proper thing Free coinage, too, would be a Western treasure But golden eagles have the truest ring. The Force Bill, I suppose, is necessary, Still it is meant to please the autocrat

I'm a Senator of quantity unknown, I know that I'm elected-that's enough; When the votes are closest there I'll stand at And hold out firm and boldly-make a bluff. 'm a politician of the modern school Resultant of a deadlock's grand flat,

Just the newest kind of politician's tool-A flopping, wobbling, Western Indecrat.

DR. NANSEN, the Danish Pole hunter, only proposes to take eight men with him Eight will not be missed.

why don't they use the well? There's one on board, you know. THE real estate business is a legitimate lottery.

ophically, of course. MARKED for life-The smallpox patient.

the Burdick bill was defeated in committee it must have been well oiled. BEFORE woman can stand in the political breach she will be forced to stand in breeches

GEOLOGISTS are the only ones who can gather dates in the rocks. IF women ever enter politics they will

waste a heap of smokeless powder during campaigns. MODERN theology is developing as many mugwumps as modern politics.

payers are jays. THE upper ten holds just as many ciphers s the lower ten.

as well as their masters. grip the hearts of the flood sufferers. By this time bar bills are as numerous at

WHEN the flying machine flies it will be sight for soar eyes.

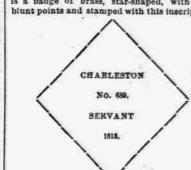
Harrisburg as the other sort.

lieved if somebody would turn on the light. money fast.

England is courting the starving peasantry through their stomachs. Potatoes are mightler

"Parrots are in high favor as pets," said a WILLIE WINKLE new words very quickly. The difficulty lies in the first word or two; after that has been overcome a parrot will catch everything it hears,

and more sometimes than is desirable,



to his family in Allegheny during the war. The badge was worn undoubtedly by a slave; the badge. It looks uncommonly like a bag-

A Comedian's Trials.

is what he will get in future."

"I read about the big flood in the papers," said Arch A. Levitt, of Chicago, "and I expected to see poor old Allegheny in terrible shape, but as far as Federal street is concerned I am free to say that I never saw it looking so Herenles of extra strength to remove the mud flood must have been a hummer, for I declare has been washed away. From a glimpse I got of some of the cellars near Robinson street a

transferred from the street to them."

Sewickley, "the fruit trees will be in blosse his wife's charities have made them noted in the orchards everywhere. If the trees her peaches and her pears, and how expensi apples among the luxuries, has taught us.

resides at Lausanne, has presented to that Between England and France Can Be Very

> Considering the turbulent commotion of the waters of the Channel in stormy weather, the scheme of a bridge between England and France seems a mad proposal. But it is to be remem-bered that the violence of the sea is only at the surface, and that at a slight depth the water is quiet and unmoved, save by tides and currents. After what has been achieved by engineers in building the Forth bridge and other great works, there is nothing of insuperable difficulty in bridging the English Channel. If one pillar can be fixed any number can, for the sea bottom has marvelously little variation of depth. except where sandbanks have been formed. The separation of the British islands from the Continent by subsidence sufficient to allow the Channel to be formed, is an event of very modern geological time. The French engi-neers, MM. Georges Hersent and Renaud, give tisfactory reports of their trials of the solidity of the chalk sea bottom. As to the shalwness of the water, it has been said that there is scarcely a spot in the Channel where, if St. Paul's were planted, the whole of the dome would not stand above the sea-level. The sandbanks would be bridged over. The piers risk from passing ships, while there would be a new series of electric light beacons to mark the courses of traffic.

We Do the Same.

Chicago Mail, 1 New York has a surplus of murderers, and the electrocution law is still in force, but only one man thus far has been Kemmlerized. New York is a very humane State; she permits her onvicted murderers to die of old age. Western Wisdom.

Helena (Mon.) Journal.] The Prince of Wales' debts amount to \$8,000,-600. Evidently the Prince needs protection whether England does or not.

TERSELY TOLD TRUTHS Indianapolis Ram's Horn.] As long as the devil can make a man believe

he is a pretty good fellow he isn't much afraid of losing him. THE devil never tries very hard to get a man who has not got backbone enough to follow his honest conviction.

Time devil never wastes any bait on the man

who only wants to get enough religion to sque ze into heaven. THE man who pats himself on the head and tells the Lord that he is the only one in his neighborhood who can be depended upon, will never cause the devil to lose much sleep on acFUNNY FELLOWS: FANCIES.

"I married a beggar," she said with a

ted. "Didn't he beg me for a year to marry him?" - Washington Star.

where every member can go upon record. That there are honest differences of opinquite evident; but these furnish no warrant or rejecting wholly the oil producers' appeal for relief from charges both for pipeage and storage which they have fairly demonstrated to be severely oppressive to the in-

THE LONDON GAMBLING CASE. The inside facts of the Gordon-Cumming

SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON THE name of the ship which floated or

normally developed in a large portion of the dwellers on this fire-stuffed ball. How so many of us imagine we can thwart fate or escape the inevitable by shutting our eyes or drawing the curtain of indifference between what was and what may be again, is one of the things that puzzles the student of human nature. You have never rolled on the bile-disturbing sea, against taking aboard a carge of solids and liquids, been instructed in the stomach lore of the ocean crossers, and still you defy the inevitable when opportunity offers, Aboard the travelers go, full fed, tight-waisted, indifferent, defiant. After preliminaries are hastily attended to the dining saloon sought, the ubiquitous steward tinned the chair secured, the meal devoured the wine gulped, the cigar puffed. You knew strongly developed than discretion, and you pay the penalty. You vowed you would never

do it again; but you did, and you will keep on defy the stomach-shattering sea impels in other the danger line closer. In the track of the avalanche a home nest is reared-a sacrifice to throws up a dyke, and builds a human bout the wet, but don't dodge the raindrops. Those who are susceptible to cross currents, when told to avoid draughts open windows ake a tramcar. Those who need fresh air stick

bricks, the boards and the timbers, and the waters stain with slime and bury beneath the mud the ruins of man's perversity.

and the sun shines, until the ice erunches the

FEMALE servants should make good nigh degree.

THE actress who is walking from San

IT is about as easy to knit a broken bone n the leg as to knit a stocking to cover it.

I'm a politician of the modern school

But still I think we've had enough of that: So I'll let the other fellows rave and storm,

No matter if on these I seem contrary, I'll be excused, for I'm an Indecrat,

THIS must be a wet moon, but it should distribute its favors over a wider area,

AFTER it rains the temperature is meaner WHEN ships at sea run out of fresh water

THE contented thief takes things philo-

JUDGING from the swiftness with which

UNBELIEVERS study the solar system in preference to the soul in their own system.

THE bird book promoters imagine the tax

LOCOMOTIVES have tender attachments THE helping bands of the warm hearted

THE Standard has established a pumping station at the State Capitol.

A euphonious title, touches of grand opera nusic, and a colorless plot, even with a capital

nguages and two dead ones, and knows history from Adam's time up, is a hostler in a St.

Louis street car barn. -A Western newspaper introduces a novelty in journalism and runs a dog column devoted exclusively to accidents and incidents with which canines are connected.

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-Labor is restless. In 1890 there were

-Sixty thousand tons of corks are used

-The largest county in the United States

-Two hundred miles up the Lukon river,

for the bottled beer consumed annually in England.

is Custer county, Montana. It contains \$6,000 square miles.

in Alaska, the snow never melts, and is said to be two miles deep.

-Skunks and coons are the most indus-

-A Chinese laundryman in Chicago was

trious chicken thieves in the world and they never steal tough fowls.

recently judged insane because he starched the

-The wills filed in 1890 show that Lanea-

shire and Yorkshire are the great money-making districts of England.

-The beet sugar industry has added a

new word to the English language. The word is "entrainment," and means "to carry with."

-The black rat of Ireland is so rare out-

-In German East Africa there have been

-Prussia will probably never get out of

debt. She now owes \$1,450,000,000. Wars and

a large standing army are expensive institu-

-What we now consider the hest seats in

church-those in the middle-were in olden

time the free seats, and given over to the use of

-A Newburyport, Mass., man is the

-An Irishman who speaks five living

proud possessor of a pair of pure gum shoes which have been in continuous use in one fam-

lly for over 60 years.

side of its own country that one was kept for 20 years in the menagerie of the Paris Museum.

discovered numerous stalactite caverns, sur-passing anything of the kind known in Europe.

4.000 strikes in the world.

stockings of his customers.

quenches her thirst at the village nump, tossing the bandle of the pump with her horns until sufficient water flows for her needs. -The copper mines of the whole world are being taxed to their utmost to supply the demand for copper wire and the other apparatus used in the application of electricity.

-Lucy Long, a little sorrel mare ridden

-Westville, Ind., has a cow which

in many battles by General Robert E. Lee, is still living in the South and in good health, save for the infirmities common to extreme old -A consignment of Cevlon tea recently sold in London for 87 shillings a pound, a price never before reached, and was resold for £5 10s a pound. The tea was of a bright golden

-White tar is one of the latest inventions er discoveries. It will not become soft under the sun's rays in any climate, and is expected to be used largely in caulking the deck sea

-A colored woman who died the other

of fine yachts.

-The first sewing machine was patented

in England in 1760, 60 years before the birth of

day near Columbus, Mo., was so old that she had forgotten her age. When asked about it shortly before her death she said she was be-tween 90 and 134. -There is in Munich a hospital which is upported entirely by the sale of old steel pennibs, which are collected from all parts of the German Empire. They are made into watch-springs, knives and razors, -A Western farmer, after missing the

milk from his cow for several evenings, deter-

mined to investigate the cause and was sur-prised when the thief proved to be a pig, which appropriated the contents of the cow's udder,

-A Brazilian bark which arrived in New

York the other day reports seeing 84 whales in one day. Some of the monsters were two or three miles away, but others came so close to the vessel that the fishy odor made the sailors -The French Government is reported to have sold to an Antwerp firm the right to mine

manganese ore in the Pyrenees. At present

the only mines in Europe producing this ma-terial are those in Greece, the Caucasus and Slegerland, but deposits are known to exist also in Spain and Portugal.

-The depopulation of Iceland is goin

on steadily. The depreciation in the value of the land has been very marked of late, while the taxes have been considerably increased, and the Icelanders are said to be emigrating in shoals. The population which was 80,000 ten years ago, is now under 60,000. -Richard Godfrey, who lives near Crawford, Ga., missed a fine turkey hen about Christmas, and he looked for her in desnnir

Christmas, and no looked for her in despair, tunking that some thief had eaten a good tur-key dinner at his expense. A few days ago the faithful old turkey came up with a nest full of as fine little turkeys as ever was seen. This, he says, is the first broad of winter turkeys on his -The crews of two vessels off the court of Scotland were the witnesses of an unusual phenomenon recently. All at once green lights made their appearance on the yardarms and trucks of both vessels, and then spread from the masthead to the jibstay and the jibsom end. The lights were as large as a common gas flame and were separated from each other by a distance of about a foot.

-A curious test is being made in the coal

mines of Cardiff. It is proposed to light the

mines by electricity, but apprehension exists

that the gases in the mines may be ignited and an explosion caused should one of the little an explosion caused should one of the little glass globes about the light be broken. When the globe of an incandescent light is broken the light is at once extinguished—to the eye it seems to explire instantaneously—and the point to be determined is whether or not the thing is so quick that gases may be ignited as they rush into the vacuum. -In 1890 English importation of eggs represented a sum of over £3,000,000. While France and Germany between them sent over 714,000,000 of eggs, England received more than 200,000,000 from Belgium, and nearly 75,000,000

20,00,000 from Beigiam, and nearly 75,000,000 from Russia. From Portugal came 2,000,000, and smaller quantities from Norway and Sweden, Morocco, Italy, Turkey and Egypt. Malta and the Channel Islands also contributed, as even Anstralia has begun to do, notwithstanding the eggs from thence must be at least six weeks old before they are put on the English markets. -Showers of blood, though common in the o'den time, are very rare at this day. Between the years 319 A. D. and 1170, 14 different showers of blood and other substances mixed fell in Italy, and in 1212 a shower
of blood and dust fell over a large part of the
same country. In 1226 snow fell in Syria and
turned into gore when it melted. In 1251 a
three days' shower of blood fell all over
Southern Europe, and in the same year a loaf
fresh from the oven bled when sliced at the
table. In 1361 Burgundy had a bloody rain,
and Devonshire, England saw a like phenomenon in 1450. In 1368 hallstones which fell in
Wurtemberg contained blood in hollow cavities. The last bloody shower on record fell in
Siam in 1802. different showers of blood and other sub-

Do the Republicans expect General De-

teaming with great speed along the sidewalk. Training for a walk?"