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OTHER THINGS TO THINK ABOUT. The members of the Pennsylvania Legis-

lature have undertaken to tell the country what they think of Congressmen. They speak with great positiveness in exaltation of ex-Speaker Reed, and even have pronounced views on Don Cameron, the force bill, and silver coinage. This is all very well; but the public of Pennsylvania is more concerned about the actions of the Legislature itself than opinions of that Legislature as to some other body

Let us see, for instance, what the Solons at Harrisburg propose to do for Pennsylvania's muddy roads; what provision they will make for ballot reform; whether they have any notion of passing an anti-discrimination law, as called for by the Constitution and pledged in their platform; and whether they show enough capacity and general interest to give the canal scheme, about which everybody is talking, such official encouragement as will substantially promote the undertaking.

Talk at Harrisburg about what should be done at Washington is very cheap. The Legislature's own record is what concerns the public more just now. Clap-trap will not count in the ultimate judgment as to

MAY IT BE SHORT!

The announcement that the Edgar Thomson works will not resume operations for an indefinite period is uncomfortable for the employes of that large concern and indirectly to the entire business community. Everyone will unite in the hope that the conditions which hold that plant in temporary idleness will prove of short duration.

The causes of the stoppage are not clearly hope that the demand may bring about an of salt water from their wells only exists early resumption of operations.

readjustment of the cost of production on a should not be extended to water from oil gether so thoroughly as to make it impossible lower scale. THE DISPATCH'S investiga- | wells. tions have brought out the fact that lower prices for ore and coke can be secured when on their freight charges. With such inter- it a very great undertaking. The coal mine at the same time, by the present conditions, railroad management will be exceedingly blind if it does not perceive the advantage to itself of such a reduction of rates as will

GOOD FOR THE LAY JUDGES.

A very decided stir has been caused in Eastern financial circles by the unusual spectacle of the decision of a corporate case judges on a strictly legal point. The matis singular to the rest of the country to learn remarkable to find these judges practically ruting that the views of their brethren case, are all wrong. This is regarded as an illustration of the impracticability of having lay judges on the bench; but an examination of the case on its merits renders another view possible.

The ruling of the law judges was to the effect that where one railroad corporation had built a spur, or switch, of railroad, for the avowed purpose of blocking the construction of a legitimate competing line, the latter corporation could not condemn a right of way across the obstruction. It at present. Almost every day the newscorporation can use the right of eminent do- number of unfortunates in

their old positions on the beach.

THE LAW AND THE TRUST.

The testimony General Slocum gave be asked for the transfer of certificates which troubles, a tendency to magnify sorrows and was declined; and finally that when he a fear of the results of deeds done in life.

prespect of a veteran soldier doing his duty as a receiver was described as follows:

Judge Pratt wrote a letter to me, and in it thought it would be advisable to defer action in promulgating a report. Three lawyers also wrote tome, and said that as an individual I had no right to make an individual report; but nevertheless I would have done so had I not been relieved.

In order to appreciate the anxiety of the bench and bar of New York to prevent anything being done which would be disagreeable to the Sugar Trust, it is necessary to bear in mind that this proceeding was under the decision of the highest court of New York that the fifty-million-dollar combination was an illegal and injurious conspiracy. The requirement of this decision that the property should be distributed among the original owners went so far as the appointment of receivers, two of whom took care to do nothing. There everything stopped. The receivers were not permitted to receive any thing; the trust magnates coolly declined to obey the orders of the court; and when one of the receivers carried his ideas of duty to the extent of proposing to report to the court that its authority was defied, bench and bar hastened to impress upon him that he must not do anything of the sort. Finally the court seized a favorable opportunity to discharge the receivers and let the trust do what it chose.

Yet there are some people who still cherish the delusion that this is a nation in which the great masses of capital are governed by

THE PROTECTION OF THE STREAMS The question of maintaining the purity of our streams is brought forth prominently by the bill pending in the Legislature. As to the importance of such a measure in the abstract, there is no room for dispute. The sanitary value and the public usefulness of pure water is beyond question. All, whatever their individual interests, will agree that anything that can be done to prevent unnecessary pollution of the streams should be authorized by law.

The bill under consideration takes this view. It proposes to give the State Board of Health power to act in cases of pollution. It makes it unlawful to throw or to permit to be discharged into State water courses any substance, mineral or solution, that will make the water unfit for domestic consumption. It is stipulated that the act shall not make it illegal to discharge into the streams the drainage of coal mines or the sewage of the cities. Here we have the principle recognized that the magnitude of certain interests so far overbalances the importance of keeping the streams pure, that the latter object is to be abandoned when it comes into collision with the greater interest. This is a very reasonable view, and the only criticism that can be made of the bill is that it does not apply the principle impartially.

Two interests have shown opposition to the measure, namely, some of the tanning establishments whose waste material is permitted to flow into streams, and the oil producers whose wells often yield large quantities of salt water. There is no doubt that defined. The scarcity of coke caused by the | in the present form of the bill both these strike in the coke industry has something to | classes would be subject to its penalties. It do with it, but probably the low price of seems that the tanners could care for the rails and the scarcity of orders is the chief | waste products of their establishments withcause. It has been reported lately that the out a vital increase of their expenses. But, railways were coming into the market with | so far as the public knows, the possibility fresh orders for rails, which permits the of the oil producers preventing the outflow concurrently with the stoppage of the in-In the meantime a depression which causes the suspension of work in a large cult to see why the exceptions made in favor gests that the problems might be concurrently In the meantime a depression which dustry. With that presumption it is diffishare of our industries urgently indicates a of city sewage and coal mine drainage

Everyone knows it is possible to provide for sewage without emptying it into the the railways make a reasonable reduction streams; although the expense would made ests as the Edgar Thomson works and the industry furnishes a case in which if the Mahoning and Shenango furnaces held idle | drainage is not to be discharged into the streams the industry must stop. It is a principle recognized in the bill that in such tinue. But with that principle conceded, stimulate its most important and profitable | the burden of proof is decidedly on the supporters of the measure to show why salt water from oil wells should not be placed in the same category as the sulphur and iron

impregnations from mines. At the same time it is true that if all three of these leading causes of defilement are to in the New Jersey Court of appeals, in go unchecked the purification of the streams which the lay judges overruled the law by this measure will be very slight. The bill might go further than it does with reter presents at least two unique features. It gard to city sewage by directing inquiry toward methods for preventing that form of of an appellate court in which lay judges | pollution, and the same inquiry might be hold the power of decision; and it is no less | made with regard to the disposition of salt water from oil wells. There is no question that the latter trouble is becoming a serious learned in the law, on the legal aspects of a one in some sections. If there is any method of preventing it, without imposing a prohibitive burden on a legitimate industry, the demonstration of the fact may point out the proper remedy. Until the possibility of preventing the outflow is proved, however, the oil wells have as good a claim to exemption as the coal mines, and a better one than the city sewers.

SUICIDE AND ITS CAUSES

Suicide seems to be epidemic in Pittsburg would be impossible to make a de- papers are called upon to chronicle the fact cision more completely in violation of that another human being has grown tired the fundamental principles of law underly- of life and sought surcease of sorrow and ing the right of eminent domain. It has trouble in the grave. Just to what this been decided again and again that the power state of affairs is to be credited cannot be of eminent domain can be used to give one definitely determined. People from time railroad a right of way across the track of immemorial have killed themselves, and another. Moreover, if the law of New Jer- therefore the fact of suicide itself is sey is in such an obsolete condition that one not so remarkable; but that a main simply to block and strangle other en- city should choose the same week for terprises, all the decisions of the United their voluntary exit is of passing in-States Supreme Court on the exercise of that terest. This epidemic form has been power would make such a law unconstitu- noted before, and explanations offered, tional and void. The decision of the law none of which was universally accepted. judges in this case was extremely bad law. The influence of one person's acts on the When the lay judges overrule such stran- acts of another can hardly be advanced as a gulatory and obstructive law as this, it cause, or one man's killing himself would amounts to a vindication of the lay judges. be expected to lead every other unfortunate They may not have cited the decisions sus- to follow his example. This, of course, is taining their position, but they saw that to not the case. Every person in trouble who let a railroad pursue the practice of sticking hears of a suicide does not go and do likea railroad track wherever it chooses, to head wise. If he did, the city-nay, the counoff a legitimate construction, was practical try-would soon be depopulated. Nor can injustice, and they would have none of it. a morbid desire for notoriety very well be If laymen everywhere could be relied upon | put forward as a cause, for those fond of noto put a stop to that defiant and illegal cor- toriety generally want to live to enjoy it. porate practice it would cause a general de- The most plausible explanation, though it mand for the restoration of lay judges to really does not explain, is that two or more suicides happening at the same time or close together, constitute a horrible coincidence instead of an epidemic.

These explanations and reasonings do not. fore the New York Legislative Commit- however, alter the fact that suicide is a tee the other day gives the finishing touch to crime, and, as with other crimes, means for a remarkable picture of the superiority of a its prevention can be used. These means great monetary combination to the man- are not to be found on the statute books of dates of the law. He testified that the re- the States that have legislated against selfceivers, after their appointment, called for murder, but exist in the personality of every the books of the corporations in possession man, woman and child in the world. Suiof the trust but were refused them; that they cide is the outcome of inability to bear

found that his associates were 'not disposed | The last is cowardice, pure and simple, and to do anything, he proposed to make an in- a cowardice which, in the eyes of those left dividual report. The stir caused by the living, is far greater than any daring or bravery displayed in seeking the unknown. All these lead to suicide, and all of them can be prevented.

The ability to bear trouble can be cultivated. It should be inculcated into every child, and when he reaches man's estate he will not be so likely to break down. The tendency to magnify sorrows can also be avoided by the same means. There is no danger of making him heartless. If he is naturally sympathetic he will not lose any of his finer feelings by ability to triumph over personal sorrows. Cowardice, the outcome of the two former traits, will, of course, have no existence if they are absent. For those who are already adults, the cultivation of the ability to bear trouble and the tendency to lessen the effects of sorrow may be rather hard, but success will attend rightly directed efforts. Be cheerful, look your fellow man in the face with a smile, lead a moral life and self-destruction will not be your lot!

MR. HENRY CABOT LODGE, at the poitical banquet the other day, declared his loyalty to the Republican party for the reason that he finds in the platform of that party that "it is committed to the principle of civil service reform and taking the administrative offices out of politics." No one doubts that the Republican platform is all right, but Mr. Lodge omitted to explain the immense gap that exists between the professions of the platform and the practice of the politicians. Republican platforms in this State have also been profuse with promises of various reforms.

A ROTTE the time the last echoes are heard of that discussion in Philadelphia over the exhibition of works from the nude in the art display this year, a Philadelphia paper notes the coeptional success of this season's exhibition. Is it possible that there is a skillful advertiser n charge of the Philadelphia art boom?

Ir is interesting and instructive when the telephone experts are informing the Legislature that to fix telephone rents at \$36 per year would oblige the telephone companies to go out of business, to read that in Montreal the charge is \$25 per year, and so far from the comanies going out of business the Bell Telepho Company since it made the reduction has increased its list to 5,000 subscribers while the opposition company has over 6,000. It makes an immense amount of difference in the possibilities of the telephone business whether there is competition or not.

DR DEPEW's late outbreak to the effect that no one reads the editorials of the newsthe numerous editorials glorifying his availability for various political booms have not as yet landed him in a Governorship. Senatorship or Presidency, other than corporate.

THAT remittance which Pennsylvania is receive from the direct tax refunding act has already been devoted by esteemed cotemperaries to the building of a new capitol at Harrisburg, the payment of the border claims, the increase of the school fund, the aid of the State charitable institutions, the State aid for the improvement of country roads, and the ayment of the Johnstown expenses. Under these circumstances we see no just reason why Western Pennsylvania should not put in her claim to what is left of it, for the building of

THE desperate Republican effort to elect Streeter to the United States Senate from Illinois is based on the fear that if the Republicans do not swallow the Alliance dose the Democrats will. Evidently something must be done, and no one proposed to pass around the

A WRITER in the current New England Managine discusses the question: "What shall we do with the unemployed?" Only a short time ago the same publication had an article on: "What shall we do with the millionaires?" solved by a treatment that will mix them to-

THE Democratic organs have named the late Congress the Billion Congress. This is an alliterative variation of the term "Business Congress," which the Republicans can diges at their leisure.

Now it is reported that the Spanish blood is being stirred up over a reported desire o-f principle recognized in the bill that in such a case the industry must be permitted to consured that the United States is not going to try to gobble territory in any direction. It would not do a week's fighting to get either Cuba or Canada, and as to purchasing one country or the other, look at the wreck of the surplus left by the late Congress.

THE Maine crop liar can be discouraged but not defeated. He now rises to the occa-sion with the statement that the ice crop was very much damaged by the severity of the

THE stories that the Kaiser's dissatisfaction with Caprivi indicates the return of Bismarck, are a weak invention of the Bismarckian correspondents. The young monarch has not imbibed the theories of absolutism which Bismarck taught to eat humble pie now to the old Chanceller after the latter has been making himself obnexious to the best of his very great ability.

In the late Congress the pen of the en rolling clerk was mightier than the vote of the legislator, so far as the shaping of two important acts is concerned.

By the way it is noticed that owing to the absorption of the "business Congress" in other se, it is possible for active attorneys to indefinitely suspend the operation of the criminal laws of the States by the new device of applying to the United States Courts for a writ of habeas corpus and then taking an appeal on the refusal to grant the writ.

WE may cherish the hope that we have experienced the last struggle of the dying winter until the next cold wave comes along.

SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON.

In Russia the power behind the thronis dynamite.

Ir dogs could reason communism would andoubtedly be abroad in puppydom just at present, Out in the streets and alleys around big building where the petted canines of high degree are posing for prize ribbons measley fists wander and wonder. The much abused yellow dog and the mangy cur-the tramps and outcasts of the canine familysneaked about yesterday with their noses elevated and their tails close-reefed, dodging the kicks and heeding not the curses of the oppressor, striving to catch a glimpse of their royal brothers and blooded sisters. Did they envy them? Well, I suppose they did dog-fashion. They surely recognized the voices that fell on their pricked up ears, smelt the savory odors that the wind wafted to their nervous nezzles, and perhaps realized that their lot was a hard one. If they could reason together they would surely plot mischief and spread the gospel of socialism and communism through the canine community which they are forced by fate and the accident of birth to belong. But, poor doggie, you're better off than your master in this regard, after all. What you whine for he pines for, what you see he feels, the riches you sniff at he strives for, while you sneak he strikes, of course, but, then, envy does not rob you of sleep, nor does conscience disturb your dream: You growl over the bones, but he plots over th husks and sometimes chokes on the crumbs You fight for food, eat and are satisfied, but he battles for place and power and never gets One son is a locomotive engineer. One daughenough of either. This is the difference be tween instinct and intellect, and in the atmos phere of adversity one is just about as brutal

izing as the other. JUDGING from the teminine caresses be- editor. VERBATIM VARIETIES.

stowed on the prize pups at the bench show, good many men would not object to leading dog's life. FULL of tricks-a pack of cards.

dictate to his typewriter.

hole in the oil field,

n their right minds.

IT seems that somebody got his price out in Illinois after all, else the Senatorial snarl

THEY forgot to put the plums in the EX-SPEAKER REED now only has power

BUFFALO BILL is the one who will profit most by the Indian blunder. He has secured his attractions, and they are mighty well advertised at the expense of the Governmen

ELEPHANT leather should make splendid ALL's well that does not end in a dre

BOARDS of trade can be found in lumber

NEW YORK'S Millionaire Club will hardly be called upon to suspend members for THE United States Treasury turns out

IRISHMEN should make good poker players, because many of them can stand Pat, you

bills that always become laws.

A SAN FRANCISCO scientist says the earth will flop-that is, the poles will change places, in 14,000 years. Husbands who live in

this latitude then will not have to buy their THE guests who rushed from the burning

hotel yesterday morning were not even clothed

THE death dealing railroad car stove should be fired.

IF you sacrifice profit to spite the Sheriff vill be after you some day. THE man who captures the carrier pigeon

SIGNAL failures-Fog-banked lighthouses. PUBLIC boards become rotten in time,

ust like fence boards. GOVERNMENT funerals may be dead is sues, but when they cost \$100,000 they become

THE safest plan to pursue at a swell reception where the waiters and the male guests re clad in swallow tails is to jam your hand into your pantaloons pocket and jingle a few coins when you meet a stranger. If his eyes begin to bulge and his hand commend travel toward you, he's a waiter. This is a straight tip.

WHAT a splendid thing it would be for the world if the mischief makers would go on A SIGN of dull times-This store to let

Inquire next door. THE fangs have been drawn from some of

the legislative snakes at all events. THE public stomach will turn before all

the new laws are digested. ALL the world's a stage and Satan is sit-

JUDGING from the materials used in the makeup of a great many women that rib must have been taken from an umbrella.

IF the State Legislators would indorse public measures instead of public men the Commonwealth would be a triffe better off. C. P. HUNTINGDON refuses to pay a female beautifier \$900 for putting a new face on

his wife. He evidently believes it is a skin IT is perfectly natural to read about light

trading in electric stocks. THE dog show is a splendid place to tudy human nature as well as canine charac-WILLIE WINKLE

PERSONS PARAGRAPHED.

OSCAR WILDE, some time apostle of the beautiful and ex-worshiper of the sunflower. has become an Anarchist.

GEORGE VANDERBILT'S castle in North Carolina will still require ten years of labor and the expenditure of \$10,000,000 to complete it. JUSTICE R. N. WALKER, of the Ala-

the youngest man in the country holding such a MRS. STANNARD (John Strange Winter). the author of "Bootles' Baby," is about to

bama Supreme Court, is but 34 years old and

dertake the editing and publishing of a SIR RICHARD CARTWRIGHT, leader of the Liberals of Ontario in the campaign just

ended, has been likened to a buzz-saw, so energetic and biting are his addresses WALTER DAMROSCH, Secretary Blaine's son-in-law, is conducting free Sunday concerts for the working people of New York. The last one was attended by about 3,000 persons,

REV. DR. J. M. PENDLETON, of Bowling Green, Ky., who died last Wednesday, was a friend of Henry Clay, and wrote a boo Am a Baptist," which Abraham Lincoln praised.

ELLEN TERRY is learning to dance Some of the somber scenes in which she and Mr. Irving appear would be greatly relieved by a skirt dance or a song and dance, and the pub lic will wish her success in her undertaking, GENERAL LEW WALLACE and Secre-

tary Foster are almost doubles in personal appearance, their resemblance being so striking that they are frequently mistaken for each other. Each is a man of medium height, weighing about 170 pounds.

CAPTAIN ANDREW MANNING, who died at Clinton, Mass., aged 88, recently, was known as the father of yachting. He launched his first boat from the foot of Long wharf, Boston, 50 years ago, and many a fugitive slave was secretly conveyed from an incoming steamer on one of his little boats to a place of

W. H. SMITH is a level-headed newspaper man, even if he is a member of Parliament and a Cabinet Minister, and has promptly sat down upon a proposal to compel writers of articles appearing in the papers to attach their names to such articles. He said it would be as absurd as to compel every man to sign the ballot which he cast in an election.

POPE LEO XIII is now engaged in the reparation of the most important incyclical that has yet been issued by him. He is about to formulate the views of the Catholic Church on the subject of socialism and its kindred topics. The paper is looked forward to with unusual interest, as many high offici waiting for it to decide questions that are now before the church tribunals.

THE QUEEN OF ROUMANIA has written melodrama which should have been produced at the Burg Theater at Vienna, but it turned out to be so wildly and weirdly absurb in plot and so bombastic in language that the man-agers insisted that if it was produced there rould not only be a riot in the audience but a strike among the employes, and so it was withdrawn. Even a Queen is not free from dramatic failures.

JUDGE PEFFER, the new Kansas Senstor, thinks all young persons should be taught substantial handicrafts. He has eight chiiiren, of whom three are daughters. The have all learned the printers' trade, and the eldest daughter has been taught to set type. ter does amanuensis work and reporting, also sets type. The second daughter has been trained to keep accounts, and the youngest daughter is the stenographer in the Kansas mer office, of which paper the father is

Uses of the Kola Nut - The Rare Moon Flower-Usefulness of the Elephant-A Professor's Snake Story-How to Carry an Umbrella-Teeth Indicate Characte A well-known medical journal is recommend ing the kola nut as a substitute for tea and coffee. The nut, it is said, contains little tannin and not much more caffeine. It is claimed that it will soon take the place of tea and coffee

entirely.

A botanist, who has made a special study of the nut and its properties, said to a Cincinnati Times-Star reporter: "It is a mistake to say that the nut will take the place of tea and coffee. It has an astringent taste that is un-pleasant, and I do not believe it will ever be used extensively, or at all, in civilized countries The kola nut is a native of the coasts of Africa but has been introduced into and thrives well in the West Indies and Brazil. Itgrows upon a tree 40 feet high, which produces pale yellow flowers spotted with purple. The leaves of the tree are six or eight inches long and are pointed at both ends. The fruit consists of five long, siender pods radiating from a common center. One of these when broken open is found to contain several nuts somewhat similar to hazel nuts and of about the same size. The nuts are solid, being slightly softer toward the center

than on the outside. "The natives of the countries where the nuts grow use them for various purposes. They pass for money in Africa. They are also used as a symbol of friendship and hate, the light colored ones signifying the former, and the dark the latter. They are supposed to aid digestion, and it is the practice to chew a small bit before eating a meal. They allay thirst, and if a piece be chewed and held in the mouth while drinking, the most bitter and stagnan water can be taken, and will taste sweet and agreeable. I doubt if this quality of rendering stagmant water pure is possible by the nuts. rather think that the astringent taste of the nut paralyzes the gustatory nerves momenta-rily, and for that reason the water is not tasted. Hunger they are also supposed to al-lay, but they do no more than paralyze the nerves. They have a stimulating effect, and when going on long marches the natives chew hits of the pure continuelly and with about the bits of the nuts continually, and with about the same effect as if intoxicating liquor had been nsed, though without the same bad results. Powdered kola nut is sprinkled in cuts and vounds and has a healing effect.
"A chemical analysis of the nuts shows them

to contain 20 parts of eaffeine and but a fraction of a part of tannin. No, it will never be used in the place of tea and coffee. Its taste and shemical properties are against it."

The Rare Moon Flower

Mr. Arnold Brinkworth is exhibiting wit much pride a specimen of the Fleur de Lune. the existence of which has often been doubted but which was sent Mr. Brinkworth a few

months ago by a friend residing in Obydos Brazil, says the New York Journal. It was obtained for him from an Indian, who found it growing in a swamp in the depths of the Amazonian forests, and is the only specimen which has ever reached this country alive. Those who have been favored by a glimpse of the curiosity say it is a delicate, tenac vine, covered with small, glossy leaves of a bright and very tender green, climbing to a height of four or five feet, bearing here and there a mik-white blossom of a disk-like shape. When the moon is at its first quarter a dis-tinct shadow or stain of a deep yellow, which seems rather in than out of the flower and corseems rather in than out of the flower and cor-responding to the shape of the moon, makes its appearance on this disk, and grows as the planet does, until, when at its full size, the yellow stain covers the entire flower. As the moon be-gins to wane again this retreats in the same ratio, and finally disappears altogether, to re-turn once more as the new moon is seen to come back.

turn once more as the new moon is seen to come back.

When the planet sets, the flower closes and does not unfold until the moon rises on the following night. It pursues this course month after month whether placed in the open air or kept in a hothouse, though under the latter circumstances the yellow tint is much paler and more undecided, while the white surface takes on a dingy, unhealthy tinge. The plant subsists almost entirely on air, its roots being barely covered with a little moist gravel.

Is the Elephant Usefu'. In modern times, we have only to look to India to be convinced of the great usefulness of the elephant. To the agriculturist, who uses him before his wagon or his plow, he is indispensable, and for the transportation of heavy articles, he has no rival. We see him carrying immense tree trunks out of the Indian forest, and by his indefatigable industry, in picking up and carrying off large stones, aiding the construction of roads and railways, writes a contributor to Goldthwaite's Geographical Magazine. For labor of this kind a coolie receives from four to eight annas, while five and six rupees are paid for the daily work of a elephant. From this fact, we conclude that one elephant performs the work of from 12 to

2 coolies.

From the record of the British expedition of Abrasinia in 1868. we learn that 44 elephants were shipped from Bombay for use in the campaign. Each animal was in charge of two men. Of this number five succumbed during the campaign. The remaining 39 rendered valuable services, being entrusted with the transportation, through a mountainous country, of cannon, ammunition and supplies. It was frequently very difficult to procure proper food for them, and as it was often necessary to traverse great distances to reach the watering places, the death of the five animals is ascribed to these hardships. Although elephants move slowly through a mountainous country and soon become footsore, they performed their task with admirable faithfulness. Without them it would have been necessary to await the building of wagon roads. we learn that 44 elephants were shipped from

A Professor's Snake Story.

According to the Norwich Bulletin, Prof. Brewer, of Yale, recently told a good snake story. Years ago he was in California and had his tripod and other surveyor's instruments i the field. Stepping along in the bushes he fel a movement under his feet and found he was standing on a four and a half foot rattlesnake -a large, victous, and fighting fellow. But the snake was so pinioned that he could not strike the thick boot that held him fast. Prof. Brewer held the rattler's head down with his tripo and cut it off. Then he cut off his rattles Stepping aside he saw the body of the snake, partly coiled, lying very still. Taking out his rule measure its length the professor took hol of the serpent to straighten him out, "Quick as an electric shock," said Prof. "Quick as an electric shock," said Prof.
Brewer, "that headless snake brought the
bloody stump over and struck a hard blow
upon the back of my hand." He added: "I
knew that his head was off and that he could
not poison me, but that quick and hard blow
of the rattler made my hair stand on end."

Prof. Willister, standing by, said: "I have on
two or three occasions seen similar sudden
blows by headless rattleshakes."

How to Carry an Umbrella. The New York Sun gets in its regular stab at the city of brotherly love by printing a tale apposed to have been told by a visiting New Yorker. The story is as follows: Three or fou of us had closed our umbrellas and gathered under a store awning at the lower end of Market street. Philadelphia, to wait for a grip car. Along came a colored man, carrying a faded and rent old umbrella, and we all noticed that he carried the shelter tipped forward at such an

angle that his feet were protected at the expense of his back.
"Stop, sir!" shouted the man at my left, who
had the look and bearing of a judge.
"Yes, sah—what's wanted?" queried the col-

ored man. "I want to show you how to carry an um brella. Your toes are dry, while your back all wet. I don't believe that one person in all wet. I don't believe that one person in fifty knows how to carry an umbrella so as to get the most protection out of it."
"It's an old one, sah."
"Yes, I see, but you don't grasp the handle right. Here—take mine."
"Yes, sah."

"Yes, sah."
"Take the handle with your right hand, and carry it on a line with your right shoulder. There—that's better."
"Can't git along wid sich stiffness, sah."
"Yes you can. Now walk up to the corner and back. Hold the handle on a line with your handle. That's it—go ahead." shoulder. That's it—go ahead."

The negro marched off at a steady pace, and while he was stepping off the gentleman turned

to us with:

"It's a knack to shelter yourself under an umbrella, narticularly if is "It's a knack to seleter yoursell under an umbrella, particularly if it rains hard, and the want of this knack provokes me when I see it." We agreed with him, and the minutes went by and a car came down.

"Why, where did the migger go to?" asked the owner of the umbrella.

We looked up and down, but he had disappeared. The man ran up the street two squares, peared. The man ran up the street two squares, but there was no African carrying a fine silk umbrella with a gold handle—not as he could see. We started to rally him a bit as we went up on the car, but he checked us by saying:

"If any of you think I can't lick you in one round, all you have to do is to step off the car! I won't detain you three minutes!"

Judging Character by the Teeth. A dentist in the New York Ledger says: "To rmine a person's character by the teet take the upper front teeth. They are the true index of the nature of a man or a woman. Here," he said, "is the tooth of a young lady

who has a lovely disposition and is universally beloved; see how regular and dainty the forma-tion is, and yet possessing all requisite points for a perfect tooth. Here you see the tooth of a man who is cruel, although his cruelty is of the refined kind; notice that the tooth is white and rather sharp and long. Then this tooth stumpy and coarse in form, denotes the brutal stumpy and coarse in form, denotes the brutality; it is from the jaw of a man of brutal nature. Here is a curious tooth from the mouth of a peevish, fretful woman; the crown has a sharp fretful turn to it. Now we have the tooth of a sensuous woman; you see it is square, although of good shape, and depressed in the center; its wearer has caused a great deal of distress in the hearts of neglected wives. Now we come to one that belonged once in the mouth of a lady who is noted for her refinement and intellectual development. It is slender and perfect in shape—one of the

It is slender and perfect in shape—one of the kind of teeth that go with long, slender fingers." OUR MAIL POUCH.

The Problem of Bad Debts.

To the Editor of The Dispatch: In your brief article on above subject, you make some misleading statements, for the cor-rection of which my love of historical truth prompts me to ask a small space in your widely circulated journal. The experience of a majority of the members of the Pittsburg Merchant Tailors' Exchange is, that the sale of udgments has been very beneficial; while the ctual sales at auction have not been great in number, the accounts which have been settled privately in consequence of such sales, have materially swelled the bank accounts of the tailors, as I am prepared to demonstrate to you if you wish to be fully informed on the subject. I am prepared to show you that in consequence f the workings (including sales of judgments) of the Merchant Tailors' Exchange of this city, of the Merchant Tailors' Exchange of this city, the tailor, if he he a man of average business capacity, has as small a percentage of loss from bad debts as any merchant engaged in any other line of business—even the publishing of a newspaper—that since the establishment of our Exchange the actual loss in bad debts has been less than three-quarters of 1 per cent, and even that through the same agency may well be reless than three-quarters of 1 per cent, and even that through the same agency may yet be reduced to less than one-half of 1 per cent; surely a good record of which we are justly proud. The present actiation among the merchant tailors of New York, Philadelphia and other cities is in consequence of these facts being reported by our delegates to the Merchant Tailors' National Exchange at our annual convention, and the present outlook is that the Pittsburg system will be adopted in every city from Maine to California where there is a Merchant Tailors' Exchange. It may be interesting to you to know that many of our best citizens frequently congratulate our members on their efforts to make all pay, thereby giving the non-payers a useful lesson in common honesty. onesty. Your last paragraph on this subject is that "a

good many tailors, after trying the sales of udgments, decided to adopt the cash plan. thereby being enabled to make clothes cheaper, giving the paying public the benefit." My reply is that, so far as I know, there have been no sales of tailors' judgments in this city except by the M. T. E., and I will give \$10 to some charitable institution to be named by you for every one of such merchant tailors you can name in this city. A MEMBER M. T. E. PITTSBURG, March 10.

The Cost of School Books.

To the Editor of The Dispatch: Your issue of the 6th inst, centains a dispatch from Harrisburg in which the cost of manu-facturing certain school books, "including paper and labor," is compared with the retail price of the same books. A very important item in the cost of these books is ignored in this comparison, that of the labor required in this comparison, that of the labor required in their preparation. All will agree that the best talent should be employed in this work, and that it should be adequately compensated, as, indeed, it must be. In the report recently windly insulated of examples ideed, it must be. In the report ridely circulated of expenditure by of California for the publication of school books that for the preparation of the books forms a very large proportion of the whole. P. S. BANCROPT. BUTLER, PA., March 8.

Generous to the Thirsty. To the Editor of The Dispatch: Can a respectable citizen give away a drink of NEW CASTLE, March 9. [There is no law to prevent such a proceed-

Came on Sunday, March 28. To the Editor of The Dispatch: Will you inform us on what date Easter of

1875 came? MANY READERS, DENNISON, O., March 6. A First Cousin Once Removed. o the Editor of The Dispatch: What relation am I to my full cousin's child?

AN ARTIST FOOLS A JOKER.

PITTSBURG, March 9.

The Latter Orders a Picture for Fun. but Concludes to Take It. New York Continent. A Brooklyn artist recently got very much the best of a young friend, whose "funny" pro-clivities prompted him to order an expensive eastel portrait of himself, and who, when the "Oh, my ill was presented, said, laughingly: dear boy, I didn't intend that you should paint peared not the slightest annoved, and merely "Ob, very well, I will place it in my window, it will attract attention, and later you may be more anxious to take it." That even ing the practical joker was attracted by a crowd front of his artist friend's showcase, and crossing over to ascertain the cause, found to his consternation and chargin, that his friend ears to his head in the likeness displayed; he

word, wrote out a check for the amount in full, and the offending likeness was removed.

WEDDING AT HOLLIDAYSBURG. William L. Baidridge and Miss Ione B. Condron United in Wedlock.

rushed into his friend's studio, and, with

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. HOLLIDAYSBURG, March 10 .- A stylish wedling took place here in the Baptist Church this vening. The groom was William Lavelle evening. The groom was William Lavelle Baldridge, ex-manager of the Blair Iron Company, of this place, and Miss Ione B. Condron, eldest daughter of Angus B. Condron, late of Pittsburg.

The ceremony was performed by Owen James. D. D., and a large reception was held at the bride's home after the ceremony. The bridal couple left to-night for a trip in New England States. The groom is the superintendent of the Juniata Limestone Company, of this place.

New York Honors Sheridan

The Continent. I saw vesterday a small slate fastened to a news-stand adjoining the building of the Com-missioner of Charities and Correction, at Elevnth street and Third avenue, with the chalk inscription: "Gallant General Philip Henry Shoridan's birthday." Below were two chea American flags. Perhaps it was the only recognition of the hero's natal day in this big city. would have been just 60 years old. Though Ohioans clai biographers find that he was born in Albany,

Words of Wisdom

Indianapolis Journal. 1 Democrats who have been justifying the gerrymanders in this State by those in others, onld paste these words of Governor Hover in their mental scrappooks: "It is not import-ant whether other Legislatures, other Governors and other States have forgotten to obey their oaths to support the Constitution. We are not governed by the law of the vendetta, where one crime demands the perpetration of

Bible Curiosities in Chicago. Washington Post. 1 A Chicage man paid \$14,800 for a Bible, When Chicago man goes after a curio he does not stop at expense.

> TO HER QUILL PEN. Ah, you noisy little quill! Do you not with rapture thrill When she writes— Whether Sue is bid to tea, Or a sonnet "To the Sea She indites!

She is using you to pen
Words to me,
Just to trace with motion sly, Those few tender words that I Long to see? O'er my shoulder as I write Comes a laughing whisper, light,
'You're a goose!'

And I really wish I were,
If my quilis could be for her

Dainty use.

What would bribe you, when again

PLEASURES OF SOCIETY.

Annual Sunday School Convention of the Pittsburg Baptust Association-An Elegant Dinner Served to the Delegates-

News of Yesterday's Social Successes. Earnest, thoughtful men and women filled the audience room of the Baptist Church, corner of Smallman and Thirty-seventh streets, yesterday afternoon, and endeavored to dis-cover by a commingling and exchange of ideas the best possible way and manner of serving spiritual food for the mind and soul. Equally parnest and thoughtful women in the Sunday school room beneath spent the time during the morning and the afternoon sessions in prepar-ing for a practical demonstration of the best ble way and manner of serving material food for the body.

It was a happy combination, satisfying alike to both the spiritual and material being that succeeded in making the annual meeting of the Sunday School Convention of the Pittsburg Baptist Association thoroughly enjoyable and wonderfully beneficial to all interested in Sabbath school work. There were present 90 delebath school work. There were present 90 delegates, representing 40 schools of the 56 which form the association. Allegheny, Washington, Westmoreland, Greene and Beaver counties were represented. The morning session opening at 9:30 o'clock was devoted mainly to routine business with religious exercises by Rev. D. E. Richards, of Sharpsburg, and hymns by the audience. The roll call, reading of the minutes, reports of the Executive Committee and of the secretary and treasurer were listened to attentively and with a great deal of interest, especially the last two reports, which proved the association in a flourishing condition financially and growing rapidly. ion financially and growing rapidly.

The Election of Officers. The election of officers followed, and resulted in placing H. W. Walkinshaw, of Greensburg, in the chair for the coming year, W. F. Maxon, Secretary, and Messrs, Henry Stauff, A. H. Eberhart and Wilson Weddell, Jr., on the Executive Committee. The "new business" outlined on the programme did not materialize, so with a very able paper, "The Catechetical Lessons in the Sunday Schoot," by H. W. Walkinshaw, the morning session was concluded. The paper advocated strongly more rigid doctrinal teaching in the Sabbath schools, which apparently met the approbation of all present, judging from the discussion which followed. It was supplemented later in the day by a resolution presented by

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Prof. J. F. Carey indorsing the ideas promulgated and suggesting that a committee be appointed to investigate all publications in that
line for Sunday school work and report at the
next meeting.

The adjournment to the impromptu dining
hall was accompanied with cordial handshakes
and sincere greatings, and during the dinner
sociability reigned, to the exclusion of subjects weightier than cold meats, chicken salad,
saratoga chips, jellies, rolls, fruits, pastry,
cakes, coffee and similar dishes. Four long
tables lined the room, covered with snowy
linen and laden with all the delicacies of the
season. And bright-eyed pretty mads and
matrons dispensed the viands, each with the
graciousness and alacrity equal to that inspired by a generous tip in a professional.

Work of the Afternoon Session-Work of the Afternoon Session-

At 2 o'clock the afternoon session opened with devotional exercises by Rev. H. J. Hamilton, of the Sunday School" was treated by Henry the Sunday School" was treated by Henry Stauff, of the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church. The paper was an original and exhaustive one, advocating special home teachers in a Sunday school, whose mission it would be to visit homes where sickness or disinclination prevented attendance at the sanctuary, and to endeavor by persistent and earnest effort to interest and instruct such unfortunates. The interest and instruct such unfortunates. The paper created quite a breezy discussion and produced a very favorable impression. "The Christian Endeavor work and its rela-tion to the Sunday school," as viewed by H. E.

Bainbridge, is a vast and heipful one, and should be encouraged in every instance and particular. After a delightful supper the particular. After a delightful supper evening session convened. A praise se conducted by Rev. George T. Sheet, pas Mt. Washington Church, occupied the portion of the evening, and an addre-"The Mission of the Sunday School," by

portion of the evening, and an address on "The Mission of the Sunday School," by Bay. S. A. Smith, of West Newton, the latter, with the question box between. The ladies' committee, which justly gained so much renown for the entertainment, consisted of members of the church in which the convention was held and of which Rev. H. C. Hall is the recently called pastor.

Mrs. M. E. Thompson was the Chairman and the tables were in charge of Mesdames R. A. Loeffler, M. F. Pryce, Jane Aubrey, M. E. Trumbell, with aids, Misses Jennie Boswell, Ida McGuire, Mamie Aiken, Maggie Walker, Jennie Philpot, Jennie Thomas, Grace Walker, Sarah Grifflith, Lydia Kincaid, May Williams, Annie Wilson, Lizzie Lewis, Annie Thompson, Birdie Pryce, Mercene McGuire, Annie Orth, and Messrs, Lue McKain, T. H. Chapman, William F. Maxon, William Fisher, and James R. Sutton.

OIL CITY'S GAIN.

One of Pittsburg's Charming Society

Married at Oakland. Oil City may congratulate herself this morn ing over a valued acquisition in the person of one of Pittsburg's most charming daughters, who has gone there to reside as the wife of one of the most popular young business men of that place. At the beautiful residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson, Fifth avenue, Oakland, at 9 o'clock last evening, Miss Margaret Wallace Edstrom was married to William Custer Proctor of the North Penn Oil Company, of Oil City.

mg suit.

Mr. and Mrs. Proctor left on a night train for a short trip to Eastern cities, and at the termi-nation of that they will go to Oil City to the lovely home Mr. Proctor has in readiness.

YOUNG SOCIETY PEOPLE.

Miss Agnes Dickson to Entertain Friends Next Friday Evening.

A round dozen young folks, including the thful hostess, Miss Agnes Dickson, will dine at the Dickson residence next Friday evening at 6 o'clock. Half the gay little company will consist of maids that in the course of several years will be ac-knowledged debutante belles and the other half of youths that in the same time will become full-fledged gallants. The affair is given to commemorate the 17th birthday anniversary of the heatess, which occurred yesterday, and in heater of which she became the possessor, among other costly gifts, of a handsome and unique ring set with a brown saphire, emerald and three snarkling diamonds. emerald, and three sparkling diamonds.

The ginner is to be a rose pink affair, table

service, decorations, viands and lights, and Schlosser will cater. A Coming Braddock Wedding. Mrs. Mary Beam, aged 57 years, will become the bride of Mr. John Shermin, aged 69, in Braddock to-day. The wedding will be exclusively a family affair and will occur at the residence of the bride's daughter, Mrs. Soloman Fair, of Bell avenue. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. Mr. Shupe, and a wedding feast will follow.

Social Chatter

FULLY 3,000 people visited the Verestchagin exhibition yesterday. Nothing like this was ever experienced in all the history of art exhibition in Pittsburg. The exhibition closes tonight at 10 o'clock, and it is certain that no single art influence ever exerted in this city was so potent for good as that exerted by this THE Highland Piano School gave a musical

REV. W. W. CALLEY, an African missionary lectured at Old City Hall last evening on his experiences. His remarks were interesting, and deserving of a larger audience. MRS. WALTER ANDERSON, of Craft avenue, will tender a reception to-morrow evening for Mr. J. Greer Roak and bride, who were married recently in Cohoes, N. Y.

and literary entertainment last evening in the

Morningside Mission Church, Butler street ex-

tension. The proceeds will benefit the church.

last evening the leaders of colored society of this city participated in a pleasurable hop. "THE Trail of the Serpent" was the subjeof a lecture delivered by Rev. S. L. Harkey in Christ's Lutheran Church last evening. THE Twelfth Night Euchre Club met last

AT the German Masonic Hall, Allegheny,

MRS. GENERAL FITZHUGH and son, Master Carrol, have returned home from a six weeks' at the Riverside M. E. Church on "The Hous We Live In." REV. T. H. WILKESON lectured last evening

MR. AND MRS. JOHN RICKETSON returned nome from the East yesterday. Let Thei everely Alone Brooklyn Standard-Union, 1

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-South Bend, Ind., is planning a corporation rat hunt. -In South Dakota "speak-easies" are

called "blind pigs." -A New York restaurant advertises 'corned beef hash, a specialty."

-A hog recently killed in Perry, Ga. and three complete sets of lungs. -It is reported that \$40,000,000 of British capital are invested in Paraguay.

-Hebrew women are said to live longer, on the average, than any other race. -A Barre, Vt., man is 85 years of age. and has 39 children, 37 of whom are girls. -Out of the whole number of graduates from Vassar about 36 per cent are married.

-There is more snow in Southern

-Butterflies fluttering around above snow three feet deep is the gist of a report from East Jordan, Mich.

-A resident of Pottsville, Pa., has in his pos-ession an egg that was given to him on Easter Sunday, 1850. -A Colusa, Cal., farmer recently re-

paired the floor of his granary and killed 1,530 rats found undeneath it. -One of the visitors to the New York dog show wore a bearskin overcoat which he said 28 dogs helped him to get.

-A Tennessee man has been fined \$600 for kissing a woman three times, and he is gal-lant enough to say he got off cheap. -One more centenarian dead. A man died at the ripe old age of 138 years, March 1, as his home in Lincoln county, N. C.

-An 8-year-old tramp is in the Memphis. Tenn., jail. He began to travel when barely 6 years old, and has been all over the country. -A Nebraska competitor in a guessing contest came within one of the exact popula tion of that State as given in the census re-

-To prevent train robbery a San Francisco man proposes that every car shall be pro-vided with signal rockets, to be used in case of

-The Washington correspondents won so much applause by their outburst of song at the adjournment of Congress that they are threat-ening to organize a glee club. -Foreign exchanges report that a sweet-

produced, after many years of experiment, in Turin. It has been named the "Edison." -The Gils river at Florence, Ariz., the crossing of the Phonix and Maricopa Railway, has, by reason of the recent flood, shifted its course nearly a mile, leaving bridges high and

scented rose of a steel green color has been

-There are about 105 women to every 100 men; one-quarter of the population of the world die before the age of 17 years; only 1 in 1,000 lives to be 100 years old, and only 6 in 1,000 -It is conceded that the champion belt

for self-control should go to the young lady of

St. Joseph, Mo., who lay perfectly quiet in bed and watched a couple of burglars carry off her jewelry and false hair. -The novelties of the bird show at the Crystal Palace in London are a water rail, a white hedge sparrow, a swallow, a white thrush and a talking blackbird, all birds seldom seen in confinement. -In Eutaw, Als., last week ten girl ba-

born in the town in two months. This causes the editor of the local paper to inquire, "Whither are we drifting?" -It seems hard that a man 137 years old, who has been the husband of nine wives and the father of 46 children, must end his days in the Chattanooga poorhouse. He ought to have the freedom of all Tennessee.

ies were born, while a boy baby has not been

-The cane has entered into competition with the car-stove. Two Morgantown, W. Va., young men were out walking Sunday last when one of them slipped and was impared upon a cane carried by his friend. The injured mandied on Monday. -The county and city physicians at

Grand Rapids quarreled as to whose business it was to doctor the sick jail birds, and the result was that the patients were locked up with out any medical care and got well. The case is to be investigated. -The latest statistics show that the suiide mania is spreading in Germany to such an extent that even children take their lives. Dur-

ing the six years ending with 1888, 259 school children committed suicide. Many of these suicides occurred in the elementary schools, -There is a hen in Eufaula, Alu., whos eggs are of common size and shape, the shells being perfectly white. The "white," instead of being white, is jet black when bolled. There is no difference in the taste from the common hen's eggs. The yelk is of ordinary color and the deep black color of the whites only extends

to the outside covering, as when cut open the egg appears to present the same appearance as an ordinary egg. -A little girl in North Carolina is named Toledo Biade Wilson, after an Ohio newspaper. In the same State lives Susan Arlesa Mary Magdalene Milly Minerva Clementina Peck, who probably has the longest name of any girl in the United States. Some of her playmates are Penella Caroline, Marget DaKorab, Georgia Iowa, Mindy, Lithy, Geocreasy Lithy, Zigcartis, Rachel Geocreasy and Mary Tax-collector Huckleby.

-A Columbus, O., house recently bought in England an invoice of tin amounting to \$15, 000. It was delivered directly to them in that city. The curious thing about it is that they saved about \$750 in freight on the consignment, he charges being that much less from Liver-cel to Columbus than from New York to Coimbus had the shipment originated in New

York. A good many shippers are trying to figure out how such a thing can fairly be.

-If an Arab woman who has lost her hus

hand decides to marry again, she visits the

grave of her husband the night before her sec-

ond marriage and prays him not to be offendond marriage and prays him not to be of neuded. As, however, she feels that he will be oflended she takes with her a donkey laden with
two goat skins filled with water. The prayer
ended she proceeds to pour water on the grave
to keep the first husband cool under the circumstances about to take place and, having
well saturated him, departs. -A young woman in London, whose conscience does not keep her awake, has found a new and profitable profession for those of her ter blessed with phenomenal memories. She attends first night performances of new plays at the London theaters and carries away every line in her head. Within a week the manu-

line in her head. Within a week the manu-script of that play is on its way to Africa or Australia, much to the amazement of the Lon-don dramatists and managers when they learn of its production in the colonies. -There lives not far from Gloverville a lady who had three husbands during the year 1890. At first glauce this appears to be a very simple matter, but it is certainly an unusual one. During the latter part of January, 1890, this lady lost her husband. He died from consumption. About July, 1890, the widow married a man who worked on the railroad near Worcestor. They were married two months when he was killed. Finding herself a widow again, she hired out in October to a farmer living near Worcester. He was a widower, and during the latter part of December they were married. It will be seen that during the brief span of only 11 months this lady had three lawful husbands. simple matter, but it is certainly an unusual

JEST FOR FUN.

Waiter (looking in on a noisy card party in hotel bedroom)—I've been sent to ask you to make less noise, gentlemen. The gentleman in the next room says he can't read. Host of the Party—Tell him he ought to be ashamed of himself. Why, I could read when I was 5 years old .- Unleago News.

HINT TO HARRISON. In search of ducks he trod the marsh And faced the chilling breeze, And only bagged (Oh, fate is harsh!) His trousers at the knees. -Cape Cod Item.

Many persons admire the bouquet of fice wines, but almost any kind of liquor will make a nose gay if you use enough of it.—Boston Beruid. "Charley," said young Mrs. Tocker, "I had no idea they played baseball this tim

"Is that so?" said Charley, cautiously. "What "theard my brother tell Dick Travers that you went out on a bat. Is that the same as three strikes, Charley?" - Washington Post, "You will let me go to your wedding, will you not?" said one girl to her companion.
"Upon my word I can't promise. My folks are in such a rage about my wedding that I am not

sure they will let me go to it myself."-- Brooklyn How hard it is to believe a man after we

have been lying to him ourselves. It has some-times happened that an habitually untrathful man has kept up his reputation after death by lying in state,—Texas Siytings, The Alliance people in North Carolina do not want an exhibition at the Columbian Fair.
They want to be let alone, Let them alone,

evening at the residence of Miss Aggie Young.