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#### MEANNESS OR IDIOCY?

The apparently indisputable statement of the discourtesy shown a deputation of leading members of the Canadian Government who had gone to Washington to open negotiations for reciprocity is of the kind that beggars comment, It illustrates to an hitherto unheard of degree the consequences of permitting the smallest sort of personal qualities to preside over a national adminis-

The Canadians who were at Washington were members of the cabinet of a country second only to the United States in prominence and intelligence. The errand on which they came was one of the first importance to our nation, and from the presence of such leading Canadian statesmen it is evidently regarded as of equal importance by Canada. When such guests come to the National capital on such important business, to send them away and make their errand fruitless because the President will not make any changes in his jaunt throughout the country, is most astounding neglect both to the interests of the country and the first principles of international courtesy.

It is, of course, impossible to avoid notice of the general theory that this action was taken because the President has become lealous of Secretary Blaine's well-earned popularity from the success of his reciprocity policy. Whether it was this netty personal motive, or the more supernal idiocy suggested in the shape that "no more tariff agitation is wanted," it was wholly supererogatory. The President had already demonstrated that he was a wholly impossible quantity for a renomination; and this additional evidence is as uncalled for as piling Pelion on Ossa.

#### BALLOT REPORM'S PERILS.

The Ballot Reform Association has issued another appeal for public support to the ballot reform bill, which should be effective take prompt action on that measure. There should be no need of pressure, as both parties are pledged to it, and the measure affords the most prompt method of securing practical and effective ballot reform. But political complications or political negligence is letting the bill slumber in a way that calls for some action. There should be no politics against a bill of this sort; but there is beginning to be a suspicion that some of the Republican managers are desirous of smothering it, while the more indiscreet among the Democrats are antagopizing it under an impression that it is a Republican measure. This possibility that the politicians on both sides may kill the bill calls for an expression of public opinion that will stop the toolishuess.

### CRIMINAL EITHER WAY.

Either some parties in the coke regions are engaged in the utterly contemptible work of manufacturing false intelligence concerning the use of petroleum and dynamite for incendiary purposes, or there is still an element among the strikers which requires a repetition of the solemn warning that those who resort to crime and raise their hands against the law will be wiped out. We are more inclined to think that the

to using coal oil and dynamite are due to the former cause than the latter. With the thinty which it is, the remark is pertinent success. that if anyone is manufacturing reports of this sort for the purpose of injuring the atrikers, he must be a being of the sort whom it is gross flattery to class as men; while if there have been any of the class of tools who circulate such stories, under the impression that they are funny, they should be sharply warned that jokes of that sort qualify the author for residence either in the workhouse or idiot asylum.

On the other hand, if there are any among the strikers who contemplate the use of petroleum or dynamite for purposes either of power of the State aroused to wipe them of the laws. The dignity of the Republic such crimes.

## NEWSPAPERS AND THE POLICE.

Chief of Police Borgman, of Detroit, it the intest man who mourns an over supply of conceit, and the reporters of that town have had the pleasure of bringing him down a peg. When the abduction of Joseph Berrien first became known, the Chief belittled it, but the reporters, recognizing its importance, had clews and news. before the police department. As a consequence Mr. Borgman lost his official head. From what appears at this distance the newspapers were in the right, and Mr. Borgman's loss wift be Detroit's gain. The Berrian case was one of great imnotice official should be so blind to his duty as to almost entirely ignore it, or so puffed up with a sense of his own mightiness as to ref to to work upon it, was good and sufficulti reason for his removal.

Jealousy of the newspapers seems, how ever, to be the moving cause of Borgman's

may be occasional cases on which not in his claim is not for us to discuss. the police can work better without the aid in the legitimate work of the police with the intention of aiding a criminal to escape. There are numerous cases in almost every city in which, had it not been for aid given by the press, justice would have been cheated. This is acknowledged by all intelligent police officials, and the assistance of the newspapers properly appreciated.

#### EXAMPLES FOR PITTSBURG.

Two new illustrations of the importance of internal water navigation have received attention in the public press during the past few days. Both are important examples of what is likely to prove a matter of the vestest importance to Pittsburg and Western Pennsylvania.

One is an illustration of "carrying coals to Newcastle." This industrial anomalyfor generations the synonym of commercial foolishpess-is likely to prove in the future a legitimate and profitable enterprise.

Partiy on account of the exhaustion of English coal mines, but more immediately as a result of the construction of adequate canals, the German coal mines will be enabled to lay down coal in Newcastle more cheaply than English coal can be put there. The Rhine-Ems Canal will give outlet to the Westphalian coal, and the widening of the Oder-Spree Canal will do the same for the Silesian coal. This is what Germany is doing to aid its industries in the line of affording cheap transportation. Yet, in proportion to the magnitude of the industries affected and the scope of market reached, the sum required to give Western Pennsylvania the command of the lake and northwestern markets for her coal, coke, iron and steel, and the illimitable seaboard market through the Erie Canal, is small in proportion to the German expenditures.

Another example nearer home is furnished by the recent announcement that the first steamer loaded with produce and manufactures passed through the Muscle Shoals Canal from Chattanooga to the Ohio river. By the construction of that canal continuous water pavigation is established along the Tennessee river from its mouth to Knoxville. The Southern iron region-rapidly rising to the position of a competitor with Western Pennsylvania-is given a water route that offers cheap transportation all over the Mississippi basin. The Warrior coal field, if we mistake not, may thus be brought into sharp competition with Pittsburg coal for the trade of the South and West. In short, the construction of a twenty-five mile canal has raised the Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia fields to a commanding position which compels the attention of the older industries of Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio.

We do not think Pittsburg and Western Pennsylvania have any criticisms to offer on the work of the Government in constructing that canal, any more than in providing free slackwater, on the Kanawha. It is a great work, and its value will be amply proved by the growth of the region which it serves under the stimulus of cheap transportation. But as bearing on the interests of this section it has two vital aspects. First, the Government has provided improved and free waterways for two competing districts; and in compariso, with the magnitude of the interests it would not be doing relatively more for Western Pennsylvania, by freeing the Monongabela river from tolls and materially siding the connection of the Ohio river with the lakes by a ship canal. Next, Western Pennsylvania able thing that there was enough natural gas should understand that with these ad- at any given point to explode. vantages seemred to rising and rival tricts, it behoove: our section to use every effort to secure equally favorable transporta

tion. With the Pittsburg and Lake Eric Canal Western Pennsylvania can meet all rivals on equal terms. Without it we must expect to find our business circumscribed by powerful competition on either side, and our growth restricted by the more fortunate situation of the rival sections.

### CHICAGO'S MAYORALTY FIGHT.

To an outsider the Chicago Mayoralty campaign just ended was chiefly interesting because the successful candidat; would be in office during the World's Fair. It was this fact that brought the unusual number of aspirants. That five men, four of whom belong to the two great parties, should strive for one office, shows that certain peculiar possibilities in it were fully appreclated. Always a good thing as to finance and influence, the position of Mayor of Chicago will treble in value if it has gone into the keeping of a man who wishes to use it for private rather than public good.

The most peculiar thing about the campaign was the manner in which the real issue was hidden. Rarely, if at all, was the | tuation, and said if she had her way she would coming exhibition mentioned, but it is do away with all punctuating marks, using horsel that the voters kent it in mind when spaces instead. This, she believed, would do news items published yesterday with regard | hoped that the voters kept it in mind when casting their ballots; for the man elected yesterday can, if he is so disposed, seriously total inability to determine with any cer- mar the enterprise and prevent its complete

### HOW TO GET TOGETHER.

The diplomatic dispute with Italy is regarded by the New Orleans Picapune as an evidence that Americans should get to gether and unite for "the maintenance of the dignity of the Republic." "Every American," concludes the Picayune, "must strengthen the hands of the President and

Secretary Blaine." This is eminently correct. But it should not be forgotten, especially in the locality where this journal is influential, that the revenge or intimidation, they should be only ground on which Americans can get solemnly notified that if they want the whole together is that of maintaining the supremacy entirely out they can do it by resorting to can be best upheld by an honest discharge of treaty obligations and a scrupulous respect and obedience for our own laws. And the hands of the administration will be most effectively strengthened if the people sustain them in their position that wanton attacks on either foreigners or citiseus by mob law are wrongs which call for spon-

taneous redress and punishment. It New Orleans will get together with the rest of the country on this platform, the difficulty with Italy will not prove incapable of honorable settlement.

## PHINEAS TAYLOR BARNUM.

The death of P. T. Baraum removes a familiar figure from the cotemporary world. portance, not only from the position of For years his name has been a household the abducted man, but also from the means | word all over the country, and as a caterer employed, and after developments. That a to the amusement-loving public he will undoubtedly stand long unsurpassed. To him more than to any other man is due the splender and completeness of the modern circus. Blessed with an extraordinarily large stock of original ideas and tireless energy, he revolutionized the business and made it what it is to-day. Some of his indifference. This conclusion is reached | most original conceptious have not proven

jealous he made his great mistake. There harm was done. Whether he was right or

His varied career before entering the of the newspapers, but experience has shown show business illustrates the indomitable them to be very few. A reputable news-paper has yet to be charged with interfering him to resewed effort, and in that characteristic at least he is worthy of emulation by the youth of to-day. Bridgeport, Conn., will mourn him more as a public benefactor than as a great showman, though it is probable that he would have preferred the latter designation.

THE renewal of that gratifying comparison of figures by which it is shown that we paid \$7,000,000 for Alaska and have taken out \$63,000,000 in various products is highly reassuring as far as it goes. But would it not be more convincing as to the return of profits if it were shown that the same people who paid the \$7,000,000 are getting the \$63,000,000 properly divided among them? For instance, if the people at large paid the first sum, and various mining and sealing companies get the larger one, how much is the profit of the people?

THE announcement that Michigan has probably gone Republican by 5,000 majority is hardly a matter to raise Republican jubilations over. It is too much like the claim of the doctor of success in saving the old man.

THE publication in various parts of the country that there are 100,000 grip victims in Pittsburg and Allegheny seems to have orignated at the same source of imagination that asserted that Pittsburg Councils would not let Mr. Carnegie have snything to say about the library site. Perhaps if every man who has sneezed over thrice a day during the past month is called a grip victim that total might be made up.

MR. GEORGE W. SMALLEY, the old Tory Squire, of the New York Tribune, having been graciously pleased to approve of Mr. Blaine's diplomacy, the eagle can scream with out fear of being pulled off the perch.

It is remarked in the Baltimore American that "Icicles on the blooming peach trees of the West do not promise well." If any peach trees of the West have been idiotic enough to bloom during the late succession of snows and blows, icicies on them promise well as an operation of natural justice. The peach grop liar ha broken out in a new quarter.

THE conference of railroad miners and operators for Pennsylvania and Ohio, over the scale for the coming year, is a much better way of settling the wages question than the coke region method of fighting over it.

MAKING counterfeit nickels for the sol urpose of putting them in the contribution exes of churches seems to be a particularly profitless occupation, but that is just what ome young men of Peoria, Ill., have been saught doing. As to its meanness, the English anguage does not contain adjectives sufficiently trong to be applied to it.

CHICAGO'S municipal election went off esterday. It may not be quite certain who is elected; but a result that may be hoped for is he temporary return of the Chicago papers to condition of sanity. IF Senator Fair's sons have been cured

of drunkenness by hypnotism, it still leaves them susceptible to the efforts of the saloon in-

terest to protect the trade by hypnotizing them

ack again. The best hypnotism for cases of this sort is the kind that can be vigorously applied in early youth with the maternal slipper WHEN Rudini demands reparation for the publication of certain wood cuts of himself, Baron Faya, and their royal master, Mr.

THE occurrence of a natural gas explosion in Braddock, by which several men were seri ously injured, will strike the public at large as a singular matte". A large share of the population of Pittsburg will regard it as a remark-

Blains will have nothing to say.

IF RUDINI will make all the unnaturalized Italians in this country demand their passports and use them, the difficulty can be set tled without delay.

Mr. DEPRW objects to Thomas Nact's caricatures of himself. The principle is plainly aid down by the once-genial Chauncey that no one has the right to caricature the President of the New York Central. He does that 10h so thoroughly himself that there is no need of any

THE proceedings of the New York courts indicate a temporary prevalence of the opinion that directors will have to direct or take the

THE New York Press wants the women of New York to sweep the streets with brooms rather than their skirts. Our esteemed cotemporary is more impractical than the hated Mugwumps in expecting the women to seek sefulness before fashion,

She Would Abolish Punctuat Boston, April 7 .- Dr. Kate C. Hurd, teacher of physical training at Bryn Mawr School was one of the delegates to the convention of the American Society of Physical Training, which is in session here. The doctor, in the cou her discourse, touched on the subject of punc away with the alarmingly large and increasing number of cases of defective eyesight. It would certainly have a tendency to stop their

### PEOPLE AND POTENTATES.

recurrence in the future.

DR. PHILLIPS BROOKS will, in all prob ability, be made the Episcopalian Bishop of QUEEN VICTORIA'S month's sojourn a Grasse, in the Maritime Alps, will cost some where between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

MRS HOPKINS-SEARLE is said to be anxious to sell her residence, which is admitted to be the finest on the Pacific coast. WILHELMINA, Holland's child Queen speaks four languages, and is reputed to be the heiress to the greatest fortune in the world. MRS. CATHERINE T. SHIPLEY, who

direct descent from Lord Bacon, through her D. M. HART, one of W. M. Evarts' private secretaries, is a colored man. He is a graduate of Harvard College, and a young awyer of more than average ability.

died in Salisbury, Md., last week, claimed

LAWRENCE BARRETT'S will leaves \$1,600 per year to each of his three daughters. and the remaining income from his estate to his wife so long as she remains a widow. ROSWELL P. FLOWER, who is spending

a few days in Jacksonville, Fla., is said to be

passionately devoted to euchre, spending from six to eight hours a day at its card tables, THE Czar of Russia is said to have I fondness for rising early in the morning and going about the market places of St. Peters burg. Not infrequently on these trips he makes purchases for the royal larder.

LORD ROSSE, the British astronomer, addressed the Astronomical Society of the Pacific in San Francisco a few days ago, devoting himself mainly to a description of the great reflecting telescope at Birr Castle, and its FATHER IGNATIUS was prohibited from

holding services in Episcopal churches in Philadelphia, before he had applied for a license, by Bishop Whitaker; but he lectured last week in the Industrial Art Hall afters and evenings. BOULANGER, instead of renting a modest

villa in the suburbs of Brussels, as at first he intended to do, has taken a house in the heart atter reading reports of how he conducted the case; and in allowing himself to become amused. he always claimed that no real diplomatists for near neighbors.

## A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING.

How to Avoid the Grip-Land Frozen 6,000 Feet Deep-Twenty-Four O'Clock Idea-A Kentucky Breakfast-England's First Pipe Lines-Some Florida Names.

A Chicago physician writes to the Tribuns of that city: "A good many suggestions have been made in reference to avoiding the 'grip' during this time of almost unprecedented death rate in the city. In myjudgment a great many cases are caused by irritating (mostly coal gas) vapors in the business districts. The causes of influenza are believed to be miasmati or microbic, and it is a fact well established that chemical irritation of any tissue or organ invites infection by weakening the resisting force or causing a congestion that becomes a suitable soil for growth of the infecting virus. The cause, then, generally prevailing is in the air and cannot be wholly avoided; but the exciting cause in many cases is the congestion exciting cause in many cases is the congestion of the respiratory organs brought about by one cause or another—whether the coal gas downtown or a chilling of the surface by expesure to coid, driving the blood to the internal viscera. A ride on a Westside car has no doubt been responsible for a great many cases of "grip," and it is to be regretted that the ordinance compelling the heating of the cars could not have been tested before this epidemic swept over the city. No doubt there has been a considerable population sent to the Southside by the refrigerating system of the Northside and Westsides; and it may be that this year a respectable number have been sent to heaven by pectable number have been sent to heaven by

Westsides; and it may be that this year a respectable number have been sent to heaven by the same cause.

The best means of avoiding the prevaling disease is, so far as possible, to dress warmly and avoid prolonged exposure to cold or irritating gases. The characteristic weakness that is present during and after attacks is not surprising when we bear in mind that the lining of the air passages is often inflamed throughout the whole extent. Its function of admitting oxygen to the blood and throwing off waste products from the system is interfered with. Severe exertions should be avoided, as sudden calls on the system for more oxygen while the supply is partially shut off may be disastrous.

The complications are best avoided by continued care after the acute attack has passed off. Pacumonia, another disease now thought to be of microbic origin, is favored by the same congestions that excite grip and accompany it. Too great care cannot be taken to avoid exposure until the strength is fully recovered.

As a further help to ward off the disease may be mentioned good living. The man who takes care to have three square meals each day, observe regular habits in every way, and keep up his reserve force of vitality will in this as in most other epidemics most likely avoid infection."

Frozen 6,000 Feet Deep. For many years scientists have been per-plexed over the phenomena of a certain well at Yakutsk. Siberia, says the Mining and Scientific Press. As long ago as 1828 a Russian merchant began to sink this noted well, and, after working on it for three years, gave it up as a bad job, having at that time sunk it to a depth of 30 feet without getting through the frozen ground. He communicated these facts to the Russian Academy of Science, which sent men to take charge of the digging operations at the wonderful well. These scientific gentlemen wonderful well. These scientific gentlemen toiled away at their work for several years, but abandoned it when a depth of 882 feet had been reached, with the earth still frozen as hard as a rock. In 1843 the academy had the temperature of the soil at the sides of the well taken at various depths. From the data thus obtained the came to the startling conclusion that the ground was frozen to a depth exceeding 6,000 feet. Although it is known to meteorologists that the lowest known temperature is in that region of Siberia, it is conceded that not even that rigorous climate could force frost to such a great depth below the surface. After figuring on the subject for over a quarter of a ing on the subject for over a quarter of a century, geologists have at last come to the conclusion that the great frozen valley of the Lena river was deposited, frozen just as it is found to-day, during the great grinding up era

The Twenty-Four O'Clock Idea The 24-hour notation reform is not dead, although it has seemed to be sleeping. The committee of the American Society of Civil Engineers which has been long and effectively advocating the adoption of the plan of numbering the hours of the day consecutively has issued another report, in which it shows that a large majority of the railway companies of the United States and Canada have already expressed themselves in favor of the change. The number of officers, according to the Roll-The number of officers, according to the Roll-way Age, who are now on record in the affirma-tive is given as follows: Presidents, vice presi-dents and general managers, 135; reneral superintendents, 71; superintendents, 114; gen-eral traffic managers, 12; engineers, 65; fotal,

The report states that the advantages of the 24-hour notation are also beginning to be recog-nized in various branches of civil life, as for system and accuracy of noting the hours are essential. The Canadian Railway continues to use the system in its time tables, to the great convenience of travelers over this long transconvenience of travelers over this long trans-continental line and to the advantage of those engaged in handling trains, and it is difficult to see anything to prevent the speedy adoption of the reform on the other great lines of the country. At the instance of the Society of Civil Engineers a bill has been presented to Congress authorizing the use of the 24-hour notation and making it equally valid with the present method of numbering the hours in two series of 12 hours each, and it is to be hoped that this reasonable legislation will be enacted.

Never before had Chef Philips, of the Audi-

torium Hotel, been nonplussed when asked to prepare a meal. From a cold lunch to a Lucullian bauquet he had been at home. And the details of every conceivable dish he had imagined he possessed at his fingers ends. But when on the morning following the arrival of Henry Watterson the bell boy appeared before the chef and told him that Mr. Watterson wanted a Kentucky breakfast the chef was confronted with his Waterloo, says the Chicago

Post.
"What's that?" he exclaimed.
"A Kentucky breakfast," the bell boyre-

"A Kentucky breakfast," the bell boy replied.

Not wishing to confess his ignorance to the bell boy the chef waved him aside and went himself to the great editor's room.

"Beg pardon, Mr. Watterson," he said, as in response to a "come in" he entered and found the journalist in bed, "but I fear the bell boy did not correctly understand your order. He said you wanted a Kentucky breakfast."

"Well, that is just what I want," said the journalist, adding a little impatiently, "and I want it right away."

"What is a Kentucky breakfast, sir?"

Mr. Watterson gazed pityingly at the chef, then settling down in the bed he pulled the clothes over his head and replied:

"Two drinks of whisky and a chew of to-bacco."

### England's First Pipe Lines.

The negotiations which have been taking place for some time past between the River Oil Company have at length been brought to a satisfactory conclusion, says the London Times, and before long a new and very extensive industry will be established in Sunder-land. The Anglo-American Oil Company is one of the largest concerns in this country or America. It owns large oil wells in Pennsyl-vania, besides a fleet of specially constructed steamships for the conveyance of oil across the Atlantic.

Atlantic.

The company intends to erect works at Hendon, near Sunderland, covering about two acres of ground, which will comprise three or four tanks resembling casometers in appearance, for the reception of the oil. The liquid will be pumped from their own ships, as they arrive in the docks, to the tanks referred to, and thence dispatched to all parts of the kingdom. This is an entirely new industry in the Port of Sunderland, and capable of assuming large proportions.

Dangerous Cigar Clippers. A doctor and his friend went into a Broadway cigar store the other day, says the New York Records. The friend selected a dark Havana, put one end between his lips, rolled it a bit to noisten it, then put the tip in the metal cutter on the counter and clipped it. He then placed on the counter and chipped it. He then placed the clipped end in his mouth and drew in once or twice before lighting. "Pardon me," said the doctor, "you should never do it that way. I never use the clipper that is used by the frequenters of a cigar store. The majority of men moisten the tip of a cigar, as you did, before cutting it. Now you never know the physical condition of the man who preceded you. Some condition of the man who preceded you. Some of the moisture from his lips remains on that cutter, and your clear may take on a portion of it. So don't use the clipper."

The Florida Times-Union evidently has an appreciation of the ludian names of rivers and axes in that State, as the following from that aner will show:

Where have you been?" said a guest at one of the hotels yesterday as a friend walked up the steps, well laden with souvenirs from South "O !" was the reply. "I've been down Charlotte harbor and up that river with the unmentionable name."

"Yes, that's it. I spent six days trying pronounce it and haven't succeeded yet. These Indian names are beautiful names, but they are decidedly hard to pronounce. By the way, where have you been?"
"Well, I went over to the Suwanee river, cut

"Well, I went over to the Suwanee river, cut over the country, and shot 'gaters on the Withlacoochee, fished for bass in Tsala Apopka, sailed on Thonotosassa, skipped over to Okonlockhatchee, walked by the shores of the Weohyakapka, plucked flowers by Hickpochee's limpid waters, visited the sugar fields on Tohopekaliga, sailed on the tortuous Kissimmee was huffared by the wave of Okean on Tonopessaliga, sailed on the tortuous Kissimmee, was buffeted by the waves of Okechobee, and have also captured tarpon on the Calcosahatchee. I expect to visit Istokpogayoxie, Lockapepka, Hatchenesha and Ecautockhatchee before I leave the State."

"Gosb!" ejaculated his companion, as he stepped into the hotel.

#### FOR BALLOT REFORM.

The State Association Once More Strongly Advocates the Baker Bill, The Pennsylvania Ballot Reform Associa

tion has issued the following appeal to the people of the State: "The ballot reform campaign has been actively carried on during the past three months, but victory is not yet wholly assured. The Baker bill has passed second reading in the House, but has still to pass finally both there and in the Senate. The mere delay in the progress of the bill hitherto is not of itself alarming. The importance of the measure and the need of carefully adapting and adjusting the new system in detail to those parts of our election law which it is not proposed to alter, as well as of guarding against every violation of the spirit of the system, have involved time for full consideration in committee and in the House. Any further delay must, however, be regarded as most dangerous, and if there should prove to be any real intention to defeat the bill in the Senate this will be effected by "The enemies of ballot reform outside the

Legislature as well as in it have left no stone

unturned in opposing the bill. The sincerity of its advocates has been challenged, but

mainly by persons outside the State. It has been stigmatized as a party measure, whereas nothing less partisan can be imagined. Its constitutionality has been questioned for the filmslest reasons, though even if it were con-ceivable that its method of dealing with the present numbering system should not be held to accord fully with the true intent of the Coustitution, that feature alone would fall, the rest of the system remaining intact. The expense involved has been enormously exaggerated, and the same is true of the time required in voting, the sample election at Harrisburg having proved that, even allowing for some delays, votes can be received on an average of one every 50 seconds. The effectiveness to prevent intimidation and bribery has been denied in the face of uniform testimony of over 30 years. The bill has been claimed to be designed to prevent the calling of a Constitutional Convention to effect a change in the registration law, and, perhaps, the numbering system, though it passes comprehension that a law which cannot be in force till next autumn should affect the action of the present Legislature as to matters outside the accord of that law, or that a law to give public opinion greater weight at elections could be adverse to the future accomplishment of anything the people might wish. This association believes, however, that these misrepresentations and shallow arguments have not deceived the people. "The situation strongly resembles that recently witnessed in Maine. Here as there, an element in the Legislature is hostile to ballot reform. Here, as has been done there, that element should be forced to yield to a just popular demand. Both States are Republican strongholds, and the party which has been held to its promises there should not be allowed to break them here.

"In a great popular movement the people must themselves take an active part. We call upon all citizens, therefore, irrespective of party, to renew their appeals to both Senators and Representatives to support the Baker bill, and we call upon the press to voice the sentiment of the people as it has already so ably done. If the people are in earnest the result cannot be doubtful." present numbering system should not be held to accord fully with the true intent of the Cou-

#### STATE POLITICAL POINTERS.

Henry Hall Said to Be the Repub Choice for Auditor General Philadelphia North American, 1

A prominent Republican politician from up the State who was in the city yesterday, said that there was a very strong feeling through the Eastern counties in favor of the nomination of ex-Representative Harry Hail, of Mer cer, as the party candidate for Auditor General. The presence of Mr. Hall in Philadelphia yesterday strengthened the belief that there is a movement of such a character, and that it is tikely to assume large proportions before the time of holding the fall conventions. The ex-Representative stated, however, that his visit was purely a social one and had no politica significance. He came to town on Saturday thing or two about political matters, said that the nomination of Hall would be a stroke of wisdom on the part of the Republican party He is popular in his own county, and was only defeated for Representative by a few votes, and then by a combination which, it is alleged, was nspired by the old Soldiers' Orphans' syndi-

The fact that the conventions are several mouths off makes all talk on the subject more or less speculative. The name of George Pearson, who was Governor Beaver's private secretary, has been mentioned in connection feetly safe to say that up to the present time present the Harrisburg correspondent of THE

PITTSBURG DISPATCH.
The candidates for State Treasurer are more numerous than those for Auditor General.

John W. Morrison, of Allegheny, at present Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives," the most prominent. He has been looked upor as "an available" for some time past, Farm Taggart, of Montgomery county, it is whispered. would like to make the contest, but is rathe nelined to fear the opposition of the friends of Sepator Cameron.

#### The Man in It. Boston Globe.1

Miss Frances E. Willard proposes to "lift woman from mere sexhood up toward gloriou womanhood." Unfortunately, the English lan guage has no available word which quite eliminates the sex idea except "humanity," and even that, as Mrs. Partington used to say

## DEATHS OF A DAY.

John F. Swift.

The particulars of the death of John F. Swift. United States Minister to Japan, arrived at San Francisco by the steamer Rio de Janeir at San Francisco by the steamer Rio de Janeiro. Mr. Swift had been prostrated by an attack of Influenza early in the year, but was supposed to have entirely recovered. On March 19 he complained of a pain in the region of his heart and went to bed. That night, while talking to Mrs. Swift, he suddenly expired. Death was attributed to heart failure. The body was taken to Yokohama, where it was received with creat Yokohama, where it was received with grea honors. As the funeral procession reached Yokohama minute guns were fired from the United States steamship Alliance. The funeral arrangements were made by the American Colony, and were participated in by the Japanese officials, the foreign diplomatic corps, the American Legation, Admiral Belknap and staff.

### Balthazar Robe.

Balthazar Rohe died last evening at his residence, corner of Grove and Rose streets. He was in his 50th year. Mr. Robe was well known in the Thirteenth ward, and was the father of Alderman Michael Robe, of that ward. The deceased gentieman was born in Germany, whence he arrived in this country in 1830, coming here in 1840. Up to the time of Fremont's campaign Mr. Kohe had been a Democrat, but since has been a strong Republican. In addition to his son, the Alderman, Mr. Kohe leaves four daughters.

CARLISLE, April 7 .- Captain J. S. Low. well known throughout the State, and general manager of the Rochester Brewing Company, died suddenly here this evening from heart dis-case, aged & rears. He was a gallant soldier dur-ing the late war. Obltuary Notes. MAJOR HOBERT D. CLARK, U. S. N., died in Washington yesterday. The remains will be

Captain J. S. Low.

S. S. PARKER, Assistant General Passenger Agent of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, died yesterday at Cincinnati of the grip. A Bank at Ironton, O., Seeks to Recover LUGIUS GARTRELL died in Atlanta last night. He was at one time a member of the United States Congress, and later of the Confederate Congress. GENERAL ZOOLINSKY, one of the officers of Czar Alexander I., has just died in Moscow at the age 5 96. He accompanied his royal master on isit to the Emperor and Josephine in France DR. WHLIAM F. SMITH, an oculist of National reputation, died in Chicaro yesterday of inflammation of the bowels. He was 46 years of arc, and began the practice of his profession in San Francisco in 1876. REV. EDWARD DORR GRIFFIN PRIME. D. D. died at his residence in New York yesterday. For

DOMAIN OF SOCIETY.

of a Day.

Interesting Meeting of the Woman's Club -The Byam-Hemphill Wedding Preparations-Lecture By Prof. A. Melville Bell -Weddings of Yesterday-Social Chatter The attendance at the regular meeting of the

Voman's Ciub yesterday afternoon was not large, but the company made up in bright-ness and brilliancy what it lacked in num-bers. Mrs. C. I. Wade presided, and read to the club a communication received from Miss Mary B. Temple, the Secretary of the Confederation of Woman's Clubs, which

from Miss Mary B. Temple, the Secretary of the Confederation of Woman's Clubs, which was decidedly in the form of a catechism, and included, among a hundred other questions, more or less, regarding the club, its ancestry, its officers, and finances, the query: "Are you an incorporated body?" This question was the signal for a general discussion as to whether the club desired to be incorporated or not, and whether it could be if it did so desire. One little woman volunteered the information that under the laws of Pennsylvania women could not form a commercial incorporate body. Another remarked that it was only the married women that Pennsylvania thought wise to confine within certain business limits, and still another said that a married woman was not even a person under the State laws. It was finally decided to await the outcome of the present bill on the subject in the Legislature, which is a sequel to the experiences of the Century Club of Philadelphia, before taking any action on the matter. A letter was also read from Mrs. Margaret Peeke, who, in the recent Press Club Couvention in this city, represented a Cleveland paper, stating that she intended chaperoning a Enropean tourist party this summer, and extending an invitation to the ciub, either individually or collectively, to join the party. Experiences in Europe, and opinions pro and con as regards the lords of creation giving a dignity to a traveling party, followed this epistie, and Mrs. Peeke's address was taken by several ladies who were negative on the male escort question. An Eastern editor who aimed to make the club an advertising agency for his remarkably clever and moral periodical, according to his ideas and statements, was unanimously squelched by the members of the club. His communication will hardly be answered, and his darling scheme will fall through. There were but two papers read at the meeting, one an able, interesting and exhaustive description of Napoleon's ill-fated Russian conquering expedicion by Miss Cara Reese, and a composite pap Cara Reese, and a composite paper, including Gogal, the Russian founder of literature, Russell, the Delaarte exponent, and the war over eleomargarine, as subjects, by Mrs. McCollough.

THAT delightful and fatiguing confusion that always precedes a wedding held full sway at the Hemphill residence, on Sandusky street, yesterday. Crash was being laid over the car-pets, draperies were being arranged, girl yesterday. Crash was being laid over the carpets draperies were being arranged, girl friends of the bride-to-be were cailing, and the door beil jingled continually and heralded mysterious boxes and packages by the dozen, the opening of which naturally heightened the general excitement. The wedding occurs this evening at 6 o'clock at the home. The bride is Miss Frances Gertrude Hemphill and the groom-elect is Norton Harsford Byam. The brids will be attended by Miss Edna Hemphill, her sister, as maid of honor, and by Misses Lillian Chisholm and Della Chester as bridemands. Two little flower girls, nisces of Miss Hemphill, Louise Evans and Anna Herbert, will strew flowers in the bridal pathway. The ushers will be Messrs. Sidney Hemphill, J. S. Carr. D. C. Stevenson and A. R. Robinson, Rev. Mr. Baker, of Connellsville, will officiate, The bride will be clad in a full court dress of white moire, will wear a veil, and carry a bouquet that will be divided between the fair attendants at the conclusion of the ceremony and contain for the fortunate one a handsomering. The maid of honor, bridemaids and flower girls will all be gowned in white, and the brids! procession and tableau will be wonderfully effective. After a Chicago trip, Mr. and Mrs. Hemphill will return to Bellevue, their future home, and will have Tuesdays after May I as reception days.

AT 2 o'clock this afternoon, in Lexington, the wedding of R. S. Davis, Jr., son of R. S. Davis, of Fifth avenue, and Miss Eleanor Elliott, of that city, will be celebrated. The event will that city, will be celebrated. The event will be quite a brilliant affair, though confined to relatives and a very few intimate friends. It will serve as a sort of a reunion for the Davis family, Mrs. Davis and Miss Davis, who have been spending the winter in Florida, will there meet Messrs. R. S. Davis, both Sr. and Jr., and Miss Alice, who, with her father left here last Saturday for Lexington. Mr. and Mrs. Davis, the bride and groom, will reside in St. Louis.

"VISIBLE Speech Elucidated" was the sub ect of a very learned discourse at the Acad f Science and Art last evening. Prof. A. Mel of Science and Art last evening. Prof. A. Mel-ville Bell was the speaker and illustrated his lecture by characters that to the uninitiated might represent the Choctaw language. It was a technical discourse, but the closest attention was paid by the audience. Prof. Bell is a rep-resentative man of commanding presence and the author of numerous books on elocution, defects of speech, phonetics and visible speech.

The regular meeting of the Allegheny Board of School Controllers was to have been held ast night, but a quorum was not obtained. A esolution was adopted by the members pre esolution was adopted by the members present, however, providing for the appointment of a Committee of Three to prepare a minute of regret at the retirement of Mr. John H. Trimble, of the Sixth ward, from the board. Chairman Young appointed on the committee Mr. Herd, Dr. Woodburn and Captain Walton. A SUBURBAN wedding yesterday at Wil

merding resulted in the union of Miss Grace E., daughter of John Boyle, assistant foreman of the Westingbouse Airbrake Works, and Harry M. Emmons, of Washington, D. C. The ceremony was at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and Rev. B. Keenoy, of Crafton, Pa., officiated. THE wedding last evening in Allegheny o

Miss K. Schlag and Mr. R. H. Eckert was very pretty affair. It was a home ceremony and the bridemalds were Misses Kate Hoebi of Erie, and Carrie Schlag, of Allegheny Messrs. Oscar and William Eckert officiated as

## Social Chatter.

THE Tuesday Night Club gave "A Glimpse of Paradise" last evening, at the Pittsburg Club Theater, In St. Louis to-day a Pittsburg groom will claim a Southern bride, when William Speer Kuhn will be wedded to Miss Kate Hill. To-Morrow at Sr. Joseph's Church, Sharps-burg, will occur the wedding of Miss Irene Sarton, daughter of Joseph Barton, of O'Hara ownship, and Mr. C. Casey, of Sharpsburg.

SHARPSBURG will be the scene this evening of the weading of Miss Mame Zeigler, daughte of Colonel E. E. Zeigler, West Penn freigh agent at Allegheny, and E. Walter McBride. THE Fownes-Filley wadding is Philadelphia this afternoon will be a very private affair owing to the sad death of Miss Alice Fownes in the East End last week, who was to have of ficiated as bridemaid at the ceremony. THE grand tea party which is to be given by the members of the St. John's Church, of the Southside, on Wednesday, April 15, will be held at Turner Hall, on Jane street, owing to the recent destruction of Salisbury Hall by free

THE semi-annual meeting of the Young Peo-ple's Society of Monongahela Presbytery was held at the First U. P. Church last evening. The music was furnished by the choir under the direction of Mr. D. H. Littel, and a large audience was in attendance.

THE regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Home for Incurables was held at the Y. M. C. A. rooms yesterday. There was no special business transacted beyond setting May 9 as "donation day" at the home, and appointing a committee to make arrangements for the affair.

### THE CONNECTICUT SENATE

t Is Undecided Whether to Adjourn Sine Die or Continue in Session. HARTFORD, April 7 .- In the Senate to-da an adjournment was taken until Tuesday next at 1-20 P. M., after a motion of Senator Shur ber II had been voted down. It is not certain whether the Senate will continue in session, adjourning from week to week, until next Noadjourning from week to week, until next November is reached, or whether, after finishing the Senate business on hand, it will go over until the date to which the House adjourned. It is held that by holding down a motion to adjourn until November, disagreeing action has been reached, which will allow the Governor to adjourn the Senate until that date, Whether Governor Bulkeley will try to do this is not known.

### THE JAMISONS SUED.

\$25,000 Guaranty. PHILADELPHIA, April 7.—Before Judge Acheson and a jury in the United States Circuit Court to-day, there was put upon trial the suit of the First National Bank of Ironton, O. to recover a large sum of money from the bank-ing firm of B. K. Jamison & Co., as guarantors ing firm of B. A. Jamison & Co., as guarantors of a \$25,000 lean made in March, 1888, by the bank to the Etna fron Works of Ironton.

The lean was not paid, and all the bank received, it is said, on account of the debt, was 44,615. The difference between this sum and 25,000, with interest from March 28,1888, is sought to be recovered from the members of the Jamison firm. The evidence was mainly upon depositions taken in Ohio. more than 32 years he was associated with his brother, Rev. S. Irenaeus Prime, in the editorial work of the New York Observer.

HOME, SWEET HOME.

The Original Copy of the Song May Yet Come to Light.

ATHENS, GA., April 7.-The death of Mrs Asa Jackson has brought up once again the much-talked-of mystery of the whereabouts of the original of John Howard Payne's "Home,

Sweet Home." Mrs. Jackson was a near relative of Miss Mary Hardin, who was much admired by John Howard Payne. For a long time Miss Hardin had the only known copy of the famous song in the handwriting of its author. When she was dying several years ago in Athens it was rumored that in one of her eccentric moods she

rumored that in one of her eccentric moods she had willed the copy to be buried with her, but when asked on her death bed if this were true, she told Mrs. Jackson that she had not done so, but had left the manuscript, as well as all her other earthly goods, as a bequest to her.

After Miss Hardin's death the manuscript was searched for by Mrs. Jackson, but was not found. Only a few days ago a reporter called on Mrs. Jackson and asked if nothing had ever come of the search.

"Nothing yet," was the reply, "but I hope to find it before I die. Mary kept the copy concealed all the time while she lived. John Howard Payne sent it to her when he was Consul to Algiers, and between the lines were written little love messages. They were sweethearts once, these two. Mary was offered tempting sums for the manuscript in her lifetime by the Harpers and by other Northern publishers, but would never part with it.

"Several lawyers have lately been to me to get my permission for them to ferret out the whereabouts of the manuscript, but I have refused to let them take the case. I feel certain that it will come to light before I die."

It is generally believed here that the manuscript will some time be found. Some think that the copy, which was known to be the only one extant written by Payne himself, was stolen from the house by a servant.

The Effort to Keep It Closed Till May I Likely to Succeed.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) CLEVELAND, April 7.—Present indications are that the movement begun by the Cleveland vessel owners to keep all boats in port until May 15 will succeed. The committee of vessel owners that had the management of the work of securing signatures has reported that over 90 per cent of the tonnage of this port has entered the agreement and more than 80 per cent of that of Buffalo, Detroit and the minor lake ports. At Milwaukee the canvas is still progressing with chances good for securing 90 per cent of the tonnage there. Chicago is the only

cent of the tonnage there. Chicago is the only point where less than four-fifths of the tonnage is represented in the compact.

This does not include the railway line beats running out of Buffalo, which depend on the railroad lines for most of their business and will not greatly affect the ore and grain business, which are most seriously depressed now. Only three of the important ore companies of this port owning vessels have refused to sign the agreement, but they all run to Lake Superior points, and, as the "Soo" Canal is never open before May 1, and often not until the lôth, their refusal is likely not to disturb the other owners, who are working to postpone the opening of navigation. If the vessel men succeed in keeping navigation practically closed until May 15 they will reduce the effect of the condition of the iron ore market and the weak outlock for grain tonnage upon lake freight rates to a minimum and make the most possible out of very hard and discouraging conditions.

#### GRATEFUL FRENCHMEN.

Two Americans Prominent in the Copyrigh

Movement to Be Decorated. New York, April 7.-Count Emile Keratry, the special envoy of the French Gay-ernment, who is instructed to convey crosses of the Legion of Honor to two distinguished Americans who have been prominent in the fight for the copyright law, arrived here Sunday from France by the steamship La Gas-cogne, and is now confined to his bed suffering from the grip at the Hotel Martin, this city. The crosses and other similar decorations are usually bestowed through the Consuls of the countries conferring the honors, but in this instance the French Government, after the passstance the French Government, after the passage of the copyright bill, desired to pay an unusual compliment to the American Copyright League in order to celebrate the victory, it may be said. Bobert Underwood Johnson, of the Century Magazine, Secretary of the Authors' Copyright League and of the Joint Executive Copyright Committee, which represented all the leagues which advocated the copyright measure, and ex-Representative William E. Simonds were the gentlemen selected for the honor.

honor.

It was originally the intention of the French Government to include Senator Orville H. Piatt, of Connecticut, in the list of gentlemen upon whom crosses were to be bestowed, but it is understood that the French Government was informed that the laws of the United States deboared, Sanator from contribute and states. debarred a Senator from receiving such a deco ration. However, the Count is also intrusted with conferring upon Senator Platt a hand-some medal, specially designed and struck for

### HAWLEY ON COAST DEFENSES.

The Senator Advocates the Expe Gradually of \$125,000,000.

HARTFORD, April 7 .- Senator Joseph R Hawley addressed the Hartford Board of Trade this morning on the subject of "The Weakness of Our Coast Defenses." General Hawley criticised the indifference of the people in recent years to the matter of adequate defence. The recent complications with Italy, he said, showed the rapidity with which

trouble might come.

Halifax, less than two days' journey from Halifax, less than two days' journey from Boston, is a menace to our unprotected coast, for England, in case of war, wouled assemble her fleet there. General Hawley said the cost of adequate defenses for the coast might be \$125,000,000, but this would be extended over a term of years. No exorbitant tax would be made necessary by the appropriation of this amount, and the investment would prove wise in all respects.

## A LOAN OF \$50,000,000

It Will Be Used in Bolstering Up a Grea

Western Railroad. BOSTON, April 7.-A circular was issued from the Atchison office to-day to the first preferred stockholders of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway Company, in which it is announced that, to provide for certain deficiencies and to place the company and its properties in sound financial and physical condition, the manage ment of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railment of the St. Louis and San Francisco Rall-way Company has decided to issue a new con-solidated 4 per cent gold bond covering all of its properties, equipment, lands and realties, amounting to \$50,000,000 subject only to prior liess of present outstanding mortgages, secur-ing bonds which will be gradually retired by the operation of their respective sinking funds and maturities, and be replaced by the new bonds.

#### Here, Too. Minneapolis Tribune.]

With occasional assistance from the Gov-ernor, the Legislature is likely to go back to the people with a pretty creditable record of what it has not done. Progress, Indeed.

Suffalo Express. 1 It is progress when in a Western State (Colrado in this instance) the killing of a Chinaman is adjudged murder-even in the second

Philadelphia Record. ] Pittsburg Conneilmen, following in the foo teps of Congress, refused to give a vote of hanks to their retiring President, Legislature or Lobby, Which

For Pittsburg Read Allegheny

Cincinnati Commercial Gazette. The Ohio Legislature is said to be beset, in s budding spring days, by a dangerous lobby. Turn the rascals out.

## PIONEER WOMEN WORKERS

THE Rev. Antoinette Brown Blackwell was the first woman ordained to the ministry in this country. MISS HANNAH ADAMS, born in lassa-

chusetts in 1755, was the first American woman

who made literature a profession. DR ELIZABETH BLACKWELL was the first American woman to receive a medical diploma. She graduated at Geneva, N. Y., in

MRS. MARGARET CRAPER, of the Massachusetts Gazette and News Letter, was the first American woman to do newspaper work. She wrote during the years of

"MISTRESS MARGARET BRENT, spinster and gentlewoman," was the first American woman to appear in court as an attorney. She prosecuted and defended causes in the Provincial Courts of Maryland in 1647. She had no successor until Arabella A. Mansfield mitted to the Iowa bar in 1869.

#### CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-A New York restaurant has three cusmers who eat eggs shells and all.

-Gold-bearing quartz has been discovered n a stone quarry near New Haven, Conn. -Tennessee has passed a law providing

that school directors must be able to read and -European physicians are now insisting

that cows' milk is deadly when not boiled be -A Boston man advertises for female fiens. He is willing to pay a good price for all

he can get. -A resident of Reading, Pa., was bitten by a pet parrot some days ago and after suffer-ing terrible agonies, died.

-The prisoners in the Calloway county, Ky., jail have petitioned the pastor of the local Methodist Church to come and preach to them, -During February the railroad accidents

-A young lady who was visiting at Morgantown, W. Va., claims to have seen near

-A resident of Joinville-le-Pont, near Paris, is said to have 2,000,000 geese, which produce annually 20,000,000 of quills. He has the largest quill manufactory in the world.

ance, and snored so loudly that people in the front seats moved into vacant chairs to escape the noise. -In the New York drygoods shops both

-An ingenious Frenchman has discov-

-The University of Michigan has 2,420 women, and of these 54 are studying medicine.
The attendance of women has nearly doubled within the past four years.

-Mice and moles are working rain in many parts of France at present, and the Min-ister of Agriculture has issued a circular which is being generally distributed recommending a certain method for the destruction of the little

armer near Canton, O., and put them in a basket to take to that town. When he arrived there and opened the basket he found, instead of the eggs, eight little chicks, alive and -A Chinese medical practitioner has been

-The best recruiting station for the regular army is in St. Paul, Minn. In February it

compelled to stamp their cans with a legible date mark. For a year or so, he says, canned meats may remain perfectly wholesome, but after that they deteriorate in a way defying alike precaution and explanation.

-It appears that the grip is not entirely its ravages between 1773-1780 by a native writer named Bakin. It was called the Okoma Kose,

boast it was that only illness could floor him, and who died from the Koze. suction fan worked by the electric current draws them in when they approach the light, and carries them into a small mill, also worked by the electric current, where they are ground up and mixed with flour, and thus converted into poultry food of excellent quality. This is said to be a Bavarian contrivance.

-A man-of-war doctor, whose name is unfortunately lost to posterity, had a simple method of locating a man's ailment and alleviating it (save the mark!) by drastic and infallible remedies. He would tie a piece of tape around the waist of the complaining mariner, and command him to declare whether his pain existed above or below the tape. If above an emetic, and if below a dose of salts

followed as a matter of course. -At least one person in three between the ages of 10 and 40 years is subject to partial deafness. The great majority of cases of deaf-ness are hereditary and due to the too close

-In connection with the equipment for fire protection, it is recommended that a gallon pall, filled with fine sand, be always placed within convenient reach of each workman within convenient reach of each workman. This practice might well be followed wherever there is a possibility of fire starting in oils or oil-soaked materials. There is nothing which will squeich fire in its incipiency more quickly and effectually than sand—and there are no afterclaps in the way of water damage, either.

water is found userul by the poor and by cal-men for their footpans, or bouillottes. A coll of copper pipe inside the machine communi-cates with the street main, and is heated by gasburners; the penny allows the tap to be opened on pushing in a "button." A glass of hot wine is also sold by similar machines in Davia -An instructor recently exhibited a lecture room device for determining "g," the acceleration due to gravity, by means of a number of iron balls failing through a certain distance, one starting at the instant when its pre-

tor?
Mr. Figg-The qualifications of a hold-over Senator vary in different States. In Kentucky he is expected to hold over half a gallon without staggering.—Indianapolic Journal. THE AGE'S IMPROVEMENT.

Some cure-alls of the present time In age far backwaru go,
But as a corn-eradicator none
is older than the crow.

—Philadelphia Times. In age far backward go,

are about 14 cords out in the woodshed that would probably respond. If you should touch them right with an ax. - Boston Courier.

Will Dotes Doesn't it read "lack" instead of "love?" - Smith, Gray & Co.'s Monthly.

Cierk-1-1--- Customer (interrupting)-A deliar or nothing.
Clerk-Very well, sir. Thanks. Cash: I was trying to say that the retail price of the book was 75 cents, but you wouldn't allow me to, - Youkes

-A bill in the Illinois Legislature provides that Coroners' juries holding inquests on women shall be composed of women only.

in this country included 93 collisions, 93 derailments and 100 other accidents, in which 61 persons were killed and 275 injured.

there a blacksnake 20 feet long that had nu-merous rattles on the end of its tail.

-Judge Eve, of Augusta, Ga., had before him the other day a poor devil named Adam and sentenced him to the chain gang for three months. It was the same old spirit over again. -A member of a theater orchestra in New York recently went to sleep during a perform-

male and female clerks are compelled to dress in black or very dark clothes. A sales-man who appeared in a gray suit would be sent home to change it.

ered a process of recovering the tin contained in the wash waters of silk. In Lyons alone the application of the discovery will effect an an-nual economy of \$60,000.

-A colored man stole eight eggs from a

discoursing in a Shanghai native paper on the treatment of cholers. Among other medica-ments, he is wont to prescribe "pig's liver mixed with brickdust from the inside of a

furnished 25 per cent more men than any other station in the country, and during March also the number of enlistments is reported as un-precedented in that region. -A German physician proposes that the manufacturers of preserved meats should be

-According to a Shasta, Wash., newspaper, a fire broke out in the Mott postoffice one night last week, destroying that buildings and three others. In one of the buildings a barrel of modern whisky was stored; the head and staves of the barrel wers burned, but the contents stood upright as a monument in the ashes, a solld block of ice.

Tenkow Kose, Satsuma Koze and Tanika Koze, the last being the more popular, being derived from Tanika, a famous wrestler whose -An electric apparatus supplies a strong

consanguinity of the parents. Deafness is more prevalent among men than among women, because the former are more exposed to the vicissitudes of climate. It is thought that telephones tend to bring on deafness when one ear is used to the exclusion of the other.

-Hot water is now automatically supplied in Paris by penny-in-the-slot machines. Nine quarts are delivered for this sum, and the water is found useful by the poor and by cab-

ance, one starting at the instant when its pre-decessor reaches its destination. This is ac-complished by means of an electro-magnetic device, in which the balls, falling on a key, make and break a circuit, each bull as it falls liberating the next. From the time occupied by all the balls, the time for one may be found. The apparatus is said to give fairly accurate re-sults.

### MORE WITTY THAN WISE.

Griggs-So you think that Harrison won't be renominated, eh? Who stands a better show? Biggs-Don't know his name, but I read in the paper yesterday that an Auburn, N. Y., man owned a hat that had been in his family 130 years. Chicago Times.

Tommy-Paw, what is a hold-over Sens-

Algernon Spoons (who has poetic aspirations)—Alas, this sordid world! Shall I never know a sympathetic coul? Can I never touch a responsive chord? His mother (distinctly practical)—Well, there

The Rev. Stiggins-Don't forget, young man, the Bible injunction, that "the love of money is the root of all evil!" Will Dotes-Haven't you quoted that wrong The Rev. Stiggins-In what particular?

Customer-I'll give you a dollar for that 's every cent it's worth.