According to Mrs Fenwick Miller, there i

an improvement in the English marriage mar-

ket. Rates are looking up, after years of de-

pression. The Registrar General's report for

1889 (only recently issued) shows that the mar

riage rate was higher for that year than it has

been in any previous year since 1884. For the five years above mentioned it descended slowly

but steadily, in a way that seemed to portend

the approaching extinction of the relation hated of Tolstoi, Ibsen and the Shakers. So

gradual a decline seemed to point to some underlying meaning, some half-hidden cause,

making itself slowly perceived by means of its

utward effects. Accordingly, various thinker

of the generally unattractive domestic prospect offered to their acceptance by the other sex

cessfully, but to which the average man and the mass of mankind must submit their lives.

Lessons of One Wedding Service.

Of the marriages celebrated in the year under

report, just upon 700 out of each 1,000 were

olempized in the Church of England, The

proportion of marriages only civilly celebrated has steadily increased for 20 years past. But (leaving aside all considerations of the natural desire of church communicants to celebrate

heir marriages by their own clergy) the civi

wedding ceremony can never become really

opular so long as it remains so bald and brie

and uninteresting as it now is. The "Friends"

are accustomed to unadorned rites, yet even they have of late years almost ceased to marry

The Brutes Like Tobacco

A German professor has been experimenting

with tobacco upon the animal world, and the

all like it. Goats, stage and llamas delight in it: they do not, indeed, smoke (like the Grand

Lama), but they devour cigars with infinite

relish. The brown bear, unlike the lady who

writes to the papers in the dull season, has no

writes to the papers in the dull season, has not only no objection to having "cigar smoke puffed in his face," but seems to welcome it as an appreciative idol drinks in inceuse. The lion sneezes, but, like a snuff-taker, asks for more of what makes him sneeze. Of course, it is possible that the professor may have been ministering to their worst vices, and stifling the "low beginnings" of penitence and remorse in their shaggy breasts, but that is not his view.

I had read about Eskimo eating habits-hove

once upon a time, for instance, an Arctic ex

olorer offered some Eskimo girls some sweet

meats which were rejected, while tallow can

iles were eagerly accepted and eaten. Now I

use the prefix "ex" in their autographs in

A TRICK elephant in a second-story room is the beight of folly.

sent for is sure to be rewarded for work well

will once more come up smiling.

WHILE the county officials are squabbling over a salary board a vast majority of are worrying over a salary to pay their

the aristocracy of the present day.

furdick bill, the Legislature must have adopted

THE Governor of Connecticut and the Governor of New York have fallen out. It will

gress and the various State Legislatures. EVERY article of a lady's wardrobe is now

young feminine idea to spend.

STARVATION wages are not so bad. The hungry anthracite miners have been offered

THE Eskimo girl will eat a tallow candle and bolt a bon-bon. Rather light diet, isn't it. THE spendthrift has a very poor concep-

THE State Legislators have killed a race track pool bill. They wink the other eye when corporation pools are mentioned.

ACCORDING to the gossips Miss Willing was not willing to marry Astor. She spent hours shedding tears before she was religiously and legally auctioned off, so they say. They evidently joined hands, but not hearts,

INSPECTOR BYRNES is a Chevalier. He gained the title by bagging chevaliers de indus-

THE highest State court says live pigeon

GIRLS would sooner lence than cook, and probably mankind profits by this fact.

WHEN theater audiences are carried away they make a great noise.

IF the tot lives long enough it will be-WILLIE WINKLE. come a totterer.

to be the first traveling saleswoman for a shoe QUEEN LILINOKALAUI, the new mon-

THE Duke of Orleans on a recent trip took 400 photographs, which developed into 350

MES. MARGARET CUSTER CALHOUN, sister of General Custer, and widow of Lieu-tenant James Calhoun, is State Librarian at Lansing, Mich.

EDMUND CLARENCE STEDMAN, the banker poet, makes his summer home in a quaint stone house on New Castle Island, in

profound contempt for smart attire, and a deep ooted dislike for new clothes. WILLIAM MORRIS, the English poet and ocialist, is so busy in other pursuits that he

fame only on Saturdays and Sundays. MRS. YE CHA YUN, the wife of the Corean Charge d'Affaires at Washington, is short of stature and rather slender, with the dark, slant eyes of the Orient. Mrs. Yun wears the dress of her native country, and her head is

covered with a turban, to which a black tassel is attached. THE Mikado of Japan 18 to visit Wiesbaden next summer, partly for the waters and partly for the spectacle "of innocent merrinent." Six villas have been engaged for the

inted assistant botanist, and herbalist of Harvard College, is only 16 years old. He is

already well known in scientific circles, and within the last two years he has discovered and classified 30 plants hitherto unknown in the flora of Maine, his native State. PROF. CHARLES WALDSTEIN, the American archæologist, has withdrawn from the ompetition for the honor of making the ex-

cavations on the site of the ancient city of Delphi. He says that he will leave the French to do the work in their own manner, as Americans have been unfairly treated. SIR AUGUSTUS PAGET is an old-time diplomat, but he has a new-fashioned salary of

\$40,000 a year as British Minister to Austria, This may seem a liberal and open-handed sort of remuneration for the arduous duties wearing a court dress on state occasions and being on good terms with the imperial family. but Lord Palmerston held to the opinion that a salary of this sort would not pay for the die ners, balls and parties which an ambassador had to give. DEATHS OF A DAY.

Chambers McKibben, Sr. A telegram was received in the city yeste day from Mr. Chambers McKibben, at Harrisburg, announcing the death of his grandfather, Chamadvanced in the sere and yellow leaf were yet in the cradic, deceased came to Pittsburg from Chambersburg, Pa., and became proprietor of the Chambersburg, Pa., and became proprietor of the Exchange Hotel, then the leading hostery of the town. It stood where the Anderson stands now, corner of Penn and Sixth, or as the latter was then known, St. Clair street. Mr. McKibben was appointed postmaster of Pittsburg under President Polk. He moved atterward to Philadelphia, taking charge first of the Merchants' Hotel there, and afterward of the Girard, in which latter he was succeeded by his son, Mr. Jerry McKibben. The family always kept up their Pittsburg associations, and several representatives of it live here, among them Capatan McKibben, of the Duquesne Chib. Deceased was a worthy and highly esteemed citizen, genial and instructive in his social intercourse, and appreciated by three gen-

Mrs. Mary Moss. Mrs. Mary Moss, aged 74, died last even-ing at the residence of her ulece, Mrs. Mary Daws, on Ravine street, near Thirty-third street. was a resident of Pittsburg for 60 years. Her

Mrs. D. H. McCarty. Ella F. Small, wie of D. H. McCarty, died yesterday at her late residence, Parnassas, Westmoreland county, in her 22d year. The reneral will be from the residence of her father-in-law, at 28 Superior street, Allegheny.

Dr. Hosmer A. Johnse CHICAGO, Feb. 26. - Dr. Hosmer A. Johnson, a professor in the Chicago Medical Col-lege, and our of the best known physicians in the city, died to-day of pneumonia.

A PLEASING POTPOURRI. Poor Crops Promoting Marriage in En

gland-One Marriage Service With a Lesson-How and What Eskimos Eat-Animals That Dote on Tobacco-The Fogs and Plant Life. Queer Little Warriors in the Human

London fogs of late have been over-prevalent, as everybody knows, and botanists have been in-terrogated concerning their effects on plant life. It seems that the tropical plants in the gardens of the Botanic Society felt the evil consequences of the smoke-laden air in the greatest degree. Forest plants and those growing in the shade were less obviously affected. The great water illy (Victoria regia) was an especial sufferer, probably through its leaves being literally choked with the grimy particles of the smoke cloud.

KIDNAPED HIS WIFE.

Lively Experience of a Southern Legislat With a Girl's Guardian

endeavored to explain the phenomenon. Some said that the reason for it was the growing in-dustrial freedom of women, making them less ready to accept of a low level of comfort, and Nashville American.] There are so many pretty girls in Nashville ant set, and this is the charitable way of explaining the unusual ferocity of the offered to their acceptance by the other sex Some put the case in precisely the reverse way, and averred that it was the pretentious pedantry, or the domestic larmess and the love of luxury, of the female portion of the community that were at the root of the trooble. In one of these points of view it was the young women, and is the other the young men, who were unwilling to take on the voke of wedlock. But only lately a third explanation appeared in the Westminnter Review, combining both the sexes in the hypothesis of voluntary rejection of an effecte institution. According to this writer, it was the vastspread of general culture that was sat the bottom of the change. who guard the hearts and persons of the young ladies in the many Nashville seminaries. An official connected with the Legislature has been particularly eloquent concern-ing one of these jealous custodians of maidenhood for the last few days. It happens that he has a very pretty young wife and that she has a walking costume resembling the uni-form adopted by one of the leading boarding schools. While taking an afternoon stroll towriter, it was the vast spread of general culture that was at the bottom of the change. However, all these line-spun speculations may cease, for the marriage rate is rising. The Registrar General returns to the time-honored explanations of marriages being dependent on the price of provisions. Very commonplace and a little unpleasant it no doubt is to think that all the finer feelings of the soul must be crushed by a bad harvest, as the sweet blossoms on the fruit trees peri-h under a frost. The greatest rise is recorded in those agricultural countries in which the pinch of scarcity is most directly feit. The marriage rate was only lowered temporarily by those prosaic conditions against which individuals may struggle successfully, but to which the average man and tered the pupils of this boarding school, who were also taking an afternoon stroll en masse. The gallant young lawmaker was suddenly surprised by the lady in charge, who rushed up

behind him, pushed him vigorously to one side, and, taking his wife by the shoulders gave her a severe reprimand and commande her to "get in line." It was in vain they expostulated. She re forcibly propelled the trembling young wife to the other side of the column, where she was

hurried beyond the reach of her astounded lord and master.

The protests of all the young ladies present were necessary to convince the excited matrot that she had make a mistake, but the legisla

tive dignitary hastily accepted her apologies, glad to escape with his life.

THE G. A. R. BAND CONCERT.

A Splendid Musical Programme Furnishe at Comique Hall Last Night.

It has been long conceded that the Grand Army Band could play most excellent military, music, but last evening at Comique Hall that organization gave a performance that would compare favorably with the efforts of any of the Eastern bands heard this winter. There is, they have of late years almost ceased to marry in their own meeting houses. The Quaker ceremony is of the simplest. Bride and bride groom sit side by side in silent prayer for some time; they then rise; and respectively call on the friends assembled to witness that they take each other for husband and wife. That is all; but that suffices for the law, provided the proper notice has been previously given and the presence of the Superintendent Registrar of the district is obtained, and his book signed. The Hebraic wedding service is the one which seems to me to convey the most useful lessons to the assembled company. That service asks no vow of obedience from the wife, but impresses on her the obligation she is under constantly to show respect, love, amiability, and fidelity toward her husband; it requires from the bridegroom a promise of fidelity to his wife, and, furthermore, an engagement to work for her and be responsible for her ruture material well-being. I do not know that moral lessons of this kind are ever of much practical effect, but, if they are, it must be more profitable for all the old married men attending a wedding as well as for the bridegroom, to hear read over what they promise at marriage in a synagogue than in any other service with which I am acquainted. of course, room for artistic finish, but for all that Director Charles W. Gaston and the members deserve great credit, and the presence of a bers deserve great credit, and the presence of a much larger audience than greeted them in the auditorium. The selections rendered by the band were Verdi's "Il Trovatore," Keler Bela's "Tempelwelhe," D. W. Reeves' descriptive "Night Alarm of Fire" and the "Second Regiment, I. N. G.," by Weldon.

The other numbers on the excellent programme were taken by City Organist Leonard Wales, who played Rossin's overture, "Semiramide;" Miss Irene Sample, who sang Tosti's "Bid Me Goodby." John Greenawald, who sang

Wales, who played Russini's overture, "Semiramide;" Miss Irene Sample, who sang Tosti's "Bid Me Goodby;" John Greenawald, who sang Stewart's baritone solo, "Air and Variations;" E. H. Dermitt, who sang of "War and Arms;" Misses Bella Leng and Jennie Honess, who played Meinotte's plano duet buriesque, "The Banjo;" Harry Hetzel, who played F. Renard's "Berceuse" and Wieniawski's "Second Mazourka" on the violin, being accompanied by Couch on the piano; Mrs. Anna Leah Dickinson, who plased the audience by a whistling performance, and Messrs, Griffith, Yost, Gaston and Hoeppel, of the band, who played Pinsuti's "Goodnight, Beloved," on saxaphones.

A VERY MEAN TRICK.

Actors Try to Make a Man Break His Tem-

New York Evening Telegram. The reputation for total abstinence so long njoyed by Walter Gale, the tramp of "The Old Homestead" was rudely shattered during a recent performance. When the actor, as Happy Jack, lowered the old oaken bucket into the well in the first act of the play he innocently drew up instead of the water usually introduced into the bucket a full gallon of white wine emptied into it by several jocular members of the company to whom Acto

bucket his face was a study. Looking down into the well he espfed the grinning upturned faces of a half dozen of his fellow players. Quick as a wink he overturned the bucket and had the satisfaction of knowing that while they had succeeded in making him break his pledge they were obliged to return to their dressing rooms and make up once more. The origina application had been dashed from their faces by the flood of white wine.

Strip Attacked by a Cold Wave. KANSAS CITY, Feb. 26 .- Probably what will

prove to be the severest blizzard of the season is raging in Kansas to-night. It commenced late this afternoon, when the cold wave of yes-terday became intensified. The thermometer dropped to 10° above zero, and a high wind came up from the Northwest. At 7 o'clock it began to snow, and the storm developed into a blinding blizzard. Dispatches from Southern Kansas state that

"a norther" is raging in the Cherokee Strip, and that intense suffering will be experienced by the foothardy boomers, who not only have invaded the strip contrary to law, but went invaded the strip contrary to law to into the barren country wholly unprepared for any emergency such as that of the present. There are fully 3,000 boomers in the strip. They are equipped only with the meager con-fort afforded in the furniture of a "prairie schooner." Most of them are scautily provisioned and with only wagon covers for shelter

Boston to Lose One of Her Old Historic

Landmarks. Boston, Feb. 26 .- Another of the old land marks of Boston is doomed. It is one of the most famous and historical, too-the house in

which Paul Revere was born. A week hence and nothing of it will remain.

The house is situated in North Square, at the North End. It is numbered 19 and 21. For about 30 years it has been in the hands of man who has preserved it and kept it in its present excellent condition. But the house has now changed hands and, instead of being pre-served as a landmark, it is to make way for

THE Shakespears reader, John Sturgeon, will make his initial appearance here next Tuesday evening at the Sandusky Street Bap-Sational Societies Meet and Formulate

Political Platform. CHICAGO, Feb. 26 .- The Council of Nations American Societies, which has been in session here since Monday, completed its work to-day The officers elected are: President, Colonel G G. Miner, of this city; Vice President, G. H. Bartlett, Massachusetts; Secretary, James S. Reynolds, Illinois; Treasurer, W. J. H.

Bartlett, Massachusetts; Secretary, James S. Reynolds, filinois; Treasurer, W. J. H. Trainor, Michigan.

The platform declares in favor of free speech, a free press, the restriction of foreign immigration, an educational franchise, free common schools, no appropriations from the National Treasury for sectarian purposes, and in favor of giving public lands to actual citizens and bona fide settlers. It is not proposed to form a distinct political party, but to favor the party which will incorporate its principles in its platform. The organization cialus to represent 1,500,000 voters.

IOWA FARMERS IN POLITICS. The Alliance Will Put a Full State Ticket

SIOUX CITY, IA., Feb. 26.-The Elevent Iowa District Farmers' Alliance Conference is in session here to-day. J. B. Powers, President of the National Alliance; B. T. Farrow, Presi-dent of the Iowa Alliance, and other prominent

leaders are present.

At to-day's meeting it was resolved to apply the secret rules of the order to the lowa Alliance; to put a full State ticket in the field in lowa this fall, and to continue to adhere to prohibition and a low tariff. President Farrow will probably be the Alliance candidate for Gararine.

These bodies are like drunks; worse after the

SOCIETY'S PLEASURES.

Auspicious Opening of the Western University Dramatic Club's Season-Amaшару. teur Comedy in Capable Hands-A Number of Church Entertainments-Social

was sentenced to six years in the reform school for playing truant from school. -A party of negro gamblers was caught

none of the politicians who have gone up the stream have as yet floated down.

to the novelty of a public sale of a herd of buf-falo on the foreclosure of a mortgage. -The hotels of Berlin have been ren-

-A new French directory has just been been issued at Worcester, Mass. That city has 10,160 French-Canadians among its inhabitants. -A North Carolina hen has taken to numbering her eggs as she lays them. Each

tiquities have been discovered lately in the west of Ireland. They will go to the museum at Dublin.

in 1890 bequeathed to various charities the snormous sum of £474,700, equal to about

-Evidence in a New York breach of promise suit proved that 20 persons were present when the defendant promised to marry the plaintiff.

Joseph Grimaldi," the famous English clown, is valued at \$70. The "Memoirs" were edited by Charles Dickens

-A hog remained at the bottom of a well

-A clergyman in New York has declined to permit an engaged couple to rehearse in his

church the wedding ceremony which is to be performed at Easter. -There are too many fresh eggs in New

York City, the receipts through the Mercantile Exchange for six days prior to the 20th inst. amounting to 2,000,000 dozen. -A rare specimen of humanity was

picked up by the police of New York City the other night. It is a baby, the offspring of a Chinaman and an Indian squaw. -Reports from Maine tell of a meteor as large as the moon. The bright visitor burst

over Madison village, that State, shaking the ground as if by an earthquake,

-Near Barzytown Ledges, in Connecticat, is a large boulder of over five tons' weight.
When pushed it moves as if on a pivot, and
some people think that it is a coremonial stone
placed there by a prehistoric race. -A baker of New York City is suffering

from a very rare form of disease known as osteo-mallacia. The whole bony structure of body has become as brittle as chalk, and his bones break under the slightest touch. The disease is fatal.

fruit worth \$159,000. The expenses of labor, packing and boxes amounted to a little less than \$30,000, leaving over \$100,000 as the profits of the farm for the year. -An Orange, N. J., clergyman, having

threatened to cowhide young men whom he may catch loitering around his church door waiting on the girls, a local paper says that one by one the inducements for young men to draw near to religious comfort fade away. -A Farmer's Alliance representative has introduced in the Kansas Legislature a bill

providing that any person who will file a peti-tion stating that he or she is of good moral character, shall be permitted to practice law, whether the petitioner knows any law or not. -A furore over a gold and silver find in Montague county, Texas, exists. The vein is

aix feet wide and assays \$400 to the ton. Con is found under the edge of the silver, the vein being 37 inches thick, undertaid with nickel, gold and magnetic from ore. A typical mining town is in course of erection. -The defeated candidate for supervisor in

election expenses as follows: Professional services, 45 centa; shoe shine, 5 cents; chewing tobacco, 15 cents; weiss beer, 60 cents; sarsa-parilla, 20 cents; soda water, 10 cents; copying, 15 cents; beer, \$2 85. Total, \$4 65. -It is a curious fact that the amount of

money paid to American artists by the sale of their pictures at all the regular yearly exhibitions in this country, including the National Academy, the Water Color Society's exhibit, etc., is not as great us the amount paid out yearly for the art work in the Century Magazine and St. Nicholas.

-A novelty in electrical circles is the bandy incandescent drop light, by which the current is switched on or off by pulling the flexible cord that supports the lamp instead of turning a key in the lamp socket. The switch s in the ceiling and the slightest pressure perates it. One pull will light the lamp and

all places. He whistles from night to morn, and after retiring he whistles until he falls asleep. If he wakens through the night he im-mediately commences to whistle and continues until he is exhausted.

.The nonnine idea that when in a man riage ceremony the groom says, "With all my corldly goods I then andow " the contract is of legal effect, in itself is erroneous. These words are frequently omitted and have no legal effect in any way, as by the laws of nearly all the States the wife is at once seized of an incheate dower right in her husband's real estate as soon as they are married.

a little kingdom of his own on a small island in the Pacific Ocean. He bought the island for \$5,000, introduced a population of South Sea SO,000, introduced a population of south Sea Islanders, and has kept them employed in set-ting out coconnut and banana trees, the fruit of which he will ship to America. He is absolute monarch and owner of everything on the island, and expects to make money.

-A prominent actor was playing Macbeth in Australia, and when he came to the murder scene he asked in valu for the blood with which he had intended to imbrue his hands. After abusing the property man roundly for his neglect, the actor, struck with a happy thought, suddenly his the functionary on the nose, so that a good supply of crimson fluid was obtained.

whose claim to be 101 years old does not constiwhose claim to be 101 years old does not consti-tute the whole of his right to fame. He was born with an extra hard head and a horn over an inch in length on the frontal bone, and unre-mitting practice soon made his brain-box a ter-rible weapon. During the course of his long life he has killed rams, broken doors, smashed grindstones and murdered bulls by simply but-ting them with his awful head. He is still in good health and willing to tackle anything from Jehn L. Sullivan to the latest nickel-

JOURNEYING JESTS.

A clever Eric county girl has gone to painting her Plymouth Rock hens in artistic col-ors in order to make them lay decorated eggs for Easter.—Buffulo Express.

Their index fingers maidens raise No more to point with pride or scora, For diamonds there no longer blaze— Engagement rings, Queen Fashion says, Must on the middle one be worn.

-New York Press "Lije," said the President, with a chuckle.

Bunting-Poor Jaysmith hasn't a friend Larkin-How did he lose his money?-Judge,

Professor-Now, Miss Cora, look at this orset of cheese through the microscope. What Cora (after a peep)-There's millions in it.do you think of it? "What's the matter, Denis?" said a

you are not going away, are you! you are not going away, are you "Yes, sir," was the reply, "Oi'm goin' West," "What for?" "Well, I heard a minin' expert that wor stop-

pin' here say that gold cem in quartz in place ont there, and I think I'll have a gallon or two be fore I get back, "- Washington Post,

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PITTSBURG, FRIDAY, FEB. 27, 1891.

A REMARKABLE VOTE. The fact that with a single exception all the Republicans in the Senate yesterday with an exception, all the Democrats voted for it, looks as though a strict party game of punishments and rewards was being played with this essentially non-partisan measure. Was it that the Republican Sensthe oil regions since the bold voters up there shipped overboard the candidate for Goverpartisan unanimity produced by sentiments

Gentlemen, we must all hang together-or we shall hang separately?" From the temper of the remarks of ex-Senator Lee, representative of the Producers' Association, and himself a Republican counties some new political accounts will immediately be opened for future settlecase, that the Standard was able to make some showing of a division of interest and sentiment between the different sections, but a good deal of the pretended opposition was clearly manufactured. Thus remonstrances were had and presented from some interest in the oil business, except to testify their readiness to reciprocate to the Standard others in which the inspiration was undoubtedly best described by the Frenchman's defi-

pition of gratitude, to wit: "A lively sense of lavors to come." However, the one thing certain is that the Senate sat down on the Burdick bill fatally. Hypotheses of motives are sure to be thick as blackberries in season. The statesmen may have been imposed upon by the enerandard. Or they may have been totally unwilling to be imposed upon. Or they may have dramatically conceived some data rested upon them to nav a last tribut. to one termerly of their number who fell in the same breach of the breast-works last fall. But speculation is useless. A list of the year and navs will interest the oil producers much more, together with a similar record from the House, which is expected to be soon forthcoming. They are documents which are liable to reappear on

occasions to come in quite a careful state of preservation.

THE WEST HANGING. The miserable botch made of William West's execution in the neighboring town of Washington vesterday will serve to start anew the discussion as to what constitutes the best and least offensive method of taking human life legally. It may not convert the advocates of one method into advocates of another; but it does emphatically point out the necessity that every precaution to prevent extra suffering on the part of the con-

demned must be used, The breaking of the rope yesterday is a proof of enlpable fault on the part of some one. The fault seems to have been not so much one of neglect as it was of overcare, the rope having been tested three times with a weight of 205 pounds, and weakened thereby. The case is one of the very lew with such a feature, and will give strength to the demands of some for a different mode

of disposing of convicted murderers. The peculiarly ghastliness of the circumstances, over some of which the Sheriff did not have control, makes perhaps some excuse for the scenes at the scaffold, but the frequency with which such scenes occur in public hangings raises the question whether of the fact that ballots are better than bulthey do not do these things better in Ohio, or even in New York, under the electrical

POLITICIANS AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

In a pemphlet entitled "Public Health and Municipal Government," published by the American Academy of Political and Social Science, Dr. Johns S. Billings, of the United States army, makes some interesting part, very rough in handling their patients remarks about the duties of city officials to the public. He takes the unassailable posation that cities should be considered as business corporations, and not as if they were political bodies, and cites Washington, D. C., as the only city in the country so managed. In Washington, as is well known, there is no truckling on the part of municipal authorities for votes, the government of stoners selected by the President; and Dr. good and economical system of sewers and the last few years. In contrast with Washin votes is directly responsible for much of friction ensues between the patient and phythe ill-health of these cities, politicians giving sician, with the former to blame. contracts for streets and sewers to those who gave aid at the elections, and not to the parties who would do the best work for the least | liable to start rumors of discourtesy and

With the exception that a government like that of Wa hington, is totally unfit for and look upon free medical treatment as a any other city in the country, there is much | right. Taking this view, they are extra truth in Dr. Billings' remarks. Politicians are not, as a rule, filled with concern about omission into a sin of commission of the first the health of the city over which they hold magnitude. When they are discharged sway. The votes by which they maintain from the hospital, in revenge they start supremises is usually a prior consideration. rumors of cruelty, perfect or discourtesy So long as street grading and sewer making and more than insinuate that money would

are not done so badly as to attract immediate | have secured them better attention. Much public attention they are satisfied. That an harm is therefore done to institutions and epidemic might be the result of poor work on either street or sewer does not often seriously occur to them. THE DISPATCH does not claim that Pittsburg is any worse off than other cities in this respect, but wishes to call attention to the always existing room for improvement in the conduct of municipal

affairs. Budly graded streets, and other streets that are opened but not graded, and insufficiency of sewers to drain residence neighborhoods are noticeable in this city. Improvement is not possible until the recent legal decision is gotten around in some way, but the work when it is done should be undertaken vigorously and with a sole eye to what the city actually needs, and not at all to politics.

THE PRINCIPLE DOES NOT APPLY. No principle is better established than the right of the Legislature to correct extortion by public corporations carrying on business through virtue of public franchise. Especially where the privilege of competition is denied and a monopoly takes advant-

age of the situation to make oppressive charges, the right becomes a duty. It is a duty which we rather think there is little prospect of the Pennsylvania Legislature undertaking to exercise, in view of the swift rejection yesterday of the Burdick bill which rested on this ground, and of the other fact that the bill to reduce telephone charges has not lately been heard of. We may judge, therefore, that there is but a very cold prospect, indeed, for the Act brought down to Harrisburg by Mr. Frazier to give consumers of natural gas a right to

have the rates which they shall be charged voted against the Burdick bill, while, also fixed by the Courts instead of by the companies which furnish the fuel. And yet, despite the small likelihood that the Act has the slightest chance of passing a Legislature which re uses to interfere in a far stronger case, it is well to show why it tors thought no good could come out of should not pass and wherein it differs radically from the telephone and the Burdick oil hills. Competition is open to anybody nor last fali? Or was this most singular in the gas business who wants to go into it. We may, for instance, decry the sharp twists similar to those which moved John Han- and jump around because of the pain in the cock to exclaim to his compatriots when pocket which the Philadelphia Company here at home gives to consumers every few signing the Declaration of Independence, months, and feel at times in any but an amiable mood toward that interesting concern. Yet we cannot ignore the fact that Brown, Jones and Robinson, ourselves, or any other consumers are at perfect liberty to

of undoubted standing, it is not improbable | go into the gas business any day we please, that through the western and northwestern | and that the streets of the city are as open to us as they are to the Philadelphia Company to bring the product to market. It must at ment in connection with this business. least be said for a dead and gone Legislature These oil region people have very long mem- of the State that, at the very inception ories, as past events have borne witness. It of the gas business, it did the right must be said, on the abstract merits of the thing by commanding the cities and boroughs to pass general ordinances allowing admission to all gas companies on equal terms. So likewise the Philadelphia Company has no monopoly of the gas fields outside. There are several other companies in operation, and there may be just as many more fron manufacturers, and others in our own as citizens with capital to invest think well county who had not a six-penny's worth of to organize. The case of the Standard and the oil trade is different to the extent that it built up a practical monopoly in the many for business favors received, and there were | years during which the privilege of building pipe lines was denied to others in the field. As for the telephone, it is a monopoly of course of the strictest sort by the force of

its patents; and one competing concern which had gone to the trouble of erecting poles and plant in this city was quickly compelled to shut up shop. It will be seen that it is not only unneces sary, but would be seriously unjust to the getic drumming up of remonstrances by the gas companies, so long as this free competition is possible, to practically put their business in the hands of the Courts. The precarious condition of the supply is in itself conclusive on this point. If there was any certainty, or even a good prospect, of the fields lasting for a great number of years, there would be a dozen companies to-morrow to compete with the Philadelphia at present prices. But there is no such propect, and for that reason new capital keeps carefully aloof. Under the circumstance the right of the existing companies to pretect their investments cannot be denied. The principle of legislative intervention against

an extortionate monopoly is a sound one; but it would be made highly ridiculous by applying it where no monopoly exists.

BRAZIL'S FIRST PRESIDENT. The news that General Da Fonseca has been elected President of Brazil for a term of four years carries with if the first definite assertion that the military government of that country has been abandoned. It will make citizens of the United States hope that the energy displayed by the General and his compatriots in overthrowing the monarchy

will be duplicated in an attempt to secure the stability of the Republic. That the Government of Brazil is now in the hands of men fully competent to give their country a proper position among the nations of the world is almost universally conceded. The future will alone tell whether it is or not. If the new President and his advisers fall into the error common to most South American statesmen of attempting to make the word Republic synonymous with Dictatorship, they will fail. Their success can come only from a bil recognition of the rights of the people to choose their own rulers, and the inculcation

TREATMENT OF HOSPITAL PATIENTS. One of the most disagreeable features

lets in settling political disputes.

about asking for free treatment at any charitable institution in New York City is said to be the discourtesy to which an applicant is subjected. The junior members of the medical staffs are said to be, for the most and to be given to the use of profane language in the presence of ladies. The complaint is a grievous one, and should be investigated by the proper authorities; but the probabilities are that it will be proven

to have no foundation. In many cases persons applying to hospital for free treatment are driven to do so by circumstances over which they have the city being in the hands of three commis- no control, and are the peers, in refinement and culture, of the physi-Billings argues that to this fact is due the cians who treat them. Such persons are made super-sensitive by trouble, and somestreets which have been constructed there in times may imagine that they are treated with discourtesy when they are not. Unington he places other cities of the United used to receiving charity, they do not accept States, and says that the business of dealing at in the proper spirit, and consequently

> The other class of patients-those who ar rough themselves in manner-are just as neglect. These patients have generally been the recipients of charity all their lives, hard to please. They magnify the smallest

the people who work in them to relieve suf-

fering humanity. Apart from the two foregoing classes of patients are those whom illness makes un- of the pack. reasonable. These, while sick, look upon a physician as their natural enemy. Nothing pleases people of this latter class, and time spent trying to do so would be wested were it not that some of them on recovery are willing to acknowledge their wrong. Still, others of them leave the hospitals with the idea that they are very much abused mortals. They add their quota to the falsities

already in circulation. Of course, there is room for many reme dial changes in the management of public medical institutions; but while we cannot speak with certainty of the truth or untruth of the reports affecting the New York hospitals, we can still congratulate ourselves that our local hospitals are held by the pub-

lie in proper estimation. Poor Nevada! The intimation that the egislators of that State will probably agree on bill to license bare-knuckle prize fighting within its borders calls for greater sympathy twindling away. Nevertheless, the desire to bring the heavy-weight pugilists to that State, given as a reason for introducing the bill, prook es the hope that Nevada's gain will be the

rest of the country's eternal loss, PHILADELPHIA doctors say the ginger tincture evil is running alcoholism a close race Why not strike at the root of the evil by taxing the ginger root out of existence.

KIPLING missed the opportunity of his life while he was in America. He should have taken in at least one session of Congress.

A NUMBER of wealthy Danes have purchased a statue of Thorwaldsen and will pre-sent it to the city of New York. It a number of wealthy persons of any nationality-China nen, for instance-would purchase a statue of General Grant, the city of New York might be prevailed upon to accept it Vealthy New Yorkers have been slow enough to do justice to the memory of the dead hero,

A GLANCE at the list of subscriptions to the Sherman statue fund started by a new New York newspaper with \$1,000, shows a wonderful falling off in ciphers.

THE local stock market is said to have assumed a "waiting attitude." It seems to be waiting on Mr. Westinghouse. RIGHT on the heels of the announcement

nortgages on Kansas farms comes the news of a blizzard in that State. What has Kansas done that she should be thus doubly afflicted? THE cable reports a tiff between Queen Victoria and her son Wales during a fete at Portsmouth. The Prince doubtless objected

that an English syndicate is buying up the

to too much home rule, IF the grafting process fails in legislation like it has failed in the Chicago case some little chemes will wither and die.

NAPOLEON IVES, just out of jail, has

planned another looting scheme in Wall street,

so 'tis rumored. Burnt children are suppose to dread the fire, but ex-convicts apparently do not fear the penitentiary. THE whipping of John L. Sullivan by a Southern railroader will induce the North in

its gratitude, to forget any unpleasant recollec-

tions of the late war.

PEACE in Europe means good will to the world, of course; but England launched two PRESIDENT PREIFFER, of the defunct Bank of America, may believe that his confes-

sion of guilt was good for his soul, but it will

Ir your wife is dumb don't make her A Philadelphia woman who lost her speech years ago regained it the other day dur-

Ir the effigy burners break loose in the oil regions, straw and old clothes will command famine prices. THE story published in some New York paper that Calvin S. Brice will not attempt to

take his seat as Senator from Ohio, indicates a deplorable ignorance of Mr. Brice's mission in THE Chinese diplomat who registered at a local hotel as "I. Sin" evidently realizes the close relationship between diplomacy and

IF the Soap Trust will increase the cost of washing dirty linen, let it live in spite of the SPEAKER THOMPSON'S declaration that lobbyists will not be tolerated on the floor of

the House at Harrisburg, will cause the corporations to wonder what legislators are paid

SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON. WE sincerely hope Congress will never become an August body. The people need all the

rest they can get in hot weather. .

WE are growing deficient in legs. I don't mean we are legless, but that our lower hubs are rapidly becoming mere rudimentary embers for lack of proper exercise. When the tinkle of the horse-car bell was heard in the owns, citizens walked little; and now that the various rapid transit systems are in operation, the citizens walk less. The results of much riding and little walking are apparent in nine men out of ten met upon the streets Spindle shanks, weak, uncertain steps and a general air of weariness mark the patrons of the street car, This state of affairs is not due entirely to the great American desire for speed. Laziness pure and simple, is to blame. No matter ho much time a man may have, and no matter how fair the day may be, if he has more than a quarter of a mile to travel, he rides. He rides to his worz in the morning, and the suggestion that he start earlier and walk would be received with seorn. He rides home from his work in th evening, and more or less cheerfully accepts the becomforts of a car crowded with fellow rest When he arrives home he wonders why he has no appetite, and tells his wife that she can not cook like his mother could. Sundays and holidays are spent in the house with never a thought of a five-mile tramp and its attendant benefits. In consequence his legs shrivel up to pipe-stem proportions, his liver hardens and his head grows soft. Finally, he takes his last ride -to the cemetery-as much a suicide as the man who shoots bimself. Go out into the air, and walk out, too. Legs were not made to be bent or bear a lap-stone during the major portion of their service. They were made to carry you, and, on certain occasions, carry the one you ove next to your own sweet self. Use your legs and lengthen your life.

THE baseball pitcher is more liable to be roken at the bar than at the well. IF the people would do the kicking instead of the Congressmen, the country would

AMERICA has about as much interest in the Canadian elections as Canada has in a ward contest in any American city. Local issues, personal interests and party pap and grip are the only things at stake. Reciprocity is merely used as sand to throw in the eyes of the voters Sir John is siv, devilish sly. HIGHLANDERS make splendid seldiers,

PHOTOGRAPHY is the only safe form de veloper, girls. THE only ones who will moura the death

resumably because they do no not object to

THE bill collector who fetches what he is

NATURAL gas is dutiable. If the Treasury Department will only place Pittsburg meters on the Niagara frontier the surplus

THERE'S more gold dust than blue blood

A MAN to be a staving good fellow needs JUDGING from the quick work on the

THERE'S more billing than cooing in Con-

opied for dolls. This is how they teach the PEOPLE who dress loud are seldom

\$100 a day to enter a museum.

shooting is not cruel. The stool-pigeon does not come under this ruling, however,

THE Soap Trust won't wash without water.

PERSONS PARAGRAPHED. MRS. KATE CHUTE, of Boston, is claimed

arch of Hawaii, is said to contemplate a home rule of native policy. black and 50 unrecognizable scenes

Piscataqua Bay. MR. GLADSTONE does not smoke, and dislikes tobacco in every form. He has also a

writes the poetry which has given him most

Emperor and his suite, which will comprise at least 60 persons. No Mikado has ever before MERRITT L. FERNALD, the newly ap-

announcing me death of his grandather, Cham-bers Mchibben, Sr., one of the best known and oldest citizens of Pennsylvania. There are few who do not know of this family and of its patri-archal head who yesterday passed away. Deceased was in his 93d year. When men who are now far

She was a resident of Fittsburg for 60 years. Her son, Samuel D. Lockland, is the oldest Pennsylvania passenger conductor in the city. The deceased was an active worker in the Smithfield Street M. E. Church, where the Inneral services will be held to-morrow morning, Rev. C. E. Locke officiating.

of his long temperance.

When Happy Jack tasted the contents of the

was to see an Eskimo eat, says a writer in Foldthwaite's Geographical Magazine. With many smiles. Peter entered the cabin and sat RLIZZARD RITTEN BOOMERS to him on account of the scantiness of on fare, for we had no candles and there wasn't a The Foolhardy Invaders of the Cheroke oit of tailow on deck even. Peter sat down and without ceremony helped himself to a lot of and without ceremony helped himself to a lot of baked beans, a piece of dry bread and a large piece of very lean, salt beef, all of which he bit into and swallowed as a hungry longshoreman might have done. Then he took more beans and more bread and more lean beef, and with them several cups of coffee with a great deal of sugar to each oup. He was a long time getting to it, but he finally began on the butter. He had poured his last cup of coffee and was looking about for something to eat with it, when his eye fell on a plate of cake. Taking a small piece he put a small lump of butter on it and slowly ate the combination with the coffee. The stable food is seal meat and blubber. Next to that is the little fish taken in the ford and dried for winter use, known to them as the and dried for winter use, known to them as the augmatiat and to the learned as salmo villo augmatiat and to the learned as salmo villo sus. A favorite way of eating the dried aug matfat is to take it by the tail, poke it into the

> they will endure great suffering PAUL REVERE'S HOUSE TO GO.

matfat is to take it by the tail, poke it into the oily blubber for a while, and then chew it down. Awful, isn't it? It is almost as bad as eating sardines. There is a deal in a name, Blubber is disgusting; oil, if for use on a salad, is delicious and indispensable. I have eaten seal oil and found it (very unexpectedly) good. I had supposed it would have a flavor of fish oil. There is no such flavor about it. The fox is to the Eskimo what the possum is to the plantation durkey. He likes to smoke and, under favoring circumstances, will swap anything he's got, including his wife, for rum. Cancer Still a Mystery. The latest medical sensation-we live in time when "sensations" are the order of the day-is the announcement of a cure for cancer. This bit of news, published in the daily journals, comes to us from a Vienna physician, writes or. Andrew Wilson in the London Illustrate News, who says that, in a substance called methyl violet, he has discovered a remedy against the noxious ailment. This substance served as a landmark, it is to make way for a more modern structure and from which a good revenue can be derived.

In the early days of Boston, North Square was the heart of the town, and the house most prized was that where Paul Revere was born. injected into the tumor, and causes its disappearance, according to the account given of the remedy and its action. It is added that the Austrian doctor has not waited to coheeal his remedy, as did Dr. Koch, but has boiding given it forth to be tested by his fellow medicine men. This is right and generous, and ethically correct: but I may be allowed to point out that the question is scarcely so plain as it might seem to ordinary observers. We do not yet know what cancer is, although we suspect that it consists largely of a modification of the ordinary cells, etc., of the body; nor do we know what is the predisposing cause of the modification which results in the cancer formation. At least, however, the remedy may be tried and reported upon—this much ordinary humanity will demand: more especially as cancer is a disorder which has been proved of late years to be alarmingly on the increase. ilsappearance, according to the account given AMERICA FOR AMERICANS.

Life's Bitterest Enemies.

One of the most extraordinary as well as ost interesting facts which recent research has disclosed is the power possessed by the white blood globules of living animals to attack and devour the disease germs which have gained entrance to the living tissues. In the blood we find two sets of corpuscies-red and white. The latter are living cells, composed o protoplasm, and living a life of semi-independ protopiasm, and it will a the of semi-independent kind. They are able to wriggle their way through the walls of blood vessels, and to pass at will among the body's tissues. No doubt exists that these curious cells seize upon noxions substance, and eat and digest them, Metschnikoff, the great advocate of this phagocytic sheery of destroying germs, has tately summed up his belief in the words that, on the property and power of its white cells to absord and destroy microbes, "the animal body possesses a formidable means of resistance and defense agains these infectious agents." In other words, if we succumb to disease, it is because our phagocytes have been defeated by the invading germs; whereas, when we recover from an attack, or escape an invasion, it is because our white blood cells have gained the victory over the microbes. The practical aim of life would therefore seem to be that of strengthening the phagocytes. How this is to be effect ually done or specially accomplished I do not profess to say, writes Dr. Andrew Wilson. I dare say, however, I shall not be far off the ent kind. They are able to wriggle their way

mark if I allege that the maintenance of a high state of general health is the best means for avoiding disease attack. If so much be ad-mitted, then we may say that the general health acts as a favorable condition, because in its turn it preserves our phagocytes in good fight-ing trim.

Chatter of a Day. The Western University Dramatic Club scored a pronounced success at the Pittsburg Club Theater last evening, and in doing so it was ably assisted by the University Glee Club and the University Orchestra. In the dramatic presentation and the musical selections of last evening the Western University of Pennsyl vania was represented for the first time in pub lie, but not for the last time, by any means, as another play, to be given within a few weeks, is already under way, and a series is being out-

is already under way, and a series is being outlined.

A three-act comedy, "Bad Advice," was the
play chosen by the vouthful club for its first appearance, and it g. v. scope for some really excellent comedy worn. Mr. Scott, the clever sun
of James B. Scott, carried off the bonors of the
evening, and gave a theroughly amusing conception of Edmond Blancinet, the generous,
whole-souled gentleman perverted into a supicious, fault-finding individual by his brother,
Francots Blandinet, whose miserly habits and
propensities were as predominant as were, in
the beginning, the generosity and liberality of
Edmond. The respective sons of the brothers.
Messrs, Davis and Liggett, partook of their
fa hers' natures, and assisted materially in
making the comedy a success.

The bootmakers, Messrs, Buddle and Calvert,
were realistic caricatures of aptagenistic dealers in leather. Mr. Clarke, son of Charles
Clarke, gave an excellent personation of Gusfave Anbertin, and Mr. Dorrington, as Joseph,
a servant, was wise enough for all emergencies.

Henretia, Edmond's wife, in Miss Lillian
Reis, had an able interpretor, whose womanly
qualities were paramount in the telephone
scene. Miss Eddle, as Laura and Miss Scott.

qualities were paramount in the telephone scene. Miss Riddle, as Laura and Miss Scott, as Pradence, the maid, were equal to the demands made upon them by the characters. The young people were all of representative families, and the audience that filled the hall was naturally composed mainly of the same element.

AN EVENING OF PLEASURY.

With Sixth Presbyterian Church Ladies as the Hostesses.
The dedication of a handsome new dining room and kitchen-additions to the Sixth Pres-byterian Church-was effected last evening. with the annual supper given by the Ladies' Missionary Society of the church. Six well-

filled tables occupied the dining room and were surrounded by hungry people often enough to

keep the pretty aids fairly flying to supply

their wants for several hours. Mrs. Patterson.

the President of the society, was chairman of the affair. A floral booth and a candy table were acces A floral booth and a candy table were accessories; over the former Misses Roush, McCallum and Caven presided, while Misses Eyrich, Wilson and Bryant di-pensed the "sweets." A literary and musical entertainment by the Young People's Society was given subse-

Enjoyable Church Entertainment.

The Dutch kitchen was the drawing card at

Shady Avenue Saptist Church bazaar, which was opened last evening with a very encourag ing attendance, and which will be at the height of its success to-night. The pop corn table, with corn "popped while you wait," and served hot, was another place round which the people flocked. Other tables, fancy, doll, common sense, candy, fruit, flower and china, lemonade and lee cream were all up to the highest stand-ard of such things, and were liberally patron-ized.

The Purim Ball.

Invitations are out for the second annual

Purim masque ball of the Disraeli Social, to be given at New Turner Hall, Forbes street, Tues-

lay evening, March 24. Elegant prizes will be

day evening, March 24. Elegant prizes will be given the lady and gentleman wearing the most original toilets. The Original Royals will furnish the music, and the hail will be illuminated by calcicum lights. The committee consists of Messrs. A. J. Adelsheimer, Joseph Frankfurther, Ben Biggard, Leon Engle, Sam Baum, Gus Arnold, Ike Good, L. Kopeman, Max Arnold, J. Bickart, Ike Scholem and A. Bloch.

Lectures in an East End Church.

The Emory M. E. Church, of the East End

announces a series of lectures to be given this week by Mrs. H. E. Munroe, commencing with

one given last evening on "England, Its Shrines and Its People." This evening "Beyond the Mississippi" will be the lady's subject, and to-morrow evening she will speak on "Christ in Art." Mrs. Mooroe, as lecturer, is well known in the city, and many will doubtiess avail themselves of the opportunity to hear her. A Social for the Deaconess' Home. A social was given last evening, in the Butlet Street M. E. Church, for the benefit of the new Deaconess' Home, that will probably be in oper ation shortly. The evening was spent in social converse, and an informal programme of

musical and literary selections was given.

Miss Van Bradenburg, the deaconess, has six applicants for membership in her prospective family, and their names are now before the board for approval.

THE entertainment given by the Young Peo-Society of Christian Endeavor last even ing, at the First Congregational Church, Alletheny, included selections by the Philharmoni Club: solo, "Cherette," by Miss Nannie B. Ham mor; recitation, "Gypsy Flower-Girl," by Miss Mary Byron; recitation by Miss Alma Krnegers tish selections by Miss Tillie Mackintosh and selections by a male quartet. The accompanists of the evening were Mrs. W. M. Gard-

A MUSICALE was given last night at the A MUSICALE was given last night at the Seventh U. P. Church, by the Ladies' Mission-ary Society. The list of performers included Mrs. Dr. Sanda, Miss Maggie Given, Miss Powell, Miss Eggers, Miss Chalmers, Miss ohnson, Messrs, H. H. Hamilton and W. Lightbody, MRS. ELIZA J. GRAHAM has issued invita tions for the wedding of her daughter, Nancy Brown, to Joseph Caldwell, Tuesday evening,

March 3, at 8 o'clock, Sixth U. P. Church, East

End. "At Home" cards accompany the invi

ations for Thursdays, after April 15, at Wil-

er and Miss Ida Graham.

kinsburg. THE first Pittsburg Female College soire nusical of the season will be given this evening. Prof. Theodore Salmon will conduct, and Mis-Blanche Newcomb, a violinist, late of Berlin, with Miss Mary Bankerd, vocalist, and Miss Mary B. Kier, elocutionist, will appear. A LECTURE will be delivered Tuesday evening, in the Fifth U. P. Church, Allegheny, by Rev. W. T. Meloy. His subject will be "The

Touchstone." The proceeds of the evening will

be devoted for the benefit of the Ladies' Mis-

sionary Society of the church.

THE Lincoln Republican Club held a stag suchre party last evening at its rooms on But ler street. Nearly 100 members were present, The club reports a largely increased member-ship roll, the result of prominence given it by recent series of lectures. WORK goes merrily on for the bagnar and supper to be given next week in Old City Hall, for the benefit of the First Allegheny Day Nursery. At a meeting held yesterday the chair-man reported everything progressing famously.

tist Church, Allegheny, under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. THE Y. M. C. A. announces the Swedish Male Quartet for an entertainment at Old City Hall this evening. Miss Lura Barden will appear in readings. The programme is an attractive one PROF. GEORGE M. SLEETH and the Alpine Quartet will give an entertainment this even-ing at the Wylie Avenue United Presbyterian hurch, the proceeds to benefit the church, THE third of the series of free Friday hight

ectures will be delivered this evening in St.

Peter's P. E. Church, by Rev. A. J. Boosall.

THE ninth annual celebration of St. David's

Senevolent Society will be given at the Seventh

Avenue Hotel Monday evening. THE Washington-Jefferson College Alumn will banquet to the number of 80, at the Duquesne Club this evening.

A DANCING class reception will be given by the classes of Mrs. E. V. Bridge, at Cyclorama

An entertainment was given last evening in

AUSTRALIAN SYSTEM ADOPTED. The Arkansas Senate Also Fixes the Charges of Telograph Companies. LITTLE ROCK, Feb. 26.—The entire afternoo

he rooms of the East End Y. M. C. A.

parlors, March 4.

ssion of the House to-day was consumed in disgussing the Australian election ballot law, which was finally passed by a vote of 61 to 25. The Senate passed a bill to reduce the charge of messages sent over telegraph lines in this State to 10 words, 15 cents; for the next 10 words, 10 cents.

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-An apartment house to accommodate 500 families will be erected in Dresden, Ger

-A Grand Rapids, Mich., colored girl

playing poker on a grave in a lonely cemetery of Athens, Ga., the other night.

-Salt river, Ariz., is at flood height, but -Garden City, Ia., was recently treated

dered unbealthy by the consumptives who visited that city to try the Koch lymph.

egg bears its proper number in raised figures on -A large number of gold and brouse an-

-Seventeen persons who died in England

-The first edition of the "Memoirs of

into which it had tallen for 41 days. It only lost 35 pounds in weight, though it was without food the whole time.

-There are 3,985 paper mills in the world, turning out 1,904,000,000 pounds of paper annually, half of which is used for printing, 600,000,000 pounds being required for newspa-

-Four hundred acres is the extent of a California fruit farm which in 1890 produced

another extinguish it. -A farmer residing near Guilderland, N. Y., has been sent to an insane asylum because he has a mania for whistling at all times and it

-A San Francisco young man has set up

-In Williamstown, Mass., lives a negro

TOO BAD.

"Lija," said the resident, with a chuckle,
"we've got the Democrats in a hole now."
"In what respect, sir "
"It's been decided out in Ohio that the world is
coming to an end in '91. Tec-hee-hee! There
ain't a-goin' to be any '92."—Puck.

Washington man to the porter in his hotel, who was standing in the rounds, gripsack in hand,